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

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

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

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Sunday.SITUATION REPORT.Home Commands.

T.G.92.4

1. C.T.G.92.4 left Scapa for the U.S. today in U.S. battleship SOUTH DAKOTA with U.S. battleship ALABAMA and U.S. destroyers FITCH, ELLYSON, EMMONS, MACOMB and RODMAN. The Task Group was dissolved at 0746/4.

2 U/Bs
sunk.

2. Message 010010B August from H.Q. Coastal Command states that Wellingtons of 172 Squadron destroyed two separate (Presumably not in a pack is intended) U-boats today. Nothing is known of this. *[Handwritten refers to destruction of U. 459 on July 24 and U. 614 on July 29.]*

U.454
sunk.

3. Sunderland R.B. B/W 40 20 (B/10) sank U.454 today in 45.39 N., 10.17 W. The Sunderland crashed in the sea nearby and WREN has 6 survivors KITE has U-boat survivors. At 2014 today Sunderland V/228 straddled a U-boat with depth charges in 47.24 N. 12.10 W. The U-boat was undoubtedly badly damaged, but the aircraft was damaged by A.A. fire and was unable to observe results.

4. A unit composed of M.G.Bs. 605, 612, 604, 609, and M.T.Bs. 668, 652, who had been detailed to support minelaying operation Q.U.(2) C which was abandoned owing to defects in two of the mine-laying M.Ls., had an inconclusive engagement in the early hours of today with 4 enemy trawlers and a sperrbrecher off Ymuiden. The latter vessel is considered to have been damaged. Three of the M.G.Bs. suffered minor damage. There were no casualties in our force.

North Atlantic.

5. SCYLLA sailed from Gibraltar late tonight, to join Convoy M.K.S. 20 and act as A/A escort as far as 044° N.

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6. The Brazilian SS. BAGE (8235 tons) is reported to have been torpedoed today at 0030Z in 11.29 S. 36.58 W. The ship had been detached from Convoy J.T.2 and ordered to proceed by stragglers' route because she smoked.

7. It is reported that SS. FORT CHILCOTIN (British 7133 tons), Rio de Janeiro for Freetown and U.K. was torpedoed and sunk at 241859Z in 15.03 S., 32.35 W. (about 350 miles E.S.E. of Bahia) It is reported that the ship had broken off from convoy J.T.2 and was alone when torpedoed.

8. The Dutch SS. MANGKALIHAT (8457 tons) ex-LINDEN FELS in convoy B.C.2 reported being torpedoed at 011800Z in 25.06 S., 34.14 E. (about 100 miles N.E. of Lourenco Marques) C. in C. S.A. on 3 Aug. reported that the ship was torpedoed in 25.11 S. 34.06 E. at 1700Z/1 Aug. and was still afloat and in tow of a tug. The escort picked up a considerable number of the total compliment of 101. MANGKALIHAT sank at 1856Z/4 in approx. 25.44 S. 33.32 E. while in tow of PRUDENT.

Mediterranean.

Bombardments

9. AURORA, PENELOPE and six destroyers bombarded Cotrone at 0200 today. Two good fires were started in the harbour area and two patrol craft were sunk off the harbour. There was no enemy air activity and no damage or casualties to our force are reported.

SIRIUS, DIDO and 3 destroyers last night (at 0030/1) bombarded the bridge at the mouth of the river Oliva on the north side of the Gulf of Eupemia (west coast of Calabria) whilst EURYALUS with one destroyer bombarded Vibo Valentia on the south side of the Gulf. The results were promising, but it was not possible to estimate the damage caused.

Philippeville.

10. The French Naval Authorities took over control of Philippeville Harbour and approaches today.

11. C. in C. Med. reports that off Corsica between 18 and 26 July the S/M, SAFARI sank 2 motor minesweepers, one A/S steam yacht, one minelayer and one trawler.

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12. Last night, 3 M.T.Bs. had a short engagement with 3 E-boats off Capo Dell Armi (5 miles south of Reggio de Calabria) in which one E-boat was severely damaged and M.T.Bs. 660 and 657 were superficially damaged and suffered some casualties

13. 1690 tons of stores were discharged at Augusta today and 6187 tons at Syracuse.

Air raid on
Palermo.

14. Palermo was bombed in the early hours of today for 40 minutes and again at 0600. Considerable damage was caused. SS. USKIDE (British collier 2708 tons) was destroyed and the U.S. minesweepers STRIVE and SKILL were damaged. An ammunition dump in the harbour area was set on fire. U.S. destroyer GLENNON on patrol was gunned and had some casualties.

23 B.17s attacked Naples docks today. 60 sorties were flown against Milazzo by bombers of the Tactical Air Force: the dock area was hit. Messina was also bombed and 9 hits were made on the moles.

East Indies.

Burma

15. In the Myebon area aircraft today sank 8 and damaged 3 river craft. At Katha a river steamer was hit and much damage was caused to the wharf area.

Australia & New Zealand.

16. On 3 Aug. G.H.Q.S.W.P.A. reported that a Catalina attacked 60 miles S.E. of Gasmata (south side of New Britain) a destroyer accompanied by an unidentified vessel, possibly a destroyer, "just before midnight".
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Movements.

RAMILLIES, Clyde arrivals RAMILLIES escorted by ROEBUCK
HUNTER. and QUALITY.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 011004B)
A.M. 251550, 301748, 311140 and 311438.
1. HUNTER will sail in company with ships
referred to in A.M. 301748 para. 2. 2. C. in C. Plymouth
is requested to sail two destroyers of B.5 group to provide
additional escort between latitudes 48° and 40° North.
R/V to be arranged with C. in C.W.A.
3. Provided S/M situation permits these destroyers will then
rejoin B.5 group as directed by C. in C. Plymouth.
4. Due to defects H.M.S. BANN will be unable to sail with
Convoy and F.O.I.C. Gibraltar is requested to provide
additional escort for carriers from position E.
(D.O.D.H. 011343B.)

S/M Intend to sail CUTTY SARK, SEA NYMPH, SYRTIS,
movements. SEADOG from 180° Sanda Island 3 miles at 1200B/
3rd to 180° Bishop Rock 10 miles, E.T.A.
1300B/5th.
2. Thence submarines south.
(Capt. S.3 011023B)

Intend to sail SATYR escorted by Chaser 12 at 0730/4th
from Needles by standard route leaving at D.3 buoy for position
(x) 180°. Lizard Head 10 miles, E.T.A. position (x) 2230/4th.
2. From position (x) SATYR proceed diving by day as in my
011117B.

(Capt. S.5 011115B.)

On arrival Toward Point ANGLE is to be detached to
proceed to Liverpool.

(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 011248B to THRASHER)

P.35 exercising off Plymouth in area D between 1000/2nd
and 0900/3rd.

(C. in C. Plymouth 011525B)

Positions of S/Ms at 0800B/2 and movements for following
24 hours (F.O.S. 011746B, 012121, 020817B, 021531B)

BLLENHEIM. Request you will detail 3 destroyers of 17th
Division to provide escort for BLLENHEIM to
Clyde, Leaving Reykjavik 5th August and sail
ships to conform.
2. Postponement of Denmark Straits Minelay must be accepted.
(A.C.N.S.H. 011231B to R.A.M.)
Admiralty's 011231B. Intend to sail CASTLETON, ST.MARY'S
and WELLS at 1400B tomorrow for Hvalfiord. E.T.A. 1400B/4th.
(R.A.M. 011502B to A.C.I.C.)

T.G.92/4. My 301237B. C.T.G. reports. 1. He expects
to enter N.O.B. Iceland (C) Sea Area 0001B/2nd,
cross 26° W. 1700B/3rd, enter N.O.B. Argentinia
Sea Area 0001Q/5th, enter N.O.B. Bermuda and
Eastern Sea Frontier Sea Areas 2000Q/7th. 2. E.T.A. point
of arrival and buoy S.14 Norfolk Virginia 1830Q/9th. S.O.A.
16 knots.
(C. in C. H.F. 011413B to C. in C. C.N.A.)

/Scapa...

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T.G.92/4. Scapa departure C.T.92.4 in SOUTH DAKOTA with
(Contd.) ALABAMA, FITCH, ELLYSON, EMMONS, MACOMB, RODMAN.
(A.C.O.S. 011653B)

Operations.

Operation My311516. Abandoned. M.T.B. attacked by enemy
"Forfar E". craft in 164° Dungeness 45 miles. One seriously
wounded.
(V.A.Dover, 010331 to Admty., C.C.O. C. in C.
Portsmouth)

Operation Following received from M.T.B. 344. Operation
"Forfar D". 000. E.T.A. Newhaven 0600.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 010550B to Admty.)

Operation S.F. My 302245B. This patrol scheme will be referred
Patrols to as P.S. one. Intend to commence P.S. two at
P.S.1. 0900B today as follows. Northernmost corner at
and P.S.2. 0900 to Eastern at 1300, thence to centre at 1600
returned to Northernmost corner at 1900. Then
repeat as above. Conform.
(Capt. D.3 010830B to ORWELL)

Operation S.F. If not in contact at 1800B today groups A
and B are to return to Skaale Fiord.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 011215B to Capt. D.3.)

Comply with C. in C. Rosyth's 011215B. My P.C.S. at 2000B
are 062° 31' N. 012° 03' W. 103°, 15 knots. My E.T.A. Boom
0650B 2nd.

(Capt. D.3. 011615B to ORWELL)

E.T.A. Skaalefiord with ORIBI 0815B tomorrow.

(ORWELL 011826B to N.O.I.C. Faroes)

Operation Am over enemy Submarine in estimated position
"Musketry". 45° 50' N. 09° 40' W. at 10 a.m.
One U/Boat (A/C 304 Sq. 011020B to 19 Group)
sunk by U-Boat previously reported was on surface and
A/C. seen to submerge on course 250°, position 45° 50' N
09° W. speed 10 knots.
(A/C 304 Sq. Duty G.2. 011020B to 19 Group.)
Am over enemy S/M.
(A/C Duty O. 011443 to 19 Group)

U/B previously reported periscope only sighted on course
315° in 45° 42' N. 10° 24' W. when first sighted.

(A/C Duty O. 011444 to 19 Group)

(1) ATHABASKAN takes GRENVILLE under his order, pass Gate
at 1700B today, and proceed via A.M.Q.Z. S.401 and 410 and through
position (K) 180° Bishop Rock 10 miles. (L) 048° 40' N. 011° 01' W.
to position (M) 045° 01' N. 014° 01' W. and then to patrol on
longitude 014° W. with object of covering convoy O.G.91 and K.M.S.
22. (2) When convoy crosses 043° N. ATHABASKAN and GRENVILLE
are to return to Plymouth by reverse route.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 011505B)

/My...

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Operation "Musketry" One U/Boat sunk by A/C. (Contd.) My 011505B. ATHABASKAN and GRENVILLE sailed. (C. in C. Plymouth, 011713B to Admty.) U.454 sunk by Sunderland R.B. B/W 40 20 in 045° 39' N. 010° 17' W. Sunderland crashed into sea nearby. U/Boat survivors in KITE. 6 Sunderland survivors in WREN. (E.G.2. 011740 to C. in C. Plymouth.) (1) S.O. B.5 in HAVELOCK take VOLUNTEER, SAXIFRAGE, and GODETIA under his orders, pass Gate at 1800B/2nd and proceed via A.M.Q.Z. S.409 and 410 through positions (GA) 180° Bishop 10 miles. (GB) 048° 45' N. 010° 45' W. To carry out operation "Musketry" in area Musketry North, North of 046° N. in accordance with memorandum No. M.S. dated 25th July 1943. 2. Subject to any further orders E.G.40 is to operate in area Musketry between 044° and 046° N. from 1st light on 4th August but is to keep clear of Escort Group 2 so long as E.G.2 is in same area. 4. Codeword "Plumb". (C. in C. Plymouth, 011755B).
 Am over one enemy sub in 47° 24' N. 12° 10' W. (A/C, 228 Sqdn. 012004 to 19 Group)
 Enemy Submarine previously reported was on surface and on estimated course 180°. (A/C. 228 Sqdn. 012010 to 19 Group)
 Am proceeding search for U-Boat on first class H/F D/F bearing 225° within 15 miles (near) 022° A 4 3. (E.G.40 012035 to C. in C. Plymouth)
 U-Boat previously reported course 180° speed 10 knots when first sighted in 46° 49' N. 11° 26' W. (A/C. 59 Sqdn. Duty K. 012040B to 19 Group)
 Am over enemy sub. on surface, speed 10 knots. (A/C 59 Sqdn. Duty K, 012050B to 19 Group)
 Am over enemy S/M. (A/C. 59 Sqdn. No T.O.O. to 19 Group. Recd. 012212)
 My 012035B. From further H/F D/F bearing at 2137B and 2205B estimated P.C.S. of U-Boat 035° A.9 miles, 100° 12. My P.C.S. 010° A.15 miles, 150° 15. (E.G.40 012242B to C. in C. Plymouth)
 Have attacked U-Boat with depth charge. Submarine remained on surface. (A/C. 59 Sq. 012304B to 19 Group)

V.P.-G. My 301810. Sailed M.T.B. 619 (S.O), 620, and 623 at 1030B today. (A.C.O.S. 011102B to Admty)
 Disposition at 2000. (1) E.G.2, WREN, KITE, WILD GOOSE, WOODPECKER, WOODCOCK on patrol in vicinity 045° 40' N. 010° 00' W. (3) E.G.40, LANDGUARD, HASTINGS, BIDEFORD 047° 38' N. 010° 30' W. South-westbound, 7½ knots. (4) WAVENEY vicinity 047° 30' N. 011° 05' W. southbound to R/V with LANDGUARD, HASTINGS, BIDEFORD, 7½ knots. (6) ATHABASKAN, GRENVILLE sail Plymouth 1700 westbound through 048° 40' N. 011° 01' W. 180° The Lizard 10 miles, 20 knots. (C. in C. Plymouth, 011621B to Ships.)

S/M...

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Patrols.

My 011115B. From position (x) SATYR proceeds dived by day through position (p) 049° N. 006° 30' W. at 0500/5th, position (k) 046° 52' N. 006° 30' W., thence course 090° to patrol in area J.6. F.O.S. 311113B refers.

2. S.O.A. 95 miles a day.

(Capt. S.5 011117B to C. in C. Portsmouth)

Positions of submarines at 0800B/2nd and movements for following 24 hours.

(A) SCEPTRE vicinity 62° 50' N. 02° 30' E.

(B) MINERVE vicinity 64° 20' N. 00° 55' E. (C) TRUANT vicinity 64° 21' N. 01° 30' W. (F) RUBIS 48° 52' N. 06° 00' W. dived by day through 47° 16' N. 06° 01' W. thence to northeastward for minelay.

(F.O.S. 011746B to Admty.)

Coastal
Force
patrols.

1. (A) ALBRIGHTON (S.O.), GLAISDALE, STEVENSTONE, to patrol between 50° 07' N. 00° 54' W. and 50° 20' N. 01° 16' W. from 2300B to 0430B as cover for Operation KM in Portsmouth, 311124B/July.

If Operation KM. has been completed, destroyers will be ordered to carry out anti-E-Boat Patrol

on 50° 25' N. between 00° 40' W. and 01° 25' W.

(B) M.Ls. 292, 291 Patrol Q.Z.S. 384 between F. and E.A.5 Buoys.

(C) M.Ls. 123, (S.O.) 269, 233 from Portland anti-E-Boat Patrol on 50° 20' N. between 02° 00' W. and 02° 25' W.

(C. in C. Portsmouth, 011345B)

My 011345B. Cancel para. A. and substitute: ALBRIGHTON and STEVENSTONE to anchor at Yarmouth and proceed on anti-E Boat patrol if weather moderates.

(C. in C. Portsmouth, 011939B)

My 011939B. If ordered to sea take up patrol on 50° 20' N. between 02° 00' W. and 02° 25' W. The Portland M.L. Patrol will not be sailing.

(C. in C. Portsmouth, 012135B to ALBRIGHTON, STEVENSTONE.)

Engagement
off Ymuiden.
Speerbrecher
damaged.

Preliminary report on operation by 31st M.T.B. and 17th M.G.Bs. night 31st July/1st August.

1. A. Unit composed of 4 M.G.Bs. and 2 M.T.Bs. was ordered to support operation Q.U.(2).C.

Owing to engine defects in two minelaying M.Ls. operation Q.U.(2) C. was abandoned, and supporting force given freedom of action.

2. M.G.Bs. 605, 612, 604, 609 M.T.Bs 668, 652 proceeded to vicinity of the Hook and swept up convoy route to Ymuiden. At 0418 four trawlers and one Speerbrecher were sighted in 235° Ymuiden 12 miles. A short Gun Boat action of six minutes' duration ensued whilst M.T.Bs. attempted to attack from shore side but were driven off. In view of light conditions unit withdrew. Speerbrecher considered to have been repeatedly hit and damaged. Minor damage to 3 M.G.Bs. No casualties.

(C. in C. Nore, 011717B to Admty.)

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Operation "Forfar Beer" 1st phase will not be carried out tonight.
 "Forfar Beer". (N.O.I.C. Newhaven 011844B to C. in C. Portsmouth)

Allied Air Activity.

R/C of Trondheim. Cancel A.M. 290952B.
 (D.D.I.C. 011038B to A.D. of I. PH.)

Enemy Air Activity.

Seidisfiord. R/C of Seidisfjord carried out by Junker 88 at 1830. Aircraft disappeared, course east.
 (A.C.I.C. 011852B.)

Mining.

Operation F.D.44. S.5.'s 300856. Sailed 0605. (RUBIS.)
 (C. in C. Portsmouth, 010645B to C. in C. Plymouth)
 My 311701 para.(G) and my 011746 para. (F)
 RUBIS delayed by weather and proceeding to Plymouth sailing with escort A.M. 2nd to arrive 180° Lizard Head 10 miles at 2300/2nd, thence as in my 311701.
 (F.O.S. 011912B to Admty.)
 Capt.S.5's 300856. Entered plymouth 2056 owing to weather.
 (C. in C. Plymouth, 012121B to C. in C. Portsmouth.)
 My 300856B. Request RUBIS and Chaser 5 may be sailed to position (X) 180° Lizard Head 10 miles by standard convoy route leaving at D.3 Buoy. E.T.A. position (X) 2300/2nd.
 2. From position (X) RUBIS proceed diving by day as in my 300852B.
 (Capt. S.5 012158B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Iceland: A.C.I.C.'s 311524. Concur with proposal in para. 3.
 sweeping 15 M.S.F. (C. in C.H.F., 010958B, to Admty.)

U-Boats.

U-Boats reported. 4 S/M on the surface 054° 02' N.030° 50' W. at 2305 G.M.T. 31st July.
 (ELIZABETH BAKKE, 010605 G.M.T.)
 1 S/M on surface bearing 200° 2 miles. course 076°.
 My position 55° 12' N. 09° 11' W.
 (CORINTHIAN, 010630 to Whitehall W/T.)
 My 010630. Conning tower breaking surface sighted by Officer of Watch for 3 seconds and dived distance 2 miles. No contact. Rejoining. COREOPSIS, VIOLET continue search.
 (CORINTHIAN, 010703B to C. in C.W.A.)

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U-Boats reported. (Contd.) CORINTHIAN's 010630. Consider sighting doubtful. Have detached VIOLET and COREOPSIS to search the area for two hours from 0630. My P.C.S. 055° 18', 009° 51', 080°, 11 knots. Weather 64869841. (LEITH, 010800B to C. in C. W.A.)
No confirmation of U-Boat in area. Proceeding to Merville, E.T.A. 2030B, VIOLET in company. My P.C.S. 055° 10' 010° 32' 080°, 13.5 knots. (COREOPSIS, 010945B to C. in C. W.A.)

Navigational.

Rockabill Sanctuary. My letter W.A. 2629/0696/18 dated 19th July. In order that tactical exercises with submarines may be carried out on a scale larger than is possible in the Larne Area, it is requested that if approved, an area to be known as the Rockabill Sanctuary and bounded as follows may be promulgated as early as possible: Latitudes 54° 00' N. and 53° 25' N. and Longitudes 05° 20' W. and 05° 45' W. Request I may be informed whether it is considered necessary to sweep the area prior to using it for submarine diving practices. (C. in C. W.A. 011253B to Admty.)

Casualties and Defects.

THRASHER. Previous orders cancelled. Return Kames Bay by reverse of route ordered. N.O.I.C. Greenock requested to arrange fighter co-operation. (F.O.S. 010558B to THRASHER)
HUNTER. My 271710. Damage to port boiler now made good and tested. Will be ready to raise steam p.m. today. (HUNTER, 011220B to F.O.C.T.)

Shipping and Convoys.

T.A.54 A. C. in C. W.A. 311215B para. 4. Intend to sail U.S.S. BLOCK ISLAND at 0100B/3rd to R/V as in A.M. 301339. (N.O.I.C. Belfast, 010852B to C. in C. W.A.)
Intend sailing BARRY, PARKER, E.B. ALEXANDER and SEATRAN TEXAS escorted by one U.S.S. Destroyer detailed by C.T.F.68 at 1400B/2nd to R/V Clyde Belfast portion and Ocean escort in 270° Oversay 6 miles at 0600B/3rd, S.O.A. 12½ knots. (N.O.I.C. Liverpool, 011130B.)
Admty. 292144B. Intend sailing Convoy escorted by Task Force 68 to comply with A.M. 301339 July as amended a.m. 311250 July. (N.O.I.C. Greenock, 011148B to Cominch.)

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DUCHESS
OF
RICHMOND.

Your 300014. Arrived.
(A.C.I.C. 010904B to N.O.I.C. Greenock.)

S.L.133/
M.K.S.18.

1000B P.C.S. 051° 46' N. 013° 42' W., 030° 4 knots
STANHOPE (? leaking) proceeding Eire.
ALLEGIANCE, DERWENT, and BORAGE escorting.
ROCKINGHAM detached to Merville for fuel.
(B.1, 011002B to C. in C.W.A.)

S.C.137.

Ships for Mersey Ports capable of arriving Bar
Light vessel at 022300B and J.W. AREY for
Preston are to be detached to proceed unescorted.
(C. in C. W.A. 011028B to Escorts, S.C.137.)

D.S.43.

Intend to sail SCIMITAR and SABRE at 0100
tomorrow from Lough Foyle to comply with F.O.i/c
Liverpool's 291736B.
(Cdre. D.W.A. 011051B.)

O.N.195.

Your 310903. Repairs cannot be completed in
time to enable CHURUBUSCO to join O.N.195.
ST. LAURENT will R/V with SINCLAIR OPALINE.
(Cdre. D.W.A. 011053B.)

T.A.55.

Intend to sail PASTEUR passing Clyde Boom 1900B/
2nd to comply with A.M.301727 July. S.O.A.
19½ knots. Chop date 6th August. E.T.A.
1500Z/9.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 011106B.)

EMPRESS OF
AUSTRALIA.
SAMARIA.

My 291736B. Sailed.
(N.O.I.C. Liverpool, 011237B to A.C.I.C.)

P.S.2.
S.P.2.

P.S.2 and S.P.2 cancelled.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 011427B.)

Tankers.

Tankers continue to reach New York with excessive
ballast on board. 2. It is emphasised that if
weather and other conditions admit, as soon as
convoy arrives within 150 miles of destination
you should instruct tankers to pump down water-ballast to the
point of safety.
(D.T.D. 011808Z to O.N.194.)

PONTFIELD.

PONTFIELD escorted by JASON and BRITOMART sailed
for Archangel 2100B/1st. E.T.A. Dvina Bar
0800/3rd.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 012137B.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

NEWFOUNDLAND Hospital ship NEWFOUNDLAND sailed 0730B/1st August.
(2) Route as for ATLANTIS, my 281215B July refers.
(3) S. of A. 13 knots.
(F.O.i/c Gibraltar 010812B to N.O.i/c Barry (R) Admty. etc.).

Dispositions Situation 1958B/1st.
M.K.S.20 SHIPPIGAN 035 degs. (corrupt group) 008 degs. 53' through 036 degs. 01' 012 degs. 01' thence 322 degs. 7½.
(2) COMMANDANT BORY, GAZELLE, 038 degs. 19' 021 degs. 06' through 038 degs. 01' 020 degs. 01' thence (?251 degs.) (?15).
(3) Hospital ship NEWFOUNDLAND 036 degs. 05' 008 degs. 37' on passage 038 degs. 30' 011 degs. 30' thence 000 degs. 13.
(4) CHARYBDIS to overtake M.K.S.20 035 degs. 48' 006 degs. 41' 20. (F.O. Gibraltar 011136B).
My 1136/1st. Add new para.5. Italian repatriation ship VULCANIA and SATURNIA 026 degs. (?39') 016 degs. 25' to Las Palmas 16½.

(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 011538N).

Situation 1959B/1st.

G.U.S.10 X, DART 039 degs. 29' 024 degs. 38' through 040 degs. 01' 026 degs. 01' thence 279 degs. 9.
(3) U.S. Naval Force DAVIDSON, 031 degs. 49' 027 degs. 13' 294 degs. 15.
(F.O. Gibraltar 011142E).

T.G.21.13 Task Group 21.13 arrived 1030A today.
(Commorseafon 011140B to Cinclant).
Arrived Task Group 21.13, U.S.S. BOGUE, BADGER, INGRAM, CLEMSON, French D.D. BASQUE.
(Commorseafon 012202B to C. in C. Med.).

O.G.91 B.4 010601 which has been repeated to you. Request
K.M.S.22. you will sail an A/A cruiser as early as practicable to support O.G. 91/ K.M.S.22.
(D.O.D.(H) 011408B to F.O.i/c Gibraltar (R) C. in C.W.A. B.4. C. in C. Plymouth).

Cancel my Memo S.O. 0124/43 dated 1st August.

(2) Proceed to R/V and act as A/A escort to O.G.91 /K.M.S.22 as soon as practicable.
(3) O.G.91/K.M.S.22 routed through :- (M.V) 043 degs. 00' 019 degs. 00' (M.W) 039 degs. 00' 019 degs. 00' (M.X) 036 degs. 00' 016 degs. 00' (M.U) 035 degs. 00' 010 degs. 00' S. of A. 7 knots.
(4) All positions North and West.
(5) Acknowledge forthwith.
(F.O. Gibraltar 011848 to CHARYBDIS (R) Ships Escorting O.G.91/ K.M.S.22, C. in C.W.A. C. in C. Plymouth, Admty. Commorseafon).

G.U.S.10X. My 310954B. Amending para.14, 15 and 16.
(C.M.S.F. 011618B to P.D. Norfolk etc.).

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U/B hunt. A.C.7. 1st August.
One A/C 233. Two A/C 817 hunt for U-boat reported by transit A/C 1. (10) miles North Spartel at 1520B/1st August course 260 degs. E.T.D. 1630B E.T.A. 2300B simultaneous.
(A.C.H.Q. Gibraltar 011655B to H.Q.C.C. A.L.O. Admty.).

Spanish Fishing Vessels. B.A.Ds. 282147 and N.S.H.Q. Ottawa's 291533.
N.A. Madrid is requested to report normal speed of Spanish fishing vessels ABREGO and CIERZO which left Pasajes by Great Circle course to Davis Strait to fish off west coast of Greenland.
(2) Conditions are as in A.M. 280955 and N.S.H.Qs. 302036 with addition that Spaniards are authorised to make weekly report of fish catches by W/T., the report being made immediately after announcement of noon position.
(3) Portuguese are understood to have agreed that Spaniards may utilise welfare services of Mother ship GIL EANES.
(Head of M.I. 011726B to N.A. Madrid, N.S.H.Q. B.A.D.).

Cable Repairs. Intend to sail MARIE LOUISE MACKAY escorted by LOCH OSKAIG at 0700B/August 2nd to carry out operation. (A) Repairs to Lisbon - Gibraltar No.2. in 37 degs. 09' North 09 degs. 09' 30" west.
(2) Operations (B) and (C) repairs to Lisbon - Gibraltar No.1 in approx. 37 degs. 21' North 09 degs. 17' West. Your 21037B July refers.
(F.O. Gibraltar 011742 to Admty.).

COMDT. BORY Following received by Admiral Afrique from COMDT. BORY with British Tanker SERINDA. "At R/V since 1000 G.M.T. nothing in sight, I await you orders" Time group message 011200Z.
(Commorseafron 011859B to F.O.i/c Gibraltar (R) Admty.).

R.A.(A).H.F. passage. Following is repetition of my 011035 addressed Admty. (R) C. in C. Med. C. in C.H.F. F.O.i/c Gibraltar, F.O.H. From R.A.(A).H.F. C. in C. Med. 251300 July not to C. in C.H.F. Intend taking passage in S.S. ORION leaving Gibraltar for U.K. on Wednesday 4th August. Shall be accompanied by staff and retinue of nine officers 14 ratings and office equipment.
(2) Request I may be informed to which ship office is to be transferred on arrival in U.K.
(3) Request instructions as to transfer of my flag from August 4th. (Ends.).
(R.A.A.H.F. 012128 to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med. C. in C.H.F. F.O. i/c Gib. F.O.H.).

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Gibraltar

Arrivals LORD NUFFIELD escort duties Melilla
H.D.M.L. 1050, 1302 B.Y.M.S. 11, 14, 22, 24 from
Casablanca Tug EMPIRE SAMSON ex K.M.S.21 assisting
S.S. EMPIRE BRUTUS. Departures M.F.V. 105 to
Algiers.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 012209B to Admty. etc.).

SCYLLA
M.K.S.20

SCYLLA sail 2330B/1st August to join M.K.S.20
and act as A/A escort to 044 degs. North.
(2) Route (P) 033 degs. 47' 006 degs. 25' speed
of advance 23 knots to R/V in estimate position

Q.Q. 035 degs. 58' 011 degs. 30' at 1300B/August 2nd.

All position North and West.

(3) Admiralty pass to H.Q.C.C.

(F.O. i/c Gibraltar 012224B to Ships escorting convoy M.K.S.(?20)

(R) C. in C.W.A. Admty. C. in C. Plymouth, Commorseafron,
H.Q.C.C.).

Sailed SCYLLA to overtake M.K.S.20.

(F.O. i/c Gibraltar 012337B).

G.U.S.10 X

G.U.S.10 (X) ought to have passed R/V position (P)
039 degs. 03' 023 degs. 30' at 1200B/1st August.(2) If not met by (?23)59B/1st August you are to
keep STRINDA in company and escort to Casablancathrough position P.J. 035 degs. 00' 013 degs. 30' thence Q.K.A.
102. It is possible you will meet G.U.S. 10 (X) on this route.

(3) If G.U.S.10 (X) met comply with my 1706/31st July.

(4) All positions North and west.

(5) C.M.S.F.F. pass to F.O.C. West Africa.

(F.O.i/c Gibraltar 012226B to COMMANDANT BORY, GAZELLE, (R)
F.O.C.W.A. Admty. Escort Ship G.O.U.S.10 (X) for Cdre. of
Convoy, C.M.S.F.).

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L.T.24 Sailing telegram. 2. 0700Z/1st August.
 3. Knots 10. 4. GLABAR for Accra 0600Z/2. ELIZ-
 ABETHVILLE, THYSVILLE for Takoradi 1430Z/2nd
 August. 5. Route. E. 06° N., 2° 40' E.
 F. 5° 16' N., Greenwich Meridian. 11. TWD convoy
 codeword "Greenhorn".
 (N.C.S.O. Lagos, 010740Z, to Admty).
 Sailed 0600/1st August. (1) THYSVILLE, (2) ELIZABETHVILLE
 (numbers). Bunkers and water will be taken here on return.
 (S.T.O.I.C. Lagos, 010930Z to S.T.O.I.C. Takoradi).
 Sailed 1st F.F.S. DETROYAT, ARMERIA, PORTSDOWN, M.L.302
 and 277 with L.T.24 route. E. 06° 00' N., 02° 40' E. F. 05°
 16' N., 00° 00' thence to seaward end of Takoradi swept channel
 E.T.A.1330Z/2nd August.
 (R.N.O. Lagos, 010916Z to Admty. etc).

WEST POINT U.S.S. WEST POINT sailed from Capetown 0630Z/1st
 August routed in accordance with C. in C. E.F.'s
 26116 (N.T. in W.R.) E.T.A. 45° E. 1430Z/4th
 Bombay 1630Z/12th S. of A. 20 knots. Shift to
 W/T organization NU at 1430Z/4th.
 (C. in C. S.A., 010935B to Admty. etc).

M.L. for My 271919Z and 301210. Now N.L.256 to arrive
 Bissao. Bissao p.m./3rd August.
 (F.O.C.W.A., 011047Z to Consul Bissao, Comar
 Dakar etc).
 My 310943Z July (Re departure of M.L. 289) Ship
 returned to harbour.
 (S.O.(I) Freetown, 011220Z to V.C. Bissao).

RESOLUTION, My 281455 July. Request routes for battleships
 REVENGE, and transports from Congo.
 etc. (C. in C. S.A., 011113B to F.O.C.W.A., (R) Admty.
 RESOLUTION).
 Your 011113. (R) equator 005° 00' E. (S) 004° 01'
 N., 001° 01' W. (T) 003° 02' N., 008° 02' W. (U) 007° 33' N.,
 014° 23' W. C. in C. S.A. pass to RESOLUTION.
 (F.O.C.W.A., 011329Z to C. in C. S.A. (R) Admty. RESOLUTION).

Dispositions. Situation at 2000Z/1st August. F.S. SUFFREN 035°
 $05'$ 020° 50' R.9 to Capetown 18.
 ROTHERHAM, NAPIER 037° 30' 021° 15' to 037° 30' 030°
 $00'$ 15.

HERTFORDSHIRE, INDIAN STAR, LADY ROSEMARY, CEDERBERG with C.D.
 29 (3 ships) 034° 20' 022° 45' coastal to Durban 8.
 MEAD 034° 30' 024° 30' coastal to Durban 7.
 GENISTA with C.D.29 A (3 ships) 034° 30' 025° 15' coastal to
 Durban $11\frac{1}{2}$.
 VIRGINIA, LADY ELSA, COVENTRY CITY, VERBENA, STANDERTON with
 D.C.37 (7 ships) 033° 40' 027° 25' coastal to Capetown 8.

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Dispositions. DURBAN 032° 30' 029° 20' R.8 to Durban 17.
(contd). NIGELLA 031° 35' 033° 40' to Durban 10.
ST. ZENO, NORTHERN DUKE, VIVIANA 032° 05' 034°
30' to (?Zanzibar) 8.
NORTHERN DAWN, JASMINE, FRITILLARY with BARWIND,
ARNDALE C.B.2 (6 ships) 029° 15' 031° 45' coastal to Beira 8.
ARCTIC EXPLORER, NORTHERN CHIEF, LE TIGER, ROCKROSE, FREESIA with
B.C.2 (4 ships) 025° 25' 033° 55' coastal to Durban 9.
(C. in C. S.A., 011125B).
Situation at 2002Z/1st August. B.Y.M.S. 23 and 21.
M.M.S.99, 100, 101, 104, 108, 006° 52' 015° 29' to 008° 15'
014° 36' thence to Freetown 9.
RUMBA 005° 23' 010° 00' through 004° 42' 008° 56' thence to 004°
09' 007° 42' 8½.
WOLVERINE, FOXHOUND, BOADICEA with C.T.C.3 004° 08' 006° 32' 086°
11.
M.L.296 off Sassandra. M.L. 1018 off Accra.
SWALE, BELLWORT, F.S. COMMANDANT D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES escorting 004°
56' 003° 45' E. 160° 9.
F.F.S. COMMANDANT DETROYAT, ARMERIA, PORTSDOWN, M.L. 302, 277
with L.T.24 005° 31' 001° 05' E. to Takoradi 10.
2 A/S vessels 007° 12' 014° 10' passing through 006° (40'?)
014° 10' at 2359Z thence to Freetown.
(F.O.C.W.A., 011414Z).
Situation 1958Z/1st. FOWEY, MYOSOTIS, MALLOW, CAMPION,
FRISO, BARRY with O.S.52, 24° 53' 17° 46' to 24° 40' 18° 01'
thence 180° 8½.
ROCHESTER, MIGNONETTE, AZALEA, BALSAM, BURDOCK. PETUNIA, SNOWDROP,
with S.L. 134, 16° 05' 17° 50' 00° (could also read 012° or 323°)
6½.
BLACKMORE 14° 56' 21° 06' to 15° 00' 22° 00' thence (?St. Vincent)
19.
CILICIA about 08° 54' 18° 25' to Freetown 14.
(F.O.C.W.A., 011415Z).

ROTHERHAM,
NAPIER.

Simonstown departure 0828B/1st August ROTHERHAM,
NAPIER for Durban routed (a) 037° 30' S. 020° 00'
E. (b) 037° 30' S., 030° 00' E. (c) 032° 00' S.,
034° 00' E. S. of A. (a) at 1800B/1st August
15 knots.
E.T.A. Durban 1700B/4th August shift for W/T
organization "Jig" at 0400B/4th August.
(C. in C. S.A., 011204B to Admty. etc).

Movements
Freetown.

Arrival 1112Z/31st July. PETUNIA with M.L. 281.
(S.O.(I) Freetown, 011205Z to R.N.O. Lagos
(Nigeria) (R) Admty. etc).

Movements,
Lagos.

Arrivals August 1st M.L.274, Chasseur 43, SWALE,
ABERDEEN, PORTSDOWN, COPINSAY.
Departures August 1st BELLWORT, ARMERIA, SWALE,
PORTSDOWN, COMMANDANT DETROYAT, COMMANDANT
D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES, M.L.277 and 302.
(R.N.O. Lagos, 011223Z to Admty. etc).

/BARWIND...

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BARWIND Departure BARWIND for Diego Suarez. N.C.S.O's. Durban 011314 refers.
2. Route from Cape Corrientes through (B) 014° 50' S., 044° 00' E. (C) 012° 22' S. 048° 00' E.
3. S. of A. from Cape Corrientes 8 knots, E.T.A. Diego Suarez 1000Z August 9th.
4. Keeping watch on 500 kil. per sec. single operative periods shifting to read B.A.M.S. routine.
5. S.P. as for merchant ships.
(N.O.I.C. Durban, 011301Z to Admty. etc).

Convoy Sailing telegram (9 ships) (2) 1300Z/1st August.
C.B.2. (4) 7 knots. (5) Coastal to Beira thence ARNDALE and HOMEFORD as in my Serial numbers 514 and 515, H.M.S. BARWIND coastal to Cape Corrientes.
(6) FRITILLARY, JASMINE.
(N.C.S.O. Durban, 011314Z 020657 to Admty. etc).

WILLIAM WILLIAM ELLERY arrived Durban at 1100Z August/1st.
ELLERY 2. Torpedoed at 2115Z July 30th in 032° 00' S.,
(torp. 30 036° 00' E.
August). 3. Ship hit port side number 4 hold by one torpedo which also holed starboard side and upper deck.
4. Crew claim to have seen 2nd torpedo.
5. Submarine not seen; ship did not open fire.
6. No SS sent.
7. No casualties.
8. Ship in ballast sailed Bandar Abbas July 12th.
(N.O.I.C. Durban, 011324Z to Admty etc.)

Weekly West African Station 31st July 1943.
state. Dakar. WITCH, GERANIUM, MILFORD, COWSLIP, CLARKIA, WOODRUFF.
Dakar Area. ROCHESTER, MIGONETTE, AZALEA, BALSAM, BLACKMORE, O.R.P. BURZA, SNOWDROP,
BURDOCK. Freetown. CORFU, CROCUS, PETUNIA, BRIDGEWATER, BULLDOG, LOWESTOFT, WELLINGTON, GORLESTON.
Freetown Area BEAGLE, DOUGLAS, DERG, KALE, TAY, NESS, CILICIA, SOUTHERN GEM, FOLKESTONE, EXE, MOYALA, ASTURIAS (in tow). Cape Bentprobs Area. WOLVERINE, FOXHOUND, BOADICEA.
Lagos. BELLWORT, AMERIA, F.F.S. COMT. DETROYAT, F.S. PRESIDENT HOUDUCE, COMMANDANT D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES.
Lagos Area. ABERDEEN, SWALE.
(F.O.C.W.A. 011346Z)

ARGO, Following received from Comar Dakar. (Begins).
CENTAURE, Admiral Afrique has ordered ARGO's Battery to be
S/M wanted transferred to CENTAURE and ARGO then sailed for
for Freetown. Bermuda. American authorities agreed. No relief submarine to be sent to Dakar. (3) Change of battery requires assistance of JULES VERNE.
Request CENTAURE be sailed to arrive Dakar about

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ARGO,
CENTAURE,
S/M wanted
for Freetown.
(contd).

5th August without calling Conakry (4) Work will take approx. one month during which no submarine will be available. After departure of ARGO on 5th September regret CENTAURE will be required to work with Dakar A/S School at expense of Freetown. T.O.O. 281626. (Ends).
Can any submarine be made available for Freetown? (F.O.C.W.A., 011350Z to Admty).

FORT
CHILCOTIN
(sunk
24 August).

FORT CHILCOTIN torpedoed and sunk at 241859Z in 015° 03' S., 032° 35' W. C.Bs. in Master's and in Wireless Operator's care dumped overboard in steel boxes in deep water. Report made by Master, no special bags.
(B.R.L.O. Rio de Janeiro 011508Z to Admty).
My 311441 (Re Argentine tanker TACITO due to arrive Rio de Janeiro with survivors believed to be from FORT CHILCOTIN - N.T. in W.D.) Name of ship confirmed. Ship had broken off from J.T. 2 convoy and was alone when torpedoed 24th July in 015° 03' S., 032° 35' W.
(B.N.S.O. Rio de Janeiro, 011525Z to Admty).

Movements
Freetown.

Arrivals 1112Z/1st August ASTURIAS, EXE, SOUTHERN GEM, MOYOLA, FOLKESTONE.
(S.O.(I) Freetown, 011537Z to Com. Fourth Fleet (R) Admty).

U.S.N.L.O.
Dakar.

U.S. Navy Dept. have intimated that U.S. Naval Liaison Office at Dakar has been discontinued.
(Hd. of M.II., 011657B to F.O.C.W.A.)

MANG-
KALIHAT.

Following read on 500 k/cs. SSSS de AE4WG*25.06 S. 34.14 E. torpedoed, de Z S D (Jacobs South Africa) 011800Z.
(Simonstown W/T, T.O.R., 1802Z).
*(MANGKALIHAT (D.S.) (MSDK)).

Movements,
Takoradi.

Arrivals. 1st August. M.Ls. 1014 and 1018.
Departures. M.L. 266, 1700Z/1. E.T.A. Sassandra 1700Z/2nd screening and escorting to Port Bouet thence returning Takoradi.
(N.O.I.C. Takoradi, 011903Z to Admty. etc).

B.C.2
FREESIA,
LE TIGRE.

Convoy B.C.2 position 025° 18' S., 033° 41' E. 8½ knots.
FREESIA and (?LE TIGRE) hunting in vicinity of wreck. Consider wreck will remain afloat.
(ROCKROSE, 012030Z to C. in C. S.A., (R) Cdre. i/c Durban, FREESIA).

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Mediterranean.

ADRIAS, Your 302225. G.S.ADRIAS and LAUDERDALE parted
LAUDERDALE. company with convoy "Salient". E.T.A. Malta 0930.
(ADRIAS G.S. 010430B to C. in C.Med.)

G.U.S.11. Pass to Cdre. and escort. Intend sailing to join
(list).
(N.O.I.C. Malta 011601B to Admty. etc.)
Pass to Cdre. in escort G.U.S.11. Intend to join
pendant 61, 10, RICHARD GATLING M/F, P.O.W.Hampton Roads; pendant
62, 10, LAMBERT CADWALLADER M/F Hampton Roads; Pendant 71, 11,
PENTRIDGE HILL M/F P.O.W.Oran.
(N.O.I.C. Bone 011229B to S.O.Escorts of G.U.S.11, (R)
Admty. C. in C.Levant, etc.)

M.K.F.20. Philippeville section sailed.
(N.O.I.C. Philippeville 010632B to Cdre. Algiers.)
M.K.F.20. Algiers section sailed in accordance
with C. in C.Med's 271808. MOOLTAN (Pendant 21)
(Cdre. Baxter R.N.R.) ORION (Pendant 11) HIGHLAND PRINCESS
(Pendant 12) (3 ships). Ships from Philippeville given Pendants
as follows DEMPO 31, VOLENDAM 22. Final destinations given as
Clyde. N.C.S.O. Med. in ORION for passage to U.K.
(Com. Algeria 012114B to Admty. etc.)

Movements Coastal force movements 31st July.
Malta. Arrivals M.Ls. 1252, 1257, M.L. 557, 168, M.T.B.
649, 84, 313. Departures M.L. 568, H.D.M.Ls. 1301,
1271, 1277 and 1270, M.T.Bs. 81, 77, 633 and 670.
(V.A.Malta 010655 to Admty. etc.)

Arrivals and departures 31st July. Arrivals TYNEDALE, EDAY, CAPE
HOWE, JOHN BAKKE. Departures ROTHER, EGRET, ("Bluecoat"),
FAULKNER, LOYAL, RAIDER, INGLEFIELD ("Ferguson"), JED, TYNEDALE.
Landing craft movements. Arrivals L.C.F. 11 and 17. L.C.T. 364,
L.C.I.(L), 170, 256, L.C.I. 294, 136, 259, 261, 284, 292, 316,
313, 314, 264, 260 and 297. L.C.T. 316. Departures L.C.I.(L)
131, L.C.T. 850, 350, L.C.T. 633 and 302.
(V.A.Malta 010722B.)

Arrivals LAMERTON, ABDIEL, COCKCHAFFER, FOXTROT, RYSA, ADRIAS,
LAUDERDALE, EURYALUS, HOY, FAULKNER, INGLEFIELD, RAIDER, LOYAL,
EMPIRE PROSPERO, OCEAN WANDERER, OCEAN VISTA, M.Ls. 1254, 126, 121
M.T.B. 242, 298, two L.S.Ts. two L.C.Ts. one L.C.I.(L).
Departures HONEYSUCKLE, OXLIP, EDAY, QUILLIAM, FURY, TYRIAN,
INTREPID, M.G.B. 643, M.T.B. 309, three L.C.Ts. one L.C.I.(L).
Arrived and sailed MARIGOT.
(V.A.Malta 012330B to Admty. etc.)

K.M.S.21. Algiers section sailed as in my 301907 2½ hours
late.
(N.O.I.C. Algiers 010658B to Admty. etc.)
K.M.S.21 FAUVETTE, KOFRESI, FORT BUFFALO arrived
(3 ships).
(N.O.I.C. Bougie 011709B to Admty. etc.)

K.M.S.21. Algiers section arrived as in C. in C.Med's 261210
less EMPIRE BRUTUS, plus MIRIAM, WILLIAM WEBB, CHARLES
SCHIAFFINO (French) EMPIRE ACE, EMPIRE DENNIS, MOORFLY (13 ships).

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K.M.S.21. Also arrived for orders 12 ships as in C. in C.
(Contd.) Med's 301414.
(Com. Algeria 011833B to Admty. etc.)
K.M.S.21. SS. TORFIN JARL bound Sfax has arrived
Bougie unable to maintain convoy speed.
(N.O.I.C. Bougie 011925B to Admty. etc.)

Movements July 31st arrivals SHOREHAM, JUMNA, GAWLER,
Alexandria. IPSWICH, LISMORE, MARYBOROUGH, CUMBRAE, PANTHER?
L.C.T. 138, Z.32, departures ST. MINVER.
(R.A.Alexandria 010702C to Admty.)

10th S/M 1. UNSEEN in vicinity Cape Colonne.
Flotilla, 2. UNRUFFLED and PARTHIAN in Adriatic.
2000/1st. 3. UPROAR 035° 36' 016° 31' to 038° 39' 018° 11'
at 2000/2nd. Surface passage.
(Capt. S.10, 010702.)

UPROAR. Departed 31st July.
(V.A.Malta 010725 to Admty. etc.)

Hospital Arrived. Intend to sail 1600 August 1st for
ship Algiers route 36, 99, 51, E.T.A. Algiers 1200B
AMARAPOORA. August 2nd. Speed 10 knots.
(N.O.I.C.Philippeville 010752B to Cdre. Algiers.)
Hospital ship AMARAPOORA sailed.
(N.O.I.C. Philippeville 011744B to Cdre. Algiers.)

U.G.S.12. 30th U.G.S.12, OCEAN VIGIL, CHATEAU LATOUR arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Bougie 010811 to Admty. etc.)
U.G.S.12. Algiers section arrived as in C. in C.
Med's 251914B paras 1 and 4 less WILLIAM WEBB,
plus NACELIA (T) (total 11 ships).
(Cdre. Algeria 011044B to Admty. etc.)
U.G.S.12. BEN CONTE, GEORGE WALTON arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Bone 011801B to Admty. etc.)

Augusta- Intend sailing KWAI SANG and A.S.I.S. FALA
Malta escorted by WHEATLAND, KING SOL, and M.Ls. 134, 462
Convoy. at 1700/1st to R/V with ships from (?Tin) at 1900/
1st and ships from Acid Sector at 2000/1st for
onward passage Malta.
2. Route through Q.K.B. 164 thence through position
A. 037° 00' N. 015° 25' 30" E. B. 036° 41' N. 015° 18' 12" E.
F.C. 036° 25' N. 015° 11' E. thence to Malta N.E. Approach Channel
position Z. 036° 09' N. 014° 47' 12" E. bearing 40° St. Ellay
Light 20 miles.
3. Convoy codeword "Register" callsign 389.
4. Constant watch on 2150 k/cs.
5. S.O.A. 7½ knots. 6. E.T.A. boom 020700. V.A.Malta is
requested to sail WHEATLAND for Acid Patrol as soon as possible
after arrival at Malta and to sail M.Ls. 134 and 462 in company
with M.L. 126 for Augusta a.m. 4th August.
(N.O.I.C. Augusta 010842 to F.O.Sy. (R) Admty. etc.)

/My...

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Augusta-
Malta
Convoy.
(Contd.)

My 010842. "Register" sailed.
(N.O.I.C. Augusta 011733.)

Movements
Beirut.

31 July 43, arrivals AETOS, REINE DES FLOTS,
M.Ls. 360, 358. Departures M.L. 358, AETOS.
(S.O.(I) Beirut 010905C to Admty.)

G.U.S.11.

COXWOLD and WILLIAM COLEMAN sailed. Ocean route
S.P. 02272 (26) and Incon not issued. U.S.A.
Approach (negative ?Hampton Roads). Pass to
Commodore for information. My 291129B, 311213B
and 291044B? not to all refer.
(S.N.O.Tripolitania 010916B to S.O.escort G.U.S.11.)

M.E.S.37Y.

Convoy arrival telegram. M.E.S.37Y arrived less
Alexandria portion detached.
(N.C.S.O. Port Said 010940C to Admty.)

Sicily
Air report.

Situation report 34. Night 31st/1st. Little
information of enemy activity. Watch, Sunday, 2
Spitfires patrolled Goebels and other over
(?Syracuse) since 0515. Messina attacked, 9 hit on
docks north harbour. 0700 hours, 2 300-foot motor
vessels seen 5 miles E.N.E. Cape Loro course N.E.
(N.L.O. 211 Group 010945B to F.O.Sy.)

Enemy M/V.

Following read: P.C. and S. of one enemy merchant
vessel of 6000 tons 43.44 N. 10.02 E. 360° 8 knots.
(A/C FFV/P 010946B.)

UNSHAKEN.

Intend sailing P.54 UNSHAKEN at 2000/2nd by
Eastern Channel routed 035° 56' 016° 31' at 2000/
3rd, 039° 44' 018° 52' at 1200/5th, 040° 40' 018°
52' at 0230/6th, 014° 01' 018° 20' at 1200/6th
thence to patrol off Brindisi.
2. M.J.A.O. 24. Request submerged bombing restrictions on 2nd
and 3rd August and total restrictions on 4th August to cover above
route.
(Capt. S.10, 010952B to Capt. S.1, etc.)

Landing Craft
in "Husky".

My 311037 should be treated as most secret and para.
4 amended to read "due to continued army maintenance
over beaches and lack of spare parts".
(C. in C.Med. (Algiers) 011040B to Admty. etc.)

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Report.

A.661, Daily opsum 95, 30/31 July.
 2 Liberators, 9 Halifaxes, railway installations Reggio di Calabria, bursts seen in town east of harbour. Built up area north of river Calopinaco, east of underground fuel tanks, south and west of ferry berths, and hits and bursts on railway tracks south of harbour. 1 explosion latter area. Fires caused by incendiaries in town and over wide area at Toe of Italy.
 31 July. 2 Beaufighters anti-shipping R/C, Aegean Sea. 2 trawler type vessels escorted by 4 Arado 196s seen S.W. of Seriphos Island. 4 Arados were attacked, 2 being damaged. Following delayed details - 2 Beaufighters anti-shipping sweep Aegean Sea. Attacked 100-ton Caique N.W. of Paros Island. Near misses with bombs. Much damage caused by hits with cannon and machine gun-fire vessel left down by bows and listing to port. 1 aircraft scored many strikes on 800 ton merchant vessel and 300 ton barge south of Seriphos Island.
 (H.Q.R.A.F.M.E. 011003Z, 021052Z.)

8th S/M F.
Movement
Summary at
1959B.

1. P.229 (SPORTSMAN) east of Corsica
2. P.221 (SHAKESPEARE) south of 039° 00' E. of 015° 00'.
3. French S/M CASABIANCA N.W.Corsica.
4. S/Ms on passage diving by day 2½ knots surface speed as indicated.
5. French S/M ANTIOPE 041° 42' 006° 54' 211° 7 knots
6. French S/M ORPHEE 038° 04' 005° 27' 081° 8 knots.
 (Capt. S.8, 011020B.)

CASABIANCA.

You may patrol in an area north of 041° N. between longitude 008° E. and 009° 25' E. 2. When in Gulf Asinara keep outside of 100 fathom line.
 (Capt. S.8, 011138B to F.S.CASABIANCA, (R)
 8th S/M F.)

French
Command.

By decrees published p.m. 31st July French Committee of National Liberation decided on unified command of all French Fighting Forces under Giraud as C. in C. Chief of Naval Staff to be Rear Adm. Lemonnier and Deputy C.N.S. Rear Adm. Auboyneau.
 2. Giraud and De Gaulle remain joint Presidents of the Committee of Liberation, De Gaulle confining himself mainly to political affairs except that he will also be Chairman of the newly formed committee of National Defence.
 (C. in C.Med. (Algiers) 011210B to C. in C.Med. (R) Admty.)

N.A.A.F.
Report.

N.W.A.Air Forces Opsum 161.
 N.W.A.Strategical Air Force. 30/31 July. 4 Wellingtons dropped 1,200,000 leaflets Messina, Catania, and Adrano. 31st July. 77 U.S.Marauders escort 81 U.S.Lightnings Adrano, 6 bombers and

MOST SECRET

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(*NOTE : Messages shown as having been sent in a One-Time Pad :
"O.T.P." are excepted from this rule.)

MOST SECRET MESSAGE 011313/August IN
Date 17.8.43
Recd. 2153

From C.in C. Levant

Naval Cypher XF Plug by W/T CORRECTION

Addressed C.in C. Algiers, repeated B.N.A. Ankara.
IMPORTANT.

There are interned in Turkey some 35 officers and 300 men of the French Navy ex Syria these are likely shortly to be released with the option of either Vichy or Syria.

2. Up to date attempts by Free French in Syria to persuade these men to opt for Syria have met with very little response. It is believed that if Admiral Collinet could send a good naval officer appreciable results might be expected.

3. The Vichy Naval Attache is now co-operating with us clandestinely.

4. If Envoy can be sent request passage by air as soon as possible via Alexandria where arrangements would be made for onward passage to Istanbul.

011313C

Note by War Reg:- Previously circulated incomplete.

- 1st Lord
- 1st S.L. (2)
- D.F.S.L.
- V.C.N.S.
- A.C.N.S. (F)
- D.O.D. (H) (4)
- D.O.D. (F) (2)
- Nav. Sec.
- P.A.S. (S)
- D. of P. (2)
- D.D.I.C. (2)
- D. of P. (Q) (3)
- D.N.I. (4)
- Hd. of M. (2)
- Hd. of C.W.
- I.P. (2)
- W.D.

JBD.

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N.A.A.F. Report. (Contd.) 10 fighters returned early, 17 bombers returned with bombs. Coverage appeared excellent. N.W.A. Tactical Air Force. 31st July 24 U.S. Mitchells Esuro, 48 U.S. Bostons, 24 Baltimores Centruipe. Many direct hits. 25 U.S. Mitchells Randazzo. Results not reported. (N.A.A.F. Adv., 011259B.)

LIMBOURNE, M.K.F.20. Intend to sail LIMBOURNE at 1000B August 2nd through 100, 122, 109 to Oran to join escorts of M.K.F.20 to Gibraltar. 2. S.O.A. 21 knots, E.T.A. 2000B August 2nd. 3. Codeword (?) "Gules". 4. LIMBOURNE sails for U.K. in escort of M.K.F. 20 unless otherwise ordered by C. in C. Med. (N.O.I.C. Algiers 011439B to PELICAN, N.C.I.C. Oran, (R) C. in C. Med. LIMBOURNE, etc.)

Transports Malta. Following transports left for Bizerta OCEAN PROSPERO, OCEAN VISTA, OCEAN WANDERER, DEVON COAST in ballast, RALLUS loaded boom defence stores, CITY OF DIEPPE for U.K. MARIGOT for Algiers with passengers as in my 012107. (D.S.T.O. Malta 011745B to 3.T.O. Bizerta, etc.)

Movements Bizerta. Arrivals, hospital ship ACADIA, EMPIRE KESTREL. (F.O.I.C. Tunisia 011855B to Admty. etc.)

Movements Port Said. 1st August Port Said arrivals PRIMULA, SAKTOURIS, R.F.A. BADARPUR, LA MOQUEUSE, COMMANDANT DOMINE, BULLFINCH. Departures SAKTOURIS, WHITEHAVEN, RYE. (N.O.I.C. Port Said 011917 to Admty. etc.)

Situation Report No. 141. Off Corsica between 18 and 26 July SAFARI sank two motor minesweepers, one A/S steam yacht, one minelayer and one trawler. 2. 31 July, PHILADELPHIA provided fire support East of Caronia. 3. Palermo bombed at 0415/1st, 1 coaster destroyed, two minesweepers damaged. (see 011945B.) 4. AURORA, PENELOPE and six destroyers bombarded Cotrone at 0200/1st. Two good fires started in harbour area. Two patrol craft sunk off harbour. One battery fired three fairly accurate shots. No enemy air activity. 5. 3 cruisers, 4 destroyers, bombarded targets west coast Calabria night 31/1st. No report yet. (C. in C. Med. (A) 011931B to Admty.) Part 2 of Cosintrep No. 23 signed Eisenhower. → 5. Air attacks. A. Palermo heavily bombed at 0413/1st for 40 minutes. Approach and retirement northward. (?Coaster) USKIDE total loss. (U.S.) Minesweepers STRIVE and SKILL damaged. Ammunition dump set on fire in harbour area. B. Augusta. Between 2248 and 2353/29th 4 aircraft approached. No bombs in harbour area. (C. in C. Med. 011945B to Cosintrep addressees.)

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TEMPLAR. Your escort will be MOUSA.
2. HOLCOMBE and 4 escorts and P.42 (UNBROKEN) arrive from east at 0300/2nd. P.42 (UNBROKEN) escorted by one corvette part company off Algiers and proceed westbound 8 knots.
3. Convoy leaving westbound at 0800/2nd.
4. One corvette passing Algiers westbound at about 0800/2nd.
5. M.L. Patrol in vicinity of Algiers.
(Capt. S.8 011932B to P.316 (TEMPLAR).)

Estimated U-Boat disposition. No further evidence of Italians between 007° and 009° east. 2 U-Boats (Italian) Tyrrhenian Sea north of 040° 30' N. east of 010° 30' E. 1 U-Boat (German) 3 or 4 U-Boats (Italian) east Sicily. Possibly 1 east Malta and 1 Gulf Sirte 1 northbound west Corfu.
(C. in C.Med. 011939B.)

Movements Haifa. August 1st arrival G.S.AETOS, departure M.L. 1046. (N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports, 012020C to Admty. etc.)

Movements Algiers. Arrived N.A.B.S. ARACANI, SLEBECH, boom vessel MOORFLY, S/M SERAPH, LIMBOURNE. Departures CT. SABLAISE, CHASSEUR III, PELICAN.
(Com. Algeria 012029B to Admty. etc.)

Movements Tripoli. Arrived PRINS ALBERT, ULSTER MONARCH, L.C.Ts. 383, 322, 313. Sailed L.C.T.302, COVELEY, POLRUAN, FELIXSTOWE.
(S.N.O.Trip. 012113B to Admty.)

Movements Bone. Arrival SIRIUS, DIDO, JERVIS, M.G.B.642. Departure JERVIS, PENN.
(N.O.I.C. Bone 012149B to Admty. etc.)

Malta Air Report. A.I. 1102, 1 Aug. Opsum No. 83, 31 July/1 Aug. 7 Beaufighters and 2 Mosquitoes made interception patrols North of Malta. At 0230 hours 1 Beaufighter intercepted and destroyed a Ju.88 near Palermo. 2 Mosquitoes made dusk interception patrols North of Messina and 1 Mosquito made dawn interception patrol over East Sicily. 2 Wellingtons made A/S searches East of Sicily. 1 Wellington carried out anti/shipping patrol S.E. of Toe of Italy and flare dropping in co-operation with Naval Units bombarding Cotrone. 1 Wellington carried out anti/shipping patrol East of Sicily. 1 Aug. 2 Spitfires carried out a long range offensive patrol on N.E.Sicily and Toe of Italy. 2 Spitfires made photographic R/C of Taranto, Naples, aerodromes in Southern Italy and Catania area. 1 Baltimore made anti/shipping patrol east of

/Sicily...

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Malta Air Report. (Contd.) Sicily in co-operation with Naval Units. At 0423 hours 2 Me. 109 attacked the Baltimore 10 miles South of Cape Armi rear gunner returned fire and destroyed 1 Me.109. 4 Baltimores made A/S searches East of Sicily in co-operation with Naval Units. Total of 60 Bostons and 34 Baltimore sorties were made from Malta against land targets in North East Sicily. (R.A.F.Malta, 012149Z.)

M.F.Vs. Request that the 5 M.F.Vs. referred to in para. 2 of your 191624 July be sailed to Algiers for onward routing to Central Mediterranean ports as required. (C. in C.Med. (Algiers), 012157B to Admty.)

Movements Arrived SUTLEJ, SOUTHERN MAID.
Benghazi. (N.O.I.C. Benghazi 0122020 to Admty.)

Movements Following is a repetition of my (?302)353 July
Bone. (begins) Addressed as above. Arrival JERVIS, PENN, PATHFINDER, PANTHER, PALADIN. Departure M.T.B. 649. (Ends.) (N.O.I.C. Bone 012319B to Admty. etc.)

Movements August 1st arrivals BOSTON, POOLE, TYNE DALE,
Augusta. QUANTOCK. Departures M.Ls. 126, 121, 134, 462, M.T.Bs. 226, 242, 95, H.DM.Ls. 12, 54 and 12 58 WHEATLAND, TYNE DALE. (N.O.I.C. Augusta 012345 021055B to Admty.)

Movements Arrivals PRODIGAL, L.S.T. 352, 336, 334, 359, 309,
Tunisia. 392, 377, 317, 61, 310, 391, 389, 3, 314, 306, 388, 6, 316, 327, 348, S.C. 686, 690, 977, 691, M.M.S. 63, 67, 70, L.C.I. 283, 257, 15, 16, 91, 95, P.C. 626, A.R.B. 40, 48.
Departures L.S.T. 371, 197, 357, 372, 385, 315, 2, 359, 383, 347, 393, 157, L.C.I. 1, 237, 238, 41, 220, 236, 342, 40, 235, S.C.506, 535, 928, M.G.B. 642, L.C.T. 624, 606, 579, M.L. 566, M.M.S. 53, 68, 70. Departure UNSPARING, BLANKNEY, WILTON, OAKLEY, WESTRAY. (F.O.I.C. Tunisia 012347B to Admty. etc.)

SPEEDY. Request you will sail SPEEDY to U.K. with M.K.S.21. (C. in C.Med. (M) 012346B to V.A.M.)

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- C.X. 5. Arrival 0125Z/1st August D.S. WILLEM VAN DER ZAAAN escorting convoy C.X.5.
(N.O.I.C. Addu Atoll, 010127Z to Admty.)
- INVESTIGATOR. Arrival INVESTIGATOR for engine repairs.
(N.O.I.C. Vizagapatam, 010251Z to Admty.)
- Movements. NIZAM arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Mauritius, 010430Z to Admty.)
Arrival 1st SOBKRA.
(N.O.I.C. Mauritius, 010601Z to Admty., etc.)
Arrivals 010556Z TRAVANCORE with one ship 010612Z
- RAJPUTANA.
(S.O.(I) Bombay, 010624Z to Admty.)
NIZAM sailed.
(N.O.I.C. Mauritius, 010915Z to Admty.)
Departure 1145Z/1st D.S. WILLEM VAN DER ZAAAN escorting APPLELEAF, and H.T. WINGSANG.
(N.O.I.C. Addu Atoll, 011159Z to Admty.)
Departure NEPAL.
(F.O.E.A., 311211Z July to Admty.)
- Convoy M.B. 42. Sailing telegram (3 ships, list, destinations).
(2) 1600Z/7/43. (4) 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ knots. (5)Coastal.
(6) POONA.
(N.S.O. Colombo, 010536Z, 010510Z to Admty.)
- Convoy B.P. 89. Karachi portion sailed 0550Z/1st to R/V (? N.C.S.O. Bombay's) 291141 refers. (2 ships).
(N.C.S.O.Karachi, 010559Z to Admty.)
- Trincomalee Naval A/C shipping and salvage Unit. Intend to form Naval Aircraft shipping and salvage unit at Trincomalee on similar lines to that at Colombo. Request following land and water transport may be supplied as soon as possible. This is in addition to transport asked for in my letter 241/275/1BS date 3rd May 1943.
(R.A.N.A.S. I.O., 010645Z to Admty., (R) Comnas. Ceylon, F.O. Ceylon, N.O.I.C. Trincomalee.)
- CORNISH CITY sunk 29th July. CORNISH CITY torpedoed in 027° 20' S. 053° 10' E. at 0630Z/29th July. Without previously sighting or warning German U-Boat hit ship on port side with one torpedo. Ship broke in half and sank within 3 minutes. Survivors 6 only. No shelling

/by ...

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CORNISH CITY by U-Boat. Details of any distress message sunk 29th made unknown.
July. (N.C.S.O. Mauritius, 010825Z to Admty., C. in C. E.F., S.O.(I) Diego Suarez, S.O.(I) Colombo.)
(Contd.) W.D. Note: Different position given in C. in C. E.F. 011527.
CORNISH CITY torpedoed and sunk 0600Z/29th in 027° 41' S. 052° 25' E. Six survivors rescued by NIZAM from two life-rafts no other boats got away.
2. Second Officer reports U-Boat was large type with one four inch gun forward and Bofors abaft conning tower. Two periscopes and one of aerial standard.
3. U-Boat interrogated life-rafts and left course 300° on surface. (C. in C. E.F., 011527 to Admty., (R) C. in C. S.A., S.O.(I) Colombo.)

CARTHAGE. CARTHAGE will be ready to sail for U.K. from Colombo at beginning of September. Admiralty 091912 July refers.
2. Should her passage be arranged via the Med. or the Cape.
(C. in C. E.F., 010831Z to Admty., (R) C. in C. Med., C. in C. Levant, F.O.R.S.C.A.)

Eastern Fleet Disposition Signal No. 67. (A) REVENGE and RESOLUTION off the Station.
(C) SUSSEX Colombo to Bombay. SUFFOLK Mauritius to Bombay.
(D) KENYA and NEWCASTLE escorting South Indian Ocean. FROBISHER Diego Suarez to Bombay.
CERES Kilindini to Diego Suarez and Durban; others no change.
(E) Available units exercising off Kilindini.
(C. in C. E.F., 010943Z.)
Amended - See C. in C. E.F. 020646.

Harbour Launches allocation. Allocation of harbour launches patrol A.M. 242141 May refers. H.L. (P) 421168 building at Simonstown and 421153, 421154, 421155, building at Aden are allocated to F.O. Ceylon.
2. Request you will ship these boats when ready as follows: 421168, 421154 and 421155 to Colombo.
421153 to Bombay for BRAGANZA as requested in F.O. Ceylon's 290806 (N.T. in W.R.)
(C. in C. E.F., 010946Z to Com. Aden, C.S. Simonstown, (R) F.O. Ceylon, C. in C. S.A., BRAGANZA, N.O.I.C. Bombay, C.S. Ceylon, Admty.)

F.A.A. Personnel East Africa. I have been investigating for some time the probability of having temporarily to reduce personnel in East Africa in order to man stations in India. Ceylon to provide facilities required this autumn.

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F.A.A.
Personnel
East Africa.
(Contd.)

2. The following proposals will release approx. 500 F.A.A. Maintenance Personnel and a negligible number of general service ratings. (Details).
4. It will not be possible to man Gan Plaisance or Andrakaka this year unless personnel are sent from U.K. Pass to Admiral Somerville.
(R.A.N.A.S. I.O. 011017Z to C. in C. E.F., (R) Admty., Comnas. Ceylon.)

MAUNGANUI.

1st MAUNGANUI Fremantle 11th August 14½ knots
00° 80° 23° S. 100° 30° 110° 32° 114° 17 days
furnace oil, H/F M/F 3 operators, Q.F.A.171,
Q.C.A.225, "Chop" 100° 8th August.
(Colombo, 011018 to Admty.)

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Group 5. In the present state of the anti U/B war it is suggested that Group 5 will be more profitably employed on this side of the Atlantic working in the Bay or Northern passages as a hunting group.

2. If you agree, propose Group 5 be sailed to Londonderry. (A.C.N.S. (H) 010123B to N.S.H.Q. (R) C. in C. C.N.A. C. in C.W.A.)

Admty. 010123B not to F.O.N.F. agree subject to concurrence of C. in C. W.A. (2) Group will comprise NENE, TWEED, CALGARY, SNOWBERRY, EDMUNSTON, and LUNENBURG on completion of refit at Liverpool England. (3) PORT ARTHUR being taken in hand for refit in Canada and will join on completion.

(N.S.H.Q. 011600Z to Admty. (R) C. in C. C.N.A. C. in C. W.A. F.O.N.F.)

CHEVREUIL. Cominch passes Com. 3rd Fleet 302135 to Admty. for F.N.F.L. (Begins):- CHEVREUIL departs Noumea July 31st ref. my 302130 E.T.A. Bora Bora for fuel about August 8. W time. P.D. Bora Bora despatch and ?route to Papeete five days delay Nukuhiva one day delay. Thence direct to San Pedro. (Radio Washington 010143Z to Admty.)

PHILIP Your 301950Z. Both arrived Abadan 24th July.
LIVINGSTONE, (D.T.D. 010220B to Com. 10th Fleet C. & R.)
WILLIAM H.
WELCH.

Movements. St.Johns Nfld. July 31. Arrivals ST.CROIX ex H.S.63, CLEMATIS ex ARGENTIA, NIPIGON ex Halifax. Departures M.L.062 to St.Pierre PRESERVER M.L. 050,054, 055, 073 to Red Bay, GEORGIAN, KING HAAKON VII to W.B.38. (N.O.I.C. St.Johns, N.F. 010226Z to Admty.)

Departure COLUMBIA to HX.250. (C. Halifax 011200Z.)

New York arrived 30th July GEORGETOWN escorting O.N.193. (N.S.H.Q. 011326 to Admty.)

At Balboa arrived WASKESIU and CANSO. (Cdr. Panama S.F. 011916.)

Argentia 1st August. Arrival 1439Z KING HAAKON VII from St. Johns. Departure 2300Z P.554 escorted by KING HAAKON VII to Philadelphia. (Capt. (D) Argentia 012355Z to Admty.)

Movements	Ship	Position	Course	Speed
Summary	T.A.56	50° N. 36° W.	228°	28.
1800 G.M.T.	(D.O.D. (F)	010844Z to Opnav (R)	Commaveu.)	
1st August.				

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NEWFOUNDLAND
refit. Your 301642 July. Not before third week in August.
2. F.O. Gib. is requested to confirm date of arrival when known.
(D.O.D. (F) 011125B to B.A.M.R. Washington (R) C. in C. Med. Algiers and Malta, V.A. Malta, F.O. Gib. C.S.15.)

BUXTON,
O.N.194. O.N.194. My 311158Z. BUXTON will now sail with group W.1 and S.O.
(F.O.N.F. 011157Z to Ships escorting convoy O.N. 194 (R) Comdre. (D) W.A. C.O. C. in C. C.N.A. BUXTON, Admty. Ottawa, Cdr.10th U.S. Fleet C. and R. BARRIE, C. in C. W.A.)

M.Ls.
1180,
1181. M.Ls.1180 and 1181 arrived Antilla 30th late expect to depart 1st August for Baracoa thence for Guantanamo E.T.A. 2nd August late.
(B.R.L.O. Havana 011203Q to Admty. etc.)

Dispositions North Atlantic. Disposition of operational units in North Atlantic.
North Atlantic. Area Iceland (C) KENT, LONDON, NORFOLK, 1 Destroyer
Area Scapa ALABAMA, ANSON, DUKE OF YORK, RENOWN, SOUTH DAKOTA, ILLUSTRIOUS, BELFAST, BERMUDA, 10 Destroyers, 5 Destroyers (U.S). Area Clyde MALAYA, RAMILLIES, UNICORN. Area Plymouth SHEFFIELD 2 Destroyers. Area Gibraltar SCYLLA, CHARYBDIS.
(D.O.D. (H) 011225B to C. in C. U.S. Fleet.)

GEORGIOS. P. Your 302239 GEORGIOS P. Arrived Key West 25th July and sailed 29th July for Kingston via Guantanamo.
(N.S.H.Q. 011418 to Admty.)

P.554. Escorted by Norwegian P.C. Boat KING HAAKON VII, P.554 departs Argentia 2300 through 046° 00' 055° 59' 045° 52' (?059°) 37' 045° 04' (?061°) 02' and arrives at 044° 00' (?5) 063° 16' .5 at 2100Z/3.
Total bombing restrictions effective.
(C. in C. U.S. Fleet 011506Z to Admty.)

CYRUS FIELD. (2) 0100Z/1st August. ?(4) CKQC. (5) Cable Ship CYRUS FIELD escorted by GODERICH 6 miles cable ground about position C. (7) 3rd August.
(8) knots 10. (9) (Route).
(Halifax 011525 to Admty.)
Following is recoded version my 010039Z (Begins).
Departure July 31st cable ship CYRUS FIELD 010039Z. (ends).
(C. in C. C.N.A. 011730Z to Admty. N.S.H.Q. S.B.N.O. W.At.)

N.S.H.Q.
S/M
Estimate. (N.S.H.Q. 011526Z.)

/Dispositions...

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Dispositions. O.N.194 B.6 049° 56' 047° 05' 222° 10.
Escort Group W.1. departed St.Johns 2300Z/1st to
O.N.194 in 048° 07' N. 049° 40' W. at 1100Z/2nd
12 knots. Escort Group B.6 convoy to Argentina in
relief by W.1. 12. B.Y.M.S. (?260) 171, 251, 338 (corrupt group)
03 (?395) 046° 28' 052° 31' (?311°) 10 on route St. Johns.
U.S.S. SALINAS and U.S.S. KIOWLIK 046° 26' 053° 36' 074° 10 to
position 046° 33' 053° 01' W. thence coast wise to St.Johns, N.F.
PRESERVER M.L. 05.0, 05.4, 05.5, 07.3 vicinity 051° 30' 054° 39'
enroute Red Bay 10 knots. B.W.46 H.M.C.S.FORT WILLIAM, ESQUIMALT,
St.Johns, N.F. Approaches in bound. P.554 escorted by KING HAAKON
VII departs Argentina (?23)00Z first to position 046° 09' 055° 59'
thence 263° 10. S.C.138 W.9 045° 18' 055° 46' 095° 8 alter to
(?071°) in 051° 00' W. W.B.38 GEORGIAN 046° (27'?) 056° 20' 240°
7.5 alter to 281° in 057° 00' (?W) W.B.39? departs St.Johns
N.F. 1000Z/2nd. B.Y.M.S.229, 191, 212 (?) M.M.S.242, 243, 245,
250, 045° 45' 056° 30' 081° 10 alter to 009° in 052° 36' W.
CYRUS FIELD escorted by GODERICH 045° 08' 059° 11' 070° 12.5
alter to 001° in 56° 59' W. to effect cable. In vicinity 046°
35' N. 057° 00' W. LIGHTNING 046° 05' 047° 00' 225° 15.25 alter
to 256° in 051° 00' W. SS.MOSDALE 043° 38' 049° 01' 088° 14.25
alter to 047° in 046° 30' W.
(C. in C. C.N.A. 011605Z.)

U.S. (Cominch 011641Z to Admty.)
S/M.
Estimate.

Convoy Sailing telegram. Total 11 Ships. (List, cargoes,
H.H.X.250. destinations).
(N.C.S.O. Halifax 011725Z to Admty.)

Casualty HENZADA torpedoed and presumed sunk in 25° S. 44°
Summary W. on 24th July. Sailed U.K.18th June in O.S.50
No.19. for Santos. EL ARGENTINO bombed and sunk in 40° N.
14° W. on 26th July. Sailed U.K. 20th July in
O.S.52 for Montevideo and Buenos Aires. HALIZONES
bombed in 38° N. 13° W. on July 27th and sunk in
tow in 37° N. 13° W. on 30th July. Sailed U.K. 20th July in
O.S.52 for Montevideo and Buenos Aires.
(D.T.D. 011751B to N.S.H.Q. C. in C. S.A. C. in C.E.F. F.O.C.W.Af.
S.O. (I) Colombo, Asst. S.O. (I) Recife.)

S/M attack All times Z. Para B. S/M attacked 10.10 N. 57.30 W.
and sighting 010125. Para C. B.17 Radar contact 38.18 N. 71.50
summary. W. 010008. Transient aircraft sights S/M course
040 63.25 N. 25.33 W. 311950 July. Airline pilot
sights S/M course 220 15.57 N. 68.57 W. 311455
July. Para D. PV.1 Radar contact 23.37 N. 84.40 W.
010030.
(Cominch 011906Z to Admty.)

Convoy Sailing telegram part 2. (39 Ships, List.)
B.X.66. (P.D. Boston 011939 to Cdr. 10th U.S. Fleet, etc.)

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- H.H.X. 250. Departures LINCOLN, DITTANY, MELVILLE with H.H.X. 250.
(C. H.F.X. 011941Z to Admty.)
- 78th M.L. Weigh and proceed as convenient to arrive
Flotilla. Charlottetown by 1900Z/2nd for fuel and oil. On completion slip and proceed through position:-
047° 00' N. 064° 30' W. 048° 40' N. 064° 00' W.
as convenient to arrive Gaspe Sunset August 3rd.
(2) S.O. Flotilla Signal E.T.A. Gaspe after leaving Charlottetown.
(3) Carry out A/S Sweep en route.
(SOREL 012204Z to S.O.78 M.L. Flotilla (R) N.S.H.Q C. in C. N.W.A.
Capt. (D) Halifax Capt. M.L. Halifax. N.O.I.C. Sydney, N.O.I.C.
Gaspe, S.N.O.Pictou N.S. A.O.C. E.A.C. C.X.O. MULGRAVE.)
- A.P.C.52. My 292213 include British A.P.C.52 (FT 2) in sailing B.Y.M.S. 33/240. Economical speed 9 knots. Endurance about 2300 miles, Manned by R.N. crew and flies white ensign. Has merchant service books only.
(Cominch 012224Z to C.E.S.F.)
- RED DEER. E.T.A. No.2 0900Z/2nd. No ships in company.
(Boiler?) hours.
(RED DEER 012231Z to N.O.I.C. Sydney. C.B. (R) N.S.H.Q. C. in C. C.N.W.A., F.O.N.F., N.O.I.C. Gaspe.)

Australia & New Zealand.

- Digest Liberator on armed R/C afternoon July 31st
Serial No. unsuccessfully attacked 3 enemy destroyers S.E. of
558 July Cape Saint George apparently heading Buin. Our
31st. aircraft unsuccessfully attacked by eight covering
Zeros. (2) Three unidentified vessels reported
50 miles N.E. Cape Orford on Northerly course
forenoon. (3) R/C aircraft sighted S/M on surface
off Gasmata heading Lae night hours S/M later
submerged. (4) Photos 2 destroyers attacked off Cape Gloucester
July 28-29 show one Hatsuharu Class later sunk by Mitchells and
and one Mutsuki Class beached severely damaged and later destroyed.
(5) Nine Mitchells, 9 Bostons involved in attacks enemy barges
Finschhafen area afternoon 30th. Many barges destroyed in low
level attacks but accurate results unobserved owing to heavy
foliage and camouflaged. Following morning 7 Mitchells bombed and
strafed area between Cape Bushing and Borgen Bay destroying 7
barges at Natamo and firing supply dump while 9 Mitchells attacked
buildings and barge hideouts Finschhafen area forenoon destroyers at

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least 7 barges Hanisch Harbour and scoring hits on other groups. (8) Six Liberators attacked Waingapoe (Soeiba) starting large fires and severely damaging town area. No shipping other than small sailing craft observed. (9) Incomplete photo coverage Buin Shortlands base morning shows twelve floatplanes Faisi one medium bomber Ballale and approx. same shipping as previous day. (11) Six medium bombers three fighters observed Buka Aerodrome and same shipping in passage. (13) Four P.T.boats strafed and possibly sank 2 barges N.W. coast Kolombangara night 30th - 31st and sank 100 feet enemy auxiliary same area following night. (16) Morning R/C Liberator reported convoy 3 destroyers, 1 large transport, 1 cargo vessel 100 miles East by South Kavieng course 320° with air cover.
 (G.H.Q. S.W.P.A. 010930Z.)

Movements. Arrived Townsville 30th, U.S. Des. HELM. Port Moresby 30th U.S. Des. LAMSON. Cairns 31st SWAN, BOWEN. Townsville 31st F.S. LA TRIUMPHANT, Bowen 31st U.S. Ship SAN PABLO. Departed Bowen 31st SAN PABLO for Milne Bay. Brisbane 31st ROCKHAMPTON, GLENELG, TOWNSVILLE, ARARAT for Sydney.
 (A.C.N.B. 011154Z to Admty.)
 Arrival Milne Bay 28th U.S.S. MIZAR Port Moresby 30th U.S.S. HENRY T. ALLEN. Departed Port Melbourne 31st U.S.S. CARINA for Auckland.
 (A.C.N.B. 011156Z.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
 (D.D.I.C. 011336B, 011342B.)

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War Diary.SITUATION REPORT.Home Commands.

Home Fleet.

1. With the continued diminution of the strength of the Home Fleet and the necessity for adhering to the refitting programme C. in C. H.F. asks for the return of KING GEORGE V and HOWE and the substitution of MALAYA in the Mediterranean, and for reduction of commitments in the Plymouth Command so that one Home Fleet cruiser at Plymouth will suffice.

Operation
S.F.

2. MUSKETEER, MAHRATTA, ORWELL and ORIBI sailed from the Faeroes late this evening for the A/S operations in northern waters in co-operation with aircraft. METEOR is to join them tomorrow. ORWELL and ORIBI arrived at Skaalefiord from these operations today.

3 ELBING
destroyers.

3. At 1744 today an aircraft reported 3 enemy (ELBING) destroyers steering west at 25 knots in 46.20 N. 10.13 W. At 2200 the enemy was steering 085° and 5 ships of the 2nd Escort Group, 4 sloops of the 40th Escort Group and ATHABASKAN and GRENVILLE, all under the command of the S.O. 2nd Escort Group in KITE were endeavouring to intercept. Our forces had been sighted by the enemy and aircraft at 1755 reported 4 NARVIK class destroyers, though it is not known whether these were our own forces reported in error. At 2019B CHARYBDIS who left Gibraltar p.m. yesterday to join Convoy K.M.S.22, was ordered to attempt to intercept.

Biscay Area.
U/B sunk.

4. At 0903 today Hampden aircraft A/415 severely damaged a U-Boat with depth charges in 46.15 N. 10.28 W. The U-Boat was later sunk by U.S. Liberator T/4 and survivors were seen in a dinghy dropped by aircraft.

U-Boat
disabled.

At 0945 aircraft C/407 reported an enemy submarine in 46.15 N. 11.35 W., at 1040 the aircraft reported that he was returning to base to fuel and that the U-Boat was on the surface in the same position as above apparently disabled.

Second
U/B sunk.

At 2012 Sunderland M/461 damaged a U-Boat in 46.35 N. 11.30 W. so severely that the crew were seen abandoning ship. The same U-Boat was attacked a few minutes later by the Sunderland N/228 and finally blew up at 2040, leaving 40 survivors and a large quantity of wreckage.

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5. Two attacks, each by 8 Typhoon bombers, were made this afternoon on an enemy destroyer at Dunkirk, one near miss is reported. It is reported that Beaufighters this morning attacked a convoy off the Texel and torpedoed and blew up a 2700 ton vessel recognised as the German FORTUNA; one escort trawler was also hit and blew up, and three other escort trawlers were severely damaged.

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6. The French S/M RUBIS sailed from Plymouth this afternoon for a minelaying operation off the French west coast.

7. Bomber Command aircraft laid 69 mines off Biscay ports last night.

Mediterranean.

8. The U.S. Cruiser SAVANNAH bombarded roads and gun positions near Agata (north coast of Sicily) for an hour today. Some vehicles were destroyed.

9. 122 Warhawk bombers attacked the docks at Milazzo and Messina today.

East Indies.

Convoy
Escort
Arrangements.

10. Considerable reinforcements of sloops, corvettes, and frigates are expected to join the Eastern Fleet shortly and in progressively increasing numbers to enable escort groups to be established for convoy duty on the main routes. It is considered at the outset that these vessels will be employed in the Bay of Bengal, North Arabian Sea, North Indian Ocean and on the Aden to Cape of Good Hope and Australia to India routes. The proposed bases and the facilities to be provided and other arrangements are outlined in a message from C. in C. E.F. today.

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11. At 2244Z today FALMOUTH reported a ship in Convoy C.B.1 (Durban to Beira), believed to be CITY OF ORAN, torpedoed in 13.31 S. 41.12 E. (about 120 miles N.E. of Mozambique). C. in C. E.F. on 3rd August reported that CITY OF ORAN was torpedoed at 2244Z today and sank at 0939Z/3 in 13.39 S. 41.07 E. There were no casualties.

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Home Fleet. With continued diminution of Home Fleet strength and necessity for adhering to refitting programme it is requested that consideration may now be given to the following points.

(2) (a) Reduction of commitments in the Plymouth Command so that one Home Fleet Cruiser at Plymouth will suffice.

(b) Return of KING GEORGE V and HOWE to Home Waters and substituting MALAYA since the disadvantage of her lower endurance would seem less pronounced in Mediterranean waters now.

(3) Apart from low endurance MALAYA's inability to maintain a good speed in average North Atlantic winter weather makes her unsuitable for Home Fleet service.

(C. in C. H.F., 020016B to Admty.)

Movements.

CEYLON. Sailed CEYLON to Scapa. E.T.A. 0615B/3rd. (N.O.I.C. Greenock, 020914B to C. in C. W.A.)

S/M Movements. L.26 is due to leave Clyde 8th August for St. Johns N.F. for onward passage to Philadelphia. Request route. Estimated S.O.A. 9 knots. (F.O.(S), 021011B to C. in C. W.A.)
Cancel my 291609B July. (THRASHER).
(Capt. (S) 3, 021056B.)
Intend sailing THRASHER and ANGLE from Kames Buoy 1800B/2nd, routed outside Oversay Light to Port HHX. E.T.A. 1000/3rd.
(Capt. (S) 12, 021125B.)
When ready for service about end of August request you will sail TRUANT to rejoin Eastern Fleet routed through the Mediterranean.
(A.C.N.S.(F), 021239B to F.O.S.)
Add to my 021125B.
THRASHER and ANGLE leave Port HHX 1500B/3rd August West of Orkneys to Lerwick, E.T.A. 0430/5th.
(Capt. (S) 12, 021610B to F.O.(S).)
My 021125B. Sailed 1645B. Amended E.T.A. 0845B.
(THRASHER).
(Capt. (S) 12, 021715B.)
Positions of S/Ms at 0800/3 and movements for following 24 hours.
(F.O.(S), 021731.)

Landing Craft for Med. Your 221157 July. Opportunities for direct shipment to Malta occur only at the rate of one ship per K.M.S. convoy. It is estimated that 25 L.C.A. would require three ships, so that if shipment commenced in K.M.S.24 the last batch of L.C.A. would not arrive at Malta before about the 22nd September in K.M.S. 26.

(2) It is understood that Admiralty are prepared to consider acceptance of these craft at Algiers C. in C. Mediterranean to arrange on-carriage in e.g. L.S.T. On this basis it is probable that the 25 L.C.M. could be dealt with in one convoy provided that

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Landing
Craft for
Med.
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the highest priority is given to them and that if shipment took place in K.M.S.24, the craft would arrive at Algiers the 30th August.
(3) D. of S.T. requests to be informed whether the latter course should be adopted if and when it is confirmed that these craft are to go.
(D.S.T., 021119B to Admt.)

BLLENHEIM. Sailed CASTLETON, WELLS and ST. MARYS in accordance with R.A.(M)'s 011502B.
(TRELAWNEY, 021426B to A.C.I.C.)

PURSUER. On arrival of PURSUER in U.K. request you will arrange for her to proceed to Belfast to unload aircraft. B.A.D. Washington's 311821 refers.
(D.O.D.(H), 021648B to C. in C. W.A.)

ILLUSTRIOUS. ILLUSTRIOUS proceed passing Hoxa Gate at 2030/3rd to arrive Clyde boom 1800B/4th August.
2. Route via Minches and war channel.
3. R.A.(D) H.F. is requested to detail 3 destroyers to screen. Screen to enter with ILLUSTRIOUS.
(C. in C. H.F., 022001B to ILLUSTRIOUS.)

HUNTER,
RAMILLIES,
BATTLER,
STALKER,
ATTACKER. Intend sailing HUNTER (S.O.), RAMILLIES, BATTLER, STALKER, ATTACKER escorted by PLYM, QUALITY, INCONSTANT, BRILLIANT passing Clyde boom 1420B/3rd to R/V with TEVIOT and GELFORD in position A at 2230B/3rd August, thence in accordance with A.M. 311140Z. S.O.A. 13½ knots. E.T.A. Casablanca and Gibraltar 0900B/9th.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 022028B.)

Operations.

Operation S.F. Faroes departure MUSKETEER, MAHRATTA, ORWELL, ORIBI.
(N.O.I.C. Faroes, 020304B.)
(i) A. ORWELL, ORIBI. (ii) 062° 53' N. 014° 10' W. (iii) 224°. (iv) "Peacock One".
(i) B. MUSKETEER, MAHRATTA. (ii) 062° 15' N. 012° 40' W. (iii) 224°. (iv) "Peacock" Groups are to be sailed so as to commence patrol by 1000B/3rd.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 021635B to MUSKETEER.)
Capt. (D) 3 in MILNE return to Scapa. MUSKETEER take over S.O. Force B and operation S.F.
(R.A.D.H.F., 021712B to Capt. (D) 3, MUSKETEER.)
METEOR proceed to pass Switha 0445B/3rd to R/V off Hoxa with tanker MOSLI at 0500/3rd and provide escort to Faroes in accordance with A.C.O.S. 312204.
(2) On arrival complete with fuel and join S.F. Force B acting

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Operation under orders of MUSKETEER. If on your arrival
S.F. in Faroes Force B is at sea report your E.T.D.
(Contd.) Faroes to MUSKETEER who is to arrange R/V.
(3) Operation S.F. dated 25th July ORWELL,
ORIBI from Group A, and MUSKETEER, MAHRATTA
Group B.

(R.A.D.H.F., 021716B to METEOR, MUSKETEER.)

Operation S.F. and Capt. (D) 3 302245. To ensure destroyer
being at all times as close as possible to any A/C contacts
in the area it would appear preferable to organise patrol
closer to centre of square in preference to spending so much
time on the perimeter.

(R.A.D.H.F., 021956B to MUSKETEER, ORWELL.)

Faroes departure MUSKETEER, MAHRATTA, ORWELL, ORIBI.

(N.O.I.C. Faroes, 022304B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

Operation M.T.B. 619, 620 and 623 returned at 0745 today.
V.P.-G. My 011102.
(2) Weather 5381 6587.
(A.C.O.S., 020814B to Admty.)

Operation 6 airplanes shadowing "Favour" in 46° 41' N. 11°
"Musketry". 58' W., course 240°, speed 10 knots.
Two U-Boats (LANDGUARD, 020855B.)
sunk by A/C. 4 planes bearing 130° 46° 56' N. 11° 42' W.
(HASTINGS, 020856B to Whitehall W/T.)
My 0856. One F.W. and 3 Junkers 88.
(HASTINGS, 020900B.)

Have attacked U-Boat with depth charge. U/B on surface
apparently disabled.

(A/C 415 Sqdn. Duty 'A', 020907B to 19 Group.)

U/B reported position 46° (? 47') N. 10° 05' W. Sub.
sunk.

(A/C 415 Sqdn. Duty 'A', 020907B to 19 Group.)

Am over one enemy submarine.

(A/C 415 Sqdn. Duty 'A', 020908B to 19 Group.)

Am over 1 enemy S/M in 46° 33' N. 10° 58' W.

(A/C 420 Sqdn. Duty 'L', 020923 to 19 Group.)

Submarine probably sunk. 10 survivors 56° 33' N. 10°
58' W.

(A/C 402 Sqdn. Duty 'L', 020925B to 19 Group.)

Proceed forthwith at best speed to 47° 01' N. 08° 01' W.
and act in support of 40th Escort Group.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 020925B to ATHABASKAN.)

Am over 1 enemy S/M in 46° 55' N. 09° 41' W. S/M is on
surface, course 060°, speed 15 knots.

(A/C 'T', T.O.R. 020928 to 19 Group.)

Have attacked enemy U/B with depth charge. Estimate 2 hits.
Over dinghy with 6 aircrew.

(A/C 'T', 020940B to 19 Group.)

Am over enemy S/M in 46° 15' N. 11° 35' W.

(A/C 407 Sqdn. Duty 'C', 020945 to 19 Group.)

U/B on surface.

(A/C 407 Sqdn. Duty 'C', 021005 to 19 Group.)

/Returning ...

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Operation "Musketry" Returning to base to fuel. U/B on surface apparently disabled in 46° 15' N. 11° 35' W. Two U-Boats Negative (?disabled) mark. sunk by A/C. (A/C 407 Sq. 021040 to 19 Group) (Contd.) Consider U/B reported by L/210 Catalina at 0925 and by Liberator T/4 U.S. and by A/415 at 0907 to be the same U/B and that it is sunk in approx. 46.43 N. 10.18 W. 40th E.G. proceed to search for survivors. 2. 2nd Escort Group proceed to hunt for U/B reported at 0945 by C/407 in 46° 15' N. 11° 35' W. homing orders when contact regained. 3. After passing through 47.01 N. 08.01 W. ATHABASKAN and GRENVILLE sweep towards position in Para. 1. (C. in C. Plymouth 021053B to E.G.2 E.G.40, ATHABASKAN.) My 021053B. Cancel para. 3 and substitute after passing through 47° 01' N. 09° 30' W. ATHABASKAN and GRENVILLE sweep towards position in para. 1 above. (C. in C. Plymouth 021239B to ATHABASKAN (R) E.G.2, E.G.40.) Contact regained with Mark. (A/C 10 Sq. Duty F. 021325B to 19 Group.) By D/F at 1105Z/2 U/B estimated within 50 miles of 46° 40' N. 11° 30' W. (D.D.I.C. 021326B to E.G.40, E.G.2. (R) C. in C. Plymouth, H.Q.C.C. ATHABASKAN.) Cancel my 021239B. (C. in C. Plymouth 021331B to ATHABASKAN (R) E.G.2, E.G.40.) Am over enemy S/M in 47° 29' N. 10° 27' W. Periscope only sighted. Course 285° 21 knots. (A/C 10 Sq. Duty W. 021500 to 19 Group.) My 021053B Para. 3. After commencing sweep to westward ATHABASKAN and GRENVILLE reduce speed so as to join 40th Escort Group one hour before last light and remain in company during the night. (C. in C. Plymouth 021503B to ATHABASKAN.) Contact regained with Mark. (A/C 228 Sq. Duty N. 021510 to 19 Group.) Have attacked U-Boat with depth charges. U/B has dived, position 47° 12' N. 10° 54' W. (A/C 161 Sq. Duty B. 021523 to 19 Group.) Three enemy Destroyers bearing 030°. Speed 21 knots, course 270° position 46° 24' N. 11° 33' W. uncertain. (BIDEFORD 021615B.) 3 Destroyers on bearing 030° course 180° 3 miles from 46° 13' N. 10° 02' W. (A/C 228 Sq. Duty Z. 021620 to 19 Group.) U/B previously reported was on surface and seen to submerge. Request instructions. (A/C 547 Sq. Duty B. 021625 to 19 Group.) Disposition at 2000. (1) ATHABASKAN, GRENVILLE approx. 047° 22' N. 010° 15' W. thence join E.G.40. (2) CITY OF DUBLIN 045° 30' N. 012° 30' W. northbound 8½ knots. (3) Escort group 2, KITE, WREN, WILD GOOSE, WOODPECKER, STORK, WOODCOCK on patrol in vicinity 046° 15' N. 011° 38' W. (4) Group J, 4 B.Y.M.S. LORD HOTHAM, IMPERIALIST, Tug ANTIC, 5 M.Ls. 047° 38' N. 013° 30' W. Southbound, 8 knots. (5) E.G.40, WAVENEY, LANDGUARD, HASTINGS, BIDEFORD in vicinity 046° 43' N. 010° 18' W. (6) HAVELOCK, VOLUNTEER, SAXIFRAGE, GODETIA sail Plymouth 1800, through 180° Bishop 10, thence South Westbound 12 knots. (C. in C. Plymouth 021625B to Admty.) Am over 3 enemy S/Ms. in 46° 23' N. 10° 02' W. at 021620B. (A/C 228 Sq. Duty Z. T.O.R. 021630 to 19 Group.)

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Operation "Musketry". Aircraft report 3 enemy destroyers at 1620B in 46° 13' N. 10° 02' W. course possibly 180°. Two U-Boats (C. in C. Plymouth 021644B to ATHABASKAN, E.G.2, sunk by A/C. E.G.40.) My 1620. Enemy previously reported position 46° 23' N. 10° 02' W. course 180° speed 20 knots. (A/C 228 Sq. Duty Z. 021645B to 19 Group.) P.C.S. of three Narvik Class Destroyers 46° 50' N. 10° 10' W. 300° 25 knots. (A/C 461 Sq. Duty M. 021645 to 19 Group.) 3 Destroyers bearing 050° distance 6 miles, course 270° 47° 07' N. 10° 05' W. (A/C 228 Sq. Duty N. 021653B to 19 Group.) Aircraft's 021620B and 021633. Probably second supporting group. (E.G.2. 021655B to C. in C. Plymouth.) My 1620. Enemy has altered course to 270°. (A/C ICDZ 021710 to 19 Group.) My 1653. Type Narvik Position 47° 07' N. 10° 05' W. course 270° speed 30 knots. (A/C 228 Sq. Duty N. 021717B to 19 Group.) My 011755B. Sailed HAVELOCK, VOLUNTEER, GODETIA, SAXIFRAGE. (C. in C. Plymouth 021719B to Admty. E.G.40.) My 1715. Shadowing Destroyers. Request instructions. (A/C 228 Sq. Duty N. 021733 to 19 Group.) P.C.S. of enemy 3 destroyers 46° 20' N. 10° 13' W. 270° 25 knots. (A/C 105 Sq. Duty C. 021744 to 19 Group.) In view of destroyers report am steering 080° so I shall be in striking distance from you if either is attacked. My P.C.S. 225° A.27.11. (E.G.40 021800B to E.G.2.) Am over enemy S/M in 46° 11' N. 10° 06' W. Periscope only sighted. (A/C 547 Sq. Duty O. 021810B to 19 Group.) Cancel my 021644B. Consider there is only one group of 3 Destroyers Elbing Class at most on which M.461 is homing you. (C. in C. Plymouth 021815B to GRENVILLE, E.G.40, E.G.2.) OESP 30. 1816. Enemy speed is 30 knots. (BIDEFORD 021816.) Enemy previously reported are Narvik-Class Destroyers. Position at 1755 46° 20' N. 10° 25' W. course 000° speed 12 knots. (A/C 105 Sq. Duty C. 021820 to 19 Group.) Convoy "Gibson" is being attacked by 4 enemy A/C. My P.C. and S. 47° 13' N. 09° 20' W., 243° 30 knots. (ATHABASKAN 021828 to Plymouth W/T.) Enemy has altered course to 270°. Cloud base is 2000 ft., visibility is 15 miles (?sky is 7/10 cloud). (A/C J3DM 021830 to 19 Group.) My 1830. Enemy has altered course to 245°. (A/C 228 Sqdn. Duty N. 021850 to 19 Group.) By D/F at 1618Z/2. U-Boat estimated in approx. 46° 30' N. 11° 30' W. (D.D.I.C. 021913B to E.G.40, E.G.2, ATHABASKAN.) "Gibson" being attacked by one enemy A/C. My P.C. and S. 46° 55' N. 10° 03' W. 232° 31 knots. (ATHABASKAN 021930B.) Shadowing. Have fuel for 02hrs. left. Enemy has altered course to S.W. of our escort. (A/C J3DM 021930 to 19 Group.)

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Operation "Musketry"
Two U-Boats sunk by A/C.
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Am being shadowed by one enemy aircraft bearing 340°. My P.C. and S. 46° 55' N. 10° 03' W. 232° 31 knots.
(ATHABASKAN 021935B.)
Still in touch with enemy previously reported. Enemy has altered course to 240°. Visibility 15 miles.
(A/C 9YSC 021945 to 19 Group.)

My P.C. and S. 206°, position A. 30 miles, 225° 12 knots.
(E.G.40 022001B to C. in C. Plymouth (R) E.G.2, ATHABASKAN.)
Am over enemy S/M in 46° 35' N. 11° 50' W. Submarine was on surface course 310° speed 5.
(A/C J3DM 022005B to 19 Group.)
Steer for position 46° N. 10° W. at best speed. 2. Act under the orders of C. in C. Plymouth.
(A.C.N.S.H. 022019B to CHARYBDIS.)
4 destroyers 240, 15, unknown 46° 26' N. 11° 06' W.
(E.G.2 022020B.)
Am over one enemy submarine in 46° 42' N. 12° 18' W.
(A/C 228 Sqdn. Duty N. No. T.O.O. to 19 Group. Recd. 022023.)
Am over one enemy S/M in 46° 42' N. 12° 18' W.
(A/C 228 Sqdn. Duty N. 022010B to 19 Group.)
U/B previously reported was on surface (corrupt group) apparently disabled. Sunderland present.
(A/C ICDN 022025B to 19 Group.)
My 2020B. Enemy course is 180°. (E.G.2 022029B.)
My 022020B. Enemy course is 000°. (E.G.2, 022035B.)
S.O. 2nd Escort Group take command in the area and dispose forces to intercept.
2. Anticipate enemy will turn eastward after dark.
3. Estimate P.C. and S. of enemy at 2030B was 46° 15' N. 12° 32' W. 235° 28 knots, based on reports from BIDEFORD and aircraft.
(C. in C. Plymouth 022035B to E.G.2, E.G.40, ATHABASKAN.)
Have attacked U/B with depth-charges. 30 survivors in sea.
Returning to base. Position 46° N. 40' 47° N. 40' (sic) E.T.A. 00 (.37).
(A/C 461 Sq. Duty M. 022040B to 19 Group.)
My 2020B. Enemy course is 270°. (E.G.2. 022043B.)
Cancel my 2043. Enemy previously reported is friend.
(GRENVILLE 022047B.)
My P.C.S. 46° 38' N. (?44°) 54' W. 232° 31 knots.
(ATHABASKAN 022050B to C. in C. Plymouth.)
Am steering 180° to head off the enemy (corrupt group) turned west.
(E.G.2. 022057B to ATHASBASKAN.)
Enemy disappeared South-West chased by ATHABASKAN and GRENVILLE
There were 4 Destroyers.
(E.G.2. 022103B to C. in C. Plymouth.)
S/M hit. Sunk. 40 survivors. Large wreckage.
(A/C ICDN of 228 Sq. 022105B to 19 Group.)
My 2103. My position is 46° 18' N. 11° 11' W.
(E.G.2. 022105B to C. in C. Plymouth.)
Destroyers 45° 10' N. (?11°) 30' W. Course 360° 28.1/6 speed.
May I attack.
(A/C. 502 Sq. Duty S. 022130B to 19 Group.)

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Operation "Musketry". Course 085°. (A/C 502 Sqdn. Duty 'S', 022200B to 19 Group.)
 Two U-Boats sunk by A/C. C. in C. Plymouth, 021909. Am returning Plymouth, VIMY in company. Speed approx. 16 knots. E.T.A. 0900/3. (Contd.)
 (WARWICK, 022202B to C. in C. Plymouth.)
 CHARYBDIS will arrive in position N 46° 01' N. 10° 02' W. at approx. 0815B/3rd.
 (C. in C. Plymouth, 022237B to E.G.2, E.G.40, ATHABASKAN, GRENVILLE, H.Q.C.C.)
 Decypher A.C.N.S.(H) 022019B, in which you should have been included in the address.
 (D.S.O., 022246B to Escorts O.G.91.)
 Enemy force of 3 ELBING destroyers estimated within 30 miles of 46° 00' N. 11° 50' W. at 2050B today. At 2200 enemy was steering 085°. 2. 5 ships of 2nd Escort Group with S.O. in KITE, 40th Escort Group of 4 sloops, also ATHABASKAN and GRENVILLE all under command of S.O. 2nd Escort Group are in vicinity, endeavouring to intercept enemy. 3. Own forces have been sighted by enemy and up to 4 NARVIKS may reinforce. 4. CHARYBDIS who will approach from South-west is to take charge in area on making contact with S.O. 2nd Escort Group. 5. Catalina K/210 call sign YV7K will R/V with CHARYBDIS 0815B/3 in 46° N. 10° W. to work under her orders.
 (C. in C. Plymouth, 022311B to CHARYBDIS, E.G.2, E.G.40, ATHABASKAN, GRENVILLE.)
 Escort Group 2 patrolling on 011° 30' W. between 045° 50' and 046° 10' N. Escort Group 40 patrolling between 046° (? 10') (? and) 046° 30' N. on 011° 30' W. 146°, (space) meridian 011° 16' to the southward 046° N.
 (E.G.2, 022316B to EG40, GRENVILLE, ATHABASKAN.)

Coastal Force Patrol. (A) M.G.Bs. 613, 615 anti E-Boat patrol from 2315B to 0430B on 50° 25' N. between 00° 40' W. and 01° 25' W. (B) M.Ls. 291, 292. patrol Q.Z.S. 384 between F and E.A.5 buoys. (C) M.Ls. 208, 233 269 from Portland anti E-Boat patrol on 50° 20' N. between 02° 00' W. and 02° 25' W. (D) Immediate notice St. Helens STEVENSTONE, GLAISDALE, CHASSEUR II. (E) Immediate notice Yarmouth CATTISTOCK. 2. If M.G.Bs. do not proceed destroyers from St. Helens to carry out patrol "A" if weather is suitable. (C. in C. Portsmouth, 021450 and 021702B.)
 My 021450, para. 2. M.G.Bs. are not proceeding. (C. in C. Portsmouth, 021950B to STEVENSTONE, GLAISDALE.)

Operations "Pluto". H.M.R.T. MARAUDER 3000 I.H.P. and H.M.R.T. DANUBE V 900 I.H.P. have been detailed for operations "Pluto". It is requested that these Tugs be sailed as convenient to arrive at Tilbury by 8th Aug. for trials which are expected to extend over 2 weeks when Tugs will return to their bases. (Capt. Rescue Tugs, 021621B to C. in C. Plymouth, F.O.I.C. Harwich)

S/M Patrols. Positions of submarines at 0800/3rd and movements for following 24 hours. All times zone B. (A) SCEPTRE, MINERVE, TRUANT as in my 011746. (D) RUBIS 48° 50' N. 06° 02' W., dived by day through 47° 16' N. 05° 59' W. S.O.A.84 miles per day. (F.O.(S), 021731 to Admty.)

Operation "Forfar Beer". "Forfar Beer" phase one will not be carried out tonight due to unsatisfactory forecast. (N.O.I.C. Newhaven, 021924B to C. in C. Portsmouth)

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RAPANA. Aircraft trials satisfactorily completed.
(RAPANA 021215B to Admty.)

R/C of Norwegian Coast. 1 Mosquito 333 Squadron to carry out R/C of shipping leads from Haugesund to Korsfjord. To be on coast 0700B/3 August. First sighting reports to be sent.
(18 Group 022215B to H.Q.C.C. C. in C.H.F.)

Enemy Air Activity.

A/C from Bordeaux. F.W. 200 A/C are active from Bordeaux.
(D.D.I.C. 020221B.)

Mining.

Iceland. My 311524. Sailed. (M/S F.15.)
(A.C.I.C. 021150B to Admty.)

Operation F.D.44. My 021129B. Sailed. (RUBIS.)
(C. in C.Plymouth 021429B to Admty.)

Q.Z.Y. 355. Reference Q.Z.Y. 355. One dummy mine dragged out of area by trawl of fishing vessel on 29th July and subsequently sunk by minesweeper. A high percentage Oropesa search carried out for distance of one mile round area enclosed by Q.Z.Y. 355 with negative result.
(C. in C.Rosyth 021700B to Admty.)

Humber. Mine detonated by sweeper at 020745 in 265° H.3 Buoy $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles. Details.
(F.O.Humber 021845B.)

U-Boats.

Anti U/B campaign in May, June and July. In May U-Boats suffered a severe defeat in their endeavour to attack the North Atlantic Convoys. Their losses were so heavy that they were forced to withdraw from this route to others which they knew must be less productive but which they hoped would be less dangerous. At the same time every effort was made to re-arm the U-Boats with A/A weapons with which to drive off our aircraft.

2. During June our shipping losses were almost the lowest on record, but the U-Boat sinkings, though substantial, were also considerably reduced.

3. Allied counter measures to enemy strategy have borne fruit in July, and the Admiralty congratulate all concerned on the heavy punishment inflicted on the U-Boats. Particular credit is due to Coastal Command and to Allied aircraft from the Gibraltar area

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U-Boats.

Anti U/B
campaign in
May, June
and July.
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area for the vigour of the offensive against U-Boats on passage and for the determination and gallantry shown by Captains of aircraft and their crews against the powerful armament of the U-Boats.

4. The effective A/S measures in the Mediterranean have greatly contributed to the success of amphibious operations and are highly creditable to the Commands concerned and to the surface and air forces.
5. All in the U.K. concerned with the conduct of the U-Boat war have noted with admiration the results obtained by the carrier-borne aircraft of the U.S.Fleet and the successful manner in which U.S.Forces have taken the offensive against U-Boats operating in American Waters.
(1st S.L. 021850B to C. in C.W.A. etc.)

Casualties & Defects.

IROQUOIS.

Sailed IROQUOIS to Troon for repairs.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock 020933B to R.N.O.Troon.)
Your 020933B. Arrived.
(R.N.O.Troon 021316B to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

Cable repair. Your 021016B. LORD KELVIN already finished and awaiting confirmation that repairs satisfactory. Proceeding St. Johns N.F. on receipt of this confirmation, position 49° 26'.
(EDMUNDSTON 021115Z to C. in C.W.A.)

My 021115Z. Repair reported unsatisfactory. Cable must be recovered when weather moderates, time required unknown. My endurance 7 days from 0800 today.
(EDMUNDSTON 022242Z to C. in C.W.A.)

DERWENT.

DERWENT towed by ALLEGIANCE escorted by BORAGE are to proceed to Devonport as routed by C. in C. Plymouth.
(D.O.D.H. 021325B to BORAGE.)

MILNE.

Intend to sail MILNE to Hull for refit 4th Aug., to arrive early a.m. 5th.
(R.A.D. 022005B to F.O.I.C. Humber.)

Shipping & Convoys.

T.A.54A.

Get underway and depart Moville as necessary to R/V T.A.54A in 270° Oversay 6 miles at 0600B/3rd.
(E.C.Londonderry 020005Z to ELLIS, GREENE, DICKERSON, HERBERT, DUPONT, GREER.)

Sailed convoy as in A.M. 292144B July escorted by T.F.68 ('Chop') date 8th August. E.T.A. in position A.K. 1200Z/12th August.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock 022030B to C. in C.U.S.Fleet.)

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- H.X.250. Admiralty O10123 and N.S.H.Q. O11600 are concurred in. Request you will sail 5th Escort Group to join and support H.X.250.
(C. in C.W.A. 020855Z to F.O.N.F.)
- S.L.133. Your O11002. Request port for which STANHOPE was making.
2. Ships for Mersey capable of saving at least one tide are to be detached to proceed independently
3. If ships as in para. 3 are still in company they are to be detached.
(C. in C.W.A. 021035B to Escorts S.L.133.)
- Splitting of convoys. When a portion is ordered to proceed independently each ship in that portion is to proceed at her best speed. When ordered to proceed unescorted ships should remain as a group.
(C. in C.W.A. 021206B to WAGM 719N.)
- F.S.86. Intend sail CORINTHIAN at 0600B tomorrow for Methil for inclusion in F.S.86 to Sheerness, E.T.A. Methil 1200B/5th.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock 021224B.)
- SUSSEX. Intend sailing SUSSEX 1430Z/3rd August. Route to Colon Approaches. Knots 15/16½. Estimated passing 007° W. 0230Z/4th August. "Chop" 9th.
(N.C.S.O. Mersey 021440Z to Admty.)
- K.M.F. 22 Convoy K.M.F.22, 18 personnel ships and one M.T.,
W.S.33. is due to leave U.K. on 16th August.
2. The North African section contains 5 ships, which remain in Mediterranean. Two of these will carry personnel for Sicily, 2 for Algiers, and one for Philippeville.
3. The section for passage through Mediterranean contains six personnel ships and one M.T. Three of the personnel ships carry personnel for India, one for East and South Africa, two for M.E. and Iraq. The last two vessels turn round at Port Said. The M.T. ship is bound for India.
4. The West African section contains seven ships and will be known as W.S.33 on leaving Gibraltar. Three of these carry personnel for Algiers, two for Gibraltar and two for West Africa. On arrival in West Africa convoy proceeds as in A.M. 281706 para. 1D. D. of S.T's 312131 to F.O.Gibraltar and C. in C.Med. also refers.
5. For ship's names, numbers carried, and fuller detail recommend you see War Office signal which Q(M)2 are today sending to your corresponding Military authority.
(D.O.D.F. 021814B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.)
- T.A.55 My O11106B. Sailed.
(PASTEUR.) (N.O.I.C. Greenock 021906B.)
- SANTA ELENA. Sailed 2008/2nd.
HAWAIIAN (S.T.O. Greenock 022025B.)
SHIPPER.

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UNBROKEN.

Destination of UNBROKEN in U.K. is Portsmouth, where she will remain until taken in hand for refit at Blyth.
(F.O.(S) 021004B to F.O. Gibraltar, (R) Admty. etc.)

Dispositions.

Situation 1959B/2.

ISIS, ST. NECTAN patrolling off Tagos to R/V 1 merchant ship 2100/2 thence coastwise to Huelva 8.

2. S/M. TALLY HO 042° 33' 009° 46' 183° 9/2.

3. LOCH OSKAIG, MARIE LOUISE MACKAY 036° 31' 007° 14' to Cape St. Mary's thence coastwise to cable in 037° 09' 009° 09' 8½.

4. GC 28 PC 481 sailed 1700/2 through 035° 45' 006° 30' thence Casablanca 9.

5. 3 Portuguese S/Ms 1 Gunboat exercising Ceziqera area.

6. COMMANDANT BORY, GAZELLE, 036° 29' 015° 34' through 035° 59' 014° 01' to Casablanca 15.

(F.O. Gibraltar; 021039B.)

Situation 1957B/2nd.

M.K.S.20 SHIPPIGAN, SCYLLA, 036° 22' 012° 21' 322° 7½.

2. Hospital Ship NEWFOUNDLAND 040° 19' 011° 30' 000° 13.

3. Italian repatriation liners sail Las Palmas August 3rd through 028° 24' 015° 01' thence 050° 16½

5. CHARYBDIS approx. 042° 43' 015° 33' to join O.G.91/K.M.S.22, 23.

(F.O. Gibraltar, 021121B.)

G.T.X.5.

Intend sailing: (list, 9 ships)

(F.O.C. Gib, 021512B to F.Os. I.C., N. Africa.)

Swedish
Relief
Ships.

My 291604 July. Axis concurrence in new routes not yet received. Swedes have been requested to press for concurrence and to instruct masters AKKA and YARAWONGA of agreement and earliest date on which vessels may proceed from Gibraltar. Masters will report to you and you should not sail vessels until agreed date.
(Hd. of M.I., Approved D.O.D.(F) 021543B to F.O. Gibraltar.)

WANDERER,
M.K.F.20.

Intend sailing WANDERER as additional escort to M.K.F.20.

(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, ? 021605 to Admty.)

M.K.S.20.

Anticipate WOOLSTON, WALLACE, VICEROY will have to part company from escorts of convoy M.K.S.20 in 046° N. and proceed to U.K. for fuelling.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 021617B to Admty.)

/Spanish...

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Monday.FOREIGN STATIONS.North Atlantic.Spanish
Fishing
Vessels
Attacked
in Biscay.

My 311340 and your 302103 para. (B). Confirmed 5 vessels sunk and crews landed 6th vessel. There were some wounded apparently by aircraft.

2. I have seen Minister of Marine and presented copy of Aide Memoire which will go to Minister of Foreign Affairs tomorrow and also to Under Secretary Merchant Marine.

3. Minister was calm and pleasant and said if both incidents took place clearly inside prohibited area Spain could have no complaints as warnings have been rubbed in till he was tired. He added crews already landed said they were within 20 miles of coast but he preferred to believe destroyer's navigation. Request positions of both incidents. Regret positions of both incidents. Regret (? MANOLO) was only a probable. She is now in harbour.
(N.A. Madrid, 021830B to Admty.)

AMBRIZ
safe
conduct.

Sailed 1830/2nd Portuguese AMBRIZ 920 G.T. for Marseilles by approved route to Cape San Sebastian thence coastwise, speed $8\frac{1}{2}$ knots. Not to be molested this voyage. Usual red cross markings.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 021836B to Area G. etc.)

Spanish
M.T.Bs.

Following for Admiralty Commission. My 291806. (No trace in W.R. Repetition requested.)
Minister of Marine states 2 motor torpedo boats arrived Pasajes. Next 2 not ready till August 10th. Please see Embassy original No. 1331 of July 30th to Foreign Office.
(N.A. Madrid, 021930B to Admty.)

Movements,
Gibraltar.

Departures, LOCH OSKAIG escorting cable ship MARIE LOUISE MACKAY on repairs to the west P.C.475 to Casablanca via Mehedia. LADY HOGARTH P.C.481 with G.C.28.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 021959 to Admty.etc.)

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DURBAN. Arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Durban 020614 to Admty. etc.)

SUFFREN. Arrival 2nd August Capetown.
(C. in C.S.A. 021050B to Admty. etc.)

MANGKALIHAT. Intercepted message "1957 1st August SSSS
(Torpedoed MANGKALIHAT 025° 06' S. 034° 14' E." Portuguese
1st Aug.) aircraft searching.
(C.S.A. Lourenco Marques 021057B to Admty. etc.)

Port Elizabeth. Re removal of Works Stores Depot to Durban.
(C. in C.S.A. 021126B to Admty.)

BLACKMORE. Arrived and left same day 2nd 1330 G.M.T. BLACKMORE
with naval party 405.
(N.C.S.O. St. Vincent 021150 to Admty.)

Brazilian Movements. Departure 1st Brazilian Submarine Chaser
JAGUARAO to join southbound convoy. Arrival
2nd Brazilian Submarine Chaser JUTAI.
(R.O.Bahia 021154Z to Admty.)

Movements Las Palmas. Arrivals 1st, 17, MONTE MULHACEN, 2nd 10, Italian
Vessels VULCANIA and SATURNIA, 4th.
(Las Palmas 021255 to Admty.)

TWICKENHAM Arrived Dakar 1300Z/31 July SS. TWICKENHAM and
(torp. July) French tug APPLIQUE escorted by YESTOR and
FANDANGO.
(S.O.(I) Freetown 021258Z to Admty. (R) Comar
Dakar.)

Dispositions. Situation at 1959Z/2nd August.
FOWEY, MYOSOTIS, MALLOW, CAMPION, STONECROP,
SOUTHERN PRIDE, FRISO, BERRY, with O.S.52, 021°
35' 018° 03' to 020° 00' 018° 20' thence 177° 8½.
ROCHESTER, MIGNONETTE, AZALEA, BALSAM, SNOWDROP, BURDOCK, O.R.P.
BURZA with S.L. 134, 018° 48' 017° 52' 000° 7.
BLACKMORE off St. Vincent. M.L. 256, 009° 55' 015° 36' to 011°
01' 017° 19' to Bissao 12.
M.Ls. 278 and 263 escorting 012° 13' 017° 16' to Freetown 10.
M.Ls. 1065 and 1241 escorting 013° 32' 016° 58' to 013° 32' 017°
05' to 014° 17' 017° 40' thence to Dakar.
(F.O.C.W.A. 021310Z.)

GIULIO CESARE. Your 311413 July. From Position D. 10° S. 07° W.
proceed through positions X. 10° N. 19° W. Y.
22° N. 19° W. thence direct to Las Palmas.
2. Axis Government have been notified of this
change of route.
(D.O.D.(F) 021331B to S.B.N.O. GIULIO CESARE.)

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- ALICE F. PALMER (sunk 10th July.) ALICE F. PALMER, U.S. Ship, torpedoed one torpedo and sunk by gunfire after abandoned at 1140Z/10th July. Position 026° 30' S. 044° 10' E. sailing independently. 3333 made, 22 survivors here, 3 boats missing. (C.S.A. Lourenco Marques 021510B to Admty. etc.) Addition, see 031519Z.
- S.L. 134. N.C.S.O. Freetown's 281947. S.L. 134 expected time of dispersal 2200/30th July. (F.O.C.W.A. 021620Z to Connav, (R) Admty. etc.)
- W.S.32. Arrivals 1546Z/1 August BEAGLE, DOUGLAS, NESS, DERG, TAY, KALE with W.S.32. (S.O.(I) Freetown 021629Z to Admty. etc.)
- M.L. Bissao. Departure 0700Z/2nd August, M.L. 256 with diplomatic mail. (S.O.(I) Freetown 021706 to Acting Vice Consul Bissao.)
- Transports Takoradi. Arrivals SS. LARGS BAY, ELIZABETHVILLE, THYSVILLE, NEA HELLAS, TAMAROA. (N.C.S.O. Takoradi 021801Z to Admty.)
- T.L.Convoy. T.L. sailed 1830Z/2 August escorted by MORRIS DANCE (S.O.), ORFASY, M.L. 287, M.L. 1078, E.T.A. Lagos 0600Z/4 August, route B., S.O.A. 10 knots. (N.O.I.C. Takoradi 021837Z to Admty. etc.)
- WEST POINT. Ref. B.A.D's 292035 July. It is desired to use WEST POINT en route from India to Hampton Roads to lift the 800 German P.O.W. still remaining in South Africa for movement to North America.
2. Subject to your concurrence it is proposed that she should proceed to Durban to embark these personnel. P.S.T.O. Capetown should presumably still be prepared to transfer P.O.W. to Capetown if you consider diversion from Durban necessary in light of circumstances at the time.
3. B.A.D. is requested to confirm that U.S. Authorities have no objection to this proposal.
(D. of S.T. 021920B to C. in C.S.A.)
- Movements Takoradi. Arrivals 2nd August. ARMERIA, COMMANDANT DETROYAT, M.L. 302, PORTSDOWN, BOADICEA, FOXHOUND, WOLVERINE. Departures 2nd August, M.L. 1014 (Lagos?) escorting E.T.A. 0600Z/4th August, MORRIS DANCE, ORFASY, M.L. 287 and 1078 Lagos escorting E.T.A. 0600Z/4th August. (N.O.I.C. Takoradi 022111Z to Admty. etc.)
- W.S.32. 1. Intend to sail convoy W.S.32 1000/5th escort BEAGLE, BULLDOG, DOUGLAS, KALE, TAY, DERG.
2. Route. S.O.A. 13 knots.
3. ROWAILAN CASTLE will be detached dusk 6th to

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- W.S.32. proceed Ascension independently.
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4. N.O.I.C. Takoradi sailing NEA HELLAS escorted by WOLVERINE to join in position C. 0800Z/8th.
 5. COPACABANA 71 and DELAIRES escorted by BEAGLE, DOUGLAS will be detached from position C. to Takoradi. BEAGLE, DOUGLAS proceed at best speed from off Takoradi to Lagos for fuel.
 6. N.O.I.C. Lagos sail TARNAVOA and LARGS BAY escorted by BEAGLE, DOUGLAS to join in position F. at 1300Z/9th.
 7. BULLDOG will be detached at daylight 9th to fuel at Lagos and rejoin. 8. KALE, TAY, DERG will be detached p.m. 11th to Congo River at best speed to fuel from DINGLEDALE and rejoin. E.T.A. Congo River will be reported.
 9. S.O.Force Q sail (3?) south Atlantic destroyers to R/V in 005° 38' S. 011° 34' E. at 0800Z/12th. After R/V 3 West African destroyers will proceed to Congo to fuel and to screen. S.O.Force Q sail 4th South Atlantic destroyer to join W.S.32 when West African arrive. (73) West African destroyers will proceed to Congo when 4th South Atlantic destroyers or (?KALE), (?BEAGLE) and (?DERG) join.
 10. Escorts of W.S.32 shift to area Q W/T organization at (?04) 00Z/13th. 11. Separate signal will be made for onward passage of Force Q.
 12. N.O.I.C. Takoradi pass to WOLVERINE, C. in C.S.A. pass to NORMAN and S.O.Force Q.
(F.O.C.W.A. 022227Z to C. in C.S.A. etc.)

W.S.33. Admty. signals 251525 and 281706 July refer. Can INDRAPOERA and BOISSEVAIN draft be reduced sufficiently to make Lagos departure port?
(D.S.T.O.W.A. 022232Z to D.S.T.)

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CASABIANCA Operation completed at same points as previous time owing to meeting with enemy at pre-arranged point. No agent landed.
(F.S. CASABIANCA 020100B to Capt.(S) 8.).

Cositintrep No.23 To 1600 hours 1st August. Signed Eisenhower. Section 3. Air. First. Fighter R/C in early morning reported much mixed shipping in Messina harbour and on the north coast together with one 8000 ton ship entering the Straits from the north.
(15 Army Group, 020105B, to W.O.).

Enemy Units. Have obtained A.S.V. contact in 42.08 N. 11.01 E.
(A/C G.G.C/P. via Alexandria 020130B).
One destroyer in 39. 16 N. 9.39 E.
(A/C G.G.C/C via Alexandria No.T.O.O. /2).

K.A.8. Convoy K.A.8 arrived.
(N.C.S.O. Aden 020520Z to Admty.).

Movements Algiers Following is a repetition of my 302014B July (beginning) Arrivals RETREIVER submarine SAFARI (P.211) French submarine ORPHEE, CHASSEUR III, LA SETOISE, LA SABL-AISE, LA SERVANNAISE. Departures JERVIS, PANTHER, PENN, PATHFINDER, PALADIN, French V.P.2, V.P.3, U.S.S. EARLE, P.C.557, P.C.591. Arrived and sailed SIRIUS, Hospital ship NEWFOUNDLAND.
(Com. Algeria 020555 to Admty. etc.).

M.K.S.21. Arrived FORT BRULE, EMPIRE COMMERCE.
(N.O.i/c Philippeville 020630B to Cdre. Algiers).

10th S.F. summary, 2000/2nd. (1) UNRUFFLED and PARTHIAN in Adriatic.
(2) UNSEEN in vicinity Cape Colonne.
(3) UNSHAKEN 035 degs. 50' 015 degs. 00' repeated 035 degs. 56' 016 degs. 31' at 2000/3rd.
(4) UPROAR 038 degs. 39' 018 degs. 11' to 040 degs. 01' 018 degs. 52' at 2000/3rd.
(Capt.(S) 10, 020716E).

Movements Alexandria August 1st. Arrivals ST. MINVER, M.L.387. Departures CUMBRAE, L.C.T.113, Y.S.S. DURMITOR, KAJMAKAIAN.
(R.A. Alexandria 020753C, to Admty.).

K.M.S.21 Bone Section arrived less MOORFLY plus GALLIUM, OCEAN VOLGA and QUEEN ADELAIDE.
(N.O.i/c Bone 020836B to Admty. etc.).

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K.M.S.21 (Contd.). EMPIRE AUDER, EMPIRE FALCON, ENSIS (T) all for Alexandria R/V as in C. in C. Med's. 011649. 3 ships. Pass to Cdre. (S.N.O. Trip 020849B to S.O. Escorts of K.M.S.21). K.M.S.21. My 011833. Delete EMPIRE ACE, EMPIRE DENNIS. Add H.M. Waterboats ARACARI and SLEBECH. (Cdre. Algeria 021000B to Admty. etc.). Pass to escorts? and Cdre. K.M.S.21. Ref. M.S.C.I.32 (9) Intend sailing to join (6 ships) (2 L.C.P., 1 L.C.S.). (V.A. Malta 021415B to SLAZAK).

TROOPER 2nd August arrival. (S.O.(I) Beirut 020920C to Admty.).

Enemy Units. P.C. and S. of enemy 1 M/V 8000 tons 1 M/V 1500 tons 1 escort vessel 42.37 N. 9.42 E. (based on fix obtained within 1/2 hour of 0900) 90 degs. 10 knots. Weather report. (A/C F.B.V/S 020920B).

ALAUNIA 0356Z arrival. (N.O.I.C. Aden 020944Z to C. in C. Levant etc.).

PARTHIAN Extend your area to 039 degs. North keep 10 miles East of 018 degs. 52' when passing through Straits of Otranto leaving patrol to pass 039 degs. 00' 019 degs. (12' or 27') at 0600/6th thence through 037 degs. 16' 019 degs. 44' ay 0600/7th and 034 degs. 39' 021 degs. 55' at 0200/8th making (?surface) passage on 7th Capt.(S) 1, is requested to arrange onward routeing. (2) M.J.A.O.24. Request bombing restriction to cover ensuing passage. (3) Signal brief summary when south of 036 degs. North. (Capt.(S) 10, 020956B to PARTHIAN).

LINNET 231204 June. LINNET did not sail with UNSPARING. Your 012128/ refers she is to be held at Bizerta until further orders. (C. in C. Med. (Algiers) 021031B to F.O.i/c Tunisia). / No trace in War Registry.

M.E. Air Report. A.663 Daily Opsum 96. 31st July/1st August. Nothing to report. Raid on Ploesti and Campina. 1 August. 131 U.S. Liberators B.24 oil refineries Ploesti and Campina. 6 returned early. 1 crashed S.W. of Antipaxos Island on way out. 7 missing details unknown. 95 bombed Ploesti. Hits on distillation plant. Large esplosions in boiler houses, in tanks and other installations. 2 smoke stacks seen destroyed. Whole area appeared a mass of flames. 22 bombed Campina. Many hits on refineries. At least 36 enemy aircraft attacked, 18 being destroyed and 1 damaged.

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M.E.Air Report. Raid on Floesti and Campina. (Contd.) 37. U.S.Liberators (B.24) missing after attack, and 1 crashed S.W. of Corfu Island. A report on a further formation of U.S.Liberators (B.24) to follow (see 030952). (H.Q.R.A.F.M.E. 021046Z.)

UNSEEN. Do not operate west of Cape Rizzuto until further orders. (Capt. S.10th 021145 to UNSEEN, (R) C. in C.Med. (M).)

Destruction of F.Ws. The gallant actions during which U.S.A.A.F. Liberators from Port Lyautey shot down 2 F.Ws. on 28th July and 1 F.W. on 31st July have afforded valuable protection to our shipping. Request you will convey our thanks and congratulations to the Commanders concerned and to the air crews. (D.O.D.(H) Approved 1st S.L. 021125B to C. in C.Med.)

Escort Carriers. My 301748 July which has been passed to HUNTER, para. 2. It is now confirmed that BATTLER, STALKER, ATTACKER and HUNTER are required by C. in C.Mediterranean. (D.O.D.(H) 021138B to C. in C.W.A. F.O.I.C. Greenock)

8th S/M F. Movements Summary at 1958B/2nd. 1. P.229 SPORTSMAN east of Corsica. 2. P.221 (SHAKESPEARE) north of Messina. 3. (L.N. 771) ORPHEE F.S. 038° 19' 007° 30' 081° diving by day 2½ knots surfaced by night 8 knots. 5. (L.N. 729) CASABIANCA north of 041° between 008° 00' and 009° 25'. (Capt. S.8, 021146B.)

G.U.S.11. Pass to Cdre. Bizerta joiners G.U.S.11. Total 13 ships. (N.O.I.C. Tunisia 021147, 021731B to Escorts of convoy G.U.S.11, (R) Admty. etc.)

G.U.S.11. Pass to Cdre. and Escorts, intend to join 1500B/3rd (list) (4 ships) 9 speed fast Aero engines for Algiers. WILLODALE for Algiers and landing craft T in company but not of convoy speed proceeding with local escort to Benghazi, Bizerta. (N.O.I.C. Tunis 021236B to Escorts GU.S.11 (R) Admty. etc.)

UNRUFFLED, UNSHAKEN. Leave Brindisi area after dark 5th August and proceed upon patrol off Southern (?focal) approach to Valona outside 200 fathom line by daylight 6th August keeping clear of P.54 (UNSHAKEN). Leaving patrol to pass (?040°) 15' 019° 13' at 0500/7th

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(7038°) (747') 018° 28' at 0800/8th 035° 44' 016° 39' at 1200/9th to R/V with minesweeper at seaward end (?of) searched channel at 0800/10th. Surface passage on 8th August.

2. M.J.A.O. 24. Request bombing restrictions to cover above passage.

3. Should you have any immediate information for P.54 (UNSHAKEN) this should be signalled at your discretion.

4. C. in C.Med. (A) pass to H.Q.N.W.African Coastal Air Force. (Capt. S.10, 021215B to P.46 (UNRUFFLED), (R) 10th S.F. Capt. S.1, C. in C.Med. etc.)

M.K.F.20.

M.K.F.20 arrived.
(Comnob Oran 021409B to C. in C.Med.)

G.T.X.5.

Algiers joiners for Philippeville (list). (Total 10 ships) Request pendant numbers.
(Com. Algeria 021424 to F.O.Gibraltar.)N.A.A.F.
Report.

N.W.A.Air Forces Opsum 162. N.W.A.Strategical Air Force 31 July/1 August. 2 Wellingtons dropped leaflets Rome and Naples. 23 Wellingtons Aderno 11 dropped 24 and $\frac{3}{4}$ tons Randazzo. 1 returned with bombs remainder dropped 25 tons on or near objective

Bursts seen in town. 1 August. 23 U.S.Fortresses Naples. Dropped 29 tons, good coverage docks. 24 U.S.Fortresses escort 56 U.S.Lightnings Capodichino aerodrome 112 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons dropped. 24 U.S.Mitchells escort 2 U.S.Lightnings Milazzo. Direct hits docks, quays, warehouses. N.A.Tactical Air Force. 30 July. Additional. 48 U.S.Bostons Milazzo. Hits buildings, docks, railway yards. Large fire. Near miss ships in harbour. 24 Bostons, 24 Baltimores, positions south and west Aderno. Bombs across target areas. Hits railway roads. 31 July. Additional. 48 U.S.Bostons, 24 Baltimores Paterno, targets generally all covered. 46 U.S.Bostons 245/9 Baltimores St. Maria, results not reported. 1 August. 12 Bostons Randazzo, bombs overshot north-east town. Possible hits bridges, north station. 24 U.S. Mitchells Aderno. All bombs target area. 12 Baltimores, 12 U.S. Bostons St. Maria. North side town covered. Direct hit building at road junction. 12 Baltimores, 12 U.S.Bostons Paterno. Bombs across target S.W.corner town covered. 12 Baltimores Randazzo. 2 returned early. Bombs overshot. 23 U.S.Mitchells Bronte. All bombs target area, hits road and railway. N.A.Coastal A.F. 30 July. Add. 1 Marauder, 1 Baltimore R/C Rome, Monte Circeo, Cape Commo, Maddalena, and approaches Spezia. 38 U.S.Spitfires convoy escort intercepted 4 F.W.190s attacking convoy off W. Sicily. 1 F.W.190 destroyed. 31 July/1 August. 4 Wellingtons R/C East and West coasts Sardinia, Corsica, Elba, West Italian coast. 1 August. 1 Marauders, 3 Baltimores (?) R/C west coasts Sardinia, Corsica approaches Toulon, Spezia, Elba and west Italian Coast. 4 torpedo and 4 (2 corrupt groups) Beaufighters armed R/C attacked ?schooner off Frimara Grande with cannon fire, left sinking. Enemy activity. Approx. 10 enemy aircraft attacked Palermo 0400 hours 1 August, Camsig petrol and oil dump. Docks fires. Small ammunition dump hit. British Coastal vessel sunk. Approx. 10 military casualties
(Adv. H.Q.N.A.A.F. 021550B.)

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- Enemy units. P.C. and S. of enemy 1 medium M/V 4000 tons, 1 medium M/V 3000 tons, one escort vessel 43° 18' N. 10° 16' E. (based on fix within half hour of 1500) 000° 10 knots.
(A/C BUS/X 021557B.)
- CASABIANCA. Your area is extended to East Cape Corse north of 043° 00' N. A patrol in the vicinity Capraia Island may be profitable. P.229 (SPORTSMAN) is operating south of 043° N.E. of Corsica.
2. You will be ordered to leave patrol through 041° 25' N. 008° 00' E. at 1800/7th.
(Capt. S.8, 021604B to CASABIANCA, (R) 8th S/M F.)
- Hospital Ships. Your 221903. Policy of using Hospital Ships without markings is under consideration. Meantime instructions for use of PERAK cannot be given.
PERAK. (D. of S.T. 021605B to P.S.T.O. Middle East, (R) C. in C.Med. (A) etc.)
- SIMOOM, Intend sailing A. P.225 (SIMOOM) at 1700/4 on surface 10 knots through 037° 59' 004° 59' at 0500/5 041° 45' 007° 12' at 0530/6 thence diving by day through 043° 01' 008° 01' at 0300/7 043° 27' 009° 00' at 1800/7 to patrol north of 042° 35' N. and E. of 009° 00' E.
DOLFIJN. B. P.47 (DOLFIJN) at 1900/4th on surface 8 knots through 038° 28' 005° 16' at 1330/5th 040° 36' 005° 27' at 0530/6th thence diving by day through 042° 20' 005° 38' at 1100/7th to patrol north of 042° 20' between long. 005° 00' E. and 007° 00' E.
(Capt. S.8, 021642B to C. in C.Med. (A).)
- VIENNA. I do not consider VIENNA should be released at present. It may well be that we shall need to establish a mobile M.T.T. base forward at any time and I should not wish to release her until situation has clarified.
(C. in C.Med. (Malta) 021804B to Admty.)
- BULOLO, BULOLO and KEREN will sail from Suez about 9th August to Aden for onward routing as required by KEREN. C. in C.E.F.
2. F.O.R.S. and C.A. is requested to arrange with R.A.(G).
3. C. in C.E.F. is requested to inform me if this is not convenient.
(C. in C.Levant, 021814C to F.O.R.S.C.A. C. in C.E.F.)
See also 031057C.
- BULLFINCH. Suez 2nd August arrival BULLFINCH at 1630.
(F.O.R.S.C.A. 021828C to Admty.)

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- UNSHAKEN. Sailing of P.54 (UNSHAKEN) postponed 24 hours. My 010952 refers. (Capt. S.10, 021831B to Capt. S.1, C. in C.Med. C. in C.Levant, etc.)
- TRIDENT. F.O.C.R.S. pass to Cdre. Aden. E.T.A. end of Aden searched channel 1530C/3rd August. (TRIDENT 021837C to F.O.C.R.S. Cdre. Aden.)
- Broadcast to Italian Navy and Shipping. My 312341. Fill in para. 6:-
A. By day hoist your ensign at the mast-head and hoist international flag C.
B. By night, if challenged by a darkened warship, switch on navigation lights and flash the word "Italia" followed by the name of your ship.
2. Italian translation of whole message is contained in my 022205B.
(Hd. of M.(I) 021908B, 022205B to C. in C.Med. etc.)
W.D.Note:- Translation in Lion Copy only.
- TRANSVAAL. Sailed TRANSVAAL. (S.N.O.Tripolitania 022020B to Admty.)
(fuelling vessel.)
- Movements Benghazi. Sailed SUTLEJ, SOUTHERN MAID. (N.O.I.C. Benghazi 022055C to Admty.)
- LIMBOURNE. N.O.I.C. Algiers 011439B arrived. (Com. N.O.B. Oran 022101B to N.O.I.C. Algiers.)
- Movements Algiers. Arrivals PENN, B.Y.M.S. 68, 31, 182, 187, hospital ship AMARAPOORA, submarine TEMPLAR (P.316). Departures LIMBOURNE, M.L. 238, M.B. 674. Arrived and sailed HOLCOMBE, ATHERSTONE, LIDDESDALE, RHODODENDRON, HYDERABAD, JERVIS, PANTHER, PATHFINDER, PALADIN. (Com. Algeria 022102B to Admty. etc.)
- BRONZO, (Italian S/M.) Your 251415B July vessel is to be redesignated P.714. (Head of P.Branch 022106B to C. in C.Med. (R) C. in C.Levant, V.A.Malta.)
- Movements Port Said. 2nd August Port Said arrivals Y.S.S. DURMITOR, Y.S.S. KAJMAKAIAN, CUMBRAE, L.C.T. 113, departures BULLFINCH, F.F.S. LA MOQUEUSE, F.F.S. COMMANDANT DOMINE, M.Ls. 354, 356, 357, PRIMULA, R.F.A. BADARPUR. (N.O.I.C. Port Said 022108C to Admty. etc.)

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MESSAGE

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To: C. in C. Mediterranean
C. in C. Levant
V.A. Malta
F.O.i/c Gibraltar
F.O.i/c Sicily
F.O. Force H
N.L.O. Black Sea
Admiral Fisher
B.A.D.

Date: 2.8.43.

Naval Cypher (XD) and Russian "X"

From: Admiralty,

Broadcast to Italian Navy and Shipping.

IMMEDIATE.

My 312341 and 021908B. Following is Italian text:-

'Marinai della Flotta italiana e della Marina mercantile italiana:

Il vostro paese sta per cessare le ostilita contro le Nazioni Unite. Le Forze armate tedesche sono oramai apertamente ostili al Popolo italiano, ch'esse tante volte tradirono, e hanno l'intenzione di impadronirai delle vostre navi.

2. Delle vostre navi a'e bisogno urgente: dovranno collaborare al trasporto di viveri in Italia; le vostre navi da guerra dovranno proteggere questo trasporto contro gli attacchi tedeschi. Guardatevi perciò dall'affondare voi stessi le vostre navi e dal consentire che vengano catturate.

3. Le forze delle Nazioni Unite vigilano al largo per accogliervi e proteggervi. Salvate le vostre navi, seguendo le direttive che vi diamo in nome delle Nazioni Unite.

4. Le navi che si trovano nel Mediterraneo salpino verso mezzogiorno, alla volta di ancoraggi al sicuro contro l'interferenza delle Forze armate tedesche. Salpate, potendo, alla volta dell'Africa Settentrionale, di Tripoli, di Tobruk, della Sicilia, di porti dell'Italia meridionale, di Cipro o di altri ancoraggi delle Nazioni Unite, in attesa dell'esito conclusivo.

5. Navi che si trovino nel Mar Nero salpino alla volta di porti russi; in caso vi manchi il carbone o i carburanti, recatevi in porti neutrali.

6. Se vi imbattete in forze delle Nazioni Unite, segnalate la vostra identita nelle maniere seguenti:

/(a)

(a) di giorno: alzate in testa le vostra bandiera e alzate a riva la bandiera internazionale 'C'.

(b) di notte: se ricevete intimazione da una nave da guerra oscurata accendete i vostri fanali di navigazione e segnalate otticamente la parola ITALIA seguita dal nome della vostra nave.

7. Seguite le disposizioni che le forze delle Nazioni Unite vi comunicano. Esse intendono garantire la vostra sicurezza.

8. Marinai mercantili.

Con il mantenere le vostre navi intatte e dimostrando alle autorità delle nazioni Unite la vostra volontà di collaborare lealmente con loro, voi vi garantite la possibilità di continuare a navigare a bordo.

9. Chi si trovi nell'Egeo o nel mar Nero, in caso non abbia tempo e modo di sfuggire ai tedeschi, i quali sono ora nemici dell'Italia, faccia sì che la sua nave non cada nelle loro mani. In caso disperato, affondatela o danneggiatela piuttosto che lasciarla in preda dei tedeschi, i quali intendono adoperarla contro l'Italia."

10. C. in C. Mediterranean pass to S.O. Force H.
Admiral Fisher pass to N.L.O. Black Sea.

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1st Lord
1st S.L. (2)
D.F.S.L.
4th S.L.
V.C.N.S.
A.C.N.S. (F) (2)
A.C.N.S. (UT) (2)
A.C.N.S. (H)
Nav. Sec.
P.A.S. (S)
U.W.R.
D.T.D. (4)
D. of P. (2)
D.N.I. (4)
D. of S.T. (4)
D.O.D. (F) (2)
D.O.D. (H) (2)
Hd. of M. (I) (5)
D.S.D. (2)
D.S.D. 9 (2)
C.N.I.
D.P.D.
D. of P. (Q) (2)
D.C. (2)
D.D.I.C. (2)
Ad. Blake (4)
I.P. (2)
W.D.
Adl. Ramsay (4)

Head of M. (I) (86).

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Movements Arrivals today French ships CHASSEUR IDR (as
Oran. recd.) LA SABLaise, FORTUNE, L'ALCYON, PELICAN,
ROTHER, WEAR, LIMBOURNE. Departures U.S.S. ROE,
COLE, DALLAS, MERAK, JEFFERSON, OHARA, CARROLL.
(Comnob Oran 022159B to Admty. etc.)

Movements Arrivals LAFOREY, LOOKOUT, WHEATLAND, QUANTOCK,
Malta. QUILLIAM, TYRIAN, INTREPID, FURY, POLRUAN,
FELIXSTOWE, CROOME, KING SOL, transports KWAI
SANG, EMPIRE ROSALIND, FORT POPLAR, HARDINGHAM,
FALKEFJELL, R.F.A. RELIANT, A.S.Is. ATID and
FALA, L.C.T. 587, 595, 404, L.C.I.(L) 315, M.Ls. 134, 462, 131,
F.P.V. 201.
Departures TARTAR, NUBIAN, BROCKLESBY, ADRIAS, TROUBRIDGE,
TUMULT, PIORUN, ECHO, LAMERTON, BRISSENDEN, FLORES, INCHMARNOCK,
BONITO, FOXTROT, KLO, GLOXINIA. Transports TAUTRA, CHRISTA, CITY
OF DIEPPE, RALLUS, DEVON COAST, EMPIRE PROSPERO, OCEAN
WANDERER, OCEAN VISTA, L.S.T. 198, L.S.T. 388, L.C.I.(L)s 130,
256, 170, 161, M.L. 218, 460, 258, 559, 564.
Arrivals and departures ALDENHAM, transport WAR KRISHNA, L.C.I.(L)
99, 131, L.S.T. 427.
Departed and arrived WHADDON.
(V.A.Malta 022217 to Admty. etc.)

Situation Report No. 141 para. 5E. SIRIUS, DIDO and
Report No. destroyers bombarded bridge at Oliva, EURYALUS
142. and one destroyer bombarded Vibo Valentia.
Results promising but impossible to estimate damage.
2. French Naval Authorities took over control of
Philippeville Harbour and Approaches August 1st.
3. At (0100?)/1st, 3 M.T.Bs. had short engagement with 3 E-Boats
off Capo Dell Armi. 1 E-Boat heavily damaged. Casualties, 1
rating killed, 2 officers and 3 ratings wounded. Superficial
damage to M.T.Bs. 660 and 657.
4. WHEATLAND and QUANTOCK bombarded coast road near Taormina
at 2450/31 (sic). No shore guns or search lights were seen at
any point of the coast.
5. Discharged 1st, at Augusta 1692 tons, at Syracuse 4187 tons.
6. No raids on Sicilian ports reported 31st/1st except at
Palermo. Report No. 141 para. 3 refers.
(C. in C.Med. 022311B, as amended 032211 to Admty. etc.)

Movements Sailed from Derna M.L. 361, from Tobruk yesterday
Tobruk. M.L. 1223. Arrived Tobruk M.L. 387.
(N.O.I.C. Tobruk 022330C to Admty.)

Malta Air A.I. 1004/2nd August, Opsum No. 84.
Report. 1st August. 1 Spitfire made photo R/C of Taranto.
4 Beaufighters were airborne to provide escort
to incoming shipping.
1/2 August. 5 Mosquitoes made intruder patrols
in Cotrone area and North of Messina. 2 Mosquitoes and 6 Beau-
fighters made night interception patrols North of Malta. (?Haze
was) experienced during these interception patrols and no enemy

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air activity was found. 1 Wellington co-operated with Naval Units on A/S search E. and S.E. of Sicily. 2 Wellingtons provided A/S patrol for incoming shipping. 1 Wellington made shipping search S.E. of Toe of Italy.

2nd August. 8 Beaufighters carrying bombs made successful armed R/C in Corfu area. At 0733 hours near misses with 2 x 250 lb. bombs were scored on a schooner 2 miles N.W. of Preveza which was then attacked and damaged by cannon fire. 1 Beaufighter struck mast of schooner and crashed in sea. Bomb and cannon attacks were also made on another schooner 2 miles W. of Prevazo which was left smoking. 2 schooners in 40° 28' N. 19° 20' E. were attacked with cannon, 1 damaged and the other last seen going down by the stern. Near misses with bombs and cannon strikes were scored on 1 D/R and 2 minesweepers 40° 15' N. 19° 25' E.

At 0800 hours 1 Italian transport plane 40° 00' 19° 49' E. was attacked and destroyed. 4 Baltimores made A/S patrols E. and S.E. of Sicily in co-operation with naval units, and another Baltimore made A/S patrol for incoming shipping.

4 Spitfires made photo R/C of Taranto, Naples and Messina and aerodromes in Toe of Italy. 2 Spitfires made photo R/C of Etna area. During July, Malta based fighters destroyed 204 enemy aircraft probably destroyed 39 and damaged 114. 24 Spitfires escort to incoming and outgoing shipping.
(R.A.F. Malta 022335Z.)

Movements
Tunisia.

Arrivals MENDIP, BRECON, FLY, KINTYRE, HAMBLEDON, BLENCATHRA, L.S.T. 409, M.G.B. 643, M.T.B. 49, 381. Departures NEGRO, ACHORITE, ELBURY, RHYL, GREGORY, ROTHESAY, CLACTON, PRODIGAL, EARLE, BRUISER, BOXER, ACUTE, A.R.B. X.7, H.S.L. 2601, L.S.T. 324, L.C.I.

92, 325, 83, 96, 14, 3,4, 32, 19, 412, arrivals and departures VELOX, ACTIVE, KRAKOWIAK, CLEVELAND. Departures UNISON, UNSPARING.

(F.O.I.C. Tunisia 022356B to Admty. etc.)

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Movements. Arrival SCOUT 0200Z/2nd.
(N.O.I.C. Trincomalee, 020212Z to Admty (R)
F.O.Ceylon etc.)
Arrivals IRRAWADI escorting QUERIMBA.
(N.O.I.C. Madras, 020415Z to Admty.)

Arrived SLUNA.
(N.O.I.C. Seychelles, 020800Z)
Colombo arrivals 2nd 013Z(?) HINDUSTAN. Departures
0930Z NEWCASTLE.
(F.O. Ceylon, 021331Z)
CANTON left.
(F.O.E.Af. 021411Z)

Eastern Fleet Disposition Signal No.67. E.F.D.S. No.67 T.O.O.010943. Cancel existing para. (A) and substitute new para. (A) No change. (C. in C. E.F. 020646).

INVESTIGATOR Departure INVESTIGATOR for Colombo.
N.O.I.C. Vizagapatam, 020906Z to Admty, C. in C.
E.F., F.O. Ceylon, F.O.C.R.I.N., Com. R.I.N.,
N.O.I.C. Madras. (R) N.O.I.C. Calcutta)

India Air Report. A.290. 2nd. Daily Opsum No.505.
Outstanding Reports: 10th U.S.A.A.F. 31 July.
9 U.S. Mitchells (B.25) attacked rolling stock
Wyaungbinwun over 9 tons dropped. 5 direct hits
on rolling stocks 6 U.S. Mitchells B.25 bombed
Bhaco 5 tons dropped. Direct hits buildings
barracks area. 6 U.S. Mitchells B.25 bombed Katha. 5 tons
dropped. Direct hits on very large boat and other smaller
vessels, 1 U.S. Lightning P.38 P.R.U. Railways (?Thaze) area
nothing to report. Myiktila A/F no aircraft.
14th U.S.A.A.F. 18 U.S. Liberators B.24 escort 12 U.S.
Kittyhawks P.40 and 3 U.S. Lightnings P.38 attacked Kowloon
area (Hongkong) 23 tons dropped. Extensive damage dock and
dry docks 1 direct hit on freighter, 1 hit and several near
misses on 290 foot ship leaving docks. P.40 engaged 2 enemy
fighters over target area. 1 enemy aircraft probably destroyed
1 P.40 missing 1 B.24 short of fuel crash landed near base.
Pilot and 2 crew killed.
(A.H.Q. India, 021131Z to Air Min.)

Escort Groups, Bases, Facilities. Considerable reinforcements sloops corvettes and frigates are expected to join Eastern Fleet shortly and in progressively increasing numbers to enable an Escort Group to be established for convoy duty on main routes. (2) Main routes on which it is considered these vessels will be employed at outset are in Bay of Bengal, North Arabian Sea, North Indian Ocean, Aden to Cape Good Hope, and Australia to Indian Route. (3) Bases for escort groups are envisaged as follows: -

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Bases
Facilities.

Area.	Escort Base.	Auxiliary Escort Base.
Bay of Bengal	Colombo, Calcutta.	Madras, Vizagapatam.
Arabian Sea and)	Bombay, Cochin and	Bandar Abbas, Karachi.
North Indian Ocean)	Aden.	
Aden to Cape	Kilindini (Durban)	Diego Suarez.
Australia to)	Colombo (Fremantle)	Addu Atoll.
India)		

(4) To maintain smooth working of escort it may be desirable to base some escort vessels of Eastern Fleet at Durban and Fremantle if facilities permit. (5) At Escort Bases it will be necessary to provide facilities (Details). (6) Staff. Owing to number of escort vessels which may become available following staff considered necessary. (7) At Auxiliary Escort Bases which group or individual ships will visit for short periods between convoy duties limited facilities for fuel, repairs, stores and recreation will be required in addition to berths for ships. (8) Maximum number of escort vessels (Including those vessels of sloop BATHURST, BANGOR and larger auxiliary escort vessels already forming part of Eastern Fleet) for which arrangements are required at various bases is as follows:

Base.	31/12/43	1/7/44	31/12/44
Colombo			
or Cochin,	18	54	72
Calcutta,	16	24	36
Bombay,	28	36	42
Aden,	16	24	24
Kilindini,	16	16	16.

Unlikely that more than 50% of these numbers will be in harbour at any one time. (9) Auxiliary escort bases should be prepared to accommodate a maximum of 12 escort vessels at any one time when full scale of escort becomes available.

(10) Information requested as regards (A) Number of escort vessels that could be accommodated with present facilities at escort and Auxiliary escort bases quoted in para. (3). (B) Expansion of existing facilities required to meet maximum requirement together with an estimate of earliest date at which this could be accomplished. (C) Details of any increase in Staff required at escort base to meet requirements. (a) by 31st Dec. 1943

(b) Maximum requirements. (11) F.O.C.R.I.N. and F.O. Ceylon are requested to comment on desirability and practicability of using Cochin as escort base to relieve congestion at Colombo C. in C. S.A. and A.C.N.B. are requested to remark on facilities which would be available at Durban and Fremantle if required. (C. in C. E.F. 021152Z to Admtg etc.)

Enemy
A/C.

Following has been received via Gencom from James. (Begins): "Enemy aircraft over Island from 1140 to 1217 height 400 feet. Plane four engined flying boat similar Navy 97 except for wing construction on body and gun turret half

way /...

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way along top of body. Flew southeast direction. Marked on its tail units N2 - 30. Please forward copy to Naval Intelligence. T.O.O. 1950/2". (Ends.) (F.O. Ceylon, 021510Z to Admty. C. in C. E.F. F.L.O. Delhi.)

KIRRIEMOOR

My 141301B/July para. 2 anticipated that KIRRIEMOOR will not now be required to return to U.K. 2. Programme should be arranged on this assumption. (D. of B. D. 021754B to C. in C. E.F. (R) to 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.)

Use of
Cochin.

Your 301542 July. Stocks of oil fuel at Cochin and Madras are not sufficient to permit diversion of shipping from Colombo without due notice. 2. To avoid possibility of ships being delayed by lack of bunkers and to enable M.O.W.T. to gauge what measures must be taken to meet diverted offtake request information.

- (A) Date from which this diversion likely.
- (B) Probable duration and whether intermittent.
- (C) Number of ships, if any, it is anticipated can be accepted at Colombo during period of diversion.
- (D.T.D. 022025B to C. in C. E.F. (R) F.O.I.C. Ceylon.)

CITY OF
ORAN.
(M.C.8.)
torpedoed.

No. 11 torpedoed my 13° 31' S. 41° 12' E.
(FALMOUTH via Simonstown W/T, 022244Z to all Stations Group N.)

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PRINCE ROBERT, Axis Agent. Important Axis agent, Manuel Perez Garzia travelling to Argentine in SS. CABO DE BUENA ESPERANZA with Spanish diplomatic passport, was due to arrive at Trinidad today. F.O. have agreed to him being apprehended.

2. It is of great importance that he should reach U.K. quickly. It is therefore proposed to fly him to Canal zone to be embarked in PRINCE ROBERT, E.T.A. Panama p.m./9th August.

3. U.S. Military Authorities have undertaken to fly Garzia to Canal zone. It is desirable that he should not be there any longer than is necessary.

4. Subject to N.S.H.Q. approval for use of PRINCE ROBERT for this purpose, N.O.I.C. Trinidad is requested to concert arrangements with U.S. Naval and Military Authorities, sailing of PRINCE ROBERT being delayed if necessary.

5. Garzia is to be regarded as having Officer's status and kept under strict guard.

(V.C.N.S. 020140B to N.S.H.Q., PRINCE ROBERT, N.O.I.C. Trinidad, (R) Compaseafon, B.A.D., Comcarib, Cominch).

Admty. 020140B passage in PRINCE ROBERT concurred in. (N.S.H.Q., 021654Z to Admty. PRINCE ROBERT, N.O.I.C. Trinidad).

When ready about 8th August sail PRINCE ROBERT canal zone to the Clyde direct. Has sufficient endurance at (?16) knots. Admty. 020140 para. 4. delay sailing as necessary provided N.S.H.Q. concurs. Advise time of departure route, S. of A. N.S.H.Q. requested to advise you direct. Action taken above reference.

(Cdr. 10th U.S. Fleet, 022104Z to Cdr. Panama, S.F. (R) Cdr. Caribbean S.F. Cominch, C. in C. C.N.A., U.S. N.O.B., Bermuda, C. in C. W.A., S.B.N.O.W.At., N.S.H.Q., Admty. N.O.I.C. Greenock).

ST. CLAIR E.T.A. 1100Z/2. Boiler hours. Defects. (ST. CLAIR, 020227Z to C. in C. C.N.A. (R) D. Halifax).

Movements St. Johns N.F. 1st. Arrivals B.Y.M.S. 172, 171, 51, 38 ex Halifax FORT WILLIAM Ex B.W.46. Departures BUXTON, BARRIE, QUESNEL, NIPIGON, BUCTOUCHE to O.N. 194. (N.O.I.C. St. Johns, 020400Z).

Arrivals ROXBOROUGH ex H.X. 250. (C. Halifax, 021511Z).

CORSAIR and M.L. 479 arrived and left 2nd August. (Treasurer Dominica, 021900Q)

U/B Submarine reported in 020° 58' N., 074° 19' W. at 0410Z/2nd. (S.O.(I) Jamaica, 020515Q to Admty. etc).

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MONTCALM. When ready about 10th August sail F. Cruiser MONTCALM Hampton Roads to Bermuda for fuel and onward routing to Gibraltar. Ultimate destination Mers el Kebir. C. in C. U.S. Atlantic Fleet will provide escort 12 hours to sea from Hampton Roads. (Cominch, 021230Z to C.E.S.F.(U.S.) Cmdt. 5th Naval District, Norfolk, C. in C. Atlantic Fleet, (U.S.) C. in C. Med., (U.S.) N.O.B. Bermuda, Admty. Commorseafron, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Cdr. U.S. Naval Forces North African Waters. B.A.D., C.O.T.C. Lant, Adm. Glassfurd).

Convoy information. Following supersedes my 291632 June not to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar or B.A.D. which is cancelled.
2. Pass to N.Os. I.C. and N.C.S.Os.
3. Subsequent to receipt of this message Connav and N.S.H.Q. are to be omitted from address of part one and part two of sailing telegrams of all convoys except (a) trans-Atlantic convoys (b) troop transport convoys.
4. It is emphasised that Admiralty will continue to require full and up to date details of all convoys.
5. This information is summarised for Comtenthfleet and N.S.H.Q. in a daily signal from Admiralty.
(D.T.D., 021408B to C. in C. E.F., C. in C. S.A., C. in C. Levant, C. in C. Med., F.O.C.W.A., C. in C. W.A., F.O.I.C. Gib. (R) Connav, N.S.H.Q., B.A.D.)

Your 311928 July owing to volume of operational signal traffic shipping information from Mediterranean has been incomplete.
2. To avoid overloading Naval Control Service and Signal Staff in area prefer to give further trial to summaries by Admiralty which should improve from now on.
3. A.M. 021408 refers.
(D.T.D., 021415Z to Connav, (R) B.A.D.)

Convoy W.S.C. 138. Sailing telegram (3 ships, list). Part 2. (N.C.S.O. St. Johns N.F., 021411Z to Admty).

Stragglers. Arrived W.E. July 31st ROBERT LOWRY (U.S.) H.X. 249 collision damage EL COSTON (Pan.) H.X. 249 calling for fresh water, STEEL RANGER (U.S.) H.X. 249 collision damage. (N.C.S.O. St. Johns N.F., 021413Z to Admty).

N.S.H.Q. S/M Estimate. (N.S.H.Q. 021524Z).

Convoys, Setting of watch. In view of present change in U-boat tactics and to enable B.A.M.S. messages to be received by all ships in trans-Atlantic convoys to and from U.K. propose as temporary measure that M/F D/F guards in merchant ships be detailed at convoy conference but that watch shall only be set by order of the Cdre. when requested by S.O. of Escort.
2. Request you will seek concurrence of Com. 10th Fleet C. and R) (D.T.D. 021603B to B.A.D.) Com. 10 Fleet C and R concurs. (B.A.D. 031925Z). /Convoy...

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Convoy S.C.138 P.C. and S. 045° 07' N., 051° 21' W. 066° 8 knots altering to 042° in 050° 35' W. KINGSWOOD in collision with MIGUEL DE LARRINAGA at 1218Z. Both ships have suffered damage above waterline but are proceeding to destination. KINGSWOOD has both anchors rendered useless. MIMOSA broke down with defective air pumps at 1330Z in 045° 08' N., 051° 40' W. was proceeding to St. Johns N.F. at 1545Z speed 8 knots. Weather report. (S.O. Escort Group W.9., 021605Z to Connav, A.C.I.C., C. in C. C.N.A., Admty. etc).

Dispositions. S.C.138, W.9 045° 01' 051° 10' 095° 8 alters to 042° in 051° 00' W.
B.2 sails St. Johns N.F. 1930Z/2nd to join S.C. 138 in 046° 53' 048° 34' at 1200Z/3rd.

W.S.C.138 ST. ELSTAN, NORTHERN GIFT, GROWLER 047° 23' 051° 21' 105° 7.5 to join in Westomp.

O.N.194 W.1 046° 42' 051° 33' 224° 10, altering to 236° in 046° 36' N., and to 239° in 053° 48' W.

Escort group B.6 046° 42' 052° 18' 12 en route Argentia B.Y.M.S. 229, 191, 212, M.M.S.242, 243, 245, 250, 047° 24' 052° 18' 010° 10. en route St. Johns N.F.

GODERICH escorting CYRUS FIELD vicinity 046° 35' 057° 00' effecting cable repair.

P.554 KING HAAKON VII 045° 58' 058° 24' 264° 10 altering to 233° in 059° 37' W. and to 236° in 045° 04' N.

B.W.47 ESQUIMALT 046° 15' 058° 48' 108° 7.5 altering to 083° in 056° 58' W.

SS. LIGHTNING 042° 35' 053° 25' 256° 15.25.

U.S.S. SEA SERPENT 041° 40' 053° 20' 257° 15.75 altering to 261° in 056° 58' W.

H.X. 250 W. 4 043° 09' 059° 09' 072° 9.5.

L.N.16 ALGOMA, ALBERNI, QUEBEC 051° 51' 055° 58' 051° 9 altering to 025° in 055° 34' W. and coastwise for Rigolet in 052° 15' N.

W.B. 39 STRATFORD 047° 03' 052° 37' 186° 7.5 altering to 247° in 046° 28' N., and (293°) in 046° 22' N., BAYARD 042° 56' 056° 38' 019° 15.3.
(C. in C. C.N.A., 021610Z).

LINCOLN, MELVILLE escorting ships for Halifax 043° 28' 062° 08' 9.5.

SALISBURY 043° 36' 064° 30' 240° 20 alters to 267° in 043° 13' N., and to 231° in 069° 03' W. en route Boston.

B.X. 66 W.2 042° 42' 066° 39' 086° 8 alters to 051° in 065° 09' W. and to 000° in 063° 16' W.

F.H.69 GUYSBOROUGH, INGONISH departs St. John N.B. 0100Z/3rd to position 044° 03' 066° 40' thence 168° altering to 092° in 042° 55' N.

SS. IRISH ROSE, IRISH LARCH 044° 20' 066° 33' 000° 7.5 en route St. John N.B.

X.B. 67 W.8 departs Halifax 1400Z/3rd to position 043° 10' 065° 27' 8 knots.
(C. in C. C.N.A., 021640Z).

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Dispositions. (Contd). B.S. 57 WESTMOUNT depart Cornerbrook 1900Z/2nd to 048° 50' N., 058° 45' W. thence 241° 7' altering to 194° in 059° 22' W. S.P.A.B. DRUMMONDVILLE departs Port Aux Basques first light on the 3rd. Q.S. 61 LORD MIDDLETON, AYRSHIRE, SWIFT CURRENT CHEDABUCTO 049° 23' N., 064° 50' W. 085° 7.5 altering to 121° in 064° 42' W. SWIFT CURRENT, CHEDABUCTO detach from Q.S. 61 on crossing 062° 50' W. thence Gaspe. UNGAVA depart Gaspe 2000Z/2nd to R/V with Q.S. 61 at 2359Z/2nd in 049° 03' N., and 063° 50' W. 78 M.L. Flotilla depart Charlottetown to pass through 047° 00' N. 064° 30' W. 048° 40' N. 064° 00' W. to arrive Gaspe last light August 3rd. Special River Group Number 6 048° 55' N., 068° 23' W. 214° 7' altering for Quebec in 048° 34' N. (C. in C. C.N.A., 021710Z). My 021710Z add S.Q. 62 departs Sydney 2130Z/2nd to 047° 45' N., 060° 02' W. thence 319° 8' altering to 300° in 048° 16' N. (C. in C. C.N.A., 022045Z).

U.S. S/M
estimate.

Cominch 021715.

Convoy
S.C.130.

Combined Admiralty Air Min. communique dealing with S.C.130 being issued not before 1600/3rd August, Communique describes battle between escorts and U-boats extending over two days and two nights and states entire convoy arrived safely (Director of Press Division 021932B to Cominch B.A.D.)

U/B sighted
by A/C.

R.C.A.F. report submarine sighted 021030 54.15 N. 133.00 W. Report submarine fully surfaced and stationary. (C.O.P.C. 021959Z to N.S.H.Q. Admty. etc).

Task Group
89.6
constituted.

This is 021219Z from Comnavnaw addressed Comdesron 17. Task Group 89.6 hereby constituted under Command Comdesron 17 consisting of Desron 17 less MADDSI (as received probably MADDOX) Desdiv 30 less KNIGHT plus BUCK, ROE, SALAMONIE MERAK total 13 DD 1 AO 1 AF. Depart Oran when ready about 11 and not later than 12 August and proceed to U.S. as routed by Admty. and C. in C. Med. Report time of departure in accordance with these orders. Arrive U.S. not later than 24 August. S. of A. about 15 knots. Upon arrival U.S. waters report Cinclant for duty whereupon Task Group 89.6 dissolved. (Comnavau, 022031 to Admty). Amended - See Comnavau 040307Z.

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Sub. attack and sighting summary. Para. A. all times Z. Plane sights Sub. 13.20 N. 69.00 W. 0550/1.
Para. B. Sub. attacked 06.40 N., 54.07 W. 2220/1. Surface craft attack Radar contact 20.58 N., 74.19 W. 0410/2 Sub. attacked 06.34 N., 55.19 W. 0455/2.
Para. C. B.17. Radar contact 39.09 N., 71.10 W. 0050/2. Navy plane sights periscope 01.04 N., 45.41 W. 1104/2. P.C.495 surprise and Somers attack three sound contacts area 06.44 N., 56.21 W. about 1315/2. K.61 attacks Sub. 40.03 N., 69.59 W. 1656/2. B.24 contacts Sub. 13.07 N., 68.28 W. 2343/1. (Cominch, 022046Z to Admty).

A.P.C.52 Cominch 012224 not to F.O.N.F. A.P.C.52 (F.T.12) allocated Iceland (C) is being sailed with B.Y.M.S. 33 and 240 as far as Londonderry for onward routeing because it is not considered advisable to sail Fleet Tenders alone and there are no suitable ships proceeding direct to Iceland (C) with which she could be sailed. 2. If delay to B.Y.M.S. ? can be accepted an alternative would be to route all 3 vessels via Iceland (C). If this is preferred request you will inform F.O.N.F. so that they may be re-routed from St. Johns. (B.A.D., 022119Z to Admty. (R) C. in C. C.N.A., F.O.N.F., C. in C. W.A.)

L.S.Ts. 8 L.S.T. sailing in U.G.S.15 form 9th Squadron. Date fixed for sailing left little time for working up which has been absorbed by embarkation of L.C.T.5. Consequently only one ship will be able to exercise beaching. It is proposed to fly all other C.Os. and First Lieuts. to witness this practice but squadron will have to be sailed with little station keeping and other desirable exercises. (B.A.D., 022235Z to F.O.C.R.I.N. (R) Admty. C. in C. Med., D.C.O. India).

VESPER VESPER returning to St. Johns N.F. with condenser trouble. (?Request) she be sailed to overtake when defects are made good. (HESPERUS, 022240Z to F.O.N.F. (R) VESPER).

Australia & New Zealand.

LEANDER Ref. A.M. 201544 July. In view of heavy load of refit and repair work in hand and in prospect in U.K. including C.C.O. requirements matter has been reconsidered and if you have no objection it would be preferred that U.S. Authorities be approached as to whether LEANDER can be repaired in U.S.A., certain modernisation work being carried out concurrently.

/If...

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LEANDER If you concur, action with B.A.D. would be taken
refit. by Admiralty.
(contd.) (V.C.N.S. 020117B to N.Z.N.B. (R) H.C.N.Z.)
[Reply: 062307Z, p. 217]

CARINA U.S.S. CARINA departed Port Melbourne 31st for
Auckland routed through (A) 039 degs. 50' S. 160 degs
40' E. (B) 033 degs. 50' S. 170 degs. 20' E. to
destination. S. of A. 9 knots. E.T.A. 0200Z
August 8th.
(A.C.N.B. 020701Z to Admty. Connav, Com.12,
Cdr. 3rd U.S. Fleet N.Z.N.B.).

Movements Arrivals 1st Brisbane R.A.A.F. store ship
WANAKA, U.S. Transport LUDINGTON, 2nd Fremantle,
H/T NIEUW AMSTERDAM, H/T KATOOMBA departed
Townsville 31st July due Port Moresby 4th August.
U.S. Transport VAN HEUTSZ departed Cairns 1st due Fall River 4th.
(C.S.W.P.S.F. 020750Z).
Arrived Fremantle 1st JACOB VAN HEEMSKERCK, TJERK HIDDES,
Cairns 1st KATOOMBA, Sydney 1st U.S.D. FLUSSER.
Departed Milne Bay 31st GYMPIE, BUNBURY for Townsville.
Townsville 31st U.S.D. HELM for Port Moresby. Port Moresby 31st
U.S.D. LAMSON for Cairns. Cairns 1st SWAN, Bowen KAPUNDA, U.S.D.
HENLEY for New Guinea. Fremantle 1st U.S. PRESTON for Exmouth
Gulf. Bowen 1st U.S.S. SAN PABLO for Milne Bay.
(A.C.N.B. 021054Z).
Departed Port Moresby 31st U.S.S. H.T. FALLEN for Cairns,
Milne Bay 1st U.S. MIZAR for Port Moresby.
(A.C.N.B. 021227Z).

Digest (1) Submarine on southerly course reported
serial No. vicinity Cape Orford afternoon.
559 August (2) Nine Bostons attacked barges and villages
1st. vicinity Cape Gloucester midday 31st destroying
5 barges and starting fires.
(3) Two Havocs bombed and hit buildings Gasmata
morning 1st and also strafed small craft
Gasmata - Arawe area.
(6) Reported night 25/26 300 Japanese in 4 barges arrived
Salamaua.
(8) Photos Waingapoe morning 31st reveal 7 barges, 2 Prauj
also extension of runway but no aircraft and fires in Jetty area.
(12) Force described as comprising 1 destroyer, 2 smaller
vessels reported 12 miles N.N.W. Buka Passage course 100 degs.
morning.
(13) Three destroyers reported to Northward of Capsmhenpan Buka
Island course 260 degs. midday.
(15) In Shortlands area afternoon photos showed 11 merchantmen
chiefly small, also 1 sub. chaser, 14 auxiliaries and some
barges. Shortly afterwards 18 Avengers eleven Dauntless escorted
by 12 Warhawks, 12 Corsairs, 31 Wildcats attacked shipping and
reported scoring hits on 2 vessels and sinking 8 barges.
Photos after attack showed 2 less vessels in area. 25 to 30
Zeros attempted interception and one Zero shot down and one
Warhawk lost.
(G.H.Q. S.W.P.A. 020745Z).

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C., 021346B, 021347B).

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Tuesday.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

1. The new cruiser CEYLON arrived at Scapa this morning.
2. The escort carriers HUNTER, BATTLER, STALKER and ATTACKER sailed from the Clyde this afternoon for Gibraltar to work up, carrying reserve aircraft and pilots. RAMILLIES (Eastern Fleet) accompanies them.

3. ATHABASKAN on patrol with GRENVILLE and CHARYBDIS reported at 1900B today being attacked by 4 enemy aircraft in 45.30 N. 10.20 W.

Air
attack
on
Hamburg.

4. 740 aircraft took off to attack Hamburg last night. Weather became bad half way across the North Sea and only 394 aircraft bombed the primary target. The attack appears to have been scattered. 30 aircraft are missing.

5. It is reported that in the air attack on Trondheim on 24th June a large U/Boat, one 5,000 ton tanker, a 1,500 ton cargo vessel and 2 tugs were destroyed. One destroyed, and several smaller vessels were badly damaged. Considerable damage was caused to the Naval establishment.

6. The Belgian trawler Z.3 IRMA GERMAINE was blown up and destroyed by a presumed mine, when hauling in her trawl in an attempt to clear an obstruction 8 miles S.E. of Berry Head this afternoon. Three ground mines were detonated in the Humber area today.

North Atlantic.

7. A Wellington aircraft in flight from U.K. to Ras el Ma reported at 1115Z a possible submarine sunk in 36.40 N. 08.40 W.

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SITUATION REPORT.

South Atlantic.

U/Boat
sunk.

8. A large U/Boat, thought possibly to be a supply submarine was damaged by aircraft and sunk by U.S. destroyer MOFFETT at 2030Z today in 09.40 S., 30.07 W. (about 260 miles E.S.E. of Pernambuco)

A second U/Boat was attacked by aircraft in 09.33 S. 30.27 W. at 1025Z/3. It is thought that this U/Boat may have been damaged, but it may have attacked a ship on 6th August (q.v.)

Mediterranean.

U/Boat
sunk.

(ARGENTO)

9. The U.S. destroyer BUCK destroyed an Italian U/Boat at 0015 today in 36.52 N. 12.08 E. (off Pantellaria). The Commanding Officer and about 40 survivors were picked up.

It is reported that S/M TROOPER probably sank a U/Boat off Santa Maria di Leuca; the date is not known.

YANKEE
ARROW
mined.

10. It is reported that the U.S. Tanker YANKEE ARROW (8046 tons) was mined (date not given) off Cape Bon when outside the war channel. There were some casualties. The fire was extinguished and the ship diverted to Bizerta.

11. An Italian sabotage party consisting of 2 officers and 18 men landed by boat from a submarine at 2130C today, 23 km. south of Benghazi. Their objective was Berce airfield. All were captured, and A/S search was carried out for the submarine which was to have re-embarked them at 0400/4.

12. At 1058B, UNRUFFLED sank a 3 funnel transport similar to French SS PROVIDENCE, inward bound in the Brindisi area.

Air
operations.

13. At Milazzo last night 3 small merchant ships were bombed and the docks were hit. Three hits were made on a 300 ft. merchant vessel at Milazzo today.

Taormina was also bombed.

South of Bonifacio a convoy of 2 tankers and 1 merchant ship was attacked with torpedoes and it is thought the merchant ship was hit.

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14. An aircraft attacked and claims to have probably sunk a U/Boat at 1025 in 09.33 S. 30.37 W. U.S.S. MOFFETT made an attack in the same area, probable damage is reported by Cominch.

An aircraft attacked and claims to have probably sunk a U/Boat at 1925 in 36.35 N. 40.39 W.

Australia and New Zealand.

15. Two unidentified vessels were attacked by a Catalina 14 miles west south west of Cape Gloucester in the early hours of today and one was hit. Nine Mitchells attacked 20 barges in Borgen Bay, New Britain early this afternoon, destroying 10 and damaging the remainder; Flames and explosions indicated the destruction of ammunition cargo. In a barge sweep off Huon Peninsula several barges were destroyed and damaged.

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Norway.

Chief of Naval Staff tells me that Swedish feel concerned at Germans sudden feverish activity in fortifying south frontier at Frederickshald area against attack from Sweden. Both sea and shore defences are now being prepared. He said Germans had some reason for thinking British might raid or invade that area.

2. We have no information to confirm this so far through usual channels.

(N.A.Stockholm 031617 to Admty.)

N.I.D.Comment. Minor German defences at the southern end of the Norwegian-Swedish frontier have been in existence for several months, and coastal batteries for even longer. There are indications that minor defences are being extended.

OFFA.

My 101620B June and Admty's 251550B July. Now that QUALITY is under orders for Foreign Service, request I be informed when it is expected that OFFA will return to Home Fleet, she having been released in place of QUALITY upon the latter sustaining collision damage.

(R.A.D.H.F. 032212B to Admty.)

M.T.B.688.

M.T.B. 688 is allocated to the 30th M.T.B. Flotilla in place of M.T.B. 620 and will be manned by Royal Norwegian Naval Personnel ex M.T.B. 620. (D.D.O.D.C. 032328B to A.C.O.S.)

Movements.

CEYLON.

Scapa arrival CEYLON at 0701.
(A.C.O.S. 030741).

RAMILLIES.

WARWICK takes VIMY under his orders passing Gate at 0600B/4th and proceeding via A.M. Q.Z.S. 409 and 410 through position (VA) 180° Bishop Rock 10 to R/V with RAMILLIES at 1800B/5th August in position (VB) 048° 01' N. 014° 59' W. in accordance with A.M. 011343B and RAMILLIES 021631B.

2. On joining provide additional escort until latitude 040° N. is reached, at which time, if submarine situation permits, WARWICK and VIMY are to part company with RAMILLIES and proceed toward position (X) 045° 00' N. 011° 00' W. to join B.5 Group.

3. When 100 miles clear of RAMILLIES, WARWICK report P.C. and 3. of destroyers.

(C. in C.Plymouth 031241B to WARWICK, VIMY.)

BLENHEIM.

Intend to sail BLENHEIM with CASTLETON, WELLS, and ST. MARY'S at 2100B/5th routed direct to Clyde speed 9½ knots. E.T.A. Clyde Boom 0900B/10th.
(A.C.I.C. 031302B to N.O.I.C. Glasgow.)

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Movements. - Contd.

S/M
 Movements. Intend sailing X-type S/M in tow as follows from Port HH Z on 6th August all proceeding via 058° 30' N., 006° 10' W.

Ships	Time of departure	Position
PRESENT HELP and X.5.	0030	259° Sule Skerry.
ALECTO and X.6	0700	240° Sule Skerry.
TEDWORTH and X.7	0600	180° Sule Skerry.

(2) At about 2100B/6th tow will be slipped marking position given para. 1, and X-type submarine will proceed independently to position 058° 37' N., 004° 40' W. E.T.A. 0300B/7th. Thence Port HH Z keeping within 2 miles of coast. (BONAVENTURE, 031414B).

Intend sailing SARDONYX, SEA ROVER, UPSTART from 180° Sanda Island 2 miles at 2100B/5th August to Scapa. E.T.A. 0800B/7th.

(2) Thence SEA ROVER as ordered by A.C.O.S. SARDONYX, UPSTART to Lerwick. E.T.A. 2000B/7th. Speed 10 knots.

(3) S.O.(S) Lerwick is requested to sail SARDONYX, SCEPTRE at 0030B/8th, to Scapa, E.T.A. 1130B/8th.

(4) A.C.O.S. is requested to sail STOIC and STUBBORN to meet SARDONYX. Thence SARDONYX and 3 S/M to Port H H Z, E.T.A. 1930B/8th. Speed 11 knots. Thence SARDONYX, STOIC, STUBBORN to Clyde, E.T.A. 2330B/9th.

(5) BONAVENTURE is requested to sail SCEPTRE to Holy Loch on completion of trials with SCEPTRE.

(Capt. S.3., 031447B and 041419B).

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

(F.O.S., 031709B, 032141B, 041546).

Sailed CUTTY SARK, SEANYMPH, SYRTIS and SEADOG in accordance with S.3s 011023.

(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 032144B).

HUNTER,
 RAMILLIES,
 BATTLER,
 STALKER,
 ATTACKER. Sailed my 022028B.
 (F.O.I.C. Greenock, 031458B).

HURRICANE Following received from B.1. HURRICANE E.T.A. Lough Foyle 2000Q/3rd. Have 6 G.A.F. prisoners, one being cot case, three others wounded. T.O.O. 031317. Ends.
 (Cdre. D. W.A. 031757B and 032159B to Admty).

A.F.D.XIX Arrived Dunstaffnage.
 (N.O.I.C. Oban, 031904B).

ILLUSTRIOUS Scapa departures ILLUSTRIOUS, OPPORTUNE, OBEDIENT, OB DURATE.
 (A.C.O.S., 032030 to F.O.I.C. Greenock).

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Operation "Musketry". A.M. 021913B. Further bearings give a reliable position of this U-boat within 20 miles of $46^{\circ} 15' N.$, $12^{\circ} 00' W.$ Further transmissions at 1809Z/2 and 1819Z/2 were from the same general area (D.D.I.C., 030036B to E.G.40, E.G.2, ATHABASKAN, CHARYBDIS).

P.C.S. of enemy are by R.D.F. $046^{\circ} 20' N.$, $011^{\circ} 03' W.$, 090° 28 knots.

(E.G.40, 030118B to ATHABASKAN, CHARYBDIS, E.G.2).

By Radar of S.O. 40th Escort Group enemy has passed to eastward of patrol line. His P.C.S. at 030118B estimated $046^{\circ} 20' N.$, $011^{\circ} 03' W.$, 090° 28 knots.

(E.G.2, 030200B to C. in C. Plymouth).

My P.C.S. $045^{\circ} 51' N.$, $011^{\circ} 26' W.$, 080° 11 knots.

(E.G.2, 030710B to CHARYBDIS, E.G.40).

"Gibson" in $46^{\circ} 20' N.$, $09^{\circ} 08' W.$, 237° 30 knots, is being shadowed by one enemy A/C bearing 180° 3 miles.

(ATHABASKAN, 030831B to Plymouth W/T).

Have met ship $45^{\circ} 48' N.$, $10^{\circ} 16' W.$ at 0801.

(A/C 210 Sq. Duty K 030853B to 19 Group).

Escort Group 2 established patrol with both escort groups on $011^{\circ} W.$, between $045^{\circ} 50' N.$, and $046^{\circ} 30' N.$ CHARYBDIS is to R/V ATHABASKAN and GRENVILLE and will patrol 20 miles to eastward.

(CHARYBDIS, 030916B to E.G.2, E.G.40, ATHABASKAN).

One enemy aircraft shadowing, bearing 010° distance 6 miles. P.C.S. $46^{\circ} 08' N.$, $09^{\circ} 59' W.$, 270° 25 knots.

(CHARYBDIS, 030933B to Whitehall W/T).

My 030933B. ATHABASKAN and GRENVILLE in company.

(CHARYBDIS, 030934B to Whitehall W/T).

My P.C.S. are $048^{\circ} 03' N.$, $011^{\circ} 26' W.$, 000° 13 knots, alter 077° in $049^{\circ} N.$ E.T.A. 1230B/4.

Have on board 3 survivors from aircraft VP 63 (Jig) U.S.N., BIDEFORD's 021300B refers. Have also 2 German officers and 2 German ratings survivors from U-boat sunk by aircraft B 7 X.L. in position $046^{\circ} 24' N.$, $010^{\circ} 26' W.$

(WAVENEY 031001B to C. in C. Plymouth).

By D/F at 0721Z/3 unknown enemy unit, probably surface craft estimated within 60 miles of $45^{\circ} 40' N.$, $06^{\circ} 20' W.$

(D.D.I.C., 031006B to E.G.2, E.G.40 CHARYBDIS, ATHABASKAN).

Second escort group resume A/S Operations in "Musketry" area between $045^{\circ} N.$, $046^{\circ} N.$ 40th escort group resume operation between $046^{\circ} N.$, and $047^{\circ} N.$ CHARYBDIS with ATHABASKAN and GRENVILLE in company remaining as cover between longitude $009^{\circ} 30'$ and $010^{\circ} 30' W.$ until further orders.

3. S.O. 2nd escort group report when second escort group will leave area on account of fuel shortage.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 031011B).

Your 031011B. Expect to (?leave) area p.m. tomorrow 4th.

(E.G.2, 031204B to C. in C. Plymouth).

My 031011B. If fuel permits CHARYBDIS is to proceed to join O.G.91 in accordance with F.O.C. Gibraltar 011848B. Estimate O.G.91 in $043^{\circ} 06' N.$ $018^{\circ} 56' W.$ at 2000 today, speed 7 knots.

2. If fuel is insufficient to join O.G.91 CHARYBDIS is returning direct to Gibraltar. Intended movements of CHARYBDIS are to be reported to F.O.C. Gibraltar who is requested to issue any further instructions to her.

3. ATHABASKAN is to report fuel situation in destroyers.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 031641B).

/Disposition...

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Operation Musketry. (Contd.) Disposition at 2000.

1. 2nd Escort Group, KITE, WREN, WOODPECKER, WILD GOOSE, WOODCOCK on patrol in vicinity 045° 30' N. 011° 00' W.
2. 40 Escort Group, LANGUARD, HASTINGS, BIDEFORD on patrol in vicinity 046° 30' N. 011° 00' W.
3. ATHABASKAN, GRENVILLE, CHARYBDIS on patrol in vicinity 046° 30' N. 010° 00' W.
4. B.5 Escort Group, HAVELOCK, VOLUNTEER, SAXIFRAGE, GODETIA 048° 12' N. 011° 00' W., southbound 12 knots.
7. WAVENEY 049° 15' N. 009° 30' W. bound Plymouth 13 knots. (C. in C. Plymouth 031655B)

"Gibson" being attacked by four enemy Aircraft position 45.30 N. 10.20 W., course 000°, speed 20 knots.
 (ATHABASKAN, 031900B to Whitehall W/T.)
 Fuel remaining at 2000 ATHABASKAN 41% GRENVILLE 45%. My P.C.S. at 1900B, 45° 32' N. 10° 20' W. course 000° 20 knots.
 (ATHABASKAN 031905B to C. in C. Plymouth)

Operation S.F. Following received from Iceland aircraft begins: Am over enemy S/M in 62° 03' N. 12° 52' W., 8 kts. Enemy when first sighted was on course 250°, 8 knots. T.O.O. 030732 ends.
 (C. in C. Rosyth, 030820B to MUSKETEER, ORWELL, R.A.D. H.F., C. in C. H.F.)

Establish patrol as follows. Group A. from Southern Point of Area B to mid point of South Western Strait. Group B from mid point of South Western Strait to Western Point of area B. Group B commences 1100, S.O.A. 15 knots.
 (MUSKETEER, 031054B to ORWELL)

In the absence of other orders steer for position 061° 57' N 013° 40' W., at best speed for U/Boat hunt.

2. Act under orders of C. in C. Rosyth for operation S.F. as group C.
3. ORWELL and ORIBI are group A. MUSKETEER and MAHRATTA are group B.
 (C. in C.H.F. 031116B to CASTLETON, WELLS, ST. MARY'S)

A/C just landed makes it appear that all A/C enemy reports to date refer to same U/B. Best position considered to be 62° 42' N. 13° 08' W. course 230° speed 10 knots at 0802.
 (C. in C. Rosyth 031351B to MUSKETEER.)

My 031054. Group A patrol from southern corner of square B to A position 45 miles 314° from this point. Group B patrol from limit of group A's patrol for further 45 miles 314°. Group B will commence patrol from southern end at 1600.
 (MUSKETEER, 031458 to ORWELL)

C. in C. H.F.'s 031116. Organize in 2 groups. Group C referred to will not have S.F. Orders.

2. Your 031054. In view of my 031351 patrol should now be shifted further to north west.
 (C. in C. Rosyth 031549B to MUSKETEER.)

/A/C...

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Operation S.F. (Contd.) A/C co-operating in operation S.F. are flying in an area known as "Moorings" viz: $061^{\circ} 20'$, $013^{\circ} 03'$ $062^{\circ} 47'$ $009^{\circ} 55'$ $064^{\circ} 08'$ $013^{\circ} 02'$, $062^{\circ} 43'$ $016^{\circ} 03'$.

(2) At present their number (a) 12 from 18 group (b) 20 from Iceland. (3) A further signal amending this area or number will be made at 1200 and 2400 daily. (C. in C. Rosyth, 031615B to A.I.G.47.)

Correct my 031218. ORWELL, ORIBI, CASTLETON, ST.MARY'S, WELLS, MUSKETEER, MAHRATTA patrolling between position $062^{\circ} 35'$ N. $014^{\circ} 54'$ W. and $061^{\circ} 33'$ N. $012^{\circ} 38'$ W. (A.C.O.S. 032143B to Ships)

Operation S.F. To conform with "Moorings" being flown from 0001B/4th, centre of each square is to be moved 80 miles 225° . Adjust patrols accordingly. (C. in C. Rosyth 032304B to MUSKETEER)

My 031615B. "Moorings" will be moved 80 miles, 225° at 2359B/3rd. (C. in C. Rosyth, 032323B to H.F.)

Coastal Force Patrols. (1) (A) M.G.B. 613, 615 Anti-E Boat patrol from 2315 to 0430, on $50^{\circ} 25'$ N. between $0^{\circ} 40'$ W. and $1^{\circ} 25'$ W. (B) M.L.292, 343, patrol Q.Z.S. 384 between F and E.A.5 Buoys. (C) M.G.B. 13, 6, 8 from Portland Anti-E-Boat patrol, on $50^{\circ} 20'$ N. between $2^{\circ} 00'$ W. and $2^{\circ} 25'$ W. (D) GLAISDALE, STEVENSTONE, Chasseur 15

immediate notice St. Helens.

(2) If M.G.Bs. do not proceed GLAISDALE, STEVENSTONE carry out patrol A if weather is suitable.

(C. in C. Portsmouth, 031253B)

1. Force C. CONQUEROR and M.Ls. 118, 163, 155 are to patrol 3 miles 090° and 270° from 095° Start 14.

3. Force D. M.G.Bs. 111, 81, 112 75 are to patrol in vicinity 190° Start 17. 5. Force E. M.G.Bs. 323, 332, 312, 322 are to patrol in vicinity of position 180° Eddystone 8.

7. Forces C.D. and E. are to leave Dartmouth to be on patrol by 2230B. Leave patrol 0530B.

8. Force F. M.T.Bs. 94, 96, 91 are to patrol to the North Eastward of Alderney keeping West of 2° W. unless in pursuit of enemy, with the object of intercepting enemy shipping. Leave Dartmouth 2130B. Speed on passage to reach patrol area by 2400B. Force F is to be within 20 miles of own coast by first light.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 031613B.)

M.Ls. 139 and 138 at Bullock Bank.

M.Ls. 104 101, 102, 108, 107, 210, 213, 128 and 573 carrying out operation N.L. 94, route via Dumpton and U buoys each way, E.T.D. 2100, E.T.R. 0630/4.

MT.Bs 202, 211, 221, 204, 203 and 231 carrying out operation N.L.95 route via Dumpton and U buoys each way. E.T.D. 2130, E.T.R. 0700/4.

/ M.T.B.25...

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Coastal Force Patrols. (Contd.) M.T.B.25 and M.G.Bs. 117 and 114 leave Dover southward route via No. 10 buoy and Bullock Bank each way. E.T.D 2146, E.T.R. 0645/4. M.G.Bs. 116 and 118 leave Dover eastwards, route via Dumpton and V. buoys each way. E.T.D.2200, E.T.R. 0615/4. M.G.Bs. S.2 and 43 from Dover at Bullock Bank, E.T.D. 2200. M.A.S.Bs. 38 and 29 from Ramsgate at V Buoy, E.T.D. 2230. H.S.Ls. 2547 and 2549 leave Dover for Bullock Bank, E.T.D. 0330/4. H.S.Ls. 127 and 149 leave Ramsgate for V Buoy, E.T.D. 0430/4. (V.A. Dover, 031918B)

"Forfar How". Carry out Operation "Forfar How" tonight. (F.O.C. Dover, 031315B to M.T.B.25, LYNX, M.G.B.F. 9.)

S/M Patrols. Positions of Submarines at 0800B/4th and movements for following 24 hours. (A) TRUANT, MINERVE and SCEPTRE as in my 011746. SCEPTRE leaves patrol 1300/4th dived as much as practicable when north of 62° N. due

Lerwick p.m. 5th. (F) SATYR escorted by Chaser 12 leaves Needles Channel 0730/4th, due 180° Lizard Head 10 miles at 2230/4th, thence unescorted dived by day through 49° 00' N. 06° 30' W. at 0500/5th, thence towards 46° 52' N. 06° 30' W. (G) RUBIS 47° 24' N. 06° 01' W. dived by day through 47° 16' N. 06° 02' W. thence to North Eastward for minelay. (F.O.S. 031709B to Admty.)

"Forfar Beer." "Forfar Beer " Phase one will be carried out tonight. (N.O.I.C. Newhaven, 031935 to C. in C. Portsmouth)

Allied Air Activity.

Trondheim. Norway Trondjhem bomb damage to German Naval Establishment. 1. Following preliminary report Damage by bombs. from Swedish observer is believed to be accurate by Swedish Staff: a. One large U-boat, one 5,000 ton tanker, one cargo-vessel of 1500 tons and two tugs were destroyed. b. One destroyer badly damaged, also a large floating crane and several smaller vessels. c. Some workshops with machinery and equipment were destroyed. d. Certain oil and petrol stocks were burnt out. e. A considerable number of German N.Os. and men were killed. Graded B.2.2-Swedish press reports of August 2nd are also derived from same source. (N.A. Stockholm, 031504 to Admty.) O.I.C. Comment. This report tallies fairly well with air reccos. and pending further reports may be considered correct.

/Bomber...

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Bomber Command operations. On night 2/3 394 A/C bombed Hamburg. (H.Q.B.C. 031630B.)

Mining.

Humber. At 0836 magnetic mine 319° 59 Buoy 1.8 miles. (F.O. Humber 030937 and 032037B)
Following mines detonated today by sweepers.
One at 0703 in 323° 59 Buoy 2 miles, and one at 1658 in 41° H.5 Buoy 8 cables. Details. (F.O.Humber, 032037B.)

S.N.123 S.N.123. Completed. (Lt. Cdr. Davies 031000B to D.M.S.)

Q.U.2 C. Carry out operation Q.U. (2) Tonight. Route to 3 B. Buoy thence to R.B.14 thence to laying position 52° 22' N. 04° 25' E. return by same route until west of 3° E. Time of Laying
0100B. Supporting Force. All available boats of 6th M.G.Bs. are to be at R.B.11 at 0100/4th and then sweep towards 52° 17' N. 3° 55' E. Object to destroy any patrol-vessels found during the sweep and to act in support of M.Ls. if requested to do so. Unless called upon to assist M.Ls. or in contact with enemy unit is not to go north of 52° 25' N. or East of 03° 55' E. (C. in C. Nore 031143B to BEEHIVE)

Q.Z.X.1070 Have resumed operational control of Flotilla. Intend to sail with HOUND, HYDRA and four Danlayers at 0615 tomorrow to begin clearance of area joining the following points in Q.Z.X.1070:-
(A) 50° 23' 22" N. 3° 06' 23" W. (B) 50° 24' 24" N. 2° 57' 13" W. (C) 50° 20' 16" N. 2° 56' 00" W. (D) 50° 18' 44" N. 3° 05' 02" W.
(M/S 18 031659B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

IRMA GERMAINE. Following from R.N.O. Brixham begins: Belgian trawler Z3 IRMA GERMAINE gross tonnage 19 blew up and sank 8 miles S.E. of Berry Head at 1422 when hauling in her trawl in an attempt to clear an obstruction presumably a mine. No survivors or wreckage. 3 deceased's names. Master of Belgian trawler H.24 witnessed explosion and states that he misunderstood the limits of Q.Z.X. 1070, 031745B. Ends. (N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 031934 to Admty.)

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDS.Enemy Intelligence.

Enemy Convoy. Enemy - 1 medium vessel, 2 small vessels, 1 destroyer, P.C.S. 58° 28' N. 5° 48' E. 325° 8 knots.
(A/C 333 Sq. Duty L. 030734B to 18 Group.)

U-Boats.

U-Boats reported. Am over enemy submarine in (? latitude) 02° 52' W. When first sighted on surface was on course 250°, estimated speed 8.
(A/C B.N.N.L.5 030732 to 18 Group.)
Following has been read:- Am over enemy submarine in 62° 42' N. 13° 08' W. Enemy submarine was on surface, when first sighted was on course 230° 10 knots.
(A/C B.N.N.W.47 030802B to 18 Group.)

3 August C.54 in transit U.K. to Iceland reports at 1802Z sighted streaks of two periscopes. Course and speed not known. Position 6.30 N. 18.20 W. Details signalled by aircraft to Iceland.

(T.A.C. Prestwick, 031811 to Air Ministry)

U-Boat attacked. Am over 3 enemy S/Ms in 62° 47' N. 12° 14' W. S/Ms were on surface. When first sighted were on course 230° speed 15 knots.
(A/C B.N.N.P.5 030750 to 18 Group)
My 030750. Fortress dropped depth-charge. Sub. submerged again, apparently undamaged, immediately.
One U-Boat only.
(A/C? B.N.N.P.5 031015 to 18 Group)

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- MILNE. Scapa arrival. MILNE at 0805.
(A.C.O.S. 030913 to N.O.I.C. Faroes.)
- Cable Repair. Sail BURWELL when ready to relieve EDMUNDSTON escorting LORD KELVIN who is repairing cables in 049° 35' N. 026° 06' W.
(C. in C.W.A. 031040Z to Cdre. D.W.A.)
Your 031040Z. Intend to sail BURWELL from Lough Foyle at 0600B tomorrow to comply. E.T.A. position daylight 7th.
(Cdre. D.W.A. 031455B to C. in C.W.A.)
Your 031455. As EDMUNDSTON only has fuel till 9th BURWELL should R/V by 1200B/6th.
(C. in C.W.A. 032040Z to Cdre. D.W.A.)
- ROCKET. A.M. 021903B. Tilt Test on No. 3 gun was unsatisfactory. ROCKET will be delayed approximately one week whilst this is taken in hand.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock 031134B.)
- DESTINY. Intend to sail DESTINY at 0300V/4th for Greenock for investigation of steering-gear defects. E.T.A. 0800B.
(N.O.I.C. Campbeltown 031810B.)
- Shipping & Convoys.
- EMPIRE SCOTT, Your 311951 July. Arrived Dvina Bar a.m. 3rd Aug.
EMPIRE (S.B.N.O. Archangel 030918B to S.B.N.O. North Russia.)
FORTUNE.
- T.A. 54A. ELLIS, DUPONT, HERBERT, GREENE, DICKERSON, GREER, sailed Merville 0325B today to join T.A. 54A.
(U.S.E.C. Londonderry 031219.)
- K.M.S. 23. Admiralty 261959B July. Intend to sail EGILSAY S.O. and FILLA passing Needles 0700/4th for Greenock
(C. in C. Portsmouth 031222B.)
- H.X. 249. Detach forthwith to proceed independently at their best speed ships for Mersey Port capable of arriving Bar Light Vessel by 1300B/5th.
(C. in C.W.A. 031549B to Escorts H.X. 249.)
Your 031549B. No ships in convoy capable of arriving by 1300B/5th.
(C. 3 031532Z to Admty.)
- PONTFIELD. Your 012137. Arrived at Dvina Bar p.m. today.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel 031809B to S.B.N.O. N. Russia.)

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T.A.58
(QUEEN MARY)

GLASGOW is passing Gate at 1600B/4th and proceeding via Q.Z.S. 409 and 410 to pass through position P.A. 180° Bishop Rock 10 and thence R/V convoy T.A.58 in accordance with C. in C.H.F. 011934B para. 8. 2. On completion of duty GLASGOW is to return to Plymouth.
(C. in C.Plymouth 031945B to GLASGOW.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

M.K.S.20 A.I.214 August 3. Gibraltar GR Opsum Sup. 2/8
A/C Report. ZA. (A) M.K.S. 20 (B) K.202 (C) 0904 - 0239
(E) 1255 (F) 36.57 N., 12.50 W. 320° 8, 9
M/V 10 E.V. (G) 2226 ZC Raft believed empty
36.38 N., 12.10 W. 1745 investigated by E/V,
K.202 2 empty lifeboats 36.43 N. 12.16 W. 1840
K.202.
(H.Q. R.A.F., Gib. 030830B.)

Destinations, Para. 1 of your 291155 July. It is believed
U.G.S.12. all ships in para. 2 of C. in C. Med. 251914
July proceeded east of Gibraltar with K.M.S.21.
Visibility was reduced whilst convoy was passing.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 030948B to Admty.)

Dispositions. Situation 2002B/3rd. (Corrupt group) "J"
IMPERIALIST 45° 42' 13" 40' through 44° 58' 13"
41' thence 179° 7.
(2) M.K.S.20 SHIPPIGAN, SCYLLA (e) 39° 08' 15"
(?06') through 40° 01' 16" 01' thence 00° 7.8.
(3) O.G.91 K.M.S. 22, HIGHLANDER 043° 21' 018" 48' through
043° 01' 019" (?01') thence 180° 7.
(4) Italian repatriation ships VULCANIA and SATURNIA sailing
Las Palmas 4th August through 028° 24' 015" 01' thence 050° 16½
(F.O., Gibraltar, 031056B.)

T.O.7. Intend joining SAMOSET. Request pennant number,
sailing date, and R/V.
(Commorseafron, 031200B to C. in C. Med. (A))

C.G.53. Intend sail C.G.53 August 5th 0800A consisting
(list) escorted by LADY HOGARTH (Senior)
Chasseur II and III, C.471. routed through Q.K.A.
102. 35.44 N. 06.44 W. and Q.K.A.87 to

Gibraltar. S. of A. 7. E.T.A. 1600A. August 6th. Codeword
"Tarbat!"
(Commorseafron, 031213B 041337B to F.O. Gibraltar.)

Spanish Fishing. In conversation with Secretary Merchant Service
re Spanish fishing difficulties generally he said
in spite of prohibited area in Bay of Biscay
about 80 per cent vessels usually fishing on
Grand Solbank would be able to go on doing so
but that roundabout voyage to and from ground would mean 50 per
cent reduction in total catch, 20 per cent of vessels would have
to go to Canary Islands.
He is studying means of sending more oil burning trawlers to
Newfoundland Bank. All other Pysbe ships burn coal.
(N.A. Madrid, 031245B to Admty.)

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M.K.F.20 In view of recent enemy air activity request confirmation that M.K.F. 20 is to proceed by standard route. C. in C. Med 271808P July refers.
(F.O.i/c Gibraltar, 031302B to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med.(A))

Your 031302. Request you will route M.K.F. 20 as follows:-

2. Convoy route MH 35.10 N. 10.00 W. MJ 35.05 N.16.30 W
MK 38.00 N. 19.00 W. ML 43.00 N. 19.00 W. MN 50.00 N. 16.00 W.
MM 55.00 N. 11.00 W. MO 55.25 N. 08.30 W.
3. Stragglers route: W. 34.30 N. 10.00 W. X. 34.30 N. 16.00 W.
Y. 38.00 N. 20.00 W. Z. 44.00 N. 20.00 W. A. 50.00 N.
17.00 W. B. 55.00 N. 11.00 W. C. 55.25 N. 08.30 W.
(D.O.D.(H) 032225B to F.O. Gibraltar.)

COLTSFOOT, My P.C. and S. 036° 30' N. 002° 46' W. 262° 8½
UNBROKEN. knots. E.T.A. S.63 0500/4th. P.42 (UNBROKEN)
in company.
(COLTSFOOT, 031501B to F.O.i/c Gibraltar.)

O.G.91 My 291549Z/7 and 291541Z/7 (Sailing O.G.91/K.M.S.
K.M.S.22. 22) Add rescue ship GOODWIN H/F D/F for
Gibraltar. Cancel HIGHWEAR. Amend accordingly.
(C. in C.W.A. 031501Z to A.I.G.190, C. in C.
Levant.)

?U/B A.994 3rd August. Following received from
Sunk. Wellington aircraft in flight U.K. Ras El Ma.
"Possible submarine sunk position 36.40 N. 08.40 W.
Ships near BYWX. T.O.O. 1115Z."
(O.A.C. Glos, 031510B to Air Ministry (D.O.N.C.)
(R) Admty., H.Q.C.C.)

Movements, Arrival: WILTON from Bizerta. Departures:
Gibraltar. HAARLEM, escort duties Almeria, and HORNILLO.
LORD NUFFIELD escort duties Melilla.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 031923B to Admty. etc.)

CHARYBDIS, C. in C. Plymouth 031641B. Fuel insufficient to
O.G.91. join convoy. Returning Gibraltar 21 knots
through 043 N. 010 W. thence steering 100
Weather report and position to nearest degree 5682,
1354, 4510.
(CHARYBDIS, 032002B to F.O.Gibraltar, (R) C. in
C. Plymouth, Ships escorting Convoy O.G.91 Admty.)
Your 032002. Proceed at your best speed. Acknowledge.
(2) Report E.T.A.
(F.O.C. Gibraltar, 032246B to CHARYBDIS (R) Admty., C. in C.
Plymouth.)

/Spanish...

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Fishing
Vessels.

Admty. pass to addressees named. Your 011726 (Re normal speed of Spanish fishing vessels ABREGO & CIERZO). Normal speed in ballast $10\frac{1}{2}$ knots. Loaded 9 knots. But at present voyage instructions are to proceed 8 knots. (N.A. Madrid, 032002B, to Admty. (R) N.S.H.Q. B.A.D.)

Movements,
Casablanca.

Arrived August 3rd P.Cs. 481, 475 and LADY HOGARTH.
(C.M.S.F.F. 032150B. to C. in C. Med.)

EMPRESS OF
SCOTLAND.

Designate one DD to escort EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND to Casablanca. R/V with EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND $034^{\circ} 16' N.$ $016^{\circ} 50' W.$ 051800A. Course of EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND (B) $036^{\circ} N.$ (? 028°) West (C) $034^{\circ} N.$ $015^{\circ} W.$ (U) $034^{\circ} 03' (?North)$ $008^{\circ} 03' W.$ Q.K.A.102 to Casablanca S. of A. 19.75 knots E.T.A. 061800A, codeword "Disposal" associated call sign 165 guard 2410 kc/s A/C will assist R/V and give coverage. (C.M.S.F. 032225B. to C.T.F.63. (R) C. in C. Med. Cdr. U.S. Naval Forces N.W.Af. Waters. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND, U.S.S. JOHN D. FORD, C.F.W.15.)

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S.L. 136 Ships requiring coal should arrive Freetown not later than a.m. August 29th for inclusion in S.L.136. Ship sailing Freetown for U.K. require 30 days endurance at 8 knots.
All ships mentioned in your 311409 July accepted S.L.136 provided their arrival is in compliance with the above time.
(N.C.S.O. Freetown, 030435Z to B.N.S.O. Rio de Janeiro)

Movements, Sailed 0500Z/3rd ABERDEEN and COPINSAY escorting Lagos, EMPIRE MIRANDA to join T.S.49. T.S.49. (N.O.I.C. Lagos, 030808Z to Admty etc.)

T.S.49. Owing to U-Boat situation it has been decided to sail SANTA MARGARITA to Freetown for bunkers in T.S.49.
(F.O.C.W.Af. 030917Z to N.O.I.C.Takoradi (R) Admty.)

MAURETANIA. 2nd August arrival.
(N.C.S.O. Freetown, 030954 to Admty)
Freetown MAURETANIA, 1835 August, Clyde, F.O. 7th August.
(N.C.S.O. Freetown, 032021Z to Admty)
Sailing telegram (032025Z) Amended to 11th August (N.C.S.O. Freetown 041105Z)

SCHELDE. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar's 021635. Anticipate SCHELDE ready to sail about 7th August.
My 301853 to F.O.C. West Africa refers.
(N.T. in W.R.)
(Comar Dakar, 031148 to F.O.C.W.A. (R) Admty. etc.)

Dispositions. Situation at 2001Z/3rd.
ROCHESTER, MIGNONETTE, AZALEA, BALSAM, GERANIUM, BURDOCK, BLACKMORE O.R.P. BURZA with S.L.134 020 degs. 50' 017 degs. 49' (? 000 degs.) 63.
FOWEY, MYOSOTIS, MALLOW, CAMPION, STONECROP, SNOWDROP, SOUTHERN PRIDE, FRISCO, BERRY with O.S.52 017 degs. 18' 018 degs. 10' to 015 degs. 00' 018 degs. 00' thence 173 degs. 9.
M.L.263 and 278 escorting 010 degs. 50' 017 degs. 12' to 010 degs. 40' 17 degs. 12' thence 120 degs. 5.
LE CENTAURE, M.L.574 009 degs. 06' 014 degs. 37' through 010 degs. 00' 016 degs. 20' at 0600Z/4th through 011 degs. 00' 017 degs. 18' at 1330Z/4th thence Dakar 11.5.
(F.O.C.W.A. 031216Z)

U/B. SABEINA reports through air cover sighting U-Boat 08.48 E.04.05 N. noon G.M.T. today.
(R.N.O. Lagos, 031235Z to F.O.C.W.A. (R) Admty. etc.)

U/B /...

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Tuesday.War Dairy.FOREIGN STATIONS.South Atlantic. - Contd.

U/B Tactical policy series 1. Short title T.P.1.
Tactics. There are indications that within 2 hours of a
(T.P.1) recent night attack the U-Boat was on surface
and acting with impunity in spite of the fact
that 5 escorts were present. Immediately an
unseen and undetected night attack is delivered
escort must act instantly with a view to causing U-Boat to
dive and fixing it, the area being logged and all likely contacts
attacked. Provided U-Boat can be kept submerged it cannot
get far from the position in which it made its attack.
Meanwhile, A/C will be despatched to maintain continuous A/S
V patrol within 60 miles of attacking position when possible
for next 24 Hours. (2) Action by escorts. When ship is
torpedoed on dark night and no Radar, Asdic or hydrophone effect
contact is previously obtained, escorts are to act as follows.
(a) At least one escort in van to remain with convoy. (b) Escort
in rear and/or escorts nearest on convoy flank to close torpedoed
ship and commence operations "Observant" in accordance with A.C.I.
122 without further signal. (c) For first hour after torpedoing,
operation "Observant" should be executed by 2 escorts. When
there are less than 5 escorts, one is to continue searching area
for 24 hours in accordance with Para. 13 of A.C.I. 122, other-
wise 2 escorts are to remain for this period.
(3) Illuminating - the following arcs are to be illuminated by
star shells immediately after the attack:
(a) Escort in the van from bow to beam of convoy each side.
(b) First ship to reach "Observant" patrol in rear of and away
from convoy.
(c) (Corrupt group) ships on "Observant" patrol to continue
illuminating with star shells outside the square patrolled
during first circuit of square in all directions except toward
convoy (- ?)
(d) Subsequently or at any other time illuminate any suspected
Radar, Asdic or hydrophone effect contact in any direction.
(e) Star shells are to be set to burst at 5000 yards unless
otherwise ordered by S.O. Escort.
(4) Aircraft. S.O. Escort should immediately inform the Air
escort of the attack by R/T codeword "Broken Axle" and T.O.O.
On receipt of this signal aircraft is to proceed to a position
3 miles in rear of convoy and lay a line of 3 flares (? with)
one 3 miles each side of the M.L.A. Aircraft is to continue to
patrol within approximately 10 miles of the position of the
centre flare until ordered to rejoin convoy or P.L.E. If S.O.
Escort does not wish aircraft to use flares he is to signal
codeword "Darkie" on R/T.
If ship executing "Observant" requires more flares the codeword
"Blondie" should be signalled on R/T. with bearing and distance.
(?First) escort indicating position by firing one (? red) very's
light. Aircraft will drop single flare as indicator.
(5) Survivors. After completing one circuit of "Observant"
and provided there is no contact with the U-Boat one ship of the
"Observant" patrol should close-in to recover survivors as
ordered by the S.O. carrying out "Observant".
(C. in C. S.A. 031237B to S.A.Stn. G.679 (R) Admty. C. in C. E.F.)

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- CILICIA. Arrival 1813Z/2 August CILICIA from Ocean patrol. (S.O.(I) Freetown, 031342Z to Com. 4th Fleet, (R) Admty. Comar Dakar).
- HALL J. Overdue shipping.
KELLEY. HALL J. KELLEY sailed Kilindini 29th June for Bahia 27th July not arrived. (Asst. S.O.(I) Recife, 031438Z to Admty etc.)
- PRUDENT. Request re-consideration of return of PRUDENT to E.F. In addition to previous towages both WILLIAM ELLERY and MANGKALIHAT have recently required her assistance and there is no other seagoing Tug on South African station except the Simonstown Dockyard Tug which is used for target practices. CROCODILE is too small for rescue work. If South African Harbour Tugs are sent to sea the work of the Ports is disorganised and event if they could be spared occasionally their loss or damage would cause very serious dislocation as they are irreplaceable. (C. in C. S.A. 031450B to C. in C. E.F. (R) Admty etc.)
- W.S.32 Your 022227. Route W.S. 32 from M through N 033 degs. 13' S., 017 degs. 37' E. to Capetown. (2) Onward route will be passed to Commodore on arrival. (C. in C. S.A. 031451B to F.O.C.W.Af. (R) NORMAN, WOLVERINE, BEAGLE, Admty).
- ALICE F. Add to C.S.A. Lourenco Marques 021510 -
PALMER 1. 15 survivors landed Kosi Bay 30th July now
(sunk 10 arrived Durban, one boat with 12 persons now
July.) unaccounted for.
2. Ship did not open fire.
3. U-boat large type painted light colour.
(Cdre. Durban, 031519Z to Admty.etc).
- U/Bs U.S. Aircraft sighted submarine at 1207/3rd. position 01 degs. 05' N. 05 degs. 30' W. course 250 degs. 15 knots. Submarine reported by BOAC aircraft at 031445 180 degs. Lekki 7 miles. (F.O.C.W.A., 031650Z to Admty).
- MANGKALIHAT MANGKALIHAT torpedoed in 025 degs. 11' S. 034 degs. 06' E. at 1700Z/1st August. Vessel is still afloat and has been taken in tow by tug. 2. Of total complement of 101 escort picked up 77. (C. in C. S.A., 031705, 031831B to Admty. (R) C. in C. E.F., etc).

/BAGE...

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BAGE
(torpedoed
1st August).

Brazilian Ship BAGE torpedoed 0030Z/1st in 011 degs
29' S. 036 degs. 58' W. She had been detached
from T.J.2 and ordered to proceed by Stragglers'
Route because she smoked.
(B.N.S.O. Rio De Janeiro, 031818Z to Admty. (R)
C. in C. S.A., F.O.C.W.Af).

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Tuesday.FOREIGN STATIONS.Mediterranean.

Enemy Unit. P.C. and S. of one small enemy craft 42.10 N. 10.05 E. 090°, 5 knots. (A/C HUW/E, 030013B.)
P.C. and S. of 3 F-Boats are 38.40 N. 17.00 E. 180°, 15 knots. (A/C BVJ/D, 030100B to K.T.1.)

Movements, Augusta. Arrivals 2nd August TARTAR, NUBIAN, BROCKLESBY, LAMERTON, FLORES D.S., EDAY, L.C.T.333, 871, M.L.258, 460, 559.
Departures LAFOREY, LOOKOUT, ROMNEY, M.L.1301, 1270, M.T.B.62, 65, 95. (N.O.I.C. Augusta, 030401B to Admty.)

SPORTSMAN. The northern limit of your area is extended to 043° N. Vicinity 042° 49' 009° 53' North of Elba and Piombino channel found profitable by P.211 (SAFARI). (Capt. (S) 8, 310456B July to P.229 (SPORTSMAN), (R) 8th S/M.F., C. in C. Med.)

Movements, Alexandria. August 2nd arrivals G.S. SAKTOURIS, ROCKWOOD, WHITEHAVEN, RYE. Departures ANTWERP, G.S. COUNDOURIOTIS. (R.A. Alexandria, 030648C to Admty.)

10 S.F. Summary at 2002/3rd. 1. UNSEEN in vicinity of Cape Colonne.
2. UNSHAKEN 035° 50' 015° 00'? to 035° 56' 016° 31' at 2000/4th.
3. UPROAR 040° 01' 018° 52' to patrol off Bari.
4. UNRUFFLED and PARTHIAN in Adriatic. (Capt. (S) 10, 030710B.)

K.M.S. 21. Arrived FORT NIPIGON, GALLIUM did not arrive. (N.O.I.C. Tunis, 030800B to N.O.I.C. Algiers.)
K.M.S.21. My 020849 sailed. S.P.02272 (26) not held. Onward route from R/V not known. Pass to Commodore. (S.N.O. Trip., 030819B to S.O.E. K.M.S.21.)

G.T.X. 5. Add following possible to my 021424 (list). (N.O.I.C. Algiers, 030932B to F.O. Gibraltar.)
Pass to Commodore and escorts G.T.X.5. Intend sailing for Algiers (list). (N.O.B. Oran, 031727 to FARNDAL, (R) Admty., etc.)

/M.E. Air ...

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M.E. Air Report. A.665, (? Opsum, 97).
Raid on Aegean Sea. 4 Beaufighters anti-shipping sweep
Ploesti and just West of Stampalia Island. Near miss with
Campina. bomb. Vessel damaged by cannon and machine-
gunfire and left smoking slightly. Gunner and
2 other people on deck seen to collapse. Machine-
gun post on shore silenced.

My Opsum. 96 (021046) 1st August. Herewith correction and
additional details of attack on Ploesti and Campina. Total of
177 U.S. Liberators (B.24) Oil Refineries Ploesti and Campina.
6 returned early 1 crashed on take off 1 crashed south-west of
Antipaxos Island 5 did not bomb. 135 bombed Ploesti 29 bombed
Campina. Results of both attacks already given. A total of at
least 87 enemy aircraft attacked, 51 destroyed, 1 probably
destroyed, 1 damaged. (W.D. Note. - Remainder amended by Opsum.
98, 041021Z, q.v.)
(H.Q.R.A.F.M.E., 030952Z.)

M.W.F. 39. Sailing telegram. (2) 0815C/3rd. (3) Sail
together. (4) (5) and (6) As laid down in C. in
C. Levant 312327 July and V.A. Malta 010807B
August. (7) 4 columns, 2, 2, 2, 1.
(13) Cdr. A. Redford R.N.R. in H.M.S. LETITIA.
(R.A. Alexandria, 030952Z to Admty., etc.)
(1) M.W.F.39. (10) 12½ O.R.P. KOSCIUSZKO. 14 TAKLIWA,
H.M.S. WAYLAND, 14 BANFORA, 14 LETITIA, 12 CITY OF CANTERBURY,
14 EGRA. (11) Merchant ships, all troop. (12) H.M.S. WAYLAND,
Ferryville, remainder Sicily.
(R.A. Alexandria, 031009C to Admty., etc.)

Hospital Ships. D. of S.T's 312205 para. 4. VASNA is ready to
sail for U.K. as soon as ordered. Para. 2.
VITA and OPHIR are being sailed to join C. in C.
E.F., Alexandria 4th and 7th August respectively.
Para. 3. My 021833 concerning VASNA refers.
(C. in C. Levant, 031001C to C. in C. Med.)

M.K.F.20. M.K.F.20 sailed.
(Comnob. Oran, 031005B to C. in C. Med.)

Sicily, Air Report. Situation report 38. Night 2nd/3rd. No enemy air
activity reported. Shipping strike continues
today 3rd, usual area and further north-east.
Milazzo. Three small merchant ships bombed,
docks hit. Taormina. Barge near missed, direct
hit on warehouse.
(N.L.O. 211 Group, 031010B to F.O.I.C. Sicily,
(R) C. in C. Med., N.L.O. 8th Army Tripoli.)

/G.U.S.11 ...

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G.U.S.11. Joiners. (List). (Total of 11 ships).
(N.O.I.C. Algiers, 031038B to Escorts of G.U.S.11)
Following is a repetition of 311820 (begins).
Addressed: A.I.G.259, (R) GERALDTON, N.O.I.C.
Bizerta, Comnob. Oran, P.S.T.O.M.E., Cdre. Algiers from V.A.M.
G.U.S.11 pass to Commodore and Escorts. Intend sailing to
join, ref M.S.C.I.32 (9) 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ CITY OF DIEPPE, 200 tons Naval
Stores, Bizerta. 10 RALLUS, boom defence stores, Bizerta.
7 $\frac{1}{2}$ DEVON COAST (T), ballast, Bizerta. (Ends).
(V.A. Malta, 031101B to Connnav, (R) Admty.)
My 021147 sailed less ANNE BRADSTREET and EMPIRE OPAL plus
EMPIRE KESTREL. Prisoners of war on board JACKSON, POE, MARK
TWIN and KESTREL.
(N.O.I.C. Tunisia, 031845 to Escorts of Convoy G.U.S.11,
N.O.I.C. Algiers.)

Syracuse, Lighter position Syracuse shows 13 Dumb Lighters
need for now available total capacity 400 tons, for work in
towing craft. Sicilian Ports. All agreements Middle East but
four more awaited. Expected a further 12 locally
decked lighters will have been repaired in about
two weeks, total capacity 250 tons. Only towing
units available are one sling tug and one berthing tug, both
crews employed on own (? word missing). No launches of any kind.
Request information when tugs offered in D. of S.T's 142007B
June (? may) be expected. D.N.C.X.F's 171021C June refers.
In any case it is requested that P.S.T.Os here and Mid-East
reconsider tug position and examine possibility of supplying at
least two towing craft to enable discharge of cargo to increase.
(D.S.T.O. Sicily, 031046B to P.S.T.O. Med. (A).)
Reply: 061120C.

BULOLO, Movements of BULOLO and KEREN will be adjusted to
KEREN. avoid ships waiting at Aden and will depend on
your onward routeing instructions. My 021814
refers.
(C. in C. Levant, 031057C to C. in C. E.F., (R)
F.O.R.S.C.A., etc.)

8th S/M. F. (? Group missed) of P.229 (SPORTSMAN) East
Movements Corsica.
Summary (2) P.221 (SHAKESPEARE) North of Messina.
1957B/3rd. (3) CASABIANCA Gulf Genoa and (group omitted)
coast of Corsica.
(4) ORPHEE (? 38°) (? 33') 09° 32' through 38°
41' 10° 32' thence 27° diving by day 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ knots
surface by night 8 knots.
(Capt. (S) 8, 031100B.)

CASABIANCA. Leave patrol through 042° 28' 008° 00' at 0530/4th
038° 55' 005° 51' at 0400/6th to R/V escort
Algiers in 036° 56' 003° 06' at 0800/7th.
Cancel my 021604 (extending area of CASABIANCA).
(Capt. (S) 8, 031140B to CASABIANCA.)

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Enemy Intelligence, Istanbul. A. My 311252C (not to Malta). 4 F barges still expected for Aegean. B.3.
 B. Report B.4. FIRUZ expected next 24 hours; will proceed Aegean with NANTAISE. T.O.O. 031151C.
 (S.O.(I) Istanbul No T.O.O. to C. in C. Levant, etc.)

G.T.X.4. Pass to Cdre. and Escort G.T.X.4 joining vicinity position 309 for Port Said. (A) STRIX (Tanker). (B) EMPIRE ALMOND.
 (N.O.I.C. Alexandria, 031201C to C. in C. Levant, etc.)

Pass to Cdre. and Escorts G.T.X.4. Alex. joiners sailed as in my 031201 less EMPIRE ALMOND.
 (R.A. Alex., 031632C to C. in C. Levant, etc.)

G.T.X.4. Following arrived (list).
 (R.A. Alexandria, 031841C to Admty.)

M/Vs for Gibraltar. My 021315 sailed (Sailing to Gibraltar for Casablanca - MARSHALL ELLIOT, JOHN K. MOREHEAD, etc. - N.T. in W.D.) Escorts HOLCOMBE (S.O.), ATHERSTONE, LIDDESDALE, HYDERABAD, RHODODENDRON.
 (Com. N.O.B. Oran, 031242 to Admty., etc.)

Black Sea. (1) Sea. (a) 2 enemy F barges sunk off South coast of Crimea by S/MS.
 (b) Russian Cutters (R-Boats) shelled Taganrog Harbour on nights of July 22nd and July 27th and on July 29th attacked enemy troop and supply concentrations at westward of Mervtildkeva.
 (2) Air Operations. (a) A/C sank an enemy E-Boat in (? Sea of) Azov. Stormoviks with fighter escort sank 2 F barges and damaged one F and an R-Boat off Anmores and fighters destroyed five Me.109s.
 (b) A/C have carried out successful raids on enemy positions in and around Novorossisk.
 (3) Land. (a) Russian shore battery in vicinity of town Azov shelled Taganrog on nights July 22nd, July 27th (in conjunction with R-Boats) and on July 28th. After last bombardment fires were still burning 24 hours later.
 (b) Russian artillery and shore batteries have continuously shelled enemy positions in Novorossisk area.
 (N.L.O. Black Sea, 031250 to Admty., etc.)

C.N.S. 4. C.N.S.4 arrived.
 (Comnob. Oran, 031300B to Admty., etc.)

TRIDENT. Arrival.
 (N.O.I.C. Aden, 031353Z to C. in C. Levant, etc.)

/Transport ...

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of U.S.
Civilians.

B.A.D's 292035. In event of WEST POINT not proceeding via Massawa the first opportunity for transporting the 800 U.S. civilians via U.K. appears to be M.K.F.23 as no opportunity available for them to reach Egypt in time for M.K.F.22.
(P.S.T.O.M.E., 031402C to D.S.T.)
Reply: 060414B.

M.K.S. 21/
M.W.S.39.

Sailing telegram. (2) 1102C/3. (3) Sailed together. (4) (5) and (6). As in C. in C. Levant's 312345. PESSAC, M.L.386 part escort to Benghazi. (13) (a) Captain C.B. Osborne R.N.R. in PORT ALMA to Gibraltar. (b) Master SS. SHIRABANK to Sicily.
(N.O.I.C. Alexandria, 031426C to F.O. Gibraltar, Admty., etc.)

U.G.S.12,
K.M.S.21.

Bizerta arrivals. U.G.S.12 and K.M.S.21 (list).
(F.O.I.C. Tunisia, 031440B to A.I.G.259.)

M.L.
Flotillas.

24th M.L. Flotilla consisting of M.Ls. 299, 308, 337, 340, 451, 456, 461 and 478 are allocated to your command together with M.Ls. 579 and 584 and H.D.M.L.1292.

2. Boats of 24th Flotilla are fitted for sweeping with Mark V Oropesa. When this gear is embarked, it is necessary to land Holman Projectors, ready use lockers therefore and 8 depth charges.
3. Request you will report Flotillas and Bases to which above boats are allocated.
(D.D.O.D.(C), 031447B to C. in C. Med.)

SHAKESPEARE.

On completion of your operation leave patrol along latitude 039° N. reporting P.C. and S. as soon as practicable. Submerged bombing restrictions in force 10 miles either side 039° N., East of 013° E.
(Capt. (S) 8, 031520B to P.221 (SHAKESPEARE), (R) C. in C. Med., Capt. (S) 10.)

N.A.A.F.
Report.

N.W.A.A.F. Opsum.163. N.W.A. Strategic A.F. 2nd August. 48 U.S. Warhawks sweep Sardinia. 3 returned early. 1 aircraft crashed into enemy seaplane. Both destroyed.

N.A.T.A.F. 22nd July (add.) 104 Spitfires, 120 U.S. Spitfires, 58 Kittyhawks, 70 Warhawks, 104 U.S. Warhawks, 99 U.S. Mustangs. Bombing, straffing, escort and cover missions. 73 vehicles destroyed or damaged. 3000 ton merchant vessel sunk Catania. 8 U.S. Mustangs tactical R/C. 23rd July (add.) 160 U.S. Mustangs attacked landing barges (?) Orlando coast area. 10 barges, 1 tug destroyed. 10 vehicles destroyed. 60 U.S. Warhawks bombing and cover missions. Destroyed 5 barges off Orlando. 18 U.S. Mustangs tactical R/C.

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N.A.A.F. Report. (Contd.) 24th July (add.) 80 U.S. Mustangs. 26th July (add.) 179 Spitfires, 47 U.S. Warhawks, 94 Kittyhawks, 24 Warhawks, 60 U.S. Mustangs bombing, strafing, escort and cover missions. Direct hit merchant vessel, docks and small vessels, Messina, landing ground Falcone bombed. Hits on merchant vessel off Catania. 18 U.S. Mustangs tactical R/C. 27th July. 360 Spitfires, 30 U.S. Spitfires, 118 Kittyhawks, 111 Warhawks, 64 U.S. Warhawks, 77 U.S. Mustangs bombing, strafing, escort and cover missions. Barges and railway sidings Milazzo bombed. Falcone landing ground attacked. Direct hits, near misses small ships Riposto. 31st July (add.) 92 U.S. Mustangs, 30 U.S. Spitfires, bombing, strafing and cover missions. 14 U.S. Mustangs tactical R/C. 1st August (add.) 22 U.S. Mitchells Bronte, 24 U.S. Mitchells Aderno failed find target and returned with bombs. 24 Bostons, 24 U.S. Bostons, 12 Baltimores Milazzo. U.S. Bostons and Baltimores returned with bombs. Remainder dropped 92 x 250 on target. Direct hits railway. Bursts buildings centre dock area. 20 U.S. Spitfires provided cover for naval vessels and aircraft north coast Sicily. 2nd August. 48 U.S. Bostons, 46 U.S. Mitchells, 12 Bostons, 12 Baltimores, Aderno. 24 U.S. Mitchells, 12 Bostons returned bombs. Remainder dropped 177 x 300, 112 x 250. Target well covered. Direct hits roads and buildings. 24 U.S. Mitchells Randazzo, 96 x 300, 184 x 250. Hits roads and buildings. 24 Baltimores gun position south-west Paterno. 144 x 250. Bursts seen among trenches. N.A.C.A.F. 2nd August. 4 Baltimores, 3 Marauders R/C West Coast Sardinia, Corsica, Toulon, Spezia, Leghorn. 4 Torpedo Beaufighters, 4 Anti-flak Beaufighters shipping strike attacked 1 destroyer, 3 M.T.Bs. south Cagliari. Cannon strikes observed. (H.Q.N.A.A.F. Adv., 031654B.)

Escort Carrier Sqdns. A.M. 301748 July. Squadrons are embarked as follows:
 ATTACKER, 886, 879, 18 Seafire L.II.C., 6 Swordfish
 BATTLER, 808, 10 Seafire L.II.C.
 STALKER, 833, 6 Seafire L.II.C., 6 Swordfish
 HUNTER, 834, 6 Seafire L.II.C., 6 Swordfish

Of above Squadrons, 879 is trained in TAC/R. A.L. section is embarked with Squadron. Majority of aircraft of 886 Squadron are modified to carry bombs. ATTACKER has embarked a supply of 500 lb. M.C. bombs, 250 lb. G.P. bombs, 500 lb. S.A.P. Mk.V bombs, 120 lb. smoke bombs and 250 lb. practice bombs. Bombing practice is required for Squadron pilots.

It has been possible to modify only one of 879 aircraft to carry cameras.

It would assist in planning for future programmes if 807 were embarked ?in BATTLER to work with 808.

Swordfish flights have been embarked for passage, and it is strongly recommended that they be disembarked when carriers are operating as fighter carriers with 20 fighters.

Reserve aircraft are embarked for passage as follows:

/BATTLER ...

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Escort BATTLER, 10 Seafires, 3 Martlets.
Carrier STALKER, 14 Seafires, 3 Martlets.
Sqdns. ATTACKER, 4 Martlets.
(Contd.) Squadrons are over-borne 20 to 25 per cent in
 pilots.
 (D.N.A.O., 031759B to C. in C. Med.)

Convoy My 030835 (N.T. in W.D.) "Register" sailed
"Register". escorted by EXMOOR. Malta pass to Air H.Q.
 (N.O.I.C. Augusta, 031810 to F.O. Sy.)

ILLUSTRIOUS, A.M. 301748 July. It is intended that ILLUSTRIOUS
UNICORN, and UNICORN leave U.K. on 12th August.
Air Sqdns. Squadrons will be embarked as follows:-
 UNICORN 887 10 Seafire II.C.
 809, 897 20 Seafire L.II.C.
 818 9 Swordfish.
 ILLUSTRIOUS 878, 890 18 Martlet. 6 reserves.
 894 10 Seafire II.C.
 810 12 Barracuda. 6 reserves.

Of above squadrons 809 is partially trained in TAC/R. A.L.
section will be embarked with Squadron.
Accommodation in UNICORN is very congested, and one squadron
should be disembarked whenever possible.
(D.N.A.O., 031823B to C. in C. Med.)

Landing Request information of numbers and percentages of
Craft casualties to L.S.T., L.C.I.(L), L.C.M.(3),
"Husky". L.C.T., L.C.A. and miscellaneous types in "Husky"
 up to 1st August under following headings.
 (a) Total losses.
 (b) Craft out of action for a considerable period.
 (D. of P., 031918B to C. in C. Med., (A), (R)
 B.A.D.)

Estimated 2 sighted by A/C at 031230Z in 036° 35' N. 013°
U-Boat 15' E. and 036° 20' N. 013° 08' E. 3 or 4,
disposition. Italian area Malta to east Sicily, all unfixed.
 One Italian by D/F at 022046Z in Adriatic.
 (C. in C. Med. Malta, 032001B.)

Movements, Arrivals PENN, JED. Departures PELICAN, ROTHER,
Oran. WEAR, LIMBOURNE, JED.
 (Comnob. Oran, 032037B to Admty., etc.)

Movements, Arrival M.T.Bs. 674, 643. Departure SIRIUS,
Bone. DIDO.
 (N.O.I.C. Bone, 032127B to Admty., etc.)

/Movements ...

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Movements, Arrived and sailed GLOXINIA, KLO. Arrived
Tripoli. BARFORD. Sailed L.S.T.423, 419, M.L.575.
(S.N.O. Tripoli, 032135B to Admty.)

Movements, Arrivals HONEYSUCKLE, OXLIP, PRODIGAL, U.S.S.
Algiers. MERAK, DALLAS, ROE, COLE.
Departures M.F.V.70, 26, 36, 45, 51, 55, 57,
109, 157, PENN, B.Y.M.S. 68, 186, 187, 31.
Arrived and departed ACTIVE, VELOX.
(Com. Algeria, 032142B to Admty., etc.)

Movements, August 3rd arrivals: MAURITIUS, ORION, TUMULT,
Augusta. TROUBRIDGE, ECHO, HURWORTH, POOLE, EXMOOR,
TYNEDALE, INCHMARNOCK, M.L.218, L.S.T.198, M.T.B.
290, 295, 87, 76, 84, 298, H.D.M.L.1192, 1257,
L.C.I.126, WAR KRISHNA.
Departure LAMERTON, EXMOOR, HURWORTH, M.G.B.660.
(N.O.I.C. Augusta, 032145B.)

Requirements Your 301915 July, para. A. Concur. Four escorts
- Escorts, per convoy must be accepted.
Trawlers, 2. The other points raised are appreciated and,
B.Y.M.S. as far as possible your needs are being met.
(D.O.D.(F), Approved by V.C.N.S., 032155B to
C. in C. Med. (Algiers).)

Situation At 0015/3rd, U.S. Destroyer BUCK destroyed
Report 143. Italian U-Boat in 36° 52' N. 12° 8' E. About 40
survivors including C.O. picked up.
(2) Report 142, para. 5 amend tonnage discharged
at Augusta to read 1692.
(3) Sub. TROOPER damaged 2000 ton merchant ship off Durazzo 29th
July. She probably sank a U-Boat off Santa Maria di Zleuca
(4) U.S. Ship YANKEE ARROW mined off Cape Bon when outside the
war channel some casualties. Fire extinguished and ship
diverted to Bizerta.
(5) August 2nd, U.S. Cruiser SAVANNAH bombarded roads and gun
positions in vicinity Agata for one hour, some vehicles destroyed.
(C. in C. Med. (Malta), 032211 to Admty.)

Cositintrep Part Two of Cositintrep No.25 signed Eisenhower.
35. 5. Report No.23 para. 5A. Palermo bombed again
at 0600/1st. In second attack two Ju.88s dropped
many small bombs. One aircraft left the area
smoking. U.S. Destroyer GLENNON on patrol was
straffed on bridge. One officer and two men seriously wounded,
15 slightly.
6. Airman captured by Army states Palermo raid consisted of 30
Ju.88s from Foggia. Objective transports en route changed to
Palermo when convoy believed missed. Approach just off water
bombing at 6000 feet. One aircraft shot down off Cape Gallo

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Cositintrep 35. (Contd.) probably by destroyer on patrol. Additional enemy known losses this raid six aircraft. (C. in C. Med. (M), 032147B to Cositintrep addressees.)

Malta Air Report. A.I. 1011, 3rd August. Opsum. 2nd/3rd August 4 Mosquitoes made intruder patrols over southern Italy. 10 Beaufighters made night interception patrols north of Malta. No enemy air activity was found. 2 Wellingtons co-operating with Naval units made A/S searches E. and S.E. of Sicily. 2 Wellingtons made shipping searches E. of Toe of Italy. 3rd August 5 Spitfires made photo R/C of N.E. Sicily and southern Italian aerodromes and ports. 4 Baltimores made A/S patrols E. and S.E. of Sicily. (R.A.F. Malta, 032240.)

Landing Craft for French. Your 211029. Expected collapse of Italy makes it of paramount importance to retain mobile landing craft in our hands. Approval is therefore only given to transfer 12 L.C.Ms. to French for manning.
2. L.C.Ms. are likely to be lend-leased and consent of Navy Department to transfer is therefore required. Navy Department have been giving trouble over transfer of lend-leased landing craft by us to Greeks, insisting on assignment being made by them direct.
3. Best procedure is thought to be the following:-
You should inform Eisenhower of your proposal, stating that Admty. raise no objection, but pointing out need for Navy Dept.'s consent. You should then suggest that he puts proposal to Combined Chiefs of Staff on basis that, when manned, vessels should remain subject to directions of C.C.S.
4. If you agree action may be taken at once with Eisenhower and proposal discussed with French on basis of possibility under consideration by C. in C.
(Hd. of M.(I), Approved D.F.S.L., 032251B to C. in C. Med. (A. and M).)

M.W.F.39. Delete DULVERTON from para. No. 8 of my 312327. (C. in C. Levant, 032311C to Escorts M.W.F.39 and M.W.S.39 etc.)

Movements, Tunisia. Arrivals WILLOWDALE, UNISON, UNRIVALLED, COVERLEY, SIRIUS, DIDO, JERVIS, PALADIN, PATHFINDER, RHYL, ACUTE, ROTHESAY, CLACTON, FOXTROT, S.C.498, L.S.Ts. 304, 361, 302, 427, L.C.I.83, 92, M.M/S. 53, 70, L.C.Ts. 324, 323, 320, 237, 169, A.R.Bs. 47 887. Departures BLENCATHRA, HAMBLEDON, MENDIP, CLEVELAND, SEER, L.C.Ts., 231, 191, L.C.Is. 17, 9, 218, 211, 232, 10, 15, 13, 38, L.S.Ts.306, 316, 384, 348, 336, 305, 358, 332, 321, 327, 388, 301, 391, 392, 353, 389, 378, P.Cs. 557, 591, 562, S.Cs. 533, 526, 638, 639, 1030, 631. Arrivals and departures KRAKOWIAK, GREGORY, NEGRO, ACHROITE, CLEVELAND. (N.O.I.C. Tunisia, 032353B to Admty., etc.)

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144315 7480 cipher 3 August.

Sicily: Situation Report.

From G-3 Section.

69th Linrep. Summary of Operations 29 July to 1st August.

Para. 1. Ground. Eighth Army. 13 Corps. Active patrolling and re-grouping only during period. 30 Corps. 29 July. 78 Div. concentrated in area Catenanouva. 231 Inf. Bde Group under 1 Cdn. Div. pushed forward towards Regalbuto and 2 Cdn. Bde. to north of Agira. During night 29/30 July 3 Cdn. Bde. captured Catenanouva and with Eleventh Bde. of 78 Div. formed bridgehead over River Dittano. This gain was extended by 78 Divs. capture of Muglia H 68 on 31 July. The same day 231 Bde. followed by 3 Cdn. Bde. reached western outskirts of Regalbuto after heavy fighting. On 1 August 51st Div. and 78 Div. made further limited gains south and north Catenanouva while street fighting continued in Regalbuto. Seventh Army. 2 Corps. On 29th July 1 Div. captured Mistretta C32 and following day pushed patrols eastward to reach just west of Cerami C44, with French 4 Tabor on west edge Capizzi C41. On 30 July 45 Div. were preparing for assault on San Stefano C33. Cerami Capizzi and San Stefano fell to these three thrusts follg. day. Provisional Corps. On 29 Jul. islands of Favignana, Levanzo and Marittimo guarding approaches to Trapani surrendered unconditionally. Corps then operated to secure Western Sicily and rear of 2 Corps. 3 Div. started move 31 Jul. to replace 45 Div. which it passed through on first August. Same day recently landed 9th Div. moved up Treina Road toward forward area. On first August our line ran 5 miles S. Catania - Gerbini - S. of Centuripe H69 - W. of Regalbuto - two miles NE Nicosia - Cerami - Capizzi - Misretta - San Stefano.

28-29 Para. two. Naval. During night 27/28 July. M.T.B.s bombarded Giardini N of Catania from close range, damaging railway station, trains and warehouses without effective opposition following night, cruiser AURORA and PENELOPE with six destroyers bombarded bridges S. of Loric, S. Italy. Same force bombarded Crotone S Italy and sank two enemy naval craft off harbour on night 31/Jul. 1st August when cruisers

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th four destroyers
bombarde^{ment}d harbour of Vibo Valentia and railway
bridge over River Gliver in S. Italy 29/30 July
small force U.S. M.T.Bs. operating in Gulf of S. Rufemia
against superior force of enemy armed lighters and
four E-boats set E-boat on fire. On 31st July
U.S. cruiser PHILADELPHIA provided fire support east
of Caronia C53 H.M. Submarine SAFARI between 18 and
26th July sank five small vessels and fired torpedoes
at 5,000 ton merchantman and 12,000 ton tanker off
Corsica with unknown results.

Para. 3. Air. Again targets in Italy have
been attacked by heavy and medium bombers while
medium light bombers including strong South African
forces have powerfully supported operations in Sicily.
On night (? 30 or 31) July mainland airfields which
were attacked included Monte Cervino and Capodichino
in Naples area bombed respectively by 22 and 21
Wellingtons on night 28/29 July and Viterbo north of
Rome and Aquine north of Naples raided by 56 B-17
Fortresses and 49 B-26s Marauders respectively on
29th July. On 30th July 27 B-17s attacked Grettaglio
near Taranto and 72 B-25 Mitchells Practica Di Mare near
Rome. On 1st August Naples Docks were attacked by
23 B-17s. In Sicily on 29th July 79 light bombers
raided Milazzo and Regalbuto, 72 others bombed Milazzo
Docks following day. As indication support against
opportunity and other targets 142 fighter and fighter
bomber sorties were flown on 31st July and 226 light
bombers on 1st August. Attacks on enemy shipping
include one 3000 ton merchantman sunk and a destroyer
and MFB set on fire by Beaufighters in Gulf of Naples
on 29th July. On 31st July Malta aircraft scored
hit on a 5000 ton vessel in Gulf of Argesteli.
On first August 131 B-24s Liberators from Middle East
bombed oil refineries at Ploesti Rumania. Whole area
appeared mass of flames. 37 B-24s missing.

Para. 4. Enemy. In the eastern sector no
change in the enemy situation. Some regrouping of
forces evident. Flank of the Dittano Line is now
threatened by creation of Allied bridgehead at Catenanuova.
In the centre strenuous resistance has continued in area
Regalbuto where enemy hard pressed. Re-inforcements
have probably reached Centuripe to meet growing threat
to this position and subsequent danger to his Northern
and Eastern flanks. In the north the enemy has withdrawn
slowly east of San Stefano, Mistretta, Capizzo and
Ceramì. Further shortening of line in north likely and
mobile forces will probably be assembled to meet growing
threat in (? centre). Captured documents indicate the
enemy envisages a possible withdrawal by stages. in the
east to exclusive Acriale J 01 inclusive Bianco Villa
and Aderno H79. Thence northwards the line will probably
cover Cesare C61 and San Fratello C53.

Prisoners.....

Prisoners taken up to 28th July totalled over 82,000. Proportion Germans believed small. No indications any effects on German or Italian troops of recent political events but few contacts with Italian Forces have been made. German morale remains high but some indication strain due Allied strafing and lack own air support.

Five. Political. The unification of the French Army and General Staff has at last been achieved. Giraud is named Commander in Chief of all forces and has at the same time had conferred upon him the powers of a Minister of War. For the exercise of the latter General Legentilhelme former Gaullist leader has been named his executive assistant. Above Giraud is placed a new body The Committee of National Defense which replaced the permanent Military Committee. This functions under the leadership of De Gaulle and comprises Giraud, Legentilhelme and the Chiefs of Staff and land sea and air forces, General Leyer, Admiral Lemonnier and General Bopheat respectively. General Koenig is named as Assistant Chief of Staff to Leyer and Admiral Auboyneau to Lemonnier. In turn higher War policies are to be defined and set forth by the French National Committee of Liberation presided over by Giraud when purely military matters are at issue and by De Gaulle on other affairs. Giraud however when in active command does not sit as Chairman of the Governing Liberation body. The Committee of National Defense acts as an inner War Cabinet without administrative functions. Generals De Larminat and Leclerc are to receive command of divisions, composed of their former units raised to Normal strength.

T.O.O.Nil.

Advance copy D.C. D.O.D.(F) D.D.I.C.

RECEIVED FROM WAR OFFICE AT 1200/6.

1st Lord.	<u>Note by Cables.</u> The Office of Brig. Jacob has been requested to pass the paraphrased version of this message to all indicated addressees.
1st S.L. (2)	
4th S.L.	
5th S.L.	C.C.L.S. (2)
D.C.N.A.E.	Admiral Ramsay (4)
V.C.N.S.	D.D.O.D. (C) (2)
A.C.N.S. (A) (2)	D.A/S W.
A.C.N.S. (F) (2)	D.A.U.D.
A.C.N.S. (W)	D.T.S.D.
U.W.R.	D. of P. (Q) (2)
D.O.D. (F) (2)	
D.O.D. (H) (2)	
D.D.I.C. (2)	
D. of P. (2)	
D.C. (2)	
Head of H. (2)	
D.N.I. (4)	
I.P. (2)	
D.P.D.	
C.N.I.	
Admiral Blake.	
W.D.	
D.D.O.D. (M)	
D.A.W.T.	

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Tuesday.FOREIGN STATIONS.East Indies.

CITY OF ORAN (M.C.8) torpedoed 2nd Aug. Sunk 3rd Aug. Ship is still afloat (CITY OF ORAN). Tug is picking up survivors. I am continuing with other ships. (FALMOUTH, 030001Z to C. in C. E.F.) Ship reported torpedoed in 013 degs. 31' S. 041 degs. 12' E. at 2244Z/2nd August. (C. in C. E.F. 030022Z to S. and A. E.I. Stn. (R) Admty., GLENELG Air H.Q. E.Af. 246 Wing.) SS. CITY OF ORAN torpedoed 2244Z/2nd Aug. and sunk 0939Z/3rd. August in 013 degs. 39' S. 041 degs. 07' E. No casualties. (C. in C. E.F. 031357Z to Admty (R) S.O.(I) Colombo, Cinclant.)

ATREUS. In view of A.C.N.B. 301020Z and F.O. Ceylon 250515Z. If all stores for 11 London Mark II, 4 London Mark III and 3 guard loops are available in Ceylon suggest ATREUS should proceed direct there. This will save 12 or 16 days steaming, it will also facilitate exchange of 60 Indian ratings whose relief is overdue owing to there being no transport facilities from Ceylon, vide S.S.T.O. Colombo 261150Z. (ATREUS, 030143Z to Admty etc.) Last para. cancelled, see 060621Z.

Movements. Arrival 3rd FROBISHER. (N.O.I.C. Mauritius, 030330Z) Departure SHILLONG escorting DALHANNA to vicinity of Point de Galle. (N.O.I.C. Madras, 030559Z) Departure BOHILKLAND for Hormuz. (N.O.I.C. Karachi, 030644Z) Departure 3rd FROBISHER. (N.O.I.C. Mauritius, 030830Z) M.M/S. 107 arrived. N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez, 031436Z)

Convoy B.M. 58 Cochin portion arrived. (N.C.S.O. Cochin, 030336Z to Admty)

Convoy J.C.16. Arrival BERAR escorting J.C.16 (N.O.I.C. Calcutta, 030427Z to Admty.)

Troop Movements. Ref. my 150615 July, following additional moves have been arranged: Para 8, BP 91 Bombay - Karachi with? 1300 troops CITY OF LONDON sailing 13th August. Para. 9. Karachi - Bombay with 700 Polish families CITY OF LONDON sailing 19th August. N.O.I.C. Karachi requested to arrange local escort for Karachi - Bombay move. (P.S.T.O. Bombay 030903Z to C. in C. E.I.)

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Ceylon
Naval
Volunteer
Force.

Your 230659/July. We have now agreed to proposal contained in Governor's telegram No.1208 of 28th June to Colonial Office. Date from which new arrangement should operate to be settled locally but is understood local Government prefer arrangement should start from 3rd August. (Admty. 031226B to F.O.Ceylon, (R) C. in C.E.F.)

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Movements. At. Johns N.F. Aug. 2nd Arrivals U.S.S. KIOWA ex Boston. B.Y.M.S.229, 191, 212, ex Halifax. M.M.S.242, 243, 245, 250 ex Halifax. VESPER returned with defects ex sailing to join S.C.138 EMINENT COLDSTREAMER ex O.N.194.
Departures HESPERUS, MOURNE, CLEMATIS, CAMPANULA, GENTIAN, VESPER to S.C.138. NORTHERN GIFT, ST. ELSTAN, GROWLER to S.C.138 STRAFFORD to W.B.39.
(N.O.I.C. St. Johns N.F. 030124Z).
Arrivals Barbados 3rd CORSAIR and H.M. Motor Launch 479. (Harbour Master Barbados 030820P).
Arrival LINCOLN, MELVILLE ex H.X.250. (C. Halifax 031244Z).
(Argentia 3rd August. Arrivals 1330Z FAME, VISCOUNT, VANQUISHER, DEVRON, POTENTILLA, ROSE VERVAIN, KINGCUP, ACANTHUS ex O.N. 194. BYARD from Bermuda. 1830Z F.F.S.R. 347 from St. Pierre.
(Capt.(D) Argentia 031530Z to Admty.).
Departure Barbados CORSAIR escort H.M. M.L.479 E.T.A. 0800Q 4th Trinidad.
(Harbour Master Barbados, 031607P to Admty.).

GODERICH, Departed Sydney (C.B.) Area with CYRUS FIELD at
CYRUS 0030/03Z. Proceeding Halifax in accordance with
FIELD. your 022257Z.
(GODERICH 030150Z to C.in C.C.N.A.).

RAVNEFJELL S.C.138 N.O.B.I. states that cargo in RAVNEFJELL
Escort (Nor.) is critically required in Iceland (C).
(2) Request you will detail one escort of 5th E.G. to join S.C.138 subsequently detaching on crossing 030 degs. West to escort this ship to Iceland (C).
(3) On completion A.C.I.C. is requested to sail escort detailed to Londonderry.
(C. in C., W.A. 030835Z to F.O.N.F. A.C.I.C. etc.).

U/B Submarine attacked 19.40 N. 75.07 W. at 1333Z.
attacked. (Kingston 031113Q to Admty.).

NORSEMAN Cominch 232202 June and 101550 July.
escort. Admty. states NORSEMAN now available for repair at Bermuda- Halifax cable which it is desired to complete as soon as possible. Ship arrived San Juan 30th July. No British escort available.
Request U.S. Authorities be asked to provide.
(S.B.N.O.W.At. 031245P to B.A.D.).

GRIPSHOLM Proposed route for GRIPSHOLM safe conduct exchange ship from New York to Port Elizabeth.
Request agreement in this routeing and that onward routeing to Mormugao be provided. Also request routeing from Singapore area to Mormugao for

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GRIPSHOLM (Contd.). Japanese exchange ship. (Vice Opnav 031300Z to Admty.).

U/Bs. attacked Weekly Summary. Your 1059B/22 July 1942. Following promising attacks reported week ending 2400Z/1. 28th July P.B.M. attacked submarine 15.57 N. 68.30 W. plane damaged and two of crew injured by gunfire evaluated severe damage probable kill. 30th July Ventura sank German submarine 08.36 S. 34.34 W. 31 prisoners Ventura attacked submarine 11.25 S. 34.55 W. evaluated probably sunk. 31st July U.S. P.B.M. Brazilian Hudson and Catalina sank submarine 23.45 S. 42.57 W. 12 prisoners. (Cominch 031320Z to Admty.).

Convoy X.B.67 (A). (1) Sailing telegram. (2) Halifax 1300Z/3rd. (3) E.T.A. Cape Cod canal 0400Z/5th. (4) 10 knots. (5) (Route) (6) DUNVEGAN. (N.C.S.O. Halifax 031334Z to Admty.).

TWEED S.C.138 TWEED sailing St. Johns N.F. 1930Z August 3rd in accordance with your 030835Z. (F.O.N.F. 031344Z to C. in C.W.A.).

B.Y.M.S. Times Q. B.Y.M.S.74 senior vessel accompanied by B.Y.M.S. 75 departed Throggs near New York 0800/3rd E.T.A. Boston 0600/4th; Speed 10, via Long Island Sound and Cape Cod Canal. (C.T.G. 02.3 031402Z to C.T.G.02.1).

Convoy X.B.67 (1) Sailing telegram (20 Ships, list, destinations). (2) Halifax 1500Z/3rd. (3) E.T.A. Cape Cod Canal 2100Z/5th Boston 2000Z/5th. (4) 7.5 knots. (5) (Route). (6) ROXBOROUGH, SASKATOON, SHEDIAC. (N.C.S.O. Halifax N.S. 031615Z, 031629Z to Admty.).

U.S. S/M Estimate. (Cominch 031620Z to Admty.).

P.554 3rd. P.554 passed 044 degs. 53' 061 degs. 40' at 031200Z speed 10 submerging at discretion escorted by Norwegian KING HAAKON VII due 044 degs. 00' 063 degs. 16' at 2100Z then through 043 degs. 12' 065 degs. 19' to R/V with relief escort U.S.S. MIGRANT 043 degs. 05' 067 degs. 00' at 041415Z. Total bombing restrictions in force. (Cominch 031622Z).

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Dispositions U.S.S. GOLDFINCH Y.M.S.5. 046 degs. 02' 058 degs, 50' 255 degs. 8.5 altering to 233 degs. in 049 degs. 30' W. and to 243 degs. in 045 degs. 02' N. S.H.(798)A PAYNTER 045 degs. 31' 060 degs. 16' 229 degs. 8 altering to 239 degs. in 060 degs. 41' W. CYRUS FIELD escorted by GODERICH 045 degs. 11', 060 degs. 50' 239 degs. 9.5 en route Halifax.

P.554 KING HAAKON VII 044 degs. 03' 063 degs. 12' 235 degs. 10 altering to 271 degs. in 066 degs. 25' W.

X.B.67W. 044 degs. 01' 063 degs. 58' 231 degs. 8 altering to 269 degs. in 043 degs. 10' N.

DUNVEGAN escorting P.F.S.L.(MADEIRA) 043 degs. 35' 064 degs. 44' 231 degs. 10 altering to 269 degs. in 043 degs. 10' N.

F.H.69 GUYSBOROUGH, INGONISH 042 degs. 38' 066 degs. 03' 079 degs. 8 alter to 045 degs. in 064 degs. 44' W.

RENARD 044 degs. 12' 066 degs. 28' 16 coastwise to Digby. (C. in C.C.N.A. 031645Z).

B.S.57 WESTMOUNT 047 degs. 00' 059 degs. 50' 7.5 en route Sydney (C.B.).

Q.S.61 LORD MIDDLETON, AYRSHIRE, UNGAVA, 047 degs. 55' 061 degs. 00' 146 degs. 7.5 altering for Sydney (C.B.) in 047 degs. 04' N.

S.Q.62 CAPE ARGONA, CAPE MARHATO 048 degs. 33' 062 degs. 03' 300 degs. 8. altering to 259 degs. in 064 degs. 57' W. and to 236 degs. in 066 degs. 49' W.

78th M.L. Flotilla 048 degs. 15' 064 degs. 08' 012 degs. 12 en route Gaspe. S.P.A.B. DRUMMONDVILLE depart Sydney (C.B.) 1000Z/4th (C. in C.C.N.W.A. 031715Z).

N.S.H.Q. 1200Z/3rd August one estimated about N.G. B.F. S/M Another about P.D. V.W. No evidence of others Estimate. which may be in area. (N.S.H.Q. 031701Z).

Convoy Sailing telegram (3 ships, list etc.). W.H.X.250 (2) 2230Z/August 3rd. (3) 2000Z/4th in 046 degs. 36' N. 049 degs. 01' W. (4) 8½ knots. (5) and (8) as in Admiralty's 041301 July and C. in C.C.N.A.'s 261804 July. (6) SAPPER, STORM KING. (N.C.S.O. St. Johns N.F. 031743Z, 031744Z to Admty.).

Convoy Arrived New York complete 031500Z August. G.U.F.9. (P.D.New York 031746 to Com. 10th Fleet C and R).

Transfer of C. in C. Med. (A) 311649. Destroyers and (1) C.C.S.194 was conceived here at a critical several stage in Battle of Atlantic. Americans attitude corvettes to was that D.E. and Frigate construction would be Free French. best employed by British and Americans and that the French should have only the smaller A/S craft for which neither side is in the field. This is present situation.

/(2) In...

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Transfer of Destroyer and several corvettes to Free French. (Contd.)

(2) In two months we shall be starting a hard fight for the largest possible number of D.E. and Frigates (vide Admiralty 271914 April and 012151 July to B.A.D. only) by end of 1944. If the four F.N.F.L. Frigates become a test case as they well may there is a distinct possibility that they may be quoted against us in such a manner as to prejudice our arguments. The four Greek L.S.Ts. have already produced comments on our manning capabilities.

(3) It has been several times said off the record in the C.C.S. Meetings by U.S. C.O.S. that we should go slow with the French Navy until it has properly constituted itself. Rather than force an awkward issue at this time it would it not be better to defer it until the Committee of National Liberation is recognised by Americans and ourselves and the French Navy is in fact united, and at least until we have secured our 1944 assignments. It will be remembered that our last escort vessel assignments had to be brought to Harry Hopkins for decision and that Americans have never accepted the one to 13.7 ratio as a firm agreement. (B.A.D. 031855Z to Admty.).

Minesweepers and M.Ls. for Russia. Your 311216. M.Ls. in question are 110 foot A/S Sub. chasers of American design powered with two general motors pancake diesel engines maximum speed 19½ knots. Minesweepers are 183 foot type. Admiralty pass to 30 Mission. (B.A.D. 031857 to Admty. (r) 30 Mission, C. in C. E.F.).

War Reg. Note:- Presumably C. in C.F.H. intended signal has only been passed to C. in C.H.F. and not to C. in C.E.F.).

Convoy setting of watch. Your 021603. Com. 10th Fleet C and R concurs and has issued instructions to U.S. Port Directors accordingly. (B.A.D. 031925Z to Admty. (R) C. in C.W.A.).

CALDER CALDER (De - 58) departes Boston Gate at 0900Q/4th en route Bermuda via (Route). (Comtask 02.1 031950 to N.O.B. Bermuda).

CHELSEA CHELSEA departs Boston Gate at 1230Q August 4th en route New York via Colombia. (Route). E.T.A. Ambrose 1300Q/5th. (C.T.G. 02.1? 031955Z to (U.S.) Comm 3rd. Naval District New York).

Routes of British controlled shipping. Your 311429Z concur. (Com 10th Fleet C and R 032017Z to Admty.).

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U.S. Dispositions. This is 031535 from Cominch. Change my 271540. Serial 85. Atlantic. ALABAMA, SOUTH DAKOTA, MONTEREY, BLOCK ISLAND, AUGUSTA, CINCINNATI, MEMPHIS, BROOKLYN, BIRMINGHAM at sea. IOWA in Boston. BOGUE in N.W.Africa. PYBUS at New York. CORE in Norfolk. OMAHA, MARBLEHEAD at Recife. Pacific WASHINGTON, INDIANA, VICTORIOUS, PRINCETON, BELLEAU, WOOD, CHENANGO, LEXINGTON, CONCORD, TRENTON, ST. LOUIS at sea. AITAMAHA in Brisbane. BRETON in South Pacific.
(Comnavcu 032026 to Admty.)

S/M attack and sighting summary. A. Plane attacked S/M course 120 09.33 S. 30.37 W. 031025. P.B.M. attacked S/M 11.33 N. 54.05 W. 030425. P.B.M. sighted S/M 36.35 N. 71.10 W. 030102. All times Z. C. S/M attacked 19.40 N. 75.07 W. 031337. Army Tug sights S/M 06.15 N. 56.42 W. 031330 P.C.495 attacked S/M 08.17 N. 57.28 W. 030120. Plane has M.A.D. contact 13.10 N. 67.50 W. 030245. Surface craft sights S/M 11.34 N. 64.42 W. 021705. Army transport plane sights S/M 11 N. 6.50 W. 022039. D. K.36 has M.A.D. contact 38.08 N. 73.10 W. 021615 U.S.S. PHEASANT Radar contact area 33.40 N. 65.34 W. 020450 Shore Watcher sighted S/M 48.20 N. 53.50 W. 022230.
(Cominch 032055Z to Admty.)

AQUITANIA (A.T.57.) Departing New York 041500Z Ambrose AQUITANIA (A.T.57) Clyde. E.T.A. Clyde Boom 110400Z August. S. of A. 20 knots. (Route). Dawn R/V at 0400Z August 10th in latitude 55.03 longitude 17.24 Q. 55.40 13.30 R.55.40 08.02 thence accordance instructions C. in C. W.A. Standard communication plan except 3,000 kilocycles replaces 2410 kilocycles within Eastern Sea-frontier. Fighter protection code word "Bayrum" with three figure call sign 157.
(P.D. New York 032114Z to Com. 10th Fleet C. & R.)

B.Y.M.S. Arrival B.Y.M.S. 229, 191, 212 from Boston.
(N.O.I.C. Halifax N.S. 302157Z to Admty.)

Convoy U.T.1. Your 262243. It is now intended that convoy U.T.1 consisting of 4 transports and two fast tankers (also as escort oilers) sails from Hampton Roads escorted by DART, ERNE, WHIMBREL, CLARE, BANFF and FISHGUARD on 20th August for U.K. Convoy to steam at 14 knots.
(B.A.D. 032213Z to Admty. (R) C. in C. W.A.)

WEST POINT. Cancel my 292035 to which D. of S.Ts. 021920 refers. 2. U.S. Authorities now desire WEST POINT on departure from Bombay to return to U.S.A. via Pacific.
(B.A.D. 032215Z to D. of S.T. (R) C. in C. E.F. C. in C. S.A. P.S.T.O. India, S.S.T.O. Capetown, S.S.T.O. Durban, P.S.T.O. M.E., G.H.Q. M.E. C. in C. Levant, F.O.C. Red Sea.)

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Digest Forenoon photos Rabaul reveal 14 merchant vessels
Serial No. totalling 64,500 tons, 2 heavy cruisers ("ATAGO" and
560. "MOGAMI" Class) 1 light cruiser ("JINTSU" Class)
August 2nd. 3 destroyers, 3 S/MS. 3 S/M chasers, 2 minesweepers
1 gunboat in complete coverage of harbour.
2. Enemy S/M reported passing Cape Orford southbound
afternoon. 3. In morning sweep 18 Kittyhawks
bombed strafed Gasmata aerodrome, also destroyed minimum 2 barges,
damaged others and also damaged jetties in Montague harbour -
Cape Dampier Area. 5. Catalina reported sighting 1 destroyer, 1
unidentified vessel possibly destroyer 60 miles southeast Gasmata
just before midnight. Destroyer attacked and hit but reported
still under way. 6. Six fortresses bombed Hansa Bay before dawn
starting large fire in supply area. Nil shipping sighted.
9. 13 Mitchells made barge sweep Huon Gulf area destroying, 1
power boat with cabin and superstructure also destroying and
damaging several barges. Also shot down one enemy fighter.
16. Four destroyers proceeded to Kolombangara area night 1st-2nd
and were last sighted departing to westward early hours second.
S/M reported 30 miles S. Blackett Strait morning 2nd.
(G.H.Q. S.W.P.A. 030750Z.)

Movements. Arrivals 2nd August Cairns U.S. Transport ANHUI.
Port Moresby H/Ts. DUNTROON, TAROONA. U.S. Transport
MAETSUYCKER arrived and departed Cairns 2nd,
arrived Townsville 3rd. R.A.A.F. Store Ship WANAKA
departed Brisbane 2nd due Sydney 5th (3 letters
missing)(AASE)MAERSK departed Brisbane 2nd due Newcastle 4th.
(C.S.W.P.S.F. 031219Z to Admty.)
Departed Brisbane 31st U.S.S. TRINITY for Townsville U.S.S.
GOLD STAR for Cairns. Arrived Cairns second U.S.H.T. ALLYN
Port Moresby second U.S.S. MIZAR.
(A.C.N.B. 031259Z.)
Arrived Cairns 2nd U.S.S. LAMSON Brisbane 1st ROCKHAMPTON,
GLENELG, TOWNSVILLE, Milne Bay 2nd U.S.S. SAN PABLO Cairns 2nd
GYMPIE, BUNBURY, Brisbane 2nd U.S.S. ALTAMAHA. Depart Cairns 2nd
MANOORA, WESTRALIA, U.S.S. DRAYTON for Port Moresby, Darwin 2nd
LATROBE for Thursday Island Sydney, N.S.W. 2nd BENDIGO, BROOME
for Melbourne, Brisbane 2nd. GLENELG, ROCKHAMPTON, TOWNSVILLE
(?GOULBURN) (?BROOME) for Hawkinge.
(A.C.N.B. 031309Z.)

Oil, Your 161734B. Furnace Oil in Naval Tanks Fremantle
Fremantle. 16th July 45888 tons including 24528 tons Commercial
Stock. Estimate 30,000 tons vacant space after
receipt ALCIDES cargo. (2) Request allocation
Tankers to fill vacant space and one tanker every
2 months thereafter alternatively one tanker per month from Sept.
onwards to meet current Naval offtake of 5,000 tons per month and
to build up stocks.
(A.C.N.B. 031428Z to Admty. (R) C. in C. E.F.)

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Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C. 031340B, 031350B.)

Submarines Attacked.

S/M attack
and
sighting
summary.

For 24 hours to 1000B/3.
Para. 1. Ships attacked. One unknown off Mozambique
probably CITY OF ORAN. Para. 2. Attacks on U/Bs.
in Bay of Biscay totalled six of which two were
probably successful. Three other aircraft sighted
U/Bs. in this area without attacking.
(D.D.I.C. 031555Z to Cominch.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

Operation
S.F.
U.489
sunk.

1. A German U-Boat was attacked about 0933B today by a Sunderland aircraft in 61.18 N. 14.38 W. (180 miles south of Vestrahorn, Iceland (C)) At 1030B CASTLETON reported the enemy submarine destroyed by internal explosion following the attack, and about 56 prisoners were taken. The Sunderland was shot down and CASTLETON rescued the survivors. ORWELL and ORIBI are in company with CASTLETON. The U-Boat was later reported to be U.489.

Coastal
Forces.

2. During a sweep by M.G.Bs. and M.T.Bs. of the convoy route from Texel eastwards last night a confused engagement with enemy trawlers took place in the early hours of today, during which M.G.B. 605 was hit and collided with M.G.B. 604 causing extensive damage to both vessels. M.G.B. 604 was towed home by M.T.B. 617, M.G.B. 605 returned home across the North Sea stern first. There were no casualties in our forces.

3. Two Naval officers were killed and some naval and civil damage was caused in the town of Dover this evening by fire from the German coastal batteries.

4. A U.S. aircraft on passage from Iceland to Stornoway reports that at 1145B today when in 61 N., 14 W. they picked up S.O.S. from a ship in 52 N., 26 W.

5. U.S. fighters shot down a F.W. 200 at 1748 today 10 miles east of Grimsey 66.32 N. 18.00 W. (north coast of Iceland (C)).

North Atlantic.

3 ships
mined at
Gibraltar.

6. Three ships in the Commercial Anchorage at Gibraltar were damaged by under-water explosions in the early hours of today and were beached. These were Norwegian tanker THORSHOVDI, U.S. HARRISON G.OTIS and British SS. STANRIDGE. At 0320 today the crew of the HARRISON G.OTIS recovered an Italian from the water near their ship.

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Mediterranean.

7. C. in C. Med. reports that UNISON when joining convoy K.M.S.21 was fired on by a merchant ship and slightly damaged. There were 4 casualties, one being fatal.

8. Day and night bombardments in support of the 7th Army have been carried out by the U.S. cruisers SAVANNAH and PHILADELPHIA and destroyers. The monitor ROBERTS carried out a successful 15 inch bombardment of road and railways at Taormina today.

9. The U.S. destroyers GHERARDI and RHIND sank an F lighter and an E-boat south of Lipari Islands last night. One E-boat escaped.

10. UNRIVALLED, on return from patrol off the Straits of Messina, reports various attacks on tugs and schooners.

11. UNSEEN at 0557 fired 4 torpedoes at a REGOLO class cruiser in 38.50 N., 17.09 E. but missed. The cruiser laid mines in the vicinity of 38.52 N. 17.03 E. extending approximately 300° for 3 miles.

Air attack
on Palermo.

12. Enemy aircraft estimated at 3 Squadrons attacked Palermo at 0400 today. No damage was caused to shipping in the harbour, but many bombs were dropped on shore. U.S. destroyer SHUBRICK was damaged and suffered some casualties.

Air raid on
Naples.

13. The Naples Submarine Base was bombed by 77 B.17s today, 924 x 500 lb. bombs being dropped.

Algiers Fire,
FORT LA
MONTEE sunk
ARROW damaged.

A serious fire which began among smoke generators in SS. FORT LA MONTEE at Algiers at 1000 today caused an explosion which destroyed the ship and seriously damaged ARROW, destroyer, which was alongside assisting fire parties.

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East Indies.

15. It is reported that SS. EMPIRE LAKE (2852 tons), Durban 8 July for Aden, was torpedoed and sunk at 151630 in 21.27 S. 51.47 E. (about 240 miles from Madagascar).

Australia & New Zealand.

16. 16 Corsairs attacked the enemy base at Shortland Island today and destroyed 7 float planes, 3 barges and a small boat, and started fires in the dock and supply areas.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

Force S. Your 2509/00968 XDI of 15th July. Agreed with Air Ministry interference on training programme by moving R.A.F. O.T.U. from Invergordon is unacceptable.
2. It is still considered essential to assemble and train Force S in your command. In order to simplify problem, the requirements given in A.M. 251453 June have been revised as follows. Details.
6. The force will not be fully assembled till approximately March, 1944 and priority should be given to facilities at Inverness and Rosyth unless special difficulties arise from this investigation into the development of facilities at Invergordon. (A.C.N.S.H. 040202B to C. in C.Rosyth.)

T.G. 92.4. Task Group 92.4 is hereby dissolved.
(Comnavcu 040746 to C.T.G. 92.4.)

Catfirth. My 211203B July.
Request approval in principle to develop Catfirth as Operational Base. This entails reduction of requirements for building at Scalloway.
(A.C.O.S. 041243 to Admty.)

M.S.F.159. Your 031407. Approved.
(D.M.S. 041416B to VERNON.)

Dover
Command
Radar
Stations. Regarding home surface chain Radar Stations in your command, it is approved that operational control should be assumed by you as from 8th August at noon. D.B.S.T. Stations K.147 and K.148 are technically excluded from the surface chain and will continue to operate under Army control as integral part of Dover defences.
2. Arrangements should be made locally to ensure that these two stations pass to the Naval plot such reports as you require in addition to their reports for C.A. purposes. Local military authorities are informed on this point.
(D.L.D. 041703B to V.A.Dover.)

Movements.

Force F. Proceed to position 080° Barfleur 9 miles to search for British aircraft in sea. Leave position by 0330B and steer 000° at high speed to lat. 50° 12' N. thence towards Portland Bill and by Q.Z.S. 427 to Dartmouth.
(C. in C.Plymouth 040113B to Force F.)

RAMILLIES,
HUNTER. My 031241. Sailed WARWICK, VIMY.
(C. in C.Plymouth 040605B to Admty.)

/s/M...

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- S/M
Movements. Captain S.5's 011115B. Sailed Needles 0723.
(SATYR.)
(C. in C.Portsmouth 040750B to C. in C.Plymouth.)
My 031526 and F.O.I.C. Greenock's 030114. One
S/M escorted by one A/S trawler will sail at
1200B/4th.
(TITANIA 041032B to N.O.I.C. Greenock.)
My 041032. Sailed. Request 21 hours can be added to all times
in N.O.I.C. Greenock's 030114.
(TITANIA 041158B to N.O.I.C. Greenock.)
Your 021011B. Ocean route L.26 D. 056° 01' N. 009° 59' W.
E. 056° 01' N. 018° 01' W. F. 055° 59' N. 024° 58' W. G. 054°
55' N. 032° 30' W. H. 053° 05' N. 039° 59' W. thence as ordered
by C. in C.C.N.A.
(C. in C.W.A. 041321B to F.O.S.)
Intend sailing ULTIMATUM at 0900 tomorrow for Blyth, E.T.A.
1130, escorted by SIMERSON.
(N.O.I.C. Tyne 041450B to Capt. S.6.)
Request you will sail L.26 8th August with escort to pass
through C. 056° 01' 007° 30' W. at 1200B/9th thence unescorted
on the surface through D. 056° 01' 009° 59' E. 056° 01' 018°
01' F. 055° 59' 024° 58' G. 054° 55' 032° 30' to "Chop" H. 053°
05' 039° 59' at 1800B/14th, thence as ordered by C. in C.C.N.A.
S.O.A. throughout 9 knots.
(F.O.S. 041606 to Capt. S.7.)
Small British submarines unescorted may be met in the area
west of 004° 00' W. south of line joining Suleskerry and Butt of
Lewis and in North Minch north of lat. 058° 00' N. between
2000B/6th and 2000B/7th August.
(A.C.O.S. 041626B to F.O.S.)
Positions of S/Ms at 0300B/5 and movements for following
24 hours.
(F.O.S. 041721B, 042218B, 051254B, 051829B, 052301.)
- A.F.D. 34. Intend to sail A.F.D. XXXIV towed by tug
DEXTEROUS and escorted by PYTCHLEY, M.L. 491, 153,
159, 304 at 0930B/5th to Dartmouth.
2. CONCERTATOR, WILLIAM MANNEL sweeping ahead of dock
to Dartmouth.
(C. in C.Plymouth 041325B to N.O.I.C. Dartmouth.)
- 16th M.S.F. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar's 311701 July, C. in C.W.A's
041117 June, and C. in C.Plymouth's 061306 June.
Request 16th M.S.F. may be sailed to Plymouth on
arrival of M.K.S.20 to operate under orders and
administration of C. in C.Plymouth.
(D.M.S. 041417B to C. in C.W.A.)
- TITANIA. TITANIA is to arrive port H.H.Z. p.m. 30th August.
(Capt. S.12, 041425B to TITANIA.)

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ILLUSTRIOUS. Clyde arrival ILLUSTRIOUS escorted by OPPORTUNE, OB DURATE, and OBEDIENT.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock 041804B.)

Operations.

Operation C. in C.Rosyth's 032304B. Shift centres of square
S.F. One 80 miles 225°. Commence P.S.3 at southern end at
U-Boat sunk 0600. Group B. in Area A. use vice versa.
by A/C. (see (MUSKETEER 040101B to ORWELL.)
also U-Boats Enemy S/M on surface position 061° 18' N. 014° 38' W.
6th August.) (CASTLETON 040933B to MUSKETEER.)
in about 61° 18' N 14° 38' W
AD Enemy submarine's disappearance following large
explosion at stern.
(CASTLETON 040936B to MUSKETEER.)
Am proceeding to approx. 061° 26' N. 014° 28' W. in which air-
craft has crashed.
(ORWELL 040942B to MUSKETEER.)
My 040936. Enemy submarine destroyed by internal explosion
following attack by Sunderland aircraft. Sunderland aircraft was
shot down. Rescuing survivors. ORWELL, ORIBI in company.
(CASTLETON 041030B to MUSKETEER.)
R.A.(D).H.F.'s 021716B. Remain in harbour at 2 hours' notice.
(C. in C.Rosyth 041043B to METEOR.)
Sunderland D.D. 859 attacked U-Boat (German) in 061° 18' N.
014° 38' W.
U-Boat (German) destroyed following internal explosion. Aircraft
shot down. CASTLETON proceeding Reykjavik with 6 aircraft/
survivors and 23 prisoners. ORWELL proceeding Faroe Is. with
33 prisoners.
(CASTLETON 041050B to Admt. C. in C.H.F. C. in C.Rosyth,
A.C.I.C. N.O.I.C. Faroes, MUSKETEER.)
My 1050. S/M number was U.489.
(CASTLETON 041200B to Admt.)
When satisfied with destruction of S/M, both groups are to
return to Skaale Fjord, one destroyer being detailed to proceed
to Scapa with survivors.
(C. in C.Rosyth 041307B to MUSKETEER, ORWELL.)
Proceed to Hvalfjord in execution of previous orders.
(C. in C.Rosyth 041321B to CASTLETON.)
ORWELL proceed Faroes. ORIBI join Group B. which will
patrol between 2 revised centre point of squares.
(MUSKETEER 041325B to ORWELL, ORIBI.)
It is important to identify U-Boat.
2. Any evidence as to number of boat or name of Commanding
Officer is to be signalled without delay.
(D.O.D.H. 041338B to CASTLETON, etc.)
My P.C. and S. at 1400B, 061° 33' N. 015° 02' W. 082° 27
knots. E.T.A. Thorshavn 2315B today. Request escort and trans-
port for 33 P.O.W. on arrival.
(ORWELL 041402B to N.O.I.C. Faroes.)
My 041402. Prisoners total 34 including one Air Force
Officer, one Air Force Rating, five P.Os. and 27 Naval Ratings.
One Air Force Rating and one Naval Rating are Surgical cases.
(ORWELL 041453B to N.O.I.C. Faroes.)

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Operation S.F. One U-Boat sunk by A/C. (see also U-Boats 6th August.) (Contd.)

Expect 0600/5th. Have 6 aircraft survivors on board, 3 of whom are cot cases, also 23 prisoners 6 of whom are officers.
(CASTLETON 041511B to A.C.I.C.)
C. in C.Rosyth's 041307B. Proceed Scapa with survivors.
(MUSKETEER 041528B to ORWELL.)
E.T.A. Skaale Fjord 0100B/5th. MAHRATTA, ORIBI in company.
(MUSKETEER 041557B to N.O.I.C. Faroes.)

My 041307B. Cancel reference to both groups returning Skaale Fjord. Continue patrol as in your 041325B.
(C. in C.Rosyth 041624B to MUSKETEER.)
Proceed with convenient despatch to 061° 39' N. 015° 25' W. reporting E.T.A. to MUSKETEER.
(C. in C.Rosyth 041635B to METEOR.)
Your 041511. Hospital drifter AVON GLEN will close you off Grotta for R.A.F. survivors. CASTLETON is then to proceed to Hvalfjord and berth alongside, BLENHEIM to transfer (?prisoners) to her for passage to U.K.
(A.C.I.C. 041758B to CASTLETON.)
C. in C.Rosyth's 041635B. E.T.A. 0500B/5.
(METEOR 041759B to MUSKETEER.)
Faroes departure METEOR.
(N.O.I.C. Faroes 041903B.)

My 032304 and 041624. To conform with moorings being flown from 0001B August 5th centre of each square is to be moved a further 60 miles 225°. Adjust patrols accordingly and instruct METEOR where to R/V.
(C. in C.Rosyth 042021B to MUSKETEER.)
C. in C.Rosyth's 042021B. R/V (?in) 6 miles 060° 59', 016° 50' at 0800 tomorrow.
(MUSKETEER 042221B to METEOR.)
Hvalfjord arrivals WELLS and ST. MARY'S.
(A.C.I.C. 042246B.)
Proceed to Scrabster to disembark prisoners, thence returning to Scapa.
(R.A.D. 042249B to ORWELL.)

My 031615 and 032323. Moorings will be moved a further 60 miles 225° at 0001B/5th. 2. A. 29. B. 13.
(C. in C.Rosyth 042340B to H.F.)

"Forfar" Beer. Following received from M.T.B. 344. "Forfar" Beer A O O O, E.T.A. 0645.
(C. in C.Portsmouth 040545B to C.C.O.)

Operation "Musketry".

P.C. and S. of enemy 40.35, 090.8, 1500. 1 destroyer Spanish markings.
(A/C 461 Sqdn. Duty S 040950B to 19 Group.)
Leaving patrol now. My P.C. and S. 046° 02' N. 010° 54' W. 005° 12 knots.
(E.G.2, 041315B to C. in C.Plymouth.)

My 041025, para. 3. ATHABASKAN and GRENVILLE are to return Plymouth forthwith, pass through position K.C. 048° 48' N. 010° 12' W. and K.D. 180° Bishop Rock Y.
(C. in C.Plymouth 041321B.)

/Have...

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Operation "Musketry" (Contd.) Have taken over hunt of contact obtained by GRENVILLE in position 06.6 Baker 43 miles. Will go South of 40° N if no hope of recovery or if better chance offers. Ends. He also added, please tell HAVELOCK of movement if you sight him. (E.G.40, 041516B to C. in C.Plymouth.)

At 1500 left 40th Escort Group in 046° 16' N. 010° 30' W. searching for contact probable S/M attacked a.m. by GRENVILLE. E.T.A. Boom 1500B/5th.

(ATHABASKAN 041520B to C. in C.Plymouth.)

Disposition at 2000.

Escort Group 2, KITE, WILD GOOSE, WREN, WOODPECKER, WOODCOCK 047° 20' N. 010° 35' W. bound Plymouth 12 knots.

Escort Group B.5, HAVELOCK, VOLUNTEER, SAXIFRAGE, GODETIA, patrolling vicinity 047° N. 011° W.

ATHABASKAN, GRENVILLE 047° N. 011° W. bound Plymouth 15 knots.

Escort Group 40, LANDGUARD, HASTINGS, BIDEFORD patrolling vicinity 046° 30' N. 011° W.

(C. in C.Plymouth 041625B to Admty.)

My 301825B. Subsequent interrogation prisoner revealed that second U-Boat sunk was U.462 not U.(?411) as reported. The name of the Captain of the third U-Boat sunk was Luis.

(E.G.2, 041815B to C. in C.Plymouth.)

Intended P.C. and S. at 050700B, 047° 44' N. (?011°) 20' W. 180° 9½ knots.

(B.5 042016B to C. in C.Plymouth.)

Request you will sail remainder of B.5 group to Gibraltar to arrive a.m. 9th to act temporarily under the orders of C. in C. Med.

(D.O.D.H. 042216B to C. in C.Plymouth.)

Coastal Force Patrols. A. M.G.B. 613, 615 anti E-Boat patrol from 2315 - 0430 on 50° 25' N. between 00° 40' W. and 01° 25' W.

B. M.L. 343, 291 patrol Q.Z.S. 384 between F. and E.A. 5 buoys.

C. M.L. 247, 124, 122 from Portland anti E-Boat patrol between 50° 20' N. 02° 00' W. and 50° 15'

N. 02° 25' W.

D. CHASSEUR XIII immediate notice St. Helens.

E. WENSLEYDALE, TALYBONT immediate notice Yarmouth.

2. If M.G.Bs. do not proceed WENSLEYDALE, TALYBONT carry out patrol A. if weather is suitable.

(C. in C.Portsmouth 041230B.)

M.Ls. 142 and 137 at Bullock Bank.

M.G.Bs. S.2 and S.1 at V.Buoy. E.T.D. Dover 2200, E.T.R. 0500/5.

M.G.Bs. 114 and 118 at V.Buoy. E.T.D. Ramsgate 2230, E.T.R. 0430/5. (V.A. Dover 041821B and 042006B.)

My 041230B para 2. M.G.Bs. are not sailing. Carry out patrol as in my 1A.

(C. in C.Portsmouth 042152B to WENSLEYDALE, TALYBONT.)

S/M Patrols. Positions of submarines at 0800B/5th and movements for following 24 hours.

A. MINERVE and TRUANT 011746.

B. SCEPTRE approx. 61° 20' N. 00° 02' W. probably on surface to Lerwick.

E. SEANYMPH, SYRTIS and SEADOG escorted by CUTTY SARK vicinity Trevoze Head due 180° Bishop Rock 10 miles at 1300/5th then

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S/M Patrols. submarines independently dived by day as follows:-
(Contd.) 1. SEANYMPH through 49° N. 07° W. at 2200/5th
thence to southward.
2. SYRTIS through 49° N. 07° W. at 0230/6th, thence
to southward.
3. SEADOG 49° 01' N. 06° 30' W. at 0200/6th, thence to southward.
F. SATYR 48° 55' N. 06° 30' W. dived by day to southward.
G. RUBIS vicinity Chaussee de Sein to south westward carrying
out minelay, withdrawing to pass through 47° 16' N. 06° 00' W.
thence to northward.
(F.O.S. 041721B to Admty.)

Mining.

S.N.74. Intend to carry out operation S.N.74 as follows.
Details.
(R.A.M. 040920B to A.C.I.C. Admty. C. in C.H.F.)
My 040920B. As I have only 3 destroyers available
request you will arrange for another to complete the screen and
that she may arrive Port ZA by 0800B/11th.
(R.A.M. 040924B to Admty.)

Q.Z.X. 1070. Anchored Brixham Roads. HOUND returned Dartmouth
with defective M/S Winch. Have cleared area
joined by following 4 positions. Intend to
proceed with HYDRA and 4 Danlayers at 0615
tomorrow to resume operations.
(M/S 18 041923B to C. in C.Plymouth.)

Enemy Intelligence.

LEIPZIG, 1. LEIPZIG and SCHELESSEN at Libau July 5th.
SCHELESSEN. 2. LEIPZIG was docked for repairs and engine
trouble. It is reported that decision was
finally taken not to carry out repair work and
she was paid off. Graded C.3.
(N.A.Stockholm 041531 to Admty.)

O.I.C. Comment. LEIPZIG has been reported at Libau since April.
There is no confirmation that she has paid off.
2. One of the old battleships left Gdynia between 2nd July and
27th July.

Bille, My 241415Z. Reconnaissance of Bille, Sassen and
Sassen, Templefjord completed. All huts have been
Templefjord. visited. No trace was found of Germans.
(Ashore, Locomotive 041603Z to Admty.)

EMDEN. It is reported, graded B.2, that on 4th August
ADMIRAL EMDEN sailed S. from Copenhagen, and ADMIRAL
SCHEER. SCHEER arrived there.
(D.D.I.C. 041918B to A.I.G. 47, A.I.G. 21.)

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U-Boats.

U-Boat attacked. At 0732 in 62° 02' N. 12° 40' W. J/269 sighted fully-surfaced U/B bearing 280/6 miles course 260/6-10 kts. A/C circled and attacked with M.G.fire. At 0800/3 approx. A/C attacked from 3500 ft. with one 100 lb. A/S bomb Mk..III tail fusing Mk.30 pistol. At 0805/3 A/C attacked with second A/S bomb which fell approx. 30 yds. to port. A/C met with fierce flak and decided would be suicidal to go into low-level attack against such heavy fire. Bursts came up to 2000 ft. A/C remained 5-10 mins. in vicinity but only oil patch seen. (R.A.F.Iceland 040212B to H.Q.C.C.)

Casualties & Defects.

DESTINY. Sailed DESTINY in accordance with my 031810B. (N.O.I.C. Campbeltown 040330B to F.O.I.C. Greenock).

KINGSTON AGATE. My 030915. KINGSTON AGATE returned to Humber having been in collision with Chequer Shoal Buoy. Dome and oscillator damaged. (F.O.Humber 040915B to N.O.I.C. Kirkwall.)

BLACKBIRD. BLACKBIRD returned from U.R.85 with engine defects. Estimated time to complete repairs 48 hours. Intend retaining and sailing with U.R.86. Boiler-cleaning will be done before sailing. (N.O.I.C. Aultbea 041601B to Admty.)

ADVENTURE. Examination of boilers in ADVENTURE has shown that certain tubes have reached end of effective lives and should be replaced at earliest opportunity
2. Ship can however make one further trip to Western Mediterranean if required by you, the risk of perforation and loss of available power being accepted.
3. Subject to your remarks it is intended to hold ship available. (A.C.N.S.H. 041651B to C. in C.Med.)

Rafts and Dinghies. To avoid unnecessary search following subsequent sighting, ships which sight raft or dinghy are after investigation to salve or alternatively sink them. (C. in C.Plymouth 041951B to E.G.2, etc.)

Unknown ship. American aircraft on passage from Iceland to Stornoway reported on landing that at 1145B/4 when in 61° N. 14° W. they picked up 3.O.3. from a ship in 52° N. 26° W. (C. in C.W.A. 042331B to Admty.)

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YEW MOUNT,
AVONVILLE.

YEW MOUNT broached too and stranded on shingle on Uncle Victor beach with full cargo on board. No communication yet with ship and extent of damage unknown. AVONVILLE stranded on X-ray beach with half cargo on board. Should refloat when discharged.

(S.T.Liaison Officer, Tenby 042340B to D.S.T.)

Shipping & Convoys.

O.S. 53 /
K.M.S. 23.

In view of lack of accommodation at Milford Haven, request ships for O.S. 53/K.M.S. 23 be sailed direct to Belfast. N.D. ships should be sailed to Milford Haven.

(F.O.I.C. Milford Haven 041045B to F.O.I.C. Cardiff.)

BEN MY CHREE. Intend sailing loaded transport BEN MY CHREE, K/B, escorted by RIPLEY at 1800 tomorrow to Invergordon, speed 21 knots, E.T.A. 1000/6th. Route. (N.O.I.C. Faroes 041147B to A.C.O.S.)

Take over escort of BEN MY CHREE from RIPLEY.

2. Proceed 21 knots to Sorvaag and report E.T.A. to N.O.I.C. Faroes. Route as in my 042106 (not to other addressees.)

4. BEN MY CHREE leaves Sorvaag for Invergordon 1800B tomorrow.

5. RIPLEY will relieve you off Scapa on 6th August if possible. (A.C.O.S. 042117B to ULSTER.)

EMPRESS OF
AUSTRALIA,
SAMARIA.

Your 011237. Hvalfjord arrival. (A.C.I.C. 041202B to N.O.I.C. Liverpool.)

T.A. 58
(QUEEN MARY)

My 031945. Sailed. (GLASGOW).

(C. in C. Plymouth 041623B to Admty.)

Amend time of passing through position K to read 2300B/5th.

(N.O.I.C. Greenock 041746B to Admty.)

Armed Guard
Commanders.

U.S. Wartime Instructions for U.S. Merchant Vessels state the Commander of the Armed Guard shall attend convoy conferences with the Master of the vessel to which he is attached. 2. N.C.S.Os. are requested to ensure that Armed Guard Commanders are notified of conferences.

(D.T.D. 042012B to A.I.G. 26.)

T.A. 54A.

With T.A. 54A tonight 20(?)Z. Position 53° 43' N. 22° 42' W. course 250° advance 14.5, next point A.D. (C.T.F. 68 042124Z to C. in C.W.A.)

S.D..43

S.D.43. Intend to sail EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA, DUCHESS OF RICHMOND, and SAMARIA escorted by SHIKARI, SCIMITAR, SABRE, and SALADIN from Hvalfjord at 0600B/6th routed in accordance with C. in C.W.A.'s 111746

June. Destinations in accordance with Admty's. 021201 SABRE escorting to Liverpool.

(A.C.I.C. 042235B.)

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CHARYBDIS Your 032246B. E.T.A. 0100/5th August. Request Gate 0200. Speed 26 knots. Weather report. (CHARYBDIS 040148B to F.O.C.Gib. (R) Admty. C. in C. Plymouth).

G.T.X.5. Add N.O.i/c Malta F.O.R.S.C.A., M.W.T. Cairo, P.S.T.O.M.E. to list of addressees of my 021512. Convoy sailed as in my 021512. Tugs EMPIRE ACE and EMPIRE DENNIS for Algiers.

B.Y.M.S.11, 14, 24, 209 for Malta. H.M. Water boat CIVIC for Algiers. HANNIS TAYLOR, CHARLES M. HALL, GEORGE SHIRAS for Algiers. FORT AKLAVIK for Bone. Commodore Cdr. Mackellar R.N.R. in AVRISTAN. (F.O.C. Gibraltar 040601B to F.Os. i/c N. Africa).

M.K.F.20 Arrived ORION, MOOLTAN, HIGHLAND PRINCESS, VOLENDAM, DEMPO. (F.O.i/c Gibraltar 040834B to C. in C. Med.). Sailed PELICAN, WEAR ROTHER, JED, EGRET, LIMBOURNE, AMAZON, WANDERER escorting convoy M.K.F.20. (F.O.i/c Gibraltar 042037B to Admty.). M.K.F.20, 4 ships sailed routed as in your 032225. (F.O.i/c Gibraltar 042200B to Admty.).

Dispositions Situation 2001B/4th. P.317 (TALLY HO) 039 degs. (?19') 009 degs. 59' to 038 degs. 50' 010 degs. 01' at 0130/5th thence 162 degs. dived by day 9/2.

(2) LOCK OSKAIG, MARIE LOUISE MACKAY, repairing cables vicinity 037 degs. 09' 009 degs. 09'.

(3) 6 Spanish destroyers one Spanish M/L 2 Spanish Submarines leaving Cadiz 4th for Marin arriving 6th.

(4) Italian repatriation ships VULCANIA and SATURNIA sail Las Palmas 4th through 028 degs. 24' 015 degs. 01' thence 050 degs. 16½.

(5) M.K.F.20 PELICAN sail Gibraltar 2200/4th through 035 degs. 10' 010 degs. 01' thence 269 degs. 13.

(6) CHARYBDIS approx. 036 degs. (?12') 008 degs. (?24') to Gibraltar 26.

(7) C.G.53 LADY HOGARTH sails Casablanca 0900/5th through 035 degs. 44' 006 degs. 44' to Gibraltar 7.

(8) One U.S. Destroyer sails Casablanca p.m. 4th to R/V S.S. EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND in 034 degs. 16' 016 degs. 50' at 1900/5th.

(9) Portuguese Sloop leaves Portuguese coast for Ponta Delgada 5th.

(F.O. Gibraltar 041035B).

Situation 1959B/4th.

(2) Convoy "J" IMPERIALIST 042 degs. 36' 013 degs. 35' 179 degs. 7.

(3) M.K.S.20 SHIPPIGAN, SCYLLA (E) 041 degs. 47' 016 degs. 01' 001 degs. 7¾ (See 041215B).

(4) O.G.91 K.M.S.22 HIGHLANDER 039 degs. 54' 019 degs. 01' through 039 degs. 01' 019 degs. 01' thence 142 degs. 7.(?).

(75) S.S. EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND 035 degs. 42' 025 degs. 57' 101 degs. 19¾.

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Dispositions (6) Spanish training ship GALATEA left Corunna
(Contd.). 2nd for Canary Islands.
(F.O. Gibraltar 041041B).
My 041041B add to para.3. SCYLLA parts company
2200/4th and joins O.G.91 K.M.S.22, 20 knots.
(F.O. Gibraltar 041215B).

Situation 2003B/4th.

G.U.S.10 X. 039 degs. 37' 037 degs. 48' 260 degs.9.
(2) U.G.S.13, C.T.F.64, C.T.G.21.1 035 degs. 29' 041 degs. 55'
through 035 degs. 41' 038 degs. 39' thence 090 degs.9.
(F.O. Gibraltar 041053).

M/V Following ships in Commercial Anchorage were
Explosions, damaged by underwater explosions between 0335 and
Gibraltar. 0510 this morning August 4th.
(A) Norwegian tanker THORSHOVDI anchored 290 degs.
E. Head 28 cables.
(B) American HARRISON G. OTIS anchored 310 degs. E.
Head 26 cables.

(C) British STANRIDGE anchored 308 degs. E. Head 25 cables.
(2) All 3 ships are being beached.
(3) At 0320 August 4th crew of HARRISON G. OTIS recovered an
Italian from the water near ship. He was wearing singlets and
shorts, carried no naval identity papers, but identity disc bore
name Andrea Gionoli with numbers G.B.(P.O.L.O.M.B) 922 and
61694C. He is now in custody.

(4) Further report follows.
(Gibraltar C.C.O. 041058B 080057 to Malta C.C.O.(R) Admty.).
Following for M.O.4. from Chief.

Have returned from Algiers. Have not yet succeeded in
establishing how attack on three merchant ships in bay early
morning 4th August was carried out but it was a limpet bomb
Italian job. General Barron is outwardly co-operating well in
investigations. Inform Chiefs of Staff.
(Govr. Gibraltar 042330B, to W.O.).

Broadcast Instructions will be sent by signal to Consuls in
to Italian connection with Italian Ships in Spanish Ports.
Navy and Submit translation (see para.(2) your 021908 to
Shipping. C. in C. Med. be sent me to enable Consuls to
hand letter to Masters of Italian ships and local
Italian Consuls.
Your 022135 (021908 passed to Madrid with T.O.O.
122135) refers.
(Madrid 041159 to Admty.).

SCYLLA Part company with M.K.S.20 at 2200B/4th and
proceed to R/V with K.M.S.22/ O.G.91.
(2) K.M.S/O.G.91 consisting of 34 ships Cdre.
Woodward in MARTAND escorted by HIGHLANDER, S.O.

ASPHODEL, ABELLIA, PENNYWORT, CLOVER, WALKER, WINCHELSEA in
estimated position.

(A) 038 degs. 37' 018 degs. 36' W. at 0800B/5th is routed
through M.W. 039 degs. 00' 019 degs. 00'. W.X. 036 degs. 00'
016 degs. 00'. M.V. 035 degs. 00' 010 degs. 00' S. of A.7.

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SCYLLA (Contd.). (3) Report if not met by 1400B/5th.
(4) Admty. pass to H.Q.C.C.
(F.O. Gibraltar 041217B to SCYLLA (R) Admty. etc.).

Italian Repatriation Ships. Italian repatriation liners. SATURNIA and VULCANIA will arrive at Gibraltar about 6th August en route for Taranto and will be followed about 10 days later by DUILIO and GIULIO CESARE. (2) When these vessels reach Gibraltar you should send a responsible Officer on board to contact Masters and Senior administration officials in your name with a view to impressing upon them the fact that Italy is on the point of collapse and will very shortly be out of the war. You should say that we are sending the ships on in accordance with our undertakings with Italian Government but are very apprehensive that Germans will try to seize or sink these ships after arrival in Italy. You should emphasise that Germans may seek to use them against Italian interests and tell them that they will be well advised to take every precaution for their own safety. (Head of M.I.*041304B to F.O. Gibraltar).

Reply: 061735B. * Approved V.C.N.S.
Sailed from Las Palmas 1724 G.M.T. 4th August E.T.A.
Gibraltar Friday 6th August 1100 G.M.T.
(VULCANIA 041726Z to Admty. etc.).
(Las Palmas 041805 to Admty.).

G.U.S.11. Your 291641. Is GENERAL FLEISHER entering Gibraltar to await G.U.F?. Agreed M.W.T.R.
(F.O.i/c Gibraltar 041704B to N.O.E. Alexandria, (R) C. in C. Med.).
G.U.S.11. Intend sailing for Hampton Roads all in ballast. (List, 14 ships). Agreed M.W.T.R. and S.T.O.
(F.O. Gibraltar 041734B to C.M.S.F.F.).

LIMBOURNE My memorandum No. S.O. 0131/43 dated 4th August LIMBOURNE is to continue with M.K.F.20 to present limit of endurance then proceed to Plymouth routed through (Q) 43.01 N. 15.30 W. Thence as routed by C. in C. Plymouth.
(2) LIMBOURNE is to report when 100 miles clear of M.K.F. 20
(A) P.C. and S. M.K.F.20 (B) P.C. and S of LIMBOURNE. (C) Weather report.(D) Any ship or escorts not present.
(F.O. Gibraltar 041721B to LIMBOURNE (R) Admty. etc.).

LUGANO Reported leaving Marseilles 8th August coastwise for Gibraltar Swiss LUGANO 6942 g.t. not to be molested this voyage on this route.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 041744B to S. and A 041801B to French S/MS.).

Movements Gibraltar Arrivals PELICAN, WEAR, JED, ROTHER, EGRET, LIMBOURNE, with M.K.F.20 VELOX, ACTIVE from Algiers. COLTSFOOT S/M UNBROKEN from East.

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HOLCOMBE, ATHERSTONE, LIDDESDALE, HYDERABAD,
RHODODENDRON from Oran. ISIS, ST. NECTAN from
Escort duties Lisbon.

Departures FARNDALE, HAYDON, CALPE, LOTUS, POPPY,
DIANELLA, STARWORT Tugs EMPIRE ACE, EMPIRE
DENNIS, B.Y.M.S. 11, 14, 24, 209 with G.T.X.5.
(F.O.i/c Gibraltar 042025B to Admty. C. in C.
Med.).

Movements
Casablanca.

Warships August 4.
U.S.S. JOHN D. FORD departed to R/V with EMPRESS
OF SCOTLAND, French COMMANDANT BORY, ILA,
GAZELLE arrived.
(Commorseafron 042125B to C. in C. Med.(A)).

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Movements, Departures 3rd August ABERDEEN and COPINSAY
Lagos. escorting MIRANDA to Takoradi. M.L.152 escorting
JUNE CREST to Cotonou.
(N.O.I.C. Lagos, 040800Z to Admty., etc.)

O.S.52. Sailed at 0830Z to join O.S.52 FORT LAC LA RONGE,
SCHIAFFINO FRERES, Freetown for Takoradi, GEN
Freetown for Pernambuco.
(N.C.S.O. Dakar, 040850Z to Admty.)

MAURETANIA. My 032025 and 032021 August. ?Amend E.T.A. to
be 11th August.
(N.C.S.O. Freetown, 041105Z to Admty.)
MAURETANIA sailed 3rd August. Fuel taken 2031
total on board 3100 tons.
2. Master requests boilers be cleaned on arrival.
3. Passenger details see my code 041524* August.
(D.S.T.O. West Africa, 041527Z to Admty. for D.S.T.)
* Not yet received.

Movements, Arrivals 1700Z/3rd August 1943, H.M. B.Y.M.S.23,
Freetown. 21, M.M.S.99, 100, 101, 104, 108.
(S.O.(I) Freetown, 041138Z to Com. 10th Fleet.)

Dispositions. Situation at 2000Z/4th August.
EMERALD 034° 55', 020° 45' R.8 to Durban 18.
FREESIA, LE TIGRE with tug PRUDENT towing
MANGKALIHAT 026° 30', 033° 25' coastal to
Durban 3.

FRITILLARY, JASMINE with C.B.2, 022° 24', 036° 00' coastal to
Beira, 8.

RACEHORSE, SORSRA with M.C.(?8), 018° 50' 038° 50' to 020°
01', 036° 01', 8.

NEPAL with SIBAJAK, 029° 01', 039° 40' to 033° 01', 036°
01', 14½.

CERES 015° 30', 043° 10' to 026° 30', 039° 30', 15.

(C. in C. S.A., 041203B.)

Situation at 2000Z/4th August.

RESOLUTION, REVENGE, NORMAN, RAPID, RELENTLESS, QUIBERON,
CATTERICK with C.F.13 033° 08' 017° 35' to 028° 30' 014° 30', 13.
F.S. DUQUESNE, F.S. TOURVILLE 032° 50' 017° 21' to (? 028°) 30'
014° 30', 18.

(C. in C. S.A., 041207B.)

FOXHOUND, F.O.C.W.Af. 021835Z. Request ELIZABETHVILLE and
THYSVILLE be sailed to R/V with me outside
T.L.19. harbour entrance at (? 0700Z) tomorrow Thursday.
(FOXHOUND, 041256Z to N.O.I.C. Takoradi, etc.)

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SWALE. E.T.A. Pointe Noire 0830A/5 LT (incomplete groups)
F.S. COMMANDANT D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES (3 incomplete)
groups) EMPIRE CADET in company. Intend to
detach MEERKERK about 0800A in position A.
(SWALE, 041315A to B.N.L.O. Pointe Noire, (R)
F.O.C.W.Af., Capt. (D) 18, Freetown.)

Movements, Arrived ROTHERHAM, NAPIER.
Durban. (Com. i/c Durban, 041333Z, 041942Z to Admty., etc.)

Movements, Arrivals 4th August Transports LARGS BAY, TAMAROA.
Lagos. (N.C.S.O. Lagos, 041510Z to Admty., etc.)
FOXHOUND, BOADICEA arrived 0915Z/4th and sailed
1514Z for Takoradi in accordance with your
021335 not to Admty. E.T.A. 0700Z/5th.
(N.O.I.C. Lagos, 041516Z to F.O.C.W.A.)

EMERALD. Sailed EMERALD for Durban route R.8. S. of A.
18 knots. E.T.A. 0800Z/6th shift to W/T
organisation J at 0001Z/6th.
(C. in C. S.A., 041547B to Admty.)

Movements, Arrivals 4th August a.m. FOXHOUND and BOADICEA,
Lagos. M.Ls. 287, 277, O.N.014 and 1078, MORRIS DANCE and
ORFASY.
Departures FOXHOUND, BOADICEA, PRESIDENT HOUDUCE,
M.Ls. 244 and 287.
(N.O.I.C. Lagos, 041611Z to Admty., etc.)

Convoy Sailing telegram, (2 ships, DOMINION MONARCH,
C.F. 13. AORANGI). (2) 1600Z/14th. (3) R/V 1630Z/10th at
Congo River. (4) 12 knots. (5) Route to
Freetown swept channel. (6) RESOLUTION, REVENGE,
NORMAN, RELENTLESS, QUIBERON, RAPID, CATTERICK.
(15) Call sign TVD1 - 9, codeword "Dagger".
(N.C.S.O. Capetown, 041612Z to Admty., etc.)
See also 042207B.

Force X, While in South African Ports the attitude of
hostility Officers and men in French Squadron, shortly
to Fighting calling at Pointe Noire and Takoradi for fuel,
French. has been unfriendly and contemptuous towards
mobilised French. No one wearing the Cross of
Lorraine has been allowed on board.
(C. in C. S.A., 041658B to Admty., F.O.C.W.Af.,
(R) B.N.L.O. Pointe.)

/T.S.49 ...

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- T.S. 49. Sailing 1730Z/4th T.S.49 escorted by ABERDEEN, COMMANDANT DETROYAT F.F.S., ARMERIA, PORTSDOWN, ST. WISTAN, DUNCTON, COPINSAY route standard? E.T.A. Freetown 1200Z/10th. S. of A. $6\frac{1}{2}$ knots. (N.O.I.C. Takoradi, 041723Z to Admty., etc.)
- T.S.49 sailed 1700/4th August. Route Strand, S. of A. $6\frac{1}{2}$ knots, E.T.A. Freetown 1200Z/10th August. Stragglers route close inshore, no positions given. List and details. Convoy codeword "Pingo". W/T identity letters XZD 1 to 9. (N.C.S.O. Takoradi, 041721Z, 052217Z to Admty., etc.)
- U/B sunk 3rd August. Large U-Boat thought possibly to be supply S/M, damaged by aircraft and sunk by U.S. Destroyer MOFFETT in $009^{\circ} 40' S. 030^{\circ} 07' W.$ at 2030Z/3rd. (B.N.S.O. Rio de Janeiro, 041746Z to Admty., (R) C. in C. S.A., F.O.C.W.Af.)
- Convoy for Dakar. (1) Intend to sail CROCUS, DUNKERY, SOUTHERN GEM, PICT escorting LADY DENISON PENDER, LIDA and LEICESTER CITY to Dakar at 0800Z/5th August. (2) Route (A) $010^{\circ} 00' N. 016^{\circ} 20' W.$ (B) $011^{\circ} 00' 017^{\circ} 18'.$ (C) $014^{\circ} 41' 017^{\circ} 48'$ thence to Dakar estimated speed made good $6\frac{1}{2}$ knots, E.T.A. 1500Z/8th August. (3) Comar Dakar is requested to sail YESTOR and FANDANGO to R/V convoy on $012^{\circ} 28' N. 017^{\circ} 30' W.$ at 1800Z/7th and (corrupt group) LADY DENISON PENDER repairing cables off Bathurst and then off Cape Ferrat returning to Freetown. CROCUS detach LADY DENISON PENDER when YESTOR and FANDANGO R/V. (F.O.C.W.A., 041747Z to CROCUS, Comar Dakar, (R) YESTOR, N.O.I.C. Bathurst Gambia, Admty.)
- Movements, Takoradi. Arrivals 4th August - Minelayers 1160, 1042, 1016, 1018 and ABERDEEN, COPINSAY off the port. (N.O.I.C. Takoradi, 041823Z to Admty., etc.)
- TUPI. Brazilian submarine TUPI will carry out exercises to south of Ilha Rasa in company with U.S. Ship BARNEGAT from 1100Z on 5th and 6th August. (B.N.S.O. Rio de Janeiro, 041841Z to Admty.)
- LE CENTAURE, M.L. 574. Following is a repetition of my 021523Z August (begins). Intend to sail LE CENTAURE escorted by M.L.574 at 1200Z/3rd August to Dakar proceeding through (A) $10^{\circ} N. 16.20 W.$ at 0600Z/4th. (B) $11^{\circ} N. 17.18 W.$ at 1330Z/4th. (C) 270° Cape Verde Light 7.7 miles at 0900Z/5th. Estimated speed made good 11.5 knots. (Ends). (F.O.C.W.A., 042023Z to Comar Dakar.) Departures 1206Z/3rd August 1943, F.F/S LE CENTAURE, H.M. M.L.574. (S.O.(I) Freetown, 041622Z to Dakar, (R) Admty., N.O.I.C. Bathurst.)

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INKPEN.

Arrival 1050/4th August.

(N.O.I.C. Bathurst, 042142 to F.O.C.W.A.)

RESOLUTION,
REVENGE,
destroyers,
transports.

(1) Sailed RESOLUTION, REVENGE, NORMAN, RELENTLESS, (QUIBERON ?), RAPID, CATTERICK with DOMINION MONARCH, AORANGI for Congo River routed through (A) 033° 13' S. 017° 37' E. (B) 028° 30' S. 014° 30' E. (C) 017° (? 15') S. 010° 30' E. (D) 010° 00' S. 011° 00' E. thence Congo River route from Congo River to Freetown in accordance

with F.O.C.W.Af.'s 011329.

(2) E.T.A. 010° S. 1800Z/9th August, E.T.A. Congo River 0800Z/11th S. of A. 12½ knots, shift to W/T organisation "Peter" at 1800Z/9th.

(3) Requirements on arrival Congo River.

(4) If it can be arranged B.N.L.O. Pointe Noire is requested to send 300 pounds fresh vegetables for each 5 destroyers to Congo River.

(C. in C. S.A., 042207B to Admty., etc.)

(W.D. Note: Transports known as C.F.13, see 041612Z.)

DUQUESNE,
TOURVILLE.

(1) Sailed French Cruisers DUQUESNE, TOURVILLE for Pointe Noire routed through (A) 033° 13' S. 017° 37' E. (B) 028° 30' S. 014° 30' E. (C) 017° 15' S. 010° 30' E. (D) 010° 00' S. 011° 00' E. thence Pointe Noire route from Pointe Noire to Takoradi (E) 002° 00' S. 005° 00' E.

(F) 002° 00' N. 004° 00' E. thence Takoradi.

(2) E.T.A. 010° S. 1200Z/8th August, E.T.A. Pointe Noire 0600Z/9th, S. of A. daytime 18 knots, night 16 knots, shifting to W/T organisation "Peter" at 1200Z/8th.

(3) Requirements on arrival Pointe Noire.

(C. in C. S.A., 042225B to Admty., etc.)

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G.U.S.11. Pass to Cdre. G.U.S.11. My 011236B sailed (?Pendant) 63, 9, ASTRA, Oran. S.O. local escort in FLUELLEN. W/T call sign 2 K.G.X. (N.O.I.C. Bone 040403B to Escorts of Convoy G.U.S.11.)

G.U.S.11, intend sailing. (List). All for U.S. (Commob. Oran 041511B to C. in C. Med.)

G.U.S.11, arrived BARON DOUGLAS, EMPIRE SOUTHY and RONAN. (N.O.I.C. Philippeville 041555B to C. in C. Med.)

UNSPARING. UNSPARING Patrol report blank. (S.10, 040651 to C. in C. Med. etc.)

S/Ms. 3rd August arrived UNSPARING 3rd August departed
Malta. UNSHAKEN.
(V.A. Malta 040645B to Admty. etc.)

Movements, Arrivals and departures 3rd August.
Malta. Arrivals:- AURORA, PENELOPE, MULLET, PIORUN, OAKLEY,
Departures:- POLRUAN, FELIXSTOWE, BRIXHAM and TANGO,
escorting EMPIRE ROSALIND, FORT POPLAR, OCEAN
VIKING and HARDINGHAM. WHEATLAND and CROOMER.

MAURITIUS and ORION, MULLET. Landing craft movements:-
Arrivals:- L.C.T.302, L.S.Ts.415, 416 and 425. Departures:-
L.C.Gs 9, 12, 17, 18. L.C.Ts. 404, 587. (E)s. 124, 274, L.C.F.11,
L.S.Ts.425, 415 and 416.
(V.A. Malta 040647B to Admty. etc.)

10th S/M.F. 1. P.54 (UNSHAKEN) 035° 56' 016° 31' to 038° 39'
Summary at 018° 11' at 2000/5th. 2. P.51 (UNSEEN) in vicinity
2000/4th. of Cape Colonne. 3. P.31 (UPROAR) off Bari.
4. P.46 (UNRUFFLED) off Brindisi. 5. PARTHIAN in
Adriatic.
(Capt. S.10. 040650.)

UNSEEN. Leave patrol to pass. 038° 43' 017° 08' at 0600/6th
037° 18' 17° 28' at 0600/7th 035° 49' 016° 44' at
0700/7th to R/V with Minesweeper at end of Eastern
searched channel at 0800/8th, passage on 7th on
surface, MJAO 24, request bombing restrictions to cover (?above)
route.
(Capt. S.10, 040702 to P.51 (UNSEEN) (R) Capt. (S) 1, C. in C.
Mediterranean, C. in C. Levant. etc.)
My 040702. Advance all times 24 hours. Keep East of Cape
Rizzuto until you leave.
(Capt. S.10. 041235B to UNSEEN.)

Movements August 3rd Arrivals:- ALYNBANK, DELPHINIUM, ROMNEY,
Alexandria. PRIMULA, Y.S.S.KAJMAKAIAN, Y.S.S.DURMITOR M.L.361,
WOLBOROUGH, MAID MARION, PROTEA, ROMEO. Departure
CARLISLE, TETCOTT, BELVOIR, EASTON, WAYLAND, ROMNEY,
SHOREHAM, WHITEHAVEN, HYTHE, RYE, GAWLER, LISMORE,
MARYBOROUGH, IPSWICH. M.L.386 PINDOS, KINGSTON. CORAL.
(R.A. Alexandria 040720C to Admty.)

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- M.K.S.21 and Sailing telegram, part 2.
M.W.S.39. (N.O.I.C. Alexandria, 041005C to Admty. etc.)
- M.E. Air A.667 Aug. 4. 0934Z. Daily Opsum. 98. 2/3 Aug.
Reports. 2 Liberators (B.24) 11 Halifaxes Rail installations
Reggio Di Calabria, bursts seen vicinity of Railway
Station and sidings, town area, N/E. of main
station, and area S. of station. 1 large fire S. of
Marshalling Yards and a second North of town. 2 smaller ones area
in Railway Yards and Station. 3 August. 4 Beaufighters anti-
shipping R/C. Aegean Sea. Attacked with bombs cannon and machine
gun fire 40 ton Caique at anchor off S.W.coast of Kythnos Island.
Vessel in Bay surrounded by high cliffs. Inaccessible for
satisfactory attack. One cannon and machine gun burst only on
bows of Caique. Bombs fell wide. 4 Beaufighters offensive sweep
between Telos Island and Suda Bay. 2 low flying Arado 196 attacked
off South coast of Crete, East of Cape Anememylos. One Arado shot
down in sea and sank. Second Arado damaged disappearing over Crete
My Opsum 97 1 August. Delete all after "A total of at least 87
enemy aircraft attacked 51 being destroyed one probably destroyed.
One damaged", and substitute "104 U.S.Liberators (B.24) returned
to Base 11 landed in Cyprus 8 in Sicily 4 in Malta and 8 in Turkey,
15 crashed over target 2 crashed in sea one crashed on take off.
24 U.S.Liberators (B.24) not yet accounted for. Total of 49
aircraft lost which includes 8 in Turkey. 147 x 1000 lb. H.E.
258 x 500 lb. H.E. 202 x 4 lb. British IN. 73 x 100 lb. American
INC. On Ploesti at 1110Z hours. 50 x 1000 lb. H.E. 34 x 500 lb.
H.E. 34 x 100 lb. American INC on Campina at 1210Z hours."
(H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. 041021Z.)
- K.M.S.21. Pass to Cdre. Escorts K.M.S.21. (1) My 021415 sailed
(2) Cdre. Newman in CAPE HORN.
(V.A. Malta 041057B to SLAZAK.)
- Convoy Intend sailing L.S.T.198 and KERRERA in company
"Vigorous" with one Destroyer at 1700/4 to R/V with ships from
from Syracuse at 1900/4th and ships from "Acid" Sector
Sicily. at 2000/4th for onward passage to Apex.
(?Shortest) route through (?QK) B.164 thence through
position:- (A) 037° 00' N. 015° 25' 30" E.
(B) 036° 41' N. 015° 18' 12" E. F.C. 036° 25' N. 015°
11' E. thence Malta N.E. approach channel position Z. 036° 09' N.
014° 47' 12" E. bearing 040° St.Elmolight 20 miles. (3) Convoy
codeword "Vigorous" Call sign 167. (4) Continuous watch on 2150
kc/s. (5) S. of A. 8 knots. (6) E.T.A. Boom 0500/5th. V.A.Malta is
requested to sail escort back to Augusta as soon as possible after
arrival. Malta pass to Air H.Q.
(N.O.I.C.Augusta 041108B to F.O. Sy.)
- NANTAISE, A. My 031151C. NANTAISE has taken clearance papers.
FIRUZ. Will sail pm. August 4th. B.3. B. Report C.4.
FIRUZ ?sunk in Black Sea.
(S.O. (I) Istanbul 041117C to C. in C. Levant etc.)
- G.T.X.5. Pass to Cdre. S.E.C. G.T.X.5. Intend to join, 10,

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G.T.X.5. LEWANT, 61 R/T, Paravanes, M/F, flares, Tripoli
(Contd.) (Libya) L.T.8, JANINE, 62, bombs, Sousse.
(N.O.I.C. Bone 041142B to S.E.C. G.T.X.5. (R)
N.O.I.C. Sousse, etc.)

8th S/M.F. 1. P.229 (SPORTSMAN) East of Corsica.
movement 2. P.221 (SHAKESPEARE) N. of Messina S. of 039° N.E.
summary of 015° E. 3. L.N.729 (CASABIANCA F.S.) 041° 54'
1958B/4th. 007° 38' 225° 12 knots. 4. S/Ms. dived by day 2½
knots surface speed as indicated. 5. L.N.771
(ORPHEE F.S.) 039° 28' 011° 00' 027° 8 knots.
(Capt. S.8. 041148Z.)

Greek manned I am averse to disturbing the balance of escort
Ships. forces in the Mediterranean by having too large a
proportion of Greek manned ships. Your 261707 and
C. in C. Levant's 291345 refer. Proposals now
made would mean that out of the 50 off ships
employed in ordinary convoy work 11 would be Greek manned. The
proportion would be even higher at times when escorts were reduced
to provide support for operations. This appears to be undesirable.
(C. in C. Med. (Malta) 041159B to Admty. (R) C. in C. Levant.)

Security Following from Chiefs of Staff, C.O.S. (M.E.) 401.
leakage 1. Combined Chiefs of Staff have agreed that
through the following instructions should be issued to
captures. Cs. in C. and to all force Commanders. You are
requested, therefore, to give them appropriate
dissemination within your command.
(Begins) Security measures to prevent leakages
regarding future operations through prisoners of war; The greatest
care must be taken to ensure that, except in cases of absolute
operational necessity, officers, N.C.Os. or men who are aware of
essential details of impending operations are not unnecessarily
exposed to risk of being taken prisoners by taking part in
preliminary landing operations, or R/C or in flights over the
battle zone. (Ends).
(Air Min. 041215Z to Mideast. etc.)

DZIK. Intend sailing DZIK at 1600/5th routed as follows
by Eastern Channel through 035° 56' 016° 31' at
1200/6th, 037° 02' 017° 10' at 0500/7th 039° 44'
018° 52' at 0400/8th, 040° 40' 018° 52' at 2359/8th,
041° 11' 018° 05' at 0900/9th thence to patrol off Bari. Surface
passage on 7th. 2. MJA0 24, request bombing restrictions to cover
above route.
(Capt. S.10, 041332B to Capt. S.1. C. in C. Med. etc.)

TRIDENT. Departure.
(N.O.I.C. Aden 041423Z to C. in C. Levant,
F.O.R.S.C.A. S.O. (I) Kilindini, S.O. (I) Colombo,
S.O. (I) Bombay, Admty.)

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N.A.A.F. Report. N.W.A.A.F. Opsum 164. N.W.A.Strategic A.F.3 and 3/4 August. No report received. N.W.A.Tactical A.F. 28 July (add). 264 Spitfires, 54 U.S.Spitfires 144 Warhawks (P.40), 28 U.S.Warhawks (P.40), 60 Kittyhawks (P.40), 79 U.S.Mustangs (36) bombing, straffing, escort and cover missions. Over 30 vehicles destroyed Troina, Cesuro, Randazzo Road. Hits bridges and road Cesuro, Falcone landing ground bombed. 29 July (add). 227 Spitfires, 20 U.S.Spitfires, 132 Warhawks (P.40), 46 Kittyhawks (P.40) bombing, straffing and escort missions. Hits Quays Messina, near misses large Merchant Vessel in harbour. Riposto Harbour also bombed. 31 July (add). 322 Spitfires escorted bombers and fighter bombers. 70 Kittyhawks (P.40) straffed road Transport West Etna. 90 Warhawks (P.40) bombers scored direct hits Merchant Vessel Taormina and on Naval Vessel near Litari, direct hit docks. Near misses small vessels Milazzo. 26 U.S.Spitfires escorted Naval Vessels. 1 August (add). 95 Kittyhawks (P.40) attacked road transport between Adrano and Bronte. 116 Warhawks (P.40) bombers scored hits docks Messina and Milazzo. Near misses barges along coast. 134 Spitfires escorted fighter bombers swept battle areas and maintained standing patrols Syracuse and Augusta. 2 August (add). 74 U.S.Mustangs (A.36) 4 U.S.Warhawks (P.40) bombing and straffing missions. 67 U.S.Spitfires Naval Escort. 3 August. 48 U.S.Mitchells (B.25) 48 U.S.Bostons (A.20) 36 Baltimores (A.30) 23 Bostons (A.20) attacked enemy gun positions and troops Aderno Area.
(N.A.A.F. Adv. H.Q. 041545B.)

Escort Carriers. Your 021138, not to R.A.A. Request numbers of aircraft and numbers of squadrons in each escort carrier now on passage to Gibraltar may be communicated.
(C. in C.Med. (Malta) 041616 to Admty. (R) R.A.A.)

UNISON, UNRIVALLED, R. of P. UNISON reports at 0737/22 in 38.20 15.16 fired four torpedoes at southbound merchant vessel. Missed. UNRIVALLED reports. A. At 0521/23 in 38.38 15.30 fired 3 torpedoes at large tug. Missed. B. At 1506/23 in 38.37 15.46 fired four torpedoes at U-Boat. Missed. C. At 0620/24 in 38.59 14.38 sunk small schooner by gunfire four prisoners. D. at 1215/25 in position 38.37 15.50 attacked with gunfire small tug towing schooner. Both vessels beached and abandoned. E. at 1330/26 in position 38.39 15.49 attacked small schooner. Three hits. Forced to dive by shore batteries.
(S.10 041800B to A.I.G. 66 (R) F.O.S.)

G.T.X.4. Convoy arrival telegram, (?G.T.) X.4 arrived less Alex. portion detached.
(N.C.S.O. Port Said 041828C to Admty.)

Spares for 24 M/L F. A.M. 031447B. Request base to which first supply spares should be despatched.
(D.C.F.M. 041956B to C.C.F. Med.)

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Algiers No.1. Serious accident at Algiers. Smoke
fire. generators in No. 1 hold of SS. FORT LA MONTEE
FORT LA caught fire spontaneously about 1000 today 4th
MONTEE August. Vessel was almost completely discharged
Sunk. except some ammunition. About noon following
ARROW change of wind, fire gained strength and vessel
damaged. was towed towards Harbour. Fire fighting continued
in Bay and at approx. 1530 I received a report
that fire was in hand. (2) ARROW was alongside
assisting fire parties. At about 1540 vessel
blew up forward setting ARROW on fire and causing heavy casualties
amongst fire brigade and crew of ARROW. Stern of FORT LA MONTEE
still afloat and heavily on fire was sunk by gunfire from
SARACEN. ARROW is very seriously damaged and still heavily on
fire but every endeavour is being made to save her.
(Cdre. Algeria, 041958Z to C. in C. Med.)

Malta A.I.1020 4 August, Opsum No.86. 3/4 August. 5
Air Mosquitoes made Intruder patrols over Southern
Report. Italy and Messina Area and 7 Beaufighters made
interception patrols N. of Malta. No enemy air
activity was found. 2 Wellingtons made shipping
searches S.E. of Toe of Italy. 4 August, 6
Spitfires made photo R/C of Etna Area and Southern Italian
Harbours. 4 Baltimores made A/S patrols for shipping. 1020
hours 1 JU.88 approached Malta at great height, on R/C and was
intercepted by 2 Spitfires but JU.88 with height advantage dived
away and no combat took place. Total of 72 Bostons and 36
Baltimore Sorties were made from Malta against ground targets
in N.E. Sector.
(R.A.F. Malta 042010Z)

BRECON. Arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Philippeville, 042011B to C. in C. Med.
etc.)

Situation UNISON fired on by merchant ship when joining
report K.M.S. 21. One Officer died of wounds one officer
144. two ratings wounded. Slight damage. (2) Day
and night bombardments in support of 7th Army
have been carried out by U.S. Cruiser SAVANNAH
and PHILADELPHIA and destroyers. (3) Clean up of
Palermo Harbour proceeding seven Liberty ships inside but unloading
retarded by necessity of using L.C.Ts. All commercial lighters
formerly used have been sunk or removed. (4) Aircraft estimated
three squadrons attacked Palermo 0400/4th. No damage to shipping
inside harbour. U.S. destroyer SHUBRICK damaged two killed,
16 wounded. Many bombs dropped on shore. No known losses
enemy. (5) Monitor ROBERTS reports a successful 15 inch
bombardment of road and railway at Taormina today 4th.
(C. in C. Med. (Malta) 042018C to Admty.)

*Amended,
see p. 158.*

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Movements, Oran. Arrivals today U.S.S. NELSON, MURPHY, ORIZABA, EVANGELINE, SHAWNEE, MEDICO, COWIE, BORINQUEN, HERNDON, GLENNON, JEFFERS. Departures today F/S SULTANE, CHASSEUR III, C. in C. Med. pass to Comnavaw.
(Comnob. Oran 042025B to Admty.)

Estimated U-Boat dispositions. 1 sighted 041027Z in 036° 18' N. 011° 40' E. 1 possibly 2 between Tunisian coast and Sardinia. 2 other unfixed West of Malta. 3 or 4 Italian unfixed between Malta and Taranto.
(C. in C. Med. 042032B.)

45 Escort Group. C. in C. Med's. 261518 July (66B). 45th Escort Group, DELPHINIUM S.O., BEAUFORT, ROCKWOOD, EXMOOR, MIAOULES, SOUTHERN SEA, SOUTHERN MAID, FALK. (2) KANARIS, PRIMULA joins 45th Group temporarily in place of MIAOULES, SOUTHERN SEA, SOUTHERN MAID, FALK. (2) KANARIS, PRIMULA joins 45th Group temporarily in place of MIAOULES, EXMOOR.
(C. in C. Levant 042102C, 052224, to Med.Station etc.)

Movements, Tripoli. Arrived MULLET L.S.T. 425, 415, 416.
(S.N.O. Trip. 042109B to Admty.)

Movements, Bone. Arrivals M.F.Vs. 70, 26, 36, 45, 51, 55, 57, 109, 157. Departures M.T.Bs. 287, 266.
(N.O.I.C. Bone 042114B to Admty. etc.)

Situation Report No.46. Convoys. M.W.F.39 WAYLAND for Bizerta and six personnel ships for Sicily and M.K.S.21/M.W.S.39, 36 merchant vessels left Alexandria 3rd August. Convoy G.T.X.4. 12 merchant vessels, three through personnel ships ex K.M.F.20, BARNABY and MAID MARION arrived Alex. 3rd August. (2) Levant Area.
Submerged A/S nets located off Beirut. Two sweepers sent from Alex. Probable duration of sweeping 14 days.
(C. in C. Levant 042128C to Admty.)

Movements, Port Said. 4th August Port Said arrivals, SOUTHERN ISLES, SOUTHERN SEA, BARNABY, F.F.S. LA MOQUEUSE. Departures SOUTHERN SEA, F.F.S. LA MOQUEUSE.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 042130 to Admty. etc.)

Transports, Malta. Transports EMPIRE CELIA, JADE and DERWENTDALE, arrived.
(D.S.T.O. Malta 042240B to D.S.T. etc.)

Movements, Augusta. Arrived QUILLIAM, QUAIL, QUEENBOROUGH, WHEATLAND, L.C.Gs. (?11) 17, 18, L.C.F. 11, L.C.T. 302, 420 M.L.258, M.T.B.656, 661, H.D.M.L.1254, 1258. Departed WHEATLAND, KERRERA (?Comma) L.S.T.198, L.C.Is. 171, 278.
(N.O.I.C. Augusta 042250 to Admty. etc.)

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<p>Movements, Malta.</p>	<p>Arrivals. TROUBRIDGE, TUMULT, ECHO, BLANKNEY, JULIET B.Y.M.S. 827 M/Vs. AFGHANISTAN, JADE, EMPIRE CELIA, DERWENTDALE. Two L.C.T. 2 L.C.T. Departures. WHADDON, EGGESFORD, LAUDERDALE, THRUSTER, OAKLEY, QUEENBOROUGH, QUILLIAM, QUAIL, KING SOL, RYSA, WHITING, M/Vs. PELLICULA, BASSET HOUND, CAPE HOWE, JOHN BAKKE, EMPIRE COPPICE, 4 L.C.I. (L) 3 L.C.T. one L.C.F. H.D.M.L. 1254, 1258. Arrivals and departures SLAZAK, CLEVELAND, KRAKOWIAK, BRYONY, BURGONET, LA MALOUINE, EXMOOR. M/Vs. EMPIRE DUNSTAN, ODDYSEUS. (V.A. Malta 042258B to Admty. etc.)</p>
<p>Movements, Algiers.</p>	<p>Arrived M.F.V.105 S/Ms. USURPER P.56, UNIVERSAL P.57. Departures SLEBECH, LA FANTASQUE, U.S. MERAK, COLE, ROE, S/Ms. SIMOOM, P.225 DOLFIJN P.47. Arrived and sailed MENDIP U.S.S.JEFFERS. (Com. Algeria 042312B to Admty. etc.)</p>
<p>Enemy Unit.</p>	<p>Have obtained A.S.V. contact in position 41.35 N. 10.15 E. (A/C CJW/P 042352 to Air H.Q. Malta.)</p>
<p>Movements, Derna, Tobruk.</p>	<p>At Derna arrived and left. SUTLEJ. Arrived Tobruk, SOUTHERN MAID, NEBB, CALM, M/L 1223 Z30. Sailed Z.24 and 28. (N.O.I.C. Tobruk 042359C to Admty.)</p>

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Convoy
P.B. 50

Karachi portion arrived.
(N.C.S.O. Karachi, 040433Z to Admty).

TRAVANCORE

Departure escorting one ship.
(S.O.(I) Bombay 040711Z to Admty. etc).

KENYA

Departure 0725Z/4th August.
(N.O.I.C. Trincomalee, 040733Z to Admty. etc).

Movements
Summary
No. 82,
August 4th.

1. CERES left Diego Suarez August 3rd due Durban August 8th routed through Mozambique Channel.
2. CANTON left Kilindini August 2nd due Seychelles August 5th thence Addu Atoll due August 8th.
3. FROBISHER left Mauritius August 3rd to R/V DESPATCH, QUADRANT and REDOUBT escorting Convoy

W.S.31 South of Mauritius on August 4th. FROBISHER escort W.S.31 to Bombay due August 13th. DESPATCH, QUADRANT and REDOUBT proceed Mauritius for fuel.

4. NEWCASTLE left Colombo bound first to M.O.M.P. with one transport at 020° South and escort her to vicinity Addu Atoll to M.O.M.P. with CANTON. NEWCASTLE proceeds Addu Atoll, due about August 11th.

5. KENYA left Colombo August 4th to M.O.M.P. U.S.20 at 020° S. and escort (?Convoy) to vicinity Addu Atoll where convoy disperses KENYA proceed Addu Atoll due about August 17th.
(C. in C. E.F., 040846Z).

ALBATROSS

ALBATROSS will be ready to sail for U.K. from Kilindini mid-August.
Request instructions as to whether she should proceed via Mediterranean or Cape.
(C. in C. E.F., 040924Z to Admty).

MAHARAJA,
BARODA.

Cochin 01 hours 5th August MAHARAJA Colombo 6th August knots 9½, 10½ coastal Karachi escorted by BARODA.
(Cochin, 040926Z to Admty).

LANCASHIRE,
STAFFORDSHIRE.

Understand from (?Armindia) LANCASHIRE and STAFFORDSHIRE will probably be allocated as extra L.S.Ps. Request I be informed if this is correct and LANCASHIRE will be remaining here.
(P.S.T.O. India, 040938Z to D.S.T.)

BULOLO,
KEREN.

Route for BULOLO and KEREN from Aden through (Q) 012° 40' N., 047° 05' E. (R) 014° 40' N. 052° 15' E. (S) 018° 15' N., 069° 20' E. thence Bombay.
2. Request you will sail ships in company.
3. Ocean escort will not be provided.
4. C. in C. Levant, 021814 refers.
(C. in C. E.F., 040957Z, to F.O.C.R.S. (R) R.A.G., etc).

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Ceylon
Movements
Summary
No. 62 4th
August.

1. AGRA escorting M.B.43 leaves Colombo 5th August due Bombay 10th August.
2. SHAUNER leaves Calcutta 5th August escorting one Tanker to Colombo.
3. BARODA left Colombo 3th August for Cochin. Leaves Cochin 5th August escorting one ship to Colombo due p.m./6th August.
4. ROHILKHAND arrived Karachi 1st August with defects and left 3rd August for Hormuz.
5. BEHAR escorting J.C.16 from Madras arrived Calcutta 3rd August.
6. BOMBAY and KONKAN left Aden 31st July with A.P.38. Former was diverted to Makalla to embark survivors ex RAHMANI.
7. CARNATIC and MADRAS left Bandar Abbas 29th July escorting P.A.47 due Aden 6th August.
8. HINDUSTAN arrived Colombo 2nd August.
9. INVESTIGATOR left Vizagapatam 2nd August due Colombo 6th August.
10. IRRAWADDI arrived Madras 2nd August.
11. KARACHI (Ship) left Karachi 31st July escorting one to Jiwani and returns to Karachi due 4th August.
12. NETRAVATI escorting J.C.17 leaves Colombo 4th August, due Madras 7th August.
13. POONA escorting M.B.42 left Colombo 31st July due Bombay 5th August.
14. SCOUT arrived Trinco. 2nd August.
15. SHILLONG left Madras 3rd August escorting one ship due Colombo 6th August.
16. TRAVANCORE leaves Bombay 4th August escorting one ship to Karachi due 7th August.
(F.O. Ceylon, 041102Z to Admty. etc).

Convoy
J.C.17.

Sailing telegram Part 2. (3 ships).
(N.C.S.O. Colombo, 041146Z to Admty).

Convoy
B.M.58.

Arrived.
(N.C.S.O. Colombo, 041152Z to Admty).

H.D.M.L.
Flotillas.

Your 290954 July. Transport is being diverted to Bombay as requested. D. of S.T's 040031 refers.
(D.D.O.D. (C) 041254B to C. in C. E.F.)

BARODA

Colombo departure 3 August 1945Z.
(F.O. Ceylon, 031308Z to Admty. etc).

Movements

Colombo arrivals 4th 0300Z NETRAVATI 0300Z AGRA.
Departures one 0045Z NETRAVATI.
(F.O. Ceylon, 041321Z)

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EMPIRE LAKE (torpedoed? 15 July.) French state 5 survivors given in my 41258Z (Not yet received in W.R.) landed Farafangara August 2nd from EMPIRE LAKE, owners Stanhope SS. Co. Ltd. Durban to Aden. Ship torpedoed twice about 240 miles from Madagascar, position unknown at present 151630, sank 30 seconds, crew totalled 39, no lifeboats launched but four rafts. Position follows. No SSSS made.
(N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez, 041331Z to Admty. (R) C. in C. E.F., S.O.I. Colombo.)

C.M.44 Route for C.M.44 (details).
(2) Relief ocean escort from about 008° S. will be RANPURA.
(3) Your 241055 July (N.T. in W.R.) refers.
(C. in C. E.F., 041431Z to C. in C. S.A.)

U.S. Pacific Fleet. Changes in disposition. A.M. 291322 July refers. WASHINGTON, INDIANA, VICTORIOUS, PRINCETON, BELL-EAU WOOD, CHENANGO, LEXINGTON, CONCORD, TRENTON, ST. LOUIS at sea. ALTAMAHA at Brisbane. BRETON in South Pacific.
(D.O.D. (F), 041512B to C. in C. E.F.)

Movements Khor Kuwai arrival 1100Z/4th BALUCHISTAN and (?BATHURST).
(N.O.I.C. Hormuz, 041706Z to C. in C. E.F. etc).

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- Security, J.S.M. 1122. 4th August.
Leakage Following is text of telegram sent to C.G.
through Hawaiian Department, C. in C. S.W. Pacific Area
Capture. etc. (Begins): Following policy on security
measures to prevent leakages regarding future
operations through prisoners of war has been
approved by Combined Chiefs of Staff. Greatest
care must be exercised to insure that personnel having knowledge
of essential details of future operations are not unnecessarily
exposed to risk of being captured. Except in cases of
absolute operational necessity such personnel should not take
part in preliminary landing operations of R/C or flights over
battle area. Instructions to this effect should be appropriately
disseminated within your command (Ends.)
(J.S.M. 040105Z to W.C.O)
- G.U.S.10 X D/F bearings at 2218Z on 9037 K/cs indicate U/B
U/B. in your vicinity.
(D.D.I.C. 040142B to Escorts of G.U.S.10 X.)
- Dispositions. My 031645Z add LIGHTNING 041 degs. BENDIGO 061
degs. 10' 256 degs. 15.25 alter in 040 degs. 00'
067 degs. 00' to 271 degs.
SEA SERPENT 040 degs. 20' 062 degs. 45' 261 degs.
15.75 alter in 040 degs. 00' 066 degs. 00' to 272 degs.
MODOC, ALGONQUIN, 043 degs. 02' 065 degs. 23' 067 degs. 11.
(C. in C. C.N.A. 040155Z)
- Movements, St. Johns N.F. August 3rd Arrivals. MANSFIELD,
St. Johns. NANAIMO, BURLINGTON, SUDBURY, W.9 ex S.C.138.
Departures FORT WILLIAM to Sydney W.B. 39A,
U.S.S. KIOWA to Argentia, SAPPER, STORM KING,
W.H.X. 250, VESPER to S.C.138, TWEED to S.C.138.
(N.O.I.C. St. Johns, 040157Z to Admty.)
- T.G.86.6, This is Comnavnav 031857 addressed C.D.S. 17 and
Constituted. info to Cominch, Cinclant, Admty, etc.
My 021219, correct as follows: In total change
13. D.D. to read 12 D.D. After Desdiv 30 and
between KNIGHT and plus insert DORAN.
(Comnavnav, 040307Z to Admty)
- T.G.92.4. Personal from 1st S.L. Please pass following
to Adml. King. "Many thanks for sending Task
Group 92.4 to help us. We wish them good hunting"
(1st S.L. 040331B to B.A.D.)
Former Comtask Group 92.4 will be referred to as Combatdiv 7
until arrival destination.
(Cinclant, 041806 to Cominch, Comnavnav, Comeastseafron,
Com. 10th Fleet (R) Admty, C. in C. C.N.A.)
- G.A.T.67. Arrived 3rd August.
B.R.L.O. Trinidad, 040926Q to Admty)

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T.A. 55. Movements Summary at 1800 G.M.T. 4th August.
50 $\frac{1}{2}$ degs N. 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ degs. W. 240 degs. 19 $\frac{1}{2}$.
(D.O.D.(F) 040953Z to Opnav.)

Movements, Departures MONTGOMERY, ST. ALBANS, COBALT,
Halifax. COWICHAN, LACHINE to O.N.194.
(C. Halifax, 041200Z to Admty. etc.)

New York - Your 211825. After discussion with Wilkinson
U.K. Tanker and M. of W.T. concur that official approach
Convoys. should be deferred. Request you will raise
matter again at opportune moment.
(2) Following points are suggested as a background
for any general discussion on proposals:
(a) Undesirable that plan be regarded as standing or falling on
fast independent sailings from D.W.I. to New York. Tanker
position has improved and we think argument should be presented
that risk of a small independent loss rate should be acceptable
to secure greater volume of shipping.
Alternatively Tankers could be taken out of H.X. convoys and
put into N.G/G.N. convoys for shuttling to New York.
(b) If necessary fast convoys from New York could be discontinued
and C.U. convoys re-established from and to D.W.I at any time
if U-Boat situation required this.
(D.T.D. Approved 4th S.L. 041232B to B.A.D.)

Estimated (Cominch, 041337Z to Admty., N.S.H.Q.)
U-Boat
Positions.

EMPRESS Port of return EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND is New York.
OF (Com. 10th Fleet (C. & R.), 041403Z to
SCOTLAND. Commorseafron)

O.N.S. (1) Endeavour is now being made to take ships in
Convoys, O.N.S. Convoys bound for St. Lawrence Ports
Sydney direct into Sydney with special escort sent out
portion. to meet the convoy. (2) B.M.W.T. Montreal have
been asked to allocate loading ports in ample
time to enable ships to be detailed for Sydney
portion by Commodore. (3) Request ships liable
to load in St. Lawrence be warned of possible detachment and
given instructions for entering Sydney.
(N.S.H.Q. 041439Z to Admty)

A.T.57. SS. AQUITANIA (A.T.57) departed Ambrose 041441Z
for Clyde E.T.A. Clyde Boom 110400Z August,
S. of A. 20 knots.
(P.D. New York, 041504 to Com. 10th Fleet C. & R.
(R) Admty, etc.)

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America and West Indies. - Contd.

- U.S.A.T. Arrival and departure U.S. Army transport COMSTOCK.
(B.R.O.Aruba, 041516Z to Admty.)
- U/B. 1200Z/4th August, no recent indications of U-Boat off Cape Sable 28th July but possibly still patrolling within 180 miles S.E. to S. of Halifax.
(N.S.H.Q. 041518Z)
- Convoy Arrived.
J.T.2. (B.R.L.O.Trinidad, 041621Q to Admty)
- MONTCALM. In view of Cinclant's 021230, being passed to F.O.C. W.Af. request reply to Admty. 201850 July.
(2) Requirement has now assumed added urgency as a result of damage to ASTURIAS.
(Head of M.11, Approved V.C.N.S. 041627B to B.A.D.
(R) F.O.C.W.A., C. in C. Med.)
Your 041627. Proposal in your 201850 July Agreed with Cominch and the words "initially in the Mediterranean" deleted from C.C.S. 207/10 April, A.para.6 in consequence. Cominch 021230 was apparently made in ignorance of this agreement and Navy Department have been approached to amend this signal accordingly.
(B.A.D. 042225Z to Admty.)
- C.1. 3 R.C.N. ships of your group having no major
Group. defects may be detailed by you to proceed Halifax from Westomp for stay of about 5 days. (Corrupt Group) report number of ships detailed. No drafting will take place except at ship's request.
(F.O.N.F. 041635Z to C.1 (R) C. in C. C.N.A.)
- M/L's etc. A.M.311216 July and your 031857 August. Request:
for Russia. (1) Endurance of the M.L's. (2) Dates of readiness of all vessels referred to.
(D.O.D.(H), 041642B to B.A.D. (R) C. in C. H.F.
30 Mission)
- Fleet Your 300119Z July (Sailing dates 4 fleet tenders
Tenders. manned by D.S.V.P. White Ensign Runner Crew).
It is not understood why two of these special Naval crews are being retained idle until end of August in view of para. 2 of M.W.T.R. New York's 292015 June which states (Begins) B.A.D. confirm Naval crews will man July deliveries (Ends.) Can anything be done to expedite sailings as these crews are urgently required back in U.K.?
(2) Can matters be accelerated if No.68 due to be handed over August 18th is manned by Naval crew in place of No.76 due to sail August 31st?
(D.S.V.P.(Q.A.M.599), 041644B to B.A.D.)

Dispositions /...

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Dispositions. Escort group W.6 042 degs. 44' 060 degs. 15' 239 degs. 10 escort group W.1 042 degs. 44' 060 degs. 15' en route Halifax. 12.
 ?H.S.100 VEGREVILLE, MEDICINE HAT 044 degs. 08' 062 degs. 53' 062 degs. 7.5 altering to 059 degs. in 044 degs. 28' N. and to 051 degs. in 060 degs. 34' W. and to 321 degs. in 045 degs. 57' N. U.S.S. GOLDFINCH, Y.M.S. 5, 044 degs. 18' 063 degs. 00' 237 degs. 8.5 alter to 264 degs. in 043 degs. 12' N. P.554 KING HAAKON VII, 042 degs. 57' 066 degs. 50' 271 degs. 10 alter for Boston in 068 degs. 59' W.
 X.B.67 W 8? 043 degs. 09' 067 degs. 52' (?269 degs) 8.
 CHELSEA 041 degs. 24' 069 degs. 21' 172 degs. 17 alter to 268 degs. in 039 degs. 55' N.
 X.B.67 (?A) DUNVEGAN 042 degs. 49' 069 degs. 44' 229 degs. 10 alter to 180 degs. in 042° 25'SS. SEA SERPENT 040 degs. 05' 071 degs. 11' 272 degs. 15.75.
 SS. LIGHTNING 040 degs. 02' 068 degs. 20' 271 degs. 15.25.
 (C. in C. C.N.A. 041650)
 My 041620Z (? 041650 intended - Situation report) add PORT ARTHUR 046 degs. 55' 052 degs. 47' (192 degs?) 12 en route for Halifax.
 (C. in C. C.N.A. 042115Z)
 My 041650Z add CYRUS FIELD escorted by GODERICH departed Sydney (C.B.) 1700Z/4th en route Halifax. IRISH LARCH 044 degs. 50' 066 degs. 35' 000 degs. 7.5 en route St. John N.B.
 (C. in C. C.N.A. 042116Z)

Convoy Arrived 2132Z, August 3rd less EMILY DICKINSON
 X.B.66. (U.S.) Com. 1 pass to P.D. Boston.
 (N.C.S.O. Halifax, N.S. 041740Z to Admty)
 B.X.66 my 041740 EMILY DICKINSON U.S. arrived 1955Z/4th.
 (N.C.S.O. Halifax, 042026Z to Admty)

U.S.A.T. 042130 U.S.A.T. STATE OF VIRGINIA, Vieux Fort, St. Lucia 5th August. Route etc.
 (R.O. Port of Spain, 041839 to Admty)

T.A.G.76. List. 4 ships for New York.
 (N.O.I.C. Willemstad, 041901Z to Admty)

U/B's. Commercial aircraft report 2 S/M's in 047 degs. 01' N. 059 degs. 03' W. at 1850Z.
 (C. in C. C.N.A. 041920Z to G.B.7A)

Sub.attack For O.I.C. All times Z. A.SS.BAGE sunk 11.29
 and Sighting S. 36.58 W. 010030. Aircraft attacked sub. on
 Summary. surface 36.35 N. 40.39 W. 031925. Plane attacked surfaced sub. 09.27 S. 30 W. 032030. U.S.S. MOFFETT attacked submerged sub. same area about 032200.

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Sub. attack and Sighting Summary. (Contd.) C. U.S.S. DESPITE sound and Radar contact 31.38 N. 66.50 W. about 040150. Surface craft sound contact 19.40 N. 75.05 W. 031436. K.19 sighted sub. 26.52 N. 79.47 W. 032121. (Cominch, 042115Z to Admty)

Martlets, VICTORIOUS. Your 072045Z July. Our reserves of Martlet IV in U.K. and Mediterranean are inadequate to support our First Line I.E. and position cannot improve until Martlet V comes into service. Delays are being experienced in clearing Martlet V for service owing to C.O. contamination. In view of above and possible forthcoming operational requirements it is requested that VICTORIOUS brings her remaining Martlet IVs to U.K. (Head of Air Branch, Approved by 5th S.L. 042207B to B.A.D.)

T.J.4. Sailing telegram (16 ships). (2) 2200Z/4th August. (4) 8 knots, (6 knots Cape St. Roque) (5) (Route). (6) U.S.S. SIREN, U.S.S. P.C. 494, P.C. 492, P.C. 577 P.C. 593 C.S.4 (Brazilian) (B.R.L.O.Trinidad 042215Q, 042219Q to Admty.)

Australia and New Zealand.

HEEMSKERCK, NIEUW AMSTERDAM. (U.S.21) NEWCASTLE. JACOB VAN HEEMSKERCK escorting NIEUW AMSTERDAM departed Fremantle 0330Z Wednesday 4th to R/V with NEWCASTLE at Momp 018 degs. 50' S. 094 degs. 15' E. Amended E.T.A. at Momp is now 0930Z Saturday 7th which is 3 1/2 hours later than indicated in my 020517. (2) JACOB VAN HEEMSKERCK D.S. guarding Bakers, NIEUW AMSTERDAM guarding Bell, both ships shifting to Group N.U. at 0600Z Friday 6th when JACOB VAN HEEMSKERCK D.S. will also set watch on 3835 K/cs till after R/V. JACOB VAN HEEMSKERCK reverts from N.U. to Bakers at 0800Z Sunday 8th. NIEUW AMSTERDAM standard communication plan. (3) My sailing telegram 040454Z refers. (N.O.I.C.Western Australia, 040407Z to F.O. 4th C.S. (R) Cdr. Pacific Sea Frontier, U.S. Cdr. 7th U.S. Fleet, C. in C. E.F., N.O.I.C.Aden etc.) Sailing telegram NIEUW AMSTERDAM 11220 troops for Suez. (N.O.I.C. W.A.040411Z)

U.S.20. Sailing telegram (5 ships), TAWALI, TATRA, TARA (NY MY)M?, CAPE ST. GEORGE, CAPE HENLOPEN. (1) U.S.20. (2) 0730Z/4th August. (3) 0800Z/9th August at Momp 021 degs. 11' S. 093 degs. 00' E. 13 (702)Z 15th August at (corrupt group) position (N).

(4) /...

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U.S.20. (4) 11.5 knots to Momp thence 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ knots to
(Contd.) dispersal position (N). (5) Route.
(6) Netherlands Light Cruiser TROMP to Momp,
thence KENYA to dispersal point (N).
(N.O.I.C. Western Australia, 040805Z, 040810Z to
Admty.)

Digest Northbound submarines sighted passing Crag
No.561 Orford morning. Para. 12 onwards covers South
Aug.3rd. Pacific Forces. (2) One Catalina attacked two
unidentified vessels 14 miles west south west
Cape Gloucester early hours scoring hits on one.
(3) 9 Mitchells attacked 20 barges Borgen Bay
early afternoon, destroying ten, damaging remainder. Flames
and explosions indicated destruction ammunition cargo.
(4) Forenoon photos. Wewak reveal 6 luggers 40 barges also 15
new buildings and improved roads. Aerodrome coverage showed
(details). (5) Photos about same time show usual small craft
in Hansa Bay. (7) 8 Mitchells destroyed 9 barges Finschhafen
area morning and set fire to large motor launch. (8) Late
report indicates additional 12 Mitchells participated in barge
sweep Huon Peninsula early afternoon 2nd sinking one motor boat
also destroying and damaging several barges. (12) On 2nd
Allied advance reached east end Munda aerodrome also a point
approx. one mile N.E. of Munda. In other sectors advance
continues against stiffening resistance. (13) Same morning
Fortresses and Mitchells bombed enemy positions Baeroke harbour,
starting fires and explosions.
(G.H.Q., S.W.P.A. 040952Z to Admty.)

Movements. Arrived Cairns 3rd GYMPIE, BUNBURY.
Departed Cairns 3rd GYMPIE, BUNBURY for Milne
Bay. Sydney (N.S.W.) 3rd ECHUCA for Melbourne.
Townsville 2nd F.S. LE TRIOMPHANT for Port Moresby.
(? Port Moresby) 3rd U.S. Destroyer HELM for
Townsville.
(N.B. Melbourne, 041209Z to Admty etc.)
Departed Port Moresby 3rd U.S.S. MIZAR for Townsville.
(A.C.N.B. 041212Z to Admty etc.)
U.S. Transport CREMER arrived Sydney 4th August. Hired
Transports DUNTROON, TAROONA departed Port Moresby 3rd due
Townsville 5th. U.S. Transport TORRENS departed Milne Bay
2nd arrived Townsville 4th.
(Comsowespaceseafon, 041456Z to Admty)

Trawlers. Your 111648 May refers Castle Type trawlers have
commenced service in following groups.
ARCHA seventh trawler (Temp) AWATERE and HAUTAPU
95th and 96th auxiliary M/S respectively.
(N.Z.N.B. 042230 to Admty, D.M.S.)

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Wednesday.U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.Submarines Reported.Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C. 041325B, 041351B)Submarines Attacked.Sub.attack
and
sighting
summary.

For 24 hours to 1000B/4. (1) Ships attacked. Brazilian BAGE 120' E. of Pernambuco (proceeding). (2) Three attacks on U/B West of the Faeroes by aircraft in "Moorings" area. (B) Three A/C sighted U/B between Duala and Cape Palmas.
(D.D.I.C. 040839Z to Cominch)

Weekly
Summary.

My 221059 July, 1942.
At 1517/28 July, U.S. Liberator Y/4 attacked a U-Boat with Depth Charges in 46 degs. 09' N. 09 degs. 33' W. Some members of crew seen to fall overboard just before U-Boat dived. Large oil patch after attack. (2) At 1754/28 July, U.S. Liberator N/4 straddled a U-Boat with depth charges in 45 degs. 21' N. 09 degs. 29' W. The same U-Boat was attacked a few minutes later by Liberator W/224 and as result of this combined attack U-Boat disappeared leaving ten bodies in the water. (3) At 1050/29 July Wellington C/172 straddled a U-Boat with depth charges in 46 degs. 42' N. 11 degs. 03' W. When depth charge plumes subsided there was no sign of U-Boat but seven men seen in a patch of boiling water. (4) A group of three outward bound U-Boats was sighted and attacked a.m. 30th July in approximately 45 degs 30' N. 11 degs. 00' W. One was badly damaged by Halifax S/502 with 600 lbs A/S bombs and finished off by gunfire from 2nd Escort Group (W.D. Note: this was U.462). A second was sunk by depth charges from Sunderland U/461 (W.D. Note: this was U.461). Survivors from both these U-Boats were picked up. The third U-Boat of the group was then sunk with depth charges by the 2nd Escort Group. Wreckage and human remains recovered. (5) On 1st August Sunderland B/10 sank a U-Boat with depth charges in 45 degs 39' N. 10 degs. 17' W. The Sunderland crashed as result of damage from A/A fire, but six survivors were picked up together with U-Boat survivors by 2nd Escort Group (W.D. Note: This was U.454). (6) At 2014/1 Sunderland V/228 straddled a U-Boat with depth charges in 47 degs. 24' N. 12 degs. 10' W. U-Boat was undoubtedly badly damaged but the aircraft was damaged by A/A fire and unable to observe results. (7) At 0903/2 Hampden A/415 severely damaged a U-Boat with depth charges in 46 degs. 15' N. 10 degs. 28' W. This U-Boat was later sunk by U.S. Liberator T/4 and survivors were seen in dinghy dropped by aircraft. (8) At 2012/2 Sunderland M/461 damaged a U-Boat in 46 degs. 35' N. 11 degs. 30' W. so severely that the crew were seen to be abandoning ship. The same U-Boat was attacked a few minutes later by Sunderland N/228 and finally blew up at 2040/2. (9) S/M TROOPER probably sank a northbound U-Boat off south eastern tip of Italy on 29th July. (10) This has been an outstandingly successful week in Bay of Biscay due to excellent work by British and U.S. aircraft combined with surface hunting forces. 2nd Escort Group has been operating in the Bay all the week and are due to be withdrawn soon. 40th Escort Group commenced operating in area on 1st August and B.5 Escort Group arrived in area on 3rd August.
(D.A.U.D. 041846B to Cominch etc.)

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Thursday.War Diary.SITUATION REPORT.

1. The policy decided on for the U.K. - Gibraltar shipping route, as the result of experience, is outlined in A.M. 052006B. An outer standard route is established for fast convoys and for slow convoys without adequate A/A escort.

Home Commands.

New Escort Carriers.

2. HUNTER, proceeding with 3 other escort carriers to Gibraltar to work up, reported at 0501B today that the force was encountering very heavy seas and a gale. At 0400B they were in 51.42 N. 13.06 or 30 W. HUNTER is damaged, and has several men injured, and her aircraft are damaged by the sea and she intends to return to the Clyde, the remainder of the force proceeding as soon as weather conditions permit. At 1105B STALKER reported that the Force was hove to in 51.48 N. 13.37 W. BRILLIANT lost touch during the night. B.5 Group, 4 ships of which are working in the "Musketry" - "Seaslug" area, are to proceed to Gibraltar temporarily under the command of C. in C. Med. for the period of working up of the 4 escort carriers.

Bay and "Moorings" Patrols.

3. The Admiralty today instructed C. in C. W.A. to order all ships of No.5 Group to proceed to the U.K. as soon as possible in order that they may be available for the Bay offensive at an early date. The proposed programme for the Bay patrols up to 15th September is given in a message from C. in C. W.A. today. He has also been asked to consider the possibility of making a group of 4 Esse class destroyers available for A/S operations in "Moorings" Patrol area after the return of S.D.43.

Trawler/
E-Boat
engagement.

4. M/S Trawler RED GAUNTLET was sunk by torpedo in an engagement with enemy E-Boats in the early hours of today off 54 A Buoy. The enemy disengaged after being repeatedly hit by gunfire. The First Lieut., a signalman and 2 seamen were saved from RED GAUNTLET.

NORD
ATLANTIC.

5. The German Tanker NORD ATLANTIC which left Vigo early this morning was sighted by aircraft at 1430 today run ashore in 43.08 N. 09.15 W. (Cape Villano). The conditions under which she is to be attacked by aircraft tomorrow are given

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East Indies.

12. The Greek SS. EFTHALIA MARI was torpedoed at 1850 in 24.21 S. 48.55 E. (about 100 miles N.E. of Fort Dauphin, Madagascar) by a German U-Boat, which surfaced after sinking the ship and stated he was awaiting a ship carrying war materials to Mauritius. Two boats with 42 of the crew landed at St. Luce, Madagascar.

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Thursday.HOME COMMANDS.Policy.

M.L.F.10. It is intended to base the 10th M/L Flotilla
M.L.F.7. at Plymouth on DEFIANCE and the 7th M/L
Flotilla at Falmouth on FORTE IV from August 16th.
(C. in C. Plymouth 051133B).

Movements.

BELFAST C. in C.H.F. 011934. Sailed BELFAST.
(A.C.O.S. 050300B to C. in C.W.A.).

BERMUDA BERMUDA sailed.
(A.C.O.S. 050501 to C. in C.W.A.).

HUNTER HUNTER's force in 51 degs. 42' N. 13 degs. (06' or
RAMILLIES 30') W. at 0400B/5. Course 285 degs. speed 6
STALKER knots. Very heavy seas and gale. HUNTER damaged.
WARWICK A/C totally damaged by sea. Intend returning to
VIMY. Clyde with one destroyer, remainder of force
proceeding as soon as weather conditions permit.
Weather 4868 0179.
(HUNTER 050501B to Admty. C. in C.W.A. N.O.I.C.
Greenock).

Your 050501B. Destroyer is not considered necessary as A/S
screen for HUNTER. Unless essential for other reasons
destroyer is to be ordered rejoin remainder of Force.

(C. in C.W.A. 051038B to HUNTER).

Am hove to with remainder of Force in 051 degs. 48' N.
013 degs. 37' W. Will proceed through position C. when weather
moderates. BRILLIANT lost touch during the night but expected
to rejoin shortly.

(STALKER 051105B to Admty.).

Following received (Repeats HUNTER 050501B).

(2) RAMILLIES is requested to signal new R/V to WARWICK as
necessary. My 031241B para.1. (one) refers.

(C. in C. Plymouth 051113B to WARWICK, VIMY, RAMILLIES).

A.M. 011343/August and C. in C. Plymouth 031241 August.
WARWICK and VIMY are to proceed to Gibraltar in company with
Escort Carriers where they will rejoin the remainder of B.5.
group who have been ordered to proceed direct to Gibraltar.

(D.O.D.H. 051346B to RAMILLIES, WARWICK, VIMY.).

My 050501B. P.C.S. at 051700B, 051 degs. (759') N. 013 degs.
07' W. 025 degs. 7 without escort. Allowing improved weather
E.T.A. Mull of Kintyre 070001B. Principal item of ship damaged
aircraft lift. Suggesting Belfast or Liverpool for minimum number
of repairs. 14 injured, 4 probably hospital. Request replacement
of all aircraft for immediate resumption of duty. Possibly 4
days to make good ships damage.

(HUNTER 051715B to Admty. C. in C.W.A.).

P.C.S. of Force, 51 degs. 26' N. 14 degs. 16' W. 193 degs.
15 knots. E.T.A. at R/V 0700B/6th.

(STALKER 051730B to WARWICK, VIMY.).

A.F.D.34. S.O.E. 470 and my 041325B. Sailing postponed owing
to weather.
(C. in C. Plymouth 050639B).

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A.F.D.22. A.F.D.22 sailed towed by EMPIRE SINEW, EMPIRE IMP, and CHERBOURGEOISE III. E.T.A. Corpach 1730/5th approx.
(N.O.I.C. Oban 050843B to R.N.O. Fort William).
Your 050843B. Arrived 1900/5. Secured fore and aft 2230/5.
(R.N.O. Fort William 052310B to N.O.I.C. Oban).

S/M movements. UMBRA exercising off Plymouth in Area D until 1200/5th.
(C. in C. Plymouth 050939B).
My 041450B. Sailed (ULTIMATUM).
(F.O.i/c Tyne 050943B).
(2) Intend sail M.L.235 and SCEPTRE at 2300/9th to R/V with ALECTO at Ewe Buoy at 0200/10th.
(4) On arrival at Ewe Buoy M.L.235 to return Port H.H.Z. and ALECTO and SCEPTRE to proceed to Clyde. Route. E.T.A. Cumbræ 0500/11th.
(BONAVENTURE 051215B).
Intend sailing L.26 escorted by BLADE from Rothesay at 2000B/8th to 056 degs. 01' N. 007 degs. 30' W. E.T.A. 1200B/9th
Thence L.26 in accordance with F.O.S.041606.
(Capt.S.7. 051359B to F.O.S.).
Positions of S/Ms at 0800B/6 and movements for following 24 hours.
(F.O.S. 051732B, 051829B, 052301).
A.C.O.S. 051206. Add six hours to all times in my 031414.
(S/Ms X5, X6, X7).
(BONAVENTURE 051942B).

ILLUSTRIOUS Sailed ILLUSTRIOUS, OPPORTUNE, OBDURATE and UNICORN. OBEDIENT.
(N.O.i/c Greenock 051238B).
ILLUSTRIOUS and UNICORN are to leave Clyde for Gibraltar on 12th August.
(2) C. in C.H.F. is requested to provide escort of 5 destroyers who are to be returned to Scapa from Gibraltar with the minimum of delay.
(D.O.D.(H) 051324B to C. in C.H.F.).

MIDDLETON Request you will sail MIDDLETON for Hvalfjord after embarking mails p.m. 10th.
(C. in C.H.F. 051841B to R.A.D.H.F.).

M.T.B.626 Your 051635B. Request you will send M.T.B.626 to Scapa and not to Lerwick.
(A.C.O.S. 052126B to SANDFLY).

Operations.

Operation "S.F." Arrived Hvalfjord CASTLETON.
(A.C.I.C. 050334B to TRELAWNEY).
Scapa arrival at 0910, ORWELL.
(A.C.O.S. 050952B to N.O.I.C. Faroes).

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HOME COMMANDS.

Operations.

Operation "S.F." (Contd.). My 042340 para.2. (A). 29 reduced to 17 owing to weather. (C. in C. Rosyth 051153B to H.F.). Request you will consider the possibility making a group of 4 Esse class destroyers available for A/S operations in 'Moorings' Patrol area after the return of S.D.43.

(D.O.D.(H) 051253B to C. in C.W.A.).

15th Minesweeping Flotilla may be required to take part in Operation "Sugar Fox". Object - the destruction of German U-boats on passage into Atlantic by Northern route.

(2) Forces at present taking part. H.F. destroyers and aircraft of Coastal Command from 18 group and Iceland under operational control of C. in C. Rosyth.

(3) Locality - South West of Iceland/Faroes Mine barrier. Ships organized in groups each patrolling in 60 mile squares.

(4) C. in C. Rosyth will signal patrol area for each group separately as follows: 1. group to operate, 2. centre of square, 3. Axis of square, 4. codeword.

(5) Communication. (6) Intention is that available ships of 15th M/S F. should work as one group and should be ready to sail from Seidis Fjord for the operation P.M.7th August.

(C. in C.H.F. 051553B to M/S F.15.).

If not in contact at 2000B today both groups are to return Skaale Fjord.

(C. in C. Rosyth 051712B to MUSKETEER).

Bearing of aircraft making sighting report at 1743 is 290 degs. Am closing. My position 61 degs. 24' N. 17 degs. 44' W. (METEOR 051840B to MUSKETEER).

Cancel my 051712B and proceed to 061 degs. 29' N. 018 degs. 08' W. for search. Report fuel remaining.

(C. in C. Rosyth 051955B to MUSKETEER).

Sailed ONSLOW.

(C. in C. Rosyth 052051B to A.C.O.S.).

Sighting aircraft failed to home destroyer. Am sweeping to southward of S/Ms. report position with both groups. Intend to patrol latitude 060 degs. 56' from 0130. Group A.27 miles to westward, group B 27 miles to eastward, of 018 degs. 30' W. METEOR 70%, ORIBI 47% of fuel remaining at 2000B.

(MUSKETEER 052233B to C. in C. Rosyth).

My 031615B. 'Moorings' Area for 6th same as for 5th.

(2) (A) 7. (B) 13.

(C. in C. Rosyth 052312 to H.F.).

"Forfar Beer".

"Forfar Beer" phase 2 completed night 4th/5th August. Force successfully withdrawn. No prisoners brought back.

(N.O.I.C. Newhaven 050935B to C. in C. Portsmouth).

Dover shelled.

Between 2214 and 2249 yesterday enemy Coastal batteries fired about six shells of which three fell to seaward of Dover and three in the town killing two Naval Officers. No civilian casualties. Considerable blast damage caused to

Naval establishment at Dover College and some damage to civilian property.

(V.A. Dover 051117B to Admty.).

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Operation "Musketry" E.T.A. point of arrival 0745B/6th. 6 R.A.F. survivors in WREN of which 2 are cot cases. Have following prisoners distributed amongst ships 13 Officers and 80 men ex U-boats, and 5 German airmen ratings. These include 6 cot cases. (E.G.2. 051120B to C. in C. Plymouth).

4 destroyers and two corvettes of B.5 Group have been ordered to Gibraltar where they are to be placed temporarily under the command of C. in C. Med. for the period of working-up of the 4 escort carriers.

(2) It has only been possible to spare them at the expense of the Bay offensive.

C. in C.W.A. is requested to signal any proposals for alleviating this shortage.

(D.O.D.H. 051313B to C. in C. Plymouth).

Request you will order all ships of No.5. Group to proceed to U.K. as soon as possible in order that they may be available for Bay offensive at earliest date.

(D.O.D.H. 051453B to C. in C.W.A.).

HAVELOCK with VOLUNTEER, GODETIA, and SAXIFRAGE is to discontinue patrol after dark today and proceed to Gibraltar in accordance with A.M. 042216B, passing through position (G.D.) 043 degs. 02' N. 012 degs. 30' W. and thence as routed by F.O.i/c Gibraltar.

(C. in C. Plymouth 051507B to B.5.).

Escort Group 40 is to discontinue Patrol when fuel shortage necessitates and proceed to Plymouth passing through position G.E. 048 degs. 47' N. 010 degs. 15' W. and G.F. 180 degs. Bishops Rock 10.

(2) Report time at which you anticipate it will be necessary to leave patrol.

(C. in C. Plymouth 051515B to E.G.40).

Arrived ATHABASKAN and GRENVILLE.

(C. in C. Plymouth 051538).

Disposition at 2000.

1. 2nd Escort Group, KITE, WREN, WOODPECKER, WILD GOOSE, WOODCOCK 049 degs. 20' N. 007 degs. 10' W., bound Plymouth 11 knots.

2. Escort Group 40, LANDGUARD, HASTINGS, BIDEFORD on patrol in vicinity 045 degs. 20' N. 011 degs. W.

3. B.5 Escort Group, HAVELOCK, VOLUNTEER, GODETIA, SAXIFRAGE on patrol in vicinity 046 degs. 30' N. 011 degs. W., leaving after dark for 043 degs. N. 012 degs. 30' W.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 051629B to Admty.)

Am over one enemy submarine.

(A/C 224 Sqdn. Duty 'X', 051755 to 19 Group.)

U-Boat has dived, position 44 degs. 37' N. 11 degs. 11' W.

(A/C 224 Sqdn. Duty 'X', 051755B to 19 Group.)

Have sighted 3 small unidentified warships position 47 degs. 37' N. 11 degs. 11' W., course 360 degs., 17 knots.

(A/C 224 Sqdn. Duty 'X', 051757 to 19 Group.)

Sighted large tanker flying Spanish flag position 43 degs. 08' N. 09 degs. 15' W. 1800 at anchor.

(A/C 53 Sqdn. Duty 'Q', 051810B to 19 Group.)

Ships position 045 degs. 03' N. 011 degs. 30'.

(A/C 106 Sqdn. Duty 'N', 051954B to 19 Group.)

U-Boat has dived in 045 degs. 37' N. 011 degs. 11' W., 1755. Position Warships 047 degs. 37' N. 011 degs. 11' W. 1757.

(A/C 112 Sqdn. Duty 'X', 051955B to 19 Group.)

/Your ...

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Operation "Musketry". (Contd.) Your 051313B. Unless an unforeseen commitment arises it will be possible to provide at least two groups in the Bay simultaneously from 16th August onwards except for a period of about three days at the end of the month when only one group can be maintained. This can be done by utilising the 1st, 2nd, 5th, and 40th Groups. Prior to 16th August only one group can be maintained i.e. the 40th or the 2nd and it is probable that a gap of two to three days will occur owing to the 40th reaching P.L.E. prior to relief by the 2nd.

2. The above arrangements depend on approval of the escort proposals for K.M.F.22/W.S.33 put forward in my 051625B.

3. The four effective ships of the 7th Group will be available for A/A protection to slow convoys if required. Alternatively they could reinforce the bay patrol, but they will not be available in time to fill the gap referred to in para. one.

4. Detailed programme for implementing para. one follows. (C. in C. W.A., 051956B to Admty.)

My 051956B. Subject to concurrence of C. in C. Plymouth following is proposed programme up to 15th September. First Escort Group:

Sail U.K.	Arrive Bay	Leave Patrol	Arrive U.K.
21st Aug.	24th Aug.	4th Sept.	6th Sept.
9th Sept.	10th Sept.	-	-

2nd Escort Group:

9th Aug.	10th Aug.	21st Aug.	23rd Aug.
3rd Sept.	5th Sept.	12th Sept.	14th Sept.

5th Escort Group:

18th Aug.	21st Aug.	28th Aug.	30th Aug.
2nd Sept.	3rd Sept.	11th Sept.	13th Sept.

40th Escort Group:

-	-	8th Aug.	10th Aug.
13th Aug.	15th Aug.	24th Aug.	26th Aug.
7th Sept.	10th Sept.	-	-

(2) Groups to return to W.A. base ports for boiler cleaning as follows: 2nd Group on 23rd August, 5th Group on 13th September, 40th Group on 26th August.

Otherwise groups to return ratings for short rest between dates shown. 2½ days and 1½ days respectively have been allowed for passage.

(3) Arrangements will be made for S.O's. of 1st and 5th Escort Groups to visit Plymouth prior to first trip.

(C. in C.W.A. 051959B to Admty.).

Intended P.C. and S 0700B/6th, 270 degs. Y 44' 090 degs. 10'. Your 051515B intend detaching HASTINGS at dawn 7th having reached P.L.E. Anticipate LANDGUARD and BIDEFORD will reach P.L.E. a.m.9th Your 041729B acknowledged.

(E.G.40 052025B to C. in C. Plymouth).

Spitzbergen Report for month July. ("Locomotive" 051201Z to Admty.).

S/M Request you will sail THRASHER and UPSTART for patrols. patrolling lines G.G. and C.C. respectively. (F.O.S. 051214B to Capt.S.9.).

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S/M
patrols.
(Contd.).

F.O.S. 051214. Request you will sail H.M.S. THRASHER at 0001B/6th through 090 degs. Muckle Flugga 10 miles, thence direct to patrol line G.G. (Capt.S.9. 051501B and 051735B to S.O. S/M Lerwick).

Positions of submarines at 0800B/6th and movements for following 24 hours.

- (A) TRUANT and MINERVE as in my 011746.
 (E) RUBIS dived by day possibly returning to R/V in 180 degs. Lizard Head 12 miles from Chausse de Sein through 47 degs. 16' N. 06 degs. 01' W. and 49 degs. 02' N. 06 degs. 00' W.
 (F) SYRTIS 48 degs. 30' N. 07 degs. 00' W. dived by day to southward.
 (G) SEADOG 48 degs. 25' N. 06 degs. 30' W. dived by day to southward.
 (H) SEANYMPH 47 degs. 40' N. 07 degs. 01' W. dived by day to southward.
 (J) SATYR 47 degs. 10' N. 06 degs. 30' W. dived by day through 46 degs. 52' N. 06 degs. 31' W. thence to eastward.
 (F.O.S. 051732B to Admty.).

Engagement
off Texel.
M.G.Bs. 605
and 604
damaged.

Preliminary report on operation by 31st M.T.B. and 17th M.G.B. Flotillas night 3/4th August.

- (1) A unit composed of 5 M.G.Bs. and 4 M.T.Bs. was ordered to sweep convoy route from Texel as far eastward as possible.
 (2) M.G.Bs. 605, 604, 610, 612, 606, M.T.Bs. 630, 652, 668, 617 arrived in 53 degs. 14' N. 04 degs. 45' E. at 0001 and swept up convoy route 3 miles apart, M.G.Bs. being inshore.
 (3) M.G.B. narrative: First contact was made at 0204 at two miles range. M.G.Bs. altered to port and made enemy report to M.T.Bs. Enemy ships were not seen until they fired rocket flares and opened an indiscriminate fire on all directions until daylight. Efforts to communicate with M.T.Bs. failed with the result that neither unit could inform the other of positions or intentions. Also the wild gunfire of the enemy made it appear that friendly forces were being engaged from time to time. In view of the confused situation a signal was made at 0315 ordering M.T.Bs. to proceed to R/V in order that M.G.Bs. should have a clear field. This signal was not received. M.G.Bs. went in to attack at 0338 opening fire on the trawlers immediately afterwards. During the turn away M.G.B.605 was hit and collided with 604 causing extensive damage to both ships. Unit withdrew 605 returning across North Sea stern first and 604 being towed by M.T.B.617.
 M.T.B. Narrative: M.T.Bs. observed gunfire at 0206 but received no signals owing to breakdown in communications. I.F.F. also failed. Unit closed ships firing and at 0246 engaged trawlers from the southward ceasing fire at 0250 as it was feared that unit was firing at own M.G.Bs. an illusion caused by the wild fire of the enemy. M.T.Bs. attacked again at 0352 having spent the interval in trying to establish communication with the M.G.Bs. A third attack was made at 0428 after which unit withdrew to cover M.G.Bs.
 Casualties Nil. Damage. M.G.Bs. 605, 604 (collision).
 (C. in C. Nore 051256B to Admty.).

/Coastal...

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Coastal Force patrols. (1) (A) M.L's 190, 214, 191 from Newhaven anti E-Boat patrol from 2315B to 0445B on 50° 25' N. between 00° 10' W. and 00° 35' W. (B) M.L's 343, 291 patrol Q.Z.S. 384 between F and E.A. 5 buoys. (C) GLAISDALE, CHASSEUR 14 immediate notice St. Helens. (D) M.L's 247, 269, 124 from Portland anti E-Boat patrol on 50° 20' N. between 02° 00' W. and 02° 25' W. (C. in C. Portsmouth, 051314B and 051314B) M.L's 139 and 293 at Inner Lade Buoy. (V.A. Dover, 051716B)

Engagement with E-Boat. RED GAUNTLET Sunk. Preliminary report on trawler and E-Boat action night August 4th/5th. MARY HASTIE reports at 0150 in vicinity 54A first indication of presence of hostile force was near miss by torpedo. Sighted shape to Eastward opened fire with close range armament. At 0202 obtained first response on H.L. fired starshell, and sighted what were definitely identified as E-Boat. Continued action at ranges from 500 to 2000 yards and at 0233 considers telling hits scored as enemy fire ceased and E-Boats disengaged Eastward. LORD MELCHETT in company backed up action receiving minor damage, no casualties. Meanwhile HORNBEAM in company with RED GAUNTLET 5 cables East of 52 heard explosion and RED GAUNTLET was seen to be sinking. HORNBEAM remained in vicinity until daylight. Nothing further seen. CHARLES VAILLANT spare ship with L.L. Sweepers on Southerly course North of 54 B intercepted signal from HORNBEAM reporting loss of RED GAUNTLET. Investigated when level with position given and picked up First Lieutenant, Signalman, and two Seamen. First Lieutenant reports H.L. effect heard of "fast reciprocating engines". Almost immediately after sighted torpedo which struck between bridge and forecastle head at 0208 before avoiding action possible. Survivors were on bridge thrown into water, ship heeled over to port quickly and sank at once. NORLAND at 54 B saw and heard nothing in her immediate vicinity and had no Radar responses. Position of RED GAUNTLET marked as in my 051736. Intensive O and L.L. sweep of whole area B.8 to 3 buoys subsequently carried out with negative result. (F.O.I.C. Harwich, 051930B to C. in C. Nore.)

Allied Air Activity.

3 Enemy Coastal Craft, Sunk. 2 damaged. 12 small from 3 miles west of Calais at 2255 operating between Gravelines and Cap Blanc Nez in two groups. Attacked by 5 Albacores of 841 squadron under Swingate ground control who claim 3 sunk one probably sunk and one damaged average speed 12.14 knots. Entered Calais at 0425. (V.A. Dover, 050936B to Admty.)

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shot
down.Focke-Wulfe shot down by U.S. Fighters 10 miles east of Grimsey 066° 32' N. 018° 00' W. at 1748. Boat being sent out to pick up 6 of Crew at present in Dinghy.
(A.C.I.C. 051916B to Admty.)Mining.

Q.U.14.

Carry out operation Q.U.14 tonight.

(1) Available boats 51st M.L. Flotilla with close escort of 10th M.G.B. Flotilla. (2) Route. Via No.4 buoy, R.B. 16 thence to laying position, returning via R.B. 30. S.O. to detach gunboats after passing this position.

(C. in C. Nore 051144B to BEEHIVE.)

Cancel my 051144B. M.L's are to proceed to Lowestoft.

(C. in C. Nore, 051810B to BEEHIVE.)

M/S 1.

Following received from M/S one begins: Submit for consideration that requirements of present operation would be met by a further one hundred per cent sweep of an area bounded by lines joining positions:

(A) 055° 29' 00" N. 006° 33' 00". (B) 055° 29' 00" 006° 50' 00".
(C) 055° 26' 00" 006° 45' 00" 055° 19' 00" 006° 45' 00". (E) 055° 16' 00" 006° 33' 00" Ends.

Subject to your concurrence propose to approve.

(Cdre. D. W.A. 051531B to C. in C. W.A.)

Q.Z.X.1070.

Have returned to Dartmouth. Swept one lap with two ships. Clearance extended by area between following positions: (A) 50° 24' 04" 3° 00' 00".
(B) 50° 24' 06" 2° 59' 40". (C) 50° 20' 00"

2° 57' 30". (D) 50° 19' 52" 2° 57' 50". Weather permitting intend to proceed with HYDRA and four Danlayers at 0615 tomorrow to resume operations.

(M/S 18, 051813B to C. in C. Plymouth)

Q.Z.X.1056.

Area of Q.Z.X.1056 now swept bounded by:

(A) 50° 10' 42" N. 03° 30' 36" W.

(B) 50° 11' 36½" N. 03° 25' 36" W. (C) 50° 07' 45" N.
03° 16' 36" W. (D) 50° 03' 42" N. 03° 38' 09" W.*

(2) Intend slipping at 0600/6th to clearance of Q.Z.X.1056.

NEAVE, PORCHER, SCALPAY, DOCHET, ULVA, KINGS GREY, DORINDA, LOCH BUIE, ARMANA in company.

(PROSPECT, 051915B to C. in C. Plymouth)* No mines encountered.

Enemy Intelligence.Enemy
Destroyer.Reported B.2 that a destroyer passed Stadtlandet at 0500B/5, course south, 15 knots.
(D.D.I.C.050903B to A.I.G.47)

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Enemy Intelligence. - Contd.

NORD ATLANTIC. Tanker in 43 degs. 08' N. 09 degs. 15' W. beached, no nationality.
(A/C. 224 Sqdn. Duty R. 051430 to 19 Group)
F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 051536B August. Tanker
NORD ATLANTIC sighted by aircraft of 19 Group at
1433/5th run ashore in 043 degs. 08' N. 009 degs. 15' W.
(Cape Villano). Photographic interpretation makes identity
certain.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 052227B to Admty.)
For information. German Tanker NORD ATLANTIC left Vigo
about 0500/5th, destination unknown.
(F.O.S. 051726B to S/M's.)

U-Boats.

U-Boat Reported. U/B previously reported on surface seen to submerge
Lost touch with U/B last seen in 61 degs. 29' N.
18 degs. 08' W. P.L.E.
(A/C BNNW.53, 051933 to Inverness)

Technical.

Anti U/B. A/C. Tactics. My S.2033/DAT 7 July.
Recent experience in the Bay of Biscay shows that
it is impossible to forecast whether a U-Boat,
formation of U-Boats, or individuals in formation
will remain on the surface or dive when attacked
by one or more A/C. Normally, formations of
U-Boats have up to present remained on surface to fight it out
when sighted by one aircraft, but as soon as other aircraft which
have been homed appeared over the horizon, they dive, the leader
remaining surfaced slightly longer than the others to cover the
dive. Great accuracy is now obtained by aircraft attacking
from 50 feet, along track very fine on bow or quarter dropping
sticks of six 250 lb. torpex filled D.Cs. set shallow depth 25 ft.
and spaced at 60 ft. It has therefore been decided in Coastal
Command that any A/C sighting a U-Boat should immediately signal
the code Group 461 followed by a numeral to indicate number of
U-Boats, their position and course. During run-in to attack
two markers Marine should be dropped, at least 300 yds. short of
target so that they will not be affected by explosion of the D.Cs.
One of markers should be a Mk.1 or 11 and the second a Mk.111
set for two hours delay. Captains of aircraft should then
manoeuvre into best position and attack. Attack from bow towards
stern is recommended as A/A fire is masked. Aircraft should
never make a turn away from U-Boats while manoeuvring for position
as if they do enemy invariably take full advantage of
opportunity and dive. On completion of attack aircraft carries
out homing procedure to other aircraft within 100 miles and/or
surface escort group if within 4 hours steaming. Good and effec-
tive shooting has been achieved by air gunners opening fire on
U-Boat flak crews at ranges up to 1500 yds. Considerable import-
ance now attached to training air gunners to do this. Flak has so
far been generally inaccurate and formations of U/Bs have done no
better than single boats probably due to rapid change in deflection
U/Bs. are generally adopting evasive tactics and attempting to
turn beam on to attack. The effectiveness of Mk. XI D.Cs. has
been very clearly illustrated during July

by/...

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Anti
U-boat
A/C
tactics.
(Contd.).

by a number of U-boats being sunk outright only survivors remaining. In one case U-boat broke in half. An aircraft using Mk.XIV bombsight and 600 lb A/S bomb also achieved one sinking. (Air Ministry 051350Z).
See also Air Ministry 101240Z.

Navigational.

Denmark
Strait
Ice A/C.

Request you will detail a destroyer to comply with R.A. 040924. (D.O.D.H. 051044B to C. in C.W.A.).
A.C.I.C. 020522B and my 040920. To confirm that improvement in ice conditions is permanent request air and if possible surface R/C of S.N.74 area may be arranged so that result reaches me by 10th. (R.A.M. 051230B to A.C.I.C., C. in C.H.F.).
Your 051230 acknowledged. My 311659 July refers. (C. in C.H.F. 051716B to R.A.M.);
R.A.(M)'s 051230 and C. in C.H.Fs. 311659 July. Suggest IMPULSIVE should carry out this and that she be sailed so as to arrive North Cape (?at daylight) 8th proceeding, thence along line joining 066 degs. 54' N. 022 degs. 28' W. to 067 degs. 28' N. 022 degs. 48' W. thence ice edge and returning north and west of Q.Z.X. 794 if conditions permit. Air R/C will be flown tomorrow with Saturday as spare day and results passed to IMPULSIVE for whom air co-operation will also be arranged. (A.C.I.C. 052138B to C.S.1.).

Casualties and Defects.

Unknown
ship.

Intercepted 0132 G.M.T. bearing N.W. begins C.Q. S.S.S.S.Ends. (Niton Radio 050332 to Admty.).
A distress signal was heard on and red flares sighted by aircraft in 053 degs. 09' N. 024 degs. 05' W. at 0425B/5th. Keep a good look-out for lifeboat. Report P.C.S.
(C. in C.W.A. 051059B to SCOURGE, SAUMAREZ).
At 050425B transatlantic. Fortress sighted red flare for 15 minutes and heard S.O.S. for 40 mins. My 042331B refers. (C. in C.W.A. 051113B to Admty.).
Set watch on 500 kc/s and report bearings of S.O.S. probably from a life-boat believed in 053 degs. 09' N. 024 degs. 05' W. at 0425B/5th. EDMUNDSTON pass to LORD KELVIN. (C. in C.W.A. 051129B to BURWELL, EDMUNDSTON).
Nothing heard. My P.C.S. 052 degs. 09' N. 018 degs. 20' W. 242 degs. 16 knots. (BURWELL 051200Z to C. in C.W.A.).

SENNEN

Have developed minor engine defects. Proceeding to Methil Roads to make repairs E.T.A. 1515. Estimated time required 4 hours. Dockyard assistance not necessary. (SENNEN 051237B to Admty.).

/KINGSTON...

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KINGSTON
AGATE.

My 040915. Examination on slip shows trunk has also been damaged. Anticipate KINGSTON AGATE will now sail on 16th.
(F.O. Humber 051510 to N.O.i/c Kirkwall).

BLACKWOOD
BAZELEY

My 050957B. BLACKWOOD and BAZELEY returned defective.
(F.O.i/c N.I. 051640B to F.O.I.C. Greenock).

TOTLAND

My 041102. TOTLAND delayed defective.
(F.O.i/c N.I. 051802 to Cdre. D.W.A.).
My 031436. ORESTES delayed defective.
(F.O.i/c N.I. 051805 to C. in C. Plymouth).

SENNEN

SENNEN's 051237B. Ship sailed.
(N.O.i/c Methil 051900B to Admty.).

UNST

UNST delayed by damage eccentric-rod. Repairs will be effected in approximately 1 hour. Standing by until repairs are completed.
(STAFFA 052005 to F.O.I.C. Liverpool).

BLLENHEIM

My 031302. Sailed.
(A.C.I.C. 052308B to N.O.i/c Greenock).

Shipping and Convoys.

H.X.U.249

Your 041932B para.(B) gives total 18 ships only 16 named. Report if NATHAM TOWSON, CHARLES TREADWELL were in company.
(C. in C.W.A. 050032B to SKEENA).

O.S.53/
K.M.S.23.

Intend sailing and request fighter protection
(A) 11 merchant ships escorted by KINGSTON BERYL.
(B) From 1600/6th until arrival Belfast.
(D) By standard route to Belfast E.T.A. 0530/8th.
(N.O.i/c Cardiff 050946B).

O.N.196

Escorts for O.N.196. GATINEAU, CHAMBLY, DRUMHELLER, KAMLOOPS, LAGAN, PRIMROSE, and POLYANTHUS.
GATINEAU and LAGAN fitted H.F./D.F.
(Cdre. D.W.A. 051149B to C. in C.W.A.).

K.M.F.22/
W.S.33.

Propose escorts as follows:-
BARLE, WRESTLER, USK, ETTRICK, NARBADA, WESTON, TOTLAND, BANN.
(2) WESTON, TOTLAND, BANN to continue with W.S.33, remainder with K.M.F.22 to Algiers.
(C. in C.W.A. 051625B to Admty.).

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T.A.58
(QUEEN
MARY).

T.A.58 sailed in accordance with my 021548B August as amended by my 041746B. Amend E.T.A. to 2200Z/9th August.
(N.O.i/c Greenock 051804B to Admty.).

BENMYCHREE

My 042117. RIPLEY unfit for sea. Act as escort to Invergordon and return to Scapa on completion reporting E.T.A.
(A.C.O.S. 051808B to ULSTER).

My 041147. Sailed. For RIPLEY read ULSTER.
(N.O.i/c Faroes 052002B to N.O.i/c Invergordon).

B.3.Group
KEPPEL.

Proceed a.m tomorrow to Larne to join B.3. group.
(Capt. D. Greenock 051932B to KEPPEL).

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- EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND. E.T.A. 1800Z/6.
(EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND, 050130Z to C.M.S.F. (R) Admty. etc.)
- C.G.53. My 031230 (031213 intended?) sailed.
(Commorseafron, 050933B to F.O. Gibraltar)
- G.U.S.11. Ref. my 041734B, add ORESTES ballast.
WALT WHITMAN 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ knots ballast. GARONNE can only do 8 knots. Request information if these last two ships should be included. BRITISH COURAGE will be escort oiler.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 050955B to C. in C. Med.)
- NORD ATLANTIK. German tanker NORD ATLANTIK sailed from Vigo early today 5th. Time of departure about 0500.
(British Consul Vigo, 051000 to S.O.(I) Gib. (R) Admty. (for D.N.I.) N.A. Madrid).
Sailed from Vigo at 0500/5th German Tanker NORD ATLANTIK destination unknown.
(F.O.C. Gib, 051536B to S. & A. Area X.)
- CHARYBDIS, M.K.F. 20. CHARYBDIS arrived 0225, refuelled, sailed 0955 to join M.K.F.20.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 051027B to Admty)
CHARYBDIS sailed 1000B/5th August, estimate to R/V M.K.F. 20 in 035 degs. 07' N. 014 degs. 06' W. at 0630B/6th August. (2) Admty. inform H.Q.C.C.
(F.O.C. Gibraltar, 051058B to Escorts of Convoy M.K.F.20. (R) Admty. etc.)
- T.O.7. Intend sailing ESSO PATTERSON (T) ballast.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 051027B to C.M.S.F.F.)
- Dispositions. Situation 1958B/5th.
LOCH OSKAIG, MARIE LOUISE MACKAY, repairing cable vicinity 037 degs. 21' 009 degs. 17'.
(2) P.317 (TALLY HO) 037 degs. 45' 009 degs 32' through 036 degs 51' 009 degs. 13' at 0420/6th thence 099 degs. 9/2. (3) C.G.53, LADY HOGARTH 034 degs. 37' 007 degs. 29' through 035 degs. 44' 006 degs. 28' to Gibraltar 7. (4) Convoy 'J' IMPERIALIST (A) 038 degs 27' 011 degs. 53' through 036 degs. 30' 010 degs. 02' thence 105 degs. 8. (5) One U.S. Destroyer SS. EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND, 034 degs. 12' 016 degs. 32' through 034 degs. 01' 015 degs. 01' to Casablanca 19 $\frac{3}{4}$. (6) 6 Spanish destroyers one M.L 2 Submarines sailed Cadiz 4th for Marim arriving 6th. (7) Portuguese sloop leaves Portuguese coast for Ponta Delgada 5th. (8) CHARYBDIS 035 degs. 14' 009 degs. 32' through 035 degs. 10' 010 degs. 01' to overtake M.K.F. 20 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ knots. (9) Italian repatriation ships VULCANIA and SATURNIA 033 degs. 01' 009 degs. 05' through 035 degs. 01' 007 degs. 18' and 035 degs. 49' 006 degs. 07' to Gibraltar 16 $\frac{1}{2}$.

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Dispositions (10) G.C. 29 BOREAS sail 1800/5th through 035 degs. (Contd.) 39' 007 degs. 01' and 034 degs. 05' 008 degs. 03' to Casablanca 10.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 051056)
Situation 2002B/5th August.
(3) M.K.F.20 PELICAN 009 degs. 10' 011 degs. 21' through 035 degs. 05' 016 degs. 30' thence 326 degs. 13.
(4) (B) Swedish Relief Ship 034 degs. 55' 022 degs. 38' 086 degs. 13. (6) Spanish Training Ship GALATEA left Corunna 2nd for Canary Islands. (7) S.O.134 ROCHESTER 025 degs. 05' 016 degs. 27' 041 degs. 11½. (8) O.G.91/K.M.S. 22 HIGHLANDER, SCYLLA. (E) 037 degs. 50' 017 degs. 49' through 036 degs. 00' 016 degs. 00' thence 102 degs. 7.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 051132B)

T.G.21.13. Accordance Cinclant 042020, intend sail T.G.21.13 051500A direct to vicinity Azores for offensive operations until time to join T.F.63 escorting convoy G.U.S. 11. C.T.G. 21.13 holds Convoy route prescribed Admty. 301149B.
(Commorseafon, 051105B to Cinclant, (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C. in C. Med. (W) Comnavnaw, C.T.G. 21.13, C.T.F. 63, Cominch, Admty.)
Sailed my 051105B.
(Commorseafon, 051635B to Cinclant.)
My 051105 being passed to T.G.21.14 and 21.15.
(Commorseafon 052331B to C.T.G. 21.13 (R) Admty. Cinclant.)

SAYONARA. My 261537 June. SAYONARA repairs will be complete by middle August. Further alterations and additions will be required to fit her out as accommodation ship when final decision is reached. Intend meantime to employ SAYONARA on Strait patrol until relieved by VELDA.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 051216B to Admty)

FORT BABINE. Ready for towing 6th August. Request tugs be detailed.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 051512B to Admty)

RESOLUTION, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar's 041111.
REVENGE, Concur that if necessary 13th D.F. be used to
escort. escort RESOLUTION and REVENGE to U.K., but endeavours will be made nearer the time to find less burdensome alternative.
(2) It is assumed that transports will accompany battleships. A.M. 311659 refers. (3) If it will facilitate provision of escort reasonable delay to onward passage of dock can be accepted. Part escort of trawlers is acceptable.
(D.O.D.(F), 051758B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, F.O.C.W.Af.)
See also C. in C. Med. 071843B.

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French
Sub.
LE GLORIEUX.

Your 281946. (A) 34 degs. N. 15 degs. W.
(B) 34 degs. N. 19 degs. W. (C) 33 degs. N.
25 degs. W. (D) 32 degs. N. 34 degs. W.
(E) 34 degs. N. 41 degs. W. (F) 34 degs. N.
50 degs. W. thence Bermuda. (2) F.O.I.C.
Gibraltar is requested to arrange bombing
restrictions.

(D.O.D.(H), 051910B to Commorseafron)

Movements,
Gibraltar.

Arrivals. LORD NUFFIELD from escort duties
Melilla. Departures JONQUIL escort duties
Melilla BOREAS, VELOX with G.C.29.
(F.O.I.C.Gibraltar, 051949 to Admty. etc.)

U.K. -
Gibraltar
Convoys.

A.M.152355. As a result of recent experience
following general policy for U.K. - Gibraltar
is promulgated for information and action
where practicable. (2) Following outer standard
route is established:

Homeward.

34. 45 N. 10.00 W.
35. 25 N. 16.00 W.
38.45 N. 19.35 W.
44.30 N. 19.35 W.
55.00 N. 11.20 W.

Outward.

55.00 N. 10.00 W.
44.30 N. 18.30 W.
39.00 N. 18.30 W.
36.30 N. 16.00 W.
35.25 N. 10.00 W.

Stragglers' Routes:

Homeward.

34.45 N. 10.00 W.
34.45 N. 16.00 W.
38.30 N. 20.15 W.
44.45 N. 20.15 W.
51.00 N. 16 degs. W.
55.00 N. 11 degs. 20'

Outward.

48 degs. N. 17 degs. W.
44.30 N. 19.10 W.
39.00 N. 19.15 W.
35.50 N. 16.00 W.
35.25 N. 10.00 W.

Route between Gibraltar and approx. 36.00 N. 16.00 W. will be
carried (? varied) according to relative importance of air and
submarine threats at the time. (3) Fast convoys should be
routed by the outer standard route. (4) Slow convoys with
adequate A/A escort should be routed by existing (inner) standard
route. (5) Slow convoys without adequate A/A escort should be
routed by outer standard route. (6) Adequate A/A escort is
defined as one cruiser plus one A/A escort or one escort carrier
plus one cruiser or A/A escort between 45 degs. N. and splitting
point west of Gibraltar. (7) When available about mid August it
is intended to sail one A/A sloop with each slow convoy through
to Gibraltar. Until then, with present scale of air attack,
adequate A/A escort can be taken as one cruiser or its
equivalent and convoys so escorted sailed by inner standard
route. (8) Surface cover to continue to be provided as in
A.M.152355 para. 1 (a). (9) To assist in planning shore based
air cover, F.O.I.C.Gibraltar is requested to give as much notice
as practicable of his intentions regarding A/A escort.
(D.O.D.(H), 052006B to F.O.I.C.Gibratlar, C. in C. W.A.
C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C. H.F., C. in C. Med. H.Q.C.C.)

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Transports. Ref. A.M. 241949/July para. 6. ESPERANCE BAY, HIGHLAND CHIEFTAIN, MORETON BAY, and RANGITATA should proceed from Durban to Plate to load for U.K.
(D.S.T. 050551B to P.S.T.O. Capetown.)

T.L.19. T.L.19 sailed 0700Z/5th August. Route easy, S. of A. 11 knots. E.T.A. Lagos 1530Z/6th August. ELIZABETHVILLE (Cdre.) THYSVILLE. Convoy codeword "Bamboo" convoy W/T identity letter V.L.D.1 - 9.

(N.C.S.O. Takoradi, 050711Z to Admty. etc.)
Sailed 0700Z/August T.L.19 escorted by FOXHOUND, BOADICEA, route E., S. of A. 11 knots. E.T.A. Lagos (Nigeria) 1530Z/6th. (N.O.I.C. Takoradi, 050712Z to Admty, etc.)
Departures 5th August SS. ELIZABETHVILLE, SS. THYSVILLE 0700Z/5th Lagos 1530Z/6th, coastal.
(N.C.S.O. Takoradi, 051729Z to Admty.)
ELIZABETHVILLE, THYSVILLE, numbers embarked etc.
(S.S.T.O. Takoradi, 050830Z to S.T.O. Lagos.)

MEAD. Arrived.
(Com. i/c Durban, 050804Z to Admty., etc.)

C.D.30 Sailing telegram (2 ships).
(2) 0900Z/5th August. (3) Port Elizabeth 1400Z/7th East London 0600Z/8th Durban p.m. August 9th. (4) 8 knots. (5) Coastal passing through position (Q) 034° 53' S 020° E. (6) NORTHERN ISLES, NORWICH CITY, SONNEBLOM. (14) W.Z. D.1 to 9 "Janitor" 168.
(N.C.S.O. Capetown, 050949Z to Admty. etc.)

DOMINION Sailed escorted 4th August. Requirements
MONARCH, Freetown.
AORANGI. (S.T.O. Capetown, 050954Z to Admty. for D.S.T.)

L.D.P. Sailing telegram. (2) 0800/5th August. (3)
Group 1. Knots 6½ (4) CITY OF LEICESTER, LADY DENISON PENDER and LIDA all for Dakar 8th August. (5) (Route) (6) Stragglers' Route. (L) 011° 16' N. 017° 11' W. (M) 012° 35' N. 017° 20' W. (N) 013° 29' N. 017° 13' W. (O) 014° 07' N. 017° 41' W. (P) 014° 41' N. 017° 48' W. (7) to (10) nil. (11) 8 N.D. codeword "Floore".
(N.C.S.O. Freetown, 051120Z to Admty.)

INKPEN 1. Intend to sail INKPEN escorting BARKING 1700/
BARKING. 5th for Freetown E.T.A. 1800/9th, speed five knots.
2. Routed through position (O) 13° 32' N. 17° (?06) minutes West thence (?Green) route.
(N.O.I.C. Bathurst, 051134Z to F.O.C.W.A.)

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Dispositions. Situation at 2000Z/5th August. NORMAN, RAPID, RELENTLESS, QUIBERON, CATTERICK with 2 Fleet units with C.F.13 (2 ships) 029° 00' 014° 55' to 028° 30' 014° 30' thence 017° 15' 010° 30'

12½ knots. F.S. DUQUESNE, F.S. TOURVILLE 026° 35' 013° 50' to 017° 15' 010° 30' 17.

(C. in C. S.A. 051143B.)

Situation 2000Z/5 August.

NORTHERN ISLES, NORWICH CITY, SONNEBLOM with C.D.30 (one ship) and REDSHANK 034° 40' 019° 10' Coastal to Durban 8 knots. EMERALD 033° 00' 028° 40' (?357°)(Corrupt) to Durban (?7) knots. FREESIA, LE TIGRE with tug PRUDENT 029° 10' 032° 00' Durban 8½. ROCKROSE with D.L.M.4 (One ship) off Cape St. Lucia to (?Table Bay) 8 knots.

FRITILLARY, JASMINE with C.B.2 (4 ships) off Beira.

RACEHORSE, SORSRA with M.C.8, 020° 00' 036° 04' H.M.S. NEPAL with SIBAJAK 032° 00' 034° 50' to 031° 20' 033° 18' thence Durban 15 knots.

CERES 021° 10' 041° 20' to 026° 30' 039° 30' 15 knots.

DURBAN 029° 10' 033° 30' to 028° 00' 038° 00' 16½ knots.

(C. in C.S.A., 051147B, 051602B)

Situation at 1959/5. BEAGLE, BULLDOG, DOUGLAS, KALE, TAY, DERG, with W.S.32, 007° 22' 013° 50' 122° 13 knots.

RUMBA escorting 006° 13' 011° 00' to 006° 52' 011° 49' thence to 292° 7. M.L. 266 off Sassandra.

ABERDEEN, ARMERIA, F.F.S. COMMANDANT DETROYAT, ST. WISTAN, PORTSDOWN, COPINSAY, DUNCTON with T.S.49 004° 14' 004° 20' 264° 6 knots.

FOXHOUND, BOADICEA with T.L.19 005° 16' 000° 08' East to Lagos 11.

M.L. 1052 escorting off Kotonu.

M.L. 1041 escorting 005° 18' 004° 30' East to 004° 00' 006° 00' East 8 knots to Port Harcourt.

F.S. PRESIDENT HOUDUCE M.Ls. 244, 287 with L.M. 3, 002° 48' N. 005° 54' E. Equator 008° 00' East thence (150° or 331°) 9 knots.

(F.O.C.W.A. 051344Z)

Situation at 1958Z/5th August. ROCHESTER, MIGNONETTE, AZALEA, BALSAM, BURDOCK, BLACKMORE, GERANIUM, BURZA O.R.P. with S.L. 134 025° 25' 016° 08' 043° 6.5.

FOWEY, MYOSOTIS, MALLOW, CAMPION, STONECROP, SNOWDROP, SOUTHERN PRIDE, FRISCO, BERRY with O.S.52 010° 48' 017° 35' to 010° (?05') 017° 30' thence to Freetown 8.25.

M.L.256 009° 14' 014° 37' to Freetown 12.

CROCUS, SOUTHERN GEM, DUNKERY, PICT escorting 008° 58' 014° 28' through 010° 00' 016° 20' thence to 011° 00' 017° 18' 6.5.

INKPEN escorting off Bathurst to 013° 32' North 017° 06' W. thence 012° 36' N. 017° 22' W. thence 170° 5 knots.

(F.O.C.W.A. 051441Z)

MANGKALIHAT
(torpedoed
1st August)

MANGHALIHAT sank at 1856Z/4th in approx. 025° 44' S. 033° 32'. My 031705 August refers.

FREESIA has 84 survivors, 18 missing presumed lost.

(C. in C. S.A., 051215B to Admty.)

/Movements...

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Movements
Pointe
Noire. Arrival Pointe Noire 1100Z/5th SWALE, BELLWORT,
(? PETUNIA) escorting R.F.A. (? DINGLEDALE)
SS EMPIRE CADET.
(B.N.L.O. Pointe Noire, 051245A to F.O.C.W.A.)

Movements
Lagos. Departures 5th August M/L 277 escorting BERNA
to Takoradi.
(R.N.O. Lagos, 051454Z to Admty. etc.)

W.S.32. Sailing telegram (10 ships excluding joiners
from Takoradi and Lagos.)
2. 1000/5th August. 3. Nil. 4. Knots 13.
5. Route. ROWALLAN CASTLE detaching dusk
August to proceed at best speed to Ascension. NEA HELLAS
under escort WOLVERINE will R/V and join convoy in position
(c) at 0800 G.M.T. 8th August. After these ships have joined
COPACABANA and (?DE)LAIRES detach for Takoradi under escort
of BEAGLE and DOUGLAS. TAMAROA and LARGS BAY under escort
of BEAGLE and DOUGLAS will R/V and join convoy in position (ra)
at 1300 G.M.T. 9th August. 6. BEAGLE S.O., BULLDOG, KALE,
TAY and (? DERG). WOLVERINE joins from Takoradi.
13. Cmdre. W.E.B. Magee, R.N.R., in MALOJA. Vice Cmdre.
Master H.M. Transport. HIGHLAND CHIEPTAIN.
(N.C.S.O. Freetown, 051514Z, 051959Z to Admty.)
Following ship sailing in W.S.32 will be detached at
168431 August in approx. 004° 46' N. 009° 42' W. to proceed
independently, ROWALLAN CASTLE joining 9th August, "Chop" 8th.
A? 009° 40' W. B. 007° 14' S. 013° 58' W. C. Ascension
knots A 14 B 15½. Reference position, NB Freetown to GD
Pointe Noire DP Ascension FT St. Helena.
(N.C.S.O. Freetown, 051755Z to Admty.)

YESTOR. Left SPARROWS POINT at 2030Z in position 015°
16' N. 019° 33' W. E.T.A. Dakar 1130/6th.
(YESTOR, 052230Z to F.O.C.W.Af. (R) Comar Dakar.)

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Mediterranean.

SHAKESPEARE. Your 042137 acknowledged (N.T. in W.R.) Well done, onward route through 039° 01' 014° 45' at 0500/5th 039° 01' 012° 01' at 0900/6th 039° 18' 010° 01' at 0600/7th 038° 08' 003° 59' at 2230/8th thence to R/V escort for Algiers in 036° 56' 003° 11' at 0630/9th Proceed on surface at your discretion on 8th and 9th. (Capt. S.8, 050450B. to P.221 (SHAKESPEARE) (R) C. in C.Med. N.O.I.C. Algiers, Capt. S.10, 8th S.F.)

Movements Arrived ULA, L.C.T. 19 and 33 and U.S.P.639.
Philippeville. (N.O.I.C. Philippeville 050617B to N.O.I.C. Bizerta.)
(3 corrupt groups). RAJULA arrived. Intend to sail as in C. in C.Mediterranean's 041441B (N.T. in W.R.)
(N.O.I.C. Philippeville 050830B to C. in C.Med.)

Movements August 4th arrivals BREAM, COUNDOURIOTIS.
Alexandria. Departures ABERDARE, BAGSHOT, COUNDOURIOTIS, M.M.S. 102, 105.
(R.A.Alexandria 050640C to Admty.)

ALYNBANK. Arrival.
(N.O.I.C. Aden 050642Z to C. in C.Levant, etc.)

10th S/M 1. (P.54) UNSHAKEN 038° 39' 018° 11' to 040° 01' 018° 52' at 2000/6th.
Flotilla 2. (P.51) UNSEEN 038° 15' 017° 15' through 037° 18' 017° 27' to 035° 50' 016° 39' at 2000/6th
Summary at surface passage on 6th.
2000/5th. 3. (P.31) UPROAR off Bari.
4. (P.46) UNRUFFLED leaves Brindisi area for Valona.
5. PARTHIAN from 039° 00' 019° 12' at 0600/6th to 038° 31' 019° 21' at 2000/6th.
6. (P.52) DZIK 035° 50' 015° 00' through 035° 56' 016° 31' to 036° 10' 016° 39' at 2000/6th.
(Capt. S.10, 050705B.)

RAJULA. (?) RAJULA arrived. Intend to sail as in C. in C.Med's 041441B (N.T. in W.R.)
(N.O.I.C. Philippeville 050830B to C. in C.Med.)

Movements Bizerta arrivals EMPIRE ROSALIND, FORT POPLAR,
Bizerta, OCEAN VIKING, HARDINGHAM, MAKEEJELL.
(F.O.I.C. Tunisia 050900B to Admty. etc.)

G.T.X.5. Pass to Cdre. and Escort, G.T.X.5, Oran Section sailed as in my 031727.
(Comnob Oran 050926B to FARNDAL, Admty.etc.)
Pass to Cdre. Cancel my 030932. Algiers section now consists of ships in my 021724 plus NACELLA (T)

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G.T.X.5. for Bizerta SPERO for Tunis, ATLANTIC COAST for
(Contd.) Sousse, MOORFLY for Malta. Also 6 ships ALEXANDER
WHITE, PETER MCGUIRE, ISAAC COLES, H. MIDDLETON,
JAMES MONROE, LUCRETIA, MOTT, breaking off at
Bizerta (total 20 ships). Following destinations
changed OCEAN VIGOUR and OUSEL now for Tunis, GULFDISC (T) to
continue in convoy to Malta.

(N.O.I.C. Algiers 051826B to Escort G.T.X.5, (R) Admty. etc.)

M.E.Air A.669, 5 Aug. 0904Z. Daily Opsum 99. 4 August.
Report. 3 Beaufighters anti-shipping R/C Aegean Sea.
Attacked 100 ton caique just south of Ikaria
Island. Main mast taken away by bomb which burst
five yards from starboard beam. 2 other bombs
overshot by 15 yards. Numerous hits on caique with cannon and
machine-gun fire. Pieces seen to fly off vessel. Stern entirely
blown away. Caique left sinking by stern. Three of crew
including 1 injured member escaped in rowing boat.
(H.Q.R.A.F.M.E. 050926Z.)

8th S.F. 1. P.225 (SIMOOM) 040° 18' 006° 21' 024° surface
Movements 10 knots until dawn 6th thereafter diving by day
Summary at 2½/9.
1959B/6th. 2. P.221 (SHAKESPEARE) 039° 00' 013° 45' through
039° 00' 012° 01' at 0900/6th thence 245° diving
by day 2½/9.
3. P.229 (SPORTSMAN) east of Corsica.
4. F.S. ORPHEE north of 041° E. of 011°.
(Capt. S.8. 051020B.)

S.L.134. Request you will sail BRISSENDEN to act as
additional escort to S.L.134 to U.K.
(C. in C. Med. (Malta) 051140 to F.O.I.C. Gib.
(R) Admty.)

Malta A.M. 232105. It is not intended that C.M. fields
Minefields. at Malta should be relaid. Mines class C.M. layer
is required for maintenance C.M. loops at Malta
and Algiers and for deep layed mill loops at
other ports. Ship to be based at Malta. On
arrival propose LINNET should return to U.K.
(C. in C. Med. 051209B to Admty. (R) V.A. Malta, C. in C. Levant,
C. in C. Med. (Algiers)).

ULTOR. Intend sailing P.53 (ULTOR) at 1600/6th (route).
(Capt. (S) 10 051210B to Capt. S.1, C. in C. Med.
etc.) Cancelled (061320).

PARTHIAN. Capt. (S) 10th 020955. After passing A.034° 39'
021° 55' at 0300C/8th adjust speed to pass through
B. 033° 44' 024° 31' at 0430C/9th submerged by day
thence direct on surface to arrive Beirut searched
channel 0545C/11th.
(Capt. S.1, 051239C to PARTHIAN (R) C. in C. Med.
V.A. Malta, C. in C. Levant, Capt. (S) 8. P. 339
(TAURUS) 201 N.C. Group Capt. (S) 10.)

/NEWFOUNDLAND...

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for U.S.A.

With your concurrence, I should like NEWFOUNDLAND who is to proceed to U.S.A. for repairs, to proceed in company with Task Group 89.6. Your 021219 refers. NEWFOUNDLAND can do 22 knots but can steer only by main engines.

(C. in C.Med. 051248 to Comnavaw, (R) Admty. Cominch, C. in C.Levant, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, etc.)

M.L.Flottillas. A.M. 031447 not to C. in C.Levant.

24th M.L.Flottilla, M.Ls. 579, 584 and H.D.M.L. 1262 are allocated to Levant.

2. Request they may be sailed at an early date.

3. A.M. 031447 being passed to C. in C.Levant.

(C. in C.Med. 051253 to Admty.)

SARACEN.

Intend sailing P.247 (SARACEN) 1900/7 for patrol in Tyrrhenian Sea between lat. 040° 30' and 042° 00' W. of 011° E. routed through 038° 18' 004° 28' at 0630/8 038° 30' 010° 11' at 2200/9 040° 30' 010° 11' at 0001/11 proceeding on the surface 10 knots on 7th and 8th.

010° 11' at 0001/11 proceeding on the surface 10 knots on 7th and 8th.

(Capt. S.8 051436 to C. in C.Med. (A), (R) N.O.I.C. Algiers, 8th S.F. Capt. S.10, ORPHEE.)

SPORTSMAN.

Leave patrol through 041° 00' 010° 12' at 0200/8th, 038° 42' 010° 12' at 0600/9th, 038° 23' 004° 32' at 1900/10th. Thence R/V escort Algiers in 036° 56' 003° 08' at 0630/11th, proceed on surface at discretion on 10th and 11th.

(Capt. S.8, 051442 to SPORTSMAN, (R) C. in C.Med. Capt. S.10, 8th S.F. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, ORPHEE, F.S.)

N.A.A.F.
Report.

N.W.A. Air Forces Opsum 165. N.W.A. Strategic Air Force. 3rd/4th August. 49 Wellingtons, marshalling yards Qarino, Catanzaro. 73½ tons dropped bombing well concentrated. Good coverage reported. 1 aircraft missing. 53 Wellingtons marshalling yards Paola weight of bombs unreported. Area well covered, many hits in yards. 4th August. 82 U.S. Fortresses submarine base Naples. 5 returned early. 924 x 500, details not reported. 48 U.S. Mitchells escort 36 U.S. Lightnings railway bridge Paola. 1 bomber 26 fighters returned early. Latter due failure to R/V. Bombing reported inaccurate. 54 U.S. Marauders escort 48 U.S. Lightnings Catanzaro. Hits railway. Oil tanks, large fire started. 52 U.S. Marauders escort 57 U.S. Lightnings Catanzaro. Bombers and fighters failed to R/V and returned to base. N.W. A. Tactical Air Force. 2 August (add). 96 Kittyhawks swept battle area 122 Warhawk bombers attacked docks Milazzo and Messina. 266 Spitfires escorted bombers and fighter bombers and maintained standing patrols Augusta and Syracuse. 3 August (add). 202 Warhawks, 119 Kittyhawk bombers, destroyed over 70 vehicles, damaged many more. Scored three hits 300 feet M/V Milazzo. Ammunition dumps set on fire. 112 U.S. Mustangs, 52 U.S. Warhawks, 124 U.S. Spitfires bombing, escort and cover missions.

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N.A.A.F. Hits reported on ship off Bagnara and one
Report. cruiser in Gulf of Gioja. Marshalling yards
(Contd.) Bagnara also bombed.
Northwest African coastal Air Force. 3 August
(add). 4 torpedo and 4 anti-flak Beaufighters
attacked 2 stationary schooners 88 miles West
Monte Circeo with cannon. Strikes seen. Attacked convoy 2
tankers, 1 M/V 5 (?Cl ES) South Bonifacio with torpedoes.
Column smoke seen stern M/V.
(H.Q.N.A.A.F. Adv., 051610B.)

U.G.S. N.A.S.A.B. 587 (corrupt groups) in full agreement
K.M.S. have examined port situation for ensuing month
Convoys. in conjunction with operational loadings and
have recommended to C. in C. that U.G.S.15 and
K.M.S.24 and all subsequent U.G.S. and K.M.S.
convoys be postponed for ten days with following
exceptions:- A. French re-armament ships should sail for
Casablanca on dates originally planned. B. Tankers should sail
on present planned programme. C. One 8000 (corrupt groups) on
Collier with Locomotive coal should sail to arrive Algiers on
new K.M.S.24 date. G.4 American and British have sent details
by signal to War Dept. and War Office direct.
(M.W.T.R. Mediterranean 051630 to M.W.T.London (R) B.A.D. for
B.M.S.M.)

Sabotage Italian sabotage party 2 officers, 18 men landed
Party, by boat from submarine 2130C/3rd, 23 kilometres
Benghazi. South Benghazi. All captured. Objective Berce
airfield with intention of re-embarking 0400/4th.
A/S search in progress.
(C. in C.Levant 051745 to Admty. (R) C. in C.Med.
V.A.Malta, H.Q.R.A.F.M.E.)

Movements 5th August Port Said arrivals VITA, COUNDOURIOTIS,
Port Said. M.M.S. 102, 105. Departures CUMBRAE, SOUTHERN
ISLE, VITA.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 051753 to Admty. etc.)

C.N.S.3. Following ships arrived B.WASHINGTON, A.G.BELL, L.
MORIS, G.PIEZE, W.D.HOWLLS, D.WEBSTER, U.S.S.
NICHOLSON, U.S.S. BUCK.
(Com. N.O.B. Oran 051810B, 051816B to Admty. etc.)

MONTCALM. Cominch 021230 August to Comeastseafron routes
French Cruiser MONTCALM inside Mediterranean to
Mers-el-Kebir. Request information if this is by
forecast in your decision of Combined Chiefs of Staff after meeting
241731 July.
(C. in C.Med. (A) 051820B to Admty.)

SECRET

168A.

Recd - W.D.

17.8.43

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MESSAGE. 051619/August.

IN.

From: C. in C. Mediterranean.

Date: 16.8.43.
Recd: 1713.

CYPHER.

Addressed: V.A.M. F.O.S.N. Comm. Algiers. F.O. i/c Tripoli (L).
F.O. i/c Gibraltar. F.O. i/c Tunisia. N.O. i/c Bougie. Commob.
Oran. Repeated: Admiralty. C.F.B. C.C.F. C. in C. Levant.

(A) Composition of Mediterranean M. L. Flotillas which is to be brought into force forthwith.

3rd Flotilla	121	126	134	135	163	162	480	575	338	565.
9th "	170	172	173	174	175	176.				
22nd "	218	232	240	258	444	449	460	463	494	568.
25th "	238	273	280	283	336	577	578.			
28th "	295	307	341	443	493	567	581.			
29th "	458	463	469	471	483	558	563	569	580.	
31st "	554	555	556	557	559	560	561	562	564	566.

Flotillas allocated as follows:-

3rd Flotilla	Malta-Sicily convoys then Malta.	Fitted for M/S.
9th "	Gibraltar.	
22nd "	Sicily.	
25th "	Bougie.	
28th "	Algiers.	
29th "	Oran.	
31st "	Sicily - Sousse convoys.	Later to be reallocated.

(C) Authorities are requested to sail boats as requisite 31st Flotilla to Sousse or Sicily.

(D) Refitting in Cairo to be allocated later.

(E) 459 composition of H.D.M.L. Flotilla is being signalled.

(F) Algiers C.C.O. pass by T/P to Oran Bougie Bone Biserta.

051619.

V.C.N.S.
A.C.N.S.(H).
A.C.N.S.(F).
U.W.R.
N.A.Mails.
Capt.Pim.
Ops.(3).
O.D.8.

C.F.M.D.(2)
O.I.C.(2).
M.
Mails.
Movts.
W.D.
D.T.D.(M).
D.M.S.
D.M.S.Citadel.
D.T.D.(4).

D. of L.D.(3).
D. of P. (Q) (3).
D.A/S.W.
D.A/U.D.

O.D.(3)
D.O.D.(C).(2).

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- T.O.7. Sailed ESSO WASHINGTON and J.H.TUTTLE in accordance with C. in C.Med. 032209. (N.O.I.C. Algiers 051846B to Admty. etc.)
- G.U.S.11. Pass to Cdre. Algiers section sailed as in my 031038 less FORT LA MONTEE, EMPIRE HAVEN, CHARLES SCHIAFFINO (French), EMPIRE CARPENTER. Destination FORT BEDFORD now U.S.A.
N.O.I.C. Oran is requested to issue ocean route and Outcon to OCEAN LIBERTY and FORT BELFORD. (N.O.I.C. Algiers 051848B to Escorts of convoy G.U.S.11, (R) N.O.I.C. Oran, Admty. etc.)
- Estimated U-Boat Disposition. 1 German by D/F at 042147 West and (East?). 1 possibly 2 between Cape Bon and Malta. 2 or 3 Italian East of Sicily. 1 in Gulf of Sirte. (C. in C.Med. 051909B.)
- Attacks on U/Bs. My 301507 para. 2. (re attacks by WESTRAY and TARTAR). Attacks have been assessed as "Probably damaged (B)". (D.A.U.D. 051923B to C. in C.Med. (A).)
- Movements Philippeville. Arrived and sailed BRECON and MENDIP, arrived French Ship LA FANTASQUE. (N.O.I.C. Philippeville 051923B to C. in C.Med.)
- Situation Report 144. U.S. Destroyers GHERARDI and RHIND night 3rd/4th sank one F.Lighter and one E-Boat south Lipari Islands. One E-Boat escaped.
2. Tonnage unloaded 4th Syracuse 5504 tons, Augusta 1051 tons.
3. Casualties in U.S. destroyer SHUBRICK now reported as 10 killed, 15 wounded. (C. in C.Med. 051932B to Admty.)
- Landing craft in "Husky". Following is preliminary information on experiences with material and repairs of landing craft and ships in "Husky".
A. Ships and craft including gun and rocket craft and pontoon causeways were generally satisfactory.
B. Losses and damage to craft were small largely on account of poor shore defences and should not be taken as a basis for future operations.
C. On D.Day two pontoon docks out of 12 and nil slips out of 11 were in operation. Arrangements for provision were made in January/February. For future operations pontoon docks only recommended. 450 ton docks are essential for L.C.Ts. Marks 3 & 4.
D. Main weight of repair and preparation of major landing craft for operation fell on Malta and Algiers dockyards which were fortunately in operation area. Serviceability of L.C.I. and L.C.T. under best conditions unlikely to exceed 70% prior to operation.

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Landing craft in "Husky". (Contd.) E. Scattered, inadequate and late provision of base personnel, equipment and spare gear have prevented satisfactory maintenance and repairs. Base parties with complete equipments, repair materials and docks should be organised and well trained in units prior to leaving U.K. they should all travel in same convoy to destination. Each base party should have at least 6 experienced electric welders. F. Landing craft emergency repair ships complete with spare gear and repair personnel of all categories in addition to flotilla maintenance staffs considered essential particularly in follow-up stage as assault moves forward. (C. in C.Med. 052045 to Admty.)

SOEMBA, damaged, Catania. C.O. Cmdr. Sterkenburg seriously wounded in action with coastal defence batteries north of Catania today Thursday. Deceased died of wounds in hospital in Augusta. Superficial damage to ship. (Netherland Sloop SOEMBA 052045B to B.D.Z.)

Movements Algiers. Arrivals H.D.M.L. 1155, French Submarines ANTIOPE, LA SULTANE, CHASSEUR III. Departures LA SETOISE (French), LA SERVANNAISE (French), U.S.S. SCHENK, LEARY, BABBITT. (Com. Algeria 052058B to Admty. etc.)

Movements Oran. Today's arrivals FARNDALE, U.S.S. JEFFERS, U.S.S. NICHOLSON, U.S.S. BUCK. Departed FARNDALE, U.S.S. NICHOLSON. (Com. N.O.B. Oran 052125B to Admty. etc.)

Movements Bone. Arrival H.D.M.L. 1227. Departure M.F.Vs. 70, 26, 36, 45, 51, 55, 57, 109. (N.O.I.C. Bone 052131B to Admty. etc.)

Malta Air Report. A.I. 1024, Opsum No. 87. 4/5 August 7 Beaufighters made interception patrols north of Malta. No enemy air activity was found. One wellington made A/S patrol for friendly shipping S.E. of Malta and 2 Wellingtons made R/C for enemy shipping off east coast of Toe of Italy. 5 August 4 Spitfires made photo R/C of special area N.E. Sicily, Taranto, Naples, and aerodromes in Southern Italy. 3 Spitfires were air-borne for a raid which turned back before reaching Malta. Total of 60 Bostons and 24 Baltimore sorties were made from Malta against ground targets in N.E.Sicily. (R.A.F.Malta 032139Z, 7052139Z intended.)

M.M.S. Reliefs. Your 291714. (Propose to sail M.M.S.3 and M.M.S. 35 to relieve two M.M.S. of 110th M.S.F.) Concur. 2. Vessels selected for relief will be signalled on completion of survey now being carried out. (C. in C.Med. (Malta) 052209 to Admty.)

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Augusta.

Arrival 5th August LAMERTON, M.T.Bs. 656, (?680), 661, 663, L.S.T. 411, M.Ls. 126, 134, 462, L.C.F. 18, 12 L.C.Ms. of 143 Flotilla, M.F.V. 72, R.F.A. NASPRITE. Departure LAMERTON, L.S.T. 411, H.D.M.L. 1221, 1253, 1247, L.C.T. 358, L.C.G. 10,11. (N.O.I.C. Augusta 052220B to Admty.)

ANTWERP.

Arrival and departure 5th.
(N.O.I.C. Famagusta, Cyprus, 052305C to Admty. etc.)

Movements
Malta.

Arrivals WHEATLAND, WHADDON, EGGESFORD, OAKLEY, ALDENHAM, MIAOULES?, KERRERA, INDELICIA, GLOXINIA, KLO, ALBACORE, STORNOWAY, ULSTER QUEEN, BRITTANY. Transports FORT AUGUSTUS, DEFENDER, FORT GASPAREAU, MARIT MAERSK, EMPIRE NEWTON, FORTH BANK. Cable ship MIRROR. L.S.T. 198, L.C.Ts. 388, 561, L.C.I.(L) 171, 538, L.C.G. 10, 11, M.T.Bs. 266, 287, H.D.M.L. 1221, 1247, 1253. Departures BLANKNEY, QUEEN OLGA. Transports ISAAC SHARPLES, THOMAS STONE, I.D.PENDER, ROBERT T.PAINE, ELEASZOR WHEELLOCK, F.M. CRADFORD, JAS. GUNN, JOHN SARGEANT, PIERRE SOULE. M.T.Bs. 656, 661, 663, M.L. 126, 462, 134. L.C.T. 356, 320, 560, 382, 343. L.C.I.(L) 125, 285, 305. Arrival and departures LAUDERDALE, U.S.Ships WOOLSEY and DORAN. (V.A.Malta 052309 to Admty. etc.)

S/Ms Malta.

Arrival UNISON, UNRIVALLED. Departure DZIK.
(V.A.Malta 052315 to Admty. etc.)

Movements
Tripoli.

Sailed MULLET, L.S.T. 425, 415, 416.
(S.N.O.Tripoli 052330B to Admty.)

Movements
Tunisia.

Arrivals WESTRAY (CAVA, ROE, COLE), B.Y.M.S. 68, 186, 187, 31, M.M.S. 588, L.S.T. 426, A.R.B. 46, 68, 70, S.C.1754, 655. Departures BUDE, BISCAYNE, STEADY, L.S.T. 312, 338, 311, 346, 308, 370, 382, 300, 335, 83.
(F.O.I.C. Tunisia 052355B to Admty. etc.)

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East Indies.

Repair
Facilities
Colombo.

Reply to Admty, 270029/July.
(C. in C. E.F. 050232Z to Admty.)

F.A.A.
Personnel.

Concur generally with your 011017 (Probability of having to reduce personnel in East Africa to man Stations in India.) but for the present sufficient aircraft must be maintained at Kilindini to continue Fleet training.
(C. in C. E.F. 050244Z to R.A.N.A.S.I.O. (R) Admty., Comnas, Ceylon.)

SHAPINSAY.

SHAPINSAY E.T.A. Kilindini a.m. 10th.
(N.O.I.C.Seychelles, 050345Z to F.O.E.Af.)

M.B.42.

Arrival POONA with M.B.42.
(S.O.I.Bombay, 050348Z to Admty etc.)
(N.C.S.O.Bombay, 050428 to Admty)

Movements.

Arrival 5th DESPATCH, QUADRANT, REDOUBT.
(N.O.I.C. Mauritius, 050531Z)
Departure 5th DESPATCH.
(N.O.I.C.Mauritius, 051345Z)

Arrived and left CANTON.

(N.O.I.C. Seychelles, 051405Z to C. in C. E.F.)
Colombo departures 5th August, 0430Z, AGRA 1230Z, KATHIAWAR 0300Z, SUSSEX.
(F.O. Ceylon, 051513Z)
Departure 5th QUADRANT.
(N.O.I.C.Mauritius, 051710Z)
Departure 5th REDOUBT.
(N.O.I.C. Mauritius, 051907Z)
Arrival Bandar Abbas 1200Z/5th ROHILKHAND. Arrival Khor
Kuwai 1430Z/5th BOMBAY.
(N.O.I.C. Hormuz, 052022Z)

Troop
Transport.

Confirmed any ship may be used except NEVASA.
Your 060302/July refers.
(P.S.T.O.I. 050625Z to S.S.T.O.Ceylon, (R) D.S.T.
C. in C. E.F.)
See P.S.T.O.I. 071009Z.

AMRITSAR.

Departure AMRITSAR escorting BRITISH HUSSAR.
Keeps continuous W/T watch on 5000 K/cs except within 4 hours steaming of Colombo where changes over to 3000 K/cs.
(N.O.I.C.Calcutta, 050735Z to Admty etc.)

Tugs.

PRUDENT is the only tug available for towage of BRITISH LOYALTY from Diego Suarez about Mid-September to Addu Atoll where her arrival as (?resident) Tanker is urgently awaited. As soon

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Tugs. (Contd.) as firm date for departure is known a signal will be made and PRUDENT can be retained until required for this tow. (2) CROCODILE will be required Kilindini about Mid-September EMPIRE LINDON and EMPIRE FAIRY leaving with Lighters for Trincomalee. (3) Regret that with coming commitments existing tugs on East Indies Station are no longer adequate for needs so that the recall of the 2 loaned to you becomes a necessity. (4) Your 031450 refers. (C. in C. E.F. 050804Z to C. in C. S.A. (R) Admty, Cmdre i/c Durban.)

Convoy P.A.48. Sailing telegram (9 ships). (2) 0800Z/5th. (4) 8 knots - from Z Z 9 knots. (5) R.K.4. (6) BALUCHISTAM, BATHURST. (N.C.S.O. Hormuz, 050840Z to Comnav etc.)

Colombo Engine Repairs. Your 311531/7 refers. Major overhaul of 225 H.P. Gray engines. Consider maximum capacity of Colombo for this type of engine is 600 per year. Very little plant arrived for workshop and nothing known of arrival of remainder. No local plant available. (F.O. Ceylon, 050902 to Admty)

Convoy M.B.43. Sailing telegram (3 ships). (2) 0430Z/5/8/43. (4) 8 knots. (5) Coastal. (6) AGRA. (N.C.S.O. Colombo, 050918Z, 050920Z to Admty.)

Convoy B.P.90. Departure BENGAL, RAJPUTANA with B.P. 90. (S.O.(I) Bombay, 051036Z to Admty etc.) List of Ships etc. (N.C.S.O. Bombay, 051147Z)

Hospital Ships, positions. C. in C. Med. 301911B July. It is to be noted that broadcasting of position by hospital ships is purely a local Mediterranean instruction and is not a requirement under the Geneva Convention or any other rule of law. (V.C.N.S. 051219B to C. in C. E.F. (R) C. in C. Med. (A), F.L.O. Delhi, C. in C. Levant.)

EMPIRE LAKE Torpedoed 15/7. Ref. my 041331Z. Position 021 degs. 27' S. 051 degs. 47' E. (S.O.(I) Diego Suarez, 051339Z to Admty. (R) C. in C. E.F., S.O.(I) Colombo.)

East African Bases, Defence. Your 99051 (M.O.7) 13 July. (1) Your para. 2. C. in C. E.F. strongly recommends maintaining Kilindini as fully defended fleet base. Propose meeting his wishes. (2) After further R/C and consideration

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East African Bases, defence. (Contd.) of latest works and Adm. aspects, deploying A.A. equipments as follows (details). Above includes additional 16 H.A.A. released vide your 53860/28 July. 3. Your para. 6. (A) State of readiness coast artillery at Kilindini, Diego Suarez, Seychelles, Grand Port, Port Louis, Tulear, one gun anti-ship, one gun A.M.T.B. instant readiness, remaining equipment all ports capable full manning for short periods. (B) Diego Suarez, Orangea. Manning strength of whole fire command being reduced to enable one 6" (Neptune) one 6 pdr. (Gate) to be at instant readiness, all other equipments when installed to be manned for short periods in emergency. (C) Kismayu Bty. being withdrawn (D) W.Es. all coast arty units under review, details possible reductions European manpower follow. (G.O. C. in C. E.A. 051420C to W.O.)

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America & West Indies.

Task Force 22. 050021Z. This is 042056 from C. in C. Lant addressed C. in C. C.N.A., Comeastseafon. RANGER, TUSCALOOSA, 7 destroyers, Task Force 22, depart point Z Boston August 5th at 1400Z on course 080 to general area 45.00 N. 45.00 W. at 17 knots. Expect aircraft will be operated daily from carrier and cruiser. (Comnavcu, 050021Z to Admty).

GODERICH, CYRUS FIELD. My 041650Z amended. GODERICH escorting CYRUS FIELD departed 1800Z/4th to 046° 38', 057° 10'. (C. in C. C.N.A., 050023Z).

Q.E. SS. QUEEN ELIZABETH arrived New York 0053Z August 5. (P.D. New York, 050156Z to Com. 10th Fleet, C. and R. (R), C.E.S.F., Admty. N.S.H.Q.)

CALDER Boston departed 1315Z/4th August CALDER for Bermuda (N.S.H.Q., 050220Z to Admty).

CHELSEA Boston departed 1702Z/4th August H.M.S. CHELSEA for New York. (N.S.H.Q., 050500Z to Admty).

Movements. St. Johns N.F. Aug. 4 arrivals M.L. 052 ex St. Pierre ESQUIMALT ex B.W.47 departures PORT ARTHUR to Halifax. BURLINGTON, SUDBURY, NANAIMO to O.N.S.14. Departures OTTAWA, KOOTENAY, ST. CROIX, ARVIDA, WETASKIWAN, DIANTHUS, KITCHENER, NENE, SNOWBERRY, CALGARY to H.X.250. (N.O.I.C. St. Johns 050505Z)

Arrivals 4th Brazilian Submarine Chasers GACUI, JAGUARIBE, both sailed 5th escorting southbound convoy. (R.O. Bahia, 051336Z to Admty).

Arrival 4th U.S.A.T. BRIGADIER GENERAL RETHERS. (B.S.N.O. Curacao, 051410Z).

Arrival 5th French Cruiser JEANNE D'ARC from Martinique. (British Consul San Juan, 051426Q to Admty. etc).

STATE OF VIRGINIA U.S.A.T. departed 2200/4 St. Lucia 5th. (R.O. Port of Spain 051456).

T.A.55 (PASTEUR). Convoy T.A.55 comprising PASTEUR sailed from U.K. 2 August for New York. 2. For details of personnel on board see W.O. signal 55393 of 3 August to Milstaf Washington and C.G.S. Ottawa. (D. of S.T., 050550B to B.A.D., B.M.W.T. New York (R) N.S.H.Q.)

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- Convoy T.A. 54 A. comprising ^{AMES} PARKER, E. B. ALEXANDER, ^{HOOPER} BARRY, SANTA ELENA, HAWAIIAN SHIPPER, and SEATRAN TEXAS sailed from U.K. 2 August for New York.
2. Details of personnel on board are being communicated by W.O. to Milstaf Washington.
(D. of S.T., 050552B to B.A.D., B.M.W.T. New York)
- Convoy X.B. 67 A. Cape Cod Canal Section arrived 1200Z/5th.
(P.D. Boston, 05(?)241Z to Com. 10th Fleet C. and R).
- N.C.S. transfer from N.S.H.Q. to B.A.D. N.S.H.Q. 241724 and B.A.D. 262247. Naval Control Service. Request you will decide jointly and promulgate to all concerned the date upon which this readjustment is to be effected.
2. In order to avoid any possible misunderstanding it will be desirable that the notification explaining the change should make the underlying reasons clear.
3. The British Routeing Liaison Officers concerned will continue to be borne on the books of the PRESIDENT.
(V.C.N.S. 051335B to B.A.D., N.S.H.Q.)
- A.P.C. 66 Upon completion of repairs at Charleston sail Greek A.P.C. 66 (F.T.12) to join N.K. convoy. My 202056 July.
(C. in C. U.S. Fleet, 051344Z to C.E.S.F.)
- LONDON My 221340 April. Is S/M LONDON 23 to return to U.K. after refit.
(B.A.M.R. Washington, 051406Z to F.O.S. (R) Admty. Capt. S.7. (S.7.))
- Convoy O.N.S. 14. B.7. Group relieved by W.9. at 1400Z. O.N.S. 14 P.C. and S. at 1400Z. 048° 42' N., 049° 12' W. (S) 222° 7. 049° 45' N., 047° 47' W.
Trawlers have not yet detached with St. Johns N.F. portion owing to fog.
HARBERTON has now rejoined. All 53 ships present. Ice report. Weather report.
(B.7., 051440Z to Connav, Admty. C. in C. W.A., N.S.H.Q., F.O.N.F., C. in C. C.N.A., Cdr. (D) Argentia, Cdre. (D) W.A., H.Q.C.C. (R) Escorts of O.N.S. 14).
- A.T. 61 A.T. 61 my 302121. In view of War Office signal 55483 of 3rd August not to all addressees army will now complete embarkation p.m./26th for sailing 27th August.
(N.S.H.Q., 051456 to Admty).

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Possible hit on Submarine by JOHN A. POOR. C. in C. C.N.A., 282113 and 311457 July. Request following information by signal.
(A) Was any torpedo seen?
(B) Were torpedo Warheads seen to explode?
(C) How long after arming switch was made did the explosions occur?

Request full report at early date.

There is no tracking room evidence of a U-boat in this position, and the absence of any subsequent D/F in vicinity confirms doubt as to presence of U-boat.

(D.T.M., 051505B to N.S.H.Q. (R) C. in C. C.N.A.)

B.Y.M.S. Guarding B.A.M.S. and with S. of A. of 11 knots B.Y.M.S. 74 and 75 passed Boston Boom in company at 1100Q August 5th en route Halifax. B.Y.M.S. S. 74 is senior. Route.
(C.T.G. 02.1, 051527Z to C. in C. C.N.W.A.)

U.S. S/M Estimate. Cominch, 051550Z to Admty.

H. J. 64 Departures U.S.C.G. MODOC, ALGONQUIN, COMANCHE escorting H. J. 64.
(C. Halifax, 051555Z to Admty. etc).

SHAMROCK, (Hospital Ship). War Department has designated as hospital ship U.S.A.T. SHAMROCK formerly U.S.A.T. AGWILEON 429 feet 7062 tons. White hull with horizontal green band and red cross each side. Red cross on deck and on funnel. Red crosses illuminated at night. Life boats also marked. Pass to appropriate air commands. This is U.S. Fleet No. 11.
(Cominch, 051610Z to C. in C. U.S. Fleet (R) Admty. N.Z.N.B., A.C.N.B., N.S.H.Q. Chief of Staff U.S. Army).

Dispositions. Escort group W.4 047° 42' 049° 54' 12 en route St. Johns N.F.
O.N.S.14 B.7 047° 03' 051° 09' 222° 8 altering to 273° in 053° 10' W. NORTHERN REWARD, NORTHERN FOAM escorting ships from O.N.S.14 047° 48' 050° 18' 8 en route St. Johns N.F. Escort group B.7 047° 46' 050° 30' 12 en route St. Johns N.F.
GODERICH (?escorting) CYRUS FIELD 046° 38' N., 057° 10' W. effecting cable repair.
W.B.40 MALPEQUE 047° 04' 052° 38' 190° 7.5.
B.W.48 STRATFORD 046° 14' 058° 42' 109° 7.5 altering to 082° in 056° 59' W. and to 085° 055° 25' W.
PORT ARTHUR 045° 57' 058° 56' 264° altering to 233° in 059° 32' W. and to 240° in 045° 05' N.
(C. in C. C.N.A., 051625Z).

/My...

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Dispositions. My 051625Z amend O.N.S.14 048° 10' 049° 55' (contd).
220° 7.
(C. in C. C.N.A., 052034Z).
H.S.(?161) VEGREVILLE, MEDICINE HAT 045° 46' 059° 24' 051° 7.5 altering to 322° in 045° 58' and to 270° in 046° 30' N.
H.J.64 MODOC, ALGONQUIN, COMANCHE 044° 21' 062° 08' 061° 11 altering to 083° in 045° 40' N.
H.F.69 ARROWHEAD, OAKVILLE 043° 59' 063° 37' 238° 7.5 altering to 270° in 043° 10' N., and to 337° in 066° 15' W. and to 001° in 043° 50' N.
U.S.S. GOLDFINCH Y.M.S.5, 043° 04' 067° 20' 264° 8.5 altering to 238° in 068° 59' W. en route Boston.
P.554 escorted by KING HAAKON VII 041° 52' 070° 19' 10 knots thence via Cape Cod Canal en route Philadelphia.
B.X.67 W.8 departed Boston 2100Z/5th to 042° 23' N., 070° 42' W. thence 056° 8 altering to (?074°) in 042° 31' N., and to 068° in 067° 32' W.
(C. in C. C.N.A., 051656Z).
S.B.57 BAFFIN 047° 14' N., 059° 52' W. 013° 7.5 altering to 062° in 059° 24' W. and to 035° in 058° 49' W.
S.Q.62 A. UNGAVA 046° 50' N., 060° 11' W. 348° 9 altering to 320° in 047° 40' N., and 299° in 061° 10' W.
MILLTOWN 047° 46' N., 060° 56' W. 012° 12 to position 047° 59' N., 060° 51' W. thence Gaspe. MAHONE 047° 43' N., 064° 08' W. 200° 10 to patrol between Sapin Point and North Point until full light sixth thence returning to Gaspe. 73rd M.L. Flotilla departs Gaspe 2200Z/5th for A/S sweep of Gaspe passage until full light sixth thence returning to Gaspe.
Q.S.62 CAPE ARGONA, CAPE MARIATO 048° 20' N., 069° 10' W. 048° altering to 063° in 048° 29' N., and to 082° in 066° 58' W. and to 120° in 049° 24' N. 8 knots. DRUMMONDVILLE escorting SPAB departing Sydney (C.B.) 1000Z/6th. FORT WILLIAM 046° 59' N., 060° 04' W. 007° 12 altering to 021° in 047° 51' W.
(C. in C. C.N.A., 051725Z).
My 051655Z add O.N.194 (W.6) 040° 39' 064° 55' 239° 9.5 altering to 271° in 067° 28' W. SS. ELIZABETH BAKKE 040° 37' 064° 18' 252° 14.25 altering to 276° in 068° 00' W.
M.M.S.246, 244, 247, 251 departed Halifax 2000Z today for position 044° 08' 063° 16' steering 075° 9 altering to 063° in 060° 00' W.
(C. in C. C.N.A., 052016Z).

U.S.A.Ts. Los Angeles August 3rd URUGUAY for Bombay via Hobart. San Francisco August 2nd WELTEVREDEN (Dutch) Noumea August 19th, July 26th MAUI Brisbane August 15th. All U.S.A.Ts. (N.S.H.Q., 051712Z to Admty).

Raider and Blockade Runner Summary. C.N.Os. 032354 informs as follows:-
No.5 Navintel raider and blockade runner summary. Believe recent sinking HOEGH SILVERDAWN, FERNCastle and possibly SAMUEL HEINTZELMANN caused by raider H operating in Indian Ocean with E-boats.
Tanker and cargo submarines now operating between Far East and Europe.
HIMALAYA may attempt sortie from Biscay shortly and she now has large dummy funnel rigged over number four hatch.
/Other...

Sith. sunk by Jap. raider was she?

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and Blockade
Runner
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Other runners in part majority have white painted topmasts and it is considered disguise by major alterations is likely.
Blockade runners increased activity in Biscay and Far East ports presages early resumption of runner operations in both directions.
(Cominch, 051814).

LORD KELVIN

Your 202245Z July. It is understood that LORD KELVIN must return to Halifax after completing repairs upon which she is at present engaged.

2. In view of C. in C. C.N.A.'s 261318 July and the probability that the repairs referred to in A.M. 181803 July will necessitate some two months or more to complete, there does not appear to be a reasonable chance of the work being undertaken this season.
3. If U.S.A. consider the restoration of these cable sufficiently urgent, suggest they must provide escort for the LORD KELVIN from their own resources.
(D.O.D. (H), 051847B to B.A.D. (R) N.S.H.Q., C. in C. C.N.A., C. in C. W.A.)

A.T.58 A.
(ATHLONE
CASTLE).

Convoy A.T.58 A. Destination of ATHLONE CASTLE leaving New York about 9th August will be Liverpool. Ship should not arrive before 17th August.
2. Cominch is requested to allocate Fighter Protection codeword.
(D.O.D. (H), 051851B to Cominch).

M.L.s etc.
for Russia.

Your 041642. 1. Endurance of M.Ls. 2000 miles at 12 knots.
2. M.Ls. now working up at Miami minesweepers at Tampa Florida estimated date of readiness is August 15th but it appears probable that there may be slight delay.
(B.A.D., 051851Z to Admty. (R) C. in C. H.F., 30 Mission).

NORSEMAN

Your 031245. Understand NORSEMAN left San Juan 3rd August for Bermuda.
2. Cominch 041715 (N.T. in W.R.) to Cinclant and N.O.B. Bermuda directs Cinclant to provide escort during repairs to Bermuda - Halifax cable.
(B.A.D., 051947Z to S.B.N.O.W.At. (R) C. in C. C.N.A., S.O.(I) Jamaica, Admty).

Convoy
B.X.67

Sailing telegram part 2. (18 ships, list).
(P.D. Boston, 051952 to Admty).

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M.M.S. At 2000Z/5 sailed M.M.S. 246 (S.O) 244, 247, 251 to St. John's N.F. Routed through
 (A) 44.47 N. 60.00 W. (B) 45.52 N. 57.00 W.
 (C) 46.10 N. 52.37 W. (D) 47.30 N. 52.17 W.
 Speed 9 knots, E.T.A. 1400/8. (2) Ships are for onward routing to U.K. vide Admty. 081810B July being passed to F.O.N.F. only.
 (C. in C. C.N.A. 052042Z to F.O.N.F. (R) Admty. etc.)

Sub.attack and sighting Summary. All times Z. Para. (C) K.14 has M.A.D. contact sighted periscope 42.03 N. 69.58 W. 1850/5, Para. (D). S.C. 1299 attacked sound contact 32.42 N. 78.18 W. 0320/4. U.S.S. WINSLOW attacked sound contact 10.04 S. 35.01 W. 0830/5, LANE sighted periscope course W. 21.04 N. 74.52 W. 1807/4.
 (Cominch, 052120Z to Admty.)

ATHENE. When ready about 8th August sail ATHENE canal zone to New York independently if satisfactory to other sea frontier Commanders concerned. Advise time of departure, route, S. of A.
 (C. in C. U.S. Fleet, 052159Z to U.S. Panama S.F.)

Movements, Halifax. Arrival BUXTON, BARRIE, QUESNEL, BUCTOUCHE, NIPIGON, ex O.N.194.
 (C. Halifax, 052208Z to Admty. etc.)
 M.M.S. 246, 244, 247, 251 to St. Johns, N.F.
 (C. Halifax, 052209Z to Admty etc.)

VICTORIOUS. Following is re-encipherment of Com. 3rd Fleet's (0050049) to C. in C. Pac. A. Washington pass information Cominch, Admiralty, B.A.D., VICTORIOUS also information. Note B.A.D. 150118 (See 142115 from B.A.D.). S.G. not installed in information ship in this area, due lack availability of ship for installation work.
 (R.D.O. Washington, 052220Z to Admty.)

British L.S.Ts. Cancel my 241936Z July. Sail British L.S.T.180, 214, 238 New York C.O. (?To) Philadelphia when ready about 7th August. After loading cargo sail onward to Norfolk for working up. Sail British L.S.T.79, 80 New York to Norfolk direct and British L.S.T.237 Philadelphia to Norfolk when ready about same date. Advise all times of departure, routes, S. of A.
 (Cominch, 052221 to C.E.S.F.)

B.Y.M.S. Cdr. N.W.Sea Front sail B.Y.M.S.137, 148, 217, 223 when ready about 10th August. Seattle to San Francisco. C.W.S.F. route onward to Panama

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arranging for Logistic requirements, en route. Cdr. Panama S.F. sail onward to Trinidad for further routeing by N.O.B. Trinidad to Freetown via Belem and Recife. Action addressees advise times of departure, route, S. of A. Vessels have a radius of 1700 to 1800 miles at 9 knots using 30 American gallons fuel per hr. Total tank capacity 5700 gallons. Can carry 1200 gallons additional fuel as deck cargo if sailed on favourable weather report, 539, barrels are not refilled after refuelling. Should not operate in excess of 1000 R.P.M. or be sailed singly.
(C. in C. U.S. Fleet, 052250Z to Cdr. N.W.S.F. Cdr. W.S.F., Cdr. Panama S.F.)

Drifting Barge, newspaper report.

(1) An extract from the New York Times dated July 29th quoting an A.P. extract dated London July 28th states. "An invasion barge loaded with Lockheed planes found bobbing around without a crew in mid-Atlantic provided a mystery for the Royal Navy today". "The Barge was damaged on the Bow and had apparently been struck by flying debris, but it was still seaworthy enough to be towed to (?Belfast) Docks. Several empty lifeboats were found near the Barge". (2) General Arnold's staff would appreciate information (A) whether the story is true. (B) Were the aircraft mentioned R.A.F. or U.S.A.A.D. (3) Request your remarks.
(B.A.D.052303Z to Admty.)
Reply: 072357B.

Fleet Tenders.

Your 041644 (Re 4 fleet tenders manned by D.S.V.P. White Ensign Runner Crews.). Special crews are manning first available vessels and their sailing is being expedited in every possible way. (2) No.68 is now not due for delivery until August 28th and it should be appreciated that dates of completion of these craft are at all times tentative and liable to change without notice. This is understood here and re-allocations of crews made as necessary. (3) Presume it is realised that 63, 56 and 76 are making passage to Gibraltar via Trinidad, Recife and Freetown.
(B.A.D. 052307Z to Admty.)

U/B.

U.S.N.A.S. reports at 060158Z submarine indication in 19.15 N. 76.15 W.
(S.O.(I) Kingston, 052315Q to Admty.)

Submarine attack and Sighting Summary.

Following is an extract from a report by Wing Commander Laws, Coastal Command anti U-Boat Liaison Officer, of a meeting with "Captain Collins remarked that the Admiralty daily signal of submarine attack and sighting summary does not give positions accurately, merely rough areas, neither does it give the G.M.T. of the attacks. It would be appreciated if these details could be forwarded in future signals". (2) Rafdel is sending the gist of the whole of Wing Commander Law's conversation to Air Min.
(B.A.D. 052327Z to Admty.)

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Convoy Boston Section arrived 052250Z. Cape Cod Canal
X.B.67. Section arrived 052005Z.
(P.D. Boston, 052359 to Com. 10th U.S. Fleet)

Australia and New Zealand.

Digest Further interpretation of photographs Rabaul
Serial second reveals 17 coasters of up to 1000 tons and
No.562 276 barges luggers and lighters.
August 4th. (2) One Catalina Bombed Gasmata aerodrome before
daylight fourth and also reported sighting 2 ships
at entrance Gasmata. (6) Photos 3rd reveal 1
small merchantman, 12 large barges at Manokwari,
2 small merchant vessels at Babo. In Kai Islands new strip at
Doela (seven miles North North East Langgoer) photographed
cleared and graded and probably serviceable. At Doela jetty
1 small merchant vessel, 7 barges. Four small vessels also
sighted 14 miles Northeast Doela. (11) Reported approx. 250
Japanese with iron and timber landed north shore Gizo Island from
camouflaged barges before dawn first. (12) Forenoon photos
Shortlands base reveal 8 merchant vessels, including 4 medium,
16 small vessels and considerable number barges and small craft.
79 fighters 2 medium 12 dive bombers at Kahili 12 fighters
including one twin engined three medium bombers at Ballaly and
27 floatplanes at Shortland Island. Immediately before
photographs 16 Corsairs in straffing attack destroyed 7 floatplanes
3 barges, 1 small boat and started fires in dock and supply
areas. (13) About same time Buka was photographed revealing 1
medium, 2 small merchantmen, 4 barges.
(G.H.Q., S.W.P.A. 050720Z)

Movements. Departed Cairns 4th U.S.S. H.T.ALLEN.
(A.C.N.B. 051253Z)
Arrivals 4th Port Moresby H.T.KATOOMBA.
Milne Bay U.S. Transport VAN HEUPSZ, 5th Townsville
H.T's DUNTROON, TAROONA Newcastle R.A.F.A. AASE MAERSK.
U.S.Transport BONTEKOE departed Townsville 3rd due Milne Bay
6th U.S. Transport ANHUI departed Cairns 3rd due Milne Bay 6th.
(C.S.W. P.S.F. 051312Z)
Arrivals Fremantle 4th Job 51 (COWRA). Port Moresby 4th
SWAN, U.S. Destroyer HENLEY. Milne Bay 4th MANOORA, WESTRALIA,
Townsville 4th U.S. Destroyer HELM, WAGGA.
Departed Thursday Is. 3rd COOTAMUNDRA for Darwin. Perth 4th
U.S. Seaplane Tender CHILDS for Fremantle. Darwin 4th
INVERELL for St. Johns N.F.
(A.C.N.B.051314Z)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C. 051343B, 051420)

Submarines Attacked.

Sub. attack
and
sighting
summary.

For 24 hours to 1000/5.

Para. 1. SS. EMPIRE LAKE sunk 1630/15/7 about
240 miles S.E. of Madagascar.

Para. 2. A/C sank U-Boat 0930B/4 near Faeroes.
Contact attacked in Bay of Biscay.

Para. 3. U-Boat sighted S.W. of Pantellaria.
(D.D.I.C. 050920Z to Cominch)

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Convoys.

1. C. in C. W.A. proposes that Belfast to Bristol Channel convoys shall be abolished and that Bristol Channel ships in ocean convoys be routed direct to their destinations.

South Atlantic.

2. SS. FORT HALKETT (Br. 7133 tons), Freetown for Rio de Janeiro, in ballast, was torpedoed and sunk by U-Boat at 0614 G.M.T. in 09.30 S. 26.50 W., about 600 miles S.E. of Natal, Brazil. 24 survivors including the Master were landed on 12th August by boat at Rio de Janeiro. Two other boats are missing.

3. M/V FERNHILL (Norwegian tanker 4116 tons), Liverpool for Montevideo and Buenos Aires, made a submarine attack signal at 2150 in 07.07 N. 19.48 W., about 400 miles W.S.W. of Freetown. Five lifeboats were sighted by a Catalina at 0833/7.

Mediterranean.

Sicily.

4. Acid beaches, except J sector, were closed at noon today. Since operations began on 10th July, there have been landed over these beaches 41,000 personnel, 8,900 vehicles, and 40,000 tons of stores.

5. Destroyers on patrol at Palermo drove off 5 E-Boats at 0046 today.

Air
Operations.

6. N.W.A. Strategic Air Force Wellingtons last night dropped 120 tons on Messina, Reggio and San Giovanni. Today U.S. Fortresses dropped 126½ tons on road junctions at Messina.

/Fighter ...

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Mediterranean.

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Fighter bombers of the Tactical Air Force scored direct hits on 6 barges, a Siebel ferry, and a small M/V, and near misses on many more.

FIRUZ
torpedoed.

7. FIRUZ, French tanker, flying the German flag, arrived at Istanbul today with her bows severely damaged after having been torpedoed off Kilios, at the northern entrance to the Bosphorus.

Black Sea.

8. A Russian submarine today torpedoed a 7,500 ton tanker off the Bosphorus, but the vessel reached the shore.

On 1st August, torpedo aircraft sank a 6000 ton merchant vessel in convoy off the N.W. Coast of Ballarat.

On 1st August, in the Sea of Azov, Stormoviks sank 3 R-Boats and F barges.

During the bombing of Yalta on 4th August, one merchant vessel, an R-Boat and an F barge were sunk.

In clashes between Russian cutters and enemy light craft in the Sea of Azov and off Novorossisk, 2 F barges were sunk and several E and R-Boats damaged.

America and West Indies.

(U.615)
9. A U-Boat was attacked at 1731 today by five planes, and scuttled herself. There were 44 survivors. *Position 12 54N 64 34W*

Australia and New Zealand.

10. SS. MAGUMBA (British, 2526 tons) was sunk by air attack at 0400Z today in 11.30 S. 134.40 E. (about 200 miles east by north of Darwin).

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Policy.

Spanish Tanker. (NORD ATLANTIC). Aircraft report 051430 August. Tanker may be attacked subject to:-
(a) Care being taken to avoid damage to neutral shipping or persons and property ashore.
(b) Attack not being made in harbour or its immediate approaches.
(c) Spanish territorial air space not being infringed for longer than may be necessary.
2. Tanker has been identified as NORD ATLANTIC.
(D.O.D. H., 060225B to H.Q.C.C., (R) C. in C. Plymouth).

Breaking-up of Landing Craft Flotillas. A large proportion of the minor landing craft Flotillas of Forces V and G are being broken up in detail in interpreting orders for strategic re-distribution of naval C.O. resources.
2. These Flotillas took months to form and work up.
3. Besides immediate result that availability of formed and trained units is lost, the craft and stores inevitably suffer risk of insufficient preservation and losses, and all esprit de corps is dissipated.
4. It is therefore suggested that as far as at all possible all future re-distribution of Naval C.O. resources should be by complete units.
(C.C.O., 061341B to Admty).

Movements.

S/M Movements. Intend sailing STOIC and STUBBORN escorted by STELLA PEGASI at 1037B/8th August so as to R/V SARDONYX escorting SCEPTRE in 000° Dunnet Head 3 miles at 1200B/8th for onward passage in accordance with Capt. (S) 3., 031447B and 041419B.
(A.C.O.S., 061008B).
Intend sailing WHITE BEAR, TRUCULENT from Holy Loch 2130B/8th to Lerwick, E.T.A. 1930B/10th, speed 11 knots.
(2) Thence WHITE BEAR and MINERVE as ordered by S.O.(S) Lerwick to Holy Loch.
(Capt. S.3., 061041 to F.O.S.)
My 031414 sailed (X.5, X.6, and X.7).
(BONAVENTURE, 061301B).
Positions of S/Ms at 0800B/7 and movements for following 24 hours.
(F.O.S., 061727B, 070912B, 072149B).

ADVENTURE Intend to sail ADVENTURE at 1930B/7 for Milford Haven by Standard route.
2. Speed of advance 21 knots to Lizard then 18 knots. E.T.A. off Milford Haven 0800B/8, continuing thence by Q.Z.S.301 and F.N.M.385/43 for engine trials and returning by reserve route to arrive Milford Haven 1230B/8.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 061259B and 061506B to F.O.I.C. Milford Haven).

/Group...

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Group K. 1. Coastal Craft convoy Group K will consist of 4 or 5 M.Ls. accompanied by Tugs AIMWELL and LARIAT.
2. Escort will be provided by H.M. Trawlers GRILST, EGILSAY and FILLA.
3. F.O.I.C. Milford Haven is requested to sail convoy to Gibraltar by standard route on 12th August or as soon after as M.Ls. are ready and weather is suitable.
(D.O.D. H., 061535B to C. in C. W.A.)

ROEBUCK, INCONSTANT. On satisfactory completion of trials p.m./7th August ROEBUCK is to be sailed at best speed to Casablanca for fuel and thence to Freetown to join RAMILLIES screen.
2. Route through positions T.55 N., 10 W. U. 49.01 N., 14.30 W. V. 39.02 N., 14.30 W. W. 35.00 N. 11.00 W. thence to Casablanca.
4. On relief by ROEBUCK, INCONSTANT is to be sailed to U.K. with first convenient convoy.
(D.O.D. H., 061801B to F.O.I.C. Greenock).

A.F.D.34 My 041325B. Sailing will take place on 7th, passing gate at 0930.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 061805B to PYTCHLEY, etc).

Force LR Following received via aircraft from S.O. Force LR. P.C.S. 047° 19' N., 015° 20' W. 180° 13½ knots. T.O.O. 061136 ends.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 062236B to WARWICK, VIMY).

Operations.

Operation "Musketry" Am over enemy submarine in 43°43' N., 10° 04' W. Submarine was on course 180° speed 2.
(A/C 58 Sq. Duty A, 060805B to 19 Group).
My 0805. Lost touch with U-boat. Last seen 043° 43' N., 010° 04' W. Mark dropped.

(A/C 58 Sq. Duty A., 060846 to 19 Group).
Arrived KITE, WILD GOOSE, JERVIS, WOODPECKER, WOODCOCK.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 060853).
Tanker 43° 08' N., 09° 13' W, flying Spanish flag, half submerged patrol continued.
(A/C Duty O. 060915 to 19 Group).
Disposition at 2000. (1) Escort Group No. 40, LANDGUARD, HASTINGS, BIDEFORD on patrol in vicinity of 044°30' N., 011° W. VIMY, WARWICK 046° 15' N., 015° 05' W, southbound 15 knots.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 061601B).

It is hoped to give the 1st and 5th escort Group 2 days training under PHILANTE with aircraft co-operating before sailing them for Bay Patrol. Training will be based on N.O.M.S. but it would help if you could let me know whether there are any particular points which you consider require special attention, observing that neither of these groups will have had any previous experience of this type of operations. The S.Os. of Groups concerned will visit Plymouth prior to this training as stated in My 051959B.

(C. in C. W.A., 062332B to C. in C. Plymouth).
Attack abandoned.
(A/C 412 Sq. Duty O T.O.R., 2339/6 to 19 Group).
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Operation S.F. If not in contact at 1402 today both groups return Skaalefiord. On arrival revert 4 hours notice for steam.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 061210B to MUSKETEER).

E.T.A. Skallefiord Boom 0745B/7th, H.M.S. MAHRATTA

in company.

(MUSKETEER, 061801B to N.O.I.C. Faeroes).

E.T.A. Skaalefiord Boom 1100B/7th, ORIBI in company.

(METEOR, 062035B to N.O.I.C. Faeroes).

Coastal Force Patrols.

(A) M.L.343, 291 Anti E-boat patrol from 2315 to 0445 on 50° 25' N., between 00° 40' W. and 01° 10' W.

(B) CHASSEUR 11 immediate notice St. Helens.

(C) GLAISDALE immediate notice Yarmouth.

(D) M.Ls. 208, 269, 233 from Portland anti E-boat patrol on 50° 20' N., between 02° 00' W. and 02° 25' W. (C. in C. Portsmouth, 061335B).

S/M Patrols.

Request you will sail ULA for patrol line FF. (F.O.S., 061712B to Capt. S.9).

Positions of Submarines at 0800B/7th and movements for the following 24 hours. All times Zone B.

(A) TRUANT, MINERVE as in my 011746.

(E) THRASHER to patrol vicinity 62° 50' N., 02° 30' W.

(H) SAYTR on patrol in area between lat. 47° 25' and 46° 45' and long. 05° 25' and 04° 30'.

(J) SEADOG 46° 55' N., 06° 30' W. dived by day to southward.

(K) SYRTIS 46° 55' N. 07° 00' W, dived by day to southward.

(L) SEANYMPH 46° 18' N. 07° 01' W. dived by day to southward.

(F.O.S., 061727B to Admty).

"Forfar Mike".

Phase one will not be carried out tonight.

(N.O.I.C. Newhaven, 061925B to C. in C. Portsmouth).

Allied Air Activity.

A/C in RAPANA.

No difficulty has been experienced in operating 4 aircraft from RAPANA. It is proposed 4 aircraft should be embarked for her first trip and that future policy as to number of aircraft to be carried in future M.A.C. ships should be based on result of her experience.

(F.O.C.T., 061737 to Admty).

Enemy Air Activity.

F.W.A/C shot down on 5th August.

Crew of 7 picked up by ORVICTO and landed at Akureyri. My 051916 refers. (A.C.I.C., 061158B to Admty).

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Mining.

- S.N.74. Admiralty 051644, 051253. 1. Eastward
(A) SALADIN, SHIKARI, SCIMITAR, SABRE could be made available August 9th though quick boiler cleaning is desirable for SALADIN on return from S.D.43.
(B) SARDONYX available August 11th.
2. SARDONYX is not fitted M/F D/F.
3. 2 Esses had been promised to Capt. (S) 7 as target ships from August 12th.
4. If commitment in para. (3) is undertaken remaining Esses could be allocated either: (A) 3 for "moorings" patrol
(B) 2 for "Moorings" patrol and 1 for S.N.74.
5. No other destroyers are available from my command without unduly depleting convoy escorts.
(C. in C. W.A., 061545B to Admty).

F.N.44 E.T.A. 180° Lizard Head 12 miles 0630/7th.
Nothing further to report.
(RUBIS, 062300B to C. in C. Plymouth).

Enemy Intelligence.

MARIBEL Departure August (corrupt) MARIBEL enemy controlled for Bayonne.
(Gijon 060180 (sic) to M.W.T.)

LÜTZOW 1. LÜTZOW at Gdynia July 23rd.
HIPPER, 2. HIPPER at Pillau July 19th.
SCHEER, 3. SCHEER, now at Copenhagen, was at Swinemunde
NÜRNBERG, July 27th in company with one LEIPZIG class
PRINZ EUGEN. cruiser, three BEIZEN destroyers, and six torpedo craft graded B.2.
(N.A. Stockholm, 061514 to Admty).
O.I.C. Comment. Para. 1 LÜTZOW is in Northern

Norway. Vessel at Gdynia was probably PRINZ EUGEN.
Para. 2. and 3. Believed correct. LEIPZIG-class cruiser was NÜRNBERG.

Your 041918B. Copenhagen. SCHEER reported to have mounted four small A/A guns each side amidships and one twin mounting in after turret. Her tubes are still in position and depth-charges in racks.

(N.A. Stockholm, 061516 to Admty).

N.I.D. Comment It is probable that SCHEER has increased A.A. armament.

U-boats.

U-boat Sunderland G/423 at 0910 whilst at 4000 feet
sunk by A/C sighted U-boat on surface 4 to 5 miles distant,
on 4th westerly course, speed approx. 7 knots, which
August. commenced weaving almost at once. Aircraft
(See Op. dived to 600 feet. U-boat continued evasive action
"Musketry"). apparently attempting to keep stern on to
aircraft. Aircraft circled twice attempting to
get into position for frontal attack. During this
time U-boat was firing but only smoke from guns

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U-boats.

U-boat
sunk by A/C
on 4th
August.
(See Op.
"Musketry").
(contd).

aft of conning-tower, no burst seen. While circling sent M.T.B.465-1 failing to achieve position for frontal attack proceeded up sun turned in to attack at about 1500 yards height 300 feet. At 1200 yards opened fire with point five gun below turret burst landing short at first but later strikes on conning-tower. At 500 yards levelled out at 50 feet directly astern then opened with front .303 gun. Gunsight went U/S apparently hit by U-boat fire.

Continued firing gun by tracer aid only and one 100 rounds fired. Almost immediately flak from U-boat hit aircraft at 300 yards. Aircraft hit on port side very heavily and also on front turret putting it out of commission. Attacked from 50 feet, speed 140 knots, with 6 Mark 11 Torpex 250 D/Cs from directly astern. Rigger informed Captain aircraft was on fire port side all personnel told to get fire extinguishers. Fire in roots of wing flames in bomb room and gallery. Attempted landing, bounced twice on top of swell, third time port wing went down and aircraft swung to port and nosed in.

16 minutes later U-boat approached with crew on forward deck in stern down attitude and took to two rafts. U-boat commenced sinking stern first and terrific explosion took place aft of conning-tower. U-boat bows rose sharply and then slid under. 10 minutes later destroyer CASTLETON arrived on scene followed by 2 other destroyers. CASTLETON then launched whaler and picked up survivors of aircraft. Details of Orange Section C are as follows.

(H.Q., R.A.F. Iceland, 060230Z).

Navigational

Ice R/C

Your 052138B. Concur. Intend sailing IMPULSIVE passing Hvalfjord Boom at 1900B/7th to arrive off North Cape at 0800B/8th.
(C.S.1, 061117B to A.C.I.C.)

Casualties & Defects.

L.C.I.(S) 520. During landing exercises this afternoon L.C.I.(S) 520 broached to and stranded on Redcliff Beach, and so far attempts to tow her off have failed due to weather. Further attempts will be made as soon as weather moderates.
(F.O.I.C. Portland, 060012B to Admty).

RICHMOND

RICHMOND again defective and will miss O.N.S.15. 2. Ship will be sailed with first westbound convoy after date of readiness.
My 311048Z refers.
(C. in C. W.A., 060728Z to C. in C. C.N.A.)

/Unknown...

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Unknown
Ship.

A distress signal was heard and red flares sighted by aircraft in 053° 09' N., 024° 05' W. at 0425B/5th. Aircraft is searching.
(C. in C. W.A., 061245B to ILLUSTRIOUS, KENT, BELFAST, GLASGOW, BERMUDA, MATCHLESS, SCORPION)

HUNTER

HUNTER is to proceed to Liverpool where she will be taken in hand by Messrs. Harland Wolff.
2. If possible ship should be ready to sail with K.M.F.22 on 16th August.
(D.O.D. H., 061610B to C. in C. W.A.)

Cable
repair.

Sailing VIZALMA as soon as ready to relieve BURWELL and EDMUNDSTON escorting LORD KELVIN who is repairing cable in 049° 35' N., 026° 06' W.
(C. in C. W.A., 062018Z to F.O.I.C.Liverpool).

Shipping & Convoys.

H.X. 250

5th Escort Group is to be detached forthwith with ships capable of 13 knots negative Cdres. ship and rescue ship. Fast section to be escorted to 007° W. thence independently. Names of ships detached to be reported.
(2) 5th E.G. to Londonderry on completion.
(3) If PURSUER is non-operational she is to be included in fast section. Destination is Belfast.
(4) When overtaking S.C.138, fast section is to keep 30 miles to Northward.
(C. in C. W.A., 060802Z to Escorts H.X.250).

EMPRESS OF
AUSTRALIA,
DUCHESS OF
RICHMOND,
SAMARIA.

My 042235. Sailed 0900B/6th. E.T.A. Greenock
0001B/9th. E.T.A. 0600B/9th.
(A.C.I.C., 061046B).

S.C.138,
T.A.54 A.

U-boat transmitting of sighting report heard at 0530Z considered in vicinity of T.A.54 A. My
P.C.S. at 0800Z/6th 052° 40' N., 036° 40' W,
068° 8.
(HESPERUS, 061136B to C. in C. W.A.)

Your 051529Z. MOURNE detailed and detached at 1800Z/6th.
(HESPERUS 061726Z to C. in C. W.A.)

BB Convoys.

It is proposed that

1. BB Convoys and Commodores be abolished and that Bristol Channel ships in Ocean convoys be routed direct to their destination.
2. The local escort for Bristol Channel portion to join from Londonderry at the same time as the escort for Liverpool portion.
3. The Bristol Channel portion on detaching from the Liverpool portion at K.1 buoy to add the suffix B.M. E.G. S.C.111 B M.
4. Ships for Bristol Channel in fast section if detached to proceed independently from 7° W.

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BB Convoys.
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5. If concurred in it is proposed to commence with all homeward bound convoys sailing from overseas assembly ports after August 12th and Admiralty are requested to inform authorities of final destination of ships in these convoys accordingly and that the call at Belfast will be omitted.
(C. in C. W.A., 061618B to Admty).

Group 7.

A.M. 052006 August. Para. 7.

1. Request you will detail for one A/A sloop of Group 7 to sail to Gibraltar with each slow convoy commencing with O.S. 53/K.M.S. 23.
2. After arrival sloops are to return to U.K. as A/A protection of next slow convoy.
3. Schedule of slow convoys is as follows.
4. Request you will signal your proposals for employment of the remainder of the Group.
(D.O.D. H., 061734B to C. in C. W.A.)

Armed Guard
Commanders.

Recent occurrences make it necessary to emphasise that the Commander of Armed Guard attached to a U.S. merchant vessel is the Navy Department's representative and is exclusively responsible for the fighting efficiency of the ship. It is therefore essential that he be given all appropriate information and intelligence by N.C.S.Os. before each voyage and that before sailing in convoy he attends the Convoy Conference.

2. It follows that any enquiries on Armed Guard matters by other authorities should be made through Naval Channels and not to the Master of the ship or representatives of the War Shipping Administration.
3. All U.S. Merchant Ships hold a copy of the General Instructions for the C.Os. of Armed Guard Crews, which book makes these points clear.
(D.T.D., 061927B to A.I.G.19).

M.K.S. 20

Following received by A/C. from SHIPPIGAN. Convoy's speed has been reduced to 7 knots on account of SS. FORT NORMAN and SS. VILLE DE STRASSBURG who were damaged before leaving Gib. SS. FRANCONIA can do 13 knots one engine being damaged and finds it difficult to steer at 7 knots. Request I may detach her with ILFRACOMBE to S.O. and QUALICUM to proceed ahead, T.O.O. 1051B. (Aldergrove, 062020B to C. in C. W.A.)
Your 1051/6 received by aircraft. Detach FRANCONIA forthwith escorted by ILFRACOMBE and QUALICUM.
(C. in C. W.A., 062054B to SHIPPIGAN).

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MARIBEL. Departure. August (corrupt) MARIBEL enemy controlled for Bayonne.
(Gijon, 060180 to M.W.T. London)

Red Cross. Your 031539B July. We cannot at this date state what alternative port will be suitable but an immediate decision will be made if and when Marseilles becomes impracticable.
Traffic. (Head of M.I., Approved A.C.N.S. (F) 060220B to N.C.S.O. Lisbon.)

Dispositions. Situation 2003/6. LOCH OSKAIG, MARIE LOUISE MACKAY, repairing cable vicinity of 037° 21' 009° 17'.
2. P.317 (TALLY HO) 036° 44' 008° 20' through 036° 37' 007° 24' thence 128° to 007° W. 9/2 thence on surface to Gibraltar 11.
3. Convoy "J" IMPERIALIST 036° 20' 009° 10' to Gibraltar 8.
4. T.O.7, C.T.F. 63, pass Europa Point 0200/7th through Q.K.A. 87 thence 240° 13½ 5. C.T.F. 63 BIBB sail Casablanca a.m. 7th arrives Gibraltar 1900/7th.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 060943B.)
Situation 2002B/6th August. U.G.S.13 (U.S.) Cdr.T.F.64 (U.S.) Cdr. T.G. 21 - 1 035° 40' 033° 13' through 035° 40' 030° 01' thence 095° 9.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 061027B 1039B)

M/V My 041058. Strong indications from fragments Explosions, recovered from all three ships and size of Gibraltar. explosion that attacks were by human torpedoes.
2. SS. OTIS had new clamp on port bilge keel with rope and reel attached but evidently not used. 3. There were no suspicious indications either by R.D.F. or H.D.A. 4. Although I consider attack probably originated with Spanish assistance consider H.D.A. should be made thoroughly efficient as soon as practicable.
My 2037/3 March to Admiralty only, 231944 June and 491/06360/459 of 6th July refer.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 061136B to Admty. C. in C. Med. (M. and A.))
Reply to para. 4. (Admty., 071649B to C. in C. Med.)

U/B Am over enemy S/M. Periscope only sighted. attacked. 34.48 N. 07.44 W.
(A/C 48 Sq. Duty X., 061200 to Gibraltar.)
Have attacked U/B with depth charges U/B has dived in position 34° 48' N. 07° 44' W.
(A/C 48 Squad. duty X, 061255.)

/T.F.63...

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T.F.63. Intend sail 63 including ESCALANTE less JOHN D. FORD and PORTENT departing 2000A/6 via QKA 102 (B) 35.44 N. 06.28 W. QKA 87 E.T.A. Gibraltar 1700A/7 S. of A. 10.5. T.F. will conduct firing exercise en route.
(C.M.S.F.F. 061225B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R) C. in C. Med. Comnavnaw, Admty. C.T.F. 63, N.O.B. Casa.)
Arrival 6th. JACQUELINE. Departure 6th ASTUR, ABANDO, Departure 7th JACQUELINE.
(Consul Bilbao, 061305 to Bank Block, (R) S.O.(I) Gibraltar)

NORD
ATLANTIK. It is reported here that German tanker NORD ATLANTIK is beached near Finisterre.
(British Consul, Vigo, 061410 to S.O.(I) Gibraltar, (R) Admty. etc.)
German Tanker reported aground near Cape Villano night August 5th. On passage Cape Villano.
(Guyatt, Corunna, 061415 to Admty. (R) B.M.A. Madrid, S.O.(I) Gibraltar.) Total loss, see Corunna 070945.

UNBROKEN. MJAO 24 (A) Total. (B) UNBROKEN. (C) 1600/8
35° 49' 06" 06½' 1700/8 35° 53' 06" 15' 0100/9
36° 37' 07" 24'. (D) 9 knots. 2. MJAO 24
(A) Submerged. (B) UNBROKEN. (C) 0100/9
36° 37' 07" 24' 0030/10 36° 51' 09" 13' 0600/11 38° 50' 10" 01'
0600/14 43° 01' 10" 01' (D) 9 knots until 0600/9 thereafter 7
knots. All times Z minus 2, positions N. and W.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 061431B to R.A.F. Gibraltar, H.Q.C.C., (R) Admty., etc.)
UNBROKEN intend to sail 1030/8 August for U.K. by route
(Q) 35° 49' 06" 06' and a half at 1600/8 (P) 35° 53' 06" 15'
1700/8 (R) 36° 37' 07" 24' 0100/9 (T) 36° 51' 09" 13' 0030/10
(U) 38° 50' 10" 01' 0600/11 (O) 43° 01' 10" 01' 0600/14 shifting
W/T watch at 0600/14 thence as ordered by F.O.S. 3. UNBROKEN
is painted dark blue.
(F.O.C. Gibraltar, 061433B to Admty. F.O.S.)

PADUA Not to be molested this voyage Portuguese PADUA
safe 665 G.T. usual Red Cross markings sailed 1445/6
conduct. for Marseilles by approved route Cape San
Sebastian thence coastwise speed 7 knots.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 061452B to S.N.O. Trip. etc.
061507B to Submarines)

Convoy Arrived.
C.G.53. (F.O. Gibraltar, 061606B to C.M.S.F.F.)

AKKA,
YARRAWONGA Master Swedish YARRAWONGA today received telegram
from Swedish Foreign Office giving route in
C. in C. Med.'s 281213 July and instructions to
arrange with authorities here and Master of AKKA.
time and date of sailing. This information to

/reach...

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YARRAWONGA,
safe
conduct.
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reach Swedish Authorities five days before sailing date so that other powers may be informed.
(2) Intend sailing AKKA and YARRAWONGA 0700B August 13th unless contrary instructions received.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 061630B to Admty.)

LE
GLORIEUX.

Your 281946 and Admty. 051910. Request at least 48 hours' notice of time and date of departure of French Submarine LE GLORIEUX for Bermuda. Bombing restrictions will be arranged so as to cover submarine 40 miles either side of her route and from 60 miles ahead to 60 miles astern of her estimated position. Request LE GLORIEUX be instructed to report by immediate signal to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar and N.O.B. Bermuda should she be unable to keep within these bombing restrictions. Previous S. of A. of LE GLORIEUX was 15 knots but it is suggested that this should be reduced to 11 knots to allow for zigzag and bad weather. Please confirm submarine will be proceeding on surface at C.O.'s discretion unescorted. Request S. of A. and details of W/T watch and code to be used be included in intend to sail signal.
(Gibraltar, 061727B to Commorseafron.)

Italian
Repatriation
ships,
warning to
Master.

Your 041340B has been complied with.
(2) In each case attitude of masters and senior administration officials was entirely friendly. The advice was listened to with attention and expressions of appreciation and thanks were returned.
(3) At the same time they were at pains to point out that Italy, now rallied to her King, was still at war with us and according to their news would continue to do so.
(4) Masters appeared the more willing to absorb this advice.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 061735B to Admty. etc.)

Movements,
Gibraltar.

Arrivals HAARLEM from escort duties Hornillo/Almeria. LADY HOGARTH U.S. PC. 471 French Chasseur 2 with C.G.53.
Departures WISHART to Algiers.
(F. O.I.C. Gibraltar, 061937 to Admty. etc.)

Broadcast
to Italian
Shipping.

Gibraltar.)

N.A. Madrid's 041159 not to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar. Italian text in Admiralty message 022205 was not sent to N.A. Madrid owing to cyphering difficulty. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar is requested to forward Italian text to N.A. Madrid by first safe-hand opportunity.
(Head of M.(1) 061956B to N.A. Madrid, F.O.I.C.)

/Convoy...

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Convoy
G.C.29.

Arrived 1755A.
(Commorseafon, 062015B to F.O.I.C. Gib. (R)
C. in C. Med. (W) Admty.)

G.U.S.11.

Amend my 061506 R/V time changed to 091700A.
(Commorseafon, 062130B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar,
(R) C. in C. Med. etc.)

Movements,
Casablanca.

Arrived EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND 1930A today August
6th with JOHN D. FORD.
(C.M.S.F. 062200B to Cdr. 10th Fleet C. & R. (R)
C. in C. Atlantic Fleet, Admty. etc.)

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FORT HALKETT
U/b. S/M attack signal from FORT HALKETT. 09 degs. 8' S. 26 degs. 15' W. 4 Q 4 N.E. (Freetown W/T 060701).

DUGUAY TROUIN Sailed F.S. DUGUAY TROUIN to Capetown by route R.9. S. of A. 18 knots. E.T.A. 0700Z/8th August. (2) Continuous W/T watch will be kept on Group J shifting to Group S.L. at 1700Z/6th August. (Comm. Durban 060815Z to Admty. etc.).

Convoy B.C.3. Sailing telegram (7 ships).
(2) 0515B/6th August.
(3) 0830B/6th August 110 degs. 6 miles from Falkway Buoy.
(4) 8 knots.
(5) Coastal. (6) FRITILLARY, JASMINE.
(10 - 12) BALTAVIA, HONGSIANG, PHILOMEL, HERON, KARAMEA, PORT MELBOURNE. All for Durban E.T.A. a.m. 10th August. TUREBY for Lourenco Marques, E.T.A. 1430B/8th. (C.S.A. Beira 060819Z to Admty. etc.).

Convoy D.C.38. Sailing telegram (3 ships).
(2) 0800Z/August 6th. (3) 8 knots.
(5) Coastal reference 61 to 68 Saldana Bay.
(6) ST. ZENO, WELLARD, ST. LOMAN, BLAAUWBERG.
Convoy W/T call sign U.V.D. one to 9. Codeword "Faggot". Latest information Q.G.A. 156. (N.C.S.O. Durban 060904Z to Admty. etc.).

DOMINION MONARCH, AORANGI. Your 0338/31/5/41. Sailed from Capetown 4th August for U.K. via Freetown. First ship requires dry docking and normal voyage repairs time required for turn round three weeks. Second ship requires minor repairs. Time required for turn round three weeks. (P.S.T.O. Capetown 061032B to D.S.T.).

W.S.32 Departure 1045Z/5th BEAGLE, BULLDOG, DOUGLAS, KALE, TAY (?DERG) with W.S.32. (S.O.(I) Freetown 061048Z to C. in C.S.A. etc.);

LE TERRIBLE Intend to sail LE TERRIBLE 1900Z/9 for Oran E.T.A. 1100Z/13.
(2) Routed by North Channel thence through B. 23.40 North 17.40 West.
C. 26.10 South 15.25 West.
(3) Request F.O.i/c Gib. signal subsequent route.
(4) S. of A. 17 knots to lat. 29.15 North thence 28 knots.
(5) E.T.A. 26.10 North 1600Z/11 when LE TERRIBLE shifts from Freetown to Gibraltar broadcast.
(6) No liaison staff embarked. Anglo-French Code and Loxo 30 supplied.
(Comar Dakar 061128Z to F.O.C.W.Af. F.O.i/c Gib. etc.).

/Dispositions...

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Dispositions. Situation at 2000Z/6th August.

NORTHERN ISLES, NORWICH CITY, SONNEBLUM with C.D.30 (one ship) and REDSHANK 034 degs. 20' 023 degs. 10' coastal to Durban 8 knots.

ST. ZENO, ST. LOMAN, WELLARD, BLAAUWBERG with D.C.38 (3 ships) 031 degs. 20' 030 degs. 25' coastal to Capetown 8 knots.

GENISTA, CROMARTY, FIRTH, NORTHERN CHIEF, LADY ROSEMARY with D.N.55 (3 ships) 029 degs. 10' 031 degs. 55' to 028 degs. 34' 032 degs. 30' thence 028 degs. 038 degs. 8 knots.

DURBAN 029 degs. 10' 033 degs. 30' to 028 degs. 038 degs. 16½ knots.

ROCKROSE 025 degs. 30' 034 degs. 15' to R/V with B.C.3. 12 knots.

FRITILLARY, JASMINE with B.C.3 (3 ships) and M.C.8 (4 ships) 021 degs. 50' 035 degs. 50' coastal to Durban 8 knots.

CERES 025 degs. 55' 039 degs. 45' to 026 degs. 30' 039 degs. 30' 15 knots.

French Cruiser DUGUAY-TROUIN 032 degs. 40' 029 degs. 25'

Philippeville 9 to Capetown 17 knots.

(C. in C.S.A. 061133B).

Situation at 2000Z/6th August.

F.C. DUQUESNE, F.C. TOURVILLE 020 degs. 35' 011 degs. 45' to 017 degs. 15' 010 degs. 30' thence 010 degs. 011 degs. 17 knots.

NORMAN, RAPID, RELENTLESS, QUIBERON, CATTERICK, with 2 Flt. units and C.F.13 (2 ships) 024 degs. 10' 013 degs. 00' to 017 degs. 15' 010 degs. 30' 12½ knots.

(C. in C.S.A. 061147B).

O.S.52

'Chop' dates.

(A) F.O.C.W.A. to C. in C.S.A.

(B) F.O.C.W.A. to Connav.

(C) C. in C.S.A. to Connav.

AMBERTON (B) 9th, KRISTIANIAFJORD (B) 8th, ANGLO INDIAN (B) 8th, CROMARTY (B) 8th, CORDILLERA (A) 9th (C) 12th, BARRGROVE (A) 11th, (C) 15th, KYKLADES (A) 10th (C) 15th, FERNHILL (A) 9th (C) 14th, HOPECREST (A) 9th (C) 12th.

(F.O.C.W.A. 061144Z to C. in C.S.A. Connav (R) Admty.).

CILICIA

Can CILICIA be accepted at Simonstown for docking for bottom cleaning and refit of under water fittings about end of August? If so propose to sail her in company with RAMILLIES. Damage to

ASTURIAS makes it important that CILICIA should complete docking as early as possible to be available for blockade runner patrol. If dock is available earlier CILICIA can be sailed independently. (F.O.C.W.A. 061156Z to C. in C.S.A. (R) Admty.).

Movements
Freetown.

Departures 0816Z/5th August. CROCUS, DUNKERY, PICT, SOUTHERN GEM escorting.

(S.O.(I) Freetown 061232Z to Comar Dakar).

Arrivals 1701Z/4th August M.L. 263, 278 escorting.

(S.O.(I) Freetown 061920Z to N.O.i/c Bathurst).

/MANGKALIHAT...

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MANGKALIHAT S.S. MANGKALIHAT in convoy B.C.2. hit by two
(torpedoed 1700Z/1st in 25 degs. 11' South
1st August, 34 degs. 06' East and foundered 1856Z/4th in
aunk approx. 25 degs. 44' South 33 degs. 32' East
4th August). whilst in tow of PRUDENT.
(2) U-boat not seen and ship did not open fire.
(3) 84 survivors recovered 18 missing believed
killed by explosion.
(4) S.S.S.S. not made W/T wrecked by explosion. /
(Com. i/c Durban 061237B to Admty. etc.).
/ Incorrect. See S.O.(I) Capetown 120950B.

T.P.2. Short title T.P.2. Following night escort
diagrams are normally to be used.
(2) 5 escort N.E. 5 A.R. and H. patrolling each
their own half of rear of convoy. N.E. 5 B. when
wind and sea are from the quarter or astern.
(3) U-boat tactics are usually to attack from Van in fair
weather. In heavy weather attack downwind and sea. S.O. escort should
vary escort disposition accordingly.
(C. in C.S.A. 061248B, 091554B to S.A. Stn. G.680).

Movements Arrived EMERALD, NEPAL.
Durban. (2) Sailed DURBAN at 1253/6th route and S. of A.
as in my 040941 E.T.A. Kilindini 0800/11th August.
(3) Shifts to W/T Group V. at 1415/9th.
(Com. i/c Durban 061344Z to Admty. etc.).

U-Boat One U-boat sunk by U.S.S. MOFFETT in 09 degs.
Campaign. 40' S. 30 degs. 07' W. night 3rd/4th August.
(W.D. Note:- Sunk 2030Z/3rd).
A second attacked by aircraft in 09 degs. 33' S.
30 degs. 27' W. at 1025Z/3. D/Fs 2247Z/5 and 2323Z
5th suggest this U-boat was damaged but it may have attacked ship
possibly FORT HALKETT in 09 degs. 08' S. 26 degs. 15' W. at
0701Z/6.
Two other U-boats are probably still operating off Brazilian coast
between Bahia and Santos and up to four within 300 miles of
coast between Cayonne and Trinidad.
Recent D/Fs. suggest one or two are patrolling within 300 miles
of 12 degs. 00' N. 48 degs. 00' W.
(D.D.I.C. 061440B to F.O.C.W.A.).

Movements Arrivals 6th August: FOXHOUND and BOADICEA.
Lagos. Departures M.L. 1078 and Q.O.43.
(N.O.i/c Lagos 061602Z to Admty. etc.).

RESOLUTION, Your 042207 not to S.O. Force ? 'Q'. Request
REVENGE, confirmation E.T.A. is 0800Z/11th in Congo River.
NORMAN, (F.O.C.W.A. 061830 to C. in C.S.A. (R) Admty.
RELENTLESS, S.O. Force 'Q', B.N.L.O. Pointe Noire, (C. in C.
RAPID, E.F.?). Confirmed (C. in C.S.A. 071109B).
CATTERICK,
DOMINION
MONARCH.

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Overdue
shipping.

DAN BEARD, WILLIAM HARPER both sailed Kilindini
3rd July for Bahia 30th not arrived.
(Assist. B.S.N.O. Recife, 061842Z to Admty. Connav,
C. in C.S.A. etc.).

FERNHILL
U-Boat

Following received in 500 kc/s S/M attack, signal
from FERNHILL.
Positions 7 degs. 07' N. 19 degs. 48' W. at
2150.
(Freetown W/T to Admty, T.O.R. 2201).

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DORSETSHIRE. Mideast MOV.1/91027 4th 1830. Request H/3 DORSETSHIRE on completion embarkation at Alexandria 1400/7th August be sailed for U.K. Following disembarkation (agreed D.M.S) vessel to return M.E.
(Mideast Cairo No. T.O.O. to P.S.T.O. (M.E) (R) Admty. C. in C. Levant, etc.)

Transport of U.S.Civilians. Your 301132C July just now received. Request you will now arrange in accordance with your 031402C. (D. of S.T. 060414B to P.S.T.O. Middle East (R) B.A.D. C. in C. E.F. etc.)

10th S.F. summary at 2000/6th. (1) P.51 (UNSEEN) 035° 50' 016° 39' to seaward and eastern channel at 0800/7th. (2) P.53 (ULTOR) 035° 50' 015° 00' through 035° 56' 016° 31' to 036° 10' 016° 39' at 2000/7th. (3) P.54 (UNSHAKEN) 040° 01' 018° 52' through 040° 40' 018° 52' to patrol off Brindisi. (4) P.46 (UNRUFFLED) off Valona leave through 040° 015° 019° 15' at 0500/7th to 039° 38' 018° 59' at 2000/7th. (5) PARTHIAN 038° 31' 019° 21' through 037° 16' 019° 44' to 035° 28' 021° 14' at 2000/7th. (6) P.31 (UPROAR) off Jetti. (7) DZIK 036° 10' 016° 39' to 038° 59' 018° 23' at 2000/7th surface passage.
(Capt. S.10. 060714B.)

Movements, Alexandria. Alex. August 5th 1943. Arrival SOUTHERN SEAS, ST. MONANCE. Departure G.S.IERAX, BREAM, M.L.348, L.C.T.158.
(R.A. Alexandria 060751 to Admty.)

Enemy Unit. P.C. and S. of one enemy destroyer 41.20 N. 09.47 E. course 350° speed 10 knots.
(A/C H.T.T/W. 060842C.)

M.E. Air Report. A.651 August 6. Daily Opsum 100. Following delayed details 4 August. 3 Beaufighters anti-shipping R/C Aegean Sea. 1 attack on 2 Caiques off East coast of Andros Island. A few hits with cannon and machine gun fire on bows of 1 Caique. Vessels surrounded by high cliffs and almost inaccessible. No further attack.
(H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. 060914Z.)

S/Ms. in Adriatic. Should any S/M expend all torpedoes whilst in Adriatic she is to withdraw and report, keep N. of 038° 30' for next 24 hours to enable bombing restrictions to be imposed.
(Capt. (S) 10 060930B to 10th S/M Flot.)

SAGITTA. Suez August 6, arrival.
(F.O.C. R.S.F. 060930C to Admty.)

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- TRESPASSER, C. in C. Levant's 011751 propose TRESPASSER remains
G.T.X.5. with G.T.X.5 until Port Said thence to Beirut
independently.
(Capt. S.10 060940 to C. in C. Med. etc.)
- CLEOPATRA. Your 211212 July and B.A.R.M. Washington 212109
July. The temporary repairs being carried out to
CLEOPATRA are minimum necessary to enable ship to
steam to a repairing yard in U.K. in reasonable
weather, and consist of making hull watertight without disturbing
internal damaged structure. No repairs are being carried out to
remnants of 83 bulkhead. Owing to heavy damage to two of main
compartments, i.e. forward boiler and engine rooms, these repairs
are considered inadequate for an ocean passage. Repairs of a
more elaborate and extensive nature could only be undertaken at
expense of a great deal of other emergency repair work and would
upset balance of output, besides immobilising one of the two
large docks for at least four months. Therefore considered that
such extensive repairs should not be undertaken at Malta under
present conditions.
(A.S. Malta 061002 to Admty.) Reply: 101736B.
- T.O.7. My 041419, sailed. Pass to Comnavnaw.
(Com. N.O.B. Oran 061002B to Cdre. Algiers.)
- G.T.X.5. Pass to Cdre. Bizerta Joiners total 14 ships
(details).
(N.O.I.C. Tunisia 061059 to S.E.C., G.T.X.5.)
Pass to Cdre. Algiers. Section sailed as in my
051826. H. MIDDLETON sailed late. Algiers section arrived as in
F.O.I.C. Gibraltar's 040601.
(N.O.I.C. Algiers 061708B to Escorts G.T.X.5. (R) Admty. etc.)
- Syracuse, S.C.170. Ref. D.S.T.O. Sicily's 031046.
need for (1) After full consideration port and transit
towing committee regret at present unable to supply tug
craft. or other craft from Middle East having regard to:-
(A) Shortage of craft all base ports including
new ones opening. (B) Increasing repair list due
to over work. (C) Craft already transferred to
your area and operational port. (D) Future operational requirements
this area. (2) Agree all authorities. F.O.Sy. pass to Fantox.
(Ass. Dir. of Ports Egypt 061120C to P.S.T.O. Med. (R) D.S.T.O.
Sicily, etc.)
- BRILLIANT. Can a reply now be given to my 291054. (information
required when BRILLIANT will be ready to leave U.K.)
(C. in C. Med. (M) 061121B to Admty.)
- GLORIEUX. Request ocean route for French S/M GLORIEUX ready
to sail for Bermuda on 12th August at 12 knots.
(C. in C. Med. (Malta) 061127 to Admty. (R)
F.O.I.C. Gib. S.8.)

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Flotilla
movements
summary at
1959B/6th.

(1) P.225 (SIMOOM) 042° 22' 007° 33' to patrol in Gulf of Genoa 9 knots. (2) P.229 (SPORTSMAN) East of Corsica. (3) P.221 (SHAKESPEARE) 038° 43' 011° 13' through 038° 18' 10° 01' at 0600/7th thence 268° 9½. (4) F.S. ORPHEE N. of 041° 00' E. of 011° S/Ms. on passage diving by day surfacing speed as indicated.
(Capt. S.8. 061138B.)

Husky
Landings,
Aircraft
Casualties.

Personal for C.A.S. from Tedder. O(?) 856 5 August. Your ref. A.X.688 29th July. (291300 July). Following information is all that is available to date. Mission Ladbrooke 9/9 July, first British Airborne Division, 1690 personnel embarked in 109 C.47s. 7 Halifaxes, 21 Albemarle, 137 Gliders, 129 Waco, 8 Horsa. 58 landed aground, 50 in sea, 25 unaccounted for. Four returned with loads, no aircraft lost. Mission Wustian, 13 July, first British Paratroop Brigade, 1947 personnel embarked on 105 C.47s. 7 Halifaxes, 23 Albemarle, 19 Gliders, 8 Waco, 11 Horsa. 10 C.47s. one Halifax, 4 Albemarle missing. Mission Chestnut, 12,13,14,19 July (S.O.E) Operations, First British Airborne Division number of personnel embarked in 7 Albemarle unknown, no Gliders, 1 aircraft lost, 4 returned with loads. Mission Husky number 1, 9 July, 82 United States Airborne Division 2781 personnel embarked in 226 C.47s. no Gliders 8 aircraft missing. Mission Husky number 2, 11 July, 2008 personnel embarked in 144 C.47s. no Gliders 23 aircraft missing. Unable to estimate losses in paratroops and air landing troops at this time.
(Med. Air Command Post 061139B to Air Min.)

NEWFOUNDLAND. Following is a repetition of Cdr. U.S. Naval Forces N.W. African Waters 061031 (begins) addressed C. in C. Med. (R) C.D.S.17 NEWFOUNDLAND, C. in C. U.S. Fleet, Admty. F.O.I.C. Gib. C. in C. Levant, U.S.N.O.B. Oran, C.M.S.F. Your 051248. NEWFOUNDLAND authorized to accompany C.T.G.89.6 to United States. C.O. NEWFOUNDLAND requested to communicate direct with C.D.S.17 regarding details. T.O.O. 061031 (Ends).
(C. in C. Med. (A) 061140B to C. in C. Med.)

N. African
Convoys.

C. in C. Med. 061150. See 061850.

N.A.A.F.
Report.

N.A.A.F. Opsum 166. N.A.S.A.F. 4/5 August. 44 Wellingtons, Battipaglia. 3 returned early. 78 tons dropped hits Marshalling Yards. Transformer hit. 58 Wellingtons Messina Docks and Marshalling Yards. 4 returned early. 97½ tons dropped. Bursts seen across railway yards, on Docks, in Town and on Goods Station and Ferry Terminus. 5th August. 77 U.S. Fortresses escort, 44 U.S. Lightnings Messina Docks and Marshalling Yards, 7 bombers, 6 fighters returned early. 1 bomber jettisoned, remainder dropped 828 x 500 from 25000 to 27000 ft., bombing reported as excellent. 1 U.S. Lightning missing. 5 U.S. Fortresses damaged by flak. 4 U.S. Mitchells

/escort...

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N.A.A.F. Report. (Contd.) escort 48 U.S. Warhawks Guspini switching station. 4 fighters returned early. Bombers fired 36 rounds 75 M.M. shells from 200 feet. 3 direct hits. Escort sighted U-Boat H.W. tip Sardinia. 2 attacked scoring hits conning tower causing terrific explosion followed by flame and smoke. U-Boat listed 20° starboard and went down by bow with stern pointing up. Third fighter attacked and U-Boat disappeared. Yellow green foam and oil observed. N.A.T.A.F. 4th August (add) 173 Mustangs? bombing and strafing missions claim 12 vehicles destroyed. Direct hits docks Bagnara and Marshalling yards Spika. Troina also bombed.
(N.A.A.F. Adv. H.Q. 061211B.)

HUNTER defects. HUNTER has returned to U.K. with weather damage to lift and aircraft. A further signal will be made.
(D.O.D. (H) 061225B to C. in C. Med. F.O.I.C. Gib.
(R) C. in C. W.A.)

SATURNIA, VULCANIA. A.M. 031223. (re SATURNIA and VULCANIA to proceed to Taranto). Destroyer will meet in 037° 40' 008° 00'. Ships should be instructed to obey instructions given by this destroyer. Request you will signal time and date of R/V.
(C. in C. Med. 061238 to F.O.I.C. Gib. (R) Admty. N.O.I.C. Malta.)

NANTAISE. My 041117C. NANTAISE still here at short notice, delay unexplained.
(S.O. (I) Istanbul 061300C to C. in C. Levant, S.O.I. Levant (R) S.1, S.10, D.N.I.)
My 061300C. One or more vessels observed approaching Bosphorus from Black Sea. Depth charging in progress. No details available yet.
(S.O. (I) Istanbul 061536C.)

ULTOR. Cancel my 051210.
(Capt (S) 10 061320 to C. in C. Med. etc.)

UNSEEN. Keep E. of 015° 40' until 0200/7th. Northbound convoy pass 035° 50' 015° 20' at about 2359/6th. BERYL will be 5 miles East of Seaward end of Eastern channel at 0800/7th making smoke.
(Capt. (S) 10 061325 to P.51 (UNSEEN) (R) CARLISLE)

ACADIA. Hospital ship ACADIA sailed 1245/6th to Oran. Route via War Channel to 79 thence through 553, 87, 109, 12, 44, 84, 109 speed 13 knots E.T.A. 0600/8th.
(N.O.I.C. Tunisia 061345 to Admty. etc.)

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- FORT LA MONTEE, fire destruction. When FORT LA MONTEE was being discharged, smoke generators in No.1 hold caught fire. Vessel was towed clear of harbour where fire fighting was continued and thought to be well in hand. At approx. 1540 vessel blew up and became total wreck. Discharge was almost completed, about 120 tons remaining, including some ammunition. Casualties heavy. Capt. MacDonald Smith, D.S.T.O. Algiers, was lost. Enquiry being held.
(P.S.T.O.Med. 061345B to D.S.T.)
- M.K.S.21. Pass to Cdre. and escort, intend sailing to join (1st).
(V.A. Malta 061351 to SHOREHAM (R) N.O.I.C.Bizerta, etc.)
Pass to Cdre. M.K.S.21. Intend to join 10 JAMES MARSHALL 51 M/F prisoners of war Oran for U.S.A.
(N.O.I.C. Bone 061428B to S.O. Escorts, M.K.S.21, N.O.I.C. Oran, Admty. etc.)
C. in C. Med's. 041519 (No trace War Reg.) para 5. Incon 377 wireless call sign 6 J. Ref. para. 1. Presume lettered positions should read F to P position 16 being lettered P.
(N.O.I.C. Algiers 061645B to SHOREHAM, Escorts of Convoy M.K.S.21.)
- G.T.X.5. Your 052041C. Following will be sailed in G.T.X.5. AFGHANISTAN, MARIT, MAERSK, FORT GASPHEREAU and FALKEFJELL in Ballast. FORT AUGUNGRBWM (?AUGUSTUS) Ballast require repairs to No.1 winch. DEFENDER with 960 tons of coal not discharged Sicily. Port lifeboat destroyed by bomb and plating port side cracked by unexploded bomb will require repairs before ship can be loaded. FORT BANK 950 tons coal not discharged Sicily also about 300 tons service stores for Malta. Embarking 84 Lascars ex CITY OF DIEPPE for repatriation to Bombay. Request accommodation in Egypt B.N. arranged for Lascars. CITY OF NEWCASTLE with 300 tons coal not discharged Sicily. Ships join M.K.S.21 as in V.A.Ms. 061351.
(D.S.T.O. Malta 061359B to P.S.T.O.M.E.)
- Movements, Augusta. My 060908B (N.T. in W.R.) Para (3) MIAOULES escorted M.Ls.218 and 258. N.O.I.C. Malta is requested to sail M.Ls.218 and 258 as quickly as possible after arrival.
(N.O.I.C. Augusta 061433 to F.O. Sy.)
- Organisation. Following units will be based on Malta.
(1) 57th Division, LAMERTON, WHEATLAND, WILTON, LEDBURY, BROCKLESBY, QUANTOCK.
(2) 50th Division WHADDON, EGGESFORD, OAKLEY, LAUDERDALE.
(3) 36th Escort Group PENTSTEMON, VETCH, CONVULVULUS, JONQUIL.
(4) 29th Trawler Group. TANGO, FOXTROT, PIROUETTE, GAVOTTE.
(5) 3rd Auxiliary A/S Group. KING SOL, MAN-O-WAR, REIGHTON WYKE, VISENDA, STELLA CARINA.
(C. in C. Med. 061457B to Med. Station (R) Levant Station 80B.)

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- Movements, Aden. Arrivals MADRAS and CARNATIC.
(N.O.I.C. Aden 061503Z to C. in C. Levant, etc.)
- P.A.47. Convoy P.A.47 arrived.
(N.C.S.O. Aden 061520Z to Admty.)
- K.M.S.22. Destination of Gibraltar section unchanged with following exceptions. (list).
(C. in C. Med. (A) 061635B to HIGHLANDER. Escorts of Convoy K.M.S. No.22 (R) C. in C. Med. Connav, A.I.G.260, Admty. etc.)
- SPEEDY. SPEEDY is returning to U.K. in M.K.S.21 for permanent repairs to mine damage.
(C. in C. Med. (M) 061706 to Admty.)
- G.U.S.11. Following arrived SPEEDFAST, VACUUM (T) ALMENARA, PIM 21, EMPIRE COMMERCE, (T) EMPIRE KESTREL, COXWOLD. (7 ships).
(C. in C. Med. (Algiers) 061706B to Admty. etc.)
- Malta Air Reports. Your A.225 of 30th July. Agree that details of Air Operations should be reported in Opsums only, see Para. 5. of Air Ministry letters C.S.18979/A.C.A.S. (Ops) of 12 April. Therefore until there is sufficient activity to justify a general picture in Malta Combined Services. Report this can be discontinued so far as Air Operations are concerned.
(Air Ministry Whitehall 061725Z to Med. Air Command Post (R) R.A.F. Malta.)
- BARNABY. Suez August 6th arrival BARNABY at 1630.
(F.O.R.S.C.A. 061733C to Admty.)
- G.U.S.11. Unless otherwise ordered by Cominch Tanker GAROONE 8 knots and WALT WHITMAN 8½ knots should be included in G.U.S.11 since otherwise ships may remain in this theatre indefinitely. Connavnav concurs. F.O.I.C. Gib. 050955 refers.
(C. in C. Med. (Algiers) 061743B to F.O.I.C. Gib. (R) C. in C. Med. etc.)
- Sicily, Army Sit. Rep. Ref. No.8419 N.A.F.315. 6th August 1943. U.S.603. To "Agwar" For Combined Chiefs of Staff. To "Usfor" For British Chiefs of Staff. Signed Eisenhower. Following is a brief summary of situation late evening August 5th. Operations are proceeding well and according to plan. Our Patrols are three miles beyond Catania and two miles N. of Misterbianco. We are near Bellpasso and have captured Paterno. Resistance has been comparatively slight. 51st Div. had some difficulty in executing river crossing but its forward troops are now directed on

/Biancavilla...

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(For Puttick). H.M. Ambassador Madrid
(For U.S. Ambassador Madrid) Resident Minister
Achimota. Military Attache Ankara.

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First Part.

Cite FHGCT Signed Eisenhower

Seventieth Linrep. Summary of operations 2 to 4 August.

1. Ground. Eighth Army. On 2 August fighting continued on the Thirty Corps front with 78 Inf. Div. occupying Centuripe H69 and 1 Can Div establishing itself in Regalbuto H59 after fierce street fighting. On 3 August 51 Inf. Div. occupied Spezia feature H6886. 78 Inf Div advanced one mile NE of Centuripe and One Can Div advanced three miles East Regalbuto. On 4 Aug. progress was made on entire zone of action of 13 Corps with elements of 50 Div reaching outskirts of Catania and 5th Inf Div. crossing the Simeto River at H7782 and H7777. Same day Thirty Corps continued to advance with advanced elements of 51 Inf. Div. reaching the area just West of Simeto River Northwest of Paterno and 1 Can Div. advancing to area five miles NE of Regalbuto. Seventh Army. 2 Aug. Two Corps continued to advance East against stiffening resistance. 1 Inf. Div. reached the area three miles NW of Troina with Four Tabor in the area twelve miles NW of Troina. Enemy counter-attacks against positions of the Division West of Troina were repulsed. Same day Three Inf. Div. completed relief 45 Inf. Div. in area East of San Stefano. On 3 Aug. One Inf Div. with 39 RCT attached were over-looking Troina but were met with fierce opposition. Same day Three Inf. Div. advanced six miles Eastward and were within three miles of San Fratello C5336.

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2. Naval. Day and night bombardments of the North Coast of Sicily in vicinity of Agata. C fifty four in support of Seventh Army were carried out by U.S. Cruisers and destroyers. Similar bombardment of Coast Road and railway near Taormina on East Coast of Sicily was carried out by British Monitor with fifteen inch gun. American PT boats were active in North Eastern Sicilian Waters while British MTBs operated off the East Coast. On three Aug. an enemy submarine was destroyed off Pantelleria by a U.S. destroyer. Approximately forty survivors were picked up.

3. Air. Our air force continued its attacks against military targets in Italy and Sicily. Large flights of both heavy and medium bombers attacked railroad installations at Marina Catanzaro, Paola and Catanzaro and the Naples submarine base, all in Southern Italy while light bombers, fighters and fighter bombers flew hundreds of sorties attacking towns, communication lines, motor transport and other targets of opportunity in NE Sicily.

4. Enemy. Except for launching isolated small counter attacks on the Seventh Army Front, the enemy has been completely on the defensive. The early fall of Centuripe undoubtedly upset his defensive plans in the South, and although it is known that two separate delaying lines have been envisaged between Primosolo H 96 and Acireale J 09, it is now obvious that the enemy has been forced to retreat beyond both of these, and will attempt to establish himself on the Acireale Aderno line. His forces are however, resisting stubbornly in the Centuripe Area and Northeast of Regalbuto. Little news has been reported from the Seventh Army Sector where the enemy still holds Troina and San Fratello.

5. Political. Signs of the continued improvement in reference to the Unity of Command and the fusion of all French Forces have occurred the last few days. Exchanges of letters and pronouncements between Generals Giraud and De Gaulle and Admirals Lemonnier and Auboyneau are characterised by a sincere spirit of mutual good will. The question of recognition of the National Committee is being discussed in the press and in official circles with

increasing.....

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increasing insistence. Back of this agitation lies the concern over the participation of the French in eventual Armistice negotiations with Italy.

No T.O.O/6.

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Ad.Usborne.

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Recd in War Reg. at 1855/9

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Sicily, Army Sit. Rep. (Contd.)
Biancavilla. 78th Div. is near Adrano and is expected to make a decisive attack and storm town today August 6th. Canadian Div. is in contact with enemy on road leading N.W. to Troina from a point some miles N.E. of Centuripe. Seventh Army was closing in on Troina from South and a report received this morning indicates that Patton has captured the town. Demolitions, Booby Traps and Mines are delaying our advance on whole Front but indications are that enemy is showing signs of strain and is fatigued. (Algiers 061815B to Etousa.)

THISBE, FIRUZ, (torpedoed) NANTAISE.
A. My 061536C. German THISBE and FIRUZ arrived Istanbul ? From Black Sea. THISBE with NANTAISE ? sailed 15.15 G.M.T. August 6th for Piraeus, expected time of entry Aegean between 0600 and 0900 G.M.T. August 7th. B. FIRUZ torpedoed off Kilios and bow severely damaged, further movements uncertain. (S.O. (I) Istanbul 061845C to C. in C. and S.O. (I) Levant, S.1, S.10, D.N.I.)

A. My 061845C. NANTAISE. 1798 ton, black hull, tall black funnel aft, bridge amidships, grey upper works, two mast, gun forms fore and aft. B. THISBE. 1782 ton, three island, ships black and grey, camouflaged hull, grey funnel, black top, gun form fore and aft.

(S.O. (I) Istanbul 062013C to as former.)

N. African Convoys, congestion.
Following is a repetition of my 061150 (Begins) Addressed C. in C. Med. (R) Admty. On account of use of discharge berths for operational loading there will shortly be increasing snowball of undischarged ships piling up in North African ports. 2. NASBO after careful examination of port situation for next month have recommended to Washington and London that majority of ships scheduled in North African ports in K.M.S.24 and U.G.S.15 be postponed ten days and subsequent shipping similarly delayed. 3. Intention is that convoy sail to time schedule planned but include only following ships (A) Med. through ships. (B) Tankers. (C) French Re-armament and other ships for Casablanca only. 4. Recommendation accepted by all services who are informing appropriate home authorities. (C. in C. Med. (Algiers) 061850B to C. in C. Med. (R) Admty.) (A.F.H.Q. Algiers No. T.O.O/6 to War Office).

French S/Ms. Employment. F.O.C.W.Afs. 011350 being passed to all addressees. Combined Staff Planners, in considering future employment of French S/Ms. recommended:-
(a) for refit as A/S training vessels:-
AMAZONE, ANTIOPE, ARETHUSE, ATALANTE, LA SULTANE, MARSOUIN, MEDUSE, ORPHEE, PERLE. (b) for refit for Combat Patrol ARCHIMEDE, ARGO, CASABIANCA, LE CENTAURE, LE GLORIEUX. Priority of overhaul of refit to be given to A/S training vessels. 2. We have seen no final decision of C.C.S. but in view of above recommendation decision to move ARGO to Bermuda is not understood. 3. Most undesirable for Freetown to be left without training S/M. Request you will ask French to reconsider or, at the very least, to postpone move until other arrangements can be

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French S/Ms. Employment. (Contd.) made or alternatively arrange with them to send another S/M or to relieve CENTAURE. (Head of M.II. Approved V.C.N.S. 061920B to C. in C. Med. (Algiers) (R) F.O.C. W.Af., B.A. D. S.B.N.O. W.At.)

NIEUW AMSTERDAM. Your 290142 July. Request earliest possible confirmation that NIEUW AMSTERDAM proceeding to Durban on completion disembarking Middle East. (P.S.T.O. M.E. 061959C to Admty. for D. of S.T.) Confirmed (D.S.T. 072205B.)

Movements, Benghazi. Arrived and sailed LISMORE. Arrived M.L.386. (N.O.I.C. Benghazi 062003B to Admty.)

Enemy Units. Following read by Alex. W/T. P.C. and S. of enemy 2 cruisers, 2 destroyers, 1 escort vessel, 5 Focke Wolf 190's 42.20' N. 10.05 E. (based on fix taken within half an hour of 2000) 200° 15 knots. (A/C GPV/Y 062003B.)

Estimated U-Boat disposition. One German by D/F at 0522Z within 60 miles of 038° 20' N. 008° 20' E. 2 others between Sardinia and North African Coast. One unfixed between Cape Bon and Malta 2 Italian and one German E. of Sicily possibly one Gulf of Sirte. (C. in C. Med. (Malta) 062004B.)

Movements, Algiers. Arrivals WISHART Tugs EMPIRE ACE, EMPIRE DENNIS, LA FANTASQUE (Fr.) Departures H.D.M.L.1155 ISLAY S/M TRESPASSER P.312. Arrived and departed HAYDON, DIANELLA B.Y.M.S.209. (Cdre. Algeria 062018B to Admty. etc.)

Situation Report. At Palermo 5 E-Boats were driven off by U.S. Destroyer on patrol at 0046. (2) U.S. Forces occupied Ustica 5th and captured 2 Officers, 84 Soldiers, 13 (?Sailors) all Italian. (3) Found 7 Machine Guns and small arms only. Approximately 1100 residents destitute without water and many ill Malaria. 216 Italian Civil Prisoners and Guards. Germans departed 11th July sabotaged wireless and telegraph station which also appears to have been bombed. (4) Air Raid Augusta 1824/5th 4 M.E.109 2 Bombs dropped 1 near MAURITIUS, no casualties. (5) Successful bombardments of the Taormina Coast Road have been carried out by 4th D.F. No traffic was seen night 4th/5th and 5th/6th. (C. in C. Med. 062019B to Admty.)

ADVENTURE. Your 041651. Further trip by ADVENTURE not required. (C. in C. Med. 062118B to Admty.)

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Movements, Port Said. 6th August Port Said arrivals IERAX, M/L 348 AETOS, LA MOQUEUSE R.F.A. BADARPUR, BREAM, L.C.T. 158 R.F.A. EMPIRE RAJA. Departures BARNABY, KOUNDOURIOTIS, R.F.A. BADARPUR. (N.O.I.C. Port Said 062119C to Admty. etc.)

Movements, Oran. Arrivals GERALDTON, WOLONGONG, CONVULVULUS, VETCH, BURRA, PENTSTEMON, CAIRNS, CESSNOCK, BRISSENDEN, U.S. ? LUP 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94. Departures U.S.S. HACKBERRY. (Commob. Oran 062138B to Admty. etc.)

Movements, Bone. Arrivals SLEBECK. Departures M.G.B.674 M.F.V. (N.O.I.C. Bone 062201B to Admty. etc.)

Italy. Terms of surrender (J.S.M.1127, 062231Z) See America & West Indies.

Malta Air Report. A.I.1030 August. 6 Opsum No.88. 5/6 August 7 Mosquitoes made intruder patrols N. of Messina and over Southern Italy no enemy air activity was found. 8 Beaufighters made interception patrols N. of Malta. At 0045 hours? 1 Ju. 88 was destroyed South of Catania, 2 Wellingtons made shipping search S.E. of toe of Italy. 6 August. 7 Spitfires made photo R/C of N.E. Sicily and harbours and aerodromes in Southern Italy. 1 Baltimore made a shipping search S.E. of toe of Italy. 12 Beaufighters provided escort and four Baltimores made A/S patrols for friendly shipping. Total 57 Boston and 12 Baltimore sorties were made from Malta in attacks on land targets in N.E. Sicily. (A.H.Q. Malta 062240B.)

Movements, Derna, Tobruk. Derna arrived yesterday Z.24, Z.28. Today Z.30. Sailing today Z.24, Z.28. Tobruk arrived yesterday Z.42, Z.37 today Z.5; Z.27. Sailed yesterday Z.30 SOUTHERN MAID, NEBB. (N.O.I.C. Tobruk 062340C to Admty.)

Movements, Malta. Sailed WHEATLAND and MIAOULES. ALBACORE, STORNOWAY, GLOXINIA and KLO. ALDENHAM, LEDBURY. Arrived QUILLIAM, QUEENBOROUGH and QUAIL. LAUDERDALE, PIAIAS (sic) escorting L.S.T.305 and CITY OF NEWCASTLE, DELHI, HURWORTH. Sailed and returned with WAYLAND, EGGESFORD. Landing craft sailed, L.C.I. (L) 179, 124. L.C.364. Landing craft arrived, L.C.I. (L) 278 L.C.T. 396. (V.A. Malta 062353 to Admty. etc.)

Movements, Tunisia. Arrival U.S.S.T. BISCAYNE U.S. Destroyer NICHOLSON, MENDIP, SEER, L.S.Ts. 317, 422, 406, 336, 352, 332, 358, 348, 388, 375, 327, 391, 392, 389, 314, 316, 384, 378, 306, 309, 310, S/M Chaser 526, patrol craft 591, 533, RHYL, POLRUAN, FELIXSTOWE, ACUTE, BUDE, BRIXHAM, CLACTON. Departure U.S.Dest., ROE, U.S.Dest., COLE, WESTRAY, M/L.544. (N.O.I.C. Tunisia 062354B to Admty. etc.)

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- ATREUS. My 030143Z (suggesting ATREUS should proceed to Ceylon). Cancel last para. as Indian ratings are now ashore Fremantle and refuse work ship in any direction. R.A.N. ratings are assisting to (?) steam ship.
(ATREUS 060621Z to Admty etc.)
- SOBKRA. Intend sailing SOBKRA at 1330Z/6th for Diego Suarez routed through position 016 degs. 55' 054 degs. 07' S.O.A. 10 knots.
(N.O.I.C. Mauritius, 060810Z to Admty.)
Departure 6th SOBKRA.
(N.O.I.C. Mauritius, 061331Z to Admty.)
- No.24 Disposition U-Boats. Japanese: One by D/F near Diego Garcia 30th July. One by D/F near 001 degs. S. 089 degs. E. 30th probably moving north east.
German: One near 018 degs. S. 053 degs. E. by D/F 4th. One between Mozambique and Comoro Island by D/F 3rd. One estimated westbound within 200 miles 036 degs. S. 037 degs. E. 5th. One, possibly 2, may be eastward of Lourenco Marques area (determines ?) four within East Indies Station limits.
Italian: Two believed on passage eastbound in (? Eastern Theatre) position unknown. (2) Following Y Messages are cancelled (? comma) 297Y of 11th June.
(C. in C. E.F. 060818 to E.F.)
- Movements, Kilindini. FALMOUTH, MASTERFUL arrived.
(F.O. East Africa, 060821Z to Admty)
- Tactical policy - night attacks on U/Bs. Ref. your 031237 August, following remarks are relevant. (2) As surface and air escorts are frequently exchanged between different commands it is considered essential that as far as possible the policy should be common to all commands.
(3) The principles of convoy A/S escort given in C.B.4097 (11) (42) must be understood by all escorts. (4) East Indies Convoy instructions are being prepared which embody relevant sections of the Atlantic Convoy instructions as applicable to the East Indies Station and it is intended to send the draft to you for remarks.
(5) Meanwhile it is considered that the conduct of escorts should be governed by the instructions in the Operations sections of A.C.I's. (6) Similarly to avoid confusion to Air escorts it is considered that the orders for the employment of and communications with Air escorts given in Eastern Fleet War Orders number 12 paras. 29 et seq should be adhered to. (7) It is felt that the best results will be achieved if as little variation as possible is made from existing Convoy instructions. It appears for example that in your 031237 operation "Observant" is ordered when in accordance with A.C.I's "Raspberry" would be carried out.
(C. in C. E.F. 060839Z to C. in C. S.A. (R) Admty.)

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Indian ports, Bunkers. Bunkering facilities at Cochin and Madras, Admty. 022025 August not to F.O.C. R.I.N. refers. (2) It would appear that Colombo will not be able to meet bunkering requirements of ships from Mediterranean, A.M.161618 July para. 1 refers, in addition to ships to and from Australia, some of which are already being diverted to Cochin or Madras in accordance with F.O.C. Ceylon 231206 July to C. in C. S.A., A.C.N.B., and N.Z.N.B., not to Admiralty. (3) The arrival of Ocean escorts (? detailed) in my 021162 will increase congestion at both Colombo and Cochin. (4) It appears necessary therefore that diversion of all merchant ship from either U.K. or Mediterranean should take place forthwith which will necessitate increase in bunkering stock at Cochin and possibly Madras. (4) Ref. A.M. 022025 para. 2 B. presume this will be a permanent requirement. (5) Ref. A.M. 022025 para. 2 C. F.O. Ceylon is in close touch with M.W.T. Ceylon as regards bunkering at Cochin but is unable to make a statement at this stage. (C. in C. E.F. 060859Z to Admty)

Convoy Arrived.
P.B.50. (N.C.S.O. Bombay, 061027Z to Admty)

Movements, Colombo. Colombo arrivals 6th August 0345Z INVESTIGATOR. 1000Z SHILLONG. Departures Nil. (F.O. Ceylon, 061152Z to Admty etc.)

KIRRIEMOOR. Your 261631Z/July paras. 2, 3, 4 and 5 approved. (2) Your para. 6, My 021754B refers. (A.C.N.S.(F), 061812B to C. in C. E.F. (R) F.O.I.C. E. Af., N.O.I.C. Mauritius, N.O.I.C.Seychelles.)

Convoy Arrival TALWORTH, ? KUMAON with P.B.50.
P.B.50. (S.O.(I) Bombay, ? 064016Z to Admty.)

ALBATROSS. Your 040924 August not to C. in C. S.A. ALBATROSS should be routed via the Cape. (D.O.D.(F), 062201B to C. in C. E.F. (R) C. in C. Med. (A) and (M), C. in C. Levant, R.A.N.A.S. I.O., F.O.R.S.C.A., C. in C. S.A.)

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Movements. St. Johns N.F. 5th arrivals U.S. MOHAWK, TAHOMA, ex Sydney. GEORGIAN, KENTVILLE, ex B.W. 47A. Departures MANSFIELD to overtake O.N.S.14. MALPEQUE to W.B.40. KENTVILLE to St. Pierre. (N.O.I.C. St. Johns N.F. 060045.)

PORT ARTHUR. E.T.A. 061400Z. Weather report. (PORT ARTHUR 060130Z to C. in C.C.N.A. (R) Capt. D.Halifax.)

WEST POINT. Your 032215Z not to A.C.N.B. Request report whether U.S. Authorities would agree to WEST POINT being used for the transport of (a) Italian P.O.W. from India to Australia where they are required for labour purposes and if so how many (b) a few families from India to Australia. 2. For P.S.T.O. India's information (b) refers to his 030946Z to D. of S.T. only. Women and children cannot be embarked in ARAWA as it is proposed that she be used to full capacity under A.M. 161140 of March for Italian P.O.W. and guard for Australia. Embarkation of families in WEST POINT would also be dependent upon A.C.N.Bs. agreement to their being accommodated in Australia pending transfer to ARAWA for onward conveyance from Australia to U.K. (D. of S.T. 060241B to B.A.D. (R) C. in C.E.F. P.S.T.O. India, A.C.N.B.)

SS. QUEEN ELIZABETH. New York arrived 1545Z/5th August QUEEN ELIZABETH. (N.S.H.Q. 060331Z to D.S.T.)

Convoy O.N.195 Escorts. O.N.195. 1. Western local north group W.4. COLUMBIA, S.O. KAMSACK, KENDRA, BLAIRMORE. Will relieve you in Westomp 047° 42' N. 050° 10' W. at 1800Z/8th. 2. "Chop" 1800Z/7th August. (I.F.O.N.F. 061142Z to Ships escorting O.N.195.)

A.T.57 (AQUITANIA) Alter immediately for new S. 046° 01' 045° 02' omit N. rejoin route at O. (Cdr. 10th U.S.Fleet C. & R. 061317Z to AQUITANIA.)

MARIPOSA. Route Message. Ref. Cdr. 10th Fleet 301657. 1. Blank. 2. 1300Z/7th. 3. MARIPOSA. 4. Iceland. 5. E.T.A. 1800Z/12th. 6. Knots (a) 18, (b) 20. 7. Route thence Reykjavik. 14. 1st "Chop" 080100Z, 2nd "Chop" 101800Z. 15. R.O.Boston. 16. Call for aircraft is "Green" 26. (P.D.Boston 061401Z to Cdr. 10th Fleet, Admty. C.E.S.F. (R) C. in C.C.N.A. F.O.N.F. N.O.B.Iceland.) See P.D.Boston, 071756.

N.S.H.Q.S/M Estimate. 1200Z/6th August one not recently located possibly still within 200 miles of Sable Island. (N.S.H.Q. 061429Z.)

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- A.T.Rs. Allocation of following A.T.Rs. when available follows. No. 48 MINDFUL, No. 49 VAGRANT to C. in C.Med. Base ship HANNIBAL. MINDFUL may be required for towage of A.T.D. XXXII to St. Johns N.F. Before proceeding to Med. No. 91 PATROCLUS, No. 92 ATHLETE to C. in C.Eastern Fleet, base ship TANA. No. 93 FLARE to Freetown, base ship ELAND. No. 17 DIRECTOR to Bermuda, No. 18 EMULOUS, No. 19 FREEDOM to U.K. base ship NIMROD. (Capt. i/c Rescue Tugs, 061455B to B.A.D. (R) B.A.S.R.Washington, S.B.N.O.W.At. C. in C.Med. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C. in C.W.At. F.O.C.W.Af.)
- B.Y.M.S. When ready about 0600/8 July depart Throggs Neck. Proceed Boston via Long Island sound and Cape Cod Canal. Report C.T.G. 02.1 for onward routing to Halifax. Arrival Halifax report C. in C.C.N.A. for orders. Speed 10 knots. (C.E.S.F. 061509 to B.Y.M.S. 155, 49, 50, 156, (R) N.S.H.Q. F.O.N.F. Admty. etc.)
- U.S. S/M (Cominch 061525Z.)
Estimate.
- A.T.58A. Sail A.T. 58A ATHLONE CASTLE via (route).
(ATHLONE (Com. 10th Fleet C. & R. 061527Z to P.D.New York.)
CASTLE)
- R.N.A.S. Your 6068 cipher 19 July (take over of portion of
Palisadoes. R.N.Air Station at Palisadoes) noted. Ref. para. 1 and 2, no financial adjustments necessary in view of A.C.I. 2215/41. (W.O. 061530B to Commander, North Caribbean Area.)
- Dispositions. H.S. (?161) VEGREVILLE, MEDICINE HAT, 045° 46' 059° 24' 051° 7.5 altering to 322° in 045° 58' and to 270° in 046° 30' N.
H.J. 64 MODOC, ALGONQUIN, COMANCHE, 044° 21' 062° 08' 061° 11 altering to 083° in 045° 40' N.
H.F. 69, ARROWHEAD, OAKVILLE 043° 59' 063° 37' 238 7.5 altering to 270° in 043° 10' N. and to 337° in 066° 15' W. and to 001° in 043° 50' N. U.S.S. GOLDFINCH.
Y.M.S. 5, 043° 04' 067° 20' 264° 8.5 altering to 238° in 068° 59' W. en route Boston. P.554 escorted by KING HAAKON VII 041° 52' 070° 19' 10 knots thence via Cape Cod Canal en route Philadelphia.
B.X.67, W.8 departed Boston 2100Z/5th to 042° 23' N. 070° 42' W. thence 056° 8 altering to (?074°) in 042° 31' N. and to 068° in 067° 32' W. (C. in C.C.N.A. 061656Z.)

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New Construction expedited. Information that has become available from the shipbuilding yards within the past two or three weeks provides conclusive evidence that from about early Sept. onwards all new construction can be expected to anticipate present published completion date.

2. We already have in commission several B.Y.M.S. whose published completion dates are as late as Oct. 1943. Latest information concerning the maritime commission frigates is that the first of the class will not only be 14 days ahead of its published date but that subsequent ships can be expected at intervals of six days only.

3. Delivery dates of the C.V.Es. are also being anticipated and the subsequent fitting out period in the U.S.N. Yards before proceeding to Vancouver has been cut from 14 days to three days.

4. This tendency operates throughout the programme with the possible exception of the B.A.M.S. and it is therefore requested that until I am in a position to give you a more accurate picture the dates for the arrival of advance and main parties given in my manning requirement forecast may be anticipated as far as the manning situation permits by at least three weeks.

5. Every endeavour will be made to give you more definite information as soon as possible.

(B.A.M.R. 061702Z to Adnty.)

Fleet Tenders. 292043 not to Admiralty and my 292201 June. Fleet tenders on passage Mediterranean via Recife and Freetown now situated as follows.

2. (A) FT. 5 and FT. 13 at Recife. (B) FT. 8 due Recife 8th August. (C) FT. 1 due Recife 18th August. (D) FT 11 FT. 14 FT. 21 due Recife 28 August.
(B.A.D. 061717Z to F.O.C.W.Af. (R) Adnty.)

Perez Garcia apprehension. Admiralty 021040 (020140 intended). Perez Garcia apprehended today. It is intended to fly him to Canal Zone by Ferry Command E.T.A. (?Kingston Jamaica) field daybreak Monday 9th August. N.S.H.Q. pass to PRINCE ROBERT.
(N.O.I.C. Port of Spain Trinidad 061722Q to PRINCE ROBERT, Adnty. N.S.H.Q.)

B.Y.M.S. Guarding B.A.M.S. and with speed of 11 knots B.Y.M.S. 173, 157, 55 (?and) 52 passing Boston Gate in company at 1230Q/6th en route Halifax. E.T.A. Halifax 0230Q/8th. B.Y.M.S.173 is senior.*
(T.G. 02.1 061734Z to C. in C.C.N.A.)* Route.

EMPIRE BRONZE. EMPIRE BRONZE. In view of nature of cargo and present situation on West African coast (tanker message) request ship may be retained in convoy and at Bahia until opportunity of escorted passage offers.
(D.T.D. 061800Z to Connav, (R) F.O.C.W.Af.)

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C.1, Group. F.O.N.F's 041625 (?041635 intended). All Canadian ships detailed, except ST. LAURENT who will proceed St. Johns N.F. thence refit. FORESTER expressed desire to visit Halifax. Recommend approval. SACKVILLE will require extensive repair to or renewal of de-gaussing coil otherwise no major defects. Weather report. (ASSINIBOINE 061822Z to F.O.N.F. C. in C.C.N.A.)

Convoy B.X. 67A Sailing telegram part 2 (2 ships) (P.D. Boston 061846 to Com. 10th U.S. Fleet.)

Dispositions of operational units in N. Atlantic. Area Iceland (C) LONDON, NORFOLK, 1 destroyer. Area Scapa, ANSON, DUKE OF YORK, RENOWN, 7 destroyers. Area Clyde, MALAYA, UNICORN. Area Plymouth, 2 destroyers. Atlantic Operation, ILLUSTRIOUS, BELFAST, BERMUDA, GLASGOW, KENT, 7 destroyers. Bay Area, SCYLLA, & CHARYBDIS. On passage to Freetown RAMILLIES. (D.O.D. (H) 061858B to C. in C.U.S. Fleet, (R) Opnav, C. in C. Atlantic Fleet, B.A.D.)

French Minesweepers U.G.S. 16. Include in escort of U.G.S. 16 French M/Ss. COMMANDANT DELAGE and GRACIEUSE. Ships expected ready at Bermuda 23rd August destination Casablanca. (From Cominch also to Vice Chief of Naval Ops. B.A.D. Washington and French Naval Mission.) Direct N.O.B. Bermuda issue orders to ships to join convoy at R/V to be designated by Port Director, Norfolk in sailing telegram and report escort Commander for duty. (Cominch 061905Z to Cinclant, (R) N.O.B. Bermuda, C. in C. Med. Admty. etc.)

U/B Campaign, Cominch daily despatch. In order to reduce communications Cominch will henceforth transmit to all addressees a single daily despatch combining 1. Sub. attack and sighting summary. 2. Com. 10th Fleet C. & R. serial. 3. Weekly report of promising attacks. Information contained in this combined despatch will be evaluated by paras. as follows: Para. A. Reliably established. Para. B. Probable. Para. C. Possible. Para. D. Doubtful. (Cominch 061925Z to Admty. (R) Comnsveu, Cinclant, Cdts. All Naval Dist. Lant, Cdrs. All Sea Fron. Lant, Cdrs. All Task Forces Lant, N.O.B. Guantanamo, N.O.B. Bermuda, N.O.B. Trinidad, C.N.J.S.M. N.S.H.Q. C.A.F.A.C. S.O. (I) Jamaica, B.A.D.)

Movements Cristobal. 4th August, Army Tug H.8 and tow KK, 6th August SEA KAY. (U.S.R.O. Cristobal 062001 to Admty.)

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Losses in "Husky" publication. Navy Dept. would be interested to know the intentions regarding announcing losses of naval vessels in operation "Husky". It is assumed that some similar procedure as was adopted regarding losses in "Torch" will be promulgated so that release can be simultaneous. (B.A.D. 062001Z to Admty.) Reply 091149B.

Naval Control Service. A.M. 051335. Propose 1st September to be effective date of change. 2. Copy of jointly agreed letter of instruction to B.R.L.Os will be forwarded to Admiralty and other interested authorities. (B.A.D. 062003Z to Admty. N.S.H.Q.)

Sub. attack & sighting summary. All times Z. Para. B. P.B.M. attacks sub. 12.20 N. 65.08 W. 060045. Transient plane sights sub. 09.08 S. 26.15 W. 061000. R.A.F. Hampden sights submerging sub. 61.29 N. 18 W. 051742. (Cominch 062055Z to Admty.)

Martlets, VICTORIOUS. A.M. 042207. Our reserves of Martlets in the U.K. are very slender and although the Martlet V has now been cleared we still want all the Mark IV we can get for D.L. Training. Do you see prospects of U.S.N. providing service types in near future for our fighter pilots under training. (A.C.N.S.(A) 062128B to B.A.D.)

GODERICH. CYRUS FIELD. Departed Sydney C.B. 062100Z with CYRUS FIELD. Route in accordance with your 062025Z. Speed 9 kts. (GODERICH 062224Z to C. in C.C.N.A.)

Terms of Italian Surrender. J S.M. 1127. On recommendation of Combined Civil Affairs Committee, C.C.S. today agreed to despatch following cable to Eisenhower. (Begins) You have no doubt observed terms of surrender furnished to you by President and Prime Minister relate entirely to military aspects of unconditional surrender. Should you be called upon to impose terms now in your possession you should make it clear to surrendering authority that these terms are purely of a military nature and that other conditions of a political, economic, and financial nature will be transmitted at a later date. (Ends.) (J.S.M.Washington 062231Z to W.C.O.)

Convoy S.C.137. Average speed 7.3 knots. Off Oversay at 1000Z/2nd. All arrived. (D.T.D. 062354B to Connnav, N.S.H.Q. (R) C. in C.W.A. C. in C.C.N.A.)

/ROXBOROUGH...

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ROXBOROUGH, SASKATOON, SHEDIAC, E.T.A. Boom 1900Z/7
Boiler hours. SASKATOON, SHEDIAC defects.
ROXBOROUGH 062355Z to C. in C.C.N.W.A. (?) (R)
D.Halifax.)

Australia & New Zealand.

G.P.62. Departure 6th August. Sydney Section Convoy G.P.62
comprising 9 ships, CARADALE, BRITISH PRINCESS for
Brisbane, WILLIS VAN DEVANTER, ALAMO, S.HALL
YOUNG, RACHEL JACKSON for Townsville and Milne
Bay, ECHOZARK for Townsville and Buna, DILGA, COLAC for Townsville
and Port Moresby. Escorts H.M.A.S. BUNDABERG (S.O.), MORESBY,
MILDURA, BALLARAT.
(N.C.S.O. Sydney, N.S.W. 060246Z to Admty.)

C.O.115. Departure 6th August Sydney Section Convoy
C.O. 115 comprising 2 ships, TALUNE for Hobart,
WILLIAM H.LIBBY for Abadan.
(N.C.S.O. Sydney, N.S.W. 060540Z to Admty.)

Digest serial No. 563 Aug. 5th. Liberator attacked probable seatruck towing 1
small vessel 40 miles North West Cape Matanalem
(New Hanover) afternoon.

4. Photos morning 4th reveal 25 camouflaged
barges which visual report stated to be unservice-
able due to previous attacks also 1 wrecked Picket
Boat in Eorgen Bay.

8. Catalina reported sighting 2 or 3 small merchantmen leaving
Makassar Harbour course southwest just before midnight 4th.

12. Submarine reported 30 miles south southeast Gatukai Island
course 150° forenoon.

13. Night 3rd/4th Allied Motor Torpedo Boats destroyed minimum
2 barges northwest of Munda and following night sank a small
vessel off West Coast Kolombangara.

15. In afternoon sweep 5th seven Mitchells covered by 16 Corsairs
attacked 3 barges off North Eastern Gizo and later strafed 2
barges and shore positions Webster Cove.

16. Aircraft unsuccessfully attacked large destroyer 36 miles
southwest Greenwich Island course 18° midday.

(G.H.Q.S.W.P.A. 060750Z.)

T.N. 130. B. 6th August. C. DUNTROON, TAROONA, Port Moresby.
D. U.S.Destroyer HELM (S.O.), P.C. (?72 or 75) 19.
(N.O.I.C. Townsville 060904Z to Admty.)

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Australia & New Zealand - Contd.

- MAGUMBA. When under escort SS. MAGUMBA (2526 tons gross) sunk at 0400Z/6th in 011° 30' S. 134° 40' E. as a result of enemy air attack. Casualties among crew (Australian) 1 missing, 3 seriously injured. (A.C.N.B. 061011Z to Admty.)
- MIZAR. Arrived Townsville 5th U.S. Ship MIZAR. (A.C.N.B. 061056Z to Admty. etc.)
- Movements. R.A.A.F. Store Ship WANAKA arrived Sydney 5th August. Dutch Naval store ship SOEDOE, arrived and departed Thursday Island 5th due Merauke 6th H/T KATOOMBA departed Port Moresby 5th due Townsville 7th. (C.S.W.P.S.F. 061319Z to Admty.)
Exmouth Gulf, arrival 5th U.S.S. W.B. PRESTON. Fremantle 5th U.S. Seaplane Tender CHILDS. Sydney (N.S.W.) 5th U.S.S. PATHFINDER, GLENELG, TOWNSVILLE, ROCKHAMPTON, ARARAT. Port Moresby 4th F.S. LE TRIOMPHANT. Departed Port Moresby 4th COLAC for Townsville, Milne Bay 4th MANCOORA, WESTRALIA, U.S. destroyer DRAYTON for Cairns. (A.C.N.B. 061547Z to Admty. etc.)
- LEANDER, Navy No. 607. Ref. A.M. 020117. New Zealand
ACHILLES, Govt. concur that refit of LEANDER takes place
GAMBIA. in United States, if this cannot be done in U.K.
Admty. to take necessary action with B.A.D. Hoped
to make LEANDER seaworthy for voyage in approx.
three months.
2. On assumption that LEANDER would refit in U.K. following proposal was about to be forwarded in order to avoid ships' companies of both ACHILLES and LEANDER being unemployed for a considerable period. That ACHILLES ship's company recommission GAMBIA. On LEANDER's arrival in U.K. probably mid December she be paid off and ship's company recommission ACHILLES. Should it now be decided that LEANDER is to refit in U.S., it is proposed that same proposal be carried out and that she pays off on arrival in America and her ship's company proceeds to U.K. and recommissions ACHILLES.
3. Requested that GAMBIA be loaned to R.N.Z.N. and proceed to New Zealand observing that both ACHILLES and LEANDER are now out of action and it is considered most desirable R.N.Z.N. plays an active part in operations in South Pacific. (N.Z.N.B. 062307Z to Admty.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C. 061432B, 061450B.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Attacked.

Sub. attack
& sighting
summary.

For 24 hours to 1000/6.

Para. 1. Du. MANGKALIHAT in the Mozambique Channel
sunk in tow at 1800/1 (previously reported
torpedoed).

Para. 2. A/C sighted U/B on surface in the
Iceland Area.

Para. 3. A/C sighted U/B 160' W.N.W. of Ortegat
U/B which was on surface dived.
(D.D.I.C. 060900Z to Cominch.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

Biscay Area.

1. To provide a constant cover for our A/S Forces, and to assist in dealing with blockade-runners, Admty. have today asked C. in C. H.F. to place another 6-inch cruiser under the orders of C. in C. Plymouth so that, with SHEFFIELD and GLASGOW already detailed, there may always be one such cruiser in the Bay of Biscay; and BERMUDA will leave Scapa for this duty on about 11th August. C. in C. H.F. considers that the risks of this cruiser patrol have been under-assessed and that we cannot expect to maintain it for long without casualties.

Minelaying operation.

2. The S/M RUBIS returned to Portland today after laying mines on the 5th August off the Chaussee de Sein.

Enemy mines.

3. One mine, probably R type, was detonated by Sweepers in Lyme Bay today.

North Atlantic.

U/B sunk
23rd July.

4. Commandant, Moroccan Sea Frontier, reports that debris recovered from the U-Boat attacked by U.S.S. BADGER on July 23rd in 35.31 N. 28.42 W., indicates a positive kill. The boat is believed to have been U.613.

Mediterranean.

Guidonia..

5. At Admiralty request, the Air Ministry have given instructions that no attack is to be made on the aircraft research and experimental station at Guidonia, 14 miles E.N.E. of Rome, which has a considerable amount of valuable equipment which might fall into our hands.

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- FERNPLANT sabotage. 6. At 1500 today a double clamp mine was safely removed from the starboard bilge keel of Norwegian motor vessel FERNPLANT, which arrived at Haifa yesterday from Alexandretta. It is exactly similar to that removed from KAITUNA recently.
- Raid on Naples. 7. 51 Wellingtons dropped 92 tons of bombs on Naples docks and marshalling yards last night.
- Bizerta raid. 8. In an air raid on Bizerta last night, by over 30 enemy aircraft the SS. POSSUM was hit, the shore signal station had a near miss, and 12 naval ratings were injured. 3 enemy aircraft were destroyed and several damaged.
- G.T.X. 5. 9. A ship of Convoy G.T.X.5 was torpedoed this afternoon off Bone.
- FIRUZ. 10. French SS. FIRUZ (Axis control), which was torpedoed in the Black Sea, is now reported at Istanbul with damaged bow. RORQUAL has been informed.
- Attacks on Hospital Ships. 11. C. in C. Mediterranean has received a written report of a further case of deliberate attack on a hospital ship, the DORSETSHIRE, on 12th July off Cape Passero light, causing damage and casualties, and requests a protest.
- CONTRACTOR sunk. 12. The British SS. CONTRACTOR, in G.T.X.5 was sunk today off Bone by underwater explosion. Five of the crew are missing.

East Indies.

13. SS. UMVUMA (Br. 4419 tons), Durban for Mauritius, reported being torpedoed at about 1007B in 20.20 S. 57.14 E. The ship sank in five minutes.

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SITUATION REPORT.

China.

14. A deferred report from U.S. Air Forces shows that on 29th July, 33 planes bombed the Hong Kong - Kowloon area, causing extensive damage to ships and docks.

America and West Indies.

15. Two submarines were attacked by U.S. aircraft about 1800 in 39.32 N. 38.21 W., 310 miles W. of Flores. One is claimed as probably sunk and the other probably damaged. A Liberator A/C attacked a submarine at 1445 against gunfire in 27.55 N. 68.30 W., about 330 miles S.S.W. of Bermuda, and claims to have probably damaged it.

Australia and New Zealand.

16. An enemy force of 4 vessels, reported to include at least one cruiser and probably 3 destroyers, was attacked by 6 Allied destroyers in Vella Gulf shortly before midnight last night. The cruiser and 2 destroyers are reported definitely sunk and the other destroyer probably sunk. A Catalina over the area shortly after the action reported 4 fires apparently ashore at Vella Lavella, two causing explosions. Our destroyers suffered no losses.

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H.F. Your O20016B. Owing to (a) Present disposition of enemy forces and consequent need to provide cover for our A/S forces in the Bay. (b) The fact that the Blockade Running Season is about to re-open, it is considered necessary to maintain two 6-inch cruiser at Plymouth so that there is always one in the Bay. (2) SHEFFIELD is in dockyard hands for three weeks for defects and is to be followed by GLASGOW for a short refit of three weeks. (3) Request you will place another cruiser under orders of C. in C. Plymouth as soon as practicable. (V.C.N.S. O70124B to C. in C. H.F.)

Your O70124 and O41141. BERMUDA will be sailed from Scapa on completion of present duty about 11th August. (2) Whilst appreciating the arguments in favour of maintaining a cruiser patrol in the Bay area I feel that the risks attendant on such a patrol in a U-Boat infested area have been under-assessed and that we cannot expect to maintain it for long without casualties. (3) The essential difference between the present patrols and those originally designed for operation "Regulation" is that in "Regulation" areas of high U-Boat concentration were deliberately avoided, whereas now the cruisers duties make it necessary to enter them. (C. in C. H.F. O72307B to Admty.)

GOLDEN Admiralty's 101653B/July. H.M.D. GOLDEN NEWS NEWS. paid off a.m. today. (N.O.I.C. Brightlingsea, O71055 to Admty)

PORCHESTER Your O41020. PORCHESTER CASTLE and AVON are CASTLE, allocated to W.A. Command and will be based at AVON. Londonderry on completion of working up at Tobermory. (D.O.D.(H), O71231B to A.S. C.B.S.)

Escort Ships are allocated as follows: Groups. WANDERER to B.1, WESTCOTT to B.4, VIMY to B.5, VERSATILE to B.7, AIRE to Group 40, SENNEN to Group 44. (2) Base allocations are amended as follows: WESTCOTT to Londonderry, VIMY to Liverpool. (C. in C. W.A. O71510B)

Security Combined Chiefs of Staff have agreed that the Measure. following instructions should be issued to Commanders in Chief and to all Force Commanders. You are requested therefore, to give them appropriate dissemination within your command. Begins: Security measures to prevent leakages regarding future operations through prisoners of war; - The greatest care must be taken to ensure that, except in cases of absolute operational necessity, Officers non-commissioned Officers, or men who are aware of essential details of impending operations are not unnecessarily exposed to risk of being taken prisoners by taking

part /...

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Policy.

Security Measure. (Contd.) part in preliminary landing operations, or reconnaissance, or in flights over the battle zone. Ends.
(Head of M.11, 071748B)

Movements.

ORWELL Your 062042B. Arrived.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 070623B to R.A.D.)

A.F.D.34. My 041325B. Sailed.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 070946B)

S/M. UMBRA exercising off Plymouth in area D
Movements. between 1000 and 1330/7th.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 070954B)
N.O.I.C. Falmouth 070730. Request you will sail RUBIS escorted by CHASSEUR 12 to arrive Spithead 1230/8th.
(Capt. (S) 5, 071050B to N.O.I.C. Portland.)
Intend to sail RUBIS and CHASSEUR 12 for Portsmouth at 0630 tomorrow. E.T.A. Spithead 1230/8th.
(N.O.I.C. Portland, 071510B)
Positions of S/M's at 0800/8 and movements for following 24 hours.
(F.O.S.071639B, 072149B)
Your 311809/July approved with the exception of (B)
UNBENDING is not due to complete until Mid October, 1943 (approx.) ex trials and UNISON cannot be accepted at Devonport before UNBENDING completes.
(D.O.D.(H), 071935B to F.O.S.)
S.3's 031447B para. 3 as amended by S.3's 041419B sailed.
(SCEPTRE).
(S.O.S/M Lerwick, 072355B)

LONDON. Request you will proceed with LONDON to Scapa leaving Hvalfiord p.m. 8th.
(C. in C. H.F. 071146B to C.S.1)

BERMUDA. My P.C.S. 051 degs. 51' N. 028 degs. 10' W. 063 degs. 20' knots. (2) Will pass through 053 degs. 08' N. 024 degs. 05' W. at about 2230B today. Your 061245B refers. Can aircraft assist. (3) Request onward route.
(BERMUDA, 071401B to C. in C. W.A.)
Your 071401B. Regret weather unsuitable for aircraft. (2) Onward route through 057 degs. 59' N. 011 degs. 00' W. thence to Scapa.
(C. in C. W.A. 071803B to BERMUDA)

ILLUSTRIOUS, Proceed to Clyde, fuelling Moville if necessary.
SCORPION. (2) On arrival join ILLUSTRIOUS screen.
(C. in C. H.F. 071803B to SCORPION)

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Movements. - Contd.

*DOB 14/6/43
20/8/43
RANGER left Halifax for Scapa
Hall pm 11.43 am
11.43 am*

T.F.22. Task Force 22 consisting of RANGER, TUSCALOOSA, and one Division of Destroyers will leave Halifax about 10th August and proceed to Scapa to join the Home Fleet. AUGUSTA now at sea with T.A.54A will join Task Force 22 at sea and proceed with it to Scapa.
(A.C.N.S.(H), 071946B to C. in C. W.A.)

ADVENTURE. My 061259B sailed.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 071949B to F.O.I.C. Milford Haven.)

BELFAST. E.T.A. in BELFAST at 0550B.
Cannot decypher 071402.
(C.S.10, 072251B to A.C.O.S.)

Operations.

Operation "Musketry". Have obtained A.S.V. contact.
(A/C. 462 Sqdn. Duty E. T.O.R.070042 to 19 Group)
E.T.A. position of aircraft S.O.S. in 044 degs. 30' N. 009 degs. 50' W. is 0330B.
(E.G.40. 070230B to C. in C. Plymouth)

4 Planes 190 degs. 45 Degs. N. 11 degs. W. 08.40.
(A/C. HLMPA, 071009B to Whitehall W/T.)

My 1009. Enemy has retired. Friendly aircraft present.
(HASTINGS, 071023B)
C. in C. W.A. 051959B. Concur.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 071305B to Admty)
Over dinghy with 3 aircrew position 45 degs. 25' N. 09 degs. 25' W.
(A/C JGIP of 27 Sqdn. 071445 to 19 Group)
Disposition at 2000. (1) HASTINGS 047 degs. 14' N. 010 degs. 20' W. bound Plymouth 13 knots. (2) LANDGUARD, BIDEFORD in vicinity 045 degs. 25' N. 009 degs. 30' W. (3) SATYR in vicinity 047 degs. 00' N. 005 degs. 00' W. (4) SEANYMPH 045 degs. 40' N. 007 degs. 00' W. Southbound. (5) SYRTIS 046 degs. 22' N. 007 degs. 00' W. Southbound, daily advance 90 - 93 miles. (6) SEADOG 046 degs. 20' N. 006 degs. 30' W. Southbound, daily advance 90 - 93 miles. (C. in C. Plymouth, 071640B to Admty)
One enemy A/C shadowing, bearing 090 degs. distance 1. Position 45 degs. 29' N. 09 degs. 42' W.
(E.G.40. 071940 to Whitehall W/T.)
Aircraft S shot down into sea By F.W. 48 degs. (? 25' 37') N. 07 degs. 40' W.
(A/C. 9 Sqdn. Duty B. 072115B to St. Eval)
Have met ship.
(A/C. 53 Sqdn. Duty P. 072155 to 19 Group)

Operation S.F. Faeroes arrival MUSKETEER, MAHRATTA.
(N.O.I.C. Faeroes, 070745B to C. in C. Rosyth etc)

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Operation S.F. (Contd.) METEOR, ORIBI arrived Faeroes. (N.O.I.C. Faeroes, 071045B)
My 051553. S.O. 15th M/S.F. proceeding with 15th M/S.F. less BEAUMARIS arriving 062 degs. 53' N. 014 degs. 10' W. at 0600B/9th. (2) On sailing act under orders of C. in C. Rosyth. (C. in C. H.F. 071204B to M/S.15.)
Your 071204B para. 3. Intend sailing 1400B/8th. (M/S. 15, 071720B to C. in C. H.F.)
Operation S.F. Destroyers intercepting or receiving enemy reports made by aircraft are always to re-transmit them as received on 1570 K/Cs by 1 method preferably to Scapa Wireless Station to expedite (A) Reception of A.C.H.Q. (B) Reception by other destroyers. (C. in C. Rosyth, 071756B to H.F.)

Coastal Force Patrols. A. M.L.292, 343 Anti E-Boat patrol from 2315 to 0445 on 50 degs. 25' N. between 00 degs. 40' W. and 01 degs. 10' W. They are not to leave the searched channel until receipt of signal "Proceed to Patrol" in order to keep clear of movement in para.2. B. BLEASDALE, CHASSEUR V immediate notice St. Helens. C. M.G.B.13, 6, 8 or M.L's. 208, 122, 233 from Portland Anti E-Boat patrol on 50 degs. 20' N. between 02 degs. 00' W. and 02 degs. 25' W. (2) WOOLSTON, WALLACE, VICEROY, Eastbound pass 10 miles south of St. Catherines about 2130 and join Q.Z.S. 385 at C.3 buoy. (3) If BLEASDALE is ordered to "Proceed to Patrol" she is to sail from St. Helens so as to patrol near C.3 buoy from 0500 until ordered to return. (C. in C. Portsmouth, 071455B and 071605B)
(1) Force C. CONQUEROR and M.L.s 491, 304, 159 are to patrol 3 miles 090 and 270 from 096 Start 19. (2) Force D. M.G.B.s 111, 75, 115 are to patrol in vicinity of 195 Start 17. (3) Force E. M.G.B's 312, 322, 329 are to patrol in vicinity of 180 Eddystone 8. (4) Forces are to leave Dartmouth to be on patrol 2230B. Leave patrol 0530B for Dartmouth. (C. in C. Plymouth, 071506B)
M.Ls.142 and 137 at Bullock Bank.
M.T.Bs. 203, 235, 240 and M.G.Bs. 117, 114 and 108 patrolling at Berck Buoy. Route via number 10 Buoy each way. E.T.D. 2230, E.T.R. 0615/8.
M.G.Bs. S.1 and 43 from Dover, E.T.D. 2215 and M.A.S.B's 32 and 29 from Ramsgate E.T.D. 2230 at 'V' buoy. E.T.R. Dover 0515/8. E.T.R. Ramsgate 0500/8.
M.Ls. 104, 101, 108, 107, 210, 213, 128, 573 carrying out operation N.L.96 route via Dumpton and 'U' buoys each way. E.T.D. 2130. E.T.R. 0730/8.
(V.A. Dover, 071752B)
Your 072027B. Return to Harbour. (C. in C. Plymouth, 072144B to Force D.)
Your 071506B. Tug. PORTER and TALBOT returned to Harbour owing to weather. (N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 072308B to C. in C. Plymouth)

Operation "Gearbox" (KAPP 1) Your 071940 July and N.O.I.C.Lerwick 141755 July. Request following may be indicated. (1) Size of crew required. (2) Rank of C.O. desired. (3) /...

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Operation "Gearbox" (KAPP 1) (Contd.) (3) Anticipated length of absence of vessel from Lerwick. (A.C.O.S. 071536B to Admty.)

S/M Patrols. Positions of submarines at 0800/8 and movements for following 24 hours. (A) TRUANT, MINERVE, THRASHER, SATYR as in my 061727. (E) ULA escorted by LOCH MONTEITH off Stronsay for Lerwick E.T.A. 1500/8. Leaves Lerwick 2100/8 unescorted probably on the surface through 090 degs Muckle Flugga 5 miles thence towards patrol position vicinity 63 degs. 28' N. 01 degs. 10' E. (F) UPSTART vicinity Outer Skerries unescorted probably on the surface through 090 degs. Muckle Flugga 10 miles thence towards patrol position vicinity 64 degs. 40' N. 03 degs. 25' W. (G) SEADOG 46 degs. 01' N. 05 degs. 40' W. dived by day to patrol area between latitudes 46 degs. 05' N. and 45 degs. 20' N. and longitudes 05 degs. 00' W. and 03 degs. 30' W. (H) SYRTIS 45 degs. 40' N. 06 degs. 30' W. dived by day to patrol area between latitudes 45 degs. 40' N. 45 degs. 00' N. and longitudes 05 degs. 20' W. and 05 degs. 50' W. (J) SEANYMPH 44 degs. 55' N. 06 degs. 45' W. dived by day to patrol area bounded by parallel of 45 degs. 00' N. and line 075 degs. through 44 degs. 25' N. 05 degs. 00' W. and longitudes of 05 degs. 00' W. and 03 degs. 00' W. (F.O.S. 071639B to Admty.)

Exercises.

MEYNELL. MEYNELL and M.G.B's carrying out night encounter exercises V.3A and 3 C buoy 2230B to 2330B - star shells will be fired. (C. in C. Nore, 071922B to S.E. E.C.C.D.)

Enemy Air Activity.

Spitzbergen. From 1st August to 7th August one (? patrol) plane has passed early every morning except on 5th August. ("Locomotive", 071843Z to Admty.)

Jan Mayen. Following from Jan Mayen. Aircraft heard 0715 North of Island. T.O.O.030900. (A.C.I.C. 072220B)

Mining.

F.N.44. (RUBIS) CHASSEUR 12 sailed 0544/7 to R/V RUBIS in 180 degs. Lizard 12 at 0630/7, thence to Portland E.T.A. 1930/7. (F.O.I.C. Falmouth, 070730B) Para. 1, 4 groups 8 mines laid between position 047 degs. 50.5' N. 004 degs. 58' W. and 047 degs. 49.5' /...

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- F.N.44 49.5' N. 005 degs. 01' W. Para. 2, date of
(RUBIS) laying 5th August. Para. 3, position accurate
(Contd.) to within 2 miles.
 (RUBIS, 072205B to Admty. F.O.S.)
 Your 070730B. Arrived 2134.
 (F.O.I.C.Portland, 072225B to F.O.I.C. Falmouth)
- S.N.74. R.A.M's 040920B para. E. Suggest you arrange
 this, vide my 111505B July.
 (C. in C. Rosyth, 071041B to C. in C. W.A.)
 A.C.W.A's 061545. Alternative 4 B is acceptable.
(2) A.C.W.A. is requested to sail destroyers detailed to
Scapa.
(C. in C. H.F. 071144B to Admty.)
 A.C.I.C. pass R.A.(M)'s 040920 to C.S.1, NORFOLK, IMPULSIVE,
and KENT on arrival. C. in C. H.F. pass R.A.(M)'s 040920
to MIDDLETON. IMPULSIVE and MIDDLETON are to proceed from
Hvalfiord to R/V with R.A.(M) in 063 degs. 25' N. 022 degs.
05' W. at 1200B/14th August. (2) NORFOLK is to proceed to
cover the mine-laying while East of mine-barrier, returning
Hvalfiord when detached by R.A.(M). (3) On completion of duties
in para. 1 IMPULSIVE and MIDDLETON return to Hvalfiord.
IMPULSIVE then proceeds Scapa after refuelling.
 (C. in C. H.F. 071154B to R.A.M.)
 Sailed SCOTT.
 (TRELAWNEY, 071706B)
- Q.U.14. Carry out the following operation tonight.
 (1) Operation Q.U.14. 51st M.L.F. with close
 escort of 12th M.G.B's. (2) Route via No.4
 buoy, R.B.16, thence to laying position,
returning via R.B.30. S.O. to detach Gunboats after passing
this position. M.L. to return to Harwich.
(C. in C. Nore, 071100B and 071200B to MANTIS, MIDGE.)
- Iceland. Following sections of my 311524 July have been
 completed to date. Details.
 All results negative.
 (A.C.I.C. 071446B to C. in C. H.F.)
- Q.Z.X.1056. Areas of Q.Z.X. 1056 now swept bounded by
 (A) 50 degs. 12' 51" N. 03 degs. 28' 24" W.
 (B) 50 degs. 03' 06" N. 03 degs. 38' 00" W.
 (C) 50 degs. 07' 18" N. 03 degs. 15' 42" W.
 No mines encountered.
 (PROSPECT, 072131B to C. in C. Plymouth)
- M/S.F.18. Anchored in Brixham Roads. HOUND has rejoined.
 Swept 6 laps with 2 ships today. Areas
 enclosed by lines joining following positions
 now clear. (1) 50 degs. 23' 48". 03 degs. 01'
54". (2) 50 degs. 24' 12" 02 degs. 58' 20". (3) 50 degs. 20'
00". 02 degs. 55' 50". (4) 50 degs. 19' 28". 02 degs. 59'
12". 1 mine probably R detonated in sweep in 50 degs. 21'

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Mining.

M/S.F.18.
(Contd.)

28", 02 degs. 57' 37". Intend sailing 0700 tomorrow with HOUND, HYDRA and 4 Danlayers to resume operations returning Dartmouth at end of day.
(M.S.F. 18, 072234B to C. in C. Plymouth)

Enemy Intelligence.

GRAF
ZEPPELIN.

GRAF ZEPPELIN observed Stettin July 28th was reported to be fuelling from oil lighters during night. Graded C.2.
(N.A. Stockholm, 071747 to Admty.)

Navigational.

Ice R/C.

My 061117B. In view of weather reports sailing has been postponed 24 hours.
A.C.I.C. agrees.
(C.S.1 071830B to C. in C. H.F.)

Casualties and Defects.

HUNTER.

Arrived HUNTER.
(N.O.I.C. Liverpool, 070815B to C. in C. W.A.)

Cable
Repair.

Intend sailing VIZALMA 1600B/7th August in accordance with C. in C. W.A. 062018Z. E.T.A. 2000B/11th.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 071050B)
My 071050B. Sailed.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 071637B)

AIMWELL,
LARIAT.

A.M.061559 re AIMWELL rescue tug. In accordance with A.M. 231307 work on ventilation has been commenced. Ship is now being docked on August 9th for examination of stern tube and if found necessary the withdrawal of tail shaft. This will entail 5 - 6 days in dock, and is considered necessary. A.M. 061559 cannot be complied with unless Admiralty will accept. (A) The ship proceeding without trials. (B) Without examination referred to above. (C) Without cleaning bottom. (D) Without inclining experiment. Even if Admiralty agree to the above it is very doubtful whether repairs etc. can be brought forward in time to meet sailing requirements. Very early instructions are requested.
(F.O.I.C. Glasgow, 071115 to Admty.)
Your 071031B. F.O.I.C. Glasgow's 071115 refers.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 071647B to F.O.I.C. Milford Haven.)
A.M.061559. Request earliest dates AIMWELL and LARIAT can be made ready for sea.
(Capt. Rescue Tugs, 071840B to F.O.I.C. Glasgow, F.O.I.C. Cardiff)

Your /...

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LARIAT.
(Contd.)

Your 071840B. My 071115 refers. Reply will be made after examination of stern tube next week. This examination is necessary in consequence of reported loss of grease from stern-tubes. (F.O.I.C. Glasgow, 071959 to Admty.)

OBERON.

OBERON taken in hand 7th August, Glasgow for conversion of type 286 W to type 291 W. Estimated completion date 13th August ex trials for which not more than two days will be required (F.O.I.C. Glasgow, 071549 to Admty.)

NORD
ATLANTIC.

0837 Carmarinas Bay. Sighted with binoculars. Details. (A/C. 0/58. No. T.O.O. to Admty. Recd. 071910)

PATRIE.

Following from PATRIE. Begins. "Have put into Newhaven with engine defects. Condenser trouble". (N.O.I.C. Newhaven, 072100B to C. in C. Portsmouth)

Shipping and Convovs.

MAURETANIA.

MAURETANIA is due Liverpool about 11/8. (2) Following are approximate numbers of personnel on board. Total 5072. (3) Above personnel will disembark 12.8. (4) Vessel will remain in Liverpool for approximately 14 days for boiler cleaning. She should be ready to sail about 26/8. (D.S.T. 070225B)

Destination changed to Liverpool. Acknowledge and report E.T.A. Bar Light Vessel. (D.O.D.(H), 071954B to MAURETANIA) E.T.A. Bar Light Vessel 1800B/11th. (MAURETANIA, 072030Z to Admty.)

A.T.57.
T.A.57.

AQUITANIA is due Clyde a.m. 11/8. Following personnel will disembark 11/8. Total 7199. (2) Approximately 2500 personnel including 2000 German P.O.W. will embark at Tail of the Bank 16/8. (3) Vessel should be ready to sail from Clyde as Convoy T.A. 57 p.m. 16/8. (D.S.T.070234B)

M.K.F.20.

Intercept 0238 G.M.T. DE WANDERER. AAAA. Bombs struck fore?. (Humber Radio, 070440 to Immingham)

H.X.250.

Detach BISCAYA and BRUARFOSS forthwith to Iceland (C) escorted by BAYNTUN. (2) A.C.I.C. is requested to sail BAYNTUN on completion to Belfast. (C. in C. W.A. 070808Z to Escorts H.X.250) F.N. 94A/.

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- F.N.94A. To expedite the turn-round of ships employed on channel convoys, it is intended to sail ships as a special 7-knot convoy on arrival at B.2 buoy a.m. 8th. Ship's ex C.E.197 capable of maintaining 8 knots will sail with F.N.94 (F). Convoy will consist of about 10 ships for Tyne area ports and be known as F.N.94 A with codeword "Delta". Escorts: WOOLSTON (S.O) VICEROY. Time of Departure from B.2 buoy about 1000B/8th. (C. in C. Nore, 071125B)
- U.R. U.R. arrived.
(N.C.S.O. Iceland, 071130B to Admty.)
- S.D.43. My 1200B position 060 degs. 43' N. 013 degs. 53' W. S.O.A. reduced to 11½ knots by moderate gale. Your 071121B. SALADIN detached.
(SHIKARI, 071230Z to C. in C. W.A.)
- AMSTERDAM, Intend sailing loaded transports AMSTERDAM and PRAGUE. PRAGUE from Cromarty 2329B/10th, 17 knots, standard routes to 058 degs. 56' 30" N. 002 degs. 25' 30" W. where AMSTERDAM parts company for Kirkwall. E.T.A. 0559B/11. PRAGUE 5 miles East of Fair Isle. E.T.A. Lerwick, 1030B/11th.
(N.O.I.C. Invergordon, 071245B to C. in C. Rosyth.)
- Sloops Admiralty's 061734 which has been passed to N.O.I.C. for Greenock and Capt. (D) Greenock. (1) (A) Propose Slow A/A sloops operating on slow convoys should proceed to Plymouth between convoys in which case 3 sloops should suffice for this commitment. (B) Intend following allocations O.S.53, REDPOLE. O.G.92, CYGNET. O.S.54 CRANE.
- Convoys. (2) (A) PHEASANT is under repair and WHIMBREL is not due home till the end of August. (B) Propose CHANTICLEER join third group temporarily to escort K.M.F.22.
(C. in C. W.A. 071252B to Admty.)
- LEONID F.N.95. LEONID KRASIN for New York, thence KRASIN. Vladivostok. Government cargo.
(N.C.S.O. Hull, 071439B to N.O.I.C. Humber.)
- O.S. 53/ Name of Ship PETERSON, Freetown. TYNEMOUTH, K.M.S.23. Freetown. TIGRE (Nor.) Alexandria. ELIZABETH MASSEY, Gibraltar. EMPIRE RAIN, Algiers. FANAD HEAD, Bone. GREATHOPE, Algiers/Oran. ALRESFORD, Gibraltar, ENGLISH MONARCH, Freetown NORTHLEIGH, Phillipeville. FACTO (Nor.), Algiers.
(N.C.S.O. Belfast, 071616B to C. in C. W.A.)

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K.M.F.22. W.S.33.	Convoy K.M.F. 22 in company with ships for W.S.33 will leave U.K. on 16th August. (2) Composition as follows read in 4 Columns. Sail from. Ship. Speed. Destination.
	Mersey ORONTES 17 Algiers for orders.
	MONARCH OF BERMUDA 17 India.
	TEGELBERG 16 India.
	GLENARTNEY 17 India.
	EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA 16½ Egypt
	ORDUNA 14 East and South Africa.
Clyde.	ARUNDEL 18½ Egypt
	CASTLE MARNIX VAN ST. ALDEGONDE 14 Algiers for orders.
	DURBAN CASTLE 17 Algiers for orders.
	DUCHESS OF BEDFORD 17½ Algiers for orders.
	OTRANTO 17½ Algiers for orders.
	ORMONDE 15 Algiers.
	DUCHESS OF RICHMOND 17½ Algiers.
	INDRAPOERA 15 Algiers.
	CAMERONIA 15 Gibraltar.
	RUYS 16½ India.
	ANTENOR 14 West Africa.
	BOISSEVAIN 17 West Africa.
	JOHANN DE WITT 14½ West Africa.

(3) ARUNDEL CASTLE will embark at Avonmouth on 13th August and is to be sailed to Clyde 14th August for convoy Conference.
 (4) DUCHESS OF RICHMOND, INDRAPOERA and ORMONDE, after discharge at Algiers will proceed to West Africa in company with ANTENOR, JOHANN DE WITT and BOISSEVAIN as Convoy W.S.33. (5) ANTENOR, JOHANN DE WITT and BOISSEVAIN are to be held at Gibraltar or other port as directed by C. in C. Med., until DUCHESS OF RICHMOND, INDRAPOERA and ORMONDE join. (6) CAMERONIA will return to U.K. with M.K.F. 22. (7) Escort will be provided by:
 (a) SHROPSHIRE, who will part company as directed to proceed to Freetown en route to Australia; (b) CHANTICLEER, BARLE, WRESTLER, USK, ETTRICK, NARBADA to Algiers, returning with M.K.F.22.
 (c) WESTON, TOTLAND, and BANN to Gibraltar proceeding thence with W.S.33. (8) S.O. of A/S escort in CHANTICLEER.
 (9) WESTON and TOTLAND are to join command of F.O.C.W.Af.
 (10) F.O.C.W.Af. is requested to arrange onward passage of BANN to Cape. (11) Admiralty will promulgate route. (13) C. in C. W.A. is requested to arrange sailing of all ships as requisite.
 (D.O.D.(H), 071745B)

B.B. Convoys abolished. B.B. Convoys will be abolished with U.K. bound convoys sailing from overseas assembly ports after August 12th and ships for Bristol Channel and ports to the Southward are to be routed

direct /...

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- B.B. direct to Milford Haven, Swansea or Barry Roads
Convoys for onward routeing. (2) The local escort for
abolished. Bristol Channel portion will join from
(Contd.) Londonderry at the same time as the escort for
the Liverpool Section. (3) The Bristol Channel
portion on detaching from the Liverpool section
at K one Buoy is to add the suffix B.M. i.e. S.C.
- 133 B.M. (4) Ships for Bristol Channel in the fast section if
detached are to proceed independently from 7 degs. W. (5) All
ships in convoy for Bristol Channel are to be warned that
they may be diverted to Belfast at short notice.
(D.T.D. 071958B to C. in C. W.A.)
- O.N.S.15. O.N.S.15 sailing telegram (A) 1730/7th (C) B.3
TOWY, H/F, D/F, KEPPEL H/F D/F, NARCISSUS,
ORCHIS, RENONCULE, LOBELIA, ACONIT additional
A/S escort and rescue work LADY MADELINE and
NORTHERN SKY. (D) 44.
(C. in C. W.A. 072041Z)
- FRANCONIA, QUALICUM and FRANCONIA sail in company, E.T.A.
K.M.S.20. Oversay 2300B/8th. Escort have sufficient fuel
to reach Liverpool. E.T.A. Bar Light Vessel 1600
B/9th.
(ILFRACOMBE, 072200B to C. in C. W.A.)
- My 062228B. Ships for Loch Ewe are to proceed unescorted from
008 degs. W. FRANCONIA and remaining ships of M.K.S. 20
are to proceed independently from 007 degs. W.
(C. in C. W.A. 072252B to Escorts M.K.S.20)

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- T.O.7. Sailed (?ESSO PATERSON).
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 070131 to C.M.S.F.F. (R)
Admty. etc.)
- VULCANIA. Sailed from Gibraltar 0712 G.M.T. 7th August.
(S.B.N.O.VULCANIA 070715 to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar,
Admty.)
- BOREAS. Add new para. 6 to my 060943. BOREAS sailing
Casablanca 0900/7th direct to Gibraltar 25.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 070813B.)
- NORD ATLANTIC My 1415/6th. German tanker NORD ATLANTIC from
sunk. Vigo bound Ferrol touched shoal off Cape Villano
was towed by fishing boat into Camarinas Bay where
she sank in shallow water. Crew put ship on fire
before leaving her. Total loss.
(Guyatt, Coruna 070945 to D.N.I.)
- K.M.S.22. Intend sailing GRAND QUEVILLY, Army stores Cran.
TIVVIVES unknown PALERMO ANGALO explosives Malta.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 071037B to F.Os.I.C.)
- SATURNIA, Destroyer should R/V at 0200B August 9th C. in C.
VULCANIA. Med. 061238 refers (SATURNIA and VULCANIA to
proceed to Taranto). 2. E.T.A. Taranto 0330B
August 11th.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 071056B to C. in C.Med.)
See also Mediterranean.
- SCYLLA. Part company on convoy passing south of St. Vincent
and proceed to Gibraltar with all convenient des-
patch.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 071130B to SCYLLA, (R) Admty.
C. in C.Med. Ships escorting K.M.S.22.)
- Dispositions. Situation at 2001B/7th.
1. P.42 (UNBROKEN) sailing Gibraltar 1130/8th
through 035° 53' 019° 15' at 1700/8th thence 308°
on the surface 9.
2. LOCH OSKAIG, MARIE LOUISE MACKAY, repairing cable vicinity
037° 21' 009° 17'.
3. T.O.7, C.T.G. 21.4, 037° 02' 009° 03' through 034° 01' 010°
01' thence 246° 13½.
4. O.G.91, K.M.S.22, HIGHLANDER, SCYLLA 035° 11' 011° 14' through
035° 01' 010° 03' to Gibraltar 7½. SCYLLA parts company
approximately 1100 and proceeds Gibraltar 23.
5. 2 Swedish relief ships 035° 34' 010° 13' to Gibraltar 13.
6. Ships escorting G.U.S.11, C.T.F. 63 passing Europa Point
1300/8th through G.K.A. 37 thence 240° 9.

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Dispositions. 7. C.G. 54, VELOX sail (?Casablanca) 1900/7th
(Contd.) through 035° 44' 006° 28' to Gibraltar 12.
8. WITHERINGTON sails Gibraltar 0630/8th through
Q.K.A. 87 thence 262° 17.
(F.O.Gibraltar 071140B.)

To my 071140* add new para. 9. Group B.5 (E) 038° 02' 012° 30'
through 036° 10' 012° 30' thence 095° 12.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 071548B.) *Situation report.
Situation 1959B/7.

2. S.L. 134, ROCHESTER 029° 36' 012° 22' through 030° 01' 012°
01' thence 027° 7.
4. M.K.S. 20, PELICAN, CHARYBDIS, 040° 36' 019° 01' through 043°
01' 019° 01' thence 016° 13.
5. Fleet Unit STALKER, TEVIOT 038° (?10') 015° 01' through 037°
01' 015° 01' thence 112° 15.
7. SS. MAURETANIA 033° 35' 015° 01' through 034° 01' 015° 01'
and 037° 01' 019° 01' thence 000° 21.
8. WARWICK, VIMY 040° 17' 015° 01' through 037° 01' 015° 01'
thence 112° 15.
(F.O.Gibraltar 071144B.)
Situation 2002B/7.
U.S.Naval Force T.G. 21.13 patrolling vicinity Azores.
2. U.G.S. 13, C.T.F. 64, C.T.G. 21.1, 035° 36' 028° 50' 095° 9.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 071150B.)

RAMILLIES, WITHERINGTON will R/V in position X. 035° 24' N.
Escort 010° 12' W. at 2000B August 8th to act as
Carriers, additional escort to carriers.
Destroyers. 2. On arrival position E. RAMILLIES escorted by
INCONSTANT, QUALITY, BRILLIANT is to part company
and proceed Casablanca through Q.B.A. 102.
3. Carriers onward route from E. through F. 035°
47' N. 006° 25' W. and Q.B.A. 87 to Gibraltar.
4. Paravanes are to stream as convenient before crossing 007° W.
(F.O.Gibraltar 071148B to BATTLER, STALKER, ATTACKER, VIMY,
RAMILLIES, TEVIOT, HELFORD, PLYM, WARWICK, INCONSTANT, QUALITY,
BRILLIANT, (R) C.M.S.F. Admty. F.O.C.W.Af. ROEBUCK, C. in C.Med.)

Battleship Concur escort situation at Gibraltar will be eased
Escort. if West African escorts can escort battleships to
Gibraltar.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 071230B to F.O.C.W.Af. (R) Admty
C. in C.Med. (M. and A).)

B.5. Your 071028B (N.T. in W.D.) P.C. and S. at 1200B/7
039° 39' N. 012° 32' W. 180° 12 knots. Check
and repeat position G.E. Weather report.
(S.O.Escort Group B.5 071231B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar
(R) C.M.S.F. etc.)

AKKA, Your 061630B. (Intend to sail AKKA and YARRAWONGA
YARRAWONGA. 0700/13th August unless otherwise instructed.)
Concur in proposed sailing date.
(Hd. of M.I. 071359B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R)
C. in C.Med. C. in C.Levant, V.A.Malta.)

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TALLY HO. Arrival.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 071503B to Admty.)
TALLY HO patrol summary.
18th/20th July, passage in Irish Sea escorted by
WHITE BEAR. 21st/22nd, passage to area J. 3. 23rd/29th, patrol
at Eastern end of J.3. Blank. Patrol at Western end of J.3.
25th, 0809, sighted U-Boat course about 090, speed 16 knots in
45.50 05.17 range 9000 yards. No attack. 1158 sighted U-Boat
in 45.54 05.18 course 230° 9 knots range 6000 yards, U-Boat seen
to dive before attack could be completed. 26th/28th, patrol in
same position as on 25th, blank. 29th patrol in 45.10 04.00. 0935
sighted upper works of three torpedo boats or destroyers bearing
360 range 6 miles. 30th, 0338, sighted wake of U-Boat in 45.05
05.17. Enemy course and speed 095° 16 knots. Wake disappeared
before TALLY HO could turn on to attacking course. 31st July/1st
August, passage to Gibraltar blank.
(S.O.S. Gibraltar 071634B to F.O.S.)

WARWICK,
VIMY. If not in company with convoy "Henbane" report
forthwith P.C. and S.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 071602B to WARWICK, VIMY, (R)
Admty. etc.)

BARBETTE. My 162025B July. BARBETTE is allocated for boom
maintenance at Takoradi. Request she may be
sailed as convenient.
(D.B.D. 071614B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.)

BORGHOLM. BORGHOLM is to return to Lisbon earliest proceeding
Territorial waters during dark hours, anchoring
close inshore during daylight.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 071630B to British Consul
Oporto, (R) N.C.S.O. Lisbon, Admty. C. in C.Med.)

BADGER, For O.P. 16 - Z. Debris recovered from U-Boat
attack on U/B. attacked by U.S.S. BADGER on July 23rd in 35.31 N.
28.42 W. includes locker paneling from officers'
quarters, clothing, bedding. Positive kill
indicated. Boat believed U.613 from marking of
pieces. This material being forwarded by courier.
(C.M.S.F. 071655B to V.C.N.O. D.N.I. (R) Comnavnaw, D.N.I. Admty.
(for N.I.D.I. P.W.) S.O.(I) Med. D.N.I.Ottawa, S.O.(I) Gibraltar.)

Movements Arrival trawlers IMPERIALIST, LORD HOTHAM, B.Y.M.S.
Gibraltar. 65, 66, 67, 185, H.D.M.L. 1292, M.L. 337, 340, 308,
579, Dutch Rescue Tug ANTIC.
(F.O.C.Gib. 071838B to Admty. etc.)
Arrivals JONQUIL from escort duties Melilla,
BOREAS from Casablanca, U.S. Ships BIBB, INGHAM, WHIPPLE, ALDEN,
J.D.EDWARDS, PIONEER THREAT from Casablanca.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 072241B to Admty.)

VELOX, Departures VELOX, BOREAS for Gibraltar August 7
BOREAS. warships.
(C.M.S.F.F. 072132B to C. in C.Med.)

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RANGITIKI. Ref. A.M. 311659B July. RANGITIKI will not now arrive Freetown in time to be included in proposed convoy. Only DEMPO will therefore be available from West Africa except for (a) any space which may be left available from South Africa in DOMINION MONARCH and AORANGI. P.S.T.O. Capetown should advise. (b) accommodation which will be available in RANGITIKI when she sails from Freetown in a S.L. convoy on the unescorted basis. (D. of S.T. 070256B to F.O.C.W.Af. D.S.T.O. W.Af. (R) P.S.T.O. Capetown.)

FERNHILL torpedoes at 2150/6 in 07° 07' N. 19° 48' W. Catalina sighted five lifeboats 35 survivors at 0833/7. (F.O.C.W.Af. 071041Z to Admty.) Norwegian ship FERNHILL torpedoes 6th August about 400 miles W.S.W. of Freetown. (S.O.(I) Freetown 071240 to Admty.)

FERNHILL (torp. 6th August.)

RESOLUTION, REVENGE, etc. Your 061830 confirmed. (C. in C.S.A. 071109B to F.O.C.W.Af. (R) Admty. R.A.3, B.N.L.O. Pointe Noire.) Your 071109. Route and times given in your 042207 indicates Force Q will take 38 hours to cover a distance of 250 miles. S.O.A. is given as 12½ knots. To enable air escort to be arranged request clarification. (F.O.C.W.A. 071609Z to C. in C.S.A. (R) Admty. S.O. Force Q, B.N.L.O. Pointe Noire.)

Dispositions. Situation at 1959Z/7th. ABERDEEN, ARMERIA, COMMANDANT DETROYAT, ST. WISTAN, PORTSDOWN, COPINSAY, DUNCTON with T.S.49, 004° 58' 009° 44' 301° 6¼. BEAGLE, BULLDOG, DOUGLAS, KALE, TAY, DERG with W.S. 32, 004° 12' 004° 18' 082° 13. F.S. PRESIDENT HOUDUCE, M.L. 244, 287 with L.M. 3, 002° 29' S. 009° 27' E. 145° 8½. M.L. 266 off Port Boust, M.L. 1078 off Lome. FRISO about 008° 00' 016° 05' 250° to 007° 02' 019° 48' 14. M.L. 1052 off Kotonu, INKPEN about 009° 45' 017° 45' proceeding to 007° 02' 019° 48' 10. WELLINGTON, GORLESTON, LOWESTOFT, FOLKESTONE, BRIDGEWATER, EXE with (P.O.S.) S. 52, 007° 33' 013° 39' to 006° 52' 012° 00' thence 124° 8. (F.O.C.W.A. 071114Z.) Situation 2000Z/7th August. F.S. DUGUAY-TROUIN 035° 05' 021° 20' R.9 to Capetown 18. CARNARVON CASTLE 034° 45' 022° 40' to Capetown 16½. NORTHERN ISLE, NORWICH CITY, SONNEBLUM with C.D. 30 (2 ships) and REDSHANK 033° 45' 027° 05' coastal to Durban 8. ST. ZENO, WELLARD, BLAAUWBERG with D.C. 38 (4 ships) 033° 45' 027° 20' coastal to Capetown 8. CERES 028° 40' 033° 50' to Durban 15. ROCKROSE, FRITILLARY, JASMINE with B.C. 3 (3 ships) and M.C.8 (4 ships) 024° 40' 035° 20' coastal to Durban 8.

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Dispositions. GENISTA, ARCTIC EXPLORER, NORTHERN CHIEF, LADY
(Contd.) ROSEMARY with D.N. 55 (5 ships) 028° 15' 035° 40'
to 028° 00' 038° 00' 8.
DURBAN 025° 50' 039° 30' to 022° 20' 041° 15' 16½.
DESPATCH, REDOUBT 028° 05' 042° 45' to Durban 18.
(C. in C.S.A. 071134B.)
Situation at 2001Z/7th.
BARKING 010° 28' 016° 27' 124° 5.
B.Y.M.S. and M.M.S. 100, 101, 104, 108, 008° 31' 013° 34' 301° 8½.
CROCUS, SOUTHERN GEM, PICT, DUNKERY, escorting 013° 31' 017° 38'
7 to Dakar.
FANDANGO, YESTOR, screening LADY DENISON PENDER about 013° 00' 017°
20'.
(R.A.W.A.F. 071211Z.)

Convoy Sailing telegram. 2. 0730Z/7th August. 3. Knots 8.
O.S.S. 52. 4. List for Takoradi and Lagos. 5. (Route).
In addition to those given in para. 4 the
following ships ex P.O. S.J. 52 will R/V in
position Z. at 1100 G.M.T. 7th August and proceed
with H.S.S. 52. SOBO, SILVER MAPLE, DEIDO, LA PAMPA, BELGIAN
AIRMAN, and FORT LAC LA RONGE for Takoradi 12th August. SILVERTEAK
and JENNY for Lagos 13th August.
(N.C.S.O. Freetown 071401Z to Admty.)

CROCUS. Intend CROCUS to return to U.K. with S.L. 135
for refit.
(F.O.C.W.A. 071511Z to Admty.)

Movements Departures 0730Z/7th August WELLINGTON, GORLESTON,
Freetown. LOWESTOFT, FOLKESTONE, EXE, BRIDGEWATER with O.S.S.
52.
(S.O.(I) Freetown 071521Z to R.N.O.Lagos, N.O.I.C.
Takoradi.)
My 071521 August. O.S.52. add, SOUTHERN PRIDE and SNOWDROP.
(S.O.(I) Freetown 072033Z.)
Arrivals a.m. 7th August, FOWEY, MYCOSOTIS, MALLOW, CAMPION,
FRISO, BERRY, STONECROP with O.S.52.
(S.O.(I) Freetown 071522Z to Admty. etc.)

B.Y.M.S. Intend sailing B.Y.M.S. 23, M.M.S. 100, 101, 104,
M.M.S. 108 at 1800Z/7 August. Dakar to refuel for onward
passage to Casablanca and Gibraltar.
2. Route A. 10.51 N. 17.21 W. B. 13.23 N. 17.35 W.
C. 14.43 N. 17.38 W. thence to Dakar. Estimated
speed made good 8½ knots. E.T.A. Dakar 0600Z/10 August.
3. Comar Dakar is requested to sail B.Y.M.S. 23, M.M.S. 100, 101,
104, 108 when ready by coastal route to Casablanca and report time
of shifting to Med. W/T Organisation.
4. Continuous W/T guard will be maintained on group F.T. until
shifting at 26.10 N. when watch will be kept on Gibraltar broadcast.
5. Ships have been issued with minor war vessels set of S.Ps.
6. Any ship which becomes separated will set watch on broadcast
F.X. periods or in accordance with S.1/43 section M.L. table 3
(two) line one.
7. Commorseafon is requested to sail B.Y.M.S. 23, M.M.S. 100, 101,
104, 108 to Gibraltar as soon as possible.
(F.O.C.W.A. 071618Z to Comar Dakar, Commorseafon, (R) Admty. etc.)

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NORTHMOOR,
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reflection
on LE TIGRE,
ST. LOMAN.

It appears from examination of report on torpedoing of SS. NORTHMOOR forwarded in your letter No. 779/032 dated 19th June, 1942 that:-

(a) LE TIGRE had probably gained contact with the U-Boat some 15 minutes previously.

(b) Attack could probably have been prevented had LE TIGRE taken immediate counter-attacking action and if ST. LOMAN had received a report of contact

and taken charge of situation.

2. Either the warning signal was hoisted by LE TIGRE too late or else ST. LOMAN and Commodore were keeping a bad lookout; for otherwise efficient communications should have enabled an emergency turn to be made.

3. Above is a grave reflection on the state of training of ships concerned.

(D.A.U.D. Approved V.C.N.S. 071735B to C. in C.S.A.)

GRIPSHOLM
repatriations.

In order to effect exchange of American and Japanese nationals in Marmagao in October U.S. propose to sail SS. GRIPSHOLM from New York to Port Elizabeth for rueling, thence to Marmagao. Following is proposed route to Port Elizabeth.

2. High Commissioner has been requested to obtain agreement of Union Government to use of Port Elizabeth and to report to C. in C.S.A. and N.O.I.C. Port Elizabeth immediately concurrence has been received.

3. On receiving intimation of Union Government's concurrence, request you will signal what route should be followed from Port Elizabeth to Marmagao.

4. On outward voyage GRIPSHOLM will carry Japanese repatriates and every precaution should be taken to prevent any contact between repatriates and shore at Port Elizabeth.

5. C. in C.E.F. is requested to state what route should be followed by Japanese repatriation ship from vicinity of Singapore to Marmagao, bearing in mind desire of Government of India to keep Japanese ship as far as possible from coast of India and Trade routes.

(Head of M.I. 071838B to C. in C.S.A. C. in C.E.F. (R) N.O.I.C. Port Elizabeth.)

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Enemy Units. P.C. and S. of one destroyer one unknown 44.03 N. 9.42 E. 100° 15 knots. (A/C CJY/P duty via Alex. 070115B).

French A/C Sqdn. For Eisenhower, Freedom Algiers. From Combined Chiefs of Staff.
1. It has been agreed by Combined Chiefs of Staff that a Patrol Plane Squadron manned by Fighting French Naval Pilots, now being trained in United States, will, when formed about October 1943, be deployed for operation in North west or West Africa.
2. Your comments desired.
(War 070236Z to Freedom, Etousa).

COVERLEY Arrival. (N.O.I.C. Bone, 070249B to Admty. etc).

B.A.46 Convoy B.A.46 arrived. (N.C.S.O. Aden, 070445Z to Admty).

Movements Alexandria. August 6th:- Arrivals CUMBRAE, SS. ISLES, departures M.T.B.60, KAJMAKAIAN, DURMITOR. (R.A. Alexandria, 070633 to Admty).

10th Sub. Flotilla summary, 2000/7th. 1. P.54 (UNSHAKEN) off Brindisi.
2. P.31 (UPROAR) off Bari.
3. H.M.S. PARTHIAN 035° 28' 021° 14' through 034° (739') 021° 55' thence course 113°.
4. Item 2 in summary of 6th August P.53's (ULTOR) sail chop cancel.
5. P.46 (UNRUFFLED) 039° 38' 018° 59' to 037° 20' 017° 35' at 2000/8th surface passage.
6. P.52 (DZIK) 038° 59' 018° 23' to 040° 22' 018° 52' at 2000/8. (Capt. S.10, 070707).

FIRUZ FIRUZ torpedoed Black Sea now at Istanbul bow damaged, movement uncertain but still highest priority target. (Capt. (S) 1, 070831C to RORQUAL, (R) C. in C. Levant).

THISBE, NANTAISE, FIRUZ. (a) My 061845C. Passage at Canakkale not yet advised. (b) FIRUZ moored in port. (S.O.(I) Istanbul, 070950C to C. in C. Levant, S.O.(I) Levant, S.1., S.10, D.N.I.) My 070950C. THISBE, NANTAISE passed Chanak 11 (?10) G.M.T. August 7th. (S.O.(I) Istanbul, 071629C to C. in C. Levant, etc).

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SATURNIA.

Request you will sail PUCKERIDGE to R/V with Italian repatriation liners VULCANIA, SATURNIA at 1800 8th August. Liners are expected to be in 037° 29' N., 005° 50' E, steering 084° at 16 knots at that time.

2. Ships are then to proceed by following route and not by route in F.O.I.C. Gibraltar's 062217.
 3. (A) 038° 10' 010° 00' (B) 038° 10' 011° 30' (C) 037° 00' 011° 35' (D) 036° 20' 015° 00'.
 4. On arrival at position (D) Armed Guards are to be disembarked after which PUCKERIDGE is to part company and proceed Malta.
 5. Ships are to be ordered to proceed to Taranto via position (E) 036° 20' 017° 00' (F) 039° 00' 018° 00'.
 6. Acknowledge.
- (C. in C. Med., 070832B to F.O.I.C. Algiers, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, PUCKERIDGE, (R) Cdr. Task Force 88, C.T.F.86, F.O.Sy. Comnob Palermo, Capt. (S) 10 etc).

VULCANIA and SATURNIA expected to arrive Taranto at 2359/10 August.

(C. in C. Med. Malta, 071156B to Admty).

F.O.I.C. Gib's 071056 is to be regarded as cancelled by my 070832 and 071156.

(C. in C. Med., 071853 to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Admty. V.A. Malta).

G.T.X.5

GAROET, KOLA, KALAR and EVVIVA local Pendants 11, 12, 21, 22 all for Alexandria sailing at 1130B/8th to R/V in position 212 at 1400B/9th. 4 ships. Local Escort GLOXINIA and KLO. Pass to Cdre.

(S.N.O. Tripolitania, 070847B to S.O. Escort, E.T.X.5, (R) C. in C. Med. (A) and (M) R.A. Alexandria, etc)

Pass to Cdre. S.E. Convoy G.T.X.5. My 041142B, sailed plus 11 good (as received) V H/F, 51 M/F Bizerta. 8 EMPIRE SCOUT 41 P/AS departure Bizerta for Sfax. 8 GALLIUM 15 Tunis.

(N.O.I.C. Bone, 071303B to S.E. Convoy G.T.X.5 etc).

G.T.X.5 pass to Cdre. and escort. Intend sailing to join all for Alexandria (list, 10 ships)

(V.A. Malta, 071507 to FARNDALE).

G.T.X.5 CHATEAU LATORE and COMO arrived.

(N.O.I.C. Philippeville, 071559B to C. in C. Med).

Movements
Beirut.

6th August arrivals ANTWERP, ABERDARE, BAGSHOT. (S.O.(I) Beirut, 070907C to Admty. (R) C. in C. Levant).

M.E. Air
Report.

A.673 August 7th 0934Z. Daily Opsum 101. August 5/6 4 Liberators (B.24) 12 Halifaxes railway sidings San Giovanni. 1 aircraft landed Malta on outward journey. 1 jettisoned bombs East of Scilla. Remainder bombed objective.

Direct hits on railway sidings south of harbour. Burst seen latter area and area north and northwest of railway station. 1 large fire observed in vicinity of train ferry terminus, another northwest of station. Many small fires south of harbour amongst railway sidings. Following delayed details.

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M.E. Air Report. (contd). August 5th. 2 Beaufighters anti-shipping R/C west coast of Greece. 1 Aircraft attacks 300 ton trawler anchored by quayside at Preveza. Numerous hits with cannon and machine gun fire, gun crew of trawler killed, 2 bombs which overshot burst on quayside. Fuselage of Beaufighter struck trawler's forward mast snapping off several feet. Second aircraft dropped 2 bombs amongst 3 schooners of 70 to 100 tons at Preveza. Bombs failed to explode. 3 Warehouses on Preveza Quayside attacked with cannon fire. 4 Beaufighters anti-shipping sweep West Coast of Greece in vicinity of Cephalonia and Zante Islands. No suitable targets found.
(H.Q., R.A.F., M.E., 071013Z).

Instructions to UNRUFFLED. Amend my 021215 as follows. From position $035^{\circ} 44' 016'' 39'$ at 1200/9th proceed through $035^{\circ} 18' 014'' 41'$ at 1500/10th 306 skirting Q.K.B. 6 to arrive end of Southern Channel at 0700/11th. Proceed up searched channels unescorted.

(2) M.J.A.O.24. Request bombing restrictions may be amended accordingly.
(Capt. S.10, 071030B to UNRUFFLED, (R) 10th S/M Flotilla, C. in C. Med., C. in C. Levant, etc).

UNRULY Intend sailing P.49 (UNRULY) at 1430/8th routed through Eastern channel through $035^{\circ} 56' 016'' 31'$ at 1000/9th $037^{\circ} 08' 017'' 14'$ at 0500/10th. $039^{\circ} 44' 018'' 52'$ at 0500/11th. $040^{\circ} 40' 018'' 52'$ at 0200/12th. thence patrol off Brindisi. Surface passage on 10th.
(2) M.J.A.O.24. Request bombing restrictions to cover above route.
(Capt. S.10, 071101 to Capt. (S) 1, C. in C. Med. etc).

M.K.S.21 Amend destination DERWENTDALE to Bougie.
(C. in C. Med. (A), 071102B to SHOREHAM, Escort of Convoy M.K.S.21.

UPROAR. At 2000/9th pass through $041^{\circ} 22' 016'' 52'$ thence $041^{\circ} 22' 018'' 19'$ at 0800/10th thence to patrol southern approaches to Valona.
(2) At 2200/11th leave patrol passing $038^{\circ} 56' 018'' 33'$ at 2200/12th. Onward route will be provided later.
(Capt. (S) 10th S.F. 071114B to UPROAR, (R) C. in C. Med., C. in C. Levant, V.A. Malta, Capt. (S) 8, Capt. (S) 10, Capt. (S) 1).

M.T.B.635 M.T.B.635 paid off 5th August due to severe hull damage. C. in C. Med's 260241 July (N.T. in W.R.) to Captain Coastal Forces only refers.
(C.C.F. Mediterranean 071121B to Admty).

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8th S/M F. movement summary, 2001B/7th. (1) P.247 (SARACEN) through 038° 18' 004° 28' at 0630/8th thence 087° surface 10 knots.
(2) (SPORTSMAN) P.229 041° 00' 010° 12' at 0200/8 180° 2½/9 knots.
(3) (?P.221) (?SHAKESPEARE) 038° 17' 009° 16' (corrupt) 2½/9½ until dawn 8th thereafter surface 10 knots.
(4) ORPHEE (F.S.) North 041° 00' E. 011° 00'.
(6) P.225 (SIMOOM) (?in) Gulf of Genoa.
(Capt. S.8., 071140B to Area G.C.)

G.U.S.11 G.U.S.11 sailed 0900B, ships as in my 041511 plus ROGER DALE, OWEN, ABNER NASH, SAMUEL PARKER, ESSO WASHINGTON all for U.S. Cdre. Capt. McCabe
U.S.N. in M.M. GUHIN Vice Commodore Master S.S.K.S. WOOLSEY.
Mediterranean Cdre., Cdre. Melhuish R.N.R. in SS. MARWARRI.
(Comnob Oran, 071140B to C. in C. Med).

Convoy Commodores. A.M. 191244B July para. 2. Rear Adm. (retired) C.G. Brodie and Capt. R.L. Hubbard R.N.R. (retired) both serving as Commodore 2nd Class R.N.R. will sail for Gibraltar in K.M.F.22
with convoy staffs.
2. Request information whether convoy staff is required for Commodore Hardy.
(D.T.D., 071220B to C. in C. Med. (Algiers) (R) C. in C. Levant, F.O.C. Gibraltar). Reply: 111844C.

BARNABY BARNABY proceed to Alexandria in G.T.X.4 A.M. 041828 not to all refers.
(C. in C. Med. (A), 071233B to Admty).

Greek Landing Craft. Admiralty 032131B (Hush) B.A.D. 041515Z and 051721 (N.T. in W.D.) disclose a complete change of policy from that in Admty's 161351B July, which has come as a surprise both to Greeks and myself. Nevertheless, after consultation with Greek Minister of Marine, Greeks are willing to submit to any decision with regard to the four L.S.Ts. including one ship with Greek Runner crews provided that the final decision has full approval of American as well as British Govt.
2. I would observe that the Greek personnel concerned were originally intended for Hunts and are considered to be highly trained. If not employed for further service in L.S.Ts. Greeks expect that they should be used to commission two Hunts or one Hunt and one corvette as early as possible.
3. As stated in my 291325C July, Greeks do not insist on employment of L.S.Ts. in Mediterranean. They are prepared to operate anywhere but hope they may be employed in European waters at least until end of the war in Europe.
4. I consider Greeks' contentions reasonable. If not quite so efficient in some details as British crews, Greeks have been showing constant improvement and great enthusiasm in modern ships which we have given them. Their morale has been much

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stimulated by recent operations in Sicily, but it is likely to be seriously damped if what they regard as some of their best men are treated as fit for employment on Atlantic Ferry Service. (C. in C. Levant, 071241C, to Admty. (R) B.A.D.)

N.A.A.F.
Report.

N.W.A. Air Forces Opsum 167. N.A. Strategic A.F. 5/6 August. 61 Wellingtons Messina beaches. 2 bombed Reggio and San Giovanni. Total 120 tons. Results obscured by darkness and haze. 2 Wellingtons missing, 6 August. 54 U.S. Fortresses road junctions Messina, 2 returned early. 126½ tons dropped from 21500 to 17000 feet. Target area well covered. 39 U.S. Marauders escort 48 U.S. Lightnings road junction Badjazzo. 3 bombers 1 fighter returned early. 50¾ tons dropped from 11802 feet. Roads blocked north and west of junction. 48 Mitchells escort 49 U.S. Lightnings road junction Gesso. 1 fighter crashed in sea. 71 tons dropped from 7500 to 9000 feet. Railway and coastal road blocked. 6 U.S. Lightnings escorted Air Sea Rescue Aircraft. N.A. Tactical A.F. 5 August. 36 U.S. Boltons 24 Baltimores 12 Bostons enemy communications north of Adrano. Bombs burst near M/T and buildings, cross roads hit. 12 U.S. Mitchells Troina. Bombs straddled road through town. Small fires started. 6 August. 24 Mitchells road junction east of Adrano. Bombs fell south of junction. 23 U.S. Mitchells road junction north of Biancavilla. Some bursts in target area. 12 U.S. Mitchells Bronte. 1 fire started town area. (Adv. H.Q., N.A.A.F., 071323B).

WOOLWICH

WOOLWICH is in need of the following new boats to make her self-sufficient. (details). Boat requirements at Trincomalee will be much more exacting than at Alexandria. Could as many as possible be brought by BLENHEIM and remainder shipped by freight to Trincomalee? Admty. 310220 July refers. (C. in C. Levant, 071431C to Admty).

M.E.F. 39

M.S.C.I. 22 V.J. 9. Intend to sail M.E.F. 39 plus RAJULA at 1900 today August 7th for Algiers. (2) (A) 10 (B) 11. (3) Route. E.T.A. Algiers 1600 Aug. 10th. (8) CARLISLE, ALDENHA, HURWORTH, CROOME, BRECON, ADRIAS, MIAOULES. (N.O.I.C. Syracuse, 071558B to F.O.Sy).

Convoy
"Bancroft".

Intend sailing at 0900B/9. U.S.S. ORIZABA, U.S.S. CHATEAU THIERRY, MEXICO, SHAWNEE, BORIQEN, EVANGELINE. (2) Escorted by U.S. Ships NELSON, MURPHY, GLENNON, HERNDON, COWIE. Senior Escort C.D.S. 17 in U.S.S. NELSON.

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Convoy "Bancroft". (contd). (3) Routed through 109, 82, 57 Q.K.A. 87 35° 48' N., 6° 30' W. 34° 2' N., 8° 2' W. lettered M to Q to Casablanca.
(4) Codeword "Bancroft". First two letters W/T call sign "F L".
(5) S. of A. 13½ knots, "Swords", fighter priority normal.
(Comnob Oran, 071619B to C. in C. Med).

Attack on DORSETSHIRE, hospital ship. I have received written report of a further case of deliberate attack on one of our hospital ships.
2. At 0502/12th July H.S. DORSETSHIRE was in position 286° Cape Passaro Light 13 miles when she was dive bombed. Two bombs falling close astern. No further details of aircraft are known. Ship was fully lighted in accordance with Geneva convention including two horizontal crosses in red lights.
3. Considerable damage was sustained to hull and upperworks. Casualties one dead three seriously injured. Ten with lesser injuries.
4. Request protest in strongest terms against this flagrant breach of Geneva Convention.
(C. in C. Med. (Malta) 071625 to Admty).

Gibraltar H.D.A. Ref. para. 4 of 061136 from F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, equipment being now available at Gibraltar laying and relaying of H.D.As. depends upon availability of cable ship. No ship available from U.K. therefore request you will take what steps you see fit.
(D.A/S.M.071649B to C. in C. Med. (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar).

Greek M/S PARALOS, SALAMINIA, KARTERIA, APHROESSA arrived at Gibraltar 1730/7th August.
(Commander Greek Group M.S., 071735 to Greek C. in C. Alex. Greek N.A. London).

RESOLUTION, REVENGE, escort. Your 151758 (A.M. 051758 intended see North Atlantic) para. 1. It is to be hoped that an alternative can be found. If proposals in F.O.I.C. Gibraltar's 041111 are put into effect several ships of 13th Destroyer Flotilla would be absent for over a fortnight during which time there will be three convoys for which escort has to be found between Gibraltar and ocean R/V.
(C. in C. Med., 071843B to Admty).

Situation Reports. Part 2 of Cositintrep No. 29. Signed Eisenhower. Acid Beaches closed from 6th except J sector. Following landed at Acid beaches since 10th July 41,000 Personnel, 8,900 Vehicles, 40,000 tons Stores.

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Situation Report. (contd). (2) Dutch Gunboat SOEMBA hit by shore battery near Taormina noon 5th Captain killed, 2 injured. (3) Air Raid Palermo 0430 on 6th Flares dropped but attack driven off. One L.S.T. damaged. (4) One ship of G.T.X.5 torpedoed 1551/7th off Bone (5) Air raid Bizerta night 6/7. SS. POSSUM hit. Near miss on shore signal station. 12 Naval ratings injured. (C. in C. Med. 071931B to Cositintrep addressees plus 8th Army, 7th Army). (C. in C. Med., 072351B to Admty).

Air Sqdns. for U.K. A.M. 280105 April (Hush distribution) and A.M. 230159 July. It is noted that 701, 815 and part of 826 Squadrons have been withdrawn from operations and instructions given for returning personnel to U.K. Can a forecast now be given of date for withdrawing remaining Squadrons from operations and return of their personnel to U.K. for rearming. (D.N.A.O. Approved A.C.N.S. (A) 071931B to C. in C. Med. (Algiers) C. in C. Med. (Malta) (R) C. in C. Levant etc).

Convoy (?K.T).S.12 (?G.U.S.12 intended - see 072051C) Request you will sail for (A) Benghazi, ARMILLA, TRAJANUS, BRITISH SOVEREIGN (B) Tripoli, EVERLEIGH, DANIO, PALEHLEH, ROMNEY. (C) Malta, BRITISH VIGOUR, SPONDI(?L)US. MARIT (T) BADAPUR (T) (D) Bone, OCEAN STRENGTH. (E) Algiers, EMPIRE GARRICK. (F) U.K. FORT CHURCHILL, BEGUM. (G) U.S.A. KATRINA, LUCKENBACH, SHELDON JACKSON, WILLIAM THORNTON, EDWARD BELLARMY, THOMAS SIMONS, GILBERT STUART, WILLIAM MCGUFFEY. Ships of speeds between 8 and 9 knots will sail separately. Orders follow. (C. in C. Levant, 071943C to R.A. Alexandria (R) F.O.R.S.C.A. etc)

Guidonia Research Station. Admiralty request no attack be made on aircraft research and experimental station at Guidonia, 14 miles E.N.E. Rome. Buildings form part of Guidonia airfield and contain considerable amount of valuable equipment which might fall into our hands. Ref. Air Min. target No. 3 - 30A - N.A. and Middle East target No. G/29. Restriction does not apply to airfield if attacks considered essential. (Air Ministry, Whitehall, 071949Z to M.A.C. Post, (R) Middle East, Bomber Command, and Admiralty).

FERNPLANT, mine sabotage. At 1500 today 7th August a double clamp mine was safely removed from starboard bilge keel of Norwegian motor vessel FERNPLANT who arrived Haifa p.m./6th from Alexandretta. Nothing else found. Mine exactly similar to that removed from KATTUNA. C. in C. Levants 261628 refers. Written report follows but is negative in character. (N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports, 0719550 to COMLA (R) C. in C. Levant, C. in C. Med. Admty. R.A. Alex, M. of W.T. Middle East, C.S.A. Alexandretta, C.S.A.Mersin).

/L.C.M...

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L.C.M. Flotillas. Following L.C.Ms. are being retained for future operations.
A. Two flotillas totalling 14 L.C.M.(I) in DERWENTDALE and two flotilla totalling 21 L.C.M.3 in EMPIRE CHARMIAN.
B. One Flotilla L.C.M.3 under refit at Malta.
C. Approx. 3 flotillas L.C.Ms. in Sicily.
2. These leave approx. 45 craft of both types on station.
3. Request very early instructions as to disposal of remainder which are mostly unserviceable at Malta with their crews. Flotilla numbers will be communicated as soon as possible.
(C. in C. Med. (Malta 071959 to Admty).

U/Bs U-boat estimation between 007° E. and 020° E.
1 U-boat (German) by R.D.F. at 061500 within 40 miles 040° 20' N., 008° E. 2 U-boats (Italian) between 008° and 010° E. south of 038° 20' N.
1 unfixed east of Sicily 1 in 037° 18' N., 007° 28' E. at 071302Z.
(C. in C. Mediterranean 072001B).

Movements, Oran. Arrivals today U.S.S. L.S.T.61, INTENT, P.C.562, S.C.638. Departures today GERALDTON, WOOLONGONG, CONVULVULUS, VETCH, PENTSTEMON, CAIRNS, CESSNOCK, BRISSENDEN, M.M.S.563, French MONTAIGNE, LA SETOISE ALCYON.
(Comnob, Oran, 072025B to Admty. etc).

G.U.S.12 N.O.I.C. Alexandria is requested to sail p.m./10th August.
(2) (A) 9. (B) 8. (3) Route, numbered positions.
(5) S.U. (6) High "Neighbour". (7) C.
(8) ALYNBANK, S.O., DELPHINIUM, JUMNA, ROCKWOOD, KANARIS, PRIMULA, SOUTHERN SEAS, SOUTHERN MAID, FAIK
(C. in C. Levant, 072051C to ALYNBANK, R.A. Alex. S.N.O.C., N.O.I.C. Mersa Matruh, N.O.I.C. Tobruk, C. in C. Med etc)..

Movements Tripoli. Arrived VULCAN L.C.I.(L) 317 (347) 252, 271, 161, 127, 315, 258 L.C.T.320, 356, 605, 619 (618) KLO, GLOXINIA.
(S.N.O. Tripolitania, 072101B to Admty).

Movements, Port Said. 7th August Port Said arrivals M.Ls. 357, 354, Y.S.S. KAJMAKCAIAN, Y.S.S. DURMITOR.
Departures AETOS, IERA, LA MOQUEUSE, M.Ls. 357, 354, BREAM.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said, 072129C to C. in C. Levant).

Movements, Benghazi. Arrived SOUTHERN MAID, KINGSTON CORAL, NEBB.
Sailed SOUTHERN MAID, KINGSTON CYANITE, SEKSERN, M.L.1032.
(N.O.I.C. Benghazi, 072133C to Admty).

/Malta...

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Malta Air Report. A.I. 1039/7th August. Opsum No. 89 6/7 August. 5 Mosquitoes made intruder patrols over Southern Italy, bad visibility was experienced and no enemy air activity was found. 7 Beaufighters made interception patrols for friendly shipping and another 2 Wellingtons made searches for enemy shipping off East Coast of Toe of Italy. 7th August, 6 Spitfires made photo R/C of Taranto, Naples, Southern Italian aerodromes, Corfu area, and N.E. Sicily. 1 Baltimore made A/S patrol east of Sicily. 2 Baltimores made A/S patrols for friendly shipping. 13 Beaufighters provided escort to friendly shipping. 0526 hours 1 Ju.88 approached Malta at great height probably on R/C and was intercepted by 2 Spitfires and damaged. Return fire scored chance hit on engine of 1 Spitfire whose pilot baled out and was picked up by A.S.R. Walrus.
(R.A.F. Malta, 072135B).

Movements, Algeria. Arrivals U.S.S. HACKBERRY, MERAK, COLE, ROE, M.L. 1132, 1133 Submarine CASABIANCA (French). Departures WISHART Submarine SARACEN. (Com. Algeria, 072146B to Admty).

NIEUW AMSTERDAM. Your 061959C. Confirmed. (D.S.T., 072205B to P.S.T.O. Middle East).

Movements Augusta. August 7th arrivals PRINSES BEATRIX, PRINCE LEOPOLD, PRINCE CHARLES, LAUDERDALE, M.T.Bs. 77, 242, 243, 85 and 266. Departures landing craft I 132, M.L.494 ALDENHAM BROCKLESBY, ADRIAS, LEDBURY. (N.O.I.C. Augusta, 072259 to Admty).

UNRUFFLED R. of P. Brindisi area. Observed swept channel runs 050° 9 miles from harbour. Coastal along 3 to 7 miles off shore. No enemy R.D.F. transmission heard. No night patrol encountered. 2. At 1058B/3rd sank 3 funneled transport similar to French SS.PROVIDENCE inward bound. (P.46 (UNRUFFLED) 072305B to Capt. (S) 10th S.F. (R) Subs. on patrol).

Movements, Bizerta. (corrupt group) arrivals AURORA, PENELOPE. Arrivals STORNOWAY, BLENCATHRA, HAMBLEDON, BOXER, BRUISER, HUNDA, GREGORY, ACHROITE, M.M.S.21, 70, 53 P.C.624 H.S.L.139. Departures L.C.F.16, 12, 15. (N.O.I.C. Bizerta, 072345B to Admty. etc).

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Movements,
Malta.

Arrivals APHIS, KING SOL, BLANKNEY, SCARAB,
Merchant Vessels, DAVID STONE, CUSTODIAN, GLAUCOS,
FORT MAUREPAS, CITY OF DELHI.
Departures TROUBRIDGE, TUMULT, TYRIAN, AURORA,
PENELOPE, LAUDERDALE, PRINCE LEOPOLD, PRINCE CHARLES
PRINSES BEATRIX, HURWORTH, ILEX, INGLEFIELD, PETARD
Arrivals and departures CROOME, MIAOULES. Landing craft arrivals
3 L.C.Ts. 1 L.S.T., 2 L.C.I.(L), 4 L.C.F., 24 L.C.M. Departures
3 L.C.Ts.
(V.A. Malta, 072351B to C. in C. Med., C. in C. Levant).

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Arrived.
(V.A. Malta, 072356B to Admty. etc).

Movements
Malta.

Arrived M.Ls. 494, 218, 258, 1083, M.G.M. 674,
sailed M.T.Bs. 70 (78) (as received. 78 intended?)
85, 243, 242, 667, 649.
(V.A. Malta, 072357B to Admty. etc).

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RAMDAS. Departure RAMDAS (?escorting) WARINA.
(N.O.I.C. Madras, 070105Z to Admty. etc.)

Convoy Arrived.
C.M.43. (N.C.S.O. Bombay, 070517Z to Admty.)

Indian Air Report. A 343 August 7th. Daily Opsum No. 510.
6th. 2 Beaufighters attacked river craft
Pakokk area 2 power driven boats containing
(missing group) and approx. 40 sampans severely
damaged.
(A.H.Q. India, 070520Z to Air Min.)

Movements. Arrival TRAVANCORE escorting one ship.
(N.O.I.C. Karachi, 070542Z to Admty.)
Arrivals 0300Z SUSSEX, 0530Z, SUFFOLK with
C.M.43.
(S.O.I. Bombay, 070743Z.)
Departure KARACHI escorting CITY OF PARIS to Bombay.
(N.O.I.C. Karachi, 070902Z to Admty.)
Arrival NETRAVATI with SALAWATI.
(N.O.I.C. Madras, 070954Z)
Colombo arrivals 7th 0700Z BARODA. Departures 1030Z
SHILLONG.
(F.O. Ceylon, 071136Z)

Revised programme, Troop movements. Cancel my 150615 and all amendments following is
a revised and up to date programme troop
movements. (1) Karachi - Mombasa LANCASHIRE
with 1,000 Polish families sailed 7th August.
(2) B.P. 91 Bombay - Karachi CITY OF LONDON with
1300 troops sailed 13th August. (3) Bombay -
Kilindini STRATHAIRD empty sailed 10th August.
D. of S.T. 052023 not to all addresses refers. (4) Bombay -
U.K. via Suez. STIRLING CASTLE with 1900 personnel for
Suez 1000 service personnel for U.K. expected to sail 20th
August. C. in C. Eastern Fleet requested to confirm if escort
is available. (5) Bombay - Durban STRATHMORE with 200 service
personnel and 100 civilians sailing 13th August. (6) Bombay -
(? Durban) STRATHEDEN with 100 service personnel and 50
civilians sailing 20th August. (7) Bombay - Colombo
SANTHIA with 1,000 service personnel sailing 11th August. I
will endeavour to arrange for local escort. (8) Bombay -
River Plate via Durban HIGHLAND MONARCH take 100 service
personnel and 50 civilian sailing August 19th. (9) Bombay -
River Plate via Durban. With small number service personnel
HIGHLAND BRIGADE sailing 23rd August. (10) Bombay - Australia
ARAWA with 250 service personnel 50 civilians and 450 prisoners
of war sailing 19th August. (11) Karachi - Bombay CITY OF
LONDON with 500 Polish families sailing 19th August. N.O.I.C.
Karachi is requested to confirm local escort is available.
(12) B.P.93 Bombay - Delhi CITY OF LONDON and CITY OF PARIS
with full complement of troops sailing 29th August.

/ (13) ...

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Revised programme, Troop movements. (Contd)

13. Bombay - Colombo VARELA and JALACOPAL with full complement troops sailing 15th August.
14. B.A.47 Bombay - Suez STAFFORDSHIRE with 1600 troops sailing 25th August. C. in C. Eastern Fleet requested to confirm if escort is available.
15. Bombay - Colombo EKMA with 900 troops. Endeavouring to arrange local escort sailing

26th August.

(P.S.T.O. India, 070617Z to C. in C.E.F.) *Amended, see page 280A.*

CITY OF ORAN, torpedoed 3rd August.

Shipping casualties in accordance with E.F. 7164/71/27.

- (A) SS. CITY OF ORAN.
(B) 013° 39' S. 041° 07' E. 3rd 0939Z.
(C) Not seen.
(D) Torpedoed from U.279 result ship's back broken. (E) One (? U.B.)

(F) 86 being total aboard. (G) No target. (H) No transmitters damaged by fire. (I) Survivors report speed reduced some (? what) and previously due to engine trouble in one ship of convoy.

(F.O.E.Af. 070723Z to Admty. (R) C. in C. E.F., S.O.(I) Colombo, ? Dep. C. in C. E.F.) Reply C. in C. Med. 121103.

Request for FAVOURITE (Tug).

There is urgent need of a tug for Ocean towing as both BOLD and MASTERFUL are out of action for sometime with defects. Can you spare FAVOURITE from Med. before DONAU is released from Kilindini. DONAU's date of sailing is dependent on the arrival of boiler tubes believed now to be at Durban.
(C. in C.E.F. 070815Z to C. in C. Med. (R) F.O.E.A., Admty., C. in C. Levant.)

UMVUMA torpedoed 7th August.

At 0745Z on 7th UMVUMA was torpedoed in 020° 20' S. 057° 14' E.
(C. in C. E.F. 070825 to S. and A. E.I. Station.
(R) Admty. C. in C. S.A. 246 Wing A.H.Q. E.Af.)
Following has been read SSSS SSSS SSSS 20° 20' S. 57° 14' Torpedoed.
(UMVUMA via Colombo W/T No. T.O.O.)

UMVUMA 020° 18' S. 057° 14' E. 0725Z 7th torpedoed by U/Boat. One torpedo hit ship on starboard side sank in 5 minutes. 90 survivors. No shelling by U/boat which only came to periscope height after the attack and circled survivors for one hour. One distress message SSSS made, repeated by Mauritius W/T Stn. on 500 kc/s and on NU to Colombo W/T Stn. for C. in C. E.F.

(N.C.S.O. Mauritius. 071957Z to Admty. (R) C. in C. E. F., S.O. (I) Colombo, S.O.(I) Diego Suarez.)

CANTON.

My (2 corrupt groups) CANTON 006° 02' S. 074° 50' E. at 0830Z 10th August. Your 0412127 (N.T. in W.R.) refers.
(R.A. 4th C.S., 070847Z to C. in C.E.F., CANTON.
(R) F.O.R.S.C.A., F.O.Ceylon, N.O.I.C. Aden, Compacseafon.)
/Convoy...

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Convoy, S.C.17. IRRAWADI took over escort of J.C.17, 0820Z/7th. (N.O.I.C. Madras, 070911Z to F.O.C.R.I.N., Com. R.I.N., N.O.I.C. Calcutta, N.O.I.C. Vizagapatam (?F.O. Ceylon)).

Convoy J.C.18. Sailing telegram (3 ships, list, etc.)
2. ?0930Z/7/8/43. 4. 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ knots. 5. Coastal.
6. SHILLONG.
(N.C.S.O. Colombo, 070951Z, 070954Z to Admty.)

Troop transport. The reference in my 050625Z should have been 031100Z any ship of East African 2nd Flight may be used except NEVASA which is required by me.
(P.S.T.O.I., 071009Z to S.S.T.O. Ceylon.)

Routeing U.S. controlled ships from Indian Ocean, Red Sea and Persian Gulf. Routeing of American ships Trans Atlantic. Cdre. 10th Fleet (C. and R.) 301303 refers. This only covers long range shipping to U.S. Gulf and Caribbean Sea. Request ruling on all other U.S. shipping bound South American Ports, in view of present submarine position off South Africa.
(2) Meira does not cover such ships, several of which have been through routed by Persian Gulf recently.
(3) U.S. long range ships are now asking similar routes for Bombay and Colombo and appear eligible. This traffic is likely to increase.
(4) If (2) and (3) above are correct propose to amend Meiri II routeing from Bombay and Colombo only. Ships from Karachi calling at Bombay for onward routeing, those from Cochin and East Coast India to Colombo.
(C. in C.E.F. 071209Z to Admty.(R) C. in C.S.A.)

Ceylon Scale of Air attack. (W.O. 071315B to C. in C. India.) and (W.O. 071650B to G.O.C. Ceylon) See Lion Copies.

India U.S.Army Report. Following is forwarded from U.S. Army Forces in India for information of Prime Minister etc.
4. U.S. Air. July 28th. 8 planes attacked Shweli Bridge (40 miles S.E. Bhamo) and 15 attacked the Taiko Docks. July 29th. 33 planes bombed the Honkong-Kowloon area, extensive to ships, docks, dry docks.
(C. in C. India, T.O.O. Nil. Recd. 071330 to W.O.)

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MOST SECRET "O.T.P." MESSAGE 071315B August 1945 OUT

TO: C. in C. India DATE: 8.3.43
Repeated G.O.C. Ceylon.

CIPHER

Ceylon, Scale of Air Attacks

FROM: War Office.

56807 cipher (M.O.7) 7th August.

M07/00/12/6.

1. Suggested interpretation latest scale of air attack Ceylon as given in COS OZ 2148 dated 26th July to India is:

- (A) Low level attack by light aircraft operating from submarines unlikely.
- (B) Remote possibility of low level torpedo or dive bombing attacks from carrier borne aircraft, high level attacks unlikely.
- (C) Occasional small scale high or medium level attacks by long range aircraft normally employed recon.

2. Have insufficient knowledge of local VP's and topography to prepare detailed plans for AA defence of:

- (A) Trincomalee incl. main airfield and flying boat base at China Bay.
- (B) Colombo incl. Racocourse airfield.

Request your recommendations for complete AA layout and scales these areas based on 1. above.

3. Proposed AA defences other airfields as follows:

- (A) main airfields or flying boat bases at Vavuniya Minneriya Sigariya Ratmalana Puttalam Katukurunda Kogala each four HAA and nine LAA guns.
- (B) forward landing grounds at Kokkilai Komariya Kalamatiya or Hambantota each nil HAA six LAA guns.

4. Grateful your comments para.3 and your reply para. 2 soonest.

071315B

Recd. in War Reg. at 1620/8.

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5th S.L.	D.A.W.T.	D.R.A.
D.C.N.A.E.	D.A.C.R.	D.D.R.A. (0)(W)
V.C.N.S.	D.D.I.C. (2)	R.A. 1.3.6.
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A.C.N.S. (W)	Hd. of M. (3)	Air Ministry (AMCS and F.O.1)
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P.A.S. (S)	W.D.	
D.O.D. (F) (2)	Dep. Cont.	
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MOST SECRET MESSAGE 071650B/August
Date 7.8.43 CUT

To G.O.C. Ceylon
Repeated C.in C. India.

OTHER

Ceylon, Scale of Air Attack

From The War Office (M.O.7.)

IMPORTANT

0164/6530(00/12/2) 56886 cipher (M.O.7.) 7 August 43.

Your G 20511 / of 2 August.

First. Scale of Air Attack in COS OZ 2148, 26 July to India very small. In terms of high and low level attack it may be interpreted.

- (a) High level attack confined to light aircraft operating from submarines or long range recce aircraft.
- (b) Low level attack likely to be limited to remote possibility of torpedo carrying or dive bombing planes operating from aircraft carriers.

Second. Consider proposal in your second uneconomical. Suggest that six SLs sufficient for decoy roles Trincomalee and Colombo and that remainder might be deployed say 24 Trincomalee 18 Colombo in the following roles

- (a) LAA canopy for protection vital installations against low level attack. Recent trials indicate correct spacing 1500 yards.
- (b) Dazzle
- (c) HAA

We consider that SLs are always a deterrent even against high level attack and that it should be possible to some extent to combine the LAA role with a measure of co-operation with HAA. New pamphlet operational procedure SL's being issued shortly. Copy will be despatched air soonest.

Third. Your Third. Mass of information on defence of ports including details of employment of SLs in North Africa was sent air mail to India on 18 Jul. Suggest you ask for suitable extracts also copy of W.O. letter

79/Misc/1305(MT10b)/...

79/Misc/1305(MF10b) of 8 Jun.

Fourth. 12 x 150 cm SLs fitted with SLC to replace 90 cm SLs are in transit. Further 150 cm fitted with SLC or SLC for your 90 cm SLs can be provided if required.

071650B

Received in War Registry 1620/8

A T.O.C. 021820 August

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D.C.N.A.E.	D.D.R.A. (O), (W)
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D.P.M.) Bath by Courier
Hd. of S.W.R.)

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East Indies. - Contd.

Failure
to send
"S"
Reports.

Recent reports of merchant ships sinking have frequently contained statements "no SS SS".
2. Absence of reason for failure to send SS SS leaves doubt whether all possible steps were in fact, taken to do so.

3. Future reports are to include reasons e.g. aerial collapsed or Channel* failing etc.

4. I should be grateful if C. in C.S.A. would arrange for South Africa Authorities to comply.

(C. in C.E.F. 071416Z to F.O.N.I.C. 180 (R) Admty.)

* Alternative "Siren".

Seychelles,
Service
Maintenance.

(G.O.C. in E.Af. 071655C to W.O.) See Lion
Copy.)

Lion E.I.
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MOST SECRET MESSAGE 0716550/Aug, IN

From: G.O.C. in C.East Date 8.8.43.
Africa. Recd: 0610

Cypher

Seychelles, Service Maintenance.

Addressed: War Office., repeated C. in C India
H.Q. Islands Area Madagascar.
O.C. Troops Seychelles.

145191 22253 cipher 7 Aug.

One. COS plan for Seychelles is involving all three services greatly increases commitments R.A.F. alone envisage increase of 200 European in island. Implementation AA defences by US vide your 88248 (M.O.5) 9 Jun modified to meet R.N. requirements and local conditions vide my 21675+ 5 Aug. (O) means increase 140 European personnel.

Two Maintenance problem which will arise from mixed Indian African Grn has convinced us that we should relieve Indian Grn as it now exists and replace with East African Units. Arminia have accepted offer and relief planned provisionally Oct dependent of availability shipping and refrigeration plant.

Three. Increase RN and RAF installations necessitate increase Inf Grn. Propose relieving Indian Grn Coy by modified EA GRN Bn of three Rifle Coy and H.Q. Coy incl mmgs and mortars. HQ and S Coast Bty will be replaced by EA Coast Bty Military Hospital needed for increased services commitment. Existing civil medical practitioner and allotment part of civil hospital no longer practical.

Four. Total Grn will increase from 60 Europeans 950 Indians to 500 Europeans incl RAF 2,200 (or 2,202) Africans. This does not incl RN personnel who are rationed under own arrangements.

Five/.....

Five. Must emphasise local sup and materials barely for civil inhabitants. Existing RAF existing Grn creates heavy strain and at times reserve situation precarious. Island is not self supporting. Sup fresh vegetables very limited and cannot be extended owing nature of larva soil and rocky contours. Fresh meat unobtainable except few goats from neighbouring island. Therefore regular shipping with refrigerator space on ship and island essential. COS plan can not be implemented in full nor relief carried out until shipping and refrigeration plant guaranteed. My 21801 6 Aug. (Q) refers also to a Sig to Admiralty 131327 Military and RAF requirements frozen meat estimated 45,000 lbs monthly

071655C.

Rec; in War Reg.1B20/10

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1st S.L.(2)	+ T.O.O. 051420
D.F.S.L.	<u>Circulation</u>
3rd S.L.	
4th S.L.	D.M.O.
5th S.L.	D.D.M.O.(0)
V.C.N.S.	A.C.N.S.(A)(2) M.O.1.5.7.
A.C.N.S.(F)(2)	D.D.S.D(A)
A.C.N.S.(W)	S.D.2.3.
A.C.N.S.(H)	A.M.D.8.
A.C.N.S.(UT)(2)	V.Q.M.G.
P.A.S.(S)	Brig Q (Ops)
N.A. Mails.	Q(Ops) 1.2.
D.O.D.(F)(2)	D. Mov.
D.O.D.(H)(2)	D.D. Mov (S)
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D of P (2)	D.D.S.T.
D.C.(2)	S.T.6.
D.D.I.C.(2)	Sec. D.B. Committee
D of P (Q)(2)	(Cabinet Offs)
Hd of M (2)	C.N.S. Admiralty
I.P.(2)	Hd of War Ref. Admiralty
W.D.	C.A.S. Air Ministry
Ad. Blake.	A.M.C.S. Air Ministry
D.N.A.O.	India Office (War Staff)
D.A.W.T.	Colonial Office (Mr J.J. Reid)
D of L.D.	Min of War Tpt (Mr. Whyman for
Hd of Air.	D of S.T)
	Min of Food (Comms.Div).

Note by Q(Ops)(2)

Reference Para 5.

Will Q(M)9 advise Q(Ops)2 regarding the shipping position and S.T.6 regarding the questions of food and refrigeration plant.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

Movements St. Johns N.F. August 6 arrivals MOJAVE STAR, S.C.528 Manitou ex Argentinia DUNCAN, VIDETTE, VANSI-TTART, LOOSESTRIFE, SNOWFLAKE, SUNFLOWER, NORTHERN REWARD, NORTHERN FOAM, B.7 ex O.N.S.14
Columbia KAMSACK, KENORA, BLAIRMORE W.4 ex H.X.250.
(N.O.i/c St. Johns 070020).
Arrived Bermuda CALDER.
(S.B.N.O.W.At. 070928P).
New York arrived 5th CHELSEA from Boston.
(N.S.H.Q. 071349Z).

CONTESSA 1. 1200Z/7th. U.S.A.T. CONTESSA. Cristobal routeing (?direct) to Melbourne. E.T.A. Cristobal 13th.
Knots (A) 13.5 (B) 14.5 Days 13, Fuel oil.(Route).
(P.D. New York 070152 to Admty.).

P.554 This is 070345 from Cominch addressed all Commands concerned with submarine reports in Eastern Sea Frontier. P.554 follows route to Philadelphia at 10 knots escorted by S.C.683 departing Scotland buoy at 071200Z. Overfalls E.T.A. 072330Z.
(Comnaveu 070556 to Admty.).

Movements	Ship	Position	Course	Speed
summary	T.A.58	49 degs. N.37 $\frac{1}{2}$ degs.W.	238 degs.	26
1800 G.M.T.	(D.O.D.(F) 071028Z to Opnav (R) Comnaveu).			
7th.				

NORSEMAN My 031245 and your 051947 after repairing St. Thomas San Juan Cable NORSEMAN returned to San Juan 5th. Understand from Cable and Wireless that escort to Bermuda is not yet available.
(S.B.N.O.W.At. 071256P to B.A.D.(R) Admty.).

Convoy Boston Section convoy arrived 2324Z/6.
O.N.194 (P.D. Boston 071301 to Com. 10th U.S. Fleet).

MARIPOSA August 7 1315Z. MARIPOSA. Iceland. August 12.
(R.O. Boston 071334 to Admty.).

LUNENBURG Request approximate date LUNENBURG ready to join 5th E.G.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 071406Z to C. in C.W.A.).

Convoy Sailing telegram part 2 (Ships, cargoes, destinations).
U.G.S.14. (Radio Washington 071413Z to Connnav, V.A. Gib.).

/Possible...

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Possible Your 051505. A. No. B. No. C.(1). Torpedo was
hit on heard approaching and gear energised.
submarine by (2) One starboard streamer fired (?approx.) 1
JOHN A. POOR. minute later.
(3) One hour later the two starboard streamers
fired.
(4) Ship then altered course to starboard and whilst
under helm port streamer exploded probably due to proximity to
ships hull.
(5) Master reported that a submarine was sighted and that ship
fired 75 rounds of 3 inch and claims possible hit.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 071420Z to Admty. (R) N.S.H.Q.).

Supplies for Following from Chiefs of Staff C.O.S.(W) 754.
Italy. 1. We feel that one problem which should be
considered in preparing for the action that will
be required should Italy cease hostilities is
the feeding of the prisoners of war of the United
Nations in camps in Italy in the likely event of a breakdown in
the present machinery.
(2) It would be necessary for this commitment to be undertaken
from Mediterranean. It is realised that the circumstances which
will exist at the time of the cessation of hostilities cannot be
foreseen, especially as part of North Italy may well be still in
German occupation. Nevertheless there would be great advantages
in making advance preparations.
(3) Request that you should bring this matter to notice of
Combined Chiefs of Staff and suggest that instructions should be
sent to General Eisenhower asking him to consider this plan in
relation to other problems.
(Air Min. 071515Z to Britman, Washington).

Destroyers Your 232135 July.
for Canada. (A) Mid-October. (B) Mid-November. Probably INGLEFIELD
(C) Reply will be made shortly.
2. Request no publicity may be given until you
hear further from us.
(A.C.N.S.(H) 071519B to N.S.H.Q.).

GRIPSHOLM Your 031300Z proceed route to Port Elizabeth
agreed.
Onward route to Marmagao and route for Japanese
exchange ship will be signalled as soon as
possible.
(Hd. of M.I. 071532Z to V. Opnav).

U.S. S/M (Cominch 071555Z).
Estimate.

NEWFOUNDLAND A.M. 261944 July NEWFOUNDLAND assigned
refit. availability Navy Yard Boston.
(B.A.M.R. 071614Z to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med. (A)
C. in C. Med. (M)., V.A. Malta., F.O. i/c Gib.
C.S.15., A.S. Malta., NEWFOUNDLAND.).

/B.Y.M.S....

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B.Y.M.S. Arrival B.Y.M.S. 74 - 75 from Boston.
(N.O.i/c Halifax 071631Z to Admty.).

Dispositions My 071635 add C.T.F. 22 044 degs. 08' 051 degs.
30' 080 degs. 17. T.A.55 040 degs. 04' 057 degs.
15' 262 degs. 19.5 alter to 258 degs. in 058
degs. 00' West.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 071640Z).

G.U.S.11 Your 061743. Ships of less than nine knots speed
should not be included in G.U.S. Convoys because
of increased risk to other ships in Convoy.
(Cominch 071751Z to C. in C. Med.).

INDOMITABLE,
CLEOPATRA
refits. My 262225 July. Refitting yards confirmed. Approx.
E.T.A. would be appreciated by Navy Dept.
(B.A.M.R. 071756Z to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med.
(Algiers), F.O. A/C H.F., V.A. Malta., A.S. Malta.,
F.O.i/c Gibraltar., C.S.12).

EMPEROR C.V.E.34 EMPEROR commissioned 6th with Ferry
Crew.
(B.A.M.R. 071840Z to Admty. (R) N.S.H.Q.).

WEST POINT Your 060241. Yes. Details in V.C.N.O. 061830.
(B.A.D. 071953Z to D. of S.T. (R) C. in C.E.F.,
P.S.T.O. India, A.C.N.B., N.O. Melbourne).

STRATFORD B.W. (corrupt group) E.T.A. St. Johns N.F.
0200Z/8. E.T.A. Wabana Section 0700Z/8. Ships in
company FREDEN SPRUCE BAY for St. Johns N.F.,
RUBY for Wabana. Boiler hours.
(STRATFORD 072000Z to F.O.N.F.(R) Capt.(D)
St. Johns N.F.).

Influence
"Fuze". J.S.M.1134. 7th August. Re guarding against
possible compromise.
(J.S.M. 072041Z to W.C.O.).

Convoy
O.T.8. 6 ships departed. Last ship out gate 1622 QUEEN
August 7. S.T.K. ESSO BUFFALO cancelled.
(P.D.New York 072044Z to Com. 10th U.S. Fleet C and
R).

Greek
Landing
Craft. My 051721 and C. in C. Levant 071241. This
assignment will be considered by M.A.C.(Navy) at
1000 Washington time 9th. Request decision by then
if possible.
(B.A.D. 072045Z to Admty.).

/Convoy...

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Convoy Arrived between 1930Z and 2100Z August 7th.
B.X.67 (N.C.S.O. Halifax 072110Z to Admty.).

MONTCALM Following is 071605 from P.D. Norfolk addressed
Com. 10th Fleet C and R, C.E.S.F. N.S.H.Q.,
N.O.B. Bermuda, Admty. (R) C. in C.C.N.A., F.O.N.F.
(Begins).

French Cruiser MONTCALM will depart Cape Henry 1200Z/9th Bermuda
K.35.14 N. 71.02 W. L. 32.51 N. 66.49 W. Speed 22.5.

Publications. Vessel will be escorted first 12 hours by U.S.S.
BURNS.

(Radio Washington 072111Z to Ottawa, Admty. (R) C. in C.C.N.A.,
F.O.N.F.).

Sub. attack All times Z.
and sighting Para.(A). U.S.S. MOFFETT sighted submarine area
summary. 09 degs. S. 26.09 W. about 1500/6th.
5 planes attacked sub. 12.54 N. 64.34 W. 1731/6th
to 1020/7th submarine scuttled 44 survivors.
Card plane attacked submarine 36.35 N. 40.39 W.
1925/3rd probably sunk. P.B.M. attacked sub. 37.22 N. 70.40 W.
1636/7th. Attack by aircraft 09.33 S. 30.37 W. 1025/3rd submarine
probably sunk. U.S.S. MOFFETT attack same area on third probable
damage. P.V. shot down in attacking submarine 37.35 N. 71.20
W. 0750/7th.
Para.C. Panam. plane sighted two subs. course 120 19.40 N.
74.30 W. 1645/7th.
(Cominch 072200Z).

Convoy This completes my dis. 061950.
H.X.251 Sailing telegram. Part 1.
7. 78 ships.
(P.D. New York 072200Z to Admty.).
Sailing telegram part 2. (Ships, list, cargoes,
destinations).
(P.D. New York 072206A).

Drifting Your 052303Z. A.P. extract referred to is a garbled
Barge, news- version of a handout given to the Press April 20th.
paper report. This story told how tug H.M.S. SAMSONIA towed in a
raft on which a Lockheed bomber had floated clear
when merchant ship was torpedoed. Story was sent
to Lt. Cdr. Downie with other press material on April 24th, in
Air Mail 12, Series 31.
(D. of P.D. 072357B to B.A.D. Washington).

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Australia and New Zealand.

Digest
Serial No.
564 August
6th.

1 Medium Merchant vessel reported 2 degs. 40' N.
151 degs. 2' E. course 330 degs. Midday.
(2) Vessels revealed by photos to be possible light
or heavy cruiser reported 8 miles east Cape St.
George course 230 degs. afternoon. Aircraft observed
being catapulted from this ship.
(3) Large submarine with deck cargo passed Cape
Orford southbound afternoon.
(4) 12 Mitchells in morning strike Alexishafen area set on fire 1
motor barge also damaged other barges.
(5) In morning coastal sweep from Wald Bay to Eitel Friedrich
Harbour 12 Mitchells destroyed minimum 6 barges 1 Mitchell lost.
(8) 1 Hudson bombed Keaukwa Village early afternoon. 1 other
Hudson attacked 1 small vessel with 3 barges 33 miles west
Kaukenau leaving vessel damaged and stationary.
(10) British Freighter MACUMB (2,500 tons) under escort sank
following forenoon attack by 2 enemy aircraft 60 miles North
North West Millingimbi.
(13) 1 Catalina destroyed troop carrying barge in Wilson Strait
night 5/6th. Another Catalina attacked barges in Vella Lavella -
Gizo Island area same night.
(15) Large Merchant Vessel observed 12 miles North North East
northern tip Buka Island course 190 degs. afternoon 6th.
(G.H.Q. S.W.P.A. 070914Z).

Movements Arrived Townsville 5th U.S. Ship TRINITY CAIRNS
6th. U.S. Ship GOLD STAR.
(A.C.N.B. 071026Z).

Arrived Brisbane 5th U.S.S. COUCAL Milne Bay, 6th GYMPIE,
BUNBURY, departed Brisbane 5th U.S.S. ALTAMAHA for Fremantle,
Milne Bay 6th BOWEN for Townsville. Townsville 6th U.S.
destroyer HELM for Port Moresby Sydney N.S.W. 6th BUNDABERG,
MORESBY, MILDURA, BALLARAT for Brisbane.
(A.C.N.B. 071031Z).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C. 071350B, 071409B).

Submarines Attacked.

Sub. attack For 24 hours to 1000B/7.
and sighting Para.1. FERNHILL made S.S.S.S. 400' W. by S. of
summary. Freetown.

/Para.II...

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Attacked. - Contd.

Sub. attack
and
sighting
summary.
(Contd.).

Para.II. A/C attacked periscope of U-boat with depth charges 100' S.W. of Cape Spartel.(Cancelled by 100855Z).

Para.III. A/C attacked U-boat with 75 m.m. shells during the day of the 5th off the S.W. tip of Sardinia.

Para.IV. A/C sighted U-boat on surface 95' W. of Cape Ortegale.
(D.D.I.C. 070905Z to Cominch).

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

Operation
S.F.

1. S.O. 15th M/S Flotilla left Hvalfiord at 1315B. in FRASERBURGH, with BOOTLE, WORTHING, DUNBAR, and LLANDUDNO, to re-inforce the striking force engaged in A/S operations in the Denmark Strait.

Mediterranean.

Sicily.

2. Acireale was entered by the 8th Army this morning. Canadians and the 78th Division occupied Aderno and later captured Bronte. S. Agata was taken today after a night landing of a battalion of 3rd Division behind enemy lines in an area 5 miles S.W. of Cape Orlando. Destroyers carried out a bombardment in the Taormina area last night. MAURITIUS and 2 destroyers bombarded positions at Giorre, Reposto, and North of Acireale today. American naval forces last night covered an amphibious landing 5 miles S.W. of Cape Orlando, (one report says at Torrenuove) in which 1500 prisoners were taken. The cruisers PHILADELPHIA and SAVANNAH were heavily bombed while giving fire support in this area this morning. Air cover is reported to have been ineffective. 78 Wellingtons last night dropped 149 tons of bombs on beaches between Messina and Scaletta.

Air
Operations.

3. 2 Beaufighters on an anti-shipping sweep in the Aegean attacked a vessel of corvette type at Githion, scoring near misses with bombs and cannon hits which caused smoke. Many strikes were scored on schooners at Livadia. 2 Beaufighters which attacked shipping at Preveza dropped 4 bombs on a 3,500 ton M/V, one of which hit the bridge and another the deck forward of funnel, but none exploded. 1 aircraft strafed the vessel's superstructure and waterline.

Levant
Convoys.

4. Only ships capable of 9 knots will be accepted for regular M.K.S. and G.U.S. convoys sailing from Alexandria. Ships of between 8 and 9 knots will be sailed a few hours in advance of main convoys coastwise to Tripoli, unescorted, known by the same name as the corresponding main convoy with suffix Z added; e.g. G.U.S.12 Z.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Australia & New Zealand.

5. U.S.S. BUCHANAN destroyer reports a submarine probably sunk last night in the area of 14° S. 167° E. (vicinity of Vanua Lava Island, New Hebrides).

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- ROEBUCK. Sailed ROEBUCK at 0515B/8th to comply with Admty. 061801B. S.O.A. 24 knots, E.T.A. Casablanca 0900B/11. (N.O.I.C. Greenock 080516B to F.O.C.W.Af.)
- BELFAST. Scapa arrival BELFAST. (A.C.O.S. 080625B.)
- S/M My 071510B. Sailed 0641. (RUBIS).
movements. (F.O.I.C. Portland 080650B to C. in C. Portsmouth.)
S/M UMBRA exercising off Plymouth in area D.1300 to 2100/8th.
(C. in C. Plymouth 081003B to Ships.)
Scapa departures STOIC, STUBBORN escorted by STELLA PEGASI. (A.C.O.S. 081018B.)
Positions of S/Ms. at 0800B/9 and movements for following 24 hours.
(F.O.S. 081544B.)
Cancel my 061041B (TRUCULENT).
(Capt. S.3. 081659B.)
My 051359 sailed. (L.26).
(Capt. S.7. 082044B.)
- ILLUSTIOUS, Clyde arrivals ILLUSTRIOUS, OPPORTUNE, OBEDIENT, UNICORN. OB DURATE.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock 080906B.)
A.M.051324B para. 2. SAVAGE (S.O.), SCORPION, OPPORTUNE, OB DURATE, OBEDIENT, detailed.
(R.A.D. H.F. 081802B to C. in C. H.F.)
- MALAYA. SAVAGE pass Switha and MIDDLETON Hoxa as requisite to R/V off Hoxa Sound 0630B/9th. When met proceed in company to R/V MALAYA in accordance with C. in C. Home Fleet's 061242B. (2) MALAYA's 061811 para. 1. refers.
(R.A.D. H.F. 081019B to SAVAGE, MIDDLETON.)
- ADVENTURE. Your 061259B. Arrived.
(F.O.I.C. Milford Haven 081055B to C. in C. Plymouth)
- LONDON. C. in C. H.F. 071146B. Intend to proceed in LONDON passing Hvalfiord Boom at 2359B today passing through Reykjarvs Passage and 359° Butt of Lewis 11 miles. 2. Expect to arrive vicinity "Jig Jig" 1430B/10th and request following practice may be arranged.
(C.S.1. 081304B to A.C.I.C, A.C.O.S.)
- BERMUDA. BERMUDA will pass through 180° QQ 4 at 1201B tomooorow for Scapa.
(BERMUDA 081701B to C. in C.H.F., A.C.O.S.)

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S/M (UPSTART) sailed 0610B/8th through 090° Muckle Patrols. Flugga 5, thence across patrol line CC. proceeding unescorted and on surface at C.Os. discretion till 062° N. thereafter diving as much as possible. (S.O. S/M Lerwick 080615B.)

Positions of S/Ms. at 0800B/9th and movements for following 24 hours. (a) TRUANT, THRASHER, MINERVE, SATYR as in my 061727. (c) ULA vicinity 61° 20' N. 00° 17' W. for 63° 2' N. 01° 10' E. probably on surface until crossing 62° N. then dived as much as practicable. (d) UPSTART vicinity 62° 30' N. 01° 55' W. diving as much as practicable to patrol vicinity of 64° 40' N. 03° 25' W. (e) SEADOG patrolling in area between latitudes 46° 05' N. and 45° 20' N. and longitudes 03° 30' W. and 05° 01' W. (f) SYRTIS patrolling in area, between latitudes 45° 40' N. and 45° 01' N. and longitudes 05° 20' W. and 05° 50' W. (g) SEANYMPH patrolling in area bounded by parallel 45° 01' N. longitudes 03° 01' W. and 05° 01' W. and a line drawn 075° through 44° 25' N. 05° 00' W. (F.O.S. 081544B to Admty.)

Operation "Musketry". Following received by A/C. P.L.E. LANDGUARD A.M. 11, BIDEFORD A.M. 9. Intend to detach. BIDEFORD, LANDGUARD.

(E.G.40 080915 to C. in C. Plymouth.)

ATHABASKAN takes GRENVILLE under his orders, passes gate at 0900B/10th, and thence through position (F) 180° Bishop Rock 10. (G) 049° 01' N. 010° 40' W. and thence support of second Escort Group against surface-attack conforming to para. 10 of memo No. M.S. but keeping generally 25 to 50 miles off second Escort Group.

(C. in C. Plymouth 081153B.)

S.O. 2nd Escort Group in STARLING is to proceed with 2nd escort Group to Pass Gate at 1900B/9th and thence through position (F) 180° Bishop Rock 10 (G) 049° 01' N. 010° 40' W. to carry out operation "Musketry" in "Musketry" area between 044° N. and 046° N. in accordance with memorandum N.O.M.S. dated 25th July 1943.

(C. in C. Plymouth 081201B to E.G.2.)

Am being attacked by 8 Ju.88 in 45° 30' N. 10° 30' W.

(A/C Duty F. 081255 to 19 Group.)

Disposition at 2000. 1. HASTINGS 049° 10' N. 008° 50' W. bound Plymouth 11 knots. 2. LANDGUARD, BIDEFORD, on patrol in the vicinity of 046° 30' N. 011° W. 3. SATYR vicinity 047° 10' N. 005° W. 4. SEADOG vicinity 045° 50' N. 004° 20' W. 5. P.241 vicinity of 045° 30' N. 005° 30' W. 6. SEANYMPH 044° 50' N. 005° 50' W. E. bound, daily advance 90-95 miles.

(C. in C. Plymouth 081558B to Ships).

1 enemy A/C shadowing 180° one mile from convoy "Favour" in 44° 39' N. 12° 02' W. course 180° speed 9 knots.

(E.G.40 081852B to Whitehall.)

One Focke Wulf 060 45° N. 17° W. 44, 50.

(LIMBOURNE 081903A to Whitehall W/T.)

Enemy course is 270.

(LIMBOURNE 081910A.)

My 081852B. A/C last seen 270° steering 270°.

(E.G.40 081932B to Admty.)

/intended...

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Operation "Musketry" (Contd.) Intended P.C.S. 0700/9 position C. 180, 12. Detaching BIDEFORD for Plymouth at 0700. LANDGUARD remaining in area until P.L.E. on 11th. (E.G.40 082020B. to C. in C. Plymouth.) Catalina will not co-operate August 9th owing to weather. (C. in C. Plymouth 082142B to E.G.40.) "Favour" being shadowed by one enemy aircraft, bearing 300° distant 5 miles. My position 45° 10' N. 11° 36' W. course 285° 13 knots. (E.G.40. 082209B.) My 082209. One Fokke-Wulf. (E.G.40 082230B.) Your 080915. Both ships are to return to Plymouth in company. (C. in C. Plymouth 082318B to E.G.40.)

Operation S.F. Your 061323B. N.O.I.C. Faroes 062145B. Do not consider it practical to oil destroyers from shore installations except in emergency and then only in calm weather. Distance between buoys is approx. 1200 feet. 2. Hauling in wires to shore of 150 fathoms are needed.

(MUSKETEER 081206B to C. in C. H.F.)

Recent experience in operation S.F. has emphasized that aircraft sighting should:- (A) Home Destroyers on 385 kc/s to S/Ms. last seen position. (B) Drop sea markers. (C) Shifting to 6000 kc/s if leaving last known position of S/M.

(MUSKETEER 081209B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

C. in C. H.F. 051553 and 071204 refers.

Para. 4. (1) Group A. 15 M/S Flotilla. (2) 062° 53' N. 014° 10' W. (3) 225° (4) "Peacock One".

(C. in C. Rosyth 081250B to M/S.15.)

Sailed at 1315B/8th in accordance with C. in C. H.F.071204B, BOOTLE, WORTHING, LLANDUDNO, DUNBAR in company.

(M/S.15 081345B to A.C.I.C.)

Establish patrol by 1800B/9th as follows:-

(1) Group B. MUSKETEER, MAHRATTA, METEOR, ORIBI. (2) 062° 15' N. 012° 40' W. (3) 225° (4) "Peacock". My 081250. Assume S.O. of forces operating. Suggest patrol as in R.A. (D) H.F. 021956 observing that primary function is a striking force.

(C. in C. Rosyth 081930B to MUSKETEER, M/S.15.)

Request you will sail ESS destroyers as follows:-

(a) SHIKARI, SABRE p.m. 9th August to Scapa to come under orders of C. in C. H.F. for "moorings" patrol.

(C. in C. W.A. 082255B to Cdre D. W.A.)

C. in C. H.F. 051553 para. 5. D.2 aircraft after making the recognition signal by V/S will make the group suffix letter of its call sign followed by its figure group.

(C. in C. Rosyth 082358B to MUSKETEER, M/S.15.)

Coastal Force Patrols.

(A) M.G.Bs. 613 (SO) 614, 615, anti E-Boat patrol from 2300B to 0445B on 50° 25' N. between 00° 40' W. and 01° 10' W. (B) Chasseurs 14 (SO) and 13 patrol Q.Z.S.384 between F. and E.A. 5 buoys. (C) BLEASDALE at immediate notice at St.Helens. (D) CATTISTOCK and WENSLEYDALE at immediate notice at Yarmouth. (E) M.Ls. 247, 124, 122 from Portland anti E-Boat

/patrol...

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Force
Patrols.
(Contd.)

patrol on 50° 20' N. between 02° 00' W. and 02° 25' W. 2. If ordered to proceed to patrol BLEASDALE is to sail from St. Helens so as to patrol near C.3 buoy from 0500B until ordered to return.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 081401B.)

Allied Air Activity.

S.N.74.

C. in C. Rosyth 071041B. No reply having yet been received from Admiralty to my 384/ML 01095 of 4th July or your W.A.2595/00609/3 of 16th July request A/S air escort ? provided for S.N.74 may be continuous. It would be appreciated if detailed arrangements made could if possible be passed to me before sailing.
(R.A. (M) 081210B. to C. in C. W.A. (R) C. in C. Rosyth, Admty.)

C. in C. Rosyth 111505/July and R.A. (M) 081210.

1. It is desired that continuous A/S air escort be provided for the First Minelaying Squadron for at least eight hours before laying and while laying is in progress. 2. If air cover is to be given at other times the Squadron will be included in the STIPPLE signal and R.A. (M) should be informed of the arrangements made by the Naval Authority concerned. 3. R.A. (M) should continue to request the air cover he considers necessary and decision will be made in STIPPLE according to the priority of other requirements.

(A.C.N.S. H. 081901B to C. in C. W.A.)

Your 081210B. Organization of all A/S air cover throughout the Atlantic is regulated by STIPPLE signal which is made daily from H.Q.C.C. All groups concerned provide aircraft in accordance with categories given in this signal. Your Force will be given an A for Able priority which calls for constant air cover if circumstances and weather permit. This will be provided by 15 Group and Iceland according to area in which Force is situated. Signals are made at the time informing Force when aircraft may be expected.

(C. in C. W.A. 082024B to R.A.M.)

Bomber
Command
Operations.

On night 7th/8th 72 A/C bombed Genoa.
(H.Q.B.C. 081330B.)

Enemy Air Activity.

Iceland.

One enemy aircraft believed H.E.III sighted over Thingvellir 064° 15' N. 021° 06' W. flying high at 1536. Aircraft came in 007 N. and disappeared course E.
(A.C.I.C. 081558B to Admty.)

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Sunday.HOME COMMANDS.Mining.

Q.Z.X.1056. Operations abandoned today owing to weather.
2. Intend slipping at 0600 tomorrow to continue clearance of Q.Z.X.1056.
(PROSPECT 081025B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

On completion of tomorrow sweeping operation return to Plymouth with NEAVE, PORCHER, SCALPAY, DOCHET, ULVA, KING'S GREY, and ARMANA. DORINDA and LOCH BUIE to proceed to Dartmouth. Ships to resume operations Thursday.

(C. in C. Plymouth 081750 to PROSPECT.)

Thames Estuary. My 071755B. One Ground Mine detonated by Sweeper at 071716B in 105° Margate Sand Beacon 3.22 miles. Details.
(Capt. M/S. Sheerness 081401B.)

S.N.74. Your 061545. Para 4B is preferred.
(D.O.D.H. 081656B to C. in C. W.A.)

M.S.F.18. Request ONYX and COCKATRICE may be sailed so as to arrive Harwich p.m. 16th to rejoin 18th M.S.F.
(D.M.S. 081719B to C. in C. W.A.)

Enemy Intelligence.

German Main Units. GRAF ZEPPELIN. At Stettin 28th. July reported fuelling from oil lighters during night (C.2.)
HIPPER. At Pillau 19th. July (B.2.)
ADMIRAL SCHEER. At Copenhagen 6th August (B.2.)
NURNBERG. At Swinemunde 27th July (B.2.)
(Admty. 081129B to A.I.G.47, A.I.G.21.)

Navigational.

Ice R/C. Your 052138B and my 161830B. IMPULSIVE will now proceed passing Hvalfiord boom at 1020B today for this duty. E.T.A. off North Cape 2300B/8th.
(C.S.1. 080901B to A.C.I.C.)
Air R/C flown (? to-day) indicates ice edge passes through following approximate positions. Passage to North and W. of A.M. Q.Z.X.794 as in my 052138 would not appear to be clear.
(A.C.I.C. 082228B to IMPULSIVE (R) C.S.1.)

Casualties & Defects.

LUNENBURG. Your 071406. Anticipate LUNENBURG ready to join 5th Escort Group on conclusion of Groups next duty at end of August.
(C. in C. W.A. 080812Z to C. in C. N.A.)
My 060956. LUNENBURG further delayed and may require docking. Request present arrangements may be postponed.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool 081149B to Cdre. D.W.A.)

/Cable...

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Sunday.HOME COMMANDS.Casualties & Defects - Contd.

Cable Repair. Your 081013B. Yes, providing no time is lost in meeting VIZALMA by 0400Z/9th August. My P.C.S. 051° 49' N. 019° 13' W. 062° 11½ knots. LORD KELVIN in company.
(BURWELL 080900Z to C. in C. W.A.)
Comply with BURWELL's 080900Z.
(C. in C. W.A. 081550B to VIZALMA.)

BURWELL. Report whether you can make port without assistance
(C. in C. W.A. 081013B to BURWELL.)

M.A.S.B.4. Propose towing M.A.S.B.4 by one M.L. to Plymouth for onward routing to Portsmouth. M.A.S.B.4 has one engine broken down and remaining engine when operating alone has broken down.
(F.O.I.C. Falmouth 081048B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

PRIDE OF MIDLANDS. Motor boat PRIDE OF MIDLANDS both engines now broken down after repair and trials, requested vessel may be sent to tow boat to Greenock.
(N.O.I.C. Lamlash 081100B to F.O.I.C. Glasgow.)

LARIAT. Your 071840B. Earliest LARIAT can be ready for sea is 15/8/43. Subject to satisfactory trials. My 061046B refers.
(F.O.I.C. Cardiff 081113B to Admty.)

DUNLIN. Arrival DUNLIN owing to engine trouble.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich 081311B to F.O.I.C. London.)

PHOEBE. PHOEBE can be docked for coating bottom at Devonport about 7th September.
2. Request you will sail her accordingly.
(D.O.D.H. 081518B to C. in C. H.F.)

M.Ls. Departure Tug ATTENTIF to assistance of M.Ls.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich 081821B.)

SALADIN. Have sprung leak in number one O.F. Tank contaminating 43 tons fuel. Am returning Londonderry by direct route at 12 knots, having reached P.L.E. on clean fuel. Raft has not been sighted.
(SALADIN 081835B to C. in C. W.A.)

WESTON. My 071515B. WESTON delayed with hull defects.
(F.O.I.C. N.I. 081953.)

VICEROY. Steering gear broken down. Am anchored in 120° 7½ cables from 3A Buoy.
(VICEROY 082148B to C. in C. Nore.)

/Can...

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VICEROY
(Contd.)

Can you effect repairs. If not proceed to Number 4 Buoy steering by engine and await a tug. Report your intention.
(C. in C. Nore 082245B to VICEROY.)
Your 082245B. Expect to be able to try to steer by 0045. If satisfactory intend to proceed so as to overtake F.N.94A at daylight. If not intend proceed number 4 buoy.
(VICEROY 082340B to C. in C. Nore.)

Shipping & Convoys.

M.K.F.20. Convoy M.K.F.20 is due Clyde a.m. 9.8 and Liverpool p.m. 9.8 comprising the following troop transports:- ORION, VOLENDAM, HIGHLAND PRINCESS, MOOLTAN. Details (D.S.T. 080025B.)
Your 080025. N.C.S.O. Clyde advises E.T.A. a.m. 11th August.
(P.S.T.O. Clyde 081651 to D.S.T.)

S.C.138. TWEED is to be detached on crossing 022° W. to proceed Londonderry at best speed.
(C. in C. W.A. 081138Z.)

Sloops
for
Slow
Convoys. C. in C. W.A. 071252B August, para. 1 (a) Concur. (C. in C. Plymouth 081145B to Admty.)
Your 071252. Paras. 1 (A) and 2 (B) approved.
(D.O.D. H. 081322B to C. in C. W.A.)

B.B.
Convoys. B.B. Convoys will be discontinued for ships in convoys arriving at position A after August 22nd. An escort for Liverpool Section and Bristol Channel Section will meet the convoy.
(C. in C. W.A. 081518B to Ships.)

Escort
Carriers. Request you will inform escort carriers operating aircraft on passage to U.K. after completion in U.S.A. that patrols are to be carried out as required by the S.O. close escort.
(C. in C. W.A. 081912B to B.A.D.)

S.D.43. Clyde portion of S.D.43 arrived Clyde.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock 082244B to A.C.I.C.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

Spanish
Fishing
Vessels
Attacked in
Biscay.

Your 021830 para. 4. Positions given for sinking of all vessels are definitely within the declared areas. MONOLO was sunk nearest to the Southern boundary.
(Head of M.(I) 080213B to N.A. Madrid).

BUENA
VISTA.

BUENA VISTA from T.O. 7 arrived Eastbound with engine defects details later.
(C.M.S.F., 080846B to C. in C. Med).

G.U.S.11,
escort
tanker.
BRITISH
COURAGE.

Request you will load one of Tankers in G.U.S.11 with 15,000 barrels to act as escort Tanker.
(2) BRITISH COURAGE may be unable to sail owing to damage caused by fire on board this Sunday morning.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 080945B to C.O.I.S.E.F.)
G.U.S.11. Your 080945B. U.S.S. ESCALANTE loaded as escort Tanker. There are no standby tankers available Casablanca. My 041254 (N.T. in W.R.) refers.
(C.M.S.F.F., 081128B to F.O. Gibraltar) See Mediterranean 081910B.
C.M.S.F. 081128. No tanker available at Gibraltar to replace BRITISH COURAGE.

2. Para. 2. of my 080945. Lagging in boiler room was seen to be on fire at 0755B today Sunday resulting in damage to boiler room and electrical gear. Cause of fire not yet known.

(F.O. Gibraltar, 081217 to C. in C. Med. (R) Comnavnaw, Admty. Cominch, C.N.S.F.)

Para. 2 of my 080945. Confirmed BRITISH COURAGE will not sail.

(F.O. Gibraltar, 081221B to C.M.S.F.)

Intend to sail ESSO WASHINGTON on completion of repairs subject to these being completed in 24 hours, escorted by ANTHONY to overtake G.U.S.11 to act as standby escort Tanker. My 081317 refers.

(F.O. Gibraltar, 081857B to Admty. Cdr. 10th U.S. Fleet, C. and R).

CHARYBDIS

On reaching 44° N., part company from M.K.F.20 and proceed with all convenient despatch through (P) 036° 10' 012° 10' (Q) 035° 45' 006° 30' thence Q.B.A. 87 to Gibraltar.

2. All following positions are North and West unless otherwise indicated.

(F.O. Gibraltar, 081025B to CHARYBDIS, Escorts of M.K.F.20, Admty. C. in C. W.A., C. in C. Plymouth).

Dispositions. LOCH OSKAIG, MARIE LOUISE MACKAY repairing cable vicinity 037° 21' 009° 17'.

2. P.42 UNBROKEN 036° 10' 006° 42' through 036° 37' 007° 24' at 0100/9th thence 279° 9 knots

on the surface until 0600/9th thence diving by day 7/2.

3. O.G.91/K.M.S.22 HIGHLANDER 035° 17' 008° 43' through 035° 45' 006° 30' to Gibraltar 6.

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- Dispositions. (contd).
5. S.L. 134 ROCHESTER (E) 031° 28' 011° 08' 027° 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ S.T.O. 1957B/8th.
 6. G.U.S.11 C.T.F. 63 035° 46' 006° 26' through 035° 45' 006° 30' thence 238° 8. Casablanca Section R/V at 1200B/9th.
 7. Group B.5 035° 57' 008° 49' to Gibraltar 12.
 8. CHARYBDIS, 040° 28' 015° 37' through 036° 10' 012° 10' to Gibraltar 23.
 9. French convoy F.S. ALCYON pass Europa Point 1900/8th through Q.B.A.87 and 035° 45' 006° 30' thence 218° 7 $\frac{1}{2}$. (F.O. Gibraltar, 081053B)
 Situation XB of Med. Station at 082001B.
- Fleet Unit STALKER, TEVIOT 035° 52' 011° 33' through 035° 01' 009° 01' where fleet unit 3 destroyers part company for Casablanca remainder of force proceed through 035° 47' 006° 25' to Gibraltar 13 $\frac{1}{2}$.
2. S.L.134 ROCHESTER (E) 031° 28' 011° 08' 027° 6 $\frac{3}{4}$.
 3. T.O.7 C.T.G.21.4 032° 02' 015° 19' through 031° 01' 018° 01' thence 222° 13 $\frac{1}{2}$.
 4. (?LAMERTON) (E) 039° 40' 019° 01' 000° 20. (F.O. Gibraltar, 081103B).

UNBROKEN

My 061433B sailed. Q.Z.H. 472 (C.32) L.55, S.427, X.1073, Y.404. Only such Q messages affecting passage to port of destination carried. (F.O. Gibraltar, 081131B to Admty. F.O.S.)

LE TERRIBLE

Your 061128 which has been passed to Oran refers. Onward route from C through D.28.00 14.55. E. 30.01 13.59, F. 35.45 06.30 and Q.B.A.87 to G.36.01 05.21, H. 36.02 01.27, J. 35.53 00.38. All positions N. and W. and Q.K.B. 41. to Oran. (F.O. Gibraltar, 081140B to Comar Dakar (R) F.O.C.W.Af., C. in C. Med., Com. N.O.B. Oran, Admty).

G.U.S.11

G.U.S.11 sailed as in my 041734 and my 050955 plus A.C. BEDFORD (T) for Casablanca less ORESTES and BRITISH COURAGE. (F.O. Gibraltar, 081302B to C.M.S.F.F. (R) Com. Algeria, Admty. C. in C. Med). G.U.S.11 arrivals (list). (F.O. Gibraltar, 081545B to Admty. etc).

C.G.54

Arrived. (F.O. Gibraltar, 081540B to C.M.S.F.F.)

Convoy
T.O.7

Sailing telegram part 2. (C.M.S.F., 081650B to C.A.F.A.C.)

E.G.B.5

E.T.A. HAVELOCK, VOLUNTEER, SAXIFRAGE, GODETIA 0845B/9th. Have 1 Officer and 3 Sergeants of 19 Group as passengers not survivors requiring passage to England. (S.O.E.G.B.J., 081727B to F.O. Gibraltar).

/RAMILLIES...

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Sunday.FOREIGN STATIONS.*North Atlantic.*
Mediterranean. - Contd.RAMILLIES,
INCONSTANT.

Request you will sail RAMILLIES for Freetown on completion of ROEBUCK fuelling escorted by ROEBUCK, BRILLIANT, QUALITY.

(2) Route. Speed of advance 15 knots.

(3) Request you sail INCONSTANT to Gibraltar on completion of fuelling.

(F.O. Gibraltar, 081915B to C.M.S.F. (R) Admty. F.O.C.W.A., Comar Dakar, RAMILLIES, C. in C. E.F., C. in C. S.A., C. in C. Med).

ANGELO

My 071037. As ANGELO only attained a speed of 5½ knots on trial at full power, intend retaining her until docked. My 051752, not to Admiralty, refers. (F.O. Gibraltar, 081937 to C. in C. Med. (R) Admty)

BRITISH
COURAGE
damage.

Tanker BRITISH COURAGE damaged by fire in Auxiliary boiler room and has electrical defects. Estimated date completion for permanent repair is 13th August.

(F.O. Gibraltar, 081951B to C. in C. Med. (R) Admty)

CHARYBDIS

My position and course 041° 27' 015° 59' 150. My S. of A. is 21. E.T.A. 0600/10th. Weather report 4781 2614 position to the nearest degree 4116.

(CHARYBDIS, 082002B to F.O. Gibraltar).

K.M.S.22

K.M.S.22, your 081903B (N.T. in W.D.) MARTAND and MARRAKECH escorted by WALKER detach at 0400B/9th. E.T.A. 1115B/9th.

(B.4., 082045B 082140B to F.O. Gibraltar).

M.K.S.20

Arrived SCYLLA ex escorting M.K.S.20. (F.O. Gibraltar, 082045B to Admty. etc).

EMPRESS OF
SCOTLAND.

(1) Sailing Telegram (2) From Casablanca 8th 1730Z. (3) Point K also first "Chop" 10 West 9th 0030Z. Speed 19.25. (4) Second "Chop" 24 W. 10th 1600Z Radio Shift 10th 0500Z.

(Route). Communications. (15) Codeword "Berserk" with associated call sign 120.

(C.M.S.F.F., 082045B to P.D. C.E.S.F.)

Movements
Gibraltar.

Arrivals VELOX with C.G.54 GERALDTON, CESSNOCK, CAIRNS, WOOLONGONG, PENTSTEMON, VETCH, CONVULVULUS BRISSENDEN, LAOMEDON ex G.U.S.11. French Ship LA SETOISE from Oran.

Departures WITHERINGTON to the West. French Ship FORBIN to Casablanca. U.S.S. BIRMINGHAM, ALDEN, WHIPPLE, J.D. EDWARDS, PIONEER THREAT, C.471 French Ship CHASSEUR II to R/V and escort G.U.S.11, ANTHONY. (F.O. Gibraltar, 082100B).

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South Atlantic.

CERES

Arrived CERES.
(N.O.i/c Durban 080604Z).

WOLVERINE

Sailed 0600Z/8th WOLVERINE escorting to R/V
W.S.32.
(N.O.i/c Takoradi 080715Z to Admty. F.O.C.W.Af.,
N.O.i/c Lagos).

Dispositions

Situation at 2000Z/8th.
ST. ZENO, WELLARD, BLAAUWBERG with D.C.38 (5 ships)
034 degs. 25' 023 degs. 50' coastal to Capetown
8 knots.

NORTHERN ISLES, NORWICH CITY, TULIP, SONNEBLUM with C.D.30 (3
ships) and REDSHANK 031 degs. 45' 029 degs. 40' coastal to Durban
8 knots.

ROCKROSE, FRITILLARY, JASMINE with B.C.3 (6 ships) and M.C.8.
(4 Ships) 026 degs. 45' 033 degs. 15' coastal to Durban 8 knots.
DESPATCH, REDOUBT 029 degs. 20' 034 degs. 40' to Durban 18 knots.
ARCTIC EXPLORER, LADY ROSEMARY, GENISTA 028 degs. 05' 037 degs.
40' to Durban 9 knots.
DURBAN 019 degs. 50' 041 degs. 45' to 016 degs. 30' 042 degs.
20' 16½ knots.
(C. in C.S.A. 081104B).

Situation at 2000Z/8th August. 0.38 NORMAN, RAPID,
RELENTLESS, QUIBERON, CATTERICK with two Fleet Units and C.F.13
(Two ships) 014 degs. 45' 010 degs. 40' to 010 degs. 00' 011 degs.
00' 12½ knots.

(C. in C.S.A. 081253B).

Situation 2001Z/8th.

ABERDEEN, ARMERIA, F.F.S. COMMANDANT DETROYAT, ST. WISTAN, PORTS-
DOWN, DUNCTON with T.S. (?40) 006 degs. 29' 012 degs. 21' to
007 degs. 39' 014 degs. 20' thence 046 degs. 7½.

BULLDOG, KALE, TAY, DERG, WOLVERINE with W.S.32. 003 degs. (?58')
000 degs. 56' East (?146 degs. 037 degs.) 13 knots.

WELLINGTON, GORLESTON, LOWESTOFT, FOLKESTONE, BRIDGEWATER, EXE,
with O.S.S.52 006 degs. 05' 010 degs. 53' to 004 degs. 00' 008
degs. 00' 125 degs.8.

F. Cruiser DUSQUESNE, BRIXHAM 006 degs. 36' South 011 degs. 30'
East 009 degs. 17 knots to Pointe Noire.

INKPEN (?about) 007 degs. 05' 019 degs. 50' (?043 degs.) thence
Freetown 10.

M.L.266 off Port Bouet. M.L.10,78 off Lome. M.L.1052 off Kotonu.
COPINSAY searching off Marshall.

M.Ls. 261, 265, 007 degs. 22' 013 degs. 06' to 006 degs. 52'
012 degs. 00' thence Marshall 10.

Convoy L.T.25 005 degs. 16' 000 degs. 04' East to 005 degs. 06'
000 degs. 36' to Takoradi 8 knots.

(F.O.C.W.Af. 081301Z).

DUQUESNE
TOURVILLE

B.N.L.O. Pointe Noire sail F.S. DUQUESNE and
F.S. TOURVILLE to Takoradi as soon as ready.
Route. N.O.i/c Takoradi sail ships to Dakar as
soon as ready. Route.
(F.O.C.W.Af. 081203Z to B.N.L.O. Pointe Noire,
N.O.i/c Takoradi, (R) N.O.i/c Lagos, Admty.).

/Movements...

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South Atlantic. - Contd.

Movements
Capetown.

Arrivals Capetown CARNARVON CASTLE, DUGUAY TROUIN.
(C. in C.S.A. 081430B).

BUTTERMERE,
WASTWATER
refit.

Request you will sail BUTTERMERE, WASTWATER as
convenient to Rio de Janeiro to refit.
(F.O.C.W.Af. 081347Z to Cdr. 4th U.S. Fleet (R)
Admty. B.N.S.O. Rio de Janeiro, A.S.O.(I) Recife).

B.Y.M.S.
M.M.S.

Departures 1810Z/7th. B.Y.M.S. 23 M.M.S. 100, 101,
104, 108.
(F.O.C.W.Af. 081509Z to Comar Dakar).

Overdue
shipping
HALL KELLEY.

Cancel my 031438 vessel arrived Bahia 5th.
(Asst. B.N.S.O. Recife 081754Z to Admty. etc.).

Convoy
S.L.135

Sailing destinations.
(D.T.D. 081808B to N.C.S.O. Freetown).

Takoradi
movements.

Arrivals 9th. Off the port at 0915Z BEAGLE and
DOUGLAS. Departures 8th August M.L.1160 and 1016
Port Bouet 1700Z/9th.
(N.O.i/c Takoradi 081851Z).

U/B

A U.S. aircraft sighted a surfaced U-boat at
081155 10 degs. 23' N. 21 degs. 23' W. course
220 degs. speed 15 knots.
(F.O.C.W.Af. 082031Z to Admty. (R) N.O.i/c
Bathurst).

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M.K.S.21. My 061351 sailed less CITY OF DELHI, DERWENTDALE. Addition DAVID STONE Oran for onward routing to U.S., JADE Algiers, SPEEDY Gibraltar for onward routing to U.K., L.S.T. 305 and 407 both for

Ferryville.

(V.A. Malta, 080044B to SHOREHAM (R) Admty., F.O.I.C. Gibraltar etc.)

My 080044, add GLAUCUS Gibraltar.

(V.A. Malta, 080900.)

M.K.S.21, Pass to Cdre. and Escort, joiners (list).

Local escort H.M. Tug RUSKHOLM.

(N.O.I.C. Philippeville, 081013B to S.O.E. M.K.S.21.)

Bizerta joiners, total 5 ships (list).

(N.O.I.C. Bizerta, 081645B to S.O. S.E.C. M.K.S.21 (R) Admty. etc.)

Convoy
A.B.9.

Sailing telegram. (2 ships, BATORY, EKMA)

2. 0400Z/8th August.

3. E.T.A. Sunk Rock 1300Z/13th August.

4. 13 knots. (5) Route. (6) ALAUNIA.

(N.C.S.O. Aden, 080414Z, 080417 to Admty., etc.)

A.P.39.

List. E.T.A. BAHREIN a.m. 15th August, Rocka

p.m. 15th a.m. 16th August.

(N.C.S.O. Aden, 080424Z to F.O.C.R.I.N. etc.)

Movements,
Alexandria.

August 7th arrival G.S. QUEEN OLGA, G.S.

COUNDOURIOTIS.

(N.O.I.C. Alexandria, 080556 to Admty.)

Enemy
Units.

P.C. and S. of 2 enemy cruisers are 40.21 N.,

10.(?60) E.

(A/C G.O.C./P. 080645Z.)

P.C. and S. of 2 enemy cruisers is 40.25 N.

11.10 E. 340° 25 knots.

(A/C H.U.D./T. via Alexandria, 080746B.)

Enemy previously reported in my 0746B were one CONDE and one CONDC (sic). Am being attacked by 3 enemy aircraft.

(A/C H.U.D./T. 080755B.)

P.C. and S. of enemy one medium Merchant Vessel 40.10 N.
14.10 E. 330° 10 knots.

(A/C H.U.D./M. 080912B.)

My 0912. Enemy previously reported are type 1 medium vessel 8000 tons.

(A/C H.U.D./M. 080920B.)

UNSEEN,
Enemy
mines.

UNSEEN reports at 0557/4 in 38.50 N. 17.09 E. fired four torpedoes at REGOLO Class Cruiser, missed.

(2) Cruiser laid mines in vicinity 38.52 17.03 extending approx. 300° for three miles.

(3) Operation in accordance with C. in C. Med.

(A) 141519 July paras. (A) and (C) (not to all) successfully carried out. Report follows.

(S.10 080701 to A.I.G.66 (R) F.O.S.)

/NEWFOUNDLAND...

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NEWFOUNDLAND Following from C.T.G.89.6. (Begins). Addressed:
T.G.89.6. U.S. Naval Forces N.W. African Waters. (R)
Cominch, Admty. C. in C. Med. C.M.S.F.,
NEWFOUNDLAND, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, N.O.B.Oran.
Your 061031. In view of damage to NEWFOUNDLAND
restricting her manoeuvrability and to the number of U.S.
vessels, T.G.89.6 intends unless otherwise directed to retain
tactical command T.G. even though probably junior to cruiser
C.O. and will place her in convoy. T.O.O. 071800. (ends.)
(C. in C. Med. (A) 080808B to Admty.)

Of course fully concur your 071800. C.O. NEWFOUNDLAND
informed.

(C. in C. Med. 081617B to C.T.G.89.6.)

Following received from Comnavnaw as 081119B (begins)
action C.T.G. 89.6. (R) NEWFOUNDLAND, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Commob
Oran, C. in C. Med. Commorseafron, Admty. Cominch. From
Comnavnaw. Your 071800, affirmative.

(Comnavnaw, 081812Z to C.T.G. 89.6.)

Med.
Air
Report.

Signed Eisenhower. Part 3, Air Cositintrep No.29,
7th August. N.W. Af. Air Forces. Night 6/7
August, 51 Wellingtons dropped 92 tons of bombs
and 180,000 leaflets on Naples Docks and
marshalling yards, bombing well concentrated,
2 A/C missing. 39 Wellingtons dropped 62 1/2 tons
on Cape Peloro beaches and also 200,000 leaflets, large fires
reported near Paradise and Agata and North of Messina, 3 A/C
missing, 6 Bostons on armed R/C started fires near Calabria and
Coselete by dropping 250 lb. bombs. 30 plus E/A attacked
Bizerta 2 shot down (?by) AA, no report of damage.
Day 7 August. 4 B.25s Gs escorted by 24 P.38s 8 of which
carried bombs 13 rounds of 75 MM were fired at 3 landing barges
in Petro Harbour from 1000/2000, range 5000/6500 yards, 3 direct
hits on 1 barge, 8 more hits near the water line of the 3 barges,
2 other hits were fired at escort vessels North of C. Vaticanno.
Escort jettisoned bombs when attacked by E/A. 72 B.25s escorted
by 46 P.38s attacked Cotrone L/G, good coverage reported, 36
B.26s escorted by 48 P.38s bombed Marina di Catabzara RR Bridge
near misses scored. 35 B.26s attacked highway bridge at
Angitola 1 hit claimed. 36 B.26s escorted by 35 P.38s attacked
RR Bridge on Angitola River good (?pattern) around N.E. end of
bridge reported. 3. Air Intelligence. Re August 7th raid on
Bizerta, made by 50 bombers of different German units, 20 bombs
dropped in harbour, near misses on W/V resulted in 1 dead, 1
injured.

(Air C. in C. Med. 080922B.)

Movements,
Aden.

Departure 0407Z ALAUNIA, 0425Z MADRAS and
CARNATIC in company.
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 080931Z to C. in C. Levant.)

/8th...

MOST SECRET

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MOST SECRET

M E S S A G E

081030B/August.
IN

From : Freedom Algiers

Date: 8.8.43.
Recd : 1722B

CYPHER

Addressed : Etousa H.Q. for Action.

Sicily: Army Report.

IMMEDIATE
Reference No. 8949.
N.A.F. 317 8th August 1943.

Edited Literal Text

Interior	To	AGWAR
Addressees:	For	Combined Chiefs of Staff
	To	USFOR
	For	British Chiefs of Staff
	Signed	Eisenhower
	Cite	FHCOS

1. Units of Thirteenth Corps on Eighth Army front have entered Acaci Trezza and by this time have probably captured Mascalucia. Nicolosi is now in our hands. Fifth Division has formed two mobile columns which are directed Northeast, one in support of Fiftieth Division in the direction of Mascalucia, the other by Nocolosi on Pedar. Units of Thirtieth Corps are clearing a road east and West of Biancavilla. Seventy Eighth Division is striking North of Adrano toward Bronte with enemy opposition generally slight and enemy rear guard units suffering very heavily from shell fire.

2. On Seventh Army Front, Ninth Division is taking over from First Division and a message just received from Patton states Cesaro captured with advance to the East continuing. Third Division still North and South of San Fratello and last night repulsed strong enemy counter attack with heavy losses to Germans. On captured road between Paterno and San Stephano twelve bridges were blown in course of previous operations but by-passes now made. Seventh Army has been using beach maintenance to a limited extent because of lack of roads. It had planned an end run this morning.

N.P.

/GENERAL

GENERAL

Capture of Cesaro by Seventh Army and advance of Eighth Army toward Bronte will pinch out centre of German position and probably force withdrawal North of Etna if it does not actually crack whole enemy defensive system. At Catania 32 serviceable locomotives and 300 cars captured. Considerable damage has been done to railroad signal and operation facilities. Repairs are likely to take about ten days but then railroad should clear about 800 tons a day. Port in fair condition. Very heavy losses are believed to have been suffered by the enemy.

081030B

Circulation: Brig. Jacob.
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movements
Summary,
1957B/8th.

- (1) P.247 (SARACEN) 038° 25' 007° 18' 087°
surface 10 knots until dawn 9th thereafter diving
by day 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ /9 knots.
(2) P.229 (SPORTSMAN) 039° 50' 010° 12' through
038° 42' 010° 12' thence 266° 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ /9 knots.
(3) P.225 (SIMOOM) in Gulf of Genoa.
(4) F.S. ORPHEE north of 041° 00' East of 011° 00'
(Capt. S.8, 081110B.)

ACADIA.

Hospital Ship ACADIA arrived.
(Commodore, Oran, 081045B to C. in C. Med.)2 (slow)
Convoys
for G.U.S.
and M.K.S.

The slow ships referred to in para. 2 of my
081128X are to be sailed as unescorted convoy
known by same name as corresponding main convoy
with suffix Z added, i.e. G.U.S.12 Z. etc.
2. They are to be routed as close inshore as
practicable so as to arrive in vicinity of Ras
El Tin at same time as G.U.S. and M.K.S. convoys.

This will usually be about 1200.

3. S.N.O. Cyrenaica is to provide escort between Tobruk and
Benghazi. If adequate escort is not available S.N.O.
Cyrenaica is to report the fact to C. in C. Levant who will
order convoy to join G.U.S. M.K.S. or convoy in vicinity of
Ras El Tin and remain in company until Dakar.
4. S. of A. of K.K.S./G.U.S. convoy will be reduced to 7 knots
whilst Z convoy is in company.
5. S.N.O. Cyrenaica pass to 212 Group and 247 Wing, N.O.I.C.
Tobruk pass to 235 Wing.
(C. in C. Levant, 081126C to S.N.O. Cyrenaica, R.A. Alexandria,
(R) A.D.E.M. 219 Group, 212 Group, 245 Wing, 235 Wing, 247 Wing,
N.O.I.C. Malta, Admty. S.N.O. Tripolitania, N.O.I.C. Mersa Matruh,
H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. Cmdre. (D), 201 N.C. Group, C. in C. Med.)
Consequent upon shipping meeting held at Algiers on 31st
July, only those ships capable of maintaining 9 knots will be
accepted for regular M.K.S and G.U.S. convoys sailing from Alex.
2. Ships with a speed of between 8 and 9 knots will be sailed
a few hours in advance of main convoys coastwise to Tripoli
and thence as ordered by C. in C. Med.
(C. in C. Levant, 081128C to P.S.T.O. M.E. M.W.T.M.E. (R) N.O.I.C
Alex. F.O.C. Red Sea (Suez) S.N.O. Cyrenaica. Cdre. (D) Levant
C. in C. Med. C. in C.E.F., H.Q.R.A.F.M.E. A.D.P.M.E. H.Q. Aden.
201 N.C. Group, Admty.)

SARACEN.

(P.247) SARACEN will be patrolling between 042°
35' and 041° 00' West of 011° East.
My 051436 refers.
(Capt. (S) 8, 081138B to 8th S.F. (R) C. in C.
Med. (M) F.S. ORPHEE.)

/French...

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- French Submarines. Admty. 061920 refers. French Admiralty state. A. Movements of GLORIEUX MARSOUIN and ARGO are being made at request of U.S. Navy Department conveyed to them through Fenard Mission. B. CENTAURE is remaining in Freetown - Dakar area for A/S training as arranged between F.O.C.W.Af. and Comar Dakar. 2. Request clarification whether project quoted in Admty. 061920 has been discussed with any French authority and if so whether they have agreed. Consider present feeling in French Admiralty, Algiers, remains as stated in C. in C. Med.'s 101707 May, paras. 2 to 5. (C. in C. Med. (A), 081214B to Admty.)
- G.T.X.5. Arrived 5 ships, SPERO, OUSEL, OCEAN VIGOUR, LOCHBE and LA DROME. (N.O.I.C. Tunis, 081300B to Cdre. Algiers (R) Admty. etc.)
- Swedish Relief Ships. Your 281213 July. Italian Gov. state that route passes through waters previously mined. Request you will report whether waters are now clear, as Swedish Government refuse to sail MONGABARRA and FORMOSA until confirmation received (Head of M. (I) 081307B to C. in C. Med. (A & M) (R) F.O.I.C. Gib.)
Your 081307. Route? has been searched with negative results.
(C. in C. Med. (M) 081908 to Admty.)
- BARHILL Request you will take BARHILL in hand in accordance with Admiralty's 091307 (re repairs as result of rapid deterioration of boiler tubes in BARHILL), at first opportunity and take action in accordance with para. 2.
(C. in C. (Malta) 081215, to V.A.Malta.)
- UNRUFFLED. Cancel my 071030. From position 035° 44' 016° 39' at 1200/9th proceed direct for seaward end of Eastern Channel to arrive 0800/10. Minesweeper will wait 5 miles to new position B making smoke and you are not to proceed west of this position unless in company.
2. MJ AO 24. Request bombing restrictions may be amended accordingly.
(Capt. S.10 081417 to UNRUFFLED. (R) N.W. A.C.A.F., A.L.O. Malta, 201 N.C. Group, 10th S.F. etc.)

/N.A.A.F.
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N.A.A.F. Report. N.W.A.A.F. Opsum 168 N.W.A. Strategic A.F. August 7th. 72 Mitchells (B.25) escort 48 U.S. Lightnings (P.38 Cotrone Airfield. 1 bomber and 2 fighters returned early. Excellent coverage target. N. buildings hit. Explosions. 36 U.S. Marauders (B.26) escort 48 U.S. Lightnings (P.38) Marina Diucatanzaro railroad bridge. Near misses observed. 80 U.S. Marauders (B.26) escort 78 U.S. Lightnings (.38) Highway bridge Angitola River. 9 Bombers, 8 fighters returned early. Direct hit observed. N.W.A. Tactical A.F. 5 August (Add.) 118 Warhawks (P.40) bombers, 47 Kittyhawks (P.40) bombers claim 2 merchant vessels, 1 schooner Milazzo sunk. 1 Siebel ferry, 7 barges destroyed Messina Straits. 206 Spitfires carried out escort and cover missions. (N.A.A.F. Adv. H.Q. 081511B).

S/Ms for E.F. A.M. 271852 and your 291906 July. Request you will keep C. in C.E.F. informed of your intentions regarding the movement of these submarines to Eastern Fleet giving as much notice as practicable. (A.C.N.S.(F) 081519B to C. in C. Med. (A. and M.)

DEWDALE. Subject to your agreement propose to send R.F.A. DEWDALE to Mediterranean in K.M.S.26. 2. Can you provide necessary outfit of L.C.M.(1) or do you wish her to arrive complete? (D. of P. 081531B to C. in C. Med. (A) Reply: 101920B.

BRILLIANT. Your 291054 July and 061121 (Requests reply to 291054). BRILLIANT left U.K. 3rd August escorting RAMILLIES to Freetown thence Gibraltar. A.M. 251550/July refers. (D.O.D.(F) 081618B to C. in C. Med. (M))

Movements Port Said. 8th August Port Said Arrivals. H.S. OPHIR. Departures YSS. DURMITOR YSS KAJMAKAIAN. (N.O.I.C. Port Said, 081831C to Admty. etc.)

Tankers. ESSO WASHINGTON originally loaded as stand by Tanker for T.O. 7 is now with G.U.S.11 and will meet your requirements. Your 081126 (? 081128 intended) and F.O.I.C. Gib. 081217 refer. (C. in C. Med. (A), 081910B to Commorseafron.)

/U/Boat...

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U/Boat estimation. Area 007° East to 020° East. One German and 2 Italian between Sardinia and North African coast. One German North of Sicily, probably off Palermo. One German by D/F at 071518 near 038° N. 019° E. One sighted at 081255 in 037° 45' N. 017° (903') E.

All times G.M.T.
(C. in C. Med. (M) 081915B.)

Landing Cape Orlando. Situation report No. 147. American Naval Forces covered amphibious landing five miles Southwest of Cape of Cape Orlando night 7th/8th details not yet known.
(C. in C. Med. (M) 081933 to Admty.)

G.T.X.5. Onward route, vide C. in C. Med. 301841, consists of about 37 ships. (ii) S. of A. 8 knots. (iii) Route. (iv) Alexandria section is to continue with Port Said section and turn back to arrive Alexandria daylight. (v) B.P. (vi) High "Nipper". (vii) C. (viii) FARNDALE S.O., PUCKERIDGE, CALPE, HAUDON, LOTUS, POPPY, DIANELLA, STARWORT. (ix) Ships for RK and onward orders for escort following. Boiler hours of all escort are to be signalled when past Derna.
(C. in C. Levant, 081950C to Escorts G.T.X.5 and G.U.S.12 N. and A.W.D. Admiralty, F.O.C. Gibraltar, C. in C. Med. etc.)

K.M.S.21. Following arrived. (list).
(R.A. Alexandria, 081958C to Admty. (R) S.O.(I) Levant.)

WISHART. Arrival.
(N.O.I.C. Philippeville, 082001B to Admty.)

Movements, Bone. Arrivals M.Ls. 577, 283, 280. Departure SLEBECH.
(N.O.I.C. Bone, 082039B to Admty. etc.)

Movements, Haifa. Arrivals 8th August. AETOS (GS), IERAX (GS), LA MOQUEUSE (F.S.) M.Ls. 357, 354.
Departures. AETOS (GS), IERAX (GS) LA MOQUEUSE (F.S.). M.Ls. 360, 358.
(N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports, 082048C to Admty.)

Messages for C. in C. Med. Numerous cases are occurring of instructions in 27 B as amended by 72 B not being carried out. If in doubt message should be addressed both to C. in C. Med. and C. in C. Med. "A".
(C. in C. Med., 082051 to Med. and Levant Stns.)

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MAINE, Hospital ships MAINE, AMRA arrived.
AMRA. (S.N.O. Tripolitania, 082214B to Admty. etc.)

Malta AI. 1047, 8th August 2200B. Opsum No. 7/8
Air August. 9 Mosquitoes, 2 carrying 250 lb bombs
Report. made intruder patrols over Southern and Eastern
Italy. No aerodrome activity was found but
2 aircraft bombed communications at Fiume, Freddo,
and coastal railway North of Scalea in Western
Italy. Results unobserved. 6 Beaufighters made interception
patrols North of Malta. 2 Wellingtons carried out shipping
searches in Gulf of Taranto. 2 Wellingtons provided A/S patrol
for shipping. 8th August, 6 Spitfires made photo. R/C of
North East Sicily Naples and Taranto areas and aerodromes in
Southern Italy, 2 Baltimores made A/S search East of Sicily,
1 Baltimore provided A/S patrol for shipping proceeding to
Sicily. 4 Beaufighters and 22 Spitfires provided escort for
friendly shipping. 8 Spitfires were airborne for raids which
turned back before reaching Malta.
(A.H.Q. Malta, 082225B)

Movements Arrived: TETCOTT, BELVOIR L.S.Ts. 212, 408 M.L.123,
Augusta. 258, 468, 620 M.Ls. 1247, 12, 53 M.T.B. 645 L.C.T.
314. Departed: BOSTON, TETCOTT, BELVOIR,
M.T.B. 268, 298.
(N.O.I.C. Augusta, 082240B to Admty. etc.)

Movements, Arrived L.C.I. (L) 265, sailed L.C.I. (L) 317,
Tripoli. 252, 271, 161 (101)*127, 315, 315, 258, GLOXINIA,
H.D.M.L.1305, H.D.M.L. 1281.
(S.N.O. Trip, 082245B to Admty. (R) C. in C.
Levant, V.A. Malta, R.A. Alexandria.)*As received.

UNRULY. Departure.
(V.A. Malta, 082255 to Admty. etc.)

Movements, Arrivals M.M.S. 563. Departures U.S.S HACKBERRY,
Algeria. BOISE, COLE, MERAK, ROE, French LE FANTASQUE.
(Com Algeria, 082258B to Admty. etc.)

Movements, Arrivals, INCHCOLM. Departures FELIXSTOWE,
Tunisia. POLRUAN, STORNOWAY, BUDE, HUNDA, NEGRO, ELBURY,
GREGORY, U.S.S. SEER, L.S.Ts. 135, 378, 309, 317
314, 301, 358, 341, 157, 352, 389, 306, 316,
332, 375, 388, 392, 372, 356, 402, 323, S.C.697,
522, 498, 528, 692, L.C.G.2. P.C.543, 557.
(F.O.I.C. Tunisia, 082356B to Ad,ty. etc.)

Movements Tobruk. Arrived Z.32 sailed Z.27 Derna. Arrived
Z.37 Z.42 sailed yesterday Z.30. Regret apparent
omission from my 062340 of Tobruk sailing that date
Z.37, Z.42.
(N.O.I.C. Tobruk, 082357C to Admty.)

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East Indies.

Convoy B.P.90 Karachi portion B.P. 90 sailed 0400Z/8th to R/V. N.C.S.O. Bombay 051145Z refers (3 ships). (N.C.S.O. Karachi, 080416Z to Admty).

Eastern Fleet disposition signal No.68. A. No change. C. SUSSEX and SUFFOLK at Bombay. D. CERES at Durban. DURBAN (Ship) Durban (Place) to Diego Suarez. Others no change. E. No exercises (C. in C. E.F., 080845Z).

Movements Summary No.83 August 8th. 1. NIZAM left Diego Garcia 4th due GERALDTON 12th. 2. TRIDENT left Aden 4th due Colombo 12th. 3. DURBAN left Durban 6th for Diego Suarez. 4. QUADRANT escorting 1 ship left Diego Suarez 7th due Kilindini 10th. 5. U.S.S. WEST POINT left Capetown 1st due Bombay 12th. (C. in C. E.F., 080850Z).

Madagascar French Naval Base. Following for information. With ref. to my 090901 June. 2. G.O.C. in C. E.Af. reports that following the visit of Admiral Auboyneau to Madagascar the Governor General has raised the question of siting the French Naval Base in Diego Suarez in conjunction with the British. The Governor General had not raised the matter before as he wished to consult G.O.C. in C. personally. Considered by G.O.C. Auboyneau likely to take independent action in Algiers. 3. Governor General has also mentioned his uncertain position as Madagascar treaty was made with the High Commissioner, and he is merely Governor General. This may be a prelude to an attempt to revise the treaty which G.O.C. in C. and Colonel Watson of Military Liaison in Madagascar consider highly dangerous. 4. Para. 3 of my 090901 June. Admiral Auboyneau has not yet furnished me with his views. (C. in C. E.F., 080855Z to Admty).

CANTON Arrival 1135Z/8th CANTON. (N.O.I.C. Addu Atoll, 081147Z to Admty).

ALBATROSS ALBATROSS arrived. (F.O.I.C. E.Af., 081322Z to Admty).

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East Indies.

Troop
movements
programme.

Cancel para.4, my 070617, and para.14, to read,
B.A.47, Bombay - Suez, STAFFORDSHIRE and STIRLING
CASTLE with full complement of troops, sail 25th
August. Para.9, HIGHLAND BRIGADE now sailing
20th August. Para.6, STRATHEDEN now sailing 19th
August.

(P.S.T.O. India 080624Z to C. in C.E.F.).

(Received in W.D. 18/8/43).

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PASTEUR. E.T.A. 1100Z/9th August.
(PASTEUR 080030Z to P.D.New York.)

Convoy Sydney (C.B.) section westbound. E.T.A. number
O.N.S.14. 2 buoy 1230Z/8th. WESTMOUNT and 10 merchant ships
in company. RED DEER, WESTMOUNT boiler hours.
No urgent defects. Weather report.
(RED DEER 080119Z to N.O.I.C. Sydney.)

Movements. St. Johns N.F. August 7/43, arrivals STRATFORD
ex B.W. 45. MODOC, ALGONQUIN, COMANCHE ex H.J.64.
(N.O.I.C. St. Johns N.F.)
Philadelphia arrived 2200Z/7th P.554. New York
departed 7th CHELSEA for Georgetown.
(N.S.H.Q. 080657Z.)

Halifax arrival 8th CYRUS FIELD.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 080908Z.)

WASKESIU and CANSO departure 1935 G.M.T. 8th E.T.A. Guantanamo
p.m. 10th.
(B.R.O. Cristobal 080915R.)
Departures 8th U.S.Transport BRIGADIER GENERAL RETHERS due
Aruba 8th.
(B.S.N.O. Curacao 081415Z.)
Departure 2300 G.M.T. 8th ATHENE, ET.A New York 1200 G.M.T. 16
(B.R.L.O. Cristobal 081805R.)
Arrival U.S.S. KIOWA from Argentina.
(C.Halifax 082113Z.)

Convoy 72 ships arrived. First arrival 071944Z. Last
O.N.194. arrival 072241Z. All ships accounted for.
(P.D.New York 080250Z to Admty.)

Task Force This is 071941 from Cinclant addressed Comcordiv 6
66 consti- Com. Road Task Force 66 in CHARLES LAWRENCE in
tuted. command constituted as follows: Comdesdiv 36 in
BALDWIN, HARDING ENDICOTT, McCORMICK, CHARLES
LAWRENCE, HOPPING, D.T. GRIFFIN REEVES symbol
"Merrimack". Escort convoy U.G.S.15 ready sail
Hampton Roads August 16 to Casablanca and other North African
ports. Turn over ships bound for Med. to other escort at point
you will be given. Comservfor direct symbol "Merrimack" report
Com. Road. Destroyers will be so directed by me. When directed
by Commorseafron escort convoy G.U.S.14 to Hampton Roads
accordance Admiralty routing.
(Comnaveu 080524 to Admty.)

G.U.S.10X. Escorts of G.U.S.10X now under your orders. All
British escorts will proceed Hampton Roads. At
appropriate point detach French ships ANNAMITE
and SIMOUM for Bermuda.
(C. in C.U.S.Fleet 081804Z to C. in C.U.S.Atlantic
Fleet.)

/Submarine...

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Submarine attack and sighting summary. To 1000/8. D.S.S. FERNHILL torpedoed and probably sunk 2150Z/6 in 07° 07' N. 19° 48' W. British UMVUMA torpedoed 0745Z/7 in 20° 20' S. 57° 14' E.
2. No attack on any U-Boats.
3. U-Boats sighted 1302Z/7 in 37° 18' N. 07° 28' E. graded A.
Aircraft S/502 reported 9 periscopes in 3 formations at 1615Z/7 in 45° 04' N. 10° 30' W. course 100° graded D. (D.D.I.C. 080913Z to Cominch.)

L.Class S/MS for A/S training. Personal to 1st Sea Lord. Provided that no French A/S submarines are allocated to you meanwhile it is intended to send you 3 L. Class submarines for A/S training as follows:-
L.27 to sail from U.K. end August or early Sept.
L.23 on completion of present refit in U.S.A.
L.26 on completion of refit U.S.A. Submarine leaving U.K. for U.S.A. 8th. (A.C.N.S.(H) 081124B to N.S.H.Q. (R) F.O.S.)

Task Group 21.16 constituted. This is 072009 from Cinclant to U.S.S. CORE. Task Group 21.16 CORE, BARKER, BULMER, BADGER, Capt. Greer is constituted by this. Support Task Force 66 escorting convoy U.G.S.15 scheduled sail Hampton Roads 16 August in co-operation with C.T.F. 66. Destroyers will be ordered to report to you at Hampton Roads. See my 102109 (N.T. in W.R.) (Comnavu 081131Z to Admty.)

O.N.195. Departure CALDWELL, O.N. 195. (C.Halifax 081233Z to Admty. etc.)

U.S. S/M Estimate. (Cominch 081246Z.)

Convoy B.X.67A. Arrived Halifax 1215Z/8th. (N.C.S.O. Halifax 081330Z to Admty.)

N.S.H.Q. S/M Estimate. (N.S.H.Q. 081450Z.)

M.M.S. B.Y.M.S. At 1500 August 8 sailed M.M.S. 245 (S.O.), 242, 243, 250, B.Y.M.S. 229, 212, 191, 172, 51, 38, 171 Londonderry by Great Circle through A. 48.42 N. 50.00 W. speed 10 knots. (F.O.N.F. 081537Z to Admty.)

H.X. 251. S.C.139. H.X. 251. As ships sailed New York plus presenters at Halifax and St. Johns Newfoundland, total 103, intend to place 10 of these presenters in S.C.139 which will raise total of S.C. 139 to 61. (N.S.H.Q. 081604Z to Admty.)

/Dispositions...

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Dispositions. O.N. 195, W.4, 047° 30' 050° 31' 223° 9.5 altering to 207° in 046° 23' N. escort group C.1 047° 41' 050° 48' en route to St. Johns N.F. 12 CALDWELL 046° 14' 052° 37' 010° 20 en route St. Johns W.B. 41, ESQUIMALT 046° 57' 052° 39' 186 7.5 altering to 240° in 046° 29' N. and to 287° in 046° 20' N. B.W. 49, MALPEQUE, DIGBY 046° 18' 058° 49' (?198°) 7.5 altering to 085° in 056° 59' W.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 081640.)
My 081640Z. Add MARIPOSA 042° 40' 058° 13' 072° 20 altering to 000° in 048° 20' W.
T.A.54A 044° 05' 052° 01' 237° (?19) altering to 259° in 059° 10' W.
T.A.58, C.T.F. 33, 042° 29' 050° 17' 273° 26 altering to 306° in 061° 00' W.
KENT detaches from T.A. 58, 046° 02' 050° 10 020° en route Argentina
(C. in C.C.N.A. 081650Z.)

Sub. attack & sighting summary. All times Z. Para. A. Card Aircraft attacked two subs. 39.32 N. 38.21 W. about 071800, one probably sunk other probably damaged. Liberator attacked sub. against gunfire 27.55 N. 68.30 W. 071445 probably damaged. Para. C. Surface craft attacked sound contact 34.27 67.52 W. 080020. U.S.S. STURTE VANT attacked submerged sub. 34.20 N. 69.14 W. about 071650.
(Cominch 081810Z to Admty.)

Convoy O.N.194. O.N.194. Following ships arrived New York 7th (list). Total 72 ships. ERIN arrived ahead of convoy independently.
(B.R.L.O. New York 081901Z to Admty.)

CANSO, WASKESIU. Departed Cristobal Canal 1330Z/8th August for Guantanamo Bay, CANSO and WASKESIU. Speed 12 knots. Route, thence Guantanamo arriving 1300Z/11 August.
(Compassaeron 081915.)

L.26. Sailed L.26 in accordance F.O.(S) 041606B. (Capt. S.7 082040B to C.in C.C.N.W.A. (R) Cominch, B.A.D. F.O.(S) Admty.)

B.Y.M.S. Arrival B.Y.M.S. 52, 55, 157, 173 from Boston. (C.Halifax 082110Z to Admty. etc.)

U/B. 082249Z. This is A.G. 47 (MANHASSET) 081635Z to any/all U.S.Men of War. Information to C.T.F. 24 and Comdt. Coast Guard. One S.S. (submerged) 53.20 N. 43.32 W.
(Comnavcu 082249Z to Admty.)
(corrupt group) (could be Lightship) reports possible submarine indicated vicinity of Morant Port Au Prince Jamaica at 090202Z. (S.O.(I) Jamaica 082330Q to Admty. etc.)

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- Digest serial 2 groups of enemy shipping sighted in area approx. 100 miles N.N.W. Mussau Island shortly after noon apparently heading towards Rabaul. 1st group reported comprising 1 whaling factory type merchantman 3 large transports, 1 other medium merchantman escorted by 2 destroyers, speed 15 knots. Second group described as 2 heavy cruisers, 3 light cruisers steaming in two parallel lines at 28 knots.
1. 9 Mitchells on barge sweep Cape Gloucester/Arawa area during forenoon intercepted by 3 fighters 1 of which was shot down. Several camouflaged barges strafed off Lagdnen Point.
2. Enemy submarine with deck cargo passed Cape Orford heading Lae during forenoon.
3. One Mitchell strafed enemy barges Mape River (near Finschhafen) forenoon.
4. 4 unidentified vessels reported Southeast Cape St. George night hours course 75°.
5. Hudson unsuccessfully attacked small merchant vessel and barges Keaukwa River (Kaukenau area) during afternoon.
6. One destroyer, 1 merchant vessel reported 55 miles Southwest Buka Passage afternoon on Southerly course.
7. 4 enemy vessels reported to include at least 1 cruiser, probably, 3 destroyers attacked by 6 Allied destroyers in Vella Gulf shortly before midnight 6th. Cruiser and 2 destroyers reported definitely sunk and other destroyer probably sunk. Catalina over area shortly after engagement reported observing 4 fires apparently ashore Vella Lavella 2 of which causing explosions. Our destroyers suffered no losses.
8. 1 destroyer, 1 cargo vessel unsuccessfully attacked by Liberators 105 miles N.E. Kavieng forenoon course 180°.
9. Photos Buin Shortlands base morning 6th show only 2 small cargo vessels.
(G.H.Q.S.W.P.A. 080800Z.)

Movements. Cairns 6th MANOORA, 7th SWAN. Milne Bay 6th, U.S. Destroyer MAHAN, 7th KAPUNDA. Townsville 6th WESTRALIA, U.S. destroyer DRAYTON, 7th U.S. destroyer HENLEY, F.S. LE TRIOMPHANT.

Port Darwin 7th (L.N. 654) COOTAMUNDRA.

Departures. Cairns 7th DELORAINIE for Milne Bay. Townsville 6th U.S. destroyer HELM for Port Moresby, 7th (L.N. 653) WAGGA for Milne Bay. Milne Bay 6th U.S. destroyer MAHAN for Cairns. Sydney 7th F.S. CAP DE PALMES for Noumea.
(A.C.N.B. 081132E.)

Arrival Milne Bay 6th U.S. hired transport ALLEN.

Departures. Milne Bay 6th U.S.S. hired transport ALLEN for Cairns. Townsville 6th U.S.S. MIZAR for Sydney (N.S.W.)
(A.C.N.B. 081213Z.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C. 081327B, 081318B.)

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SITUATION REPORT

Home Commands.

Operation S.F. 1. MUSKETEER, MAHRATTA, METEOR, and ORIBI left the Faroes at 0901B.

Operation "Musketry". 2. The 2nd Escort Group, STARLING (S.O.), KITE, WREN, WILD GOOSE, WOODPECKER, and WOODCOCK left Plymouth at 1935B for the "Musketry" Area.

North Atlantic.

3. At 0200Z, SS. GULFDAWN made a submarine report from 41.07 N. 38.07 W. At 0842B, F.O.Gibraltar warned all ships that the report did not appear to be genuine.

Mediterranean.

Italian Cruiser torpedoed. 4. SIMOOM, submarine, reported at 1825B that she had scored 2 hits on an Italian cruiser of the LUIGI DI SAVOIA class in 44.04 N. 09.32 E. (Gulf of Genoa.)

Transport Sunk. 5. UNRUFFLED, submarine, reports having sunk an inward bound 12,000 ton transport off Brindisi on 3rd August.

Marsala. 6. A port party was established at Marsala today.

Fire at Algiers. 7. EMPIRE COMMERCE, British tanker, 9796 tons, and a French lighter were damaged by fire and explosion in Algiers Harbour at 1540 today, and the latter was beached.

Air Operations. 8. Railway sidings at San Giovanni were attacked by 12 Halifax and 5 Liberator bombers last night. Hits were also scored in the area of the ferry train terminus.
77 Wellingtons dropped 133½ tons of bombs last night on beaches between Messina and Cape Palero.

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Mediterranean.

Air operations. 12 Bostons bombed Messina and Reggio Calabria
(Contd.) last night.

Fighter bombers sank 4 F-Boats off Mileto today. Augusta Harbour was bombed at 1125 by 7 to 12 M.E. 109 and F.W. 190 aircraft without damage except for near misses on ROBERTS, monitor, and SS. OCEAN VIRTUE, 1 aircraft was destroyed by A/A fire. Suspected mines were dropped but sweeping did not confirm this.

America & West Indies.

Employment
of French
Cruisers.

9. MONTCALM, first of the French cruisers to be ready, after refit at Philadelphia, left this morning for Dakar, via Bermuda. B.A.D. proposes that MONTCALM, GEORGES LEYGUES and GLOIRE should be based at Dakar to patrol the Brazilian Narrows. The French Naval Staff at Algiers, however, stress the psychological importance of their first important unit rebuilt in the U.S.A. taking part in offensive operations in the Mediterranean with the Allies, and renew their request for MONTCALM to be sent there immediately. The Admiralty understand the French point of view, but consider it is of operational importance that MONTCALM should be available at Dakar as soon as possible. Blockade runners ~~and~~ known to be preparing to break out from the Bay and inward bound ships are also expected.

Convoy
G.U.S.10.

10. 22 ships of Convoy G.U.S.10 from the Mediterranean arrived at New York at 1400Z.

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Policy.

- R.N.O.Amble. As from midnight 13th/14th August R.N.O.Amble will be closed down.
(F.O.I.C. Tyne 091040B to Admty.)
- 16th M.G.B. Flotilla. A.M. 122022 June. 16th M.G.B. Flotilla is re-allocated to the Nore Command.
All operational M.G.Bs. should be sailed to Gt. Yarmouth on August 15th and the remainder as soon as possible after that date.
(D.D.O.D.C. 091053B to C. in C.Plymouth, C. in C.Nore.)
- Minesweepers and M.Ls. from U.S.A. for Russia. There are 10 minesweepers and 12 M.Ls. building in U.S.A. for the Russians due to complete from mid-August onwards.
2. Minesweepers are of 625 tons light displacement with a maximum speed of 16/17 knots and endurance of 7,000 miles at 12 knots. Fitted with American Asdics.
3. M.Ls. are 110 feet diesel sub-chasers, maximum speed 19½ knots and endurance 2,000 miles at 12 knots.
4. 2 minesweepers and 3 M.Ls. will be ready to leave U.S. on or shortly after 15th August.
5. It is intended to sail them to Iceland (C) either in convoy or as an independent group for onward routeing to 74° N. 20° E. where Russian Navy will assume responsibility.
6. Request your views as to the passage of these craft from Iceland (C) to 74° N. 20° east.
(A.C.N.S.H. 091520B to C. in C.H.F.) *Reply: HNSH, 121145, page 251, Hush Volume.*
- 157th and 142nd M/S Flotillas. F.O.N.F. 081537. B.Y.M.S. 38, 51, 171, and 172 are to form 157th M.S.F. at Yarmouth.
2. M.M.S. 242, 243, 245, and 250 are to form 142nd M.S.F. at Plymouth.
3. Request ships may be sailed accordingly.
(D.M.S. 091706B to C. in C.W.A.)
- Force J. Your 031345. Concur.
2. In addition to VICTORIA, ISLE OF THANET, CANTERBURY, and MECKLENBERG join Force J before 15th August.
(Head of M.II 092155B to C.C.O.)
- Movements.
- LONDON. Hvalfjord departure at 0015B C.S. 1 in LONDON.
(A.C.I.C. 090044B to A.C.O.S.)
- S/M Movements. L.26 proceeding unescorted in accordance with F.O.S's 041606. One and half hours early.
(BLADE 091030B to F.O.S.)
My 080955B (secret) sailed. (UTHER).
(F.O.I.C. Tyne 091127B.)

/TANTIVY...

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S/M Move- TANTIVY is detailed for C.O.Q.C. training at Scapa
ments. about 23rd August.
(Contd.) 2. Capt. S.9 is requested to sail O.15 to relieve
SEA ROVER on A/S training duties at Scapa by 22nd
August.
(F.O.S. 091443.)

Request you will sail CURIE for Gibraltar when ready about 20th August.

(F.O.S. 091501B to Capt. S.3.)

Estimated P.C. and S. of S/M L.26 at 2000B/9th, 056° 01' N. 009° 43' W. 270°, 8 knots, on the surface.

(C. in C.W.A. 091604B to O.N. 196, BURWELL, TWEED, E.G.5.)

Intend to sail UMBRA escorted by ROWAN at 0930/10th to

Rothsay.

(C. in C.Plymouth 091615B.)

Positions of S/Ms at 0800B/10 and movements for following 24 hours.

(F.O.S. 091723B, 092139B.)

My 051215. Sailed SCEPTRE escorted by FORT RYAN for R/V.

(BONAVENTURE 092145B.)

MIDDLETON. After embarking passengers and mails about 1830B/10 proceed to Skaale Fjord.

2. After mails have been disembarked proceed to Hvalfjord.

3. On arrival Hvalfjord act under orders of F.O.1st C.S. and in accordance with C. in C.H.F.'s 071154.

(R.A.D.H.F. 091131B to MIDDLETON.)

MALAYA.

MALAYA sailed.

(BONAVENTURE 091246B to Admty.)

Scapa arrivals MALAYA, MIDDLETON, SAVAGE.

(A.C.O.S. 092005.)

A.F.D.22.

A.M. 312040B May, para. 2. A.F.D. XXII berthed at Corpach and moorings secured.

(A.S.Rosyth 091640B to Admty.)

BERMUDA.

Scapa arrival at 1600 BERMUDA.

(A.C.O.S. 091654 to C. in C.W.A.)

BERMUDA proceed Plymouth. Pass Hoxa Gate at 1800B/10th.

2. Route via Minches and War Channel. Lands End is not to be passed before daylight 12th.

(C. in C.H.F. 092110B to BERMUDA.)

SALADIN.

Arrived SALADIN.

(Care. D.W.A. 092003B.)

BLLENHEIM.

BLLENHEIM arrived Clyde.

(F.O.I.C. Greenock 092116B to A.C.I.C.)

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Operations.

Operation S.F. Faroes departure MUSKETEER, MAHRATTA, METEOR, ORIBI. (N.O.I.C. Faroes 090901B to C. in C.Rosyth.) Your 082255B. Para. A. Owing defects unable sail from Lough Foyle SHIKARI and SABRE till 1700B/10th. E.T.A. Scapa 1000/11th. (Cdre. D.W.A. 091227B to C. in C.W.A.)

S/M Patrols. Leave patrol at 1100B/11th through X. 063° 25' N. 001° 00' W. Y. 090° Muckle Flugga 5 miles to arrive Lerwick p.m. 13th. (Capt. S.9, 091117B to MINERVE.)

Positions of S/Ms at 0800B/10th and movements for following 24 hrs.
A. TRUANT, THRASHER, MINERVE and SATYR as in my 061727.
B. UPSTART vicinity 63° 48' N. 02° 50' W. dived as much as practicable to patrol vicinity 64° 40' N. 03° 25' W.
C. ULA vicinity 62° 38' N. 00° 32' E. dived as much as practicable to patrol vicinity 63° 28' N. 01° 10' E.
G. SEADOG, SYRTIS, SEANYMPH, as in my 081544. (F.O.S. 091723B to Admty.)

Coastal Patrols. A. M.G.B. 613, 614 anti E-Boat patrol from 2300 to 0445 on 50° 25' N. between 0° 40' W. and 1° 25' W.
B. M.L. 343, 346 to patrol Q.Z.S. 384 between F and E.A. 5 buoys.
C. STEVENSTONE, CHASSEUR 14 immediate notice St. Helens.
D. M.L. 247, 269, 124 from Portland anti E-Boat patrol on 50° 20' N. between 2° 00' W. and 2° 25' W.
2. If ordered to proceed on patrol STEVENSTONE is to sail from St. Helens so as to patrol near C.3 buoy from 0500 until ordered to return. (C. in C.Portsmouth 091408.)
M.G.Bs. 312, 329, 323, 332, sail Dartmouth 2200B/9 and patrol 3 miles 090° and 270° from 095° Start 15. Leave patrol 0545B/10 for Dartmouth. (C. in C.Plymouth 092128B.)

Operation "Musketry" Arrived HASTINGS. (C. in C.Plymouth 091435B to Admty.)
Disposition at 2000.
1. Second Escort Group STARLING, KITE, WREN, WILD GOOSE, WOODPECKER, WOODCOCK sail Plymouth 1900 to Westward 12 knots.
2. LANDGUARD, BIDEFORD 048° 05' N. 010° 25' W. bound Plymouth 12 knots.
3. LIMBOURNE 049° 25' N. 009° 35' W. bound Plymouth 15 knots.
4. GLASGOW 049° 10' N. 015° 45' W. bound Plymouth 21½ knots.
5. SEADOG on patrol vicinity 045° 40' N. 004° 20' W.
6. SYRTIS on patrol vicinity 045° 20' N. 005° 35' W.
7. SATYR on patrol vicinity 047° 05' N. 005° W.
8. SEANYMPH on patrol vicinity 044° 45' N. 004° 20' W. (C. in C.Plymouth 091613B to ships.)
My 081201B. Sailed (E.G.2.) (C. in C.Plymouth 091935B.)

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Spitzbergen. Your 071536. 1. Nine. 2. Sub. Lieutenant. 3. It is intended that KAPP I shall remain in "Locomotive."
(D.O.D.H. 092055B to A.C.O.S.)

"Forfar I"
"Forfar D" Reference "Forfar Item" and "Dog". It is particularly requested that, conditions being favourable these two operations may be executed simultaneously tomorrow night.
(C.C.O. 092101B to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

Allied Air Activity.

Operation S.F. My 031615. Add paras. 4 Aircraft sweep from S.W. to North East parallel track legs South East to North West cover the whole area. Aircraft are flown from both Iceland and U.K. types being Catalina P.B.Y. Liberator, Sunderland, Fortress, Hudson, Hampden and Mosquito.

5. Patrols are planned to give the greatest concentration over area in which surface vessels operate. If U-Boats (German) sighted aircraft are diverted to concentrate in that area.
6. A/C may use flares at night subsequent to reporting sightings or sending group 402 N.A.C. If own force illuminated A/C instructed to flash letter of day immediately.
7. A/C on sighting U-Boats have been instructed to drop several smoke floats in vicinity.
(C. in C. Rosyth 090013B to H.F.)

Mining.

Nore Command. Weekly report of mines rendered safe in Nore Command for week ended 7th August 1943.
3 British Mk. XIV mines. 2 German Conical explosive floats. Type II at Gorleston. The German explosive floats were washed ashore into an Army Beach Minefield and were recovered with the aid of a Polish Mine Detector. They are similar to those previously recovered.
(R.M.S.O. 091005B to C. in C. Nore.)

Q.Z.X. 1056. Area of Q.Z.X. 1056 now swept bounded as follows. No mines encountered.
(PROSPECT 092020B and 101105B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Enemy Intelligence.

NURNBERG observed Gdynia July 26th. Graded C.2.
(N.A. Stockholm 091157 to Admt.)
O.I.C. Comment. NURNBERG was seen at Swinemunde by P.R.U. on 26th July and reported there (graded B. 2) on 27th July. Ship at Gdynia may have been LEIPZIG, which was reported there on 1st Aug.
(graded C. 3.)

/Enemy...

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Enemy Vessel. At 0020/9 G.M.T. unknown German unit using call sign EPJG transmitted on 8470 k/cs. D/F position estimated within 120 miles of 20° 00' N. 038° 30' W. A.M. 090301B refers. The transmission was repeated by the unit at 0801/9 G.M.T. on 8470 k/cs and at 0901/9 G.M.T. on 12700 k/cs. Procedure used can be associated with blockade breakers but not U-Boats. Characteristics of W/T transmitter however appear similar to that used by U-Boats. If blockade breaker, vessel is presumably homeward-bound. If U-Boat, procedure is entirely new. (D.D.I.C. 091347B.)

A.M. 091347B. Further investigation shows the possibility that this transmission emanated from a Japanese U-Boat on passage to Biscay. (D.D.I.C. 091920B.)

U-Boats.

U-Boats in Biscay Area on 25th and 30th July. TALLY HO reports as follows for July. At 250809 U-Boat 45° 50' N. 05° 17' W., course 090° 16 knots, too far off to attack. At 251158 U-Boat 4 miles north of above position, course 230°, 9 knots, dived before attack could be completed. At 290935 three I.D.S. or destroyers 40 10 N. 04 00 W. At 300338 wake of U-Boat 45° 05' N. 05° 17' W. course 095° 16 knots, unable to attack. (F.O.S. 091856B to Admty.)

Navigational.

Ice in Denmark Straits. Your 051230 and my 052138. IMPULSIVE carried out ice reconnaissance today. Details. (A.C.I.C. 092100B to R.A.M. C. in C.H.F.)

Casualties & Defects.

VICEROY. My 082340B. Am proceeding to overtake F.N. 94A. (VICEROY 090145B to C. in C.Nore.)
My 090145B. Gear not sufficiently reliable for H.S. at night, am proceeding 12 knots. (VICEROY 090230B to C. in C.Nore.)

DOCHET. My 081025. DOCHET remaining in harbour today owing to engine trouble. (PROSPECT 090615 to C. in C.Plymouth.)

GLASGOW. E.T.A. 1720B/10th. Estimate boiler cleaning and repairs to boiler brickwork can be completed by 1800B/15th. Asdic damaged by heavy weather and out of action. New dome required for fitting in deck. (GLASGOW 091201B to C. in C.Plymouth.)

/DUNLIN...

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DUNLIN.

Arrival DUNLIN with engine defect.
(F.O.I.C. Gt. Yarmouth 091345B.)

LUNENBERG.

My 081149B. Repairs to LUNENBERG completed. Subject to satisfactory A/S equipment trial tomorrow ship will be sailed p.m. for Merville.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool 091931.)

Shipping & Convoys.

K.M.S.23/
O.S.C.53.

A.M. 201156B, 261532B, and 311338B July. Sailed in K.M.S. 23, BARNDALE and BARNEHURST as additional escort, M/S A/S Trawlers STAFFA and UNST.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock 090306B.)

EMPIRE PROWESS Casablanca and Dakar. ANTILOCHUS Montevideo/Buenos Aires. BARON FORBES Lisbon. EURYADES Alexandria F.O. WARFIELD, Alexandria F.O. FILLEIGH Algiers. LEIGHTON Rio de Janeiro/Santos. CHLORIS Algiers, SELVIK (Nor.) Gibraltar. FORT ST. PAUL (N.D.) Sicily. EMPIRE SHEARWATER Sicily. RATHLIN Gibraltar. H.M.S. BARNDALE Gibraltar F.O. SOLARIUM (T) Lagos. FORT FRASER Algiers. FORT CARILLON (N.D.) Bone. FORT ASSINIBOINE Alexandria. H.M.S. BARNEHURST Gibraltar F.O. Did not sail EMPIRE SUCCESS, steering gear defects and engine trouble.

(N.C.S.O. Clyde 090412B to Admty.)

NEW BROOKLYN Freetown. BOTLER Freetown and E.London. FORT DREW Fustian. BARON FAIRLIE Algiers. LANRICK Algiers. AVON COAST N.Africa and Philippeville. OCEAN VALENTINE Malta. FORT CONNOLLY Fustian. HILVERSUM (Du.) Buenos Aires. FORT MACLEOD Bombay. ITINDA Mombasa. EMPIRE DEED Bone. FORT GLENLYON Alexandria F.O. EMPIRE CABOT Montevideo.

(N.C.S.O. Oban 091020B to Admty.)

MAURETANIA.

3 U-Boats estimated in your vicinity today. Proceed at best speed. Maintain zigzag.
(D.O.D.H. 090856B to MAURETANIA.)

M.K.F.20.

Detach ORION to proceed at best speed escorted by WANDERER and AMAZON to 007° W., thence independently (C. in C.W.A. 091125B to Escorts M.K.F.20.) Ships are to proceed unescorted from 007° W. 2. Escorts to Londonderry.
(C. in C.W.A. 092143B to Escorts M.K.F. 20.)

PRAGUE.
AMSTERDAM.

Intend sailing Transport PRAGUE escorted by CHARLESTOWN at 0045B/12th, speed 16 knots, routed 5 miles East Fair Isle. E.T.A. 0615. Thence in company AMSTERDAM routed 35 Buoy, A.M. Q.Z.S. 352, 150.
(N.O.I.C. Lerwick 091555 to A.C.O.S.)

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H.X.250.

Incomplete D/F bearings at 1731Z indicate U-Boat in your general area.

(D.D.I.C. 092005B to H.X. 250, E.G.5.)

Admiralty's 092005B. No indication of H/F D/F activity of H.X.250.

(E.G. 5 092111Z to Admt.)

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GULFDAWN, Following has been read: Lands End 0143 G.M.T.
U/B. 264 degs. S.S.S. GULFDAWN sighted sub. 41.07 N.
38.07 W. 0902 00 G.C.T. Acknowledged G.L.D.
090345B)
(D.S.O. No.T.O.O./9 to F.O.I.C.Gibraltar, R.A.W.A.F.
Comnaveu, C. in C. Plymouth, B.A.D.)
(Niton Radio, no T.O.O. to Admty. Portsmouth).
C. in C. C.N.A. 090214Z to Liverpool, C.C.O)
Signal originated by GULFDAWN in 041 degs. N. 038 degs. W.
does not appear to be genuine.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 090842B to S. and A. area X.Y.Z.)

Dispositions. Situation 091959B. U.G.S.13, C.T.F. 64,
C.T.G.21.1 035 degs. 33' 020 degs. 11' through
035 degs. 52' 016 degs. 01' thence 088 degs. 9.
(2) T.O. 7 C.T.G. 21.4 029 degs. 41' 020 degs.
58' 256 degs. 13 $\frac{1}{2}$. (3) U.S. Naval force T.G. 21.13 patrolling
vicinity of Azores. (4) EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND, 031 degs. 30'
015 degs. 50' through 031 degs. 01' 017 degs. 01' thence 266 degs.
19 $\frac{1}{2}$.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 091020B)
Situation 2002B/9th. ROEBUCK 043 degs. 39' 014 degs. 30'
through 039 degs. 02' 014 degs. 30' and 035 degs. 01' 011 degs.
01' to Casablanca 24. (3) G.U.S. 11, C.T.F. 63, 034 degs.
06' 009 degs. 44' through 033 degs. 58' 010 degs. 01' thence 270
degs. 8. (4) Portuguese Sloop sails Funchal a.m. 10th for
Lisbon 12 knots. (6) TEVIOT 2 Frigates 1 Merchant ship sails
Gibraltar 0800/10th through 035 degs. 45' 006 degs. 30' and 032
degs. 40' 010 degs. 01' thence 215 degs. 15 $\frac{1}{2}$.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 091022B, 091028)

Movements, Arrival HAVELOCK, VOLUNTEER, GODETIA, SAXIFRAGE.
Gibraltar. (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 091059B to Admty.)

Swedish Swedish Relief Ships MONGABARRA and FORMOSA have
Relief received instructions from Swedish Government
Ships. to sail from Gibraltar 0700 August 11th.
(2) Intend sailing them accordingly unless
contrary instructions received. (3) AKKA and
YARRAWONGA will sail as in my 061630. (4) Both
pairs will be routed as in C. in C. Med's 281213 July.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 091143B to Admty, C. in C. Med. (A) and (M))
C. in C. Med's. 081908. Request you will inform Masters
of FORMOSA and MONGABARRA that route is clear. (2) It is
requested that FORMOSA and MONGABARRA should leave Gibraltar
on same date as AKKA and YARRAWONGA but in a separate group.
(Head of N.1, 091224B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R) C. in C.
Med. (A. & M.), C. in C. Levant, V.A.Malta.)

R.S.9. DEMPO sails 0800B August 10th for Freetown.
(2) Escorts TEVIOT (S.O) HELFORD, PLYM.
(3) Route 35.45 06.30, 32.40 10.00, 27.00 14.30,
23.25 16.00, 11.30 18.00, 09.00 16.00 lettered
P. to U. S. of A. 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ knots. (4) Codeword "Basket".
(5) First two letters W/T call sign 3G.
(F.O.I.C. Gib. 091210B to F.O.C.W.A.)

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- S.L.134. SCYLLA will R/V in position (ZZ) 034 degs. 54' 009 degs. 03' at 0700B August 10th to act as A/A escort to 044 degs. North. (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 091212B to Escort S.L.134 (R) Admty, WOODPECKER, C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C. W.A.)
Sailed BRISSENDEN to join S.L.134. (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 091907B to Admty.)
Sailed SCYLLA to R/V S.L.134. (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 092113B to Admty.)
- G.U.S.11. (1) Sailing telegram Part 1. (2) From Casablanca R/V in 34.39 08.39 at 091000Z. (3) Position (N.P) 091900Z. (4) 1st "Chop" 10 west 091900Z 2nd "Chop" 24 west 130300Z. Radio shift 20 west 120300Z. (5) (Route). (6) U.S. Task Force 63 U.S. Drs. WHIPPLE, JOHN D. FORD, ALDEN, J.D. EDWARDS, BIBB, INGHAM, PIONEER, PORTENT, THREAT, ESCALANTE. (7) 48 with ESCALANTE in columns. (C.M.S.F. 091309B to P.D. Norfolk.)
Sailing telegram G.U.S.11 Part 2. (Commorseafon, 091320B)
- Movements, Oran. RAMILLIES, QUALITY, BRILLIANT, INCONSTANT arrived. (Commorseafon, 091438B to F.O. Gibraltar.)
- K.M.S.22. My 091037 (071037 intended) sailed less ANGELO RAVENSPOINT. Army stores and mail Algiers. (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 091734B to N.O.I.C.s. North African ports.)
- K.M.S.22/
O.G.19. Arrivals. BLAIRDEVON, CYDONIA, FYLINGDALE, PENCARROW, FORT RUPERT, ASHBURY, PORJUS, GOODWIN. (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 091837B to Admty.)
- Movements, Gibraltar. Arrival ANTHONY from G.U.S.11. Departures HAARLEM escort duties, Melilla, HOLCOMBE, ATHERSTONE, LIDDESDALE, HYDERABAD, RHODODENDRON, COLTSFOOT, JONQUIL to escort K.M.S.22. SCOTTISH IMPERIALIST escort duties Lisbon. (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 092007B to Admty)
- LE GLORIEUX. Intend to sail French S/M LE GLORIEUX departing Casablanca 120900 routed through following points at times indicated. (a) 034 degs. N. 015 degs. W. 131930. (b) 034 degs. N. 019 degs. W. 141415. (c) 033 degs. N. 025 degs. W. 151830. (d) 032 degs. N. 034 degs. W. 171115. (e) 032 degs. N. 041 degs. W. 182000. (f) 034 degs. N. 050 degs. W. 201400 thence Bermuda, E.T.A. 230900, S. of A. 11 knots. LE TEMPETE will escort until 132100. LE GLORIEUX will proceed on surface at discretion of C.O.

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LE GLORIEUX. Continuous W/T watch Gibraltar Fox to 020 degs.W.
(Contd.) Rugby 020 degs. W. to 040 degs. W. Washington
S/M broadcast West of 040 degs. W. Request
bombing restrictions 40 miles either side of
track and from 60 miles ahead to 60 miles astern
of estimated position. LE GLORIEUX will immediately signal to
F.O.C.Gibraltar and N.O.B. Bermuda if unable to keep within
restricted area. All times Z. F.O.C.Gibraltar pass to
H.Q.C.C. and F.O.S. Squadron 8.
N.O.B. Bermuda pass to S.B.N.O. W.At. Bermuda.
(Commorseafon, 092056B to F.O. Gibraltar (R) Admty. etc.)
Amend 111105B, q.v. 111610B, q.v.

Movements, A.C. BEDFORD and STANLODGE escorted by P.C. 471
Casablanca. and CHASSEUR 11 arrived today from G.U.S.11.
(Commorseafon, 092136 to F.O. Gibraltar.)

Movements, Arrivals BATTLER, STALKER, ATTACKER, PLVM, TEVIOT,
Gibraltar. HELFORD, VIMY, WITHERINGTON.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 092148B to Admty.)
Arrival HIGHLANDER, WINCHELSEA, WALKER,
ASPHODEL, ABELIA, PENNYWORT, CLOVER. B.D.V.
BARBETTE with O.G.91.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 092300B to Admty.)

ORIZABA, C. in C. Med. 061801B. Onward route for
CHATEAU, ORIZABA and CHATEAU THIERRY and for C.T.G. 89.6
THIERRY. as in N.O.B. Oran 071619.(2) N.O.B. Oran pass
your 071619 to C.T.G. 89.6. (3) U.S. ship
NELSON pass to ORIZABA and CHATEAU THIERRY.
N.O.B.Oran pass by hand to C.T.G. 89.6.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 092334B to ORIZABA, CHATEAU
THIERRY, C.T.G., 89.6. (R) Admty. etc.)

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Movements, Arrived DESPATCH, REDOUBT.
Durban. (N.O.I.C. Durban, 090643Z to Admty. etc.)

Movements, Departure from Pointe Noire 1800Z/8th SWALE
Pointe (? BELLWORT) escorting R.F.A. DINGLEDALE,
Noire. SS. EMPIRE CADET, SS. KING WILLIAM in company.
Arrival Congo River above ship(s) 0600Z/9th.
Freetown Chief Cypher Officer pass to S.O. Force
"Q" and W.S.32.
(B.N.L.O. Pointe Noire, 090755A to F.O.C.W.A.)

Arrival Pointe Noire 0700Z/9th French Cruisers DUQUESNE,
TOURVILLE, (?SUFFREN), M.L.244, 287, R.A.F. depot ship
DUMANA and SS. FERNGLEN.
(B.N.L.O. Pointe Noire, 090805A to ?F.O.C.W.A.)

DUQUESNE, Intend sailing F.C. DUQUESNE, F.C. TOURVILLE at
TOURVILLE. 1700Z/10th in accordance with your 081203.
S. of A. 20 knots.
(B.N.L.O. Pointe Noire, 091645 to F.O.C.W.A.)

Transports. (1) Sailed 0630Z/9th August transport ELIZABETH-
VILLE Takoradi 1300Z/10th through. X.6 degs.
2' N. 2 degs. 54'. Y. 5 degs. 1' N. 0 degs.
45' W. S. of A. 11 knots, escorts FOXHOUND,
BOADICEA. (2) Sailed 1800Z/9th August transports TAMAROA,
LARGS BAY escorted by BEAGLE, DOUGLAS to R/V with W.S.32 in
positions. F. degs. 52' N. 3 degs. 44' E. at 1300Z/9th August.
(N.O.I.C. Lagos, 091055Z to Admty.)
Sailed 0900/9th August. (1) TAMAROA, (2) LARGS BAY.
(Numbers.)
(S.T.O.I.C. Lagos, 091120Z, to P.S.T.O. Capetown.)
Situation 1959Z/9th. WELLINGTON, GORLESTON, LOWESTOFT,
FOLKESTONE, BRIDGEWATER, EXE with O.S.S.52 004 degs. 02' 007 degs.
34' 086 degs. 9 knots.
ABERDEEN, ARMERIA, COMDT. DETROYAT, ST. WISTAN, PORTSDOWN,
COPINSAY with T.S. 49 007 degs. 36' 014 degs. 16' to 007 degs.
38' 014 degs. 20' thence 047 degs. to Freetown 7 knots.
BEAGLE, BULLDOG, DOUGLAS, WOLVERINE, KALE, TANATSIDE.
SHERWOOD with W.S. 32 004 degs. 22' 004 degs. 10' E. 163 degs.
13 knots.
M.L.'s 261, 265 DUNCTON off Marshall.
INKPEN 008 degs. 12' 014 degs. 48' 063 degs. 11 knots to Freetown.
NORMAN, RAPID, RELENTLESS, QUIBERON, CATTERICK with two fleet
units and C.F. 13 009 degs. 50' S. 011 degs. 06 mins E.
017 degs. 12.5 to Congo.
M.L.277 escorting 004 degs. 35' 001 degs. 38 ' to (?equator)
000 degs. 00' 9.5.
M.L.'s 1160, 1016, 266 off Port Bouet.
M.L. 1078 off Lome.
M.L.1052 off Kotonu.
(F.O.C.W.A. 091245Z)

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BUTTERMERE, WASTWATER. Ref. A.M.191822 Feb. BUTTERMERE and WASTWATER are now proceeding Recife to Rio de Janeiro for urgent boiler and shipwright repairs, expected to take 60 days for WASTWATER and 30 days for BUTTERMERE. (2) Request you will take them under your orders from time of arrival of ships Rio de Janeiro. (F.O.C.W.A. 091246Z to C. in C. SA. (R) Admty. N.A. Rio de Janeiro. Cdr. 4th U.S. Fleet.)

REDSHANK. Arrived. (Com. i/c Durban, 091514Z to Admty. etc.)

Movements, Lagos. Arrivals 9th August. BEAGLE, DOUGLAS, BULLDOG. Departures. FOXHOUND, BOADICEA, BEAGLE, DOUGLAS, BULLDOG. (N.O.I.C. Lagos, 091603Z to Admty. etc.)

Movements, Matadi. Arrivals 090900Z BELLWORT, SWALE R.F.A. DINGLEDALE. (N.C.S.O. Matadi, 091745 to Admty. etc.)

Movements, Takoradi. Arrivals 9th August MORRIS DANCE, ORFSAY, M.L.274. Departures 9th August 1800Z M.L.277 escorting to position Equator Meridian of Greenwich and returning Takoradi E.T.A. 0600Z 12th August 1815Z H.M.M.L.1018 ACCRA escorting and screening, E.T.A. 0700Z/10th August. (N.O.I.C.Takoradi, 091819Z to Admty. etc.)

Overdue Shipping. Cancel my 061842 both vessels arrived 7th. (A.B.N.S.O. Recife, 091922Z to Admty. etc.)

M/V Signal Letters. Your 872/016 5th July, Brazil/Africa Patrols. Proposal to utilise International Signal Letters in preference to names of merchant ships is not concurred in. Experience demonstrates that Signal Letters cannot be relied on for this purpose and it is preferable to accept additional signalling involved in spelling out name of ship. N.C.S.I. 85 June, 1943 and A.M.091827B refer. (D.T.D. 092238B to F.O.C.W.A.)

T.P.3. (1) Following day escort dispositions are normally to be used with convoys. (details). (C. in C. S.A. 092331B to S.A. Stn. 682G)

Use of R/T. Convoy R/T. In order to improve standard of R/T communication on South Atlantic Station ship to ship and ship to air, essential that escorts and aircraft are given more practice. This is particularly important in the case of aircraft

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in which R/T sets are only now being fitted.
Therefore intended to permit a freer use of R/T
than implications of A.C.1 310 para. 8 and 17
and A.C.1 320 para. 6 allow.
(C. in C. S.A. 092345B to Admty.)

T.P.4.

Action to be taken by escort if a ship is torpedoed
without warning in daylight or bright moonlight.
(C. in C. S.A. 092347 to S.A. Stn. G.683)

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Movements Alexandria. August 9th. Arrivals EXMOOR, CLEVELAND, BRYONY, KRAKOWIAK, SLAZAK, BREAM. Departures KRAKOWIAK, SLAZAK, MAID MARION.
(R.A. Alexandria 090705C to Admty.).

10th S.F. summary at 2000/9th. (1) P.46 (UNRUFFLED) 035 degs. 46' 016 degs. 15' to arrive Eastern Channel at 0800/10th.
(2) P.49 (UNRULY) 036 degs. 16' 016 degs. 43' to 038 degs. 54' 018 degs. 20' at 2000/10th surface passage.
(3) P.54 (UNSHAKEN) off Brindisi.
(4) P.52 (DZIK) 041 degs. 12' 017 degs. 32' to patrol off Bari.
(5) P.31 (UPROAR) 041 degs. 22' 016 degs. 52' through 041 degs. 22' 018 degs. 19' to 041 degs. 09' 018 degs. 29' at 2000/10th.
(Capt.(S) 10, 090709B).

M.E. Air Communique. Announced from H.Q. R.A.F.M.E. to-day, R.A.F. Beaufighters attacked enemy shipping in the Ionian and Aegean Seas during weekend. On August 7th a merchant vessel and an armed coaster were raked with cannon fire, followed on August 8th by attacks on a corvette and five small vessels.
From these and other operations all our aircraft returned safely.
(Mideast T.O.O. 090900Z to Air Min.).

Movements Beirut. 8th August arrivals IERAX, TRANSVAALIA, M.L.358 and 360. Departures ANTWERP, IERAX.
(S.O.(I) Beirut 090850C to Admty.).
8th August. Departure TACTICIAN.
(S.O.(I) Beirut 090853C to Admty.).

ORIZABA, CHATEAU THIERRY, MEXICO, SHAWNEE, BORIQUEN, EVANGELINE. My 071619 (intended sailing) sailed, E.T.A. Casablanca 1600B/10th August. C. in C. Med. pass to Comnavnaw. R.D.O. Washington give to Cominch.
(Com.N.O.B. Oran 090935B to C. in C. Med.).

M.E. Air Report. A.677 Aug. 9th. Daily Opsum 103. 8th Aug. 2 Beaufighters Anti-shipping sweep west of area of Aegean Sea. Corvette type of vessel attacked at Gethjion. Near misses with bombs. Hits with cannon fire caused smoke to rise from vessel. Many strikes on schooner of 150 tons and 4 schooners 50-100 tons at Port Livadia. Following additional details 7th Aug. 2 Beaufighters anti shipping Ionian Sea. Attacked with bombs and cannon fire armed coaster of 1000 tons north of Ithaca Island. 2 bombs overshoot by 10? yards, bombs failed to explode. 2 Beaufighters shipping attack at Preveza. Merchant vessel of 3500 tons attacked. 4 bombs dropped 1 bomb hit bridge another hit deck forward of funnel and bounced off. No bombs exploded. 1 aircraft strafed vessel's superstructure and waterline.
(H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. 090944Z).

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SATURNIA and VULCANIA may now enter Adriatic routed 20 miles 145 degs. Cape Santa Maria de Leuca 15 miles 090 degs. Cape Otranto 20 miles 030 degs. Cape Otranto 20 miles 096 degs. Cape Cavallo entering Brindisi to drop pilot thence to 041 degs. 00' 018 degs. (?20' or 30') vessels will probably pass Otranto night of 10th/11th. Not to be molested.
(Capt.(S) 10, 090950B, 091723B to 10 S/M F.).

TRESPASSER Following is a repetition of my 091013 addressed C. in C. Med. (R) V.A. Malta, Capt. (S) 1, Capt. (S) 10, FARNDALE, WHADDON, TRESPASSER.(Begins) - Request TRESPASSER may detach from G.T.X.5 as soon as convenient and proceed independently to Beirut. My 080941C, not to all, refers." (Ends).
(C. in C. Levant, 091019 to TRESPASSER).

8th S.F. movements summary 1958B/9th. 1. SARACEN 038° 30' 010° 11' 000° 2½/9 knots. 3. SIMOOM in Gulf Genoa. 3. SPORTSMAN 038° 38' 009° 28' 2½/9 knots until dawn 10th there after surface 10 knots course 266° 5. F.S. ORPHEE north of 041° 00' E. of 011°. (Capt. S.8., 091100B to Area G.C.)

Axis Shipping, Istanbul. (A) German GERDA TOFT and BACCHUS (ex French) arrived Istanbul from Aegean August 6th and August 8th respectively. (B) GERDA TOFT proceeded Bourgas August 8th. (C) Reported B.2 BACCHUS will load part of cargo here from damaged FIRUZ which unable let go either anchor and still moored to buoys in Istanbul port. My 070950 refers. (D) Reported B.4 FIRUZ was sailing for Aegean within next 96 hours. (S.O.(I) Istanbul 091138C to C. in C. Levant etc.).

N.A.A.F. Report. N.W.A.A.F. Opsum 169. N.W.A.S.A.F. 7/8 August. 78 Wellingtons dropped 149 tons bombs on beaches between Messina and Scalletta. Results generally good. Many fires observed several explosions believed ammunition dumps.

8th August. 39 U.S. Marauders escort 24 U.S. Lightnings Highway Bridge, Angitola. 4 Bombers returned early. 3 Spans of bridge destroyed. 40 U.S. Marauders escort 24 U.S. Lightnings railway bridge Anitola. 4 Bombers returned early. Direct hits claimed by 2 aircraft. 24 U.S. Lightnings fighter sweep southwest Angitola. 1 returned early. Troop train starffed Cape Subero. 6 trains straffed near Giola. Barge left burning off Cape Vaticano.
(N.A.A.F. Adv. H.Q. 091507B).

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UNSHAKEN Leave Brindisi area to pass 040 degs. 50' 018 degs. 52' 0200/12th thence to patrol off Southern Approach to Valona.
(2) Leave patrol to pass 040 degs. 15' 019 degs. 15' at 0500/14th 038 degs. 47' 018 degs. 28' at 0800/15th. Onward route will be signalled later.
(Capt.(S) 10, 091515, to P.54 (UNSHAKEN) (R) 10th S.F., C. in C. Med., C. in C. Levant., V.A. Malta., Capt.(S) 8, Capt.(S) 10, Capt.(S) 1).

UPROAR Onward route from 38 degs. 56' 018 degs. 33' at 2200/12th after 038 degs. 08' 018 degs. 04' at 0500/13th 035 degs. 44' 16 degs. 39' at 1200/14th. thence to R/V with M/S 5 miles East of end of Eastern searched channel at 0800/15th.
Do not proceed West of M/S's. position until in company. Ease passage as necessary on 13th.
(2) M.J.A.O. 24, request bombing restrictions to cover above passage.
(Capt.(S) 10, 091530B to P.31 (UPROAR) (R) C. in C. Levant, Capt.(S) 1, H.Q. N.W.A.C.A.F.No. 201 N.C.Group 10th S/M F. Air H.Q. Malta, C. in C. Med. V.A. Malta, Capt.(S) 8).

U.G.S.13 Destinations (list).
All ships for Middle East and beyond are to continue with convoy.
(C. in C. Med.(A) 091620B to C.T.F.64 Escorts U.G.S.13, (R) N.O.i/c Bone, C. in C. Levant, Commorseafron, F.O. Tunisia etc.).

Malta Maintenance. (1) Air Ministry C.O.S.349 of 18 Jan. gave policy established by early Mar. stocks to ensure safe maint. up to mid October and implied subsequent maint. to be continued with object maintain island stocks at target approx. 7½ months. Positions today is that Malta stocked with about five months' reserves. Reduction notified you, in Mideast Q.L./71645 of 25 June and agreed your 04131 (Q(Ops) 1) of 28 June.
(2) Your 55159 (M.O.5) of 1st August contemplates further reduction garrison. Your 87725 (Q(Ops) 1) of 8 June para.3 outlined future policy when supply route from west assured.
(3) Suggest time has now come for revision both maint. policy and scale reserve holding. Request new directive be issued by you as soon as future garrison agreed. Eating down of reserve stocks should permit some reduction shipping over next few months and also permit release Adm. personnel and units for employment elsewhere. Extent to which this possible will be examined on receipt your directive.
(C. in C.M.E. 091715C to W.O.)
Note: by Q (Ops) 1. A meeting of Malta Committee has been called for Monday, 16th Aug. when policy for future maintenance of Malta will be discussed.

U.S.Convoy Intend sailing at 110800B U.S.S. SALAMONIE (T)
NEWFOUNDLAND U.S.S. CHEMUNG (T) and U.S. SMERAK.
(2) Escorted by U.S. Ships GHERARDI, JEFFERS, BUTLER, EARLE, ROEAU SENIOR, escort attend D.D.34 in GHERARDI.

/ (3) Routed....

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- U.S. Convoy NEWFOUNDLAND. (Contd.). (3) Routed through 109 82 57 Q.K.A.87 035 degs. 48' North 006 degs. 30' West to R/V with ships detailed in my 071619 in 034 degs. 02' North 008 degs. 04' West at 121530B. Route lettered J to N. (4) Codeword "Ramlnure". (5) S. of A. 13½ knots.
- (6) Fighter priority normal.
(7) R/V for NEWFOUNDLAND in position 57 at 120200B. (Com.N.O.B. 091747B to C. in C. Med. etc.).
- K.M.S.22 Pass to Cmdre. Centre Escort K.M.S.22, intend sailing 8½, LA DROME, French Tanker. (Com.N.O.B.Oran 091803B to HOLCOMBE, (R) N.O.i/c Bizerta, Admty. etc.).
- Movements Oran. FRANCIS PARKMAN, MARION BOARDJE ?(BOVARD), DANIEL HUNTINGTON, WILLIAM GERHARD, TABITHA BROWN, EZRA MEEKER, WILLIAM MULHOLLAND, arrived escorted by U.S. ships GHERARDI, EARLE, BUTLER. (Com.N.O.B.Oran 091806B to C. in C. Med.).
- Movements Port Said. 9th August Port Said arrivals - ANTWERP, BLUEBELL, MAID MARION, Polish ship SLAZAK, F.F.S. LA MALOUINE, H.S.L.141, AETOS, F.F.S. LA MOQUEUSE. Departures Polish ship SLAZAK, F.F.S. LA MALOUINE. (N.O.i/c Port Said 091808C to Admty. etc.).
- SIMOOM, Italian Cruiser torpedoed. Scored 2 hits on Italian Cruiser LUIGI DI SAVOIA class position 044 degs. 04' 009 degs. 32'. 3 bow and stern torpedoes remain. (P.225(H.M.S. SIMOOM)091825B to Capt.(S) 8th S.F.).
- H.D.M.Ls. Your 251016/July. Regret no more H.D.M.Ls. can be made available. Provision of substitute craft is being investigated. (D. L.D. Approved by V.C.N.S. 091828B to C. in C. Med.(R) C. in C. Levant).
- 1st S/M.F. Disposition. 9th August (A) refitting MATROZOS, NEBOJSOA, NEREUS, KATSONIS, (B) operational. TACTICIAN on passage to Port Said for docking. TAURUS patrol. PARTHIAN returning from patrol. RORQUAL patrol Aegean. TROOPER Beirut. TRIDENT left Aden 4th August for onward routeing to
- Eastern Fleet. OSIRIS Aden leaves 11th August for onward routeing to Kilindini. (C. in C. Levant 091841C, to C. in C. Med.).
- Naval Air Squadrons. (A) 4 aircraft will be despatched on 14th August in accordance with your 051030 remaining two in about a fortnight and personnel at earliest opportunity.

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(B) 775 Squadron with the aid of 728 squadron have been flying 40 target towing sorties per week which is about seven sorties short of full requirements.

(C) On departure of 728 Squadron, 3 I.E. Swordfish will be the only target towing aircraft remaining.

(D) Estimated that these aircraft will be able to produce 20 sorties a week for next two months.

(E) When can replacement aircraft be expected in accordance with para.2. of A.M.111422 May? Until their arrival the efficiency? of Levant Fleet escorts will progressively deteriorate.

(C. in C. Levant 091851C to C. in C. Med.(A)..,C. in C. Med.(?M)

(R) Admty.,V.A.M. GREBE).

Situation Report. Part 2 of Cosintintrep No.31. Signed Eisenhower. Destroyers carried out bombardment in Taormina Area night 7th/8th and MAURITIUS and 2 destroyers bombarded positions at Giarre, Riposto and North of Acircale on 8th.

(2) 1,500 prisoners reported taken in American "Leapfrog" landing night 7th/8th at Torrenuoue. PHILADELPHIA and SAVANNAH heavily bombed while giving fire support in same area forenoon 8th. Air cover reported ineffective.

(3) British submarine UNRUFFLED reports sinking inward bound 12000 ton transport off Brindisi on 3rd.

(4) Channel into Catania swept 7th. No mines encountered.

(C. in C. Med. 092004B to Cosintintrep. Addresses plus Eighth and Seventh Armies).

Movements Oran. Departures today were U.S.S. NELSON, MURPHY, GLENN, HERNDON?, COWIE, ORIZABA, CHATEAU, THIERRY, U:S.A.T.MEXICO SHAWNEE, BORINQUEN, EVANGELINE. Arrivals today were, U.S.S. ROW, GHERARDI, EARLE, BUTLER, MERAK. C. in C. Med. pass to Comnavnaw. (Com.N.O.B.Oran 092015B to Admty. etc.).

Movements Haifa. 9th August arrival O.R.P. KRAKOWIAK departure M.L.357 and 354. (N.O.i/c Palestine Ports 092022C to Admty. C. in C. Levant).

Movements Algeria. Arrivals CYRUS JOSEPH, S/M SHAKESPEARE (P.221) U.S.S.SKILL, H.D.M.L. 1155. Departures OXLIP, HONEYSUCKLE, H.D.M.L.1359 (Fr.) S/M ANTIOPE, (Fr.) CHASSEUR III. (Com. Algeria 092028B to Admty. etc.).

UPROAR Have one stoker with poisoned hand, poison still (?spreading). Am returning Malta passing through 041 degs. 22' 018 degs. 19' at 0300/10th and 040 degs. 20' 019 degs. 00' at 0100/11th. (P.31(UPROAR) 092107B to Capt.(S) 10).

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Bombing of DORSETSHIRE. Your 071625. Request you will signal whether DORSETSHIRE was alone or in company with other vessels when attacked, also state of visibility and nationality of attacking aircraft. (Hd. of M.I. 092108B to C. in C. Med.(Malta).

Movements Bone. Arrival HACKBERRY, M.L.No.336. (N.O.i/c Bone 092126B to Admty. etc.).

Movements Cyprus. Arrival 9th August M.Ls.349 and 358. (N.O.i/c Famagusta Cyprus 092219C to Admty. etc.).

Malta Air Report. A.I.1051. T.O.O. 092215B. Opsum No.91. 8th August. 1 Baltimore made A/S patrol South end East of Toe of Italy. At 1251 hours a submarine was sighted on surface in 37 degs. 32' N. 17 degs. 14' E. course ?090 degs. S.E. 8 knots submerged before an attack could be made. 8/9 August. 5 Mosquitoes made Intruder patrols over Southern Italy. Poor visibility was experienced and no enemy activity was found. At Fiumefreddo a Railway Signal ?Box was attacked with cannon and set on fire. 7 Beaufighters made interception patrols North of Malta. 1 Wellington made A/S patrol South and East of Toe of Italy, 2 Wellingtons made shipping searches in Gulf of Taranto. 9th August. 7 Spitfires made photo R/C of Taranto Naples and Corfu areas and of Southern Italian Airfields, 4 Baltimores made A/S patrols for friendly shipping. 4 Spitfires were airborne for a raid which turned back before reaching Malta. (R.A.F.Malta 092225B).

Movements Tripoli. Arrived GRAYLING. L.S.T. 425, 415, 416, 414 L.C.I. (L) 309, 269, 185, 275, 299, 298, 177, 250. Sailed AMBER. (S.N.O. Tripolitania 092233B to Admty.).

Movements Augusta. August 9th arrivals UGANDA, ILEX, INGLEFIELD, ECHO FOULA, L.S.T.411 (?312) and 63. Departures ORION, TROUBRIDGE, TUMULT, TYRIAN, WHEATLAND, SOEMBA, M.L.126, 134, 642, M.T.B.290 L.S.T.198, 163, 8, 12, L.C.T.343. (N.O.i/c Augusta 092310B to Admty.).

Enemy Units. P.C. and S of enemy 42.04 M. 9.34 E. 180 degs. 8 knots. (A/C H.T.P/A 092312). Enemy previously reported are 4 merchant vessel, 3 enemy war motor-boats. (A/C H.T.P./A 092325).

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Malta. TUMULT, TYRIAN, WHADDON, BROCKLESBURY, LEDBURY,
BOSTON, B.Y.M.S.811, 209, 14, 24 M/Vs. EMPIRE
DAMSEL, GLEN BEACH, GULF DISC, COLCHESTER, BEACON,
KROOMAN, ICELAND, MOORFLY. Sailed BROCKLESBURY, LEDBURY with
FARNDALE, CALPE and HAYDON escorting M/Vs. DERWENTDALE, FORTBANK,
EMPIRE HARMONY, DESTRO, FORT CHAMBRAY, EMPIRE RAMEL, FORT
CATAQUI, GLEN BEACH, DEFENDER, AFGHANISTAN, CITY OF NEWCASTLE,
FALKEFJELL, FORT GASPAREAU, FORT AUGUSTUS, FORT MANOPAS,
CUSTODIAN, MARIT MAERSK, WESTRAY, UGANDA, INGLESFIELD, ILEX, ECHO,
TETCOTT, EASTON, BELVOIR and PINDOS. APHIS and SCARAB. TORE
JARL. Landing craft movements. Arrived L.C.F. 12, 15, 16. L.C.I.
312, 181, 123, 307. L.C.T. 364, 446, 354, and 561. L.C.T.561
sailed and returned. Sailed L.C.T. 601, 421, 595 and 382. L.S.T.
413, L.C.I.(L) 171 and 292.
(V.A. Malta 092315B to Admty. etc.).
Sailed M.T.Bs. 2677 and 79 (79 returned later) M.Ls. 121 and
135 (escorting TORE JARL) arrived M.Ls. 126, 134 and 462 H.D.M.L.
1158, M.L.1038.
(V.A. Malta 092321 to Admty. etc.).

Movements Arrived M.T.B.60. Sailed BEVER.
Tobruk. (N.O.i/c Tobruk 092327B to Admty.).

Movements Departures. AURORA, SIRIUS, DIDO, PENELOPE, JERVIS,
Tunisia. PATHFINDER, PALADIN, PANTHER.
Arrivals NEGRO, ELBURY, GREGORY, STORNOWAY, BUDE,
POLRUAN, FELIXSTOWE, WAYLAND, Y.M.S.36, 18, 186,
187, 16 C.S. (539) L.S.T.305. Departures FLY,
ACUTE, REIGHTON WYKE, L.S.T.563. Arrivals and departures GOWLER,
IPSWICH, ROMNEY, HUNDA.
(F.O.i/c Tunisia 092347 to Admty. etc.).

Sicily 21st Signed Eisenhower. Summary of operations 26 July
Weekly to 2nd August.
Summary. (6) Administrative. Ports and beaches. Palermo.
Unloading craft and coasters commenced 29 July.
Berths for 3 Liberty ships immediately available.
7 Army changing axis of supply to Palermo.
Syracuse average daily rate discharge 24/29 July 2,623 tons and
322 vehs. Railways. Line Agrigento- Lercaca Freddo B.60 blocked by
tunnel demolitions. Casualty evac. 7 Army to 24 July 2,168. 8
Army to 27 July 4,613 P.W. evac. 7 Army to 25 July 28,463. 8 Army
to 27 July 15,151. Move of 78 Div. Loading completed Sousse 27
July. Personnel of complete div. discharged by 13 July. Tonnages
landed for 7 Army to 24 July, 79,531 for 8 Army to 13 July 88,872.
Tonnage stores lost in shipping for 8 Army 9,674 tons.
(A.F.H.Q. Algiers, T.O.O.Nil Recd. 2250/9).

Sicily Signed Eisenhower. Summary of operations 2nd Aug.
22nd Weekly to 9th August.
Summary. (6) Administrative. Ports and beaches.
Seventh Army. Palermo opened. 2,200 tons cleared
30 July. Gela and Dime (used for landing One Div.)
beaches closed 29 July. Eight Army. Catania
captured 5th Aug. No information to condition. Syracuse

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Sicily 22nd
weekly
summary.
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discharged 5,100 tons and 450 vehs. 30 July
record to date. Augusta averaged 1,500 tons
"Acid" (used for landing 50 Div.) beaches closed
5 August. Evacuation. Seventh Army. To 30 July
casualties 2,800 P.W. 44,200. Eight Army to
4 Aug. casualties Br. 6,900, Cdn. 1,050 P.W. 22,800.
General. Pipe line to Comiso estimated complete
by 7th Aug. First train for 13 Corps due Lentini 7
Aug. additional to trains to Scordia for 30 Corps.

General Adm. situation satisfactory.
(A.F.H.Q. Algiers No. T.O.O./9. Recd. 0015/11.).

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- STRATHEDEN. Ref. para. 2 of your 080016, STRATHEDEN does not arrive Bombay until 13th August. It is not anticipated she could leave before 20th August. (P.S.T.O. I, 090419Z to D.S.T.)
- STRATHAIRD. In view of late date that STRATHAIRD will now sail from Kilindini for Colombo, request confirmation that ship will still sail Colombo to Suez. This information required as it is intended to send approx. 1300 I.O.Rs. to Colombo for passage in her to U.K. (P.S.T.O.I., 090609Z to D.S.T.)
- RAMDAS. Arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Madras, 090918Z to Admty. etc.)
- GRIPSHOLM Intend following route for GRIPSHOLM (to Marmagoa)
Repatriations. Para. 3 of Admty. 071838 August refers.
3. Para. (5) of Admty. 071838. Intend Japanese repatriation ship to be routed, subject to concurrence of Cmdr. S.W. Pacific Sea Frontier, as follows: (to Marmagoa)
(4) Vessel to return by reverse route.
(C. in C. E.F., 090946Z to Admty.)
- TRAVANCORE. Departure TRAVANCORE escorting EL SEGUNDO to position 025° 14' N. 058° 00' E.
(N.O.I.C. Karachi, 091005Z to Admty.)
- CANTON. Departure 1045Z/9th August, CANTON.
2. 74, 230, 202, 39, 12, 339, 830.
(N.O.I.C. Addu Atoll, 091047Z to Admty.)
- U.S.A.Ts. Request following U.S. Army transports may be routed as follows.
(a) CHARLES ROBINSON, STEPHEN H. LONG and FINLAY P. DUNNE to Calcutta. (b) ANSON*P.K. SUFFORD to Karachi. (c) FLORENCE CRITTENDEN, STEPHEN MATHER and CHACLKAENOCFIELD (as received) to Colombo to off load 16 two and one P.40 aircraft respectively for oncarriage to Karachi and then to proceed Calcutta. * As received.
(P.S.T.O.I, 091120Z to A.C.N.B. etc.)
- KARACHI. Arrival with one ship.
(S.O.(I) Bombay, 091146Z to Admty. etc.)

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Colombo.

Colombo Departures 9 August. 0230Z INVESTIGATOR,
0700Z HINDUSTAN.
(F.O. Ceylon, 091234Z to Admt. etc.)

CUBA.

Following is a repetition of my 070912Z. (begins)
Ref. para. 5. of your 052023B. CUBA cannot be
ready to leave Bombay before end of August due
to dry dock congestion. 070912Z (ends.)
(P.S.T.O.I. 092350Z to D.S.T.)

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Movements, St. Johns N.F. August 8th 1943. Arrivals STRATFORD ex B.W.48. M.M.S.244, 246, 247, 251 ex Halifax. CALDWELL ex Halifax. ASSINIBOINE, FORESTER, ST. LAURENT, ITCHEN, CELANDINE, AGASSIZ ex O.N. 195. Departures COLUMBIA, KAMSACK, BLAIRMORE to O.N.195 ESQUIMALT to W.B.42. B.Y.M.S.32, 58, 171, 172, 191, 212, M.M.S.242, 243, 245, 250 to U.K. (F.O.N.F., 090116Z to Admty).

O.N.194 New York arrived 7th August MONTGOMERY and ST. ALBANS ex escorting O.N. 194. (N.S.H.Q., 090215Z to Admty).

U/B Guantanamo reports as follows begins: Submarine contact at 090330Z in 018° 35' N., 075° 14' W. (S.O.(I) Jamaica, 090255Q to Admty. etc).

CHELSEA My 080657 (CHELSEA departed from New York) Correct all after CHELSEA to read and GEORGETOWN escorting H.X.251. (N.S.H.Q., 090429Z to Admty).

MONTCALM This is a re-encypherment of MONTCALM's 090255. Fr. Cruiser MONTCALM originator. Action to S.B.N.O. W.A. Com 5 infor. to Comeastseafon, French Naval Mission Washington Adml. Afrique B.A.D. Cominch, "Sails Norfolk Virginia 1200Z/9 August. E.T.A. Bermuda 2000Z/10 August". (B.N.L.O. Dakar pass to Admiral Afrique). (Radio Washington, 090900Z to S.B.N.O.W.A., B.N.L.O. Dakar).

G.A.T.78 G.A.T.78 arrived p.m./8th. (B.R.L.O. Trinidad, 091006Q to Admty).

B.Y.M.S.229 My 081537. Delete B.Y.M.S.229 returned St. Johns with defects. (F.O.N.F., 091109Z to Admty).

Losses in "Husky" publication. Your 062001Z. Intentions are to announce Naval losses as soon as next of kin have been informed, provided there is no operational objection. Losses of Landing Craft and Light Coastal craft are not normally announced, as above, unless pertinent to a descriptive communique. After initial stages of "Torch", First Lord announced R.N. losses in a statement to House of Commons. Thereafter losses were announced as in para.1. In existing circumstances do not consider simultaneous release necessary and suggest independent action in accordance with R.N. and U.S.N. practice. (D.P.D., *091149B to B.A.D.) *First Lord approves.

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A.F.D.32,
Tugs. Ottawa's 271325 July not to S.B.N.O. Western Atlantic H.M. Tug MINDFUL expected to complete in U.S.A. shortly and H.M. Tug ASPIRANT now at St. Johns should provide necessary pull for 5 to 6 knots advance in good weather conditions. No objection to these tugs being used for towing A.F.D.32 to St. Johns. (Head of M.II 091314B to N.S.H.Q., B.A.D. S.B.N.O.W.At. N.M.C.S.)

Stragglers Arrived week ending 7th ABEL P. UPSHUR (U.S.) H.X.249 boiler trouble. MIMOSA (Gr.) S.C.138 engine defects. (N.C.S.O. St. Johns 091315Z to Admty).

A.T.58 A
(ATHLONE
CASTLE). Departed New York 1050Z August 9th at Ambrose ATHLONE CASTLE (A.T.58 A) E.T.A. at Liverpool Bar Light Vessel 0600/17th S. of A. 17.5 knots. (P.D. New York, 091316 092330Z to Com 10th Fleet C. and R).

SAUMAREZ,
SCOURGE. SAUMAREZ and SCOURGE will sail for U.K. 11th. (F.O.N.F., 091342Z to C. in C. H.F. (R) R.A.D., H.F., Admty. C. in C. W.A., A.C.O.S.)

PASTEUR Arrived New York 1113Z/9. (P.D. New York, 091426Z to Com. 10th Fleet C. and R).

L.23 Your 051406. L.23 will remain in West Atlantic waters for A/S training duty subject to conditions laid down in Admty. 081124 addressed N.S.H.Q. (F.O.S., 091439B to B.A.M.R. (R) Admty. Capt. (S) 7).

HUGH J.
GALLAGHER 101000 U.S.A.T. HUGH J. GALLAGHER St. George Grenada 10th knots (1) 9 (2) 11 (A) 25.01 N., 61.53 W. days 8. (R.O. Port of Spain 091456 to Admty).

French
Cruisers,
Brazilian
Narrows. Admiralty's 201850 July. Propose that French cruiser MONTCALM, French cruiser GEORGES LEYGUES and French Cruiser GLOIRE should be based at Dakar on completion of overhaul in order to patrol Brazilian Narrows. French Cruiser MONTCALM is first to be ready and sailed this morning for Dakar via Bermuda. Adml. Fenard, however, has just informed us that he has received following telegram from Chief of Naval General Staff at Algiers. Begins: Will you please place before Adml. Leahy again our

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French Cruisers Brazilian Narrows. (contd). point of view and communicate to him telegram which follows.
 "(1) It is of greatest psychological importance for French Cruiser MONTCALM to proceed direct to Med. (?in order) French will understand that U.S. regard it as important we be permitted to fight at sea as well as on land under good conditions against common enemy.
 (2) In same order of ideas, it is very desirable our first important unit rebuilt in U.S. should take part in offensive operations in Med. with Allies.
 (3) Cruisers arriving from Alexandria will take up patrol duty Dakar in last half August.
 (4) I renew my request MONTCALM should be sent immediately repeat immediately to Med. Sea.
 (5) I have placed this before C. in C. Med.
 (6) The sailing of MONTCALM is not to be dealyed for any reason".
 Ends.
 2. Unless Admty. wish me to ask C.C.S. to alter her instructions MONTCALM will proceed to Dakar.
 (B.A.D., 091541Z to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med. F.O.C.W.Af., S.B.N.O.W.At).

N.S.H.Q. S/M Situation. 1200Z/9th August. Several moving west in area (OL?) to PD, LB to GA. Possibly one LV TU 2040 at 1635Z/8th. One unlocated in Canadian Coastal Area.
 (N.S.H.Q., 091550Z).

Submarine Estimates. Cancel my 081433 (N.T. in W.D.)
 Consider it would be better if N.S.H.Q. estimate was extended to 32 S.N. which is Southern limit of Broadcast L. This would (A) prevent necessity of setting additional watch on Washington Fox for ships not leaving area D and (H) provide an overlap such as is in existence at present between N.S.H.Q.&Admiralty report areas. It is noted that in reverse circumstances Cominch does not hesitate to promulgate North of 40° N. if he considers it desirable. The possibility of including relevant extracts from Cominch report in N.S.H.Q.'s is precluded by the fact that this is not received in time.
 (N.S.H.Q., 091600Z to B.A.D. (R) Admty. S.B.N.O.W.At).

U.S. S/M Estimate. Cominch, 091603Z).

Convoy G.U.S.10. Arrived New York, 091400Z 22 ships arrived. (P.D. New York, 091608 to Com. 10th Fleet, C. and R).

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Convoy Sailing telegram (52 ships, list, destinations, etc). 2. Gate 1200Z/9 August. 8. Eight K. S.C.139. 5. (Route). 6. W.2. 8. As in C. in C. N.A.'s 061832Z August and Admty. 041301B July. (N.C.S.O. Halifax, 091613Z 091640Z to Admty).

Dispositions. LADY NELSON 044° 33' 049° 25' 245° 13 altering to 261° in 044° 00' N.
O.N.195 W.4 044° 20' 053° 29' 207° 9.5 altering to 261° in 043° 14' N.
B.W.49 MALPEQUE, DIGBY, 046° 05' 054° 33' 084° 7.5 altering to 045° in 052° 55' W. and to 012° in 046° 25' N.
W.B.41 ESQUIMALT 046° 37' 055° 50' 242° 18½ alter to 280° in 057° 00' W.
U.S.S. AUGUSTA H.P. JONES, 046° 02' 057° 28' (?) 17 en route Halifax.
RING RARITAN S.C.527 depart Sydney 1900Z ninth en route Argentina and St. Johns N.F.
SS. SHOOTING STAR 043° 00' 047° 50' (?) 229° 16 alter to 263° in 051° 00' W.
SS. EROS 041° 35' 050° 00' 258° 14½.
(C. in C. C.N.A., 091625Z).
S.C.139 W. 2 044° 10' 062° 58' to 044° 21' N., 061° 15' W. thence 063° 8 altering to 092° in 045° 33' N. U.S.S. KIOWA departing Halifax 1900Z/9th to 044° 08' N., 063° 16' W. thence 074° 12. X.B.68 W.9 043° 42' 064° 07' 242° 7.5 altering to 269° in 043° 12' N. BUCTOUCHE, NIPIGON Halifax approaches in-bound Mansfield N.S. 044° 08' 063° 16' to overtake X.B.68. PORT ARTHUR 044° 01' 064° 12' 12 en route Liverpool. H.X.251 W. three 041° 35' 064° 43' 054° 9.5 alter to 075° in 042° 40' N. H.H.X.251 LETHBRIDGE, QUESNEL, 044° 04' 063° 03', 113° 8 to 043° 10' N. 060° 12' W. at 1900Z 10. U.S. S.C.10. 043° 12' 065° 47' 267° 13 altering to 234° in 069° 01' W. BEAVER departing Digby 1900Z/9th en route Bar Harbour. MAINE U.S. S.C.708 042° 29' 070° 32' to position 042° 31' N. 070° 28' W. thence 084° 12 altering to 046° in 065° 20' W. SS. TYNDAREUS departs St. Johns N.B. 2100Z/9 to 044° 00' N., 068° 25' W. thence 188° 15 en route New York.
(C. in C. C.N.A., 091715Z).
My 091715Z add SS. IRISH ROSE 042° 20' 066° 35' 180° 8 delete BEAVER.
(C. in C. C.N.A., 092128Z).

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This is a re-encypherment of P.D. Norfolk despatch 091256 addressed Com. Tenth Fleet C. and R. Comeastseafon. N.S.H.Q., N.O.B. Bermuda, Admty. (R) C. in C. C.N.A., F.O.N.F. (Begins).
Re My 071605 Vessel departed Cape Henry 9th August 1139Z (Ends). (Radio Washington, 091655Z to Admty. etc).
Modify my 021230 MONTCALM will proceed direct from Bermuda to ultimate destination Dakar.
(Cominch 092013Z to N.O.B. Bermuda, action who will acknowledge also to French Navmis, V.C.N.O. Cinclant, C. in C. Med. etc).

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Task Group 21.17 constituted. Cinclant's 082223 addressed to BLOCK ISLAND for action informs as follows:
Task Group 21.17 hereby constituted: BLOCK ISLAND, ELLIS HERBERT, DUPONT.
Comdesron 31 direct destroyers named to report to U.S.S. BLOCK ISLAND.

About 20 August when loaded and ready proceed Belfast. Proceed Hampton Roads when unloaded unless otherwise directed. Com 10th Fleet C. and R. and comnaveu requested arrange routing East and West respectively with stop at Argentinia to refuel destroyers.
(Comnaveu 091729 to Admtly).

Convoy H.H.X. 251. Sailing telegram (12 ships, list etc).
2. Each 1500Z/9. 3. H.O.M.P. 43.20 60.12 W. at 1400Z/10th August.
5. As C. in C. C.N.A's 031624Z August and Admtly's. 041301B July.
(N.C.S.O. Halifax, 091810Z, 091823 to Admtly).

PRINCE ROBERT. Arrived 9th Balboa PRINCE ROBERT, North transit canal arrival Cristobal same day. Expected departure 11th.
(Compaseafon, 091844 to V. Opnav, Cominch).
Your 091621. Sail PRINCE ROBERT via Bermuda for fuel. Modify my 022104 Cinclant direct N.O.B. Bermuda sail onward to the Clyde advising time of departure, route, speed of advance.
(Cominch, 091935Z to Compaseafon, Cinclant,)

Naval Control Service. Your 062003 Concur.
(Admtly. 091944B to B.A.D. (R) N.S.H.Q.)

Movements San Francisco arrivals 7th WALTER COLTON. Departures 6th BPING YOUNG*, TUTUILA. Port Hueneme 3rd LUTHER S. KELLY, TUTUILA all U.S.A.T.
(N.S.H.Q., 092020Z to Admtly). *As received.

ATHENE ATHENE departed Cristobal 2300Z for New York via Yucatan Channel and Florida Straits. Speed 13. 1300Z/16th August is E.T.A.
(Compaseafon, 092029 to Com. 10th Fleet C. and R)

Sub. attack and sighting Summary. A. Card aircraft attack two subs. 41.32 N. 38.28 W. 080800. Good hits on one sub. Bomber and fighter shot down.
B. U.S.S. CHARLES LAWRENCE unsuccessfully attacks sub. 38.02 N. 66.12 W. 090515.
C. U.S.S. HUMMING BIRD attacks sub. contact 24.27 N. 74.10 W. 081710. U.S.S. PHEASANT attacks sound contact 24.11 N. 73.20 W. 071907. S.C.1471 sound contact 18.35 N. 75.14 W. 090330. All times Z.
(Cominch, 092045Z to Admtly).

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F.T.2 F.T.2 will proceed to U.K. in company with B.Y.M.S. 240 and B.Y.M.S.33. I am not wholly satisfied with conditions in A.P.C.52 and in order that seniority and responsibility may be plain I have granted Lieut C.C. Boxhall R.N.R. the temporary rank of Act. Lt. Cdr. R.N.R. for the passage to Londonderry only in anticipation of Admiralty approval, letter follows regarding F.T.2. (B.A.M.R. Washington 092102Z to Admty).

T.A. 58 Arrived. *(Conveyed PM Staff to Admiralty Conference, Quebec)*
(QUEEN MARY). (C. in C., C.N.A., 092108Z to Admty).

Movements Departure H.M.C.S. ST. CLAIR, SHERBROOKE, MIDLAND, TRANSCONA, MULGRAVE escorting 6139 (sic). (C. Halifax, 092136Z).
Departure LETHBRIDGE, QUESNEL, to H.H.X. 251 arrival MANSFIELD from O.N.S.14. (C. Halifax, 092138Z).

Tankers. Your 041232. Cinclant now estimates Second C.U. Squadron escort available October 20th.
2. Propose to press for independent sailings New York to U.K. as fast tankers become available after C.U.4 sails.
3. It is considered that this proposal would receive more support if existing independent limit was reduced to say 14 knots for British Controlled shipping on that route. (B.A.D., 092311Z to Admty).

BUCTOUCHE Expected time of arrival Halifax 0530Z 10th in company with NIPIGON. (BUCTOUCHE, 092315Z to C. in C. C.N.A. (R) D. Halifax).

A/S We welcome measures for maintaining and increasing
Offensive. Bay offensive agreed between yourself and Chief of Staff Army as outlined in your 072210Z. It is of course understood and expected that U.S. Squadrons will be liable to removal from Bay on your orders should situation in your strategic area so require. Admiralty and C. in C. Coastal Command are keeping Bay position under continuous detailed review and will make available any information you may require in that respect.
2. Coastal Command can receive in South West England up to 3 additional Squadrons at four days' notice.
3. If required Coastal Command could also make available accommodation in U.K. during change-over period, should you consider it necessary to relieve some or all Army B.24 Squadrons before final date of your agreement.
4. Availability of excess equipment referred to in Section C of your 072210Z now under examination with 8th Air Force. 479 Anti-Sub. Group have recommended to Commanding General, Anti-Sub. Command, that each Squadron retain a total of 15 aircraft for rapid replacement of battle damaged aircraft. British

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experience confirms this to be desirable if possible especially in Bay where flak damaged calls for holding Squadron reserve above normal assignment, if regular scale of missions is to be maintained.
(D.O.D. (H), 092346Z to Cominch, (R) Chief of Staff U.S. Army, N.S.H.Q.)

Australia & New Zealand.

Digest
serial No.
566 August
8th.

Convoy 6 vessels described by visual report as comprising Destroyer, 2 gunboats, 3 merchant vessels of which photos confirmed 5 vessels including 1 Destroyer, 3 medium merchantmen, 1 unidentified vessel observed 275 miles W.N.W. Greenwich Island course, South forenoon. Sighted six hours later approx. 30 miles further southwest.

- (2) Allied aircraft unsuccessfully attacked small merchantman 40 miles Northwest Kavieng course 240° early afternoon.
- (5) Large submarine passed Cape Orford Northbound morning.
- (8) Three Liberators unsuccessfully attacked 5 small vessels off shore in Kaimana area about noon and later attacked small craft at Kokas. Also sighted 4 vessels at Pandjang Island (Gorong group off South East tip Ceram Island).
- (10) Morning photos Buka Passage show 3 very small vessels and 4 barges.
(G.H.Q.S.W.P.A. 090846Z).

Movements

Arrival Cairns 8th U.S.S. HENRY T. ALLEN, Sydney
8th U.S.S. MOUNT VERNON.
(A.C.N.B., 090952Z).

Arrivals 7th August Townsville H.T. KATOOMBA
8th Cairns U.S. Transport MAETSUYKER, Townsville (V.S.I.S.)
MERKUR U.S. Transport VAN HEUTSZ, Port Moresby Hired Transport
DUNTROON, TAROONA. Dutch Naval Store Ship SOEDOE departed
Merauke 7th due Thursday Island 8th, U.S. Transport ANHUI,
departed Milne Bay 8th due Townsville 11th, U.S. Transport VAN
DER LIJN, departed Cairns 8th due Fall River 10th ASIS YUNNAN,
departed Townsville 7th due Brisbane 11.
(C.S.W.P.S.F., 091416Z).

U.S. Transport LURLINE arrived Brisbane 8th.
(C.S.W.P.S.F., 091620Z).

Arrivals Townsville 8th BOWEN, WILCANNIA, Cairns 8th
(U.S.S. (?)BAGLEY), Port Moresby 8th U.S.S. HELM, (?U.S. BEAVER)
U.S.S. SAMSON, Brisbane 7th (U.S.S.?WARRINGTON) Thursday
Island 7th INVERELL.

Departed Milne Bay 8th BALLARAT for Townsville. BUNBURY for
Port Moresby, Townsville 7th WESTRALIA, U.S.S. DRAYTON for Milne
Bay Sydney (N.S.W.) 8th STUART for Lady Elliot Island, Cairns
8th MANOORA for Milne Bay. Commissioned 7th A.M.S. STAWELL.
(A.C.N.B., 091624 to Admty etc).

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C. 091355B, 091401B).

Submarines Attacked.

Sub. attack
and sighting
summary to
1000/9.

Para. B. U.S. A/C sights sub. 10° 32' N., 21° 23'
W. 1155/8 course 220°.
It is proposed not to include in these signals any
incident in the British Strategic area of which
a report has been received in Cominch Sub. Attack
and Sighting Summary, such as the attack by U.S.S.
CARD 1800/7.
(D.D.I.C., 091125B to Cominch).

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

U-boat sinkings.

1. Admty. considers that by the 1st August 1943 over 350 German and Italian U-boats had been sunk during the war, of which about 150 have been sunk during 1943 and about 90 during May, June and July 1943.

Operation "Musketry".

2. ATHABASKAN and GRENVILLE left Plymouth at 0900 today to operate with E.G.2 in the Biscay Area.

M.G.B.64 lost.

3. While returning from patrol off the Dutch Coast on the night 7/8 August, M.G.B.64 broke her back in heavy weather and, despite search, has not been seen since 081200. Her crew are safe.

South Atlantic.

4. Portuguese SS. LUGELA was stopped by a German U-boat at 1805Z in 14.57 N., 21.01 W. and her papers examined. U-boat was small and similar to the Netherland "O" class. The chief and third officers of LUGELA were taken on board the U-boat and the third officer formed the opinion that one of the latter's officers was French.

Mediterranean.

Messina operations.

5. Light forces operated last night in the Straits of Messina and off Cape Del Armi without meeting any surface forces, but were engaged by shore batteries at both places. M.T.B.265 was badly damaged and towed to Augusta, she is probably beyond repair.

Shore Bombardments.

6. Last night AURORA and PENELOPE bombarded targets at Castellamare, south of Naples *(by Arragonese)*. Destroyers bombarded Taormina road area and Cape Ali before midnight last night, when shore batteries returned the fire. Cape Ali was again bombarded at 0200 without reply. Positions north of Reposto were bombarded by the cruiser UGANDA and gunboat FLORES at daylight this morning.

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Air
Operations.

7. Last night, 83 Wellingtons bombed the beaches between Messina and Cape Feloro, scoring hits on barges, motor transport, and the railway. Today Aircraft of the Tactical Air Force attacked barges and light shipping off the toe of Italy and N.E. Sicily, destroying many small craft and damaging others. Coastal Air Force Beaufighters attacked a convoy with 4 torpedoes, smoke being observed from amidships and bow of a 5,000 ton M/V.

Raids on
Augusta.

8. Heavy air raids were made on Augusta last night. 4 enemy A/C are claimed by fighters and 2 by A/A. TYNEDALE, destroyer, was damaged by a near miss, and proceeded to Malta. NUBIAN, destroyer, also had a near miss and sustained minor splinter damage. In a daylight raid at 1750 today by about 3 A/C, bombs were dropped without causing damage or casualties, and one aircraft was destroyed.

U.S.
Destroyer
Engages
U.S. Tug.

10. BENSON, U.S. destroyer, and BRANT, U.S. tug, engaged each other last night before their identities were established, and there were some casualties.

CLEOPATRA.

11. Admiralty desire to send CLEOPATRA (damaged) to U.S.A. for repair owing to heavy commitments in home yards, and have asked Admiral-Supt. Malta if by a reasonable extension of time in hand the ship could be made fit for passage to U.S.A. by fine weather route.

Oil
Situation.

12. In a message about the furnace oil situation, C. in C. Med. says that the estimated expenditure for "Husky" was fully realized. Subsequent expenditure is higher than anticipated. Until the situation is restored and current operations have terminated satisfactorily, he cannot release 7 tankers requested by the Ministry of War Transport on 4th August. He does not consider the position critical, but requires that additional margin and freedom of movement which our joint resources should be well able to provide.

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- AMAZON. On arrival U.K. about 11th August AMAZON is allocated temporarily to C. in C. W.A. (D.O.D. H. 100019B to C. in C. W.A.)
- Anti U-Boat measures. Minutes of meeting held at Admiralty on 30th July to discuss co-operation of surface and air forces in offensive operations against U-Boat are in course of distribution. 2. C. in C. W.A. is requested to carry out following investigations in conjunction with A.O.C. in C. Coastal Command:-
(a) Procedure necessary to enable surface vessels to co-operate with aircraft at night when hunting to destruction a U-Boat which has been sighted by aircraft during daylight. (b) To what extent can Senior Officer of escort vessels which have been homed assist to co-ordinate the operations of aircraft engaged in a hunt to destruction. (c) In what size groups should escort vessels operate e.g. if two groups with a total of ten vessels were in the Bay, into how many units should they split?
(A.C.N.S. H. 100032B to C. in C. W.A.)
- Destroyers for Nore. Request remaining destroyers transferred in accordance with my 020005 May as modified by my 061418 June and my 311225 July may be returned to C. in C. Nore without delay.
(D.O.D.H. 101303B to C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C. Portsmouth.)
- Rosneath. My Broad Pennant will be struck at sunset today. Commander Shirley will assume command of the Base until 19th August. U.S.N. will take over on 20th August by which date ships company will be discharged.
(Cdre. Rosneath 101350 to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)
- M.G.B. Flotilla for Nore. Admiralty 091053. It would be of more assistance if the 8th M.G.B. Flotilla could be returned instead of the 16th Flotilla observing that the 16th Flotilla are handicapped in chasing E. Boats by their lack of speed.
(C. in C. Nore 101652B to Admty.)
C. in C. Nore's 101652B. The same observation applied to the chasing of E-Boats in the Plymouth Command, in which the 8th Flotilla is the only high speed Flotilla.
(C. in C. Plymouth 102233B to Admty.)
- Inferior coal in North Russia. See Shipping.
Reference A.L.M/U.T. 25/43 now in course of distribution, the following is relevant to the appreciation. 2. By 1st August 1943 a total of over 350 German and Italian U-Boats had been sunk during the war. About 150 of these were sunk this year and approximately 90 during May, June and July 1943.
(V.C.N.S. 102116B.)

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Movements.

- IMPULSIVE. Hvalfiord arrival IMPULSIVE.
(A.C.I.C. 100136B to C. in C. H.F.)
- LIMBOURNE. LIMBOURNE arrived.
(C. in C. Plymouth 100807B.)
- S/M. My 091615B. Sailed. E.T.A. 1830/12th. (UMBRA).
movements. (C. in C. Plymouth 100931?B.)
Intend sailing H.50 escorted by KIHNA at 8 knots
from Rothesay at 2000B/12th to Lough Foyle.
E.T.A. off P.W.S.S. 0800B/13. Cmdre. (D) W.A. is
requested to sail P.511 to R/V with KIHNA on arrival, thence
P.511 escorted by KIHNA to Rothesay. E.T.A. 2000B/13. H.50 as
ordered by Cmdre. (D) W.A.
(Capt. S.7. 101414B to F.O.S.)
Intend to sail UNA, P.62, and P.34 escorted by M.L.300 at
1830B tomorrow for Holy Loch. Escorts will be taken over by LOCH
MONTEITH at 0700B/12th at 23 buoy when M.L.300 returns Tyne.
(Capt. S.6. 101420B.)
Positions of S/Ms. at 0800B/11 and movements for following
24 hours.
(F.O.S.101721, 111019B.)
- 16th Cancel A.M. 091053B/August. A.M. 122022 June.
M.G.B. 16th M.G.B. Flotilla is re-allocated to the Nore
Flotilla. Command. All operational M.G.Bs. of 16th M.G.B.
Flotilla should be sailed to Gt.Yarmouth on
August 15th and the remainder as soon as possible
after that date.
(D.D.O.D.C. 101231B to C. in C. Plymouth.)
- T.F.22. My 071946. There will now be 5 destroyers with
T.F.22 namely FORREST, CORRY, HOBSON, ISHERWOOD,
BELL.
(D.O.D. H.101304B. to C. in C. H.F.)
- AMAZON. AMAZON is allocated temporarily to Greenock and is
to proceed there to clean boilers and give leave.
(C. in C. W.A. 101439B.)
Sailed AMAZON. E.T.A. 0500/11th.
(Cdre. D. W.A. 102302B to Capt. D. Greenock.)
Arrived AMAZON.
(Cdre. D. W.A. 101834B.)
- LONDON. Scapa arrivals C.S. 1 in LONDON.
(A.C.O.S. 101627B. to A.C.I.C.)
- ROCKET. ROCKET proceed passing Clyde Boom at 0630B/11th for
Scapa in accordance with A.M.021903B. E.T.A. 0630B/12
(F.O.I.C. Greenock 101638B to A.C.O.S. ROCKET.)

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- BERMUDA. C. in C. H.F. 092110B para. 4. E.T.A. 1300.
2. BERMUDA has 2 boilers overdue for cleaning when operational requirements permit. (BERMUDA 101646B to C. in C. Plymouth.)
Scapa departure BERMUDA. (A.C.O.S. 101802B to C. in C. Plymouth.)
- MIDDLETON. Sailed MIDDLETON to Skaale Fiord for onward passage to Hvalfiord. E.T.A. Skaale Fiord 0700B/11. (R.A.D. 101813B to N.O.I.C. Faroes.)
- CARISBROOKE CASTLE. Your 100945. Destination of CARISBROOKE CASTLE is Tobermory and subsequently she will join Western Approaches Command. (D.O.D.H. 101905B to A.S.C.B.S.)
- ILLUSTRIOUS, UNICORN. A.M. 051324. Route:- Through position A. 55° N. 10° W. B. 48° N. 17° W. C. 41° N. 17° W. D. 36° N. 13° W. E. 35° N. 10° W. (D.O.D.H. 102014B.)
- MINER VI. Ultimate destination of MINER VI is Malta.
2. When she is ready for sea early in September C. in C. Rosyth is requested to sail her to Londonderry. 3. C. in C. W.A. is requested to arrange for her to be included in a convenient O.S. convoy for onward routing to destination. 4. Important MINER VI is not delayed so that voyage to Gib. is completed before winter sets in. (D.T.M. 102317B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

Operations.

- Operation "Musketry". D/F bearings at 0103Z indicate U/B within 15 miles each side of line joining 44° 20' N. 05° W. and 45° 40' N. 05° W. (D.D.I.C. 100336B to S/Ms.)
My 081153B. Sailed. (ATHABASKAN and GRENVILLE.) (C. in C. Plymouth 100900B to Admty.)
Disposition at 2000. (1) E.G.2. STARLING, WOODOCK, KITE, WREN, WOODPECKER, WILDGOOSE 048° 20' N. 010° 40' W. southbound 13 knots. (2) LANDGUARD, BIDEFORD 180° Bishop Rock 10, bound Plymouth 9 knots. (3) ATHABASKAN, GRENVILLE 049° 32' N. 007° 50' W. to 049° 01' N. 010° 40' W. thence southbound 14 knots. (4) SEANYMPH in vicinity 044° 40' N. 004° 25' W. (5) SATYR vicinity 047° 10' N. 005° W. (6) P.241 vicinity 045° 30' N. 005° 30' W. (7) SEADOG vicinity 045° 50' N. 004° 20' W. (C. in C. Plymouth 101629B to Admty.)
Arrived GLASGOW. (C. in C. Plymouth 101823B to Admty.)
My 051959B. In order to provide an extra day's training it is not now intended to sail the 5th and first Escort Groups for their first Bay patrol until 19th August and 22nd August respectively. (C. in C. W.A. 101910B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

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Operation S.F. Aircraft, course 060° position 320° 62° N. 12° W. 12 miles.
(S.O. Cruisers 101020.)
My 031615B. Para 2. From 1202B till 2358B/10th.
(A) 10. (B) 9.
(C. in C. Rosyth 101046B to H.F.)
Sailed SHIKARI and SABRE.
(Cdre. D. W.A. 101700B to C. in C. H.F.)
My 031615B para. 2. From 0001B to 1159B/11th.
(A) 11. (B) 10.
(C. in C. Rosyth 102355B to H.F.)

V.P.G. My 301810 July. Sailed M.T.B.618 (S.O) and 623 at 1205B today.
(A.C.O.S. 101227B to Admty.)
1. Orders for tonight 10/11th August.
(A) BLEASDALE, ALBRIGHTON Anti E-Boat Patrol from 2300 or on completion of firing practices to 0445 on 50° 25' N. between 0° 40' W. and 1° 25' W. (B) M.L.343, 346 to patrol Q.Z.S. 384 between F. and E.A. 5 buoys. (C) CHASSEUR 15 Immediate notice St. Helens. (D) STEVENSTONE Immediate notice Yarmouth. (E) M.G.B. 13,6,8, from Portland Anti E-Boat Patrol on 50° 20' N. between 2° 00' W. and 2° 25' W. 2. If ordered to "proceed to C.3 buoy" ALBRIGHTON is to leave patrol (A) in time to patrol near C.3 buoy from 0500 until ordered to return.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 101256B.)
1. Force C. CONQUEROR and M.Ls. 159, 163, are to patrol 3 miles 090° and 270° from 095° start 14. 3. Force D. M.G.Bs. 81 (S.O.) 115, 75, 677 are to patrol in vicinity of 195° start 15.
5. Forces C and D are to leave Dartmouth to be on patrol by 2230B, leave patrol 0530B.
(C. in C. Plymouth 101333B.) (N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 101705B.)
M.Ls. 142 and 137 at Bullock Bank. M.G.Bs. S.1 and 43 from Dover. E.T.D. 2145 and M.A.S.Bs. 31 and 23 from Ramsgate. E.T.D. 2200 at 'V' Buoy, E.T.R. Dover 0615/11, E.T.R. Ramsgate 0600/11.
(V.A. Dover 101805B.)

Spitzbergen. My 290908. The following officers volunteer to remain for the winter. Number D, G, and M. The British Liaison Officer is also remaining. Total 4 officers.
("Locomotive" 101403Z to Admty.)
My 092055B. KAPP I formerly Scapa Pool, loaded for special service, is now re-allocated for Special Service.
(D.O.D. 102140B to A.C.O.S.)

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S/M
Patrols. Positions of S/Ms. at 0800B/11th and movements for following 24 hours. (A) UPSTART vicinity 64° 40' N. 03° 25' W. (B) TRUANT vicinity 64° 21' N. 01° 30' W. (C) ULA vicinity 63° 28' N. 01° 10' E. (D) THRASHER vicinity 62° 30' N. 02° 30' W. (E) MINERVE vicinity 64° 20' N. 00° 55' E. leaving patrol at 1100/11th through 63° 25' N. 01° 00' W. to Lerwick, proceeding dived as much as possible when N. of 62° N. (H) SEADOG, SYRTIS, SEANYMPH, as in my 081544. (J) SATYR as in my 061727. (F.O.S. 101721 to Admty.)

Mining.

Search of
Q.Z.S.117
and
Q.Z.S.151. Admiralty's 081726B. Request 18th M.S.F. may be sailed so as to pass Sand Head buoy at dawn proceeding to Harwich by Q.Z.S. 191, 117, 151, 400 and 263 carrying out an Oropesa and extended LL. search of Q.Z.S. 117 and 151 en route. (C. in C. Nore 101520B. to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Enemy Intelligence.

Enemy
M.T.B. Hydrophone effect bearing 315° from enemy M.T.B. enemy's course is 270° (? speed 28 knots.) (378 Aux. M/S. Group 100242 to Nore W/T.) My 100242. Orange. (378 Aux. M/S. Group 100246 to C. in C. Nore.)

Morale
in
German
Ports. Your 081259B July and my 061541 August. Recent careful analysis of reports from several German sea ports show further marked decline in morale since my last signal. This deterioration has now become so extensive and so pronounced that it is found eventually to undermine whole home front. Graded B.3. 2. I am informed Swedish staff have as yet no definite adverse reports concerning deterioration in moral of navy or fighting services. (N.A. Stockholm 101251 to D.N.I.)

Altenfiord. Soviet visual R/C Altenfiord 1415C today observed 2 battleships or battle cruisers, 4 destroyers, 2 escort vessels, 3 merchant vessels. Photographs were taken. (S.B.N.O. North Russia 101805B to Admty. (R) C. in C. H.F. H.Q.C.C.)

JACQUELINE. Departure. August 10th JACQUELINE, enemy, arrived for Bayonne. (Gijon ?101913 to Admty.)

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U-Boats.

U-Boat reported. SS. RORA HEAD reports that at 2045 she saw a periscope as she was passing 35 buoy and it disappeared again at 2055.
(WILLOW 102303 to A.C.O.S.)

Navigational.

Ice in Denmark Straits. My 092100. Further air R/C today shows ice-edge now running through following positions. Details. The line of S.N.74 is now considered clear of ice.
(A.C.I.C. 102006B to R.A.M., C. in C. H.F.)

Casualties & Defects.

AMAZON. C. in C. W.A. 091125B. E.T.A. Merville 1730/10, AMAZON in company. AMAZON reports evaporator distiller shell is fractured and will require hoisting out.
(WANDERER 100650B to Cdre. D. W.A.)

HUSSAR. My 081620. HUSSAR delayed due to excessive vibration on firing Oerlikons mounted on boat deck. Probable duration 4 days.
(F.O. Humber 101707B to R.A.D.)

M.G.B.64 sunk on 8th August. Preliminary report on the loss of M.G.B.64 night 7/8 August. M.G.B.64 in company with M.G.Bs. 63, 58 when returning from patrol position 51° 34' N. 02° 23' E. to base encountered heavy weather, and broke her back in engine-room resulting in flooding engine-room and after compartments. Last seen by M.G.B. 63 at 1200 with bows out of water and stern awash. Search by Tug, with air co-operation was continued until 1600 and no signs of M.G.B.64 was found. A.L. C.Bs. Charts and some stores removed. No casualties to crew.
(C. in C. Nore 101850B to Admty.)

MIRZA. H.X.250. DIANTHUS reports pieces of oakum or fibre in oil fuel received from SS. MIRZA.
(C.5 101932A to C. in C. W.A.)

Shipping & Convoys.

F.N.95. F.N.95 sailed to Methil for New York for LEONID KRASIN. Vladivostock LEONID KRASIN, Government cargo.
(N.C.S.O. Humber 100931.)

AMSTERDAM, PRAGUE. Intend sailing transport AMSTERDAM at 0500/12th, speed 17 knots, to R/V at time and position given in N.O.I.C. Lerwick 091555.
(N.C.S.O. Kirkwall 100950B to A.C.O.S.)
Cromarty departure (AMSTERDAM, PRAGUE).
(N.O.I.C. Invergordon 102325B to A.C.O.S. N.O.I.C. Lerwick.)

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HOME COMMANDS.

Shipping & Convoys.

Liberty
Ships
in
Ocean
Voyage.

Pass to Commodores of Ocean Convoys.
I.C.O.C. 36 para. 1. In particular the Liberty ships require careful nursing on account of:-
(a) their stiffness which gives an abnormally quick roll. (b) their low free-board. and (c) their heavy deck cargoes.
(D.T.D. 101607B to N.C.S.O. Mersey, N.C.S.O. Halifax.)

H.X.250.

Mersey section is to make every endeavour to arrive at Bar L/V by 1800B/12.
2. If necessary Mersey ships are to be detached from 10° W. to proceed independently.
(C. in C. W.A. 101714B to Escorts H.X.250.)

ATLANTIC,
EMPIRE SCOTT,
(Inferior
coal.)

Your 071107 and S.C.N.O. North Russia's 070931. Although every kind of pressure has been brought to bear by Russians I am (?refusing to) sail ATLANTIC and EMPIRE SCOTT with present Russian coal. EMPIRE SCOTT, who was able to use a little British coal on last trip to maintain average speed of 7 knots, estimates she will not be able to steam more than 5 knots.

(corrupt group) U-Boat greater activity reported in entrance to White Sea. Request I may be informed of prospects of obtaining better quality coal. Meantime request approval of action taken.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel 101816B to Ad. Fisher.)

Lion.
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MOST SECRET

WARNING : This is an unparaphrased version of a secret cypher or confidential code message, and the text must first be paraphrased* if it is essential to communicate-it to persons outside British or Allied Government Services.

(*NOTE : Messages shown as having been sent in a One-Time Pad :
"O.T.P." are excepted from this rule.)

MOST SECRET. M E S S A G E. 102000C/August. IN.

From. 30 Military Mission Moscow. Date. 10.8.43.
Recd. 2250.

C Y P H E R.

Addressed. The War Office.

Russia, Situation Report.

IMMEDIATE

145834. MIL.9673 cipher 10th Aug.

1. Advance on Bryansk continues slowly. Considered possible that Germans may withdraw through a series of defensive positions to line of River Desna but no firm indication yet.
2. Thrust from Belgorod direction towards Kharkov started on small front and was held by Panzers. Russians then extended Westwards and gained ground quickly. Position still fluid. Germans making every effort to rush up reinforcements. Large numbers of Panzers in this area but probably in poor condition. Russians estimate they may only have eighty tanks to a Division.
3. This is the fastest and deepest penetration that Russians have yet made this summer. Not possible to say whether Panzers will be fit enough to hold this new penetration.
4. Russians consider that the Germans no longer have any uncommitted reinforcements. They are now forced to withdraw divisions from other parts of the front.
5. Russians applying pressure along whole front.

102000C.

1st Lord.	D.C.(2)	
1st S.L.(2)	Hd. of M.(2)	Recd. in War Reg. at
4th S.L.	D.N.I.(4)	1320/11th Aug.
5th S.L.	I.P.(2)	
D.C.N.A.E.	D.P.D.	Copies circulated by W.O. to
V.C.N.S.	C.N.I.	S. of S., C.I.G.S., V.C.I.G.S.,
I.C.N.S.(A)(2)	W.D.	D.C.I.G.S., A.G., Q.M.G.,
A.C.N.S.(H)	Ad.Blake,	V.Q.M.G., D.M.O., D.D.M.O.(0),
A.C.N.S.(F)(2)	D.D.O.D.(M)	D.Plans.(2), M.O.1., D.M.I.,
A.C.N.S.(W)	D.A.W.T.	D.D.M.I.(I), M.I.3.3c.6(2).10.
U.W.R.	D. of L.D.	14.17., D.D.L.M/R.L.G., D.R.A.C.,
D.O.D.(F)(2)		D.Air., Air.Co-ord., D.D.I.P.
D.O.D.(H)(2)		S. of S. for Foreign Affairs.
D.D.I.C.(2)		Brig. Jacob. (W.C.O). D.N.I. Army;
D. of P.(2)		W.R. Army, A.C.A.S.(I) A.M.
		A.M.C.S. (J.M). Mr.Cavendish-Bentinck (P.C).
		Col. Vickers (M.E.W). Sec.J.I.C.(2) (W.C.O).
		J.I.S.(W.C.O)., Maj.Gen.Whitefoord
		(C.O.S.S.A.C).

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Tuesday.FOREIGN STATIONS.North Atlantic.

BRISSENDEN, My P.C. and S. 035 degs. 35' N. 006 degs. 57' W.
S.O.S. 306 degs. 16, to investigate S.O.S. reported at
Report. 2220Z. Have no information about ship having
these signal letters.
(BRISSENDEN, 100052B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R)
SCYLLA, ROCHESTER.)

Am abandoning search. My P.C. and S. 35.56 N. 07.43 W. 266
degs. 16.
(BRISSENDEN, 100727B to F.O.C. Gibraltar, (R) SCYLLA, ROCHESTER,
INCONSTANT.)

Movements, French (? Convoy) SIMONY arrived 0130A August
Casablanca. 10th.
(C.M.S.F.F. 100320B to F.O. Gibraltar.)

Spanish My 021930 (Re: 2 motor torpedo boats arrived
M.T.B's. Pasaoes.) Santander reports Spanish M.T.B's
C.Z.21 and 22 arrived August 5th and left 6th.
(N.A. Madrid, 100843B to Admty.)

R.S.9. R.S.9 sailed as in my 091210B DEMPO holds S.P.02272
(25) and (26) and oneship pad number 701.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 100945, 101741B to F.O.C.W.A.)
Sailed TEVIOT, HELFORD, PLYM escorting convoy
R.S.9. Q.L.A. 200.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 101047B to F.O.C.W.A.)

M.K.S.21. Intend sailing (list)
(F.O. Gibraltar, 101010B to Admty.)

Dispositions. Situation at 102001B P.42 (UNBROKEN), 037 degs.
57' 009 degs. 38 through 038 degs. 50' 010 degs.
01' at 0600/11th thence 000degs diving by day
7/2. (2) ROEBUCK 034 degs. 57' 010 degs. 51'
to Casablanca 24. (3) IMPERIALIST, SCOTTISH 2 merchant ships
036 degs. 52' 007 degs. 53' through 036 degs. 55' 009 degs. 05'
to Lisbon 7 $\frac{1}{2}$. At 1900/11th escort R/V 2 merchant ships thence
172 degs. 8. (4) (?LOCH OSKAIG), MARIE LOUISE MACKAY
repairing cable vicinity 037 degs. 21' 009 degs. 17'.
(5) R.S.9 TEVIOT 034 degs. 36' 007 degs. 48' through 032 degs.
40' (?010) degs. 01' (?thence) 215 degs. 15 $\frac{1}{2}$.
(6) Portuguese sloop sailed Funchal a.m. 10th for Lisbon 12.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 101051B)

CHARYBDIS. Arrival.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 101113B to Admty.)

Swedish Your 091143B. Concur in sailing of
Relief MONGABARA and FORMOSA 0700 hours August 11th
Ships. routed as in C. in C. Med's 281213 July.
(2) Para. 2 A.M. 091224B is cancelled.
(Head of M.1, 101324B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar,
(R) C. in C. Med. A. & M. C. in C. Levant, V.A.Malta)

Movements /...

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Movements,
Gibraltar.

Arrivals. NEWFOUNDLAND, BLANKNEY from Malta.
INCONSTANT from Casablanca.
Departures B.Y.M.S. 65, 66, 67, 185 to overtake
K.M.S.22. M.L.337, 308, 340 E.R.O. 579 to
Malta.

(F.O.I.C.Gibraltar, 101955B to Admty. etc.)
Arrival BLACKMORE, R.F.A. FORTOL from S.L.134.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 102010B to Admty. etc.)

Movements,
Casablanca.

Arrivals French LA FORTUNE, FORBIN, L'ALCYON
from Oran. P.C's 472, 480, 482 with CASA
BREAKOFF, S.L.134. U.S.S. NELSON, HERNDON, COWDE,
MURPHY, GLENNON from Oran. No warship departures
August 10th.

(Commorseafron, 102240B to C. in C. Med.)

Convoy
"Bancroft"
ORIZABA,
etc.)

Your 071619 arrived today.
(C.M.S.F. 102243B to U.S. N.O.B.Oran, (R) Admty.
C. in C. Med. etc.)

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DESPATCH Sailed DESPATCH to Simonstown by route R.9 amended by Para. 2 of C. in C. S.A's 102355 October 1942. S. of A. 19 knots, E.T.A. Simonstown 0900Z/12th August.
(2) Shifting to W/T Group S.L. at 1800Z/10th August.
(Cdre. i/c Durban, 100801Z to Admty. etc).

C.M.44 Sailing telegram (4 ships) 2. 0800Z/10th August, 1943. 4. 10 knots. 5. Route. 6. EMERALD, NEPAL, REDOUBT.
15. S.Q.D.1 to 9 codeword "Anvil" "Chop" 045° E. 13th August 010° N. 1900Z/23rd August, Q.C.A. 228 Q.C.B.199.
(N.C.S.O. Durban, 100831Z to Admty).

Sailed EMERALD, REDOUBT, NEPAL escorting convoy C.M.44.
2. NEPAL will be detached at prudent limit of endurance to return to Durban by shortest route passing through 28° S. 38° E.
3. EMERALD will be relieved by CHITRAL in 8° S. EMERALD and REDOUBT in company proceed thence to Kilindini.
4. Escorts shifting to group N.U. at 1400Z/13 August* C. in C. E.F. is requested to instruct EMERALD and REDOUBT when shift to group V.
(Com. i/c Durban, 100831Z to Admty. etc).
*Amended to 1200Z 14 August. (130944Z).

LE TERRIBLE Sailed 1945Z/9th LE TERRIBLE. My 061128.
(Comar Dakar, 100842Z to F.O.C.W.A., F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C. in C. Med., Admty).

Dispositions. Situation at 2000Z/10th August.
DESPATCH 032° 50' 029° 12' R.9 to Simonstown 18.
LADY ROSEMARY, ARTIC EXPLORER 028° 55' 032° 05' to Durban 8½.
EMERALD, NEPAL, REDOUBT with C.M.44 (4 ships) 028° 30' 033° 13' to 028° 01' 038° 01' 12½.
(C. in C. S.A., 101119B).
Situation 2001Z/10th. LE TERRIBLE 021° 30' 017° 40' to 023° 40' 017° 40' thence (?045°) 17 knots.
LA GRANDIERE escorting 014° 35' 017° 37' to (?018°) 00' 016° 09' 022° 12½.
FANDANGO with LADY DENISON PENDER about 012° 30' 017° 30'.
(R.A.W.A., 101241Z).
Situation 1958Z/10th.
WELLINGTON, CROMER, LOWESTOFT, BRIDGEWATER, EXE with O.S.S.52 004° 16' 004° 02' to 004° 26' 002° 00' thence 038° 9.
DUNCTON N.L. 265, 261 off Marshalls.
M.L. 1160 and 1016 off Port Bouet.
M.L. 1078 off Lome. M.L. 10(?32) off Kotonu.
M.L. 277 escorting 000° 59' 000° 21' to 000° 00' 000° 00' thence to Takoradi 9½.
BEAGLE, BULLDOG, DOUGLAS, WOLVERINE, KALE, TAY, DERG with W.S. 32 000° 39' S. 005° 50' E. 130° 13.
F. Cruisers DUQUESNE, TOURVILLE 004° 30' S., (?007°) 08' E. to 002° 01' S. 005° 01' E.
M.L. 1018 off Accra.
(F.O.C.W.A., 101310Z).

/Re-opening...

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Tuesday.War Diary.FOREIGN STATIONS.South Atlantic.- Contd.Re-opening
Portuguese
Air Line,
Mossamedes,
Luanda,
Pointe Noire.

Your 301303 June. Since (a) Portuguese grant considerable facilities to our aircraft on Lisbon-U.K. and West African services, and (b) They are being very co-operative in other fields, it is not thought advisable to intervene in this case. 2. N.A. Lisbon is being asked to approach Portuguese with suggestion that they should report all sightings of Axis submarines off coast of Angola.
(Head of M. Branch I, approved A.C.N.S. (F) 101252B to F.O.C.W.A.)

S.L.135

Intend to sail S.L. 135 at 1330Z/12 August escorted by FOWEY, MYOSOTIS, MALLOW, CAMPION, FRISO, BERRY and STONECROP and consisting of one ship for Dakar one for Casablanca and 37 for U.K.

2. Route E.B.10° 30' N., 17° 15' W. E.C.14° 44' N., 17° 50' W. thence by standard route speed 7 knots.
3. Comar Dakar is requested to sail CROCUS for U.K. with BOSPHORUS, JAARSTROO and CITY OF LEICESTER ?all for U.K. to join in position W.C.14.22 N., 17.47 W. at 1800Z/15th when British Coast for Dakar will be detached with local escorts.
4. FORTOL will be transferred from O.S.53 to S.L. 135 as ordered by F.O.C.W.A.
5. Escorts shift to Med. W/T Organisation at 1600Z 20th.
6. Commorseafon is requested to arrange detachment of SAINT LOUIS for Casablanca.
7. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar is requested to arrange detachment of FORTOL for Gibraltar and JHANING or M.K.S.20 with S.L.135.
8. Comar Dakar pass to CROCUS.
(F.O.C.W.A., 101351Z to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Commorseafon, Comar Dakar, (R) C. in C. Med., (A), C. in C. W.A., Admty. FOWEY, CROCUS).

NIEUW
HOLLAND.

NIEUW HOLLAND sailed 10th August in C.M.44 for Kilindini. E.T.A. 21st August. Personnel on board.
(D.S.T.O. Durban, 101423Z to D.S.T.O. Kilindini).

T.L.18

Following is a repetition of my 021836 (begins) T.L.18 sailed 1830/2nd August. Route B S. of A. 10 knots. E.T.A. Lagos 0600 4th August. GLEN BANK (Cdre) TOUAREG. Convoy codeword "Bamboo". W/T Identity letters V L D 1 to 8.
(N.C.S.O. Takoradi, 101513Z to Admty).

U-boat

American Authorities report transit aircraft sighted submarine at 1324/10th 6° 55' S., 22° 37' W. Course Northerly.
(F.O.C.W.A., 101550 to Admty).

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T.P.5. (1) Fast escorts 9 Frigates KALE, TAY, DERG, HELFORD, BANN, PLYM, TEVIOT, TRENT, TEST all except TEST fitted H/F D/F are in course of joining S.A.Stn. By day fast escorts will normally be employed on convoy shadowing limits where a U-boat (German) can be expected while endeavouring to gain bearing and reach position from which to close in to attack. By night fast escorts will close in on the convoy to reinforce the Radar screen but will be free to run (?down) ground wave bearings at S.O's discretion. (2) Escort detached. When escorts are detached to search or hunt for a few hours Frigates or Corvettes with sufficient margin of speed to overtake convoy in reasonable time should be detailed. If escorts are detached for a prolonged search where even a fast escort could not rejoin trawler should usually be detailed. (3) When however, a strong escort of more than one Frigate is present it is at S.O's discretion to detach one of these powerful escorts to ensure a kill or hunt U-boat to exhaustion. (C. in C. S.A., 101624B to S.A. Stn. G.684).

ELIZABETHVILLE Arrival 10th August.
(N.C.S.O. Takoradi, 101641Z to Connav).

M.Ls. 11th August arrival M.L. 1052 departure M.L.1014.
Lagos. (N.O.I.C. Lagos, 101803Z to Admty. etc).

DUQUESNE, Departures from PointeNoire 1700Z 10th F.S.
TOURVILLE. DUQUESNE, F.S. TOURVILLE routed in accordance with your 081203. E.T.A. Takoradi 0700Z/13th S. of A. 18 knots.
(B.N.L.O. PointeNoire 101805A to N.O.I.C. West Africa, (R) Admty. N.O.I.C. Takoradi, Comar Dakar).

Movements Arrivals August 10th. FOXHOUND, BOADICEA, M.L.266.
Takoradi. Departures 1800Z/10th M.L.296 escorting. E.T.A. Lagos 1100Z/12th.
(N.O.I.C. Takoradi, 101901Z to Admty etc).

Movements, Arrivals 1100Z/10th August. ABERDEEN, ARMERIA,
Freetown. COPINSAY, PORTSDOWN, ST. WISTAN and F.F.S. COMMANDANT DETROYAT with T.S.49.
(S.O.(I) Freetown, 102008 to N.O.I.C. Takoradi).
Arrivals 140722/10 August. MILFORD, COWSLIP, WOODRUFF.
(S.O.(I) Freetown, 102011Z to Comar Dakar).
Arrivals 0740/9th August. Boom Vessel BARKING, 1012Z/10th August INKPEN.
(S.N.O. Freetown, 102357Z to N.O.I.C. Bathurst).

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Situation Report No. 148. Destroyers carried out bombardment in Taormina area night 7th/8th and MAURITIUS and two destroyers bombarded positions at Giarre, Riposto, and North of Acircale on 8th.
2. 1500 prisoners reported taken in American Leapfrog landing night 7th/8th at Torrenuove.
PHILADELPHIA and SAVANNAH heavily bombed while giving fire support in same area forenoon 8th.
3. British submarine UNRUFFLED reports sinking inward bound 12,000 ton transport off Brindisi on 3rd. [See page 335]
4. Channel into Catania swept 7th. no mines encountered. (C. in C.Med. (M) 100001 to Admty.)

UPROAR. Subtract 24 hours from all times in my 091530 to arrive Malta 14th August.
2. M.J.A.O. 24, request bombing restrictions be amended accordingly.
(Capt. S.10th 100152 to P.31 (UPROAR) (R) Capt. S.1st, etc.)

M.K.S.21. Pass to Cdre. M.K.S.21. My 061428B sailed plus 10, FORT ALEXANDRIA, 61, M/F, Oran for Melilla. (N.O.I.C. Bone 100530B to S.O.Escorts of Convoy M.K.F. 21, etc.)

M.K.S.21.. Philippeville section sailed negative EMPIRE SOUTHEY. (N.O.I.C. Philippeville 101004B to S.O.E. M.K.S. 21 (R) Cdre. Algiers, etc.)
Pass to Cdre. Algiers joiners. (list).
(N.C.I.C. Algiers 101104B to S.E.C. M.K.S. 21.)

10th S.F. summary at 2000/10th. UNRULY 038° 54' 018° (720') to (7040°) 18' 018° 52' at 2000/11th.
2. UNSHAKEN off Brindisi.
3. DZIK off Bari.
4. UPROAR 014° 09' 018° (729') to 039° 05' 018° 37' at 2000/11th.
(Capt. S.10 100710B.)

Enemy units. Following has been read. P.C. and S. of 3 medium sized M/V and one small M/V are PDUT 5040 (42.50 N. 37.40 E.)* 150° 8 at 0924.
(A/C CYY/P via Alexandria W/T 100730Z.)
*W.D.Note: ?Wrong letter co-ordinates used. Position as decyphered is in Black Sea. If PDVT = 42.50 N. 9.40 E.

Movements Alexandria. August 9th, arrivals SOUTHERN MAID, DURMITOR, KAJMAKAIAN. Departures COUNDOURIOTIS, BREAM, BOKSBURG, LANGLAATE, GRIBB.
(R.A.Alexandria 100745C to Admty.)

M.W.F.39. RAJULA arrived, 1 ship.
(N.C.I.C. Bougie 100801B to Admty. etc.)

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TAURUS.

9th August 1943, departure.
(S.O.(I) Beirut 100847C to Admty.)

M.E.Air
Report.

A.679, Daily Opsum, 104. 8/9 August.
5 Liberators (B.24) 12 Halifaxes railway sidings
San Giovanni. 1 aircraft landed Malta on way out
1 jettisoned bombs in sea and returned early, 1
jettisoned bombs 50 miles S.E. of Cape Spartivento,
1 jettisoned bombs area of objective. 30 (?13) attacked
objective which was difficult to locate owing to poor visibility.
4 of these A/C bombed estimated position of sidings. Bombs fell
in area of railway ferry terminus and amongst 4 searchlights in
town. Other bombs believed to burst in vicinity of railway
sidings, red glow observed in latter area.
(H.Q.R.A.F.M.E. 100904Z.)

RELIANT.

RELIANT is visiting Algiers about 24th August to
replenish from stocks originally intended for
CITY OF DIEPPE but will thereafter replenish at
Malta. Request arrangements for replenishing
may be adjusted accordingly.
(C. in C.Med. (A) 100914 to Admty.)

FORELAND.

Suez 9th August departure A.S.I.S. FORELAND.
(F.O.R.S.C.A. 100953C to Admty.)

Enemy units.

Following has been read. Your objective is one
vessel medium, one vessel small, one aeroplane in
position 41.50 N. 08.35 E. at 0835B steering 150°
speed 8 knots.

Your objective is 3 vessels medium, one vessel small, in position
42.50 N. 9.40 E. at 0924B steering 250° speed 8 knots.
Your objective is one vessel, medium, 2 enemy motor boats in
position 42.35 N. 9.35 E. at 0934B steering 000° speed 8 knots.
(Aircraft using call sign 45 U via Algiers W/T 101004B.)

WARWICK.

Cape Caxine E.T.A. 1530B.
(WARWICK 101042B to Cdre. Algiers.)

8th S/M F.
Movements
Summary at
1959B/10th.

1. P.247 (SARACEN) 040° 11' 010° 11' 000° 2½/9
to patrol east of Corsica.
2. P.225 (SIMOOM) Gulf of Genoa.
4. ORPHEE F.S. North of 041° 00' E. of 011° 00'.
(Capt. S.8 101100B.)

Summary of
furnace oil
situation.

1. Estimated expenditure for "Husky" was fully
realized.
2. Subsequent expenditure is higher than
anticipated.
3. Supply from the west in satisfaction of slate
bids is being arbitrarily cut before supply from

/the...

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furnace oil
situation.
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the east is running to a normal cycle.

4. We have lost the carrying capacity of seven tankers, four by enemy action two by diversion to Indian Ocean with reliefs arriving in G.U.S.14, one by crew trouble.

5. Immediate future operations require the use of five tankers in addition to any shore stocks that then exist.

6. My intention is to fill available storage in Bizerta, Malta, Augusta, Palermo.

7. It is necessary to ferry from Casablanca and Oran to satisfy para. 9 and also to maintain stocks at Algiers and Bone.

8. Until the situation is restored and current operations have terminated satisfactorily I cannot release the seven tankers requested in para. 3 of M.O.W.T. London's signal time J. 042100.

9. I do not consider the position critical but require that additional margin and freedom of movement which our joint resources should be well able to provide.
(C. in C.Med. 101101B to Admty.)

CONTRACTOR
(sunk 7th
August.)

3S. CONTRACTOR Official No. 162320 sunk by underwater explosion 7th August. All ships company as per ships articles landed Malta except following missing. Request next of kin and owners of all survivors and missing be informed.
(D.S.T.O. Malta 101111 to D.S.T. etc.)

Movements
Bizerta.

Arrivals EMPIRE NEWTON, BRUSEJARL, TINTERN ABBEY, CELEROL (T), PUMPER (T) (sic) BOESON.
(F.O. Tunisia 101117 to Admty. etc.)
Addition 110900B.

ORPHEE.

Leave patrol through 041° 00' 012° 00' at 0200/12th 038° 27' 010° 22' at 2200/13th 038° 04' 004° 43' at 1000/16th thence R/V escort Algiers in 036° 56' 003° 07' at 0630/17th.
(Capt. S.8 101120B to ORPHEE.)

Enemy M/Vs.

Following read: 2 large enemy M/Vs in 37.01 N. 17.07 E. course 016° speed 16 knots.
(A/C GPB/T 101136B.)
Following read: course and distance made good by enemy since 1136 are 016° 10 miles.
(A/C GPB/T via Alex. W/T 101215B.)

K.M.S.22.

Pass to Cdre. Algiers joiners (list.) Total 6 ships.
(N.O.I.C. Algiers 101142B to S.E.C. K.M.S. 22.)
Pass to Cdre. and escorts K.M.S. 22. My 091803 (intend sailing LA DROME French tanker) sailed.
(N.O.I.C. Oran 101515B to HOLCOMBE.)

/Black Sea...

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Black Sea. 1. Enemy shipping. (A) On August 6th Submarine scored torpedo hit on 7500 tons tanker off Bosphorous but vessel reached Istanbul.
(B) Air attacks. On August 1st in an attack on enemy convoy off N.W.coast of Crimea torpedo aircraft sank 6000 ton merchant vessel and destroyed an M.E. of Fighter Escort. In Sea of Azov on August 1st Stormoviks sank 3 R-Boats and R-Barges. During bombing of Yalta on August 4th one merchant vessel an R-Boat and F-Barge were sunk.
2. Several clashes between Russian Cutters and enemy E. and R. Boats and air force craft reported in Sea of Azov and off Novorossisk. Two F.Barges sunk and several E. and R.Boats damaged.
3. Novorossisk. Russian coast defence batteries and artillery have carried successful shelling of enemy positions and batteries. Russian aircraft have also attacked enemy positions in area and straits to northward of Novorossisk.
(N.L.O. Black Sea 101224C to Admty. etc.)

SOKOL. Intend sailing O.R.P. SOKOL at 1430/11th routed through eastern channel escorted to position 5 miles east of position B. by M/S thence 035° 56' 016° 30' at 1000/12th 037° 08' 017° 14' at 0500/13th 039° 44' 018° 52' at 0500/14th 040° 20' 018° 59' at 2200/14th 041° 11' 018° 05' at 0800/15th thence to patrol off Bari surface passage on 13th.
2. M.J.A.O. 24. Request bombing restrictions to cover above passage.
(Capt. S.10, 101320B to A.I.G. 66, etc.)

M.K.S. 21, M.K.S. 21, arrived (list). G.T.X. 5 arrived (list).
G.T.X. 5. (S.N.O.Tripoli 101416B to Admty. etc.)

UNRUFFLED, UNRUFFLED reports at 1054/3rd in 40° 44' N. 18° 5' E. fired four torpedoes at three funnelled liner similar to French Steamship PROVIDENCE. Three hits. Ship seen to sink in three minutes.
3rd Aug. (S.10, 101610 to C. in C.Med. etc.)

G.U.S.12. Sailing telegram. 2. 1330C/10th. 3. Sailed together. 4.5.6. as laid down C. in C.Levant 072051. 7. 5 columns 24 hundred. 13A. Cdr. A.J. Hayward R.N.R. in FORT CHURCHILL.
(N.O.I.C. Alexandria 101615C to Admty. etc.)

SAFARI. Intend sailing P.211 (SAFARI) 15th to arrive Gibraltar 19th for onward passage U.K.
(Capt. S.8 101722B to Admty. etc.)
My 101722. Route for p.211 SAFARI sail Algiers 1900/15th 038° 17' 002° 01' E. at 0515/16th, 135° Cape Palos 15 at 1300/17th, 180° Cape de Gata N.G. at 0630/18th and unless otherwise ordered by F.O.I.C. Gibraltar through 036° 20' 004° 35' W. at 0630/19th thence on surface to arrive Gibraltar 1030/19th.
2. P.211 SAFARI will not pass 004° 35' W. before 0630/19th.
(Capt. S.8 101728B to C. in C.Med. etc.)

/RORQUAL...

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RORQUAL. 1. Adjust your patrol to pass A. $035^{\circ} 18' 026^{\circ} 43'$ at 0130/14th B. $034^{\circ} 13' 029^{\circ} 44'$ at 0410/15th thence to arrive Beirut 0600/16th (?proceeding) on the surface by day on 15th. (?Estimate) your speed 11 knots and (?125) miles every 24 hours when diving by day.
2. P.339 TAURUS enters Aegean via Kaso Straits at 0357/12th. (Capt. S.1, 101734C to RORQUAL.)

CLEOPATRA. Your 061002 August. The very heavy present and future commitments of home yards make it impossible to man up CLEOPATRA in U.K. and it is therefore most desirable that she should proceed to U.S.A. if possible.
2. Whilst fully appreciating your remarks it is requested that you will re-investigate position in light of the above and report if by a reasonable extension of time in hand the ship could be made fit for passage to U.S.A. by fine weather route.
3. No objection would be raised to fitting temporary longitudinal stiffening in the way of girders on deck and along bottom to ensure sufficient strength fore and aft.
(D.O.D.(F) Approved A.C.N.S.(F) 101736B to A.S.Malta.)
Reply 140942.

Assault Flotillas. Following Flotillas will be embarked DURBAN CASTLE 64th Flotilla, OTRANTO 55th Flotilla, ORONTES 51st Flotilla, DUCHESS OF RICHMOND 60th Flotilla.
2. All these Flotillas left their full kit in Middle East and have only minimum kit.
3. Request arrangements may be made to ensure those kits are available on arrival.
(S.O.Assault Ships and Craft 101736B to C. in C.Med. (R) Admty. C.C.O. C. in C.Levant.)

Broadcast to Italian Seamen. A.M. 062120 refers. Political Warfare Board, Algiers, with approval of C. in C.A.F. have made arrangements for carrying out identical broadcast from transmitters controlled by them to ensure full coverage when Admiralty indicate time at which broadcast will commence.
2. Request Admiralty give Algiers at least six hours notice of commencing time.
3. P.W.B ? Algiers request clarification of following points -
A. In whose name or from what source is it intended broadcast should be made.
B. How long is it intended to continue. Propose two days.
C. Suggest more emphasis is para. nine that last resort scuttling is only intended for ships in Aegean and Black Sea.
4. Ships calling to confirm safe conduct in accordance with A.M. 301203 para. four should call either Malta (VPT) or Algiers (FUG) on 500 k/cs. Propose this is inserted in text either at beginning of para. 6 or if records already made as new para. ten. Request confirmation.
(C. in C.Med. (A) 101744B to Admty.) Reply Admty. 142334B.

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- M.W.F. 39. Following arrived BANFORA, LETITIA, CITY OF CANTERBURY, EGRA, TAKLIWA, KOSCIUSKO (6 ships). (Com. Algeria 101758B to Admty. etc.)
- Axis Ships, A. My 091138C. para. C. Report B.3.
Istanbul. BACCHUS will sail for Aegean August 11th with part FIRUZ cargo which is now being transhipped.
B. Tanks (as coded) expected from Aegean take most of the FIRUZ cargo. Temporary repairs will then be carried out and vessel will sail for Nicolaeff. B.4. (Istanbul 101820C to C. in C. Levant, etc.)
- ARROW. Preliminary report of damage sustained following explosion of FORT LA MONTEE in Algiers Bay on 4th August. (details.) Vessel beached and salvage in hand. Detailed report will be made by Cdre. Algiers after docking. Temporary repairs to enable vessel to steam to U.K. will be carried out at Algiers. (C. in C. Med. (A) 101835B to Admty.)
- K.M.S. 21. Convoy arrival telegram, convoy K.M.S. 21 arrived less Alex. portion detached. (N.C.S.C. Port Said 101858C to Admty.)
- Med. Air A.241, signed Eisenhower. Part 3. Air.
Report. Cositintrep No. 31, 9 August. N.W.A. Air Forces. Night 8/9 August 77 Wellingtons dropped 113.5 tons of bombs on beaches between Messina and C. Peloro. One Wellington missing. Four Wellingtons dropped 100,000 leaflets over Florence, Pisa, Leghorn, Modgda, and Bologna. Twelve Bostons dropped bombs on Messina and Reggio Calabria. No results observed.
Day 9 August 36 B.25 escorted by 24 P.38 dropped bombs on Catanzaro and Soverato bridges. North bridge well covered and southwest part of junction received many hits. 73 B.26 escorted by 48 P.38 dropped bombs in bridge at Angitola. Near misses and two possible hits reported. 54 B.17 dropped bombs on crossroads at Messina. 99 B.G. reports target apparently well covered. Second B. . reports no bombs believed in target due to poor visibility. Fighter bombers caused road blocks at Floresta and Novara and sank four F-Boats off Mileto. 6 F.W. 190 bombed Augusta harbour. No damage.
2. Malta. Usual anti-submarine and anti-shipping patrols flown. Mosquito intruders set a signal box on fire at Fiume Freddo by cannon fire.
3. Air Intelligence. Enemy air reaction to our numerous bombing and strafing missions over northeast Sicily (?Toe) of Italy and Sardinia was negligible only 15 enemy aircraft being reported of which one was destroyed.
(Air C. in C. Med. No T.O.O. Recd. 1900/10.)
- M.K.F. 22. A.M. 071745. Request you will sail M.K.F. 22 to arrive Algiers on 22nd August. (C. in C. Med. Malta 101902 to C. in C. Levant, (R) Com. Algeria, etc.)

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DEWDALE.

The only use I can at present visualise for DEWDALE arriving in K.M.S. 26 as shown in your 081531 would be to carry home damaged craft. (C. in C.Med. (Algiers) 101920B to Admty.)

Situation
Report No.
149.

During night 9th/10th SIRIUS and DIDO bombarded bridges near Cape Vaticano*. AURORA and PENELOPE bombarded targets at Castellamare, south of Naples. 2. Submarine SIMOOM reports two hits on Italian 7,600 ton six inch cruiser of LUIGI DI SAVOIA class in Gulf of Genoa on 9th. 3. During air raid on Augusta 1125 on 9th near miss on ROBERTS and SS. OCEAN VIRTUE. Three divers on salvage work in latter injured. 4. Heavy raids Augusta night 9th/10th. No details yet. 5. U.S.S. BENSON engaged U.S.S. BRANT night 9th/10th before identity established. Three killed. 13 seriously wounded. (C. in C.Med. 101925 to Admty.)

* W.D.Note : Cancelled see 111947B. *page 375.*

Part 2 of Cositintrep No. 32, signed Eisenhower. (1, 2, 4 and 5 as in 101925.)

3. Air raid Augusta 1125 on 9th by 7 to 12 Me. 109 and F.W.190. Near misses on ROBERTS and OCEAN VIRTUE. 3 divers salvaging OCEAN VIRTUE injured. No other casualties. Suspected mines dropped but no confirmation from subsequent sweeping. One enemy aircraft destroyed.

(C. in C.Med. 101930 to Cositintrep addressees plus 8th Army, 7th Army.)

French H/F D/F Stations. My 1635/17th February not to F.O.C.W.Af. and 281941 April to F.O.C.W.Af. and B.N.L.O.Dakar only. Request you will report on results achieved by French manned H/F D/F stations and whether usefulness would be materially increased if present policy of giving information about U-Boat frequencies only were altered to permit all information in C.B. 4002 and 4003 to be given.

(Head of M.I. Approved A.C.N.S. (F) 101941B to C. in C.Med. (Malta) F.O.C.W.Af. (R) Commorseafron, Opnav, B.N.L.O. Dakar.)

NIEUW
AMSTERDAM.

Following are anticipated embarkations for NIEUW AMSTERDAM ex Suez about 20th August for Durban (P.S.T.O.M.E. 101947Z to D.S.T.) See Admty. 130011.

Movements
Sfax.

Arrival TRANSVAAL 6th August QUERCIA 6th August HOY 9th August KING SOL 9th August. Departure 7th TRANSVAAL 10th August, HOY 10th August KING SOL (N.O.I.C. Sfax 102109B to Admty.)

Enemy units.

P. C. and S. of 2 enemy (CH*) 39.10 N. 17.46 E. course 010° speed 16 knots. (A/C C/S VAU/L (via Aden) 102113B to Air H.Q.Malta) W.R.Note: * Signification unknown. (?CL - light cruisers intended.)

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Movements Port Said. 10th August Port Said arrivals P.314, COUNDOURIOTIS BREAM. Departures H.S. OPHIR, M.L. 348. (N.O.I.C. Port Said 102143C to Admty. etc.)

Malta Air Report. A.I. 1055, 10 August T.O.O. 102140B. Opsum No. 92. 9 August 1 Spitfire made photo R/C of Taranto. 1 Baltimore made A/S patrol for friendly shipping. 9/10 August 6 Mosquitoes made successful intruder patrols over Southern Italy. 8 Beaufighters on interception patrols north of Malta destroyed 1 Ju.88 near Catania and 1 Do. 217 E.2 near Syracuse. 2 Wellingtons carrying flares co-operated with naval forces off Western Coast of Italy on return journey. 1 Wellington bombed railway communications south of Naples, and the other bombed a bridge North of Soverato, 1 Wellington made search for enemy shipping in Gulf of Taranto and 2 Wellingtons made A/S patrols for friendly shipping. 10 August 6 Spitfires made photo R/C of Corfu area and Southern Italian harbours and aerodromes. 2 Baltimores made A/S patrols south east of Toe of Italy and another Baltimore made search for enemy shipping, E. of Sicily. 11 Spitfires were airborne for raids which turned back before reaching Malta. Total of 23 Bostons sorties were made from Malta in attacks on land targets in N.E.Sicily. (R.A.F.Malta 102150B.)

Movements Augusta. Arrivals 10th August 1943, LEDBURY, BROCKLESBY, CROMARTY, ESPIEGLE, L.S.T. 162, 11 departures, WHEATLAND, TYNEDALE, ESPIEGLE, MISOA, L.S.T. 411, 11, 161, 199, 418, 162, 63, M.T.B. 82, 309, M.G.B. 661. (N.O.I.C. Augusta 102151B to Admty.)

Movements Oran. Arrivals today French ships CHASSEUR III, ANTIOPE, U.S.S. COLE. Departures H.M.T. BURRA, M.L. 341, C. in C.Med. pass to Comnavnaw. (Comnob Oran 102206B to Admty. etc.)

Genoa R/C. P.R.U. Genoa August 10th shows LITTORIO class battleship in dry dock which is flooded but gate closed. Three CONDOTTIERI class cruisers. Seven destroyers. Six torpedo boats. Four munition carriers, four T.L.C. Seven M.A.S. four U-Boats. ROMA and AUGUSTA and REGOLO class cruiser hull. Five tankers, six liners 360/430 feet eight merchant ships over and thirty-five under 400 ft (D.D.I.C. 102225B to C. in C.Med. (A. and M.) etc.)

Movements Bizerta. Arrivals AURORA, SIRIUS, PENELOPE, JERVIS, PATHFINDER, PALADIN, PANTHER, RYSA, WESTRAY, U.S.S. HACKBERRY, L.S.T. 424, 379, 347, 385, 359, 393, 31X (corrupt) 372, 6, 386, 2, 326, 273, 368, S.C. 279, 643, 96, 771. Departures ROTHESAY, RHYL, BRIXHAM, P.T. 204, 211. (N.O.I.C. Bizerta 102229B to Admty. etc.)

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Movements
Algeria.

Arrivals LE FANTASQUE (Fr.) U.S.S. SAVANNAH, CARLISLE, HURWORTH, ALDENHAM, CROOME, ADRIAS, MIAOULES, PENN. Departed H.D.M.L. 1155 arrived and departed ULSTER QUEEN, WARWICK. Departed and arrived PUCKERIDGE.
(Com. Algeria 102242B to Admty. etc.)

Movements
Malta.

Arrivals OAKLEY, EGGESFORD, BONITO, FLY, ACUTE, FOULA, U.S. ships SHUBRICK, NAUSET, BENSON, 8 L.C.I.(L), 2 L.S.T. 1 L.C.T. M.T.B. 82, M.G.B. 649, M.L. 1158. Departures HAZARD, MUTINE, LASSO, LINNET, LEDBURY, BROCKLESBY, CROMARTY, BUTLEJ, U.S.S. O.G.14, M.V. COLCHESTER, BELCONEN, KROOMAN. Cable ship (?MIRROR), 1 L.C.I.(L), 2 L.C.T. M.T.B. 79, M.G.B. 674.
Arrived and sailed BRECON.
(V.A.Malta 102301B to Admty. etc.)

UNRUFFLED.

Arrived.
(V.A.Malta 102304B to Admty. etc.)

Movements
Derna.

Arrived and left Derna Z.27. Sailed Derna Z.37 and 42.
(N.O.I.C. Tobruk 102357C to Admty.)

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IN

No. T.O.O. 10 August.

FROM: A.F.H.Q. Algiers.

Date: 14.8.43.
Recd: 0320

CYPHER

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L.H.Q.Melbourne, C.G.S.Pretoria. C.in C.India,
B.A.S.Washington, C.G.S.Wellington N.Z.(For
Puttick). H.M.Ambassador Madrid, (For U.S.Ambass.
Madrid). Resident Minister Achimota. Britmilat
Ankara.

Sicily and Italy: Army Report.

146756. 9740 cipher 10 Aug. Most Secret.

(Naval, PTD)

Cite FHGCT. from C.S.S G-3 Section.

Seventy First Linrep.

CD

Summary of operations five to eight August.

1. Ground. Eighth Army. Eighth Army has made general advance about eleven miles. On right Fifty Division made steady progress after capture of Catania on five August. By morning eight August Acireale J 79 had been entered and contact made with enemy rear guards on line due West to Aci San Antonio H 99. Five Division to left kept up with advance taking Paterno and passing extensive minefields and demolitions through Nicolosi H 99 and Pebara to reach Trecastagni H 99 on eight August. Thrust of Thirty Corps along Axis Aderno - Bronte made by Fifty One, Seventy Eight and One Cdn Divisions. Highlanders of 51 Division on 6 Aug. took St. Maria Di Licodia H 79 and made contact with Five Division. Canadians and Seventy Eight Division occupied Aderno and latter captured Bronte on 8 August.

Seventh Army. While Provisional Corps secured Western Sicily Second Corps made considerable gains Eastwards. One Division after fierce fighting took Troina on 6 August. When Nine Division passed through to attack Cesaro C 61 which fell on 8 August. On coast Three Division with Naval support encountered demolitions and stiffening resistance in drive for S. Agata and San Fratello, repulsing strong infantry counter attack with heavy loss to enemy. S. Agata was taken on 8 August after night landing of a battalion of Three Division behind enemy lines in area five miles SW Cape Orlando. This battalion routed a

column.....

column of enemy reinforcements moving West before making contact with own advancing main forces. No important change on whole front during last twenty four hours.

2. Naval. In addition to covering surprise landing of US troops on North coast US Naval units co-operated with ground forces in occupation Ustica Island forty miles North of Palermo on five August when small Italian Garrison was captured. Other support of land operations included assistance to Second Corps on North coast and bombardment of East coast road North of Catania. In Palermo area destroyers drove off five enemy E boats on morning 6 August while by night destroyers and MTBs have operated close inshore both North and Eastward of Sicily. Sweeping of Catania Channel now completed.

3. Air. Heavy bombers have attacked targets in Sicily and Italy. In former Messina was heavily attacked. On night 4/5 August 54 Wellingtons dropped 97 tons of bombs on dock area while 69 B-17s Fortresses raided town following day. 61 Wellingtons followed up that night and further 52 B-17s dropped 127 tons of bombs on 6 August. On night 7/8 August 78 Wellingtons completed these raids. Against Italy 41 Wellingtons dropped 78 tons of bombs on Battipaglia airfield SE of Naples on night 4/5 August. On night 6/7 August forces of 51 and 39 Wellingtons dropped 92 and 62 tons of bombs on respective targets in Naples area and Cape Pelero beaches in Messina Straits. As scale of air support in Sicily 108 light bomber sorties flown against Aderno on five August and 165 medium bombers against Randazzo on seven August. This day four B.25 Mitchells equipped 75 millimetre guns attacked marshalling yards at Guspini Sardinia. Escorting P.40s Warhawks sank submarine off Sardinia.

4. Enemy. Allied penetration in the centre of the front has compelled the enemy to withdraw on all sectors. The cohesion of his line has been broken. All sectors the enemys retirement has been covered by very heavy demilitations and numerous minefields and boobytraps. His reserves are virtually all committed and German troops although still fighting strenuously are showing signs of strain. It is anticipated that some future stand will be attempted West of Randazzo the loss of which would prevent the enemy from supplying a connected line. There are no signs of a general evacuation but it is possible that surplus service and AA and CD personnel are being transferred to the mainland. Prisoners now total some one hundred and twenty five thousand. German casualties have been heavy

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5. Political. General De Gaulle has just visited Morocco, pursuing what might be termed an effort towards plebiscite by popular acclamation. According to all accounts in the North African press it proved to be a triumphal success. There is an ever increasing movement calling for official recognition by the Allies of the Liberation Committee. The local press reflects favourable reactions by Moscow, opinion somewhat divided in London, although favourable on the whole, while Washington appears to them rather reticent. General Giraud seems to devote his time and efforts to purely military problems.

No T.O.O/10

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Movements. Arrival LAHORE.
(N.O.I.C. Madras, 100117Z)
Departure (NETRAVATI) escorting DIMITRIOS, INGLES-
SIS.
(N.O.I.C. Madras, 100301Z to Admty, etc.)

Arrival SHILLONG.
(N.O.I.C. Madras, 100903Z)
Arrived M.M.S.107.
(N.O.I.C. Seychelles, 101000Z)
Colombo arrivals 10th 0745Z KATHIAWAR. Departures 1030Z
BARLANE, 1130Z BARODA.
(F.O. Ceylon, 101108Z)
SHAPINSAY, QUADRANT arrived.
(R.N.A.S. I.O. 101221Z)

ALAUNIA. Your 070617 para. 4 and 14.
ALAUNIA will be only ocean escort available for
these two combined movements. (2) ALAUNIA
must boiler clean on arrival at Bombay
and will not be ready to sail before 22nd August. (3) Request
you will adjust sailing of these 2 ships accordingly.
(C. in C. E.F. 100645Z to P.S.T.O. India.)

M.B.43. Arrival AGRA with M.B.43.
(S.O.(I) Bombay, 100720Z to Admty.)

EFTHALIA
MARI
torpedoed
and sunk
5th Aug. Following details of sinking of EFTHALIA MARI
(Greek) received. Torpedoed 24.21 S. 48.55 E.
1850/5th August submarine German. Two boats with
42 of crew landed at Saint Luce. Submarine
surfaced after sinking the ship and stated that
he was awaiting ship carrying war materials to
Mauritius. No further details yet available.
(S.O.(I) Diego Suarez, 100801Z to Admty.(R) C. in C.
E.F. C. in C. S.A. S.O.(I) Colombo.)

J.C.18. LAHORE took over escort duties of J.C.18 at
0801Z/10.
(N.O.I.C. Madras, 100826Z to Admty. etc.)

ATREUS,
ALSEY. Concur ATREUS sails direct to Colombo relying
on stores being available there for relaying of
C.M. Field. A.M.081843 August ALSEY should
also sail direct to Colombo owing to bunker
difficulties at Addu Atoll.
(C. in C. E.F. 100925Z to Admty. A.C.N.B., N.O.I.C.
Ceylon, (R) ATREUS.)

HEOGH SILVERLIGHT/...

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HEOGH
SILVERLIGHT,
Escort.

It is under consideration to provide cruiser escort from approx. 020 degs. S. 090 degs. E. for HEOGH SILVERLIGHT ready at Fremantle about 19th. (2) Firm date when this escort will be available will be signalled immediately Com. 10th Fleet C. and R's reply to my 270754 (ocean escorts for ships with important cargoes,) has been received. (3) Do you wish ALTAIRMAHA to be held at Fremantle to take advantage of this escort. (C. in C. E.F. 101338Z to Cdr. 7th U.S. Fleet, (R) Cdr. Pacific Sea Frontier, B.A.D. Admty, N.O.I.C. W. Australia, Com. 10th Fleet C. & R.)

Ceylon
Forces.

Your 050543 (Re request confirmation that offer in para. 6 of Governor Ceylon's telegram to place force at His Majesty's disposal is accepted). Assumption confirmed. (Admty. 101610B to F.O. Ceylon (R) C. in C. E.F.).

CARTHAGE.

Your 010831. CARTHAGE is to proceed through the Med. if she can be in time for Sept. M.K.F. If not she should be sailed via the cape. (D.O.D.(F), 101933B to C. in C. E.F. (R) C. in C. Med., C. in C. Levant, F.O.R.S.C.A., C. in C.S.A.)

A/S Escorts
Indian
Ocean,
Requirements.

Ref. your 101846B. Herewith repetition as requested. All between "seaward of the Gulf of Oman. About 80%". Para. 1 B. "Indian coastal traffic proceeded up and down normally on the west coasts in escorted convoy and occasionally on the east coasts in small escorted groups." (C. in C. E.F. 102345Z to Admty.)

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CHEVREUIL. Cominch relays Radio Borabora's 082220 to C. in C. Pac. Cominch Comwesseafnon for action. Departing Borabora 0300Z 9th for San Pedro via Papeete and Nukuhiva. F.F.S. CHEVREUIL. Route F. C. 02.30 N. 135 W. D. 13 N. 130 W. E. 23 N. 125 W. F.32 N. 120 W. E.T.A. Papeete 9th. Departs August 14. E.T.A. August 16. Departs 17. E.T.A. San Pedro 2300 August 26. S. of A. 14 knots. (Radio Washington, 100057Z to Admty.)

New Construction expedited. Your 061702Z. My 312108 July gives an accurate picture of the position and it is regretted that no general acceleration in provision of personnel is possible at present. It may be possible, however, to anticipate present dates of arrival of B.Y.M.S. crews and every endeavour will be made to do so. (2nd S.L. 100119B to B.A.M.R.).

Movements. St. Johns N.F. August 9th Arrivals SCOURGE SAUMAREZ, HESPERIA, GRENADIER C. One ex O.N.195. Departures CALDWELL to O.N.195. (F.O.N.F. 100135Z)
Arrivals ALGOMA, ALBERNI, VILLE DE QUEBEC, MOOSEJAW, ex. N.L.16. (C. Halifax 101109Z)
Departure 1500Z U.S.A.T./T 58 Trinidad Via Bequia and Grenada 2230 10th knots 9. (B.R.O. Castries/Via N.Y., 101426)
Arrivals GALT and SACKVILLE ex. O.N.195. (C. Halifax, 101433Z)
Departure 10th U.S. A.T. BRIGADIER GENERAL RETHERS for High Seas. (B.R.O. (Aruba), 101630Z)
Bermuda arrivals F.S. MONTCALM and SIMOUN. (S.B.N.O. W.At., 101945P.)
Departures San Francisco 7th August JOHN BARTRAM (U.S.) for Noumea 8th August. ROSEVILLE (Nor) for Brisbane
PRESIDENT TYLER (U.S.) for Honolulu MATTHEW THORNTON (U.S.) for Senrhyn Island (South Pacific). All U.S.A.T. (N.S.H.Q. 102313Z)

B.Y.M.S. Ref. Comeastseafnon, M.G.M. 061853. Times Q. B.Y.M.S. 240, S.O. B.Y.M.S. 33.2 departs Throggs Neck 0800 August 10th. E.T.A. Boston morning August 11th via Long Island Sound and Cape Cod Canal. Speed 10. (C.T.G. 02.3 100352Z to C.T.G. 02.1.)

Troop Movements. Following troops movements en route U.S.A. to Bombay via Australia. U.S. Transport BRAZIL E.T.A. Hobart 20th August number of troops unknown. Speed 16.5. U.S. Transport HERMITAGE E.T.A. Melbourne 20th August 6000 troops. Speed 16.5.

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Troop movements. (Contd.) U.S. transport URUGUAY E.T.A. Hobart 27th. 5000 troops. Speed 17.
 2. If onward escort can be provided propose (A) U.S.22 consisting of BRAZIL and HERMITAGE be sailed from Fremantle about 27th August with escort to M.O.M.P. in vicinity of 100° E.
 (B) U.S.23 consisting of URUGUAY be escorted to M.O.M.P. in vicinity of 100° E. to arrive about 7th September.
 3. Request your remarks. C.T.F. 71 pass to N.O.I.C. Western Australia.
 (Compacseafron, 100615Z to C. in C. E.F. (R) U.S. Cmdr. 7th U.S. Fleet, Admty., C.T.F. 18, N.O.I.C. W. Australia.)

Movements Summary 1800 G.M.T. 10th. EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND, 30½° N. 24° W. 266° 19½ knots. (D.O.D.(F), 100845Z to Opnav (R) Comnav)

Convoy H.X.251 Escorts. (1) Mid. Ocean Group B.6. FAME H/F D/F S.O. VISCOUNT H/F D/F DEVERON H/F D/F H.M.S. VANQUISHER N.S. ROSE, VERVAIN, POTENTILLA, N.S. ACANTHUS, KINGCUP BYARD join in West O.M.P. 046° 21' N. 047° 28' W. at 0800Z 13th.
 (2) W. HX. 251 One ship escorted COLD STREAMER and EMINENT join in 046° 53' N. 046° 48' W. at 1200Z August 13th.
 (B) "Chop" 0800Z 14th.
 (F.O.N.F. 101234Z to Ships escorting convoy H.X. 251 (R) C. in C. C.N.A. C. in C.W.A., FAME, N.S.H.Q. Admty., U.S. Cdre, 10th U.S. Fleet, C. and R. Capt. (D) Argentia, Comdre. (D) W.A., A.C.I.C.)

Convoy, S.S.C.139. Sailing telegram Part 2. Total 4 ships sailed (list). (N.C.S.O. Sydney, 101239Z to Admty.)

KENT. KENT departed Argentia for Iceland 101530Z speed 22, via (route). E.T.A. Hvalfiord 132030. (C.T.F.24, 101337Z to C. in C. C.N.A., A.C.I.C. (R) Admty., Capt. D. Argentia, B.A.D., C. in C. H.F., C.S. - 1 Com. 10th Fleet.)

U.S. S/M Estimate. (Cominch 101338Z)

B.Y.M.S. Departure B.Y.M.S. 173, 74, 75, 157, 52, 55 to St. Johns. N.F. (C. Halifax, 101431Z to Admty.)

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Convoy U.C.3A. Arrival 10th August at 1430Z less ARUBA. (Willemstad, 101510Z to Admty.)

U/B Convoy X.B.68. Aircraft reports possible submarine sighted on surface at 1500Z in 043° 55' N. 066° 20' W. (C. in C. C.N.A., 101650Z to Ships escorting X.B.68, (R) C. in C. Western Approaches, N.O.I.C. Shelburne, N.O.I.C. St. John, N.B. F.O.N.F., H.Q.C.C. Cmdr. (D) Argentinia, Cmdre. (D) Western Approaches, Connav, A.C.I.C., Admty., N.S.H.Q. CORNWALLIS.)

Dispositions. U.S.S.KIOWA 045° 15' 057° 27' 075° 12 alter to 041° in 056° 30' W.
S.C. 139 W. 2. 045° 24' 059° 02' 063° 8 altering to 093° in 045° 33' N.
S.S.C.139 CLAYOQUOT 046° 19' 059° 00' 109° 7.5 to S.O.M.P. in 045° 30' (058° or 056° ?) 17' at 1200Z 11th.
H.X.251 W.3 043° 12' 060° 04' 075° 9.5.
B.Y.M.S. 173, 74, 75, 157, 52, 55, 044° 11' 062° 09' 062° 10 alter to 080° in 058° 38' W.
H.S.101 GODERICH, DRUMMONDVILLE 044° 08' 062° 51' 090° 715 altering to 056° in 062° 45' W. and to 050° in 044° 56' N. (?)
S.C. (?139) 043° 22' 064° 20' 057° 12 alter to 071° in 044° 55'.
X.B. 68 W. (?4) 043° 11' 067° 58' 269° 7.5 alter to 239° in 069° 01' W. and to 180° in 070° 19' W.
H.F.70 INGONISH, MEDICINE HAT depart 2000Z/10th steer 239° 7.5 alter to 239° in 069° 01' W. and to 180° in 070° 19'.
H.F.70 INGONISH, MEDICINE HAT depart 2000Z/10th steer 239° 7.5 alter to 269° in 065° 25' W. and to 336° in (?066°) 15' W.
HAMILTON sail 2300Z through 044° 00' 064° 00' thence coastwise to Digby 16 knots.
W.5 departed Halifax 2000Z 10th to H.O.M.P. with O.N.195 in (?042°) (18'?) 062° 07' at 1100Z 11th.
W.4 en route Halifax from H.O.M.P. at 1100Z 11th. SS TYANDAREUS 040° 27' 069° 30' 263° 15 to New York.
(C. in C.C.N.A., 101720)

Convoy U.C.3A. Curacao section arrived 10th August 1500Z. (Cafa Section Com.10th Fleet Cmdr., 101833 to Admty.)

LEAMINGTON. LEAMINGTON expects to be ready to sail about 22nd request destination. (B.A.M.R. 101908Z to C, in C. C.N.A. (R) N.S.H.Q. Admty., S.B.N.O. W.A.)

PRINCE ROBERT. Departing from Cristobal 1700Z/11th. PRINCE ROBERT for Bermuda. Route via Mona passage. E.T.A. 1200Z/16th. (Compaseafon 102005Z to Cominch, N.O.B. Bermuda)

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A.T.60. (PASTEUR) Destination of PASTEUR leaving New York about 14th will be Liverpool. (D.O.D.(H) 102005B to P.D. New York.)

Tankers. Request M.A.R.I. Section 1 para. 7E may be applied to tankers loaded white oil (tanker message) from Gulf and Caribbean. 2. As temporary measure request inclusion in U.G.S. convoys of similar tankers for West Africa. (D.T.D. 102010B to Connav. (R) B.A.D.)

Convoy X.B.68. E.T.A. X.B.68 Cape Cod is 1130Z 11th. MANSFIELD N.S. should arrive Outer end searched channel with 3 merchant ships about 0900Z 11th. Request oiling facilities. 3 escorts arriving from Cape Cod about 1500Z August 11th will also require fuel. No major defects. (S.O. Escort Group W.9. 102030Z to Com. 1st N.D. Boston Mass., C.E.S.F., B.R.L.O. Boston.)

Shipping New York. Port Director New York requests that to expedite entry to New York Commadores of O.N. Convoys be instructed to give consideration to keeping their convoys in two columns in the swept channel as long as possible. (N.S.H.Q. 102040Z to Admty.)

GEORGES LEYGUES refit. A.M. 242036 July, Navy Dept. states that in GEORGES LEYGUES some diesel tanks are being converted to increase fuel capacity by 26000 gallons. This is expected to add three fifths of a day endurance of 20 knots. Nothing has yet been decided about GLOIRE but possibility of converting certain tanks to carry additional fuel being investigated. (B.A.D. 102119Z to Admty. (R) F.O.C.W.Af.)

Sub. attack and sighting summary. All times Z. Para. A. CARD aircraft sank sub. 40.12 N. 37.29 W. 1418/9 40 Survivors. U.S.S. BORIE attacks sub. contact 41.38 N. 38.22 W. 1907/8. CARD planes and U.S.S. GOFF attack moving oil slick 41.17 N. 38.40 W. 1943/8. Both claimed probably sunk. Para. C. Transit aircraft sights Sub. course N. 06.55 S. 22.37 W. 1324/10. (Cominch, 102129 to Admty.)

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- U.S. Dispositions. Herewith Cominch 101727 Admty. for action. Change my 031535 (circulated as 032026). Serial 86.
Pacific: ALTAHAMA, NASHVILLE, HONOLULU at sea, WASHINGTON in South Pacific, VICTORIOUS INDIANA, PRINCETON, BELLEAU WOOD, LEXINGTON at Pearl, Atlantic: Delete PYBUS, BROOKLYN in New York, MEMPHIS at Ascension, CINCINNATI at Miami, MONTEREY in Trinidad, ALABAMA, SOUTH DAKOTA, SANTEE, BUNKER HILL, BIRMINGHAM, in Norfolk. The following at sea: NEW JERSEY, RANGER, BOGUE, CROATAN, COWPENS, TUSCALOOSA, CHESTER.
(Comnavcu, 102206 to Admty.)
- POINT ARGUELLO. Rescue POINT ARGUELLO straggler from North Atlantic 68 not sighted August 10th by escort or U.S. Naval Blimp. Last known position was approx. 043° 25' N. 063° 53' W. at 2300Z/9th. (W.9 102225Z to C. in C. C.N.A. (R) (U.S.) Cdr. Eastern Sea Frontier, POINT ARGUELLO.)
- SALISBURY. C. E. S.F. 101501Z (N.T. in W.R.). Intend proceeding Boston to refuel and effect repairs to Asdic transmission unit now out of action. E.T.A. 1100Q 11th approx. (SALISBURY, 102232Z to C. in C.N.A.(R) C.E.S.F., Cmdt. 1st U.S. Nav. Dist. Boston, C.T.G.02.1, Cominch C. and R., N.S.H.Q.)
- B.Y.M.S. Sail B.Y.M.S. 76 213 when ready about 14th and B.Y.M.S. 77, 214 about 18th following procedure my 100002 July.
(Cominch, 102303 To C.E.S.F.)
- Convoy O.N.195. Departure H.M. Nor. LINCOLN, MATAPEDIA, HEPATICA, MELVILLE, escorting O.N. 195.
(C. Halifax, 102305Z to Admty.)
- W.2. Expected time of arrival Somp 1030Z 11th. Weather report.
(W.2. 102349Z to C. in C.C.N.A.)

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Australia and New Zealand.

Digest After dark, Catalina observed submarine 50 miles
Serial south-west of Gasmata.
No.567 3. 24 Mitchells conducting afternoon barge
August 9th. sweep north coast Huon Peninsula attacked
solitary unit located with unobserved results.
5. Weather R/C Mitchell bombed and strafed
water front Salamaua and Francisco River bridge
followed at midday by 33 Liberators and 7 Fortresses attacking
Salamaua and neighbouring villages with 240 1000 pound bombs and
85 hundred pounders. Results generally unobserved due heavy
smoke.
10. Photographs afternoon 8th August show 1 small Merchantman
2 barges 7 praus at Kokas (McCluer Gulf).
11. 21 Dauntless 12 Avengers struck Baeroko Harbour before noon.
12. Photos Buka morning 8th reveal 2 small freighters,
1 auxiliary, 4 barges in area.
(G.H.Q. S.W.P.A. 100712Z)

Movements. U.S. Transport LURLINE departed Brisbane 10th
due San Francisco 24th.
(C.S.W.P.S.F. 101424Z)
Dutch Naval store ship SOEDOE arrived and
departed Thursday Island 9th August due Cairns
12th U.S. Transport CREMEO departed Sydney 9th due Townsville
13th. Hired Transport DUNTROON, TAROONA departed Port Moresby
9th due Townsville 11th U.S. Transport VAN HEUTSZ departed
Townsville 9th due Brisbane 11th Hired Transport KATOOMBA
departed Townsville 10th due port Moresby 12th.
(C.S.W.P.S.F. 101328Z to Admty.)
Departed Cairns 9th M.E.S. H.T. ALLEN for Milne Bay.
(A.C.N.B. 101559Z to etc.)
Arrived Sydney (N.S.W.) 9th. U.S. PROMESTHEUS Port
Moresby 9th. BANBURY departed Fremantle 9th. U.S. Ship
CHANTICLEER for Exmouth Gulf. Cape Cairns 7th DELORAINE for
Milne Bay, Sydney (N.S.) 8th. U.S. ship SAMSON for Noumea
Port Moresby 9th. U.S. (D) HELM for Townsville. Townsville
9th WILCANNIA for Brisbane, Brisbane 9th. U.S.(D) HUMPHREYS
U.S.(D) GILMER for Townsville Cairns 9th. U.S.(D) BAGLEY for
Milne Bay Townsville 9th. LE TRIOMPHANT F.S. U.S.D. HENLEY for
Port Moresby.
(A.C.N.B. 101603Z)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C., 101438B, 101439B.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines attacked.

S/M
attack
summary.

Sub. attack and sighting summary to 1000/10.
Ref. A.M. 070905Z. Cancel para. 2.
(D.D.I.C. 100855Z to Cominch.)
My 221059 July, 1942.

- (1) At 0933/4 Sunderland G/423 sighted a U/Boat on Westerly Course in 61° 18' N. 14° 38' W. Attack was made with depth charges from right astern. Aircraft damaged by A.A. fire and crashed attempting to alight immediately after attack. U-Boat abandoned ship and seen to sink after heavy explosion aft. Survivors picked up.
- (2) U.S.S. BUCK sank Italian U-Boat at 0015/3 in 36° 52' N. 12° 08' E. 40 survivors recovered.
- (3) Two groups of surface vessels operated in the Bay of Biscay for the first half of the week, being reduced to one group for the latter half of the week. Bad weather caused some curtailment of air patrols and there have been no attacks reported in this area.
- (4) Offensive similar to that in Bay is being carried out S.E. of Iceland. Home Fleet destroyers and minesweepers provide surface hunting force. Para. 1 refers to initial success of this operation.
- (D.A.U.D. 101917B to Cominch.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

Operation
V.P - G.

1. M.T.Bs. 618 and 623 returned from this Operation at 0615 today. At 2142 yesterday, when about 40 miles from the Norwegian Coast, they were half-heartedly attacked by two Arado 196 A/C which dropped 2 bombs inaccurately.

Dover
Shelled.

2. Between 1013 and 1133 today an enemy coastal battery near Calais fired 9 rounds, of which 3 fell on land in the Dover area and 1 near the Swingate R.A.F. Station. Some damage was caused to house-property, but there were no naval casualties or damage.

German Main
Units.

3. A report graded C.2 received today from N.A. Stockholm and considered by Admty. to be accurate states that on 25th July TIRPITZ, SCHARNHORST, 6 destroyers, and 1 A/A vessel were in Kaa Fjord and LUTZOW, with 5 destroyers and 1 A/A vessel in Lang Fjord. And a B.2 report states that ADMIRAL SCHEER sailed from Copenhagen yesterday steering South.

Convoys.

4. AQUITANIA and MAURETANIA both arrived today from the U.S.A.

North Atlantic.

5. A U.S. aircraft claims to have sunk a submarine at 1609 in 41.29 N. 38.55 W.

Note. With reference to the above, CB 04050 (44/1) states that aircraft from VSS CARP sank a U-boat 440 miles WNW of Flores Fjard. (See p 421 - 12 Aug)

South Atlantic.

U. 468

6. A U-Boat was sunk about noon today by a Liberator aircraft in approx. 12° 20' N. 20.07 W. The Liberator was in turn shot down and lost with all hands. Searching for the Liberator survivors, CLARKIA on 13th August found 7 German survivors from the U-Boat. Most of the other missing were casualties from chlorine gas poisoning or shark attack. Three officers among the survivors were impressed by the coolness and courage of the doomed bomber crew, who, although their aircraft was

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heavily hit and in flames during the run in, made an accurate attack before diving into the sea at over 250 m.p.h.

Flying Officer L.A. Trigg, DFC, R.N.Z.A.F. awarded a posthumous V.C. for this attack - see R.U.S.I. Journal, Feb. 1944, page 97.

7. A U-Boat on the surface was attacked with depth charge by a Catalina aircraft at 1038 in 11.05 N. 18.23 W.

8. MONTCALM, French cruiser, after refit in U.S.A. left Bermuda this afternoon for Dakar.

Mediterranean.Sicily U.S.
landing.

9. Covered by a U.S. cruiser and destroyer force, a successful leapfrog landing was made last night at Brollo 4 miles E. of Cape Orlando against light opposition. PHILADELPHIA, cruiser, withdrew at 1030 today due to enemy fighters, but returned at 1215 until 1830. PHILADELPHIA, BRISTOL and LUDLOW were attacked by 8 F.W. dive bombers at 1700 and by 2 at 1814, 4 are claimed shot down. Near misses caused temporary damage to PHILADELPHIA and 2 minor injuries in LUDLOW. P.C. 542 was damaged.

Patrols.

10. Destroyers operated off the Calabrian and East Sicilian Coasts and in Straits of Messina last night. No surface forces were met, but there was some opposition from shore batteries. No damage or casualties were sustained.

Air
Operations,

11. 88 Wellingtons dropped 175 tons of bombs on beaches from Messina to Cape Peloro last night. Bostons attacked buildings and an ammunition dump at Milazzo and Marshalling Yards at Pessarno. Today, 40 B.17s (Fortresses) attacked railway yards at Terni, also hitting gas works and the small Arms Factory.

M/V sunk
by UNSHAKEN.

12. UNSHAKEN reports that at 1812/10 in 40.44 N. 18.03 E. (off Brindisi) she fired 4 torpedoes at a 7,000 ton M/V resembling AGMARA, scoring one hit. The vessel was seen beached this morning and to capsize and sink at 1429/11.

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Decoy
Caique.

13. A German manned decoy caique of 80 tons is reported to be operating in the Samos, Chios, Mitylene, Lemnos Area. The disguise includes a deck cargo of boxes concealing machine guns or cannon.

Submarines.

14. It has been decided to reduce reinforcements to the Mediterranean by one U-Class submarine in August and one in September in order to provide additional submarines for A/S training.

East Indies.

CLAN
MACARTHUR
sunk.

15. SS. CLAN MACARTHUR, Glasgow to Table Bay, Beira and Mauritius was attacked by a large U-Boat probably German, having 2 periscopes, with 3 torpedoes at 2305, 2308, and 2315Z respectively and sunk. There are 99 survivors.

America & West Indies.

16. The U.S. aircraft carrier RANGER, with the U.S. cruisers TUSCALOOSA and AUGUSTA and 5 U.S. destroyers left Halifax today for Scapa.

Australia & New Zealand.

17. 2 small merchantmen, 7 sea trucks, and 1 patrol craft were sighted by A/C 40 miles west of Mussas Island, and attacked. The largest ship of 1500 tons was sunk by a direct hit, and all the others were strafed, 2 small ships being left sinking.

18. SS. MATTHEW LYON, U.S. was torpedoed and damaged today south of New Caledonia, in 22.30 S. 166.30 E.

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Flotilla.

C. in C. Nore's 101652 and C. in C. Plymouth's 102233. The 8th M.G.B. Flotilla is to remain in the Plymouth Command for the present. (A.C.N.S. H., 111239B).

Four
B.Y.M.S. for
Rosyth.

B.Y.M.S. Nos. 32, 70, 71 and 211 are being loaned to Rosyth Command for a short period from Command of F.O.I.C. Humber in order to help, if possible, with the problem of shepherding fast shipping in W.N./E.N. convoys.

2. These B.Y.M.S. have lately arrived from America and at present have no minesweeping experience. They are not fitted with asdics and their communication arrangements may need adjustment for proposed duty.

3. B.Y.M.S. have a top speed of 14 knots. For the present, it is desired to limit this to 13 knots steady speed: but limitation in A.M. 1257/10th March must still be observed when manoeuvring.

4. It is proposed that you report after 3 weeks whether these ships are suitable for this duty, a report on their sea-keeping qualities in bad weather would also be much appreciated.

5. F.O.I.C. Humber has been requested to sail these ships to Rosyth on 14th August.
(D.O.D. H., 111835B to C. in C. Rosyth).

Movements.

AMAZON

AMAZON arrived Clyde.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 110528B).

MIDDLETON

Your 101813B arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Faeroes, 110615B to R.A.D. H.F.)
Sailed MIDDLETON to Hvalfiord. E.T.A. 1000B/12th.
(N.O.I.C. Faeroes, 110714B).

S/M
Movements.

Capt. (S) 6th 110420. Intend to sail LOCH MONTEITH from Buddon Ness at 0530B/12th August to R/V with P.32, ULTIMATUM, UNA at 23 Buoy at 0700B/12th, thence escorting submarines to Holy Loch, E.T.A. 1800B/14th.

(Capt. S.9., 110905B to C. in C. Rosyth).

(1) From position 056° N., 019° W. proceed by new route as follows X. 055° 01' N., 026° 30' W. Y. 054° 02' N., 033° 30' W. to "Chop" N. at 1800/14th August. My 041606 refers.
(F.O.S., 111003B to L.26).

My 102246. Amend to read UNA, UTHUR, and ULTIMATUM.
(F.O.S., 111503B to Admty).

Positions of S/Ms at 0800B/12 and movements for following 24 hours.

(F.O.S., 111529B, 111644B, 121658).

My 101420B. Sailed. (UNA, P.62, P.34)
(Capt. S.6., 111630B).

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VELDA My 061621 and my C. 492/3 of 30th July. Request sailing instructions for VELDA. (F.O.I.C. Cardiff, 111201B to Admty).

ILLUSTRIOUS, Intend sailing ILLUSTRIOUS, UNICORN, SAVAGE, UNICORN. SCORPION, OPPORTUNE, OBDURATE, and OBEDIENT passing Clyde Boom 1450B/12th to comply with A.M. 051324B. Route as in A.M. 102014B. (N.O.I.C. Greenock, 111616B).

Operations.

Operation Arrived LANDGUARD and BIDEFORD. "Musketry". (C. in C. Plymouth, 110645B). Disposition at 2000.
1. 2nd E.G., STARLING, KITE, WREN, WOODPECKER, WILD GOOSE, WOODCOCK patrolling vicinity 045°

40' N., 011° W.
2. ATHABASKAN, GRENVILLE patrolling vicinity 046° 30' N., 011° W.
SEANYMPH patrolling vicinity 044° N., 004° 30' W.
4. SATYR patrolling vicinity 047° N., 005° W.
5. SYRTIS patrolling vicinity 45° 30' N., 005° 30' W.
6. SEADOG patrolling vicinity 045° 50' N., 004° 30' W.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 111654B to Admty).

Operation My 101227B. Returned 0615 today. Nothing to report. VP-G. (A.C.O.S., 110745B to Admty).
My 101227B and my 110745B. At 2125B /10th when about 40 miles from Norwegian coast M.T.Bs. were seen by an Arado 196 .

(2) At 2131 M.T.Bs. set course for Base.
(3) At 2142 they were attacked by 2 Arado 196 the sighting aircraft having been joined by another. Attack was half-hearted, 2 bombs being dropped inaccurately.
(4) At 2225 M.T.Bs. sighted another aircraft believed to be an Arado 196. No attack was delivered and there is no evidence to show that they were seen.
(A.C.O.S., 112056B to Admty).

Operation Scapa arrival SHIKARI, SABRE. S.F. (A.C.O.S., 110945B).
My 031615B para. 2. From 1201B to 2359B/11th (A) 15 (B) 7.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 111154B to H.F.)

R.A.(D) H.F. is requested to sail SHIKARI and SABRE a.m./12th August for Skaalefiord.

(2) On leaving Scapa ships are to come under the orders of C. in C. Rosyth.

(4) Intention is that destroyers should form 2 groups as follows:-

(B) MUSKETEER, METEOR, MAHRATTA.

(C) SHIKARI, ORIBI, SABRE.

(C. in C. H.F., 111651B).

Your 111046. Arrived Skaalefiord MAHRATTA.

(N.O.I.C. Faeroes, 111730B to MUSKETEER).

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Operation S.F. (contd). Faeroes departure MAHRATTA. (N.O.I.C. Faeroes, 112015B to MUSKETEER). SHIKARI with SABRE proceed passing Switha 1000B/12th to comply with C. in C. H.F., 111651B. (R.A.D. H.F., 112140B to SHIKARI, SABRE).

Coastal Patrols. 1.A. M.G.B. 613, 614 Anti E-boat patrol from 2300 to 0445 between 180° E.A. 3 buoy 10 miles and 120° E.A. 5 buoy 15 miles. B. M.L. 343, 344 to patrol Q.Z.S. 384 between F and E.A. 5 buoys. C. ALBRIGHTON, GLAISDALE after firing practice will star shell near F buoy about midnight, anchor St. Helens at immediate notice D. CHASSEUR V immediate notice St. Helens. E. M.L. 122, 233, 124 from Portland anti E-boat patrol on 50° 20' N., between 02° 00' W. and 02° 25' W. (C. in C. Portsmouth, 111436B). 1. Force C M.G.Bs. 81, 75, 677 are to patrol in vicinity 180° Eddystone 8 miles. 2. Codeword "Plumb". 3. Force D M.G.Bs. 323, 332, 331, 329 are to patrol in vicinity 105° Start 21 miles. 4. Codeword "Talbot". 5. Forces C and D are to leave Dartmouth to be on patrol by 2230B. Leave patrol 0530B. (C. in C. Plymouth 111514B). M.Ls. 140, 203, at Bullock Bank. M.Ls. 128, 210, 213, 573 and C.T.02 carrying out firing practice in area Folkestone to Dungeness. E.T.D. 2130. E.T.R. 0001/12. M.G.Bs. S.2, S.1. from Dover E.T.D. 2145. M.A.S.B.s 38, 31 from Ramsgate E.T.D. 2200 at V buoy. E.T.R. Dover 0615/12. E.T.R. Ramsgate 0600/12. M.T.Bs. 231, 202, 221 and M.G.Bs. 117, 118, 108 patrolling at Berck Buoy route via Number ten buoy each way. E.T.D. 2230. E.T.R. 0615/12. (V.A. Dover, 111757B). Your 111514B. "Plumb" and "Talbot" sailed at 2045 and 2117 respectively. (N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 112124B to C. in C. Plymouth).

S/M Patrols. Positions of submarines at 0800B/12th and movements for following 24 hours. (A) UPSTART, TRUANT, ULA, and THRASHER as in my 101721. (F) SATYR as in my 061727. (G) SEADOG, SYRTIS, and SEANYMPH as in my 081544. (F.O.S., 111529B to Admty).

Dover shelled. Enemy coastal battery situated near Calais fired nine rounds between 1013 and 1133 today. Two fell in Dover Harbour, three on land in Dover area, one near Swingate R.A.F. Station and three in the sea off Dover. No casualties to service personnel and no damage to Naval property. One civilian slightly wounded and some damage to house property. (V.A. Dover, 111854B).

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Wednesday.HOME COMMANDS.Allied Air Activity.A/C in
BELFAST,
BERMUDA,
ANSON.Request report whether BELFAST or BERMUDA can still operate aircraft and whether it likely that these ships or ANSON will re-embark their Walrus fighters.
(D.N.A.O.111521B to C. in C. H.F.)Mining.

Humber

0703 Magnetic Mine 323° 59 buoy 2 miles.
(F.O. Humber, 110309B).

S.N. 74

Sailed SALADIN in accordance with C. in C. W.A.'s 082255.
(Cdre. D. W.A., 110945B to R.A.M.)
Arrived SALADIN.
(TRELAWNEY 111730B).

Q. Z. X. 1056

Intend at 0600 tomorrow, GWEAL, PROSPECT, PORCHER, NEAVE, ULVA, KINGS GREY, ARMANA, to commence search of remainder of Q. Z. X. 1056. DORINDA and LOCH BUIE to R/V GWEAL at 0900 in position previously arranged.
(GWEAL, 111402B to C. in C. Plymouth).

Q. Z. Y. 292

Q. Z. Y. 292 cleared South of a line joining:-
(A) 50° 37' N., 00° 57' W. (B) 50° 37' N., 01° 01' W. (C) 50° 34½' N., 01° 10' W. (D) 50.33 N. 01.20 W.
No moored mines.
(M/S 9., 111744B to C. in C. Portsmouth).Enemy Intelligence.German Main
Units in
North Norway
on July 25th.(A) Kaa Fiord. TIRPITZ, SCHARNHORST, 6 destroyers. TORDENSKJOLD or HARALD HAARFAGRE. (B) Lang Fjord. LÜTZOW, 5 destroyers, TORDENSKJOLD or HARALD HAARFAGRE. Graded C.2.
(N.A. Stockholm, 111259 to Admty).
O.I.C. Comment. Probably a very good report. TORDENSKJOLD and HARALD HAARFAGRE are ex-Norwegian Coastal Defence Ships converted to Anti-Aircraft Vessels.

SCHEER

B.2 report states ADMIRAL SCHEER sailed south from Copenhagen August 10.
(D.D.I.C., 111908B to A.I.G.47, A.I.G.21).Smoke
screen.Investigated suspicious smoke screen position 063° 02' N., 013° 57' W. seen 9 miles off. No trace of generator on the surface. Resumed patrol. Re-investigate last light.
(A/C BNMP 9 112250B to 19 Group).

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Wednesday.HOME COMMANDS.U-boats.U-boat
reported.Merchant ship reports sighting periscope at 2045
in the vicinity of 35 buoy. 2 A/S trawlers burning
navigation lights proceeding to carry out search.
(A.C.O.S., 110121B to CHARLESTOWN).(Corrupt Group) have (attacked?) firm contact
with 4 patterns. Contact now lost. Am searching area. My
position 058° 27' N., 002° 25' W.
(?Origin 111050B to A.C.O.S.)SKYE classified contact as wreck. Investigate and if you
agree with classification return harbour and order all ships to
return independently. SKYE declaration to be detached in accor-
dance with my 111318.

(A.C.O.S., 111444B to RIPLEY).

Casualties & Defects.

ROCKET

Sailed ROCKET in accordance with my 101638B.
Pom-Pom Mountings reported defective during gun
trials still unsatisfactory.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 110636B to A.C.O.S.)

DUBLIN

My 110855. N.C.S.O. Thames's 080639. NAY DUBLIN
making water. Returned for examination.
(F.O. Humber, 111011 to D.S.V.P.)

FILLA

Your 091259B. Sailed E.T.A. 2000B/11.
Calibration unsuccessful.
(N.O.I.C. Barry, 111109B to F.O.I.C. Milford
Haven).

GLASGOW

Following is a repetition of my 111245B to
GLASGOW Begins. Approved to be at 72 hours
diminishing notice on one unit from 0800B today
11th. Ship to remain at 4 hours notice on other
unit.2. Replacement of asdic dome will be deferred
until forthcoming notice. Your 091201B refers.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 111531B to GLASGOW).

HOPEMOUNT

My 091143B. HOPEMOUNT delayed with engine defects
Will not be available for O.N.197. Approx.
date for completion August 21st.
(Cdre. D. W.A., 111541B to Admty).

M.F.V. 2029

M.F.V. 2029 towed into Fowey with defective
steering gear.
(R.N.O. Fowey 112104B to C. in C. Portsmouth).

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A.T.57

AQUITANIA arrived Clyde.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 110634B).K.M.S.24/
O.G.92.
Routes for
Sicilian
Ports.(1) 1100Z/17th (2) (a) 1900Z/17, 180° 5 miles
from Chicken Rock (b) and (c) 1100Z/18, 000° 8
miles from Altacarry (d) and (e) and Londonderry
ships 1430Z/18, 270° 6 miles from Oversay (3)
Noon 19th, 054° 44' N., 010° 17' W. Late 20th
052° 27' N., 012° 36' W.
(N.C.S.O. Mersey, 111013Z to F.O.I.C. Milford
Haven).

A.M. 151711 July is cancelled.

2. Ships are to be given routes for Sicilian ports for which
information is held commencing with convoy K.M.S.24/O.G.92.
(D.T.D., 111713B).Convoys
from Methil.Rosyth Escort Force will have sufficient escorts
to run Convoys 7 days a week from Methil starting
on 16th August.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 111030B to Admty).O.S.53,
S.L.134.
BERMUDA.O.S.53. My 300946 July. (1) 38th Group is sailing
August 12th at best speed to Casablanca.
(2) Route (A) 055° 01' 010° 00' (B) 050° 02'
013° 29' (C) 042° 59' 013° 30' unless otherwise
ordered by C. in C. Plymouth..
(3) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar is requested to signal
onward route.
(C. in C. W.A., 111047Z).On passing Trevoise Head a.m. tomorrow BERMUDA is to proceed
to cover O.S.53 against surface attack keeping within 60 miles
of convoy.2. Estimate O.S.53 (S.O. Escort BLACKWOOD) will be in 050° 33'
N., 014° 01' W. at 0800B/12th, steering 180° 7½ knots.3. Estimate S.L. 134 (S.O. A/S Escort ROCHESTER) with SCYLLA in
company will pass through 044° 01' N., 016° 00' W. about 1100B
14th steering 000° 7 knots.4. When convoy crosses BERMUDA is to transfer cover to S.L.134,
parting company when convoy reaches 050° N., and proceed
Plymouth passing through position (A) 180° Bishop Rock 10 keeping
West of the Lizard during dark hours.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 111624B to BERMUDA).Reports by
Monster
Ships.My 261705 February para. one. Amend 24 hours
to read 48 hours.
(D.T.D. 111223B).

/W.S...

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W.S.33/K.M.F. A.M. 071745. 1. BAYNTON is to (A) Escort ARUNDEL CASTLE from Barry Roads 14th August to Clyde.

(B) Proceed thence to arrive Bar Light Vessel 16th August as arranged by N.O.I.C. Liverpool and escort Liverpool portion to Oversay R/V.

(C) Proceed to Belfast on completion.

2. (A) SHROPSHIRE is to sail with Clyde portion.

(B) HUNTER is to sail with Liverpool portion.

3. CHANTICLEER, BARLE, USK, ETTRICK, NARBADA, WRESTLER, WESTON, TOTLAND, BANN are to proceed from Larne to Londonderry on completion of exercise and are to join convoy at Oversay R/V.

(C. in C. W.A., 111250B).

A.M. 071745. Convoy K.M.F.22.

Route R/V in position P.Q.270° Oversay 6 miles at 0530A/17 August thence through: P.R.55.00 N., 10.00 W. P.S. 44.30 N. 18.31 W. P.T.38.59 N., 18.30 W. P.U.36.29 N., 16.01 W. P.V.35.25 N., 10.00 W. Thence as ordered by C. in C. Med.

2. Stragglers' Route - A. 48.00 N., 17.00 W. B. 44.30 N., 19.10 W. C. 39.00 N., 19.15 W. D. 35.50 N., 16.00 W. E. 35.25 N., 10.00 W.

3. SHROPSHIRE part company in position P.V. proceeding thence through P.W.29.02 N., 12.30 W. P.X.24.40 N., 18.01 W. P.Y. 15.00 N., 18.00 W. P.Z.10.05 N., 17.30 W. Thence to Freetown.

4. HUNTER is to be sailed with Liverpool portion if ready. (D.O.D. H., 112201B).

MAURETANIA

MAURETANIA arrived 2030/11th.
(P.S.T.O. N.W. Ports, 112120B to D.S.T.)

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LAOMEDON A.M. 141302B/July. Request LAOMEDON Boom Carrier be routed to Forth for discharge of freight and embarkation of Boom Stores, and C.O. LAOMEDON to signal extent of any defects outstanding.
(2) A.S.Rosyth is requested to arrange for any necessary repairs to vessel to be undertaken in Rosyth Area so far as possible in time vessel will be available.
(D.B.D. 110010B to F.O.i/c Gibraltar (R) C. in C.Western Approaches, C. in C. Rosyth etc.).

NORD R.O. Corunna 06(?14)15 and 070945 (re German Tanker aground near Cape Villano).
ATLANTIC. Ministry of Marine informs me unofficially NORD ATLANTIC was proceeding to Ferrol at request of Ministry which wish to have her under (?direct) control. This was part of Minister's design to meet our protest about German ships generally. He hopes to follow it up by buying cargo. This statement is unconfirmed.
C. in C. Ferrol reports tanker sighted aircraft and kept close inshore. She then sighted destroyers (which were actually Spanish) and kept closer in still, striking rock and being badly holed she managed to make entrance to Camarinas but sank before she could be beached. Now half submerged. Fire starting in superstructure but extinguished by crew in 25 minutes. Salvage possible but lengthy, Ministry will probably try to buy ship and cargo but removing cargo difficult and wreck exposed to Nor./Westerly and Westerly gale.
Corunna please comment and endeavour to fix exact position. Where are crew? My R325/43 July 31st refers.
(N.A.D Madrid 110800B to Admty.).

My 111630 (N.T. in W.R.) about German Tanker NORD ATLANTIC. Employees of Campsa from appearance of vessel estimated cargo as about 4,000 tons.
Observer from Vigo saw Tanker at Mugia message 8th information states vessel is 3/4 submerged, bridge to stern being under water, bottom is rock and stone very level 12 fathoms deep. Bridge was still smoking.
Some members of crew are on board in bows keeping watches. There are also 3 Spanish guards on board in bows. Most of crew are ashore at Camarinas.
(R.O.Vigo 111947 to B.N.A. Madrid, (R) Admty. for D.N.I. S.O.(I) Gibraltar).

Swedish Relief Ships. Swedish relief ships FORMOSA and MONGABARRA sailed 0800/11th August for Piraeus routed direct to (A) 038 degs. 10' 010 degs. 00' thence through (B) 038 degs. 10' 011 degs. 30' (C) 037 degs. 00' 011 degs. 35' (D) 036 degs. 20' 015 degs. 00' (E) 035 degs. 15' 020 degs. 00' thence by standard route. Not to be molested this voyage.
National colours and Red Cross markings and ship's names and Sverige on white hulls. Speed 12 knots.
(F.O. Gibraltar 110803B to S. and A. Area G.).

/French.....

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Fleet
Commands.

Liaison Officer French Admty. Casablanca reports present situation of command of French Fleet as follows.

(a) On June 26th Gen. De Gaulle demanded and received resignation of Adm. Michelier. The resignation was accepted by Committee of National

Liberation.

(b) Adml. Collinet (then in command at Dakar) was summoned to Algiers and offered command of French Fleet with exception of De Gaulle elements which were to be commanded in equal authority by Adm. Auboyneau. Collinet insisted on unified command and won his point. The Committee then decided that Collinet is too "strong and colourful" a personality to occupy this post which has now been given to Adml. Lemoinier.

(c) Adml. Lemoinier is now C. in C. all French Naval Forces and one of the 3 members of Giraud's General Staff, the other being Army and Air Force respectively. Lemoinier is regarded as competent officer and the appointment is thought to be popular in Navy (Collinet would certainly have been preferred).

(d) Michelier is on leave of absence and will settle in French Morocco. Collinet has returned to Dakar to resume former post. Adml. Ronarch has returned from Dakar to resume command of Moroccan Naval Forces.

(e) All S.N.Os. are to report to Algiers (?where) decision will be made regarding their future employment.

(f) In giving this information emphasis was laid on complete agreement by French Admty. with decision taken by De Gaulle. (Casablanca 111045A to Admty. S.O.(I) Gibraltar).

LE
GLORIEUX

Amend my 092056B. Point (E) route LE GLORIEUX should read 034 degs. 00' North 041 degs. 00' W. Request you amend bombing restrictions accordingly. F.O.i/c Gibraltar pass to F.O.S. Squadron 8 and

H.Q.C.C. N.O. B. Bermuda pass to S.B.N.O.E.At. Bermuda. (Commorseafon 111105B to F.O.C. Gibraltar (R) Cdr. 10th U.S. Fleet etc.).

French Sub. LE GLORIEUX amend my 092056B operational control shifts from F.O.C.Gib. to Admiralty 10 degs. West at 122200Z shift to Cominch at 24 West at 151400Z. Sub will guard RUGBY throughout to 40 West shifting to Gib. F. at 220 West. Beyond 40 West Hush Sub. broadcast. French agreed.

(C.M.S.F. 111610B, to Admty.).

Dispositions

Situation 2002B/11th.

French S/M GLORIEUX escorted by LE TEMPETE sailing Casablanca 0900B/12th through Q.B.A.102 thence along parallel 034 degs. North 270 degs.

11 on the surface.

(2) S/M P.42 (UNBROKEN) 039 degs. 18' 010 degs. 01' 000 degs. 7/2.

(3) LOCH OSKAIG, MARIE LOUISE MACKAY repairing cables vicinity 037 degs. 21' 009 degs. 17'.

(4) IMPERIALIST, SCOTTISH R/V 2 merchant ships off Tagus at 2100/11th and proceeding through 036 degs. 55' 009 degs. 05' and 036 degs. 52' 007 degs. 54' thence 076 degs. 8.

(5) C.G.55, P.C.482 sailing Casablanca 1800B/11th through 035 degs. 44' 006 degs. 28' to Gibraltar 10.

(6) Portuguese Sloop sailed Funchal a.m. 10th for Lisbon 12.

/ (7) U.G.S....

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- Dispositions (7) U.G.S. 13, C.T.F.64, C.T.G.21.1.(A) 035 degs. (Contd.). 58' 009 degs. 38' through 036 degs. 01' 008 degs. 30' 035 degs. 47' 006 degs. 30' thence through Straits 9.
- (8) Fleet unit 3 destroyers sail Casablanca p.m. 11th through Q.B.A. 102 and 033 degs. 01' 010 degs. 01' thence 213 degs. 15.
- (9) French L.C. LE TERRIBLE 027 degs. 02' 015 degs. 12' through 028 degs. 01' 014 degs. 55' and 030 degs. 01' 013 degs. 59' thence 048 degs. 17'. On crossing 029 degs. 15' North speed increases to 28.
- (10) GERALDTON 3 merchant ships 2 corvettes sailing 2359B/11th through 035 degs. 47' 006 degs. 30' to R/V U.G.S.13 in approx. 035 degs. 51' 007 degs. 11' at 1200B/12th 11 knots. U.S.escorts detach at R/V and escort Casablanca section 200 degs.10.
- (11) Two U.S. escorts 2 merchant ships from U.G.S.13 035 degs. 42' 009 degs. 44' to Casablanca 10.
- (12) U.S.S. GHERARDI 4 destroyers 3 merchant ships passing Europa Point 0200B/12th where NEWFOUNDLAND joins, through 035 degs. 48' 006 degs. 30' to R/V U.S.S. NELSON 4 destroyers 6 merchant ships in 034 degs. 02' 008 degs. 04' at 1530B/12th thence 270 degs. 13½.
- (13) (Corrupt Group) sailed Gibraltar 1000/12th to arrive off Vila Real 1900/12th to R/V one merchant ship thence independently direct to Gibraltar 17.
(F.O. Gibraltar 111112B).
Add new para.14 to my 111112B. Portuguese ships JOAO I, ANFRITRITE MARIA C JOHANNA and NEREIDA depart Casablanca for Lisbon 0900/10th, estimated speed 6½.
(F.O.i/c Gibraltar 111604B).
Situation 112004B.
- (2) R.S.9, TEVIOT 029 degs. 47' 012 degs. 19' through 027 degs. 01' 014 degs. 30' thence 222 degs. 15½.
- (4) S.L.134, SCYLLA, ROCHESTER (A) 037 degs. 49' 013 degs. 40' 320 degs.7.
- (5) G.U.S.11 (U.S.) C.T.F. 63, 033 degs. 56' 017 degs. 18' 251 degs. 8.
- (6) French L.C. LE TERRIBLE 027 degs. 02' 015 degs. 12' through 028 degs. 01' 014 degs. 55' and 030 degs. 01' 013 degs. 59' thence 048 degs. 17'. On crossing 029 degs. 15' north speed increased to 28.
- (7) Italian repatriation ships GIULIO CESARE and DUILIO 024 degs. 28' 017 degs. 28' to Las Palmas 15½.
(F.O.Gibraltar 111220B).

U.G.S.13. GERALDTON (S.O.) CESSNOCK, CAIRNS, WOOLONGONG, SAXIFRAGE, GODETIA, CONVULVULUS, (? BLANKNEY)
R/V in position (Y.Y.) 35.51.07 (?12 ?11) at 1200B/August 12th. American escort are then to part company and escort Casablanca section to Casablanca.
(2) Onward route from (J) to (K) 035 degs. 47' 006 degs. 30' through Q.B.A.87 to (L) 036 degs. 01' 005 degs. 21' (M) 035 degs.

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U.G.S.13. 48' 003 degs. 02' (N) 035 degs. 56' 000 degs.
(Contd.). 50' thence as ordered by C. in C. Med. All
positions north and west. S. of A. to be
adjusted to pass through (L) at 0001B August 13th
and (N) 0700B August 14th.

(3) Ships bound Gibraltar are to be detached on passing Carnero.
(F.O.i/c Gibraltar 111136B to S.E.C. U.G.S.13, for Cdre. (R)
Admty. etc.).

U.G.S.13. Intend sailing MARSHALL ELLIOT Oran. JOHN MORE-
HEAD Oran.

(F.O.i/c Gibraltar 111225B to N.O.i/c North African Ports,
(R) Admty. etc.).

ROEBUCK, ROEBUCK arrived 0955A. Will sail with RAMILLIES.
RAMILLIES, (C.M.S.F.F. 111150B to F.O.i/c Gibraltar (R)
etc. Comar Dakar etc.).

Intend sail RAMILLIES escorted by QUALITY,
BRILLIANT and ROEBUCK E.T.A. Casablanca August 11th
1830A S. of D. 15 knots routed Q.K.A. 102.

(L) 33.01 North 10.01 West, (M) 27.40 North 14.01 West, (N) 25.01
North 17.30 West, (O) 20.01 North 18.30 West, (P) 12.01 North 18.
30 West? (Q) 09.01 North, 16.30 West. thence Freetown E.T.A.
August 17 1000A, Q.L.A. 199.

(Commorseafron 111255 to F.O.i/c Gibraltar (R) Admty., C. in C.
Med.(W), Comnavnaw, F.O.C.W.A., C. in C.S.A. RAMILLIES, N.O.B.Cam.)
Sailed 1900A/11th. My 111255B refers.

(Commorseafron 112123B).

Convoy A/A CHARYBDIS M.K.S.21, SCYLLA, S.L.134, then to
escorts. K.M.S. 23/ O.S.53.
(2) Admty. message 052006 para.9 refers.
(F.O.i/c Gibraltar 111256B to Admty.(R) C. in C.
Plymouth etc.).

German Many British aircraft are flying over stranded
tanker, German tanker at Camarinas at about 50 feet.
Camarinas. Minister Marine begs you to stop which must lead
to incident.
(N.A. Madrid 111351B to Admty.).
W.R.Note: N.A. Madrid's 111351B has been passed to
C. in C. Plymouth and H.Q.C.C. for information at
request of D.S.C.

My 111351. Minister states if salvage is possible it will
be carried out by Spanish Government and vessel taken to Ferrol.
(Corrupt Group) Government intend to buy ship and cargo.

(N.A. Madrid 112009B to Admty.).

Your 111351+. Close observation on this ship is being
maintained in order to detect at an early stage any attempts at
salvage. Flying is being restricted to minimum required for
this purpose.

(D.O.D.(H) 112350B to N.A.Madrid, (R) H.Q.C.C. C. in C.
Plymouth).

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SCHELDE

Request latest information on sailing of tug

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SCHELDE (Contd.) SCHELDE.
(2) SCHELDE is urgently required at Casablanca to tow EMPIRE MORN to U.K.
(3) My 021635 and your 031148 refers.
(F.O.i/c Gibraltar 111456B to Comar Dakar (R) F.O.C.W.Af. C. in C. Med, C.M.S.F., Admty.).

NEWFOUNDLAND NEWFOUNDLAND E.T.A. Boston p.m. 22nd August approx.
(2) B.A.M.R. Washington 071756 refers.
(3) B.A.M.R. Washington pass to requisite American Authorities.
(F.O.i/c Gibraltar 111538B to B.A.M.R. Washington (R) Admty. C. in C. Med. (A).

B.Y.M.S. Request you will divert B.Y.M.S.23, M.M.S.100
M.M.S. 101, 104, 108 to Las Palmas to pick up R.A.F. Officers and Ratings as in B.N.A. Madrid's 081129 which is being passed to you.
(2) Request you will inform me E.T.A. Las Palmas as soon as possible.
(F.O.i/c Gibraltar 111554B to Comar Dakar (R) Admty. F.O.C.W.Af.).
See Comar Dakar 112356Z.

Convoy Sailing Telegrams. Com. 10th Fleet by Directive dated July 19 not addressed to you requires Sea Frontier Commanders make sailing telegrams Transatlantic convoys other than O.N., H.X. and S.C. giving following information Part 1.
(1) Convoy designation. (2) Time and sailing date. (3) Time passing first ocean positions and S. of A. (4) "Chop" and time. Radio shift. (5) Ocean route. (6) Escort destination and name of ocean escorts. (7) Numbers of ships. (8) Stragglers route. (9) Secret positions when applicable. (13) Name of Cdre. Vice Cdre. their ship and ports embarkation. (14) Recoding tables. (15) First two letters W/T call sign. (16) Latest Q messages. Part 2. (1) Destination of convoy. (10) Flag speed. Names of ships in convoy. (11) Cargo including numbers of passengers and mails where applicable. (12- First port of arrival. Request arrangements be made for timely forwarding to me of information concerning Medit. sections of these Transatlantic convoys with particular reference to information required in paragraphs 7, 13, 14, 15, 10 and 11 which is not regularly provided now. M.S.C.I. Article 32 paragraph (H) (I) refers. (C.M.S.F. 111625B to C. in C. Med.).

U/Boat U-Boat sighted on surface at 1133B by transit aircraft 44 degs. 01' North 09 degs. 16' West.
(F.O.i/c Gibraltar 111728B to C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C.W.A., Admty.).

P.O.W. Convoy Intend sail Casa. Section P.O.W. convoy consisting
T.G.8916 six transports E.T.D. 121130A R/V and join T.G.89.6

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P.O.W. Convoy T.G.8916 (Contd.)	34 N. 08.04 W. 121430A escorts U.S.S. NELSON (S.O.) MURPHY, GLENNON, HERNDON, COWIE. (C.M.S.F.F. 111810B to F.O. Gibraltar).
C.G.55	C.G.55 sailed 111700A Plus 11 STANLODGE for U.K. (C.M.S.F.F. 111840B to F.O. Gibraltar).
ST. NECTAN	Departures ST. NECTAN escort duties Almeria. (F.O.i/c Gibraltar 111915B to Admty. etc.).
M.K.S.21	Sailing. Destinations. (D.T.D. 111956B to F.O. Gibraltar).
Movements Casablanca.	Warships departures. 11th RAMILLIES, ROEBUCK, QUALITY and BRILLIANT. U.S.S. SYNCLUNE P.C.S. 482, 475, 480. (C.M.S.F.F. 112210B to C. in C. Med.).

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NEA HELLAS. My 051847 para. 3. NEA HELLAS sailed from Takoradi 8th. Personnel embarked. Requirements Capetown. See speed $15\frac{1}{2}$ knots. (D.S.T.O.W.A. 110052Z to P.S.T.O. Capetown etc.)

FOXHOUND. Your 291115 July. FOXHOUND can be taken in hand at end of September by Messrs. Palmers at Jarrow. (D.O.D.(H) 110314B to F.O.C.W.A.)

P.614. Simonstown departure 1400Z 10th Aug. P.614 for Freetown. Routed (a) $033^{\circ} 13'$ South $017^{\circ} 36'$ E. (b) $030^{\circ} 00'$ $010^{\circ} 00'$ (c) $020^{\circ} 00'$ $003^{\circ} 00'$ (d) $010^{\circ} 00'$ $003^{\circ} 35'$ W. (e) Equator $010^{\circ} 00'$ W. (f) $005^{\circ} 30'$ N. $010^{\circ} 00'$ W. S.O.A. $8\frac{1}{2}$ knots E.T.A. Freetown 0800Z 27th. August. Shifting to W/T organization for area P. at 1600Z 20th August. (2) F.O.C.W.Af. requested to arrange bombing restriction in Freetown area. (C. in C.S.A, 110859B to Admty. etc.)

CILICIA. CILICIA can be accepted at Simonstown 18th September. Your 061156 refers. (C. in C.S.A. 111010B to F.O.C.W.A.)

Convoy Sailing telegram. 2. 1000Z August 11th.
C.D.31 A. 3. East London p.m. August 13th. 4. 11 knots.
5. Coastal Saldanha Bay A.E.l. to 8.
6. VERBENA. 15 KTD 1 - 9 Codeword "Janitor" 168.
(N.C.S.O. Capetown, 111011Z to Admty. etc.)

Dispositions. Position at 2000Z/11th August. VERBENA with CD 31 A (one ship) $034^{\circ} 55'$ $019^{\circ} 32'$ Coastal to East London 11 DESPATCH $035^{\circ} 05'$ $020^{\circ} 57'$ by R.9 to Simonstown 19.
EMERALD, REDOUBT, NEPAL with Q.M.44 (four ships) $028^{\circ} 10'$ $036^{\circ} 04'$ to $028^{\circ} 01'$ $038^{\circ} 01'$ to $028^{\circ} 02'$ $045^{\circ} 58'$ 10.
(C. in C.S.A., 111111B)
Situation 2002Z/11th LA GRANDIERE escorting $019^{\circ} 06'$ $(?016^{\circ}) 43'$ to $020^{\circ} 00'$ $017^{\circ} 16'$ thence $349^{\circ} 12\frac{1}{2}$ YESTOR, FANDANGO with LADY DENISON PENDER about $013^{\circ} 13'$ $017^{\circ} 04'$ GLARKIA, SOUTHERN GEM (?PICT), DUNKERY escorting $013^{\circ} 47'$ $017^{\circ} 38'$ $181^{\circ} 5$ B.Y.M.S. 23 M.M.S. 100, 101, 104, 108, $016^{\circ} 14'$ $(?017^{\circ}) 35'$ $(?061^{\circ}) 8$ C.T.G.21.4 with T.O. 7 $026^{\circ} (?28')$ $033^{\circ} 49'$ $234^{\circ} 13'$ M.L. (?226) and 209 off Dakar to Bathurst 10.
(F.O.C.W.A. 111233Z)

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Dispositions. Situation at 1958Z/11. WOLVERINE, BEAGLE,
(Contd.) BUILDG, DOUGLAS with W.S. 32, 004° 09' S. (?009°)
48' (? East) through 005° 58' S. 011° 58' thence
216° 13.
KALE, TAY, DERG about 004° 20' South 010° 03' E. to Congo River
17 3 destroyers sailing Congo River to join W.S.32 at 0800Z/12th.
F.S. DUQUESNE, F.S. TOURVILLE 001° 49' S. 004° 51' E. through
001° 59' N. 003° 59' E. thence 299° 18. (?F.S. SUFFERN)
BOADICEA with T.S.50 (?004°) 36' 001° 48' to 004° 10', 002° 00'
thence 265° 9½. WELLINGTON (?GORLESTON) LOWESTOFT, FOLKESTONE,
BRIDGEWATER with O.S.S.52 005° 05' 000° 38' 076° 9.
DUNCTON M.Ls. 265, 261 off Marshalls M.L. 277, 002° 38' 000° 58'
to Takoradi 10.
M.Ls. 1160, 1016 off Port Bouet. M.L.1018 off Accra, M.L.1078 off Lome, M.L.
1052 off Kotonu. M.L. 296 escorting 005° 40' 001° 40' to Lagos 10.
(F.O.C.W.A. 111237Z)

COMMANDANT Intend to sail COMMANDANT DETROYAT with S.L.135.
DETROYAT. Ship has serious boiler defects and can no longer
run operationally. Request I may be informed
if ship should be sent to U.K. or to Algiers for
repair.
(F.O.C.W.A. 111117Z to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med.)

U/Boat. U/Boat on surface attacked with depth charge by
Catalina aircraft at 1038/11, 011° 05' N. 018°
23' W.
(F.O.C.W.A. 111136Z to Admty. etc.)

Escort Interim reply to your 021152 August. Anticipate
Groups, full facilities will be available at Durban.
Bases, Requirements under para. 5 (D) and (E) are still
Facilities. under consideration and further signal will be
made.
(C. in C.S.A., 111235 to C. in C.E.F.)

O.S.S.52. Sailed 1300Z/11th August M/V COPACABANA, SS. ERICA
to R/V O.S.S. 52 in position Q, 004° 51' N. 001°
42' W. (?).
(N.C.S.O. Takoradi, 111315Z to Admty., etc.)

U/Boat. It is considered that only one U/Boat is now
operating of Brazil possibly in Bahia area.
(D.D.I.C. 111341B to F.O.C.W.A.)

T.S.50. T.S.50 sailed 1500 11th August. Route Oxford S.
of A 9.5 knots. E.T.A. 1500Z 15th. Stragglers
route close inshore. No positions given.
Convoy codeword "Jingo" W/T identity letters
V.L.D. 1-8.
(N.C.S.O. Takoradi, 111515Z to Admty. etc.)

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T.S.50
(Contd.) Sailed 1500Z 11th T.S.50 escorted by FOXHOUND, BOADICEA route OXFORD E.T.A. Freetown 1500Z 15th speed of advance $9\frac{1}{2}$ knots. (N.O.I.C. Takoradi, 111524Z to Admty. etc.)

S.L.
Convoys. Re sailing dates. (D.T.D. 111624B)
Re Mediterranean.

EXE. Arrival August 11th.
(N.O.I.C. Takoradi, 111814Z to Admty. etc.)

WOODRUFF. B.N.A. 081129 (re repatriation of crew of Sunderland which force-landed near Villa Cisneros.) Intend WOODRUFF shall call Las Palmas about 22nd August to embark R.A.F. personnel afterwards landing them at Casablanca. Request F.O. Gibraltar Force arrange passage Casablanca Freetown in escort of W.S.33. My 111943Z (N.T. in W.R.) refers. (F.O.C. West Africa, 111944 to Admty. F.O.C. Gibraltar, N.A. Madrid.)
WOODRUFF has defects making her unfit for operational use until refitted. Intend to sail her to U.K. in convoy S.L.135. (F.O.C.W.A. 111944Z to Admty. (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.)

TEVIOT,
HELFDOR,
PLYM. Admty.'s 301748 para. 4. E.T.A. Freetown of TEVIOT, HELFDOR and PLYM is 15th August. Proposed holding them at Freetown to join escorts of RAMILLIES to Cape. Expected time of sailing 20th August. Do you concur?
(F.O.C.W.Af. 112031Z to C. in C.S.A. (R) Admty.)

Movements
Congo,
C.F.13. Arrival Congo River 0830Z 11th RESOLUTION, REVENGE, NORMAN, RELENTLESS, QUIBERON, RAPID, CATTERICK escorting convoy C.F.13.
(B.N.L.O. Pointe Noire, 112045A to F.O.C.W.Af., (R) Admty. etc.)

B.Y.M.S.
23,
M.M.S. 2 Officers, 8 Sergeants of R.A.F. are at Las Palmas awaiting repatriation.
(2) From position (Nan) all Minesweepers proceed direct to Las Palmas.
(3) On arrival contact H.M.Ambassador and embark personnel. (4) E.T.A. 1900Z (?16th) August. Sail after maximum stay in port 24 hours. Regain route at (Love)
(Comar Dakar, 112356Z to B.Y.M.S.23 (R) F.O.C. West Africa, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Admty.)

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Enemy Units. P.C. and S. of one medium vessel and one escort vessel 43.35 N. 9.42 E. course 350 degs. speed 8 knots.
(A/C. FAV/P. 110145)

ORPHEE. If you were near Anzio at 0030 today you were sighted.
(Capt. (S) 8, 110614B to F.S. ORPHEE)

Movements, Alexandria. August 10th. Arrivals. SLAZAK, LA MALOUINE. Departures. ALYNBANK, ROCKWOOD, COUNA, KANARIS, DELPHINIUM, PRIMULA, SOUTHERN SEA, SOUTHERN MAID, FALK, M.L.384, ST. MINIVER.
(R.A. Alexandria, 110631C to Admty.)

OSIRIS. Departure 0255Z OSIRIS.
(Cdr. Aden, 110653Z to A.I.G.85)
Cancel my 110653. Ship returned with minor defects.
(Cdre. Aden, 111231Z)

10th S.F. Movement Summary at 2000. (1) P.52 (DZIK) off Bari. (2) P.54 (UNSHAKEN) leaves Brindisi area for Valona area.
(3) UPROAR 022 degs. 01' 018 degs. 35' to 036 degs. 53' 017 degs. 19' at 2000/12th surface passage. (4) P.49 (UNRULY) enters Brindisi area. (5) O.R.P. SOKOL 035 degs. 50' 015 degs. 00' (?through) 035 degs. 55' 016 degs. 31' to 036 degs. 15' 016 degs. 42' at 2000/12th.
(Capt. (S) 10, 110711B)

Enemy Units. P.C. and S. of enemy 2 merchant vessels (3000 tons each) 4 small escort vessels 37 degs.45' N.21 degs. 05' E.
(A/C CYK/X. 110745)
Position of merchant vessel of 3000 tons Katakolan harbour.
(A/C. CYK/X, 110746Z)

Landing Craft Ships, Malta. It is not anticipated completion dates referred to in your 071944 July will be achieved due to shortage of diving dresses and electrodes.
(2) Revised completion dates will be given on arrival of supplies.
(V.A. Malta, 110814B to C. in C. Med. (R) Admty.)

Movements, Bizerta. Following is a repetition of 101535B (Begins) A.I.G.259 from F.O. Tunisia. Bizerta arrivals. Add to my 101117B, VIGSNES T.O.O.101535B. (Ends.)
(Bizerta, C.C.O. 110900B to Admty. etc.)

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K.M.S.22. CHARLES MC.CORMICK, GRAND QUEVILLY arrived.
(Com. N.O.B. Oran, 110920B to C. in C. Med.)

Situation Report No.47. Convoy K.M.S. arrived Alexandria 4th August with 11 merchant ships for Alexandria and 34 for Port Said and beyond. Convoys G.U.S. 12, 15 merchant ships and G.U.S.12 (Z) 2, merchant ships speeds below 9 knots for Benghazi left Alexandria 10th August. (2) Levant Area.

3000 Military personnel moved from Famagusta to Beirut in ANTWERP and SS. PRINCESS KATHLEEN. Double clamp mines safely removed 7th August from bilge keel of SS.FERN PLANT, arrived Haifa 6th August from Alexandretta. Mines exactly similar to that removed SS. KATUNA 20th July. Cyrenaica in number Z fighters on passage to Tripoli (Libya). Submarines. TRIDENT left Aden, F.S. LA MOQUEUSE onward routed to Colombo. (C. in C. Levant, 110935C to Adnty.)

Decoy caique. German manned decoy caique 80 tons 2 masts operating Samos Chios Mitylene (Les Vos) area. Disguise includes deck cargo of boxes concealing machine guns and/or cannon. (Capt. (S) 1, 110927C to 1 S.F.)

N.A.A.F. Report. A.1. 1001 10th August, N.A.A.F. Opsum 170, N.A. Strategic A.F. 8/9. August. 88 Wellingtons beaches between Messina and Cape Palermo. 8 returned early, 3 jettisoned. 144½ tons from 2000 to 12000 feet. Several fires started 9 August. 55 U.S. Fortresses crossroads North Messina 1 returned early. Target believed covered. 36 U.S. Mitchells escort 24 U.S. Lightnings bridges Catanzaro and Soverato. South bridge not hit. North bridge well covered. 76 U.S. Marauders escort 54 U.S. Lightnings bridge Angitlai, 3 bombers 6 fighters returned early. Possible hits or near misses. 52 U.S. Warhawks swept South Sardinia. No suitable targets found. (Adv. N.A.A.F.111001B)

NEWFOUND-
LAND. Sailing of U.S. SALMONIE and CHEMONG and U.S. SMERAK with escort. My 091747B sailed less U.S.S. JEFFERS. Senior escort C.D.D.34 now in BUTLER. GHERARDI speed limited to 15 knots on one engine. Latest East Coast Q. message held as follows: NEWFOUNDLAND R/V in position 57 at 120200B. Casablanca section R/V through 034 degs. 02' N. 008 degs. 04' W. at 121530B. (Com. N.O.B.Oran, 111027B to C. in C. Med. etc.)

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8th S.F. (1) P.225 (SIMOOM) in Gulf Genoa. (2) P.247
Movement (SARACEN east Corsica. (3) F.S. ORPHEE
Summary through 041 degs. 00' 012 degs. 00' at 0200/12th
1958B/14th. thence 207 degs. 2 $\frac{1}{8}$ knots.
(Capt. (S) 8, 1110110B)

Swedish (Corrupt Group) (5 Groups missing) Levant
Relief temporary Memorandum 471 para. 7. Ship E.E.
Ships. and F.F. sailing Gibraltar 11th August for
Piraeus as in Admty 101324 to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.
Also ship A.A. and G.G. sailing Gibraltar 13th
August for Piraeus as in N.O.I.C. Gibraltar's
061630 to Admty. (2) Route as in C. in C. Med.'s 281213
July thence from 035 degs. 25' N. 020 degs. 00' E. to a point
20 miles South of Gavdo, thence as in para. 5 of L.T.M. 471.
(C. in C. Levant, 111046C, 111326C to H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. etc.)
W.R. Note: Re sailing Swedish AKKA, YARRAWONGA, MONGABARRA
and FORMOSA.

Shipping It would be appreciated if names of ships in
for convoys entering Levant Station could be signalled
Levant, before their arrival, as seven ships arriving
information. in M.S.21 without any previous notification.
(2) Before allowing a ship to enter Suez Canal
I must know if there is ammunition or
explosives on board. Grateful if this information
together with bunker and water requirements for ships bound for
Indian Ocean could also be communicated.
(C. in C. Levant, 111059Z to C. in C. Med.(Algiers), B.A.D.
Admty. (R) M.W.T. M.E. etc.)

DOLFIJN. Try and be in position 074 degs. focal point
H.26 miles by 0700 p.m. Freedom 254 degs.
25 miles sector B.

(Capt. (S) 8, 111124B to DOLFIJN)
My 111124. For 0700 read 0930. (2) Resume patrol after
1200/12Z.
(Capt. (S) 8, 111026B to DOLFIJN)

W.R. Note: Time of origin of reference quoted is correct,
although this signal bears earlier time of origin. Possibly
111126 intended.

Enemy P.C. and S. of enemy, two small merchant vessels,
Units. one destroyer, one war motor boat and one aero-
plane position estimated upon a fix obtained
within half an hour of 1100. Course 180 degs.
Speed 8 knots.
(A/C. CJM/M, 111126B to Air H.Q. Malta.)
* 43.10 N. 10.25 E.

My 1126. Enemy previously reported are of type indicated:
1 small vessel (3000 tons), 1 small vessel (2000 tons) 1
destroyer (unknown) (?1 enemy vessel) 1 JU.88.
(A/C. CJM/M, 111155B)

G.U.S.12. List destinations.
(R.A. Alexandria, 111142C to Admty etc.)

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G.U.S.12. My111142C no I.N.C.O.N. Tables were issued to
(Contd.) this convoy.
(N.O.I.C. Alexandria, 111741C)

LA SULTANE. Intend to sail F. S/M. LA SULTANE 1900/12th
for patrol in Gulf Genoa north of 042 degs. 35'
N. east of 009 degs. 00' E. routed on surface
at 8 knots to pass 040 degs. 33' 006 degs. 21'
at (group missing) 30 14th thence diving by day through 043
degs. 24' 009 degs. 00' at 0800/16th.
(Capt. (S) 8, 111200B to C. in C. Med.)

S/M's. It has been decided to reduce reinforcements
to Mediterranean by one U-Class submarine in
August and one in September in order to provide
additional submarines for A/S training.
(2) A.M. 271852/July para. 3 refers.
(D.O.D.(F), Approved V.C.N.S. on M. 054019/43,
111233B to C. in C. Med. (A. & M.) (R) C. in C.
Levant, F.O.S.)

SURF. Request you will sail P.239 (SURF) with
defective compressor to Algiers.
(2) Cancel para. 1 of my 051452 (No trace in
W.R.)
(S.O.(S) Gibraltar. (R) C. in C. Med. F.O.C.(S)
F.O.I.C.Gib., N.O.I.C. Algiers).

Med. Air Report. Signed Eisenhower Part 3 Air Cositintrep No. 32
10 August. N.W.A.F. Night 9/10 August, 83
Wellingtons bombed beaches between Messina and
Cape Peloro scoring hits on barges M/T and
railway. Light bombers on armed R/C in N.E.
Sicily attacked Barcelona and Linguaglossa as their
principal targets. Day 10th August. 44 P.38 fighter bombers
escorted by 42 P.38 fighters attacked targets of opportunity
on the toe of Italy with good results. Light bombers of
Tactical Air Force flew six missions to Randazzo one to
Linguaglossa and on to (?Mt. Etna). Other A/C of that Force
attacked barges and light shipping off the toe of Italy and
N.E. Sicily destroying many small craft and damaging others.
Coastal Air Force Beaufighters attacked a convoy with four
torpedoes smoke being observed from amidship and bow of a
5000 ton M.V.
(Air C. in C. Med. No. T.O.O. Recd. 1605/11)

Landing Craft. Action proposed in para. 3 of your 032251 is
agreed but do not repetition not intend to initiate
move in this matter until landing craft
situation is clearer.
(C. in C. Med. 111609B to Admty. (R) B.A.D.)

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- S.L. Convoys. C. in C. Med.'s 242125 July, not to C. in C.W.A. In order that S.L. convoys should connect with alternate M.K.S. convoys as programmed it appears that S.L.135 should sail from Freetown on August 14th and at 20 day intervals thereafter. (2) Request F.O.C.W.Af. will adjust sailing of convoys accordingly. (D.T.D. 111624B to C. in C. Med. Malta, C. in C. Med. Algiers. F.O.C.W.Af. (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C. in C. W.A.)
- M.K.S.21. Pass to Cdre. Algiers section sailed as in my 101104B less CHARLES M. HALL. (N.O.I.C. Algiers, 111628B to Escorts M.K.S.21. (R) Admty. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar. etc.) Pass to Cdre. and escort M.K.S.21. Intend sailing: (list) All 10 knots, all M/F D/F. All Gibraltar for Casablanca. (Com. N.O.B. Oran, 111631B to SHOREHAM (R) C. in C. Med. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, etc.)
- G.U.S.11. Your 092317. Convoy G.U.S.11 should include ESCALANTE and French ANNAMITE. Additional ships are, from Alexandria GENERAL FLEISHER from Bizerta J. JACKSON, JOHN POE, MARK TWAIN, ANDREW MOORE, CARILLO, ELI WHITNEY, from Oran BENJAMIN FRANKLIN. (C. in C. Med. (A), 111635B to Commorseafron, (R) Cominch C. & R. Comm. Algeria).
- MAID MARIAN. Suez 11th August. Arrival MAID MARIAN. (F.O.R.S.C.A. 111730C to Admty.)
- M.L.576. My 312251 July para.3. M.L.576 is allocated to your Command and will be sailed from U.K. in about 5 weeks. Necessary alterations and additions to enable operations envisaged to be carried out are being effected in boat. (D.D.O.D.(C), 111735B to C. in C. Med. (A))
- Malta Air Report. A.I.1058 11th August, Opsum No.93. 10th August: 1 Spitfire made photo R/C of Taranto and 1 Baltimore made search for enemy shipping East of Sicily. 10/11 August: 7 Intruder Mosquitoes of which 4 carried bombs made successful attacks on transport in Southern Italy. 7 Beaufighters made interception patrols North of Malta. 2 Wellingtons made shipping searches in Gulf of Taranto. 8 Boston and 3 Baltimore sorties were made in attacks on roads in North East Sicily. 11th August: 3 Spitfires made photo R/C of Taranto, Naples and Southern Italian aerodromes and 3 Spitfires made photo R/C of special areas. 1 Baltimore made A/S patrol S.E. of Toe of Italy. 8 Spitfires were airborne for raids which turned back before reaching Malta. (R.A.F. Malta, 11750Z)

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G.U.S.11. Regret that your 071751 was received too late to stop sailing of two slow ships concerned. (C. in C. Med. Algiers, 111827B to Cominch (R) Cinclant, Comnavnaw, Admty. etc.)

Convoy Commodores. Cmdre. Hardy's staff complete. Your 071220. (C. in C. Levant, 111844C to Admty.)

Movements, Famagusta. Arrived and left 11th G.S. IERAX departure M.L. 349. (N.O.I.C. Famagusta, 111859C to Admty etc.)

Genoa R/C. Air /Int. 553 11 August. Supplementary to Benson Form White G/718 10 August. Genoa. Further examination of sortie D.963 or 10 August shows REGOLO Class cruiser hull now stripped down and work apparently abandoned. Naval unit 370' is possibly ex Yugo-Slav destroyer. Of other destroyers one possible LE HARDI Class partly dismantled. Merchant shipping over 200' now approx. 194,000 tons, an increase of 25,000 tons since 31 July. Of 19 coded M.Vs. present 31 July, at least 14 including the liners remain in the port. Since 31 July one tanker 480' has departed leaving seven 310/520' now present. (R.A.F. Medmenham, 111900B to Admty. etc.)

Movements, Port Said. 11th August Port Said arrivals M.L.384. Departures AETOS, LA MOQUEUSE, BREAN, ANTWERP, COUNDOURIOTIS. (N.O.I.C. Port Said, 1119030C to Admty. etc.)

K.M.S.22. Pass to Cdre. Algiers Section sailed as in my 101142 less CARTER, BRAXTON and VACUUM (T). (N.O.I.C. Algiers, 111906B to Escorts of K.M.S. 22, (R) Admty. etc.)

Situation Report No.150. Two raids on August night of 9/10, first by 20 aircraft which dropped many bombs in port area. TYNEDALE received near miss causing damage in port plumper block space. Five inch split and other damage to machinery. TYNEDALE since arrived at Malta. 4 aircraft claimed by fighters and 1 by guns. 1 Officer and 1 Rating injured. (2) In second raid no bombs dropped in harbour area. 1 aircraft claimed by guns. (3) Daylight raid 1750 on 10th by approx. 3 aircraft bombs dropped but no damage or casualties. One aircraft destroyed. (4) 3 L.S.T. and ESPIEGLE attacked by 10 aircraft in 36 degs. 49' N. 15 degs. 25' E. at 0410 on 10th.

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Situation Report No.150. (Contd.) (5) Destroyers operated East Sicilian Coast and Coastal Forces in Straits of Messina night. 8/9th. Nothing met. Cancel reference to bombardment Cape Vaticano in Sitrep 149. (C. in C. Med. (M), 111947B to Admty etc.)

Movements, Algiers. Arrivals. Submarines SPORTSMAN (P.229) TRITON. Departures. MOUSA, PENN, LE FANTASQUE (Fr.) RETRIEVER, L.C.G. 19. Arrived and sailed HOLCOMBE, ATHERSTONE, MARYBOROUGH, LISMORE. (Com. Algeria, 112114B to Admty. etc.)

N.A.A.F. Report. N.W.A.A.F. Opsum 171. N.W.A. Strategical A.F. 9/10 August. 83 Wellingtons beaches Messina to Cape Peloro, 157 tons bombs dropped. Hits railroads, motor transport barges in beaches. Many fires and explosions. 1 Wellington destroyed. 10th August. 39 U.S. Lightnings (P.38), including 20 with bombs, targets of opportunity Combiassi, Palqni, Locri. Results good. 24 U.S. Lightnings (P.38) including 12 with bombs, targets of opportunity Spartivento, Marina Di Catanzai Area. Targets also strafed. Results good. 25 U.S. Lightnings (P.38) including 12 with bombs, targets of opportunity Southern Italy. Trains, railway tracks, Radar Station, Spartivento strafed. N.W.A. Tactical A.F. 8/9 August. 12 Bostons (A.27) Messina-Reggio Calabria area. Fires started. 9th August. 48 U.S. Mitchells (B.26) Gesso Area. 6 returned with bombs. No results observed. 9/10 August. 12 Bostons (A.20) Barcellona. 5 bombed Linguaglossa Area. Terrific explosions. 4 Bostons (A.20) 1 Baltimore (A.30) communications N.E. Sicily. 1 Boston (A.20) returned early. 2 direct hits. 1 motor transport destroyed. N.W.A. Coastal A.F. 10th August. 16 Beaufighters, including 8 torpedo, shipping strike. 2 merchant Vessels, 1 destroyed (? destroyer) (14 missing) 10 miles S.E. Bastia 1 Merchant Vessel believed hit. (N.A.A.F. Adv. H.Q. 112122)

Oil Supply, Levant. I am worried about supply of black oil to Western Mediterranean. Since first July we have shipped over 90,000 tons of Furnace oil to Malta and it is clear that this rate of offtake, plus naval and commercial requirements for Levant Station, plus stock building in Sicily, cannot be maintained from Haifa and Tripoli (S). We are receiving orders from various authorities to reload tankers ex Atlantic which have discharged in West Med., which it appears should be routed to Abadan in order to ensure a flow of oil from the east. Cairo Mast 6813 to Shipminder, with which I concur, refers. (C. in C. Levant, 112129C to Admty. (R) M.W.T.M.E., C. in C. Med. (M) and (A)). Reply: Admty. 141504B.

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- Movements, 11th August arrivals OFFA, PETARD, RAIDER,
Augusta. L.S.T. 65, 64, 164, 402, 323 M.L. 562,
M.M.S.10, L.S.T. 400, 382 M.L. 1297, L.C.T. 375,
316 Departures L.S.T. 164, 64, 65, 402, 323,
L.C.T. 333, 183, 536, L.C.F. 7014 L.C.T. 379,
390.
(N.O.I.C. Augusta, 112136 to Admty.)
- Movements, Arrival BRIXHAM, H.D. M.L.1259 departure
Bone. H.D. M.L.1259.
(N.O.I.C. Bone, 112153B to Admty. etc.)
- Movements, C. in C. Med. pass to Comnavnaw.
Oran. Departures U.S.S. CHEMUNG, MERAK, SALAMONIE,
BUTLER, EARLE ROE and GHERARDI.
(Com. N.O.B. Oran, 112206B to Admty. etc.)
- Enemy Following read P.C. and S. of 2 small enemy
Units. vessels 800 and 500 tons 41.45 N. 12.08 E.
191 degs. 4.
(A/C GLO/X. 112215B)
- Movements, Arrived WHEATLAND, L.S.T. 408, KING SOL,
Tripoli. L.C.T's 308, 420, 341.
(S.N.O. Tripolitania, 112228B to Admty.)
- Movements, Arrivals. INGLEFIELD, ILEX, ECHO, TYNEDALE,
Malta. HOY. U.S.S. MAYRANT KNIGHT.
SS. ODYSSEUS, M.V. CHRISTA, L.C.T. 265.
M.L's 121, 135.
Departures. EURYALUS, OFFA, PETARD, RAIDER,
BONITO, Tug JAUNTY. U.S.S. BENSON NAUSET. L.S.T's 400
382, 404. M.M.S. 10, M.G.B.'s 658, 660, M.L's 575, 462.
L.C.I.(L), 132, L.C.T. 347.
Arrivals and Departures. Hospital ship ST. DAVID,
U.S.S. NARRAGANSET. L.S.T.411.
(V.A. Malta, 112240 to Admty. etc.)
Departure. Submarine SOKOL.
(V.A. Malta, 112305 to Admty. etc.)
- Repatriations. Italian repatriation liners are unloading at
Taranto.
(C. in C. 112315B to Admty.)

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BERAR. Departure BERAR escorting SURADA.
(N.O.I.C. Calcutta 110230Z to Admty.)

Movements. Arrival IRRAWADDI.
(N.O.I.C. Calcutta 110241Z.)
Arrival (corrupt group) 0250Z/11th BENGAL, 0240Z/11
WILLEM VAN DER ZAAN (S.D.) escorting APPLELEAF
and WINGSANG.
(N.O.I.C. Addu Atoll) 110257Z.)

Departure EMILE BAUDOT at (03)04Z/11th.
(N.O.I.C. Trincomalee 110412Z.)
Khor Kuwai arrival 0530Z/11th BENGAL and RAJPUTANA.
(N.O.I.C. Hormuz 110816.)
Arrived RACEHORSE.
(N.O.I.C. E.Af. 111451Z.)

Convoy Arrived.
J.C.17. (N.C.S.O. Calcutta 110325Z to Admty.)

Troop Following is amendment to my 070617.
Movements. Para. 2, Bombay - Karachi CITY OF LONDON now
sailing 14th. Para. 3, Bombay - Kilindini
STRATHAIRD now sailing 15th. Para. 5 Bombay -
Durban STRATHMORE now sailing 12th. Para. 13
VARELA and JALAGOPAL now sailing 14th.
(P.S.T.O. India 110421Z to C. in C.E.F.)

EFTHALIA MARI EFTHALIA MARI (Greek) torpedoed and sunk July 5th
(sunk 5th in 24° S. 49° E.
July.) (S.O.I. Colombo 110510Z to S.O.I. Levant, (R)
S.O.I. Aden.)

GLADYS Colombo Agents of Salvage Association have
MOLLER. received instructions from London on behalf of the
Underwriters either A. to enter into a contract
for stripping GLADYS MOLLER or B. to invite offers
for the sale of the hull outright.

Ref. your 031622B June, my 200228 July and C. in C.F.'s 040910Z
August request confirmation the above may be proceeded with.
Underwriters having settled a total claim, hull is now their
property.
2. Request early approval for acquisition of winches and
derricks as in C. in C.E.F.'s 040910Z August.
(F.O.Ceylon 110606Z to Admty. (R) C. in C.E.F.)

Eastern Anticipated convoy J.H. 32 will be cleared before
Fleet RAMILLIES is ready to sail from Durban for Kilindini
Destroyers. 2. In order you may have sufficient running
destroyers to meet escort of convoy for both the
above while in South Africa waters, and to effect
the release E.F. destroyers as in A.M. 071953

July, request you will (a) Sail ROEBUCK, RAPID, NAPIER and
QUIBERON as escort to RAMILLIES from Durban, to Kilindini
(b) Retain NEPAL temporarily under your orders. (c) Sail
ROTHERHAM for Kilindini on completion her refit.
(C. in C.E.F. 110614Z to C. in C.S.A. (R) Admty. Cdre. D.)

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Escort Groups Para. 10 of C. in C.E.F.'s 021152.
Bases (A) 28 at Bombay by 31/12/43. Further increase
Facilities. must depend on use made of Bombay by Eastern Fleet.
(B) 1. Berthing adequate.
2. No further expansion of repairs and docking
facilities possible but estimate Bombay can cope
with maximum number given provided no more large after action
damage repairs, e.g. KIMBERLEY are sent here and one Admiralty
foreman of the Yard and one Inspector of Shipwrights and 12
Shipwrights as working chargemen of gangs of local platers are
provided.
3. Storage for Naval Victualling and Armament Stores adequate
when existing proposals have been implemented. Fleet Attendant
Oiler at Bombay necessary for 1944 increases.
4. A/S and gunnery training facilities adequate but increase of
staff necessary as shown in para. C.
5. Drafting pool of about 50 R.N. ratings necessary, accommodation
will be provided.
6. Additional water transport required. By 31/12/43 2 Harbour
Launches and 2 Motor Boats for Base Staff. Later two additional
Harbour Launches and one Motor Boat. None of these are available
locally.
7. Shore Medical facilities adequate if BRAGANZA's present
proposals to C. in C.E.F. are implemented. Your 080920 refers.
8. Recreation facilities adequate.
(C) One Commander (E) or Lieut. Commander (E) as Group Engineer
Officer. One A/S Officer as Group A/S Officer and one S.D.I.
For 1944 expansion one A.V.G.O. and one Radar Officer required.
II. N.Os.I.C. Auxiliary Bases have been asked to furnish
information required by your 021152.
(F.O.C.R.I.N. 110619Z to C. in C.E.F. (R) Admty. etc.)

Ceylon
Movement
Summary No.
63 of 11th
August.

1. EARLANE left Colombo 10th due Trinco? 13th Aug.
2. BARODA escorting one ship left Colombo 10th
due Cochin 12th.
3. BATHURST and BALUCHISTAN escorting P.A. 48 left
Khor Kwai 5th due Aden 13th.
4. BERAR escorting escorting one ship left
Calcutta 10th for Colombo.
5. BENGAL and RAJPUTANA escorting B.P. 90 left
Bombay 5th due Khor Kwai 11th.
6. BOMBAY, KONKAN, ROHILKHAND escorting P.B. 51 left Khor Kwai
7th due Bombay 13th.
7. CAQNASIC and MADRIS escorting A.P. 39 left Aden 8th due Khor
Kwai 14th.
8. INVESTIGATOR left Colombo 9th due Bombay 13th.
9. HINDUSTAN escorting two ships left Trinco? 11th due Colombo
12th.
10. IRRAWADDI escorting J.C. 17 left Madras 7th for Calcutta.
11. KARACHI arrived Bombay 9th.
12. KATHIAWAR arrived Colombo 10th.
13. LAHORE escorting J.C. 18 left Madras 10th for Calcutta.
14. NETRAVATI escorting one ship left Madras 10th due Colombo 13th.
15. ORISSA, TAMWORTH, INVESTIGATOR escorting B.P. 91 leave Bombay
13th.
16. SHILLONG escorting J.C. 18 arrived Madras 10th.
17. WILLEM VAN DER ZAAAN arrived Addu Atoll 11th.
18. GRAVANCORE left Karachi 9th to R/V returning 14th.
(F.O.Ceylon 110702Z.)

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Movements of Japanese. Embarkation of Japanese in K.R. 6 as (?requested) in D. of S.T. 080137B to D.S.T.C. Kilindini is considered inadmissible for security reasons. (C. in C.E.F. 110716Z to Admty.)

ARAWA. *boat/*
arrived/07 ARAWA may proceed unescorted provided limit of passenger certificate or 75% of ~~(?total)~~ capacity whichever is greater is not ~~(?excessive)~~ ~~or~~ for overall numbers. D.S.T. 100611 para. 4 refers. (C. in C.E.F. 110835Z to P.S.T.O.I.)

Convoy B.M. 59. Sailing telegram, part 2 (3 ships, list, etc.) (N.C.S.O. Bombay 111041Z to Admty.)
Departure POONA, KHYBER with B.M. 59. (S.O.(I) Bombay 111047Z to Admty.)

F.A.A. personnel E. Africa. Intend to retain six flying crews in 796 Squadron and to return all available Pilots of 795 Squadron trained on obsolescent types aircraft to U.K. for conversion and courses on new types Com. N.A.S. East Africa to report numbers returning 877 Squadron will not be disbanded for the present and will continue to work up at Port Reitz and train in Fighter direction with Unit of E.F.
Request confirmation Beaufighter and Defiant Pilots for 788 and 797 Squadrons will be sent from U.K. R.A.N.A.S. I.O. 011017Z and C. in C.Eastern Fleet's 050244Z refer but grand total numbers made available transfer to India/Ceylon should read 350. (R.A.N.A.S.I.O. 111117Z to Admty. (R) C. in C.E.F. Com. N.A.S.E.A.)

Changes in U.S.Pacific Fleet. A.M. 041512. ALTAMAHA, NASHVILLE, HONOLULU at sea. WASHINGTON in South Pacific. VICTORIOUS, INDIANA, PRINCETON, BELLEAU WOOD, LEXINGTON at Pearl. (D.O.D.(F) 111210B to C. in C.E.F.)

U/B. The following Japanese U-Boat bearings on 16220 k/cs may be connected with U-Boats mentioned in your 091920 (German unit using call EPJG may be Japanese U-Boat in Atlantic.) At 100507 bearing 299 Class B from Bombay Fort Call Sign RANI 4. At 110558 and 110733 bearing 140 Class B from Kilindini. (C.O.I.S.E.F. 111240Z to Admty.)

A/A Armament of Cruisers. It has been decided to increase the A/A armament of Cruisers, by surrendering "X" Turret in all 4 Turret Cruisers and "Q" Turret in 5 Turret DIDO's for the following reasons:-
1. A large increase in close range fire is essential against the Japanese and cannot be made good either by support from other ships, by fighter defence by night, or by anything less than overwhelming fighter defence by day.
2. After full investigation it has become clear that no less drastic measure will balance the increase in topweight involved in an adequate A/A armament.

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3. The decrease in L.A. fire power can be made good against the Japanese by strategical and tactical concentration of our superiority in surface forces, and by our superiority in Radar Control.

(2). Naval Staff recommend maximum Fire Control and Radar modernisation without increasing 4" armament, and an increase in the 40 mm. and 20 mm. armament to the following numbers of barrels, in BIRMINGHAM, FIJI, AJAX, DIDO and DEVONSHIRE classes. (details).
(D.G.D. app. D.F.S.L. 111648B to C. in C.H.F. C. in C.Med. (A) C. in C.E.F.)

HOEGH
SILVERLIGHT
escort.

It will not be possible to provide an Eastern Fleet ocean escort both for HOEGH SILVERLIGHT (your 100531 August refers) and for the troop transport quoted in your 100815 (100615 intended).

2. The following solution is offered -

(A) Subject to your having an ocean escort of sufficient endurance to reach Addu Atoll from Fremantle it is proposed that HOEGH SILVERLIGHT should sail about 19th August with escort provided by you. The escort to part company in approx. position 002° S. 073° E. and to proceed to Addu for fuel before returning to Australia. ALTAMAHA to accompany HOEGH SILVERLIGHT if desired.

(B) Convoy U.S. 22. SUFFOLK to sail from Colombo to arrive Fremantle about 1st Sept. to provide escort for convoy U.S. 22 comprising Brazilian HERMITAGE and URAQUAY. SUFFOLK to be relieved in vicinity of Addu Atoll by second Eastern Fleet cruiser who will provide ocean escort to Bombay.

3. The provision of oil at Adau Atoll to meet these requirements will be arranged.

4. Request your early remarks.

(C. in C.E.F. 111904 to Compacseafron, (R) U.S.Cdr. 7th U.S. Fleet, Admty. U.S.Com. T.F. 71, N.O.I.C. W.Australia, F.O.Ceylon.)

KERNWOOD
(Br.) S
Report.

Following has been read from ZSLQ (KERNWOOD)
3333 Position 23.00 S. 53.10 E.
(Simonstown T.O.R. 112345 G.M.T. to Admty.)

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VICTORIOUS. Your July 311214. Expect to leave Norfolk about 11th Sept. arriving U.K. about 21st Sept. This assuming nine days at Norfolk for replacing gear removed for passage of Canal, shifting berths, and embarking aircraft and depending on availability of escorts. Urgent defects are repair and strengthening of bulkheads between feed tanks and petrol compartments and 85% rebricking of boilers. Estimated time three weeks. Will send by air, list of defective items which could be done within this time and proposed method of strengthening.
(VICTORIOUS 110146 to Admty.)

Movements. St. Johns, N.F. August 10th. Arrivals MALPEQUE, DIGBY ex B.W.49. MOHAWK ex Argentina. Departures ST. LAURENT to J.H.62.
(N.O.I.C. St. Johns 110150Z.)
Departure 1700 G.M.T. 11th PRINCE ROBERT E.T.A. Bermuda 1200 G.M.T. 16th.
(B.R.L.O. Cristobal 111402R.)
Arrival 10th U.S. Transport BRIGADIER GENERAL RETHERS.
(B.S.N.O. Curacao 111402Z.)
Departures U.S.S. RANGER, TUSCALOOSA, AUGUSTA, BELL, SHERWOOD FOREST, CORRM, HOBSON to U.K.
(D. Halifax 111411Z to Admty.)
Departures U.S.S. LUCE HALLE to Casco Bay.
(C. Halifax 111416Z.)
Brisbane 9th MERITRLINE U.S. A.T. San Francisco 24th.
(N.S.H.Q. 111554Z.)
Arrival CHELSEA ex H.X.251.
(C. Halifax 111606Z.)
Bermuda departure F.S. MONTCALM.
(S.B.N.O. W.A. 111912P.)
Bermuda departure EVENLODE E.T.A. Argentina 2200Z/13.
(S.B.N.O. W.A. 111923P to Admty.)
San Francisco arrival 10th KOTA, AGOENG (Du.). Departure 9th LUIS ARGUELLO (U.S.) Cairns. Both U.S.A.T.
(N.S.H.Q. 112028Z.)
Arrivals QUESNEL ex H.X.251.
(C. Halifax 112130Z.)
Argentina 11th. Departure FAME, VISCOUNT, VANQUISHER, POTENTILLA, ROSE, ACANTHUS, VERVAIN, KINGCUP, DEVERON and BYARD to H.X.251.
(Capt. (D) Argentina 112359Z to Admty.)

U.T.2. Following troopships are being provided for
Troopships. inclusion in U.T.2.
(a) SCYTHIA now in New York.
(b) STRATHNAVER, CAPETOWN CASTLE, ORION, EMPRESS OF RUSSIA and SAMARIA sailing from U.K. between 15 and 20/8. 2. Last ship sailing from U.K. is SAMARIA which should arrive not later than 1/9.
(D. of S.T. 110220B to B.A.D. (R) B.M.W.T. New York.)

Convoy Cominch originator informed B.A.D. (101955).
U.T.1. Sail as U.T.1 from Hampton Roads to U.K. 20 August
ABLE PETERS, MONTICULLO, CRISTOBAL, ARGENTINA.

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- Convoy U.T.1. (Contd.) Plus Escort Oilers ESSO, HARRISBURG and CANYON CREEK total 5 ships. Will be escorted by, returning British Escort from G.U.S.10X. H.M. Ships DART (S.O.) WREN, WHIMBREL, CLARE, BANFF, and FISHGUARD. Orders for return of convoy to U.S. will be given later.
(Commaveu 111301 to Cinclant.)
- SALISBURY. Cancel my 102232Z and 102242Z in view of your 101918Z just received (? intend) proceeding Halifax course 38° S. of A. 14 knots, 32% fuel stocks remaining. My position is 0315Z 040° 30' N.
066° 46' W.
(SALISBURY 110315Z to C. in C. C.N.A.)
- EVENLODE. Following deciphered version N.O.B. Bermuda 110100 action N.O.B. Argentia. "Holding Q.J.A.221 Q.J.B.9 EVENLODE departing Bermuda 1130Z/11 through positions (route) thence Argentia. S. of A. 17 knots. E.T.A. 2200Z/13".
(Radio Washington 110500Z to Admty. C. in C. C.N.A. N.S.H.Q.)
- S/M Attack and Sighting Summary. For 24 hours to 1000B/11. Para. A. Greek ship EFTHALIA MARI (4195) torpedoed and sunk at 1850/5 in 24° 21' S. 48° 55' E. Aircraft sighted U/B at 1051/8 in 37° 32' N. 17° 14' E. Para D. Periscope reported by British RORA HEAD at 1845/10 in 58° 30' N. 02° 40' W.
(D.D.I.C. 110903Z to Cominch.)
- SAUMAREZ, SCOURGE. SAUMAREZ, SCOURGE sailed St. Johns 1030Z/11th via Great Circle to 50.40 N. 07.00 W. thence Scapa Flow speed 18 knots.
(F.O.N.F. 111135Z to C. in C. C.N.A.)
- Influence Fuze. Following from Chiefs of Staff C.O.S. (W) 761. Ref. J.S.M.1134 (072041Z) Reply to.
(Air Min. 111145Z to Britman, Washington.)
- LEAMINGTON. Your 101908 M.V.110124 requesting LEAMINGTON be sailed direct to Halifax.
(C. in C. C.N.A. 111148Z to B.A.M.R.)
- MONTCALM. Following is N.O.B. Bermuda's 111210 (Begins). At 20 knots F.S. MONTCALM departing Bermuda 1100Z/11 through positions (route). Thence Dakar, E.T.A. 0700Z/17. S Publications.
(S.B.N.O. W.At. 111226P to Comar Dakar, Admty. C. in C. Med. F.O.C. Gib., F.O.C. W.Af.)

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ORBIS (U.S.) Aground off Benaire.
(S.O.(I) Jamaica, 111234Q to Admty., N.S.H.Q., S.B.N.O.W.At.)

Convoy S.C.139.
S.C. 139. (1) Mid Ocean Group B.7. DUNCAN H/F D/F (S.O.), VANSITTART H/F D/F, VIDETTE, LOOSESTRIFE, SNOWFLAKE, SUNFLOWER will relieve you in Westomp 047° 18' N. 048° 01' W. at 1500Z/13th.
(2) W.S.C.139 EMPIRE RAZORBILL, EMPIRE ACTIVITY and MIMOSA F.S. escorted by A/S Trawlers NORTHERN FOAM and NORTHERN REWARD will junction in 046° 51' N. 048° 37' W. at 1100Z August 13th.
(3) "Chop" 1500Z/14th.
(F.O.N.F., 111320Z to Ships escorting S.C.139. (R) C. in C. C.N.W.A., N.S.H.Q., Cdr. 10th Fleet (U.S.), Capt. (D) Argentinia, C. in C. W.A., Cdre. (D) W.A., DUNCAN, Admty., VANSITTART.)

Enemy Mines, information for Russia. Your 062311Z.
Concur that all known facts regarding enemy mines should be eligible for release to Russians except deductions which lead us to suspect that Sammy mines do not operate on designed frequency.
2. All other information concerning enemy mines is being included in papers now in course of preparation at Admty. for final release to Russians.
(D.T.M., 111403B to B.A.D.)

U.S. S/M Estimate. (Cominch, 111545Z.)

EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND. Alter course forthwith for new (S) 035° N. 045° W. thence (P) 037° N. 060° W. omit (N) (O).
(Com. 10th U.S. Fleet C. & R., 111549Z to EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND.)

Air Squadron for Biscay. My 111421 (not received) direct Comfairwing 7 with V.B.103 and H.Q. Squadron base unit reports to Cdr. U.S. Naval Forces in Europe for temporary assignment operational control of British Authorities in Bay of Biscay operations. Comfairwing 7 establish Wing H.Q. at base to be designated by British as soon as available. V.B.103 to proceed 15th August or as soon thereafter as base is ready.
(Cominch, 111608Z to C. in C. Lant, (R) N.O.B. Argentinia, Cdr. U.S. Naval Forces in Europe, Admty., Comairlant, C. in C. C.N.A., A.O.C. Halifax, C.T.F.24, Comfairwing 7.)

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U.T.1. For Searail. SANTA ELENA has now been withdrawn from U.T.1 composition of which is MONTICELLO, CRISTOBAL, ARGENTINA plus escort oilers ESSO HARRISBURG and CANYON CREEK. Total 5 ships capacity 16,500.
(B.A.S. Washington 111710Q to W.O.)

Bangors for R.C.N. Your 191631 July (requesting approval to convert 6 Bangors transferred to R.C.N.) Approved.
(Dept. Controller 111704B to N.S.H.Q. (R) S.C.N.C. London.)

LOCKEPORT. Sail from Pictou (N.S.) to Mulgrave by the most direct route so that E.T.A. Mulgrave 2222Z/12th.
2. S.O.A. 12 knots sweep en route.
4. Redirect further routing and orders from S.N.O. Mulgrave.
(SOREL 111712Z to LOCKEPORT, (R) N.S.H.Q. C. in C.C.N.A. A.O.C. ?Air, Cdre. D. Halifax, N.O.I.C. Sydney, S.N.O. Mulgrave, S.N.O. Pictou (N.S.).)

Air Operations July. U.S. Combined convoy coverage and other anti-submarine flying hours July.
A. Newfoundland. B. Greenland. C. Iceland.
D. Easternseafon. E. Gulfseafon. F. Caribseafon. G. Moroccanseafon. H. 4th Fleet.
The material to follow will fall into these columns

in 4 lines. Line 1 U.S.N. A/C. Under A.702, under B.175, under C.1086, under D.10023, under E. 9450, under F. 12229, under G.1532, under H. 3940.

Complete lines 2, 3 and 4 in similar manner with following data.

Line 2 U.S.J. Blimps 0 0 0 6708 3959 2323 0 0
Line 3 A.A.F. A/C 759 No - vailabee 0 2525 1810 4424 2391 586.
Line 4 Civil Air Patrol 0 0 0 8167 5845 0 0 0

Area	A/C sightings	A/C Attacks A - G
NAC	5	2
CCZ	1	0
MAA	12	4
ESF	2	0
GSF	5	2
PSF	2	0
CSW	29	14
CSE	8	5
BZA	23	15

More details for August.
(Cominch 11802Z to Admty. H.Q.C.C. (R) B.A.D.)

Convoy H.X. 249. Average speed 9.6 knots. Off Oversay at 2100Z/4th August. All arrived.
(D.T.D. 111814B to Connnav, N.S.H.Q. (R) C. in C.W.A. C. in C.N.A.)

Convoy T.A. 54A. Arrived New York 1700Z/11th August.
(P.D. New York 111900Z to Com. 10th Fleet C. & R.)

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B.Y.M.S. At speed of 11 knots B.Y.M.S. 240 and B.Y.M.S. 33 departed Boston Gate at 0800Q/12 August en route Halifax. E.T.A. 13th 2400Q. Route. (C.T.G. 02.1 111926 to C. in C.C.N.A.)

S/MS for A.M., 152008 July. Admiral King points out that we ask for five out of a total of seven available and that to their detriment something over a year ago they transferred to the British nine of their own training submarines.

2. He also states "we have now urgent need for four additional training submarines. I therefore propose that of the seven French submarines available for training purposes as listed in para. 15 of appendix A. to C.C.S. 207/10 three be assigned to British control and four to U.S. control. As to possible temporary employment as training submarines of those French ships mentioned in para. 16 I suggest that when, as and if they become available they be assigned to the British and U.S. in equal proportion."

3. Reference A.M. 062223 it is confirmed from Navy Dept. that in addition to LE GLORIEUX sailing on 12th August MARSOUIN sails about 25th August and ARGO 5th September all for Bermuda where they will be employed for A/S training until they can be received for refit in U.S.A. Navy Dept. can only refit two French submarines at a time and the two at present in hand will not be completed until about the end of the year.

4. Understand from Navy Dept. that contrary to French Admiralty statement in C. in C.Med. 081214 arrangement to refit there, three operational submarines was at the instigation of the French and was agreed by Navy Dept. prior to C.P.S. 57/1 being approved.

5. Observing that all arrangements for sailing these three submarines to Bermuda are now in hand, Navy Department are strongly opposed to upsetting the French by making any last minute alteration.

6. It still remains to be decided whether the next French submarines to be refitted should be two of these three or two destined for clockwork mice.

7. Navy Department suggest the transfer to Freetown of one of the small French submarines now operating in the Mediterranean. (B.A.D. 112303 to Admty.)

U/B attacked. Submarine sighted position 37.51 N. 51.17 W. 2335Z now engaging same request assistance. (MENEMSHA 112335 to Cominch.)

MONTCALM. Your 091541. We understand the French point of view but it is of operational importance that MONTCALM should be available at Dakar as soon as possible. Blockade runners are known to be preparing to break out from the Bay and inward bound ships are also expected. 2. The success of GEORGES LEYGUES in intercepting the blockade runner PORTLAND in April is sufficient evidence of the importance from our point of view. (1st Lord 112340B to B.A.D. (R) C. in C.Med. F.O.C.W.Af. S.B.N.O.W.At.)

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

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

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

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

Plymouth
bombed.

1. Plymouth was attacked by Enemy A/C between 120049 and 120158 today. Damage and casualties were caused, but only in civil areas.

Operation
S.N. 74

2. The minelaying operation S.N. 74 has been postponed for 24 hours as CASTLETON has fouled a propeller which cannot be cleared. C. in C. H.F. has ordered SABRE to take CASTLETON's place in R.A.M's screen and she will R/V with him at 140800B in 60° 30' N., 012° 00' W. accordingly.

North Atlantic.

3. Convoy S.L. 134 escorted by SCYLLA and ROCHESTER, was attacked by 2 F.W. aircraft at 1945B and 2130. One salvo was wide, the other within the convoy, but no damage was caused. At 2000B the convoy position was 40.01 N., 15.59 W.

Mediterranean.

Sicily,
bombardment.

4. UGANDA, cruiser, ROBERTS, monitor, and SOEMBA, Dutch gunboat, with destroyers, engaged targets on the right flank of the 8th Army today.

U.S.
bombardment.

5. U.S. cruiser BOISE and 2 destroyers bombarded coastal targets from Piraimo East to Marina di Patti (East of Cape Orlando, Sicily) today. There were 5 casualties in BOISE.

M/V
attacked.

6. M.T.Bs. fired torpedoes at 3 merchant vessels entering Messina last night. An explosion occurred 5 minutes later but no definite hits are claimed.

Sweeps

7. The American destroyers WAINWRIGHT, ROWAN and TRIPP made a sweep off the Italian coast from Punta Iscolelli (Gulf of Policastro) to Punta Licosa (south of Naples) without incident. American M.T.Bs. operated off the North Coast of Sicily last night without meeting any opposition.

/R.A...

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Mediterranean - Contd.

R.A.
Troubridge.

8. The flag of Rear-Adm. Troubridge was hauled down in BULOLO p.m. today, and is to be hoisted in such vessel as C. in C. Eastern Fleet may direct.

Air
Operations.

9. 89 Wellingtons bombed the beaches, roads and landing craft between Messina and Cape Peloro, starting fires and a large explosion near Gata. 11 Halifaxes and 4 Liberators of 9th Bomber Command attacked the San Giovanni area last night. Air reconnaissance reports a further increase of shipping in the Straits of Messina. Malta Beaufighters with bombs attacked Corfu seaplane hangar, and made cannon attacks on seaplanes, 1 being left sinking, 1 damaged, and 1 on fire. At Preveza a trawler was set on fire and a 2/3,000 ton ship probably hit. 9 Halifax and 4 Liberator bombers attacked the railway sidings at San Giovanni train ferry terminus last night. 1 Wellington last night attacked Preveza, W. Coast of Greece, scoring 2 bomb hits on the quay. An enemy caique 80 tons was blown up and another smaller one left listing after an attack by Beaufighters on shipping in Paros Bay, W. Coast of Paros Island, Aegean.

Augusta
Raid.

10. Augusta was raided by 25 to 30 enemy aircraft last night, but no bombs fell in the port area. 4 aircraft were shot down.

East Indies.

Air Threat
to Ceylon.

11. C. in C. Eastern Fleet is not in agreement with the suggestion in Chiefs of Staff appreciation of 26th July that attacks by carrier-borne aircraft on Ceylon ports and especially Trincomalee can be regarded as "a remote possibility". Until we are quite satisfied (which is far from the case at present) that the enemy is unable to launch such an attack, any reduction in gun or other static defences which cannot be restored at short notice is not, in his opinion, acceptable.

/Expeditionary...

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Expeditionary
Force.

12. Rear-Adm. G.J.A. Miles has been appointed Naval Force Commander, Eastern Expeditionary Force, to date 13th July. His flag is to be hoisted on shore as from this date (the date of his arrival in India) and transferred subsequently to some suitable ship when this is available.

SAMUEL
HEINTZELMAN

13. SS. SAMUEL HEINTZELMAN American, which left Fremantle on 1st July and has been overdue at Colombo since 14th July, is now presumed lost by enemy action.

River Steamer
Sunk.

14. A U.S. Mitchell aircraft today sunk a 200 ft. river steamer near Monywa, Burma.

America & West Indies.

15. The U.S. Coastguard vessel MENEMSHA attacked a U-boat on the surface in about 140 miles N.E. of Bermuda, early today.

Australia & New Zealand.

U/B sunk.

16. A Japanese I class submarine is reported to have been sunk by U.S. submarine SCAMP near New Hanover (Bismark Archipelago) on 27th July.

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Fuel in Fuel-oil and facilities for fuelling H.M. Ships
Isle of Man. engaged on training duties are now available at
Douglas Isle of Man.
(N.O.I.C. Isle of Man 120913B to Admty.)

Inferior Coal Russians have now disclosed a coal dump of about
in N. Russia. 1,000 tons at Solombola which I have had inspected
ATLANTIC, by base engineer officer. (?Although) chiefly
EMPIRE SCOTT. dust the quality is considerably better than that
previously supplied and as often it still falls
far short of British coal it is probably as good
as anything obtainable in Russia. Estimated
that ships should maintain 8 knots but would (?not permit) heavy
work and is dependent on efforts of firemen. Propose as a test
to bunker ATLANTIC and EMPIRE SCOTT and sail them for Kola
when complete. The sailing of other ships would depend upon the
performance of these two. Considering it in no way prejudices
the supply of 1,500 tons of better quality coal requested in my
061048B. Request approval.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel 120947B to Ad. Fisher.)
My 120947. I have arranged for 3 Russian firemen to proceed
in each ship to assist and give advice on firing.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel 121123B to Ad. Fisher.)
S.B.N.O. Archangel 120947 and 121123. Concur, though you may
consider desirable to do preliminary steam-trials in Dvina
approaches. 2. Russian Naval Staff have promised increased escort.
Presume you will see this is done.
3. As Russian Naval Staff had already asked me to reconsider
matter and I had again refused, please keep me fully informed of
developments.
4. Request S.B.N.O. Archangel confirms that Masters and Engineers
are making every endeavour to co-operate, as this has been queried
by Russians.
(Ad. Fisher 121706C to S.B.N.O. North Russia.)
(?Your) 121706, para. 4. There is no truth whatever in
suggestion that Masters and engineers are not co-operating to
their utmost. On the contrary the Russians have been most
irritating over essential repairs to ships some of which were
necessitated by damage done during present operations and under
the circumstances we have shown great patience.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel 121003B to Ad. Fisher.)

S/M The following change of S/M dispositions is to take
Dispositions. place (A) L.23, L.26, and L.27 are allocated to
A/S training in Canadian Waters. L.27 is to be
sailed for St. Johns as soon as practicable after
relief by UMBRA.
(B) UNA and UMBRA are to join 7th S/M Flot. for A/S training duties
being primarily employed on training with H.Q.C.C. in Cardigan Bay.
(C) VARANGIAN and UNTIRING are to join 9th S/M Flot. on completion
work-up patrol.
(F.O.S. 121047B to Capt. S.Home.) See also Capt. S.7, 121809B.

Weather C. in C. Northern Fleet has written to me as
Reports for follows:-
N. Russia. The transmission of meteorological observations
from Greenland, Spitzbergen, Iceland and Jan Mayen
in the weather reports from England is carried out
irregularly and with delay. We must have these

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Weather Reports for N.Russia. (Contd.) weather reports of these areas for all periods and in good time.
2. Information is requested whether this can be supplied by next opportunity.
(S.B.N.O.N.Russia 121404B to Admty.)

T.F.22, T.G. 112 - 1. A.M. 071946. Task Force 22, E.T.A. Scapa 1400Z on 19th August. This force will be known as Task Group 112 - 1 as from 0001Z/17.
(D.O.D.H. 121410B and 131544B.)

Movements.

SHROPSHIRE. Proceed to Greenock passing Hoxa Gate at 1315B/13.
2. Route via Minches and War Channels.
3. On arrival act as ordered by F.O.I.C. Greenock.
(C. in C.H.F. 121047 to SHROPSHIRE.)

MIDDLETON. Hvalfjord arrival MIDDLETON.
(A.C.I.C. 121104B to N.O.I.C. Faroes.)

S/M Movements. Intend to sail P.511 to comply with your 101414B.
(Cdre. D.W.A. 121218B to Capt. S.7.)
My 101414. Add 24 hours to all times.
(Capt. S.7 121412B.)
Positions of S/Ms at 0800B/13 and movements for following 24 hours.
(F.O.S. 121533, 121658.)

My 121218. In view of S.7's 121412 sailing of P.511 adjusted accordingly.
(Cdre. D.W.A. 121626B to Capt. S.7.)
Your 121047 para. A. Anticipate L.27 will be ready to sail from U.K. 4th Sept.
(Capt. S.7 121809B to F.O.S.)

ILLUSTRIOUS. Remaining in harbour until further orders.
(ILLUSTRIOUS 121351B to OPPORTUNE.)
My 111616B. Amend time passing Clyde boom to 0600B/13. OPPORTUNE, ODBURATE, and OBEDIENT join from Londonderry.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock 121558B to C. in C.W.A.)

KENT. C.T.F. 24 101337 1½ hours early. Request gate 1950Z.
(KENT 122017B to A.C.I.C.)

Operations.

Operation S.F. When next ordered by C. in C.Rosyth to return to Harbour, destinations are: destroyers and S.O. 15th M/S flotilla in FRASERBURGH Skaalefjord, 15th M/3 F. less FRASERBURGH Seidisfjord.

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Operation 2. Conference at Skaalefjord between S.O. 15th
S.F. M/S F. MUSKETEER, and SHIKARI.
(Contd.) (C. in C.H.F. 120128B to MUSKETEER, M/S 15.)
My 031615 para. 2. From 1201 to 2358 today A. 18
B. 7.
(C. in C.Rosyth 121130B to H.F.)

Situation 2000 tonight. MUSKETEER, MAHRATTA, METEOR, ORIBI
searching vicinity 062° 15' N. 012° 40' W.
FRASERBURGH, WORTHING, LLANDUDNO, BOOTLE, DUNBAR searching
vicinity 062° 53' N. 014° 10' W.

(A.C.O.S. 121206B to ships.)

Have spoken to trawler KINTELLA in 062° 40' N. 013° 49' W.
who reported sighting conning-tower of S/M in 061° 50' N. 012°
17' W. at 0730B.

(M/S 15 121215B to C. in C.Rosyth.)

Trawler reported to (S.L.?) 15 having sighted conning tower
in 061° 50' N. 012° 17' W. at 0730 today.

(C. in C.Rosyth 121431B to MUSKETEER.)

Sailed SHIKARI, SABRE for Skaalefjord. E.T.A. 0830B/13th.

(R.A.D.H.F. 121442B to N.O.I.C. Faroes.)

Your 121431. Group B carrying out search to southwestward
of 061° 50' 012° 17'.

(MUSKETEER 121542B to C. in C.Rosyth.)

Patrols are to be moved 230° 120 miles by 0600 tomorrow.

(C. in C.Rosyth 121622B to MUSKETEER, M.S.F.15.)

Coastal Your 111514B. "Plumb" and "Talbot" arrived at
Force 0844/12 and 0623/12 respectively.
Patrols. (N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 120854B to C. in C.Plymouth.)

1. Force E. M.G.Bs. 111, 115 are to patrol in
vicinity 180° Eddystone 8 miles.
2. Codeword "Talbot".

3. Force F. M.G.Bs. 332, 331 are to patrol in vicinity 105°
Start 21 miles. 4. Codeword "Stencil."

5. Forces E. and F. are to leave Dartmouth to be on patrol
2230B, leave patrol 0530B.

(C. in C.Plymouth 121313.)

Your 121313B. "Stencil" sailed 2108, less M.G.B. 331 plus
M.G.B. 323.

(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 122114B to C. in C.Plymouth.)

V.P - R. Carry out V.P - R. 1. Patrol R. 2. M.T.B. 618
and 623. 3. 12th August or first suitable day
thereafter. 4. One. 5. No. 6. No. 7. 055°
Out Skerries.
(A.C.O.S. 120959B to Admty.)

V.P - T. Carry out V.P - T. 1. Patrol T. 2. M.T.B. 618 and
623. 3. 12th August or first suitable day there-
after. 4. One. 5. No. 6. No. 7. 053° Out
Skerries 110 miles.
(A.C.O.S. 121011B to Admty.)

/S/M...

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- S/M Patrols. P.214 leave patrol to pass through position W. 047° 01' 005° 59' at 2000B/15th thence via route "Gold" to position Z. 180° Bishop Rock 8 miles at 0700A/17th.
2. P.216 leave patrol to pass through position X. 046° 01' 006° 30' at 0001B/15th, thence via route "Rose" to R/V in position Z. at 0700Z/17.
3. Capt. S.3 will arrange escort from position Z to Dundee.
(F.O.S. 121058B to S/Ms.)
From position O. proceed coastwise diving by day inside 100 fathom line and rejoin route "Gold" in longitude 007° W. Adjust speed to R/V with an escort arranged by Capt. S.5 in position X. 180° Lizard Head 10 miles at 1400A/20th.
(F.O.S. 121103B to UNBROKEN.)
Positions of submarines at 0800B/13th and movements for following 24 hours.
- A. UPSTART, TRUANT, ULA and THRASHER as in my 101721.
B. MINERVE approx. 62° 01' N. 00° 50' W. probably on surface to arrive Lerwick p.m. 13th.
E. SATYR, SEADOG, SYRTIS, SEANYMPH on patrol between latitudes 44° N. and 48° N. E. of 6° W. as in my 061727 and 081544.
(F.O.S. 121533 to Admty.)

- Operation "Musketry." Six Ju.88 in 45° 37' N. 16° 39' W. at 1438.
(A/C 224 Sqdn. Duty O 121455 to 19 Group.)
45° 10' N. (longitude indecypherable.)
(A/C 224 Sqdn. Duty O 121500.)
Have lost contact with convoy - Junkers.
(A/C 224 Sqdn. Duty O 121505 to 19 Group.)
- Am attacked by A/C, type Junkers, position 45° 50' N. 08° 50' W.
(A/C 53 Sqdn. Duty H 121526 to 19 Group.)
Continue in G.A. patrol.
(A/C 224 Sqdn. Duty O 121540B to 19 Group.)
Am over 1 enemy S/M in 45° 30' N. 09° 10' W.
(A/C Duty H 121612 to 19 Group.)
Disposition at 2000.
1. BERMUDA 049° N. 010° 50' W. south-westbound, 18 knots.
 2. 2nd Escort Group, WOODCOCK, STARLING, KITE, WREN, WOODPECKER, WILD GOOSE on patrol in vicinity 045° 40' N. 011° W.
 3. ATHABASKAN, GRENVILLE on patrol in vicinity 046° 30' N. 011° W.
 4. SEANYMPH patrolling vicinity 044° N. 004° 30' W.
 5. SATYR patrol vicinity 047° N. 005° W.
 6. SYRTIS patrol vicinity 045° 30' N. 005° 30' W.
 7. SEADOG patrol vicinity 045° 50' N. 004° 30' W.
(C. in C.Plymouth 121622 to Ships.)
Suspicious object previously reported appears to be of no importance.
(A/C 53 Sqdn. Duty H 121715B to 19 Group.)
Closing position of dinghy. My P. C. and S. 045° 32' N. 010° 58' W. 083° 24 knots.
(ATHABASKAN 121857B to C. in C.Plymouth (R) E.G.2.)
My P.C. and S. 130700B, 245° C.30. 270° 11. 46° 09°.
(E.G. 2 121901B to C. in C.Plymouth, (R) ATHABASKAN.)

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HOME COMMANDS.

Exercises.

Depth charge trials. Request you will detail BURWELL for depth charge trials to be carried out in Irish Sea from Liverpool.
BURWELL. 2. Earliest possible expected time of arrival Liverpool should be signalled.
(C. in C.W.A. 121414B to Cdre. D.W.A.)

Allied Air Activity.

"Stipple" signals. Propose to issue signal in following sense concerning "Stipple". Begins.
2. Admiralty Message 010125B June is cancelled and following amendment to A.M. 071612 May is to be substituted as a result of experience of "Stipple". Details.
4. It is to be recalled that the purpose of "Stipple" procedure is to enable C. in C.W.A. to assess the Naval requirements for air escort, having heard the views of Admiralty and H.Q.C.C. and for the A.C.C. in C.Coastal Command to transmit those requirements to his Groups and associated Air Commands in their order of priority. It is not intended that "Stipple" should provide a means of placing all convoys that might possibly be threatened in their order of priority unless air cover is actually required.
5. Would it be helpful if a paragraph in the sense of para. 4 above were inserted in the proposed signal.
(A.C.N.S.H. 122153 to A.O.C. in C.C.C. C. in C.W.A.)

Enemy Air Activity.

Plymouth bombed. Plymouth raided between 120049 and 120158. No known damage to Naval property. Damage and casualties in civil areas.
(C. in C.Plymouth 121046B to Admty.)

Jan Mayen. Following from Jan Mayen. Aircraft heard crossing Island West to East at 0405Z, weather foggy.
(A.C.I.C. 121852B to Admty.)

Mining.

S.N. 74. My 040920B. CASTLETON has fouled propeller. Operation is postponed 24 hours.
(R.A.M. 120302B.)
My 040920B and 120302B. After 48 hours diving progress made very small. Docking probably necessary. Understand no other destroyer available to complete screen. If propeller cannot be clear by 0700B tomorrow propose to proceed with 3 remaining destroyers. If approved C. in C.H.F. is requested to sail.
A. IMPULSIVE to meet me and remain in company until about 1200B/17 and B. MIDDLETON to R/V as previously arranged and remain to limit of endurance.
Both would be sent to Hvalfjord on release. Screen will thus be complete except for early and final stage of passage and for the 24 hours immediately following laying. Consider 3 destroyers would be acceptable for these periods.
(R.A.M. 121120B to Admty.)

/Your...

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Mining.

- S.N. 74. Your 121120. Concur.
(Contd.) (D.O.D.H. 121610B to R.A.M.)
My 121120B and Admiralty's 121610B. Propeller cannot be cleared in time. Intend to sail at 0700B tomorrow to carry out S.N. 74, 24 hours late on programme given in my 040920B.
(R.A.M. 121702B to Admt.)
R.A.M. 121120. SABRE will be sailed from Faroes to R/V R.A.M. in 060° 25' N. 011° 42' W. at 0800B/14th.
2. IMPULSIVE, MIDDLETON are to R/V as previously arranged 24 hours late. My 071154 refers.
3. R.A.M. is requested to pass necessary information to SABRE after joining and detach her to Faroes in similar position on return.
(C. in C.H.F. 121804B to R.A.M.)
Sail SABRE in accordance with my 121804 after fuelling Skaale Fjord.
2. Approach course of M/L Squadron to R/V is 302° S.O.A. 12 knots.
(C. in C.H.F. 121810B to SHIKARI.)
My position 0800B/14th will be 060° 30' N. 012° 00' W. and not as in C. in C.H.F.'s 121804B. Course and speed made good 302° 12 knots.
(R.A.M. 122238B to SABRE.)
- Q.Z.X. 1056. Para. 1. Southern limit of Q.Z.X. 1056 Swept in K formation bounded by A. 50° 0' 50" N. 3° 37' 24" W. B. 50° 5' 46" N. 3° 12' 30" W.
No mines encountered today.
(GWEAL 122113B to C. in C.Plymouth.)

Casualties & Defects.

- ?NORD ATLANTIC. N.A. Madrid's 11351 (sic) and the reply A.M. 112350B have been passed to you.
Request you will take action to check any unnecessary flying but at the same time maintain a watch to ensure that any change in the condition of the ship is noted.
(D.O.D.H. 120020B to H.Q.C.C. (R) C. in C.Plymouth.)
Your 120020B. Orders have already been issued by 19 group for R/C to be carried out once every 4 days only. Next R/C to be carried out on 15th August.
(C. in C.Plymouth 121252B to Admt.)
- CASTLETON. My 100902B. CASTLETON has foul propeller.
(Cdr. M. 120902B to Admt.)
- Cable repair. Your 120951Z. LORD KELVIN requires about 3 fine days to complete. Weather consistently poor for work. My endurance about 9 days.
(VIZALMA 121125Z to C. in C.W.A.)

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Spitzbergen. Barracks Cap Heer totally destroyed by (?fire) last night. Personnel, stores, ammunition, provisions, and materials were saved. New barracks is building. ("Locomotive" 121553Z to Admty.)
Cap Heer barracks burnt.

Shipping & Convoys.

PRAGUE. My 091555B. Sailed.
(N.O.I.C. Lerwick 120045B to A.C.O.S.)

AMSTERDAM. My 100950. Sailed.
(N.C.S.O. Kirkwall 120515B to A.C.O.S.)

SCILLONIAN. R.M.S. SCILLONIAN carrying troops sails Scillies 0800/13th for Penzance escorted by two R.M.Ls. E.T.A. 1130/13th. R.N.O. Scillies is requested to detail 2 R.M.Ls. R.N.O. Penzance is requested to return them to Scillies on completion of duty.
(F.O.I.C. Falmouth 120931B to C. in C.Plymouth.)

S.L. 134. My 111624B para. 3. SCYLLA leaves S.L. 134 on O.S. 53. reaching 044° N. and join O.S. 53.
(C. in C.Plymouth 121128B to BERMUDA.)

K.M.F. 22. Admty. 112201B. Commodores noon G.M.T. R/V 17th, 055° 09' N. 009° 18' W. 18th, 050° 58' N. 013° 34' W.
(N.C.S.O. Clyde 121236B to N.C.S.O. Mersey.)

T.A. 57 SS. AQUITANIA will be ready to leave Clyde p.m. 16th August. 2. F.O.I.C. Greenock is requested to sail ship to New York by route which will be signalled by Admiralty.
(D.O.D.H. 121531B.)

T.A. 57A. Convoy T.A. 57A comprising U.S. MARIPOSA is due Tail of the Bank 17/8.
3. Approximately 4,600 personnel including 1,600 German P.O.W. will embark at Liverpool on 21/8 in addition to 900 personnel remaining on board.
4. Vessel is required to be ready to sail p.m. 21/8.
(D.S.T. 122352B.)

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P.730. Request total bombing restrictions for French S/M P.730 passing through the following positions at times stated (list) to arrive Bermuda at 230900, S.O.A. 11 knots.

Total bombing restrictions are required 40 miles either side of route from 60 miles ahead to 60 miles astern of estimated position. N.O.B. Bermuda, S.B.N.O.W. At. Area, Bermuda are requested to ensure all Authorities operating aircraft in vicinity of Bermuda are informed.

Attention is drawn to C.B. 03092. All times G.M.T.
(F.O. Gibraltar 120921Z, 121227Z to T.G. 21.13, H.Q.C.C. R.A.F. Gibraltar, (R) Admty. etc.)

Dispositions. Situation 2003B/12th.
U.S. Naval Force T.G. 21.13 patrol vicinity Azores.
2. G.U.S. 11, C.T.F. 63, 032° 53' 020° 52' through 032° 01' 023° 57' thence 270° 8.
(F.O. Gibraltar 121009B.)

Situation 2001B/12. P.42 (UNBROKEN) 040° 41' 010° from 000° 7/2.
2. French S/M GLORIEUX escorted by LE TEMPETE 034° 01' 009° 20' 270° 11 on surface.

3. LE TERRIBLE 034° 19' 008° 25' through 035° 45' 006° 30' thence through Straits 28.

4. U.S. convoy U.S.S. BUTLER, Task Group 89.6 034° 01' 009° 17' 270° 13½.

5. U.G.S. 13 Casablanca Section C.T.F. 64, C.T.G. 21.1, 034° 37' 007° 45' to Casablanca 10.

6. LOCH OSKAIG, MARIE LOUISE MACKAY repairing cable vicinity 037° 21' 009° 17'.

7. IMPERIALIST, SCOTTISH, 2 merchant ships 036° 58' 007° 26' to R/V one merchant ship off (?Huelva) thence R/V.

(F.O. Gibraltar 121057B.)

Situation 2002B/12th.

Fleet Unit, 3 destroyers 029° 59' 012° 19' through 027° 40' 014° 01' thence 230° 15.

4. S.L. 134, SCYLLA, ROCHESTER, (E) 039° 38' 015° 40' through 040° 01' 016° 01' thence 001° 6¼.

5. U.S. convoy U.S.S. BUTLER, T.G. 89.6 034° 01' 009° 17' 270° 13½.

6. LA GRANDIERE, QUERCY 016° 19' 023° 20' coastwise to 027° 17' 014° 23' thence 043° 12½. (see amendment.)

(F.O. Gibraltar 121107B.)

Para. 6 my 121107. Amend to read QUERCY, LA GRANDIERE 032° 20' mins. 016° 19' coastwise to 027° 17' 014° 23' thence 042° 12½.

(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 121511B.)

G.U.S. 11. My 091320B sailing telegram part 2 additions.
(C.M.S.F. 121037B to P.D. Norfolk.)

O.S. 53 Request information total number of ships in each
K.M.S. 23 convoy plus names of ships for Casablanca if any.
(Comorseafron 121059B to C. in C.W.A. (R) Admty.)

NORD ATLANTIC. Your 110800 and my 111947. If intended voyage was merely to Ferrol at request of Spanish authorities, why did vessel take on board cement and timber some weeks before departure?

/Loss...

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NORD ATLANTIC Loss of tanker appears to have been caused by
(German risking navigation due to "Nerves" and Bridge
Tanker.) to have been set on fire by crew after vessel ran
(Contd.) ashore. Was this last intended to destroy
evidences of some war equipment on Bridge?
Vessel reported to have struck rocks at Las
Quebrantas at low water but got off by jettisoning
oil at high water and then beached near Mugia a little to South of
Camarinas. There is said to be much oil on sea at Mugia.
(R.O.Vigo 121117 to B.N.A.Madrid, (R) Admty. for D.N.I. S.O.(I)
Gibraltar.)

My 12009 (to Admiralty only) and my 110800.
F.O.I.C.Ministry of Marine states C. in C.Ferrol has been
ordered to attempt salvage immediately as vessel will break up
in bad weather from N.W. Weather at present fine but chances
poor.
Naval Tanker PLUTON will be sent from Marine to remove cargo but
cannot get near and transfer must be effected by 100 tons harbour
tanker. Cargo was 8 thousand tons but after part submerged and
probably considerable quantity lost. (group missing). Fuel Oil.
If vessel salvaged she will be taken to Ferrol. Repairs will take
months. If German refuse to sell her no repetition no repair
facilities will be available.
(N.A.Madrid 122057B to Admty.)

LE GLORIEUX. French S/M LE GLORIEUX sailed 1025A/12 August.
(C.M.S.F. 121154B to F.O.Gibraltar.)

Repatriations. East African Italian repatriation liners DUILIO
and GIULIO CESARE arrived 0800 hours, expect to
sail noon 15th.
(Consul Las Palmas 121201 to Admty.)

P.O.W. Convoy. 1. Sailing telegram Prisoners of War Transport
convoy, part 1.
2. From Casablanca R/V in 034° 02' 003° 04' at 121-
330Z.
3. Position (C.A.) at 131130Z, S.O.A. 13½.
4. First "Chop" 010° W. 122030Z second "Chop" 024° W. 150030
radio shift 020° W. 14 0930Z. 5. Route.
Task Group 89.6 (?detach) NELSON, MURPHY, (?ARNNON), HERNDON,
COWIE, GHERARDI, EARLE (corrupt group) SALAMONIE, MERAK,
CHEMUNG, C.T.G. 89.6 in NELSON.
13A. Cdr. Kelley U.S.N. in U.S.S. ORIZABA. B. Cdr. Cloud U.S.N.
in U.S.S. CHATEAU THIERRY.
(Commorseafron 121201B to Com. 10th Fleet, N.O.B.Bermuda, C.T.G.
89.6, etc.)

1. Sailing telegram part 2. 10, 11, 12. U.S. ORIZABA, U.S.
CHATEAU THIERRY, U.S. MEXICO, U.S. SHAWNEE, U.S. BORINQUEN, U.S.
EVANGELINE, U.S. BUENA VESTA (T) ballast, also NEWFOUNDLAND, U.S.S.
MERAK, U.S.S. CHEMUNG (T), U.S.S. SALAMONIE (T).
(Commorseafron 122200B to Com. 10th Fleet.)

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B.Y.M.S. 23, Request immediate information as to other
call at Las arrangements made.
Palmas. 2. Your 120842 refers (re arrangements made to
embark R.A.F. Officers and Sergeants.)
(F.O.Gibraltar 121503B to F.O.C.W.A. (R) Admty.
etc.) See also South Atlantic.

FORTOL FORTOL requires six days to complete fitting of
Relief. buoyant hose method, and has also one boiler which
has not been cleaned for six months.
2. Propose taking in hand forthwith and boiler
cleaning concurrently. This will ensure FORTOL
being completed before commencement of bad season.
3. FORTOL will be sailed to join S.L. 135.
(F.O.C.Gibraltar 121529B to Admty.) Reply 151833A.

Convoy C.G. 35 arrived.
C.G. 35. (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 121732B to C.M.S.F.F.)

S.L. 134, Following has been read. 1 shad "Child" 40.12 N.
enemy A/C 15.58 W. 000° 7.
attack. (SCYLLA 122000B to Gibraltar.)
1 shad 240 O "Child" 320, 75, 7.
(A/C 467 Sqdn. Duty G. 122030B to Gib. W/T (A/C).)
"Child" attacked by 2 F.W. at 1945B and 2130. One
salvo wide the other within convoy no damage. Shadowing has
ceased. Position at 2000B 040° 01' N. 015° 59' W. speed 7½.
2. Weather report.
(SCYLLA 122247B to Admty. F.O.I.C. Gib. (R) C. in C.W.A. C.
in C.Plymouth.)

GLAISDALE. GLAISDALE does not expect to sail until 1100
tomorrow 13th.
(ST. NECTAN 122100B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.)

38 Group. C. in C.W.A. 111047 (re 38 Group sailing August 12th
to Casablanca.) Onward route from C. D 039° 00' N.
013° 30' W. E. 036° 00' N. 011° 00' W. and Q.B.A.
102 to Casablanca.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 122335B to E.G.38.)

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ELIZABETH-
VILLE. Following is a repetition of my 111730Z (Begins)
ELIZABETHVILLE sailed 1500/11 (Ends.)
(S.S.T.O. Takoradi, 120813Z to S.T.O. W.A.(R)
D. of S.T.)

B.Y.M.S.23, Request you cancel your 112356 (B.Y.M.S. 23 to sail
Call at for Las Palmas to embark R.A.F. Officers and
Las Palmas. Sergeants) as I have made other arrangements.
(R.A.W.A. 120842Z to Comar Dakar, (R) B.Y.M.S.
23, Admty.)
See also North Atlantic.

Cancel my 112356. Proceed to Casablanca as previously ordered.
(Comar Dakar, 121056Z to B.Y.M.S. 23, (R) R.A.W.Af., F.O.I.C.
Gibraltar, Admty.)

C.D.31. (1) Escorted Group C.D.31. (2) Sailing date
0600Z/12 August. (3) E.T.A's Port Elizabeth
1400Z/14th East London 0600Z/15th Durban a.m.
17th. (4) S. of A. 7½ knots. (5) Ocean
route, Coastal, reference Saldanha Bay AE 1 to 8.
(6) Escort LADY ELSA WELLARD, BLAAUWBERG. (10) (12) Ships
and destinations. (15) Convoy call sign (?D) J.D.1 to 9,
convoy codeword "Pasture".
(N.C.S.O. Capetown, 120852Z to Admty. etc.)

MANGKALIHAT. Your 061237 refers. Para. 4 is incorrect.
S.S.S. was received here 1800Z. C.S.A. Lourenco
Marques reported interception at 1957B. C.S.A.
Lourenco Marques's 021057 refers.
(S.O.(I) Cape Town, 120950B to Com. i/c Durban)
Reply: 130903Z.

PETUNIA,
SNOWDROP,
TURCOMAN. (1) Sailed 0800Z/12 PETUNIA, SNOWDROP, TURCOMAN
escorting Tanker ELAX, CORBRAE, M.M.S. 99 to Dakar.
(2) A. 09 degs. 01' N. 14 degs. 00' W.
B. 10 degs. 57' N. 17 degs. 27' W. C. 14 degs.
00' 17 degs. 38'. thence to position (A) Q.L.A.
193 estimated speed made good, 5 knots, E.T.A.
1900Z/16.
(F.O.C.W.A. 121012Z to Comar Dakar (R) N.O.I.C.
Bathurst, Admty.)

Destroyer Your 110614 not to D.11 or Com. i/c Durban and
Escorts. A.M.071953. Propose NORMAN, RELENTLESS, QUIBERON
Escort W.S. 32 from Durban thence as ordered by
you. RAPID, NAPIER, NEPAL, ROEBUCK escort
RAMILLIES. QUICKMATCH completed 28th August and
requires at least one week for working up.
(C. in C. S.A. 121023 to C. in C. E.F. (R) Admty. Cdre. (D)
Com. i/c Durban, D.11)

Dispositions /...

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Dispositions. Situation at 2000Z/12th August.
LEWES* with P.614 031 degs. 20' 012 degs. 30'
to 030 degs. 00' 010 degs. 00' 8½ knots.
(C. in C. S.A. 121130B)

* My 121130. Cancel reference to LEWES.
(C. in C. S.A. 121409B)

Situation 121959 C.T.G. 21.4 with T.O.7 024 degs. 06' 038
degs. 03' 243 degs. 13 TEVIOT, HELFORD, PLYM with R.S.9
024 degs. 35' 016 degs. 49' to 023 degs. 25' 018 degs. 00' thence
180 degs. 15½. PETUNIA, SNOWDROP, CORBRAE, TURCOMAN, M.M.S. 99,
009 degs. 02' 014 degs. 02' 299 degs. 5 LA GRANDIERE escorting
023 degs. 44' 016 degs. 20' to 026 degs. 00' 014 degs. 39'
thence 035 degs. 12½ CLARKIA, SOUTHERN GEM, DUNKERY, PICT
escorting 011 degs. 47' 017 degs. 38' to 011 degs. 01' 017 degs
38' thence 122 degs. 5. YESTOR, FANDANGO screening LADY
DENISON PENDER about 013 degs. 13' 017 degs. 04' B.Y.M.S.23,
M.M.S.100, 101, 104, 108, 019 degs. 24' 017 degs. 30' to
021 degs. 00' 016 degs. 20' thence 019 degs. 8.
(F.O.C.W.A. 121411Z)

Movements, Departures 11th, 20 Spanish sailing vessel
Las Palmas. CILLERO, Barcelona 21st. Arrival 12th, 8,
Italian repatriation liners DUILIO and GIULIO
CESARE.
(Las Palmas, 121213 to Admty.)

D.C.39. Sailing telegram. (2) 0800Z/12th August.
(3) 7½ knots. (5) Coastal reference 61 to
68 Saldanha Bay A.E. (6) FRITILLARY, NORTHERN
CHIEF, ST. LOMAN, SONNEBLUM. (13) (A) Master -
PORT MELBOURNE, (B) Master - CITY OF RANGOON. (14) Convoy
wireless call sign C.Z.D. 1 to 9 code word "Playmate" (?for)
Q.G.A.156.
(N.C.S.O. Durban, 121224B to Admty. etc.)

U/B Possibly one still patrolling Brazilian coast
estimates. between Recife and Rio de Janeiro but no recent
evidence. Possibly three between French Guiana
and Trinidad.
(D.D.I.C. 121435B to F.O.C.W.A.)

DESPATCH. Simonstown arrival 12th August.
(C. in C. S.A. 121633B to Admty. etc.)

Movements. Congo River 12th August. Arrival KALE, TAY,
DERG, WOLVERINE, BEAGLE, BULLDOG, DOUGLAS.
Departure NORMAN, RELENTLESS, QUIBERON, RAPID,
KALE, TAY, DERG to join W.S.32.
(B.N.L.O. Pointe Noire, 121705Z to F.O.C.W.A.)

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- NEW NORTH-
LAND. Sailed August 12th. Requires 300 tons oil fuel and 200 tons water. Numbers. (S.T.O.I.C. Takoradi, 121802 to S.T.O.I.C. Lagos.)
- T.L.20. T.L.20 sailed 1800Z/12th August. Route B. S. of A. 9½ knots. Lagos 0600/14th. GODFREY B. (?HOLTO). NEW NORTHLAND. Convoy codeword "Jingo" convoy W/T identity letters
- X.Z. DSL. 1 to 8. Codes both ships 25.26 (Ind.8) Q.L.A.200. (N.C.S.O. Takoradi, 121812Z to Admty. etc.)
Sailed 1800Z/12th August T.L.20 escorted by M.M.S. ex ORFSAY, M.L's 266 and 1042 Route B. S. of A. 9½ knots. E.T.A. Lagos, 0600/12th. (N.O.I.C. Takoradi, 121817Z to Admty. etc.)
- H.D.M.L's My 291025 June. Following H.D.M.L's of 119 for Flotilla have been turned over to S.A.N.F. S.A.N.F. H.D.M.L's 1197, 1198, 1199, 1200, 1201 and 1203. (3) H.D.M.L.1202 will be taken over on acceptance trials scheduled for mid August and H.D.M.L. 1204 on completion (end of Sept.). (C. in C. S.A. 121812 to Admty.)
- CLARKIA. Your 121611B (N.T. in W.D.). E.T.A. 0300/13th DUNKERY should join escort by 2200/12th. We have closed on convoy R/T wave in order to comply your 121626. (CLARKIA, 121820Z to F.O.C.W.A.)
- S.L.135. My 101351. Para. 1 Amend time of sailing 1430Z/14. WOODRUFF and COMMANDANT DETROYAT will sail in convoy. Defects prevent their use as escorts. Para. 2 amend R/V 14. 16 north 17.46 west at 1800Z/17th. Para. 3, amend W/T shift to 1600Z/22nd. (F.O.C.W.A. 121907Z to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Commorseafron, Comar Dakar. (R) C. in C. W.A., C. in C. Med. Admty. CROCUS, FOWEY.)
- Movements, Arrivals August 12th, M.L.277. Departures Takoradi. 1815Z. MORRIS DANCE. E.T.A. Accra 0600Z/13th escorting and screening. (N.O.I.C. Takoradi, 121916Z to Admty. etc.)
- Movements, Departure 0817Z/12th August 1943. PETUNIA, Freetown. SNOWDROP, TURCOMAN, INKPEN escorting CORBRAE, Motor Minesweeper 1599 and BARKING. (S.O.(I) Freetown, 122313Z)

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LUGELA,
U/B
10/8.

Following received from N.C.S.O. St. Vincent.
(Begins). Portuguese ship LUGELA stopped by
German submarine at 101805Z in 14 degs. 57' N.
21 degs. 01' W. Chief and Third Officers and
ships papers taken on board. Submarine small,
similar Netherland 'O'. No number seen.

All officers and men very young and apparently inexperienced.
Third Officer given American cigarettes. Only gun seen
similar to Bren. Master ordered not to W/T. Third Officer
formed opinion that one of Submarine officers was French.
(F.O.C.W.A. 122319Z to Admty.)

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Enemy Units. Following read. P.C. and S. of 3 unknown enemy ships (unfit) 42.42 N., 710.02 E. 022° 6 knots. (A/C GLO/D 120024B).

Movements, Alexandria. August 11th. Arrivals TETCOTT, BELVOIR, EASTON, PINDOS, KINGSTON CYANITE, BEVER, SEKSERN, M.L.1032 M.L.348. Departures HYACINTH, TREERN. (R.A. Alexandria, 120600C to Admty).

10th S.F. Movements Summary at 2000/12. (1) UNRULY off Brindisi. (2) DZIK off Bari. (3) (UPROAR?) 036° 53' 017° 19' through 035° 45' 016° 39' to 035° 46' 016° 18' at 2000/13. (4) UNSHAKEN off Valona. (5) O.R.P. SOKOL 036° 25' 016° 42' to 038° 50' 018° 18' at 2000/13. (Capt. S.710 120712B).

UNSHAKEN Onward route from 038° 47' 018° 28' at 0800/15th through 035° 45' 016° 39' at 1200/16th thence R/V with minesweepers 5 miles east end of eastern channel at 0800/17. Do not proceed west of this position unless in company surface passage on 15th. 2. M.J.A.O. 24, request bombing restrictions to cover above passage. (Capt. (S) 10, 120727B to P.54 (UNSHAKEN) (R) C. in C. Med. etc)

Movements, Beirut. 11th August. Departures REINE DES FLOTS, M.Ls.354 and 360. (S.O.(I) Beirut, 120845C to Admty).

M.E. Air Report. A.683 Aug. 12 Daily Opsum 106. Aug. 10/11. 2 Wellingtons anti shipping R/C Aegean Sea no sightings. Aug. 11. 2 Beaufighters anti shipping sweep West Coast of Greece near Cephalonia Is. and no sightings (Amplified 131034Z, q.v.) (H.Q., R.A.F., M.E., 120904Z).

Enemy M/V P.C. and S. of one merchant vessel of 5,000 tons is 40.55 N., 12.23 E. 340° and 10 knots. (A/C BUZ/S, 120916B).

K.M.S.22 Bizerta joiners, Alexandria, 4 ships (list). (F.O. Tunisia, 120946B to Escorts of Convoy K.M.S.22, Admty. etc). K.M.S.22 Algiers section arrived as in C. in C. Med. 061635 plus RAVENSPOINT. (Cdre. Algeria, 121134B to Admty. etc). K.M.S.22 (list). All for Alexandria. 5 ships. Pass to Commodore. (V.A. Malta, 121714B to S.O. Escort K.M.S.22 (R) Admty. etc).

/Convoy...

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- Convoy "Pungent".
1. Intend sailing WAR KRISHNA, NASPRITE (?SALVEDA) L.S.Ts. 364, (?403), 400, 382 and L.C.T.561 escorted by WHITING (?at) (?16)00/12th August to R/V with four ships escorted by PIROUETTE from Syracuse at (?19)00/12th August.
 2. Ships will remain in company to position (B) 036° 41' N., 015° 18' 12" E, when convoy will divide as follow:-
(a) WAR DRISHNA (Corrupt Group) (?SALVEDA) L.C.T.561 from Syracuse escorted by PIROUETTE and GRAYLING, proceed to Malta through position (FC) 036° 25' N., 015° 11' E, thence position Z 040° St. Elmo Light 20 miles, Speed 7 knots. (?E.T.A.) 0700/18th August and all L.S.Ts. escorted by WHITING to proceed in company to 036° 41' N., 012° E. routed through position EB 036° 37' N., 015° 13' E. S.F.036° 34' N., 015° 00' E. thence to Pantellaria. E.T.A.1700/15th.
 3. L.S.Ts. to load 220 vehicles and 1,700 personnel.
 4. Codeword through to Pantellaria "Pungent" call sign 229.
 5. Continuous watch 39821 k/cs.
 6. V.A.M. is requested to sail GRAYLING to Augusta. On arrival GRAYLING is required for escort a.m./14th August. (N.O.I.C. Augusta, 120950B to F.O. Sy. (R) Admty. etc).

A/C crash. Aircraft crashed approx. 036° 13' N. (?00°) 07' E. HYTHE investigating.
(SHOREHAM, 121035B to N.O.I.C. Oran, (R) HYTHE, N.A.C.A.F.)
(?No trace) of crew, correct position 036° 09' 30" N., 000° 14' 30" E.
My 121035 refers.
(SHOREHAM, 121345B).

MAID MARIAN. Suez 12th August. Departure MAID MARIAN at 0600 E.T.A. Aden 0000C/17.
(F.O.R.S.C.A., 121042C to Admty).

FAVOURITE Regret FAVOURITE cannot be spared at present. Your 070815.
(C. in C. Med. Malta, 121103B to C. in C. E.F.)

Axis Ships, Istanbul. A. My 101820C. Ref. para. A. BACCHUS loaded 1,300 tons has taken clearance papers. ?Report B.3. will sail p.m. today August 12th in which case expected time entry Aegean forenoon August 13th.

B. Ref. para. B. Reported C.3. two tankers due arrive from Aegean to load balance FIRUZ cargo.
(S.O.(I) Istanbul, 121107C to C. in C. Levant, S.O.(I) Levant, (R) S.1., S.10, D.N.I.)

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BANFORA BANFORA sailed 0730B/12th for Bizerta in accordance with my 101625B (N.T. in W.R.) Cdre. Comdr. Redford R.N.R. and staff. (N.O.I.C. Algiers, 121132B to N.O.I.C. Bizerta, N.O.I.C. Bougie, (R) Admty. etc).

8th S/M (1) P.225 (SIMOOM) in Gulf of Genoa.
Flotilla (2) P.247 (SARACEN) east Corsica.
movement (3) ORPHEE (F.S.) 040° 03' 011° 24' 207° 2½/8 kts.
summary at (Capt. (S) 8, 121134B).
2001B/12th.

M.K.S. 21 Arrived JADE plus SERULA (Straggler).
(Cdre. Algeria 121136B to Admty. etc).

Greek M/S Group. Greek M/S arrived at Algiers 12th August.
(Cdr. Greek Group M/S 121215B to Greek C. in C. Alexandria, Greek N.A. London).

R.A. Troubridge. Flag of R.A. Troubridge will be hauled down in BULOLO p.m./12th August. He requests it may be hoisted in such vessel of Eastern Fleet as you may direct.
(C. in C. Levant, 121216C to C. in C. E.F., (R) Admty. R.A.G.)

French Refugees. Ref. Lisbon telegram 37 of 6th August to Resmin Algiers repeated to Foreign Office. SIDI BRAHIM and LEPINE are available 7th evacuation 1200 French refugees destined Casablanca at date 19th August at Setubal.
2. French can supply 2 escort vessels. N.O.I.C. Gib. is requested to supply 1 further British escort.
(C. in C. Med., (A), 121244B to F.O.I.C. Gib. B.N.A. Lisbon (R) B.N.A. Madrid, Admty. etc).

COMMANDANT F.O.C.W.Af.'s 111117. Request you will signal
DETROYAT. whether repairs can be undertaken at Algiers.
defects. (D.O.D. (F), 121259B to C. in C. Med. (A)).

Enemy T.L.C. Position of 4 enemy Tank landing craft 41.02 N.
11.22 E. course 090° speed 10 knots.
(A/C VAS/W 121401B).

BOREAS Request you will sail BOREAS to U.K. for refit as part escort for RESOLUTION and REVENGE.
(C. in C. Med. (M), 121436B to F.O.I.C. Gib. (R) Admty).

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- AMARAPOORA Sailed H.S. AMARAPOORA 1400B/12th routed through positions 64, 12, 109 thence by approach channel to Oran. Speed adjusted to arrive 0700B/13th. (Com. Algeria, 121534B to Comnob Oran, (R) Admty. F.O.I.C. Gib. etc).
- G.U.S.12. For N.C.S.Os. Request earliest information joiners from all ports. Broad front being made up at Algiers. Commodore Captain Welsh U.S.N. in WOODROW WILSON. (Com. Algeria, 121542B to Admty. F.O. Gib. etc). G.U.S.12. List. 7 ships, pass to Cdre. (V.A. Malta, 121711, 131249B to S.O. Ships escorting, Convoy G.U.S.12).
- Damage in My 101725. A competent observer (Oil Man) believed reliable report B.1. Ploesti Raid. (1) Was in train travelling Budapest to Bucharest and two kilometres from Ploesti when raid took place about 1 p.m. 1st August. (2) Train held up for 20 hours. During the night repeated very heavy explosions shook carriages; source believed second raid was on, but must have been delayed action bombs. (?p.m.) next day passed Astra Refinery which appeared heavily on fire. Had better view of enormous? Minier Refinery and states this was still burning fiercely from end to end and must be total loss. (S.O.(I) Istanbul, 121722C to S.O.(I) Levant, (R) D.N.I., S.O.(I) Med).
- HYACINTH 12th August Port Said arrivals. (N.O.I.C. Port Said, 121757 to C. in C. Levant).
- SARACEN A patrol close off Bastia from 1st daylight until dusk tomorrow should prove profitable from several directions. (Capt. (S) 8, 121800B to (P.247) SARACEN).
- S/Ms for Eastern Fleet. A.M. 081519. TEMPLAR will be proceeding to Levant on completion of present rest period and SEVERN on completion of defects. 2. C. in C. Levant is requested to inform C. in C. E.F. of his intentions for onward passage of these submarines and of TAURUS, TACTICIAN, TRESPASSER. (C. in C. Med., 121802 to C. in C. E.F. (R) C. in C. Levant, F.O.S. S.8., S.10, S.4).
- M/Vs Syracuse, Malta. N.O.I.C. Augusta's 120950B (N.T. in W.D.) Intend sailing OCEAN VISION, OCEAN GLORY, OCEAN VULCAN, EMPIRE DUNSTAN and (?CORCHESTER) for Malta at 1800 to R/V with Ship from Augusta at 1900. (N.O.I.C. Syracuse, 121802B to F.O. Sy. (R) C. in C. Med. etc).

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INDOMITABLE I am not clear about Admty. instructions about the passage of INDOMITABLE to U.S.A. Is it intended that she should be escorted all the way or is the Submarine situation in North Atlantic such she can be escorted to say 15° W. and then pursue her voyage unescorted. There is no U.S. Fast Convoy sailing near the time she is ready but there is one leaving Mediterranean about 1st Sept. that is about 12 days after she is ready to sail. I see no prospect of being able to provide Escorts to take her the whole way home especially as they would be away for about a month just at a time when Escorts for Operations are most needed. Request I may be informed of Admty. intentions.
(C. in C. Med. 121805B to Admty).

10th S.F. information. Own surface forces proceeding through 188° 10' 016° 40' and 038° 40' for patrol off Cape Rizzuto from 0100 to 0300/13th returning to Augusta.
(Capt. (S) 10th, 121840B to 10th S/F (R) F.O. 15th C/S C. in C. Med., (A).)

Med Air Report. A.243. Signed Eisenhower. Part 3. Air Cositintrep 33 11 August.
N.W.A. Air Forces. Night 10/11, August.
88 Wellingtons dropped 174 tons of bombs on beaches from Messina to Cape Peloro, results good.
Bostons attacked buildings and an ammunition dump at Milazzo and marshalling yards at Ressaerno.
Day 11 August. 36 P.38s 12 with bombs scored 9 direct hits on the bridge at Marina di Catanzalo. 40 B.17s attacked RR yards at Terni hitting gas works RR yards and the Royal (?small) Arms factory. 45 B.25s escorted by 45 P.38s bombed bridges at Agitala. Several hits scored on (?highway) bridge but none on RR bridge. 35 B.26s escorted by 21 P.38s bombed the bridge at Marina di Catanzaro. Hits seen on both ends of the bridge. TBF flew seven missions, bombing Fiume-Freddo and four missions against Randazzo. All missions successful.
(Air C. in C. Med., T.O.O. Nil, Recd. 1840/12).

K.M.S.22 and U.G.S.13. On arrival at Malta for fuel report by hand message for onward transmission to C. in C. Levant
(A) Bunker and water requirements of any ships in convoy who are bound for the Indian Ocean and whether any of these carry explosives as cargo
(B) Boiler hours of your escort group.
(C. in C. Med., 121853B to H.M.S. HOLCOMBE, GERALDTON (R) C. in C. Levant, C. in C. Med. Admty. B.A.D.)

M.K.S.21 M.K.S.21 arrived.
(Comnob Oran, 121948B to Admty. etc).

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K.M.S., U.G.S. Convoys, numbers. M.W.T.R. Cairo has raised with M.W.T. London the question of priorities in case K.M.S. and U.G.S. convoys exceed more than 60 ships per convoy for through Mediterranean passage.
2. Numbers of such ships from U.K. and U.S.A. in K.M.S. and U.G.S. convoys are not likely to exceed 20 and 30 ships respectively.
3. Should, however, it be likely at any time that eastbound ships for through Mediterranean will be shut out request you will inform Admiralty as early as possible. M.W.T. London will then inform M.W.T.R. Med. which ships can be delayed.
4. Pass to M.W.T.R. Med. and Cairo.
(D.T.D., 121955B to C. in C. Med., (A) (R) C. in C. Levant).

ROTHESAY. Arrived and sailed.
(N.O.I.C. Philippeville, 122001B to Admty).

Movements Oran. Departed today U.S. JEFFERS, INTENT, M.L. 238 French AJACIENNE, LA SERVANNAISE, CHASSEUR 3 Arrived today SHOREHAM, WHITEHAVEN, HYTHE, RYE, ROMNEY, LISMORE, GAWLER, IPSWICH, MARYBOROUGH.
(C. in C. Med. pass to Comnavnaw).
(Comnob, Oran, 122008B to Admty. etc).

Malta Air Report. A.I.1062 12 August. T.O.O. 2000B Opsum No. 94.
11 August 1 Spitfire photo R/C of Taranto.
11/12 August 7 Mosquitoes of which 3 carried bombs made successful attacks on road and rail transport in Southern Italy. 1 Mosquito carried out intruder patrol in the heel of Italy. 7 Beaufighters (corrupt group) on interception patrols North of Malta. No combat took place but presence of Beaufighter caused 1 enemy aircraft in Catania area to jettison its bombs and flares and take violent evasive action. 3 torpedo carrying Wellingtons made armed search for enemy shipping along West coast of Italy and 1 Wellington made shipping search in Gulf of Taranto.
12 August: 5 Spitfires made photo R/C of Corfu Naples and Taranto areas and harbours and aerodromes of Southern Italy and North East Sicily. 1 Baltimore made A/S search East of Sicily.
(R.A.F., Malta, 122010B 131440B).

Situation Report No. 151. 1. Destroyers bombarded Taormina road area and Cape Ali before midnight 9th and shore batteries returned fire. Cape Ali again bombarded 0200/10th when fire was not returned.
2. M.T.B. operated in Straits of Messina night 9/10th and had clear view of Narrows 2300 to 2330. No surface craft encountered. Shore batteries opened fire at 2355 and M.T.B. 265 badly damaged and towed to Augusta probably beyond repair. C.O. slightly wounded.
3. M.T.B. operated off Cape Del Armi night 9/10th. Heavily engaged by shore batteries. No damage or casualties suffered.
4. UGANDA and FLORES bombarded position North of Riposto during daylight 10th.
5. NUBIAN minor splinter damage from near miss in air raid Augusta night 9/10th referred to in Situation Report No. 150.

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Situation Report No. 151. (contd). No casualties. Seagoing and fighting efficiency unimpaired.
6. United States cruiser and destroyer force made successful leap-frog landing at Brolle four miles East of Cape Orlando against light opposition night 10/11th. PHILADELPHIA returned 1215/11 to give supporting fire but lost touch with FOO who was later recovered at sea in DUKWS. PHILADELPHIA, BRISTOL, LUDLOW shallow dive bombed by 10 F.W. of which four claimed shot down. Temporary damage to PHILADELPHIA and two minor injuries in LUDLOW. (?P.C.) 542 damaged.
7. Explosion Algiers 1540/9th in French harbour tug causing superficial damage to oil barge and SS. EMPIRE COMMERCE. Five casualties.
8. U.S.S BOISE and two destroyers bombarded coastal targets Piraimo East to Marina Di Patti 12th.
9. American M.T.B. operated North coast Sicily night 11/12th. Nothing met.
(C. in C. Med., 122023B to Admty).

Bombing of DORSETSHIRE H.S. Request you will interrogate master of Hospital ship DORSETSHIRE and report following details of attack on his ship by enemy aircraft on 12 July.
(a) Was ship alone or in company with other vessels when attacked.
(b) State of visibility.
(c) Nationality of attacking aircraft.
2. Report should be made direct to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med. quoting A.M. 092108.
(C. in C. Med. (M), 122027 to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R) Admty).

Movements Algiers. Arrivals M.F.A. (as received) RHYL S.C.534 Greek Y.M.S.66, 67, 65, 185.
Departures ALDENHAM, MIAOULES, CROOME, PUCKERIDGE French Submarine LA SULTANE Hospital ship AMARA-POORA.
(Com. Algeria, 122036B to Admty. etc).

K.M.F., M.K.F. convoys. Since A.M. 111553 July (Hush distribution) two factors have arisen affecting K.M.F. and M.K.F. convoys. Firstly, the route between U.K. and Gibraltar and Gibraltar has been lengthened, vide A.M. 052006, and secondly, War Office have been informed by A.F.H.Q. Algiers that disembarkation at Philippeville of majority of troops is preferable to Algiers.
2. Thus arrival dates of K.M.F. convoys and departure dates of M.K.F. convoys from Algiers are delayed. Necessary revision for future convoys is being examined.
3. K.M.F.22, containing some 15,000 troops for Philippeville, will not now reach Algiers until p.m./24 August or a.m./25 August.

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4. D. of S.T. would prefer if possible to carry out on-carriage by VILLE D'ORAN and any ships available locally, which would not delay the convoys. If this is impracticable, there is no objection to the use of the Atlantic escorts to take on selected ships of K.M.F.22 to Philippeville after necessary transshipment at Algiers.

Delay to sailing of M.K.F.22 to U.K. and W.S.33 to West Africa by about three days could be accepted.

5. If offer in para. 4 is of assistance, request you will make necessary arrangements in consultation with A.F.H.Q. Algiers and P.S.T.O. Med. and will adjust sailing dates of M.K.F.22 accordingly.

(D.O.D. (F), 122040B to C. in C. Med (A. and M) (R) F.O. Gibraltar, C. in C. Levant, F.O.C.W.Af., C. in C. W.A., P.S.T.O. Med).

Movements,
Benghazi. Arrived AMBER, sailed M.T.B.60.
(N.O.I.C. Benghazi, 122052C to Admty).

(BRIXHAM?) Departure.
(N.O.I.C. Bone, 122103B to Admty. etc).

Movements,
Haifa. August 12th. Arrived and departed IERAX (G.S.)
REINE DES FLOTS (F.S.) M.Ls. 349, 354, 360 AETOS
(G.S.) LA MOQUEUSE (F.S.) BREAM.
(N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports, 122108C to Admty.
C. in C. Levant).

M.K.S. 22 Request you will sail for (a) Benghazi KRISTNA,
ARMILLA, BANTRIA. (b) Tripoli WELSH TRADER,
EVERLEIGH, PAHELEH. ENSIS (T) CERION.
(c) Malta OVULA (T). AMERICAN TRADER (T) PELLICULA
(T) SPONDILUS (T).

(d) OCEAN HUNTER, THISTLEMUIR, ORNA, EMPIRE PATROL, HIGHLAND PRINCE, SUIYANG, DEBRETT, OCEAN PRIDE, PORT LAWRENCE.
(e) Algiers EMPIRE GARRICK (T) (f) U.S.A. HOMER LEA, FERNPLANT,
(g) U.K. CITY OF SYDNEY, BEGUM, VIVA, TAYBANK, CITY OF AGRA,
MATHERAN, San Francisco TREVORIAN.
(C. in C. Levant, 122112C to R.A. Alexandria (R) Admty.
F.O. Sy).

M.K.S.22 N.O.I.C. Alexandria is requested to sail a.m./15th August consisting of 35 ships.

(2) (A) 8 (B) 9.
(3) 309 1000/16th 322, 328, 1600/16th 511 2 miles from North
341 0545/17th through 346, 355, 2130/17th 235, 1900/19th thence
as ordered by C. in C. Mediterranean.
(5) JN. (6) ?Codeword "Ribband". (7) C. (8) SLAZAK S.O.,
CLEVELAND, O.R.P. KRAKOWIAK, BLUEBELL, BRYONY, BERGAMOT, F.S.
LA MALOUINE. O.R.P. KRAKOWIAK and BRYONY oil at Alexandria
and overtake.

(C. in C. Levant, 122126C to SLAZAK (Escorts) M.K.S.22
Escorts SUTLEJ, K.M.S.22; Admty. etc).

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Movements, Arrived WHITING, GRAYLING, L.S.Ts. 425, 414, 415,
Augusta. 416, 413, 364, 403, L.C.Ts. 347, 397, 318, 580,
(7535), 342, 328, 303, 418, and 619.
Departed WHITING, GRAYLING, L.S.Ts. 425, 414,
415, 416, 413, 364, 403, M.T.Bs. 670 and 656,
M.G.B. 661, L.C.Ts. 561 and 316.
(N.O.I.C. Augusta, 122158 to Admty. C. in C. Med).

Malta C. in C. Med's 051209. Request particulars if
Loops. additional laying personnel are required Malta
for maintenance C.M. loops.
(D.T.M., 122203B to V.A. Malta, (R) C. in C. Med).

Movements, Arrived L.S.T. 404, 411 M.L. 575, 462, Sailed
Tripoli. WHEATLAND, GLOXINIA, PRINS ALBERT, PRINSES
ASTRID, KING SOL, KLO, L.S.T. 404, 408.
(S.N.O. Tripolitania, 122241B to Admty).

N.A.A.F. N.W.A. Air Forces Opsum 172. N.W.A. Strategic
Report. Air Force. 10/11 Aug. 88 Wellingtons beached
Messina to Cape Pelero. 175 tons from 3000 to
11,000 feet, results appeared good. Many fires
and explosions observed. 11 August 35 U.S.
Marauders escorted by 21 U.S. Lightnings, and 36 U.S. Lightnings
27? including 12 with bombs Marina di Catanzaro Bridge. 9
Direct hits bridge, bombs marshalling yards. 8 Goods cars
destroyed, tracks damaged. 56 U.S. Warhawks Fighter sweep south
Sardinia. 40 U.S. Fortresses Terni rail road yards. Explosion
gas works, rail road yards, small? arms factory. 45 U.S. Mitchells
escorted by 45 U.S. Lightnings Angitola Bridges. Hits on highway
bridges. N.W.A. Tactical Air force. 10 August. 45 Kittyhawks
shipping strike Mt. Etna area, direct? hits 4 landing craft. 10/11
Aug. 18 Bostons 4 Baltimores, armed R/C Italian Peninsular
roads. Hits buildings, ammunition dump Milano. Big fire started
Fiume Freddo. 50 Motor transports hit Floresto area. 2 Bostons
armed R/C Reggio di Calabria and Vibo Valentia. Marshalling
yards, motor transport hit. Fires started.
(H.Q., N.A.A.F., Adv. 122310)

ST. DAVID Hospital Ship ST. DAVID arrived. Propose sailing
her p.m./13th August for Catania. F.O.Sy. 120903
to S.N.O. Tripolitania refers. (N.T. in W.R.)
(D.S.T.O. Malta, 122315 to D.S.T. etc).

Enemy Units. Following read:- P.C. and S. of enemy is 36.35 N.
A/C attacked. 23.58 E. course 130° speed 6.
(A/C FBM/S 122330Z).
Have attacked enemy with torpedoes and estimate
one hit.
(A/C FBM/S 122345Z).

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Movements,
Famagusta.

Arrival 12th ANTWERP. Departure F.F.S. NOTRE DAME DETEL.
(N.O.I.C. Famagusta, 122339C to Admty. etc).

Movements,
Malta.

Arrived. Hospital ship ST. DAVID, LAMERTON, U.S. Gunboat S.C.693.
Departures COCKCHAFFER U.S.S. KNIGHT, POULA with EMPIRE DAMSEL.
Landing Craft movements. Arrived L.C.T.404. L.C.I.132. Departed L.C.R.140 and 141. L.C.I. 272 and 274?) L.C.T.616 and 364.
(V.A. Malta, 122346 to Admty. etc).

Movements,
Bizerta.

Arrivals. EURYALUS, French Light Cruiser LE FANTASQUE, PENN, SEER, SPEED, NIBLICK, DORAN.
Departures AURORA, PENELOPE, JERVIS, PALADIN.
(N.O.I.C. Bizerta, 122347B to Admty. etc).
Coastal Force Movements M.T.B.656 and M.G.B.661 arrived. M.Ls. 1185, 1083, 1283, 1038 and 1252 sailed.

(V.A. Malta, 122347B to Admty. etc).

Arrivals L.S.Ts. 383, 352, 370, 284, 309, 389, 392, 314, 157, 391, 317, 332, 336, 348, 375, 289, 306, 358, 316, S.Cs. 691 18, 221, 193, 497, 184 (?464), 189, 47, 48, 6 M.S. Launches (?81 or 92) 00 182 M.Ts. 565, 168.

Departure STORNOWAY, POLRUAN, BUDE, CORIOLANUS, INCHCOLM, L.S.Ts. 379, 347, 373, 359, 197, ?700 (could be 272 - 167, -636 - 341) 327, 345, 377, 385, 393, 344, 310, 348 P.Os. 624, 591, S.Cs. 23, 979 M.Ls. 12, 59, 556.

(N.O.I.C. Bizerta, 122354B to Admty. etc).

Movements
Derna,
Tobruk.

Derna sailed M.L.359 Tobruk sailed Z.5.
Arrived (?ST. MINVER).
(N.O.I.C. Tobruk, 122355C to Admty).

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CLAN
 MCARTHUR
 'S'
 Report. Following has been read:
 From CLAN MACARTHUR SSSS. 23 R. 00 S. 53R
 10 E.
 (Colombo W/T, No. T.O.O. Recd. 120202B to Admty)
 At 120002Z CLAN MACARTHUR was attacked by S/M.
 in 023 degs. S. 053 degs. 10' E.
 (C. in C. E.F. 120048Z to S's and A's E.I.Stn.
 (R) Admty. C. in C. S.A. 246 Wing. A.H.Q. E.Af.
 A.O.S. Capetown.)

'S' Report
 Cancelled. Following has been read. Cancel my SSSS Distress
 Signal made at 1132 G.M.T. August 11. S/M
 steering East left astern on the surface at 1220
 G.M.T. (?KS)JH (Ship unidentifiable).
 (Colombo W/T, 120215Z)
 W.D. Note: Apparently not CLAN MACARTHUR.

Movements. Departure 0100Z/12th NEWCASTLE.
 (N.O.I.C. Addu Atoll, 120103Z to Admty.)
 Departure M.L's 474, 475, 476, 477 for Madras.
 ((?N.O.I.C. Trincomalee), 120144Z)
 Departure ST. ANTHONY proceeding independently to Madras.
 (N.O.I.C. Calcutta, 121231Z to Admty.)
 SORSRA arrived.
 (F.O. E.Af. 121250Z)
 Colombo arrivals 12th. 0630Z AMRITSAR, 0630Z TRIDENT.
 (F.O. Ceylon, 121430Z)
 Arrival INVESTIGATOR.
 (S.O.(I) Bombay, 121808Z)

LAHORE. Arrival.
 (N.O.I.C. Calcutta, 140308Z to Admty. etc.)

THOMAS
 COAD,
 EDWARD
 JACKSON. Government of India agree to THOMAS COAD
 remaining at Aden provided EDWARD JACKSON is
 refitted to enable her to carry out dredging
 (?requirements) until THOMAS COAD is released,
 and sent to Karachi as soon as possible.
 (2) Reply to your 161343 July has been delayed
 awaiting information concerning EDWARD JACKSON.
 (3) F.O. Ceylon is requested to confirm that EDWARD JACKSON
 will be available and to state expected time of arrival
 Karachi.
 (F.O.C.R.I.N. 120317Z to C. in C. E.F. (R) Admty. F.O. Ceylon)

India
 Air
 Report. A.241 12th. Daily Opsum No.515 11th.
 2 Beaufighters detailed offensive R/C Magwe to
 Pakokku. 1 A/C returned early due engine trouble.
 Second A/C made successful attack on 150 feet
 motor launch at Thayeton and other smaller
 craft same area.
 (A.H.Q. India, 120505Z to Air Min.)

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STRATHMORE. 12th August STRATHMORE, Durban 23rd August.
knots 17 18½ (555C Bombay) (Route).
(Bombay, 120636Z to Admty.)

Smoke (1) C. in C. E.F. has asked for (A) simultaneous
Screens smoke screening of oil tanks dockyard and
Trincomalee, anchorage at Trincomalee during both monsoons (B)
Colombo. screening Colombo Harbour when conditions permit.
(2) 1 (B) entails installing generators on
breakwaters. This impracticable with Haslar
generators during S.W. monsoon. Prevailing wind
at Colombo is between N.E. and N.W. for about four months only.
(3) Am advised following Haslar generators with parent trucks and
proportion of spare parts would be required for (A) 135 additional
to 50 already there. For (B) 108. Total additional 243.
(4) This is large commitments involving manning training and
considerable preparation of standings and communications.
Large size of Haslar generator makes operation on roads highly
inconvenient but inevitable in many places as sites away from
area to be screened are seldom accessible. Reliability of
Ceylonese operatives would be greatly increased with British
Supervisory Personnel but these not available unless Royal
Marines used. (5) Request information whether recent experience
indicates any other equipment e.g. floats more suitable than
Haslars for our purposes. Am advised oil smoke generator model
2 would require fewer personnel and less shipping space but
doubtful if screen would reach masthead height. (6) Request
information when and from where most suitable equipment can
be supplied.
(Comchief Ceylon, 121004Z to Admty. (R) Arminia, C. in C. E.F.)

CARTHAGE. CARTHAGE will not be ready to leave Colombo until
4th Sept. and will be unable to reach Suez before
13th Sept. It is improbable therefore that we
will be in time for inclusion in M.K.F. convoy
(2) Your 101933 August refers.
(C. in C. E.F. 121005Z to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med. C. in C.
Levant, F.O.C.R.S.F., C. in C. S.A.)

Air I am not in agreement with the suggestion
Threat contained in Chiefs of Staff O.Z.2148 of 26th
to Ceylon. July (T.O.O.261735Z) that attack by carrier-borne
aircraft on Ceylon ports and especially
Trincomalee can be regarded as "a remote possibility".
(2) With the Fleet present in Ceylon in force both
Colombo and Trincomalee will offer attractive and congested
targets. Even if R/C discloses approach of enemy seaborne
air attack it does not necessarily follow that the composition and
state of our Fleet will always be such that they can proceed to
sea and engage the enemy before the attack can be launched.
(3) Until we are quite satisfied, which is far from the case at
present, that the enemy is unable to launch such an attack, any
reduction in gun or other static defences which can not be
restored at short notice is in my opinion not acceptable.
(4) C. in C. Ceylon pass to F.O. Ceylon.
(C. in C. E.F. 121116Z to Arminia, Admty. (R) C. in C. Ceylon,
F.O. Ceylon, R.A.N.A.S.L.O.)

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Air
Squadrons
East
Africa.

Propose requirements in C. in C. E.F's 050244Z*
be met by retention of 16th Squadron at Port
Reitz until F.R.U. Beaufighter and Defiants are
ready.

* Re probability of having to reduce personnel
in East Africa to man stations in India.
(Cdre. N.A.S. E.Af, 121451Z)

CHALLENGER.

CHALLENGER will be operated and administered by
C. in C. E.F. direct as from 1st Sept.

(C. in C. E.F. 121553Z to F.O.I.C. E.Af. (R)
Admty. for Hydrographer, CHALLENGER.)

Far
Eastern
Theatre.

Division of responsibility - C.O.S.(W) 762.
(Air Min. 121635Z) See America and West Indies.

R.A.
2. J.A. Miles
appointment.

R.A. G.J.A. Miles has been appointed Naval Force
Commander Eastern Expeditionary Force to date
13th July. (2) His flag is to be hoisted in
SS. LLANSTEPHAN CASTLE or such other ship as
you may direct.

(Hd. of M.11, 122144B to C. in C. E.F.)

Warrant

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P.O.W. To Eisenhower, Devers and Brereton. From Marshall. Ref. Fan 174 Agwar R 1101/3332. The following policy for determining responsibility for Prisoners of War has been approved by the Combined Chiefs of Staff. (details). (Agwar 120030Z to Etousa.)

VICTORIOUS. Your 311214 July. Anticipate VICTORIOUS will arrive Norfolk 3rd Sept, and will be ready to leave Norfolk 12th Sept. if S.F. Radar is not fitted there, or 17th Sept. if it is. Should Radar be fitted? My 072324 July refers. 2. Request your view with regard to passage to U.K. unescorted, escorted with escort (?clear) of eastern sea frontier area only. 3. It appears that only British escorts available would be CALDER now working up at Bermuda and DUCKWORTH, which would only be reasonable worked up in time. 4. Unlikely U.S. can provide escort beyond Bermuda even if they could do that. 5. Inclusion in U.T. convoy appears impracticable as date does not fit in. (B.A.D. 120033Z to Admty.)

Movements. St.Johns, N.F. 11th Arrivals. Nil. Departures GEORGIAN, MALPEQUE to W.B.42. SAUMAREZ, SCOURGE to Scapa Flow. DIGBY to J.H.63. (N.O.I.C. St.Johns, N.F. 120042Z.) Arrival CALDWELL, COLUMBIA, KAMSACK, BLAIRMORE, from O.N.195 (C. Halifax 121250Z.) Departure 11th French Naval Tanker VAR for Ensenada Honda. (British Consul San Juan 121708Q.) Arrival ST. LAURENT ex J.H.62. (C.O.A.C. Halifax 122133Z.) Departure FINDHORN to Bermuda. (C. Halifax 122231Z.)

FINDHORN. Admty. 211758 June. Anticipated arrivals of new ships at Bermuda. Expect sail FINDHORN to Bermuda, a.m.12th. (C. in C. C.N.A. 120106Z to S.B.N.O.W.At. (R) B.A.D. N.S.H.Q. F.O.N.F. Com.i/c.Bermuda, C. in C. W.A. Admty.) My 110106 (120106 intended) at 1500Z/12 sailed FINDHORN to Bermuda through (A) 32.39 N. 64.18 W. (B) 32.16 N. 64.18 W. S. of A. 12.5 knots E.T.A. 2300Z/14th. (C. in C. C.N.A.121618Z to S.B.N.O. W.At.)

Movements	Ship	Position	Course	Speed.
Summary	S/M L.26	55° N. 28° W.	258°	9.
1800 G.M.T. 12th.	(D.O.D. (F) 120856Z to Opnav (R) Comnav.)			

Convoy W.S.C.139. Sailing telegram. Part 2. (3 ships, list, etc.) (N.C.S.O. St.John's N.F. 121107Z to Admty.)

G.U.S.10.X. Your 091906Z request information whether escort New York and Delaware Section should be provided from ocean escort. U.S.S. BETELGUESE requests destination. P.C. & S. at 120920Q 038° 55' N. 069° 32' W. 305 8.5 knots. (DART 121110Z to C. in C.U.S. At.Fleet.(R) Cmdre.(D) W.A. C. in C. C.N.A. Admty. C. in C. W.A. N.S.H.Q. F.O.N.F. H.Q.C.C. Cdre. (D) Argentia.)

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S/M.
Estimate.

(Cominch 121319Z.)

N.S.H.Q.
S/M.
Estimate.

(N.S.H.Q. 121420Z.)

L.26.

F.O.S. 021011B, 041606B. From position H proceed to J 051° 21' N. 046° 51' 052° 01' W. thence to St. John's, N.F. via Q.J.A.204 your E.T.A. St. Johns, N.F. is 1100Z/17th.
(C. in C. C.N.A. 121435Z to L.26 (R) F.O.N.F. N.S.H.Q. L.23 F.O.S. B.A.D. H.Q.C.C. Admty. C. in C. W.A.)

Convoy
U.G.F.10.

Will sail from New York to North Africa 21st with following ships (List).
(Cominch 121515Z to Cinclant.)

Convoy
S.G.29.

13 Vessels sailed, last ship cleared harbour 1510Z/12.
(N.C.S.O. St.Johns, N.F. 121540Z to S.O.P.A. Greenland.)

ASPIRANT.

When ready proceed Boston via Long Island Sound and Cape Cod Canal. On arrival report C.T.G. 02.1 for onward routing to Halifax. Radio Wash 241650 May. Ultimate destination St.Johns, N.F.
(C.E.S.F. 121635 to ASPIRANT (R) S.B.N.O.W.A. F.O.N.F. C.T.F.24 C. in C. C.N.A. N.S.H.Q. Admty. C.T.G. 02.3 C.T.G.02.2 C.T.G. 02.1 V.C.N.O. Cominch.)

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ity.

OZ.2391. 12th August. Following from Chiefs of Staff, No. C.O.S. (W) 762.
1. S.O.E. and O.S.S. have reached provisional agreement regarding spheres of activity in Far Eastern Theatre. (1) Hard and fast delineation of spheres as in present 1942 agreement undesirable. (2) S.O.E. would remain the predominant partner for all operations based on India. O.S.S. would, however, establish such organisations in India as are necessary for their work. (3) O.S.S. would remain the predominant partner for all operations in and based on China. S.O.E. would, however, establish in China such organisations as are necessary for their (?work). (4) O.S.S. in India and S.O.E. in China will not operate without the full knowledge and consent of the other partner or without the approval of the C. in C. or Theatre Commander. (5) O.S.S. will endeavour to obtain the assistance of the U.S. Navy for the provision of naval transport (particularly submarines) for work in the Indian Ocean. This in effect means that while S.O.E. may establish bases in China and in return O.S.S. would be allowed bases in

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ity.

in India and Ceylon, both organisations can operate freely into Burma, Siam, Indo-China, Malaya and Sumatra. 2. Understand O.S.S. propose approach U.S. C.O.S. with request they obtain Stilwell's views. 3. If you are approached by U.S. C.O.S. you should point out that whole question must await decision on set-up of South East Asia Command which is now under discussion at QUADRANT. 4. For your information arrangement in one above would be quite unacceptable.

C. in C. India considers, and we concur, that all activities directed into a single target area should be under unified control of the authority responsible for that area irrespective of base from which they are directed.

(Air Min. 121635Z to Britman, Washington.)

Dispositions. H.X.251 W.3 044° 24' 049° 51' 047° 9.5 W.H.X.251 COLDSTREAMER, EMINENT, 047° 19' 050° 13' 101° 8.5. Escort group B.6 vicinity 047° 09' (?050°) 46' to join H.X.251. S.C.139 W.2. (E) 045° 20' 050° 35' 094° 7.5 alter to 048° in 050° 29' W. W.S.C.139 NORTHERN REWARD, NORTHERN FOAM, 047° 18' 050° 50' 106° 8.5. Escort Group B.7 departs St.Johns, N.F. 2000Z to S.C.139. S.S.C.139 045° 54' 050° 38' 083° 8 to overtake S.C.139 B.Y.M.S. 229 M.M.S.244, 246, 247, 251, 048° 14' 050° 10' 055° 10 via Great Circle route to U.K. S.G. 29 Cdr. Task Unit 24.8.3 048° 03' 052° 17' 029° 7.5 alter to 340° in 050° 12' N. B.Y.M.S. 173, 157, 074, 075, 052, 055, 047° 06' 052° 23' 009° 10 en route St. Johns, N.F. B.W.50 ESQUIMALT 046° 00' 054° 46' 082° 7½ alter to 049° in 052° 51' W. and to 009° in 046° 24' N. J.H.63 DIGBY 046° 08' 056° 24' 264° 9 alter to 231° in 059° 32' W. and to 236° in 061° 01' W. W.B.42 GEORGIAN, MALPEQUE 046° 14' 056° 29' 266° 7½ alter to 280° in 057° 00' W. EVENLODE 040° 31' 059° 25' 065° 17. SS. DESCADO 044° 09' 048° 06' 062° 13.5. SS. GILEANNES 046° 00' 054° 32' 082° 10. SS. INDOCHINOIS 043° 42' 058° 20' 240° 15.75 alter to 270° in 059° 59' W.

(C. in C. C.N.A. 121700Z.)

My 121700 add T.F.22 044° 20' 054° 11' 078° 13.5 alter to 048° in 045° 00' N. and to 053° in 045° 10' W.

(C. in C. C.N.A. 121710Z.)

LOCKPORT 45° 54' 062° 02' 12 en route Mulgrave.

FINDHORN 043° 02' 063° 38' 194° 12.5 ALGOMA, ALBERT, VILLE DE QUEBEC departed. Depart Halifax 2000Z to 044° 29' 061° 59' thence 056° 12 altering to 000° in 060° 35' W. thence via Gut of Canso and 047° 00' 062° 00' to Gaspe. O.N.195 W.5 039° 53' 068° 12' 273° 10 B.Y.M.S. 240,033, 042° 35' 069° 10' 088° 11 altering to 050° in 065° 08' W. and to 000° in 043° 51' N. en route Halifax. B.X. (?68) W.9 departs 042° 23' 070° 42' at 2100Z/12 thence 057° 8 alter to 087° in 070° 26' W. SS. EROS 040° 00' 070° 13' 270° 14.5. SS. DUNEDIN 044° 23' 066° 58' 12 en route New York.

(C. in C. C.N.A. 121730Z, 122213Z.)

S.P. A.B. RED DEER depart Sydney (C.B.) 1000Z/13 S.B.59 BAFFIN. 047° 06' 059° 47' 014° 8 alter to 058° in 049° 36' N. Q.S. 63 ST.KENAN, INDUSTRIOUS, INVER, UNGAVA, MILLTOWN 048° 48' 068° 09' 062° 8 alter to 090° in 049° 22' North Bay to 121° in 064° 44' W. 77th M.L. Flotilla sweeping 25 miles ahead Q.S.63 detach at 0500Z/13 in 049° 22' 065° 55' for 7 Islands 78th M.L. Flotilla depart 7 Islands 0200Z/13 to position 049° 22' 065° 06' at 0900Z/13 thence 090° altered to 121° in 064° 44' W. detach in 048° 55' N. 063° 38' W. for Gaspe 1700Z/13.

(C. in C. C.N.W.A.121800Z.)

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B.Y.M.S. B.Y.M.S. 229 (S.O) M.M.S. 246, 247, 244 and 251
M.M.S. sailed St. Johns 1500Z/12th for Londonderry speed
10 knots route and W/T routine as in my 081537Z.
(F.O.N.F. 121800Z to Admty.)

SAMUEL Urdis 201610 U.S.S. SAMUEL HEINTZELMAN overdue
HEINTZELMAN Colombo since 14 July presumed lost enemy action.
presumed (Com. 10th Fleet C. & R. 121937Z to Admty. (R)
lost. Commaveu.)

T.O.7. T.O.7 from V amend route to new Y. 018° 25' 051°
30' Z. 013° 30' 060° 55' thence to destination
all Tankers Aruba.
(Cdr. 10th U.S. Fleet 121955Z to C.T.G. 21.4.)

Convoy Sailing telegram. Part 2. (18 Ships, list, etc.)
B.X.68. (P.D. New York 121857.)

Tankers. M. of W.T. state ocean, going tankers in addition
to lake tankers will have to be used to meet
Curaçao's current requirement of 100,000 tons
crude oil per month from Puerto la Cruz and GRENA,
GARD, LISS and MEGARA have already been nominated to load cargoes
commencing second half August. 2. How long this requirement will
continue cannot be stated but following information is requested:-
(a) Will these tankers sail between Curaçao and Puerto la Cruz in
convoy or independently. (b) If in convoy, will escorts be
available to wait with tankers during loading and discharge and
so prevent delay. (c) If escorts have to sail on a regular cycle,
can the frequency be stated so that probable delays may be
estimated.
(D.T.D. 122005B to B.A.D. (R) B.R.L.O. Curaçao.)

Overdue SEMINOLE (U.S.) 148 gross tons overdue San Juan
Shipping. from Miami since approx. July 26th.
(N.S.H.Q. 122031 to Admty. Connav (R) S.O. (I)
Jamaica.)

EYEBRIGHT. My 082214 July EYEBRIGHT expected ready to sail
19th August. Intend she shall proceed Halifax
unless otherwise ordered.
(B.A.M.R. 122114Z to N.S.H.Q. (R) C. in C. C.N.A.
C. in C. W.A. S.B.N.O. W.At. EYEBRIGHT, Admty.
F.O.N.F.)

S/M. attack Para. A. U.S.S. SCAMP reports sinking 1 Class S/M.
and near New Hanover 27th July. U.S.S. BUCHANAN reports
sighting S/M probably sunk area 14 S. 167 E. night 7th/8th.
summary. U.S.S. MENEMSHA attacks S/M on surface 37.50 N.
51.15 W. 120100. All times Z. CARD Aircraft sank
S/M 41.29 N. 38.55 W. 111609. Para C. Sea plane
sights periscope 19.45 N. 74.30 W. 121750.
(Cominch 122137Z to Admty.)

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- ENGADINE. When ready about 14 August sail ENGADINE Canal Zone to New York independently if satisfactory to other sea Frontier Commanders concerned. Advise time of departure route, S. of A. (Cominch 122230 to Compaseafon.)
- F.T.2. Sail British F.T.2. (ex A.P.C.52) now at Newport independently to Boston. Sail onward with next group of B.Y.M.S. My 102303. (Cominch 122232 to C.E.S.F.)
- MONTCALM. E.T.A. "Chop" 040° W. my 111210 French Cruiser MONTCALM 140700Z. (N.O.B. Bermuda 122233 to Comar Dakar, Cominch, Cinclant, Commorseafon, Admty. C. in C. Med. F.O.C.W.Af. (R) F.O.I.C. Gib. Cmd. Naval Forces, N.W.African Waters, MONTCALM.)
- U/B. U.S. Naval Liberator Aircraft attacked S/M in 038°
attacked 54' 052° 25' at 1623Z/12th.
by A/C. (C. in C. C.N.W.At.122321Z to G.B.7A.)

Australia & New Zealand.

- Digest Probably one enemy R/C. plane over shipping lanes
Serial No. N. of Millimbimbi morning and again afternoon.
569. (3?) Six beaufighters attacked floatplane base
August 11. Taberfane afternoon destroying 1 of several
floatplanes observed on beach and water. Approx.
6 floatplane fighters intercepted whereof 1 shot
down plus 2 damaged. 3 fishing smacks also
destroyed in vicinity. Plus 2 more and 1 barge damaged.
(5) 2 forenoon R/V Liberators located 6 groups shipping
Kavieng area. 1 light cruiser 60 miles N.W. Mussau Island
apparently 1 easterly course unsuccessfully attacked due violent
evasive action. 1 destroyer, 1 small to medium merchant ship,
2 sea trucks 250 miles N. Kavieng course 310°. 1 possible tender
of 8000 tons with 3 small escort vessels by photos, 10 miles N.
New Hanover course East. 2 small merchantmen, 7 sea trucks, 1
patrol craft by photographs 40 miles W. Mussas Island course 125°
attacked and largest ship of 1500 tons sunk by direct hit while all ships
straffed and 2 small ships left sinking. 1 possible heavy cruiser,
2 destroyers 3 unidentified type ships 10 miles W. New Hanover
course S.E. 2 large, 3 small unidentified type vessels 10 miles
S.W. New Hanover heading S.E. (6) S/M passed Cape Orford
Northbound morning. (7) 1 probable gunboat, 2 small undetermined
type ships sighted 40 miles S.E. Cape Saint George course 280°
morning. After dark approx. 6 ships including 5 small probable

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Digest serial No. 569 August 11. merchantmen and 1 much larger unidentified type in same area course westerly. (8) 3 Bostons conducting dawn sweep Gasmata area rendered unserviceable 4 barges located Montague Harbour. (9) 28 barges observed Hansa Bay midday. (12) 12 Mitchells swept coast Huon Peninsula morning 10th August damaging 9 out of 10 barges found Mape River while Liberator strafed 2 barges on Roors Island afternoon 11th. (13) 6 Bostons attacked barge concealment area S.W. of Lae afternoon 10th. (14) 2 small freighters reported Digest 568 para. 3 attacked by search Liberator and near miss almost capsized 1 ship. Both ships and barges strafed. (16) Morning R/C Liberator attacked 2 small cargo ships 90 miles N.E. Kavieng course S.W. Near miss scored on 1 ship and both strafed. (17) 4 barges westbound in Brackett Strait night 10th and 2 eastbound before dawn next morning. (G.H.Q. S.W.P.A. 120725Z.)

MAUNGANUI. Hospital ship MAUNGANUI arrived Fremantle 11th. (C.S.W.P.S.F. 120857Z to Admty.)

Movements. Arrived Milne Bay 10th WAGGA, DELORAINE, 11th U.S. Destroyer BAGLEY Fremantle. 11th Dutch Ship JACOB VAN HEEMSKERCK. Townsville 11th U.S. Destroyer HELM departed Cairns 10th KATOOMBA for Port Moresby Bowen GYMPIE for Milne Bay Townsville 10th COLAC for Port Moresby, Milne Bay 10th MANOORA, WESTRALIA, U.S. Destroyer DRAYTON for Cairns. (A.C.N.B. ?121642Z.)

G.P.63. Departure 13th. Convoy G.P.63 comprising seven ships CARLISLE, CORINDA, J. STERLING MORTOMB for Brisbane. S. WEDAGON and H.M.S. SPRINGDALE for Townsville, IRVING M. SCOTT for Townsville and Cairns. ADMIRAL CHASE for Townsville and Port Moresby. Escorts BUNDABERG (S.O) MORESBY, TOWNSVILLE, BALLARAT. (N.C.S.O. Sydney N.S.W. 122353Z to Admty.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C. 121405B, 121440B.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines attacked.

S/M attack
and
sighting
summary
to
1000/12.

Para. (A) Catalina attacked S/M. 11° 05' N. 18°
23' W. 1038/11. SS. CLAN MACARTHUR sighted S/M.
23° 00' S. 53° 10' E. 1132/11 and subsequently
reported drawing away from S/M.
Para. (B) Aircraft sighted S/M 44° 01' N. 09° 16' W.
0933/11 course 360°.
(D.D.I.C. 120924Z to Cominch.)

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Friday.War Diary.SITUATION REPORT.Home Commands.Provision
of Officers.

1. Admty. have today informed all Cs. in C. that the provision of officers for future vital operations will necessitate the withdrawal of a considerable number of R.N. and Reserve officers from sea and shore appointments both at home and abroad during the next few months, and that reliefs for officers so withdrawn will not be available for several months.

ADMIRAL
SCHEER.

2. A report graded A.2 received today from Stockholm states that ADMIRAL SCHEER, after leaving Copenhagen on 10th August, was last seen proceeding to the eastward.

Operation
S.N. 74.

3. Commodore (M) in AGAMEMNON, with PORT QUEBEC, MENESTHEUS, ST. MARYS, WELLS and SALADIN left Port ZA at 0710B today for the minelaying operation S.N.74 off the N.W. coast of Iceland; and SABRE left the Faroes at 2015B to R/V with this Force.

Operation
"Musketry".

4. C. in C. Plymouth considers that an increased number of U-Boats are now likely to pass through the Bay of Biscay and has today asked F.O.S. to consider allowing the 4 S/MS on patrol there to remain for about one week longer.

North Atlantic.Attacks on
Convoys on
U.K./
Gibraltar
route.

5. Convoy S.L.134, escorted by SCYLLA, was again attacked by F/W aircraft at 1520B without damage in 42.30 N. 16.20 W.
Convoy M.K.S.21, escorted by SHOREHAM, was attacked by 37 Heinkel 111 torpedo carrying aircraft at 2054B in about 36.13 N. 02.20 W. A second attack was made later by 8 Junkers 88s, also carrying torpedoes.
FRANCIS W. PETTYGROVE, U.S., and EMPIRE HAVEN, British, were torpedoed in the engine room, taken in tow by HYTHE and RYE, and arrived safely at Gibraltar.
A/A fire accounted for 5 certain and several probables.

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North Atlantic.

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Convoys on
U.K./
Gibraltar
route.
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Except for 1 slight casualty in GAWLER, there were no damage or casualties in the escort. It is possible that a new type of weapon was used in this attack, and Admiralty ask F.O.I.C. Gibraltar for fullest possible details. No R.A.F. fighters were present.

South Atlantic.

6. A Hudson aircraft attacked a U-Boat at 1643, in 12.03 N. 17.35 W., 180 miles S.W. of Cape Verde, and claims probable hits. The U-Boat submerged after 2 minutes.

Mediterranean.

PARTHIAN
lost.

7. S/M PARTHIAN is overdue at Beirut since a.m. 11th August and must be considered lost. She left Malta on 21st July for patrol off the west coast of Greece and in Southern Adriatic. She was ordered to keep off shore and operate on cross Adriatic routes. On 26th July, when Taranto battleships showed signs of activity, she was ordered to patrol in the vicinity of 090° Cape Otranto 10 miles. This order was cancelled on 28th July and she was ordered to patrol between 40° N. and 41.30 N., to leave patrol on 6th August and to make a brief patrol summary when S. of 36° N. No signal was received. No indications concerning her loss can be given.

Italian
Coast
Sweeps.

8. AURORA and PENELOPE, with the destroyers JERVIS and PALADIN, carried out sweeps off the West Italian coast between Licosa Point and the Gulf of Eufemia. MAURITIUS and UGANDA, with the destroyers NUBIAN and TARTAR operated between Cape Rizzuto and Point Alice, East Coast of Italy.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Mediterranean.

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| Italian Coast Sweeps. (Contd.) | Coastal forces last night operated within 3 miles of Messina. Destroyers patrolled off the Calabrian Coast, and SCARAB, gunboat, bombarded roads near Cape Schiso at 500 yards, all without opposition. |
| Air Operations. Raid into Austria. | 9. A strong force (61) of Middle East Liberator bombers today attacked the main production factories and assembly plant at Wiener Neustadt, south of Vienna. |
| Raid on Rome. | 10. 106 U.S. Fortresses escorted by 45 U.S. Lightnings attacked today the Lorenzo marshalling yards, Rome.
66 U.S. Mitchells escorted by 45 U.S. Lightnings, and 102 U.S. Marauders escorted by 55 U.S. Lightnings, attacked the Littorio marshalling yards, Rome. |
| Air Operations. | 11. Wellington aircraft last night bombed Zante Island, Preveza and Cephalonia (west coast of Greece).
They also torpedoed a merchant vessel of about 2000 tons W.S.W. of Melos Island (90 miles N. of Crete) and bombed a merchant vessel of 1,500 tons off Syros (76 miles E.S.E. of Athens).
90 Wellingtons bombed beaches between Messina and Cape Peloro last night.
4 U.S. Mitchells attacked and set fire to a merchant vessel 8 miles N. of Lizzo harbour, west coast of Sardinia.
Mosquitoes set on fire a coastal vessel off Point Alice (Gulf of Taranto).
Torpedo Beaufighters attacked a merchant vessel and 2 E-Boats off Civita Vecchia, north of Rome. An explosion was seen in one of the E-Boats. |
| Convoy | 12. Convoy G.T.X.5 arrived today with 21 merchant ships for Alexandria and 14 for Port Said. |

East Indies.

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| A/S situation, Bay of Bengal. | 13. C. in C. Eastern Fleet sends today an appreciation of the anti-submarine situation in the Bay of Bengal as regards the protection of |
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/shipping ...

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East Indies.

A/S situation, shipping and bases. He considers the very early provision of an escort carrier is necessary.
Bay of Bengal.
(Contd.)

CLAN
MACARTHUR.

14. With reference to the sinking of CLAN MACARTHUR (see 11th August), C. in C. E.F. remarks that 2 vessels loaded with important stores have thus been sunk approaching Mauritius (the other being UMVUMA on 7th August), and it is evident serious leakage concerning voyages of these ships is taking place.

Air
Operations.

15. Nine U.S. Mitchells today attacked rail and river transport on the Irrawaddy. A 75-ft. river transport was also bombed. 4 aircraft disabled a 175-ft. freighter off Diamond Island (Burma) by 2 direct hits.

W.S. 31.

16. Convoy W.S.31 (6 troopships escorted by FROBISHER) arrived today at Bombay.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

M/S F.
137
and 109.

137th M.S.F. comprising M.M.S. 260, 263, 279, 280, 305 and 307 fitted Petter main engines is allocated to C. in C. Rosyth.
3. 109th M.S.F. comprising M.M.S. 2, 11, 12, 136, and 232 fitted Harland main engines is re-allocated to C. in C. W.A.
(D.M.S. 131152B.)

Inferior
coal in
North
Russia.
ALTANTIC
EMPIRE SCOTT.

Admiral Fisher's 121706. I am sending a Liaison Officer in Senior Russian escort with instructions that if ships find they cannot keep steam or are making less than 8 knots he is to order them to return to Archangel before reaching Ponoï. Russian Naval staff agree. Under these conditions do not consider trials in Dvina Approaches necessary.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel 131316B to S.B.N.O. North Russia.)

Mails and
stores for
North
Russia.

Mails for R.N. and Merchant Navy personnel in North Russia held in G.P.O., Scapa now amount to 4,121 lbs. This is more than can be carried by plane.

2. Regular delivery of mails to North Russia is considered of great importance.

3. There is also a large quantity of stores now awaiting shipment to North Russia in addition to the requirement referred to in A.M. 070155 para. 3.

4. CHILTERN is overdue for relief, but the relief trawler WARSTAR cannot be sent out until the resumption of J.W. convoys.

5. Request you will consider the practicability of transporting mails, essential stores and reliefs to North Russia by destroyer at regular intervals.

(A.C.N.S.H. 131417B to C. in C. H.F.)

Provision
of
Officers.

Very heavy requirements for future operations will necessitate withdrawing a considerable number of R.N. and Reserve Officers from sea and shore appointments both at home and abroad during the next few months.

2. These withdrawals will be as evenly spread as possible, but in general reliefs will not be available for several months.

3. The provision of officers for new commitments other than those of an urgent operational nature can in no case be guaranteed. Only those foreign reliefs necessary for service requirements can be effected.

4. Only by straining our resources to the utmost can the officers essential for vital operations of the first importance be provided. Their Lordships realise the loss in efficiency which this will involve but have decided that this must be accepted.

(D.F.S.L. 132014B)

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HOME COMMANDS.

Movements.

ILLUSTRIOUS, My 111616B as amended by my 121558B August.
UNICORN. Sailed. E.T.A. 1600A/17th. 36 Most Secret
packages embarked ILLUSTRIOUS. A.M. 092001
refers.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 130608B to Admty.)
Arrived, fuelled and sailed, OPPORTUNE, OBDURATE
and OBEDIENT.
(Cdre. D.W.A. 130907B)

S/M My 101414 and 121412. Sailing (H.50) further
movements. delayed.
(Capt. S.7. 130905B to F.O.S.)
Request you will sail ULTIMATUM for Gibraltar
about 20th August.
(F.O.S. 131018 to Capt. S.3.)

Intend sailing MINERVE escorted by WHITE BEAR 2000B/14
for Holy Loch by usual route. E.T.A. 1800A/16.

(S.O. S/M. Lerwick 13039B.)
Cancel my 121658 H.50 delayed.
(F.O.S. 131126B to Admty.)

Admty. 281504/April and B.A.M.R. Washington's 292126 July.
As it is understood that new battery for CLYDE is now at
Portsmouth, propose she proceeds direct to that port on arrival
in U.K. for changing of batteries and fittings or completion of
Radar type 291W.

(F.O.S. 131233B to Admty.)

Estimate your position at 1200B/13, 054° 10' 033° 01' W.
2. To avoid convoys reduce speed forthwith so as not to cross
longitude 037°W. before 0001/15th.

3. Time of passing through "Chop" is altered to 1200A/15th.

(F.O.S. 131244B to L.26.)

My 131244. Report your P.C.S. at 0001B/14.

(F.O.S. 131514B to L.26.)

My 130905. H.50 will sail in accordance with my 101414,
total of 48 hours added to all times.

(Capt. S.7, 131534B)

Intend to sail LOCH MONTEITH from Clyde at 0900A/15 by
standard route, R/V, SEADOG, and SATYR in 180° Bishop Rock 8 miles
E.T.A. 070°A/17th.

(2) Thence SEADOG and SATYR escorted LOCH MONTEITH northabout
by standard route Dundee. E.T.A. 2300A/20. Speed 10 knots.

(Capt. S.3. 131537B)

Positions of S/Ms at 0800B/14 and movements for following
24 hours. (F.O.S. 131709.)

Your 131534B. Intend to sail P.511 to R/V with KIHNA at
0700B 15th.

(Cdre D.W.A. 131810B to Capt. S.7.)

Cancel my 131314 and 131312. Sailing postponed approximately
seven days.

(F.O.I.C. Liverpool 131847B to Capt. S.3.)

SHROPSHIRE. Scapa departure SHROPSHIRE.
(A.C.O.S. 131323 to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

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- DABCHICK. Ultimate destination of DABCHICK is Colombo, Ceylon.
2. When she is ready for sea about the 20th August 1943, C. in C. Rosyth is requested to sail her as convenient for Londonderry.
3. C. in C. Western Approaches is requested to arrange for her to be included in a convenient K.M.S. convoy, for onward routing to destination via the Mediterranean.
(D.T.M. 131358B)
- HELVIG. Ultimate destination of HELVIG is Colombo, Ceylon.
2. When she is ready for sea about the end of August 1943. C. in C. Rosyth is requested to sail her as convenient for Londonderry.
3. C. in C. Western Approaches is requested to arrange for her to be included in a convenient K.M.F. convoy for onward routing to destination via the Mediterranean.
(D.T.M. 131405B.)
- KENT. Hvalfiord arrival KENT.
(A.C.I.C. 132216B)

Operations.

- Operation "Musketry". Have obtained A.S.V. contact.
(A/C 172 Sq. Duty H. T.O.R. 130042 to 19 Group)
Attack abandoned.
(A/C 172 Sq. Duty H. T.O.R. 0054 to 19 Group)
Have obtained A.S.V. contact.
(A/C 104 Sq. Duty C. 130416 to 19 Group.)
- Attack abandoned.
(A/C 104 Sq. Duty C. 130421 to 19 Group.)
Position escort Vessel $045^{\circ} 33' N. 010^{\circ} 24' W.$
(A/C 210 Sq. Duty N. 131200B to 19 Group.)
GLASGOW is to pass Gate at 1900B/14 and proceed through position (F) 180° Bishop Rock 10 (G) $049^{\circ} N. 010^{\circ} 50' W.$ and thence support 2nd Escort Group and later 40 Escort Group in addition as laid down in memorandum N.O.M.S. para. 10.
(3) Codeword "Bailey".
(4) ATHABASKAN and GRENVILLE are to return to Plymouth when fuel shortage serious passing through position (H) $048^{\circ} 48' N. 010^{\circ} 14' W.$ and (F)
When next breaking W/T silence ATHABASKAN is to report anticipated time leaving patrol.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 131335B to GLASGOW, ATHABASKAN).
Disposition at 2000. (1) 2nd Escort group, KITE, WREN, STARLING, WOODPECKER, WOODCOCK, WILD GOOSE on patrol vicinity $045^{\circ} 30' N. 010^{\circ} 30' W.$
(2) ATHABASKAN, GRENVILLE on patrol vicinity $045^{\circ} 20' N. 011^{\circ} W.$
(3) SYRTIS patrols vicinity $045^{\circ} 20' N. 005^{\circ} 35' W.$
(4) SEADOG vicinity $045^{\circ} 50' N. 004^{\circ} 20' W.$
(5) SATYR patrol vicinity $047^{\circ} 05' N. 005^{\circ} W.$
(6) SEANYMPH patrol vicinity $044^{\circ} 45' N. 004^{\circ} 30' W.$
(C. in C. Plymouth, 131557B to Admty.)

/Following...

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Friday.HOME COMMANDS.Operations.Operation
"Musketry".
(Contd.)

Following is a repetition of my 131425 to F.O.S. Begins. Your 121058 B. An increase of number of U-boats on passage through Bay of Biscay seems probable in view of present quiet period. Request therefore that you will consider leaving SATYR, SEADOG, SYRTIS and SEANYMPH to continue patrol for about one week longer. Ends.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 131630B to F.O.S.)

UNBROKEN Northbound due in position (O) 043° 01' N. 010° 01' W. 0600B/14, proceeding thence coastwise diving by day inside 100 fathom line as far as 007° 00' W.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 131906 to E.G.2., ATHABASKAN)

Estimated position 0700B/14th, 290 C.45. Estimate that destroyers must leave patrol not later than a.m. Monday. Position to nearest degree.

(ATHABASKAN, 131909B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Operations
S.F. and
S.N.

If not in contact and no A/C sightings by 1001B/13th, return to bases in accordance with C. in C. H.Fs. 120128B.

(C. in C. Rosyth 130103B to MUSKETEER, M/S 15.)

Intend detaching SABRE 2000 tonight to R/V

(SHIKARI, 130752B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

Intend following as operation F.N. with object of creating a diversion off South Norwegian coast. (2) C.S.10 is requested to proceed Scapa in BELFAST screened by Capt. D.17 in ONSLOW with ORWELL comprising force D. so as to pass through 062° 15' N. 003° 01' W. at 0500A/16th, thence on course 100° S.O.A. 18 knots.

(3) On reaching longitude 001° 01' E. course is to be altered to 170° and on reaching latitude 061° 01' N. course is to be altered to 350°.

(4) At 1600A or as soon afterwards as no shadower is in contact the force is to proceed at best speed on course for Skaale Fiord.

(5) After dark force is to adjust speed as necessary to enter Skaale Fiord in daylight.

(6) If at any time air attack appears imminent force is immediately to retire towards Shetlands at best speed.

(7) A.O.C. 18 Group is requested to maintain Beaufighter escort over BELFAST from 0900A to 2000A on (? 16th). A.O.C. 13 Group is requested to provide S.E. fighter protection vide para. (6).

(C. in C.H.F. 131253B to C.S.10, D.17.)

E.T.A. Skaale Fiord at 2345/13. METEOR, ORIBI, MAHRATTA
in Company

(MUSKETEER 131340B to N.O.I.C. Faroes).

Operation S.F. of 25th July. Para. 10 Add when more than 2 lettered groups are organized, the area each group is to patrol will be reduced so as not to exceed a total length of 120 miles on north westerly south easterly line.

This will be indicated in (2) giving centre, length, and depth of area.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 131655B to H.F.)

/E.T.A. ...

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Operations E.T.A. Seidis Fjord 0800Z/14th, BOOTLE and
S.F. and WORTHING in company. DUNBAR detached to
S.N. Reykjavik at 1430Z/13th.
(Contd.) (LLANDUDNO, 132135B to R.N.O. Seidisfiord.)
In absence of further orders following movements
are to take place. 15th August MUSKETEER
and MAHRATTA to sail from Skaalefiord so as to
arrive Rosyth noon 16th to operate under orders C. in C.
Rosyth. ORIBI to sail from Skaalefiord to arrive Scapa by
1600A/15th.
F.O.C. 10th C.S. in BELFAST with ONSLOW, ORWELL to leave
Scapa p.m. for Operation F.N. (corrupt group) proceeding
Skaale Fiord on completion. ONSLOW, ORWELL then act under
orders of C. in C. Rosyth for Operation S.F.
16th August MATCHLESS and ULSTER to leave Scapa a.m. for
Skaale and operation S.F.
17th August METEOR to leave Skaale and proceed Scapa when
ONSLOW and ORWELL arrive.
(C. in C.H.F. 132237B)
MUSKETEER, METEOR, ORIBI, MAHRATTA, arrived Faroes.
(N.O.I.C. Faroes, 132328B)

S/M Submarines are to leave patrol as follows to
Patrols. arrive Lerwick p.m. 17th August.
(A) TRUANT at 2300A/15th through 090° Muckle
Flugga 5 miles.
(B) THRASHER at 2100A/16th through 09° Muckle
Flugga 10 miles.

(Capt. S.9., 130915B to S/Ms.)
Positions of S/Ms at 0800B/14th and movements for
following 24 hours. (A) UPSTART, TRUANT, ULA, and THRASHER as
in my 101721. (C) SATYR, SEADOG, SYRTIS, and SEA NYMPH on
patrol as in my 061727 and 081544. SEADOG leaves patrol dived
by day to pass through 46° 01' N. 06° 30' W. at 0001/15th thence
to Northward. (D) UNBROKEN vicinity 43° 05' N. 09° 55' W.
dived by day proceeding within the 100 fathom line to meridian
07° W. Daily advance 83 miles.
(F.O.S. 131709 to Admty.)

Coastal 1. Orders for night 13/14.
patrols. (A) ALBRIGHTON, STEVENSTONE immediate notice
St. Helens and if weather is suitable proceed
on anti E-Boat patrol from 2300 to 0445, on
50° 25' N. between 0° 40' W. and 1° 25' W.
(B) M.L. 343, 344 patrol Q.Z.S. 384 between F. and E.A.5 buoys.
(C) Chasseur 11 immediate notice St. Helens.
(D) M.L. 122, 233, 124 from Portland patrolling 50° 20' N.
between 2° 00' W. and 2° 25' W..
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 131241B.)

/VP - N...

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VP - N. Carry out V.P.N. (1) Patrol N. for NAN.
(2) Blank to be signalled later. (3) 20th
August or first suitable day thereafter.
(4) 1. (5) No. (6) No. (7) 060°. Out
Skerries 110 miles.
(A.C.O.S. 131616B to Admty.)

VP - B. Carry out VP - B. (1) Patrol B. (2) Blank -
to be signalled later. (3) 20th August or
1st suitable day thereafter. (4) At S.O's.
discretion. (5) No. (6) No. (7) 120°
Out Skerries 110 miles.
(A.C.O.S. 131651B to Admty.)

VP operation. My 121338B. Returned at 1330 today.
(2) M.T.Bs. swept inner leads from 0112/13th to
0345/13th and searched minor anchorages.
(3) No shipping was sighted. (4) Mines were
laid. (5) Whole operation appeared to have been
undetected.
(A.C.O.S. 131726B to Admty.)

Allied Air Activity.

R/C of Brest. In addition to routine R/C of Biscay ports,
request photographic R/C of Brest at earliest
opportunity to locate destroyers and torpedo-
boats which had left Pauillac and La Pallice by
12th August.
(D.D.I.C. 131046B to A.D.I. Ph.)

"Stipple" signals. A.M. 122153B. Concur. 2. It is considered
that a paragraph in the sense of para. 4 would
be helpful. 3. It is assumed that Monsters are
included under the heading of convoys.
(C. in C.W.A. 131549B to Admty.)

Trondheim. Reference my 031504 August and reference sheet
Damage by air 442 recent details bomb damage have been
attack on received. Four of six new work-shops (those
24th June. furthest from sea) are totally destroyed.
Wine Monopoly building containing several
administrative staffs and naval stores totally
destroyed. Gas container which was empty
heavily damaged. Prevention of its use has
caused supply to Trondheim to be restricted, consequently work
at Frostfilet seriously hampered. Two U-boats were hit, one
being sunk. Both are now beached. (5) One destroyer
believed hit in magazine damaged and beached. (6) One lighter
sunk. (7) Estimate most of 35 Naval Officers including
Dockyard Commander were killed as well as large number German
personnel and foreign dockyard workmen. Graded, B.2.
(N.A. Stockholm, 131609 to D.N.I.)
N.I.D. Comment: The damage reported is in line with previous

/reports...

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Allied Air Activity.

Trondheim,
Damage
by air
attack on
24th June.

previous reports and can be considered as fully confirmed.
R.S. 442 quoted mentions the presence of the vessels damaged or destroyed. Air R/C photos cover the damage to the work ships, the gas works and the Vinmonopoliet (Wine Monopoly) building. The damage to the gas works would certainly have the effect reported and as the Wine Monopoly building has for a very long time past been one of the main centres of German activity in Trondheim, it is probable that heavy loss would have resulted.

Mining.

S.N.74. Your 040920 para. (2). Destroyers can fuel from tanker off Reykjavik.
(A.C.I.C. 130228B to R.A.M.)
Cdre. (M) Sailed in AGAMEMNON with PORT QUEBEC, MENESTHEUS, ST. MARY'S, WELLS and SALADIN in company.
(TRELAWNEY 130710B to Admt.)
Faeroes departure SABRE.
(N.O.I.C. Faeroes, 132015B to C. in C.H.F.)

M/S 4. My 011725. Sweeping abandoned after one day owing to weather. Check extended to width of 6.8 miles Southward of line referred to in my 310941 July para. 2 with negative results.
2. Two more full sweeping days required to complete operation.
(M/S 4 130946B to C. in C. Plymouth)

Q.Z.S.117 and Q.Z.S.151. Admiralty 081726B, C. in C. Nore 101520B, and Admiralty 101442B. Intend to sail at 1030A/15
READY (S.O.) to Dover, and HOUND, HYDRA, ORESTES and LOYALTY to Harwich.
2. By swept channels and inside I.O.W. to Sandhead Buoy whence READY detaches and enters Dover and remainder (S.O. HOUND) proceed to Harwich carrying out Oropesa and extended L.L. search of Q.Z.S.117 and 151 en route. 3. Speed 12 knots. E.T.A. Sandhead Buoy 0530A/16.
E.T.A. Harwich 1200A/16.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 131211B)

Q.Z.X.1056. Southern limit of Q.Z.X. 1056 now swept today in "J" formation bounded by.
A. 50° 0' 0" N. 3° 37' 15" W.
B. 50° 4' 36" N. 3° 12' 54" W. No mines encountered.
(GWEAL 131813B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

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SCHEER.

ADMIRAL SCHEER after leaving Copenhagen August 10th was last sighted shaping course to eastward. Graded A.2.
(N.A. Stockholm, 131734 to Admty.)

Norway situation.

Recent rumours of German evacuation which have never been believed by Swedish Staff were due apparently to German Staff enquiries with certain Norwegian shipowners regarding capacity of shipping for transport of personnel. A well placed Swedish Officer tells me there are reasons for thinking German planning staff have recently prepared an evacuation scheme but there is no sign whatever of any move being contemplated at present.

2. This bears out our information derived from sea transport statistics until end July which reveals an appreciable increase in number of vehicles guns and equipment transported to Norway as well as about 8000 men and many prisoners.
(N.A. Stockholm 131841 to Admty.)

N. D. Comment: The enquiries re shipping are a natural sequence to the cancellation of the Transit Traffic through Sweden and might well give rise to rumours of evacuation. This report appears to be a reasonable summary of the situation.

U-Boats.

U.489
sunk
by A/C
on 4th
August.

Further information shows U-boat was U.489 said to be 700 tons type. Armament apparently one 4.7 and one M.G. aft four M.G. or cannon in conning tower and gun unknown size but thought powerful forward. 4.7 rate of fire about three per minute. Gunfire accurate at 1500 and intense at 500 yards. U-boat Captain stated he was unhappy in diving owing to damage from aircraft attack (?3rd) August.
(R.A.F. Iceland 131750Z to H.Q.C.C.)

U-Boat
reported.

D/F Bearings at 0037 indicate U/B in general area 70° N. 10° W.
(D.D.I.C. 130402B to A.C.I.C., A.C.O.S. C. in C.HF)

Navigational.

Tyne.

One way traffic will be in operation at the entrance to the River Tyne until further notice while work is in progress on the wreck of SS. BRABO.
(F.O.I.C. Tyne, 131730 to C. in C. Rosyth.)

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Friday.War Diary.HOME COMMANDS.Casualties and Defects.

- Unknown ship. Following received at 0132 from Tiree Radio begins: Distress Signal intercepted 500 Kc/s continuous wave presumably enemy aircraft D/F bearing 140° class second call S.O.S. 130110Z ends.
(Port Patrick Radio, 130332Z to N.O.I.C. Greenock)
- DUNBAR. Your 120128B. DUNBAR requires boiler cleaning. Propose she be detached by LLANDUDNO to proceed direct to Reykjavik for this now.
(M/S 15. 130959B to C. in C.H.F.)
Your 130959. Approved.
(C. in C. H.F. 131349B to M/S 15.)
- LANCASTER. Your 12855. LANCASTER can be taken in hand for boiler cleaning at Liverpool. Ship should be sailed to arrive tomorrow.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 131035B to N.O.I.C. Holyhead)
- VELDA. My 111201B. Ship delayed by unsatisfactory W/T trials.
(F.O.I.C Cardiff, 131055B to Admty.)
- M.G.B. 6150. M.G.B. 615 has become definitely inoperative due to increasing hull leaks. Request she be paid off now and her Officers and crew transferred to M.G.B. 608 which should be ready in all respects by end of August. This transfer would enable 608 to then become operational.
(N.O.I.C. Newhaven 131259B to C. in C. Portsmouth.)
- ANGLE. Your 121731. ANGLE can be taken in hand now for refit at Liverpool.
2. Approved modifications to Bridge and fitting of Oerlikons should be undertaken concurrently.
(D.O.D.H. 131622B to F.O.I.C. Liverpool)
- VALESCA. Departure Tug KROOMAN to assist H.M.T. VALESCA - reported to have Dan Buoy in screw vicinity of 4A Buoy.
(N.O.I.C. Gt. Yarmouth, 132129B to C. in C. Nore.)

Shipping and Convoys.O.S.53/
K.M.S.23

Your 121059B/8. Number of ships O.S.53 20, K.M.S.23 46, Total 66. EMPIRE PROWESS M/S R/T for Casablanca/Dakar.
(C. in C.W.A. 130013B)

/T.A.57...

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T.A.57 (AQUITANIA) My 070234B para. 2. Approximately 1500 R.A.F. will now embark but no P.O.W. (D.S.T.130411B) A.M. 12131. Convoy T.A.57. Route: Through position J 270° Oversay 6 miles at 2359A 16. Thence through K 54001 N. 14.58 W. L. 52.03 N. 25.00 W. M. 48. 30 N. 37.04 W. N. 42.59 N. 48.02 W. O. 39.10 N. 60.05 W. P. 38.03 N. 69. 57 W. thence to New York. (D.O.D.H. 131750B to C. in C.W.A.)

MARIPOSA. Your 072016. Arrived Hvalfiord. (A.C.I.C. 130952B to Admty.) Intend sailing MARIPOSA at 1400B/15th to Greenock routed as in C. in C.W.A. 111746 June. Speed 19 knots. E.T.A. 1400B/17th. Admiralty 072016 refers. (A.C.I.C. 131222B to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

GOLDEN EAGLE. Intend to sail GOLDEN EAGLE. Breaksea 1100B/14th August New York. Route. (N.C.S.O. Avonmouth, 131232 to Admty.)

S.L.134. One or more F.W. 200 aircraft are operating in your vicinity. (D.D.I.C. 131253B to S.L. 134.)

Standard Routes. A.M. 052006 the original M.K.F. standard route vide A.M. 081249 Dec. and A.M. 111618 February, is cancelled. 2. The only inner Standard routes are those promulgated in A.M. 171550 May for S.L. and O.S. convoys. (D.O.D.H. 131415B.)

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U.G.S.13. My 111222 (111225B August intended) sailed.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 130100B)
U.G.S.13, ships arrived as in your 091620 less
JOHN STEVENS, WILLIAM GILES, plus TOORAK.

Total 15 ships.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 130350B to C. in C. Med. (R) Admty. Connav)
U.G.S.13 Add Com Algeria to list of addressees of my
130350. JOHN STEVENS and WILLIAM GILES arrived.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 130854B.)
Arrived Casablanca section U.G.S.13. STEVENSON, STOCKTON.
THORN, CAMPBELL, DUANE, SPENCER, HAMMAN, JACOB JONES, PERRY,
CHEPASET with Tanker SALAMIS.
(Commorseafron, 131310B to C. in C. Med.)

Movements, Arrivals ULSTER QUEEN, WARWICK from Algiers
Gibraltar. U.S. P.C. 482, 480, 475 with O.G.55, departures
GERALDTON, CESSNOCK, CAIRNS, WOOLONGONG,
CONVOLVULUS, BLANKNEY, GODETIA, SAXIFRAGE, to
U.G.S.13. ANTHONY to Vila Real.. H.D.M.L.1292,
1229, BURRA tug WEAZEL, U.S.S. SYNCLINE to join U.G.S.13.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 130134B to Admty.)
My 130134. Arrival ANTHONY from vicinity of Vila Real
with 43 Poles.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 131012B to Admty.)

Swedish Relief Ships. Following is a repetition of my 130753 (begins).
Not to be molested this voyage. Swedish Relief
Ship AKKA 5409 G.T. and YARRAWONGA 4893 G.T.
sailed 0745B/13th August routed direct:
(A) 038° 10' 010° 00' thence through
(B) 038° 10' 011° 30' (C) 037° 00' 011° 35'
(D) 036° 20' 015° 00' (E) 035° 15' 020° 00' thence Piraeus by
standard route, speed 12½ knots, white hull with National colours
cross marking, ship's name SVERIGE on side.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 130814B to 8th S/M F. LA SULTANE, F.S. ORPHEE)

M.M.S. Sunderland survivors. Following is a repetition of my 130950 addressed
British Consul Las Palmas (R) B.N.A. Madrid,
Admty. From F.O.I.C. Gibraltar (begins) Motor
Minesweepers 23, 100, 101, 104, 108 arrive Las
Palmas 1900 G.M.T. August 15th to embark
Sunderland survivors referred to in A.M. 291955
July (ends).
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 131000B to B.N.A. Madrid, Admty.)
Ships addressed are to proceed Las Palmas to embark 10
R.A.F. Officers and men. Your expected time of arrival is
1900Z/15th August. S.O. acknowledge.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 131540B to B.Y.M.S.23, M.M.S.100, 101,
104, 108.)

/My...

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M.M.S. My 131028Z (N.T. in W.R.) cancelled. Your
Sunderland 131540B acknowledged. B.Y.M.S.23 and Consorts
Survivors. to embark personnel. Advise M.M.S. No available
(Contd.) space B.Y.M.S.23 can accommodate 10. My E.T.A.
0800Z 15th August.
(B.Y.M.S.23 132152Z to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.)

Dispositions. Situation 1959B/13th. P.42 (UNBROKEN (? 042°) 30'
010° 01' 000° diving by day 7/2.
(2) LOCH OSKAIG, MARIE LOUISE MACKAY, repairing
cable vicinity 037° 21' 009° 17'.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 131014B)
Situation 131958B. GLORIEUX F.S. escorted by LE TEMPETE
034° 01' 014° 40' to 034° 01' 019° 01' thence 259° 11.
(2) LE TEMPETE leaves GLORIEUX F.S. in 034° 01' 015° 20' at
approximately 132300 returns to Casablanca 090° 11.
(3) U.S. Convoy, U.S.S. BUTLER T.G.89.6 034° 01' 015° 46' 270°
13½
(4) U.S.N. (?Force) T.G.21.13 in vicinity Azores thence R/V
G.U.S.11.
(5) G.U.S. 11 C.T.F.63 032° 01' 024° 25' 270° 8.
(F.O.i/c Gibraltar, 131016B)
Situation at 132001B.
P.42 (UNBROKEN 042° 04' 010° 01' 000° diving by day 7/2.
(2) LE GLORIEUX escorted by LE TEMPETE 034° 01' 014° 40' to 034°
01' 019° 01' thence 259° 11.
(3) LE TEMPETE leaves LE GLORIEUX in 034° 01' 015° 20' at
approximately 2300B 13th returning Casablanca 090° 11.
(5) S.L. 134, SCYLLA, ROCHESTER, (E) 042° 42' 016° 01' 000° 7.
At 044° North SCYLLA proceed to cover O.S.53 K.M.S.23.
(6) LA GRANDIERE ICY 027° 43' 013° 55' through 030° 57' 010° 32'
thence 020° 12½.
(7) U.S.S. JEFFERS 035° 02' 009° 32' to 034° 01' 014° 01' 270°
to overtake U.S. Convoy 24.
(8) O.S. 53, K.M.S. 23, BLACKWOOD, BERMUDA 045° 20' 014° 09' 181°
8'.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 131018B)

T.G.89.6. U.S.S. JEFFERS sailed 131020B August to overtake
T.G.89.6.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 131057B to T.G.89.6 (R)
NEWFOUNDLAND, Commorseafron, Connav, Admty. etc.)
U.S.S. JEFFERS speed 24 sailed to overtake (?30) transport
convoy, E.T.A. joining 150130A.
(C.M.S.F. 132156B to Cdr. 10th U.S. Fleet C. and R.)

G.U.S.12. Intend sailing, (list).
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 131143B to Com. Algeria Com.
N.O.B. Oran, C.M.S.F.F.)

U.S.S.CARD. From NATEL 184 it would appear U.S. escort
Carrier CARD and American Destroyers have been
operating in vicinity of the Azores for some days.
2. It is requested that movements of this nature
may invariably be communicated to me.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 131208B to Admty. (R) Cominch,
C. in C. Med.)

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NORD
ATLANTIC.

Your 112350. Spanish Navy will make attempt at salvage. Germans cannot. My 122057B explains position. Presume no action is intended against her. Please see H.M.Ambassador's telegram 1396.
(N.A. Madrid, 131313B to Admty.)

S.L.134

Following read "Child" being shadowed by one enemy aircraft position 42° 10' N. 16° 10' W. course 000° speed 7 knots.
(SCYLLA 131409B)

One F.W. A/C attacked convoy "Child" at 1520B. No damage. My position at 1600B 042° 30' N. 016° 20' W. speed 7½ knots shadowing has ceased.

(SCYLLA. 131659B to Admty., F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R) C. in C. W.A., C. in C. Plymouth, BERMUDA.)

TALLY HO
Toulon
patrol.

TALLY HO intend sailing for patrol off Toulon p.m. August 15th routed. (P) 180° Cape Calaburras 5 miles 0415/16 (Q) 180° Cape de Gata 5 miles at 0500/17 and unless otherwise ordered by Capt. (S) 8 (R) 135° Cape Palos 5 miles at 0220/18.

(2) Capt. (S) 8 is requested assume operation control at 0500/Y S. of A. 8 knots until 0630/16 11 thereafter 120 miles per day. Gibraltar broadcast West of Greenwich meridian Malta broadcast East Greenwich shift to read M.S. routine times zone minus 2. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 131552B to C. in C. Med. Capt.(S) 8, (R) TALLY HO, N.O.i/c Malta, etc.)

M.K.S.21
attacked.
2 ships
damaged.

"Cockatoo" is being attacked by 36 planes bearing 300° distant 10 miles. Position 36.13 N. 02.20 W.
(SHOREHAM, 132054 to Gib. W/T.)
Enemy A/C bombing. 37 Heinkel 111. 4 Heinkels down.
(SHOREHAM No T.O.O./13 to Gib. W/T Recd. 2125/13)

My 2054 FRANCIS W. PETTYGROVE (U.S.7176 tons) and EMPIRE HAVEN (BR. 6852 tons) damaged, 4 aircraft shot down for certain, several probables, 036° 15' N. 002° 23' W.

(SHOREHAM 132135B to Gib. W/T.)

My 2135B both ships torpedoed engine room.
(SHOREHAM, 132208B to Gibraltar.)

Movements,
Gibraltar.

Arrivals ANTHONY from Vila Real U.S.S. JEFFERS from Oran, SCOTTISH IMPERIALIST for escort duties.
Lisbon departures S/M SURF to Algiers.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 132157B to Admty. etc.)

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DUNKERY U/Boat. DUNKERY reports possible S/M in 011 degs. 15' N. 017 degs. 35' W. at 12200Z. No further details. (F.O.C.W.Af. 130045Z to Ships in P.1. and P.2 (R) Admty. etc.).

C.M.44 Following received from R.F.Detachment St. Lucia Bay. T.O.O.121421B. (Begins) - S.N.O.C.M.44. My 0119/12. S. of A. 8.2 knots due EASTERN PRINCE. Further effort to repair continues unsuccessful. I shall have to detach NEPAL at about 26 Degs. 00' South which most undesirable at present. EMERALD and REDOUBT WILL need fuel at Diego Suarez at present rate of consumption. 12/1421B/(Ends). (Com. i/c Durban 130135B to C. in C.E.F., C. in C.S.A.).
Para.4. of my 100831 for 1400Z/13 August read 1200Z/14 August.
(Com. i/c Durban 130944Z to Admty. etc.).

S.L. Convoys assembly. Ships loading for S.L. Convoy should be sailed as early as possible and loading not adjusted to arrive Freetown at particular date. Sailing date of S.L. Convoy most secret and should not be disclosed either directly or indirectly to agents.
Arrivals of large numbers of ships near sailing date also causes congestion and possible missing of convoy through inability to fuel and water all in time. Assistant S.O.(I) Recife pass to B.N.S.O. Rio de Janeiro and all B.R.L.O.S. American ports. (F.O.C.W.A. 130251Z to Asst. S.O.(I) Recife, (R) Admty.).

REDSHANK Sailed REDSHANK in convoy G.B.3, D.N. 56? N.C.S.O. Durban 130753 (N.T. in W.R.) refers.
(2) From position Z REDSHANK proceeds through the following positions.
(B) 14 degs. 50' South 44 degs. 00' East, (C) 12 degs. 22' South 48 degs. 00' East, (D) 11 degs. 42' South 49 degs. 11' East, (E) 11 degs. 56' South 49 degs. 32' East. S. of A. 9 knots.
E.T.A. Diego Suarez 0500Z/22nd August.
(3) Keeps W/T watch on 500 k/cs single operator periods shifting to read B.A.M.S. routine. Holds Naval code and current item tables.
(Com.i/c Durban 130632Z to Admty. etc.).

Group Sailing D.L.M.5. Group Sailing No.28 Lourenco Marques. Expected sailing from R/V 130 degs. Cape Inhaka 6 miles 0430Z/15th, 3 ships escorted by NORWICH CITY and NORTHERN ISLES. PALMA Commdore 15 knots for Aden. TUREBY Vice Cmdre. of Convoy ?11 knots for ?Port Elizabeth.

GEORGIOS G. Buenos Aires Comdre. Knots ?7 for Alexandria. E.T.A. Durban 16th August. S. of A. 7 knots. Route. (Lourenco Marques 130741Z to Admty.).

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C.B.3. Sailing telegram (11 ships).
D.N.56 (2) 0600Z/August 13th. (4) 7 knots.
D.L.M.5. (5) X 028 degs. 34' South 032 degs. 30' East Y
028 degs. 00' 038 degs. 00' Lourenco Marques
ships are detached at X and (?proceed) coastal
escorted to destination. Beira ship is detached
at Dominica and proceeds escorted through (Z) 021 degs. 00' S.
038 degs. 00' East to destination 9 knots. Remainder from (Y)
as in my serial nos. 529 to 533 and 535 to 537.
(6) ROCKROSE, JASMINE, LE TIGRE, VIVIANA, NORTHERN ISLES, NORWICH
CITY.
(N.C.S.O. Durban 130753Z to Admty. etc.).

Movements 12th Aug. Departures ARRAN M.L. 1019, 1052,
Lagos arrivals M.Ls. 296, 1041.
(N.O.i/c Lagos 130858Z to Admty. etc.).

MANGKALIHAT. SSS was transmitted by FREESIA as MANGKALIHAT's
W/T was wrecked by explosion. Your 120950 refers.
No signal made by MANGKALIHAT.
(Com.i/c Durban 130903Z to S.O.(I) Capetown (R)
Admty. C. in C.E.F.,S.O.(I) Colombo).

Force X Arrival 0830Z/13th August. French Cruisers
DUQUESNE and TOURVILLE.
(N.O.i/c Takoradi 131143Z to Admty. etc.).

Dispositions Situation at 2000Z/13th August.
LADY ELSA, WELLARD, BLAUWBERG with (C.D.) 31
(2 ships) 034 degs. 22' 023 degs. 20' coastal to
Durban 8 FRITILLARY, ST. LOMAN, NORTHERN CHIEF,
SONNEBLOM with D.C.39 (11 ships) 033 degs. 33' 027 degs. 30'
coastal to Capetown 8 knots.
EMERALD, REDOUBT, NEPAL with C.M.44 (4 ships) 028 degs. 01' 043
degs. 10' to 028 degs. 02' 045 degs. 58' 9.
ROCKROSE, JASMINE, LE TIGRE, VIVIANA with D.N.56 and C.B.3
(11 ships) 028 degs. 32' 032 degs. 30' to 028 degs. 01' 038 degs.
01' 5.
NORTHERN ISLES, NORWICH CITY with D.L.M.5 (2 ships) 028 degs.
32' 032 degs. 30' coastal to Lourenco Marques 5.
(C. in C.S.A. 131151B).

Situation at 2000Z/13th August.
O.41 H.M. S/M P.614 029 degs. 10' 009 degs. 15' to Equator 010
degs. 00' West 8½ knots.
NORMAN, RELENTLESS, QUIBERON, RAPID, KALE, TAY, DERG with W.S.32
(10 ships) 012 degs. 45' 010 degs. 30' to 018 degs. 09' 010 degs.
41' 13 knots.
(C. in C.S.A. 131212B).

Situation 2002Z/13th.
TEVIOT, HELFORD, PLYM with R.S.9. (?18 degs.) 40' 018 degs. 00'
180 degs. 15.5.
QUALITY, BRILLIANT, ROEBUCK one fleet unit 025 degs. 12' 017 degs.
12' through 025 degs. 01' 017 degs. 30' thence 189 degs. 15.
PETUNIA, SNOWDROP, CORCRAE, TURCOMAN, M.M.S.99, 010 degs. 38'
016 degs. 53' through 010 degs. 57' 017 degs. 27' 357 degs. 7.

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Dispositions (Contd.) DUNKERY, PICT, SOUTHERN GEM 010 degs. 22' 016 degs. 34' 122 degs. 5.
B.Y.M.S.23, M.M.S.101, 102, 104, 108, 022 degs. 30' 016 degs. 53' through 023 degs. 44' 016 degs. 20' thence (?165 degs.) 8.
YESTOR, FANDANGO, BUTSER screening (?ABERDEEN) 013 degs. 08' 017 degs. 09' proceeding to 010 degs. 00' 016 degs. 35'.
CLARKIA about 011 degs. 01' 017 degs. 33' proceeding Freetown 10. (F.O.C.W.A. 131237Z).
Add to my 131227 (presumably 131237). SPLENDID one (corrupt group) in position 012 degs. (?28') (?007 degs.) 18' searching. (F.O.C.W.A. 131801Z).
Situation at 1958Z/13th. FOXHOUND, BOADICEA with T.S.50, 004 degs. 10' 009 degs. 01' 302 degs. 9.5.
INKPEN, BARKING about 006 degs. 53' 011 degs. 48' coastwise to Marshall 5.
WOLVERINE, BEAGLE, BULLDOG, DOUGLAS, CATTERICK 2 Fleet units and C.F.13 005 degs. 40' South 011 degs. 53' East 309 degs. 12.5.
EXE, ORFASY, M.Ls. 266, 1042 with T.L.20 005 degs. 48' 002 degs. 00' East to Lagos 9.5.
ARRAN M.Ls. 1019, 1052 with L.T.26, 005 degs. 12' 000 degs. 12' to 005 degs. 06' 000 degs. 36' thence Takoradi 8.
DUNTON M.Ls. 265, 261 off Marshall.
M.Ls. 1160, 1016 off Port Bouet. M.L.1018 off Accra. M.L.1078 off Lome. M.L.1014 off Kotonu. M.L.305 off Sherbro. (F.O.C.W.A. 131238Z).

CLARKIA prisoners from U/B sunk 11th August. Your 112. (as received) U-Boat sank in less than half an hour in 012 degs. 20' N. 020 degs. 07' W. Most of the missing were due to Chlorine gas poisoning or shark attack. Liberator was heavily hit and burst into flames during run in but nevertheless completed an accurate attack before diving into the sea at over 250 (?M.P.H.). U-boat (?Lt.Cdr.) and 2 Officers among survivors very impressed by coolness and courage displayed by doomed bomber crew. Casualties among prisoners include 2 chlorine gas poisoning and 2 shark bite all non cot cases at present. (CLARKIA 131229Z to F.O.C.W.A (R) Admty.).

CLARKIA searching for survivors from Liberator which failed to return has found seven German survivors from U-boat who state that their U-boat was attacked and sunk by Liberator who in its turn was shot down and lost with all hands. Attack at approx. noon 11th about 12 degs. North 19 W. CLARKIA with prisoners now returning Freetown. (F.O.C.W.A., 131534Z 151249Z to Admty).

FORT HALKETT. British Merchant ship FORT HALKETT torpedoed and sunk by Submarine 009 degs. 30' S. 026 degs. 50' W. 0614 G.M.T. 6th August.
24 survivors including Master, first, second, Radio, First, Second Engineers, landed by boat 1020 G.M.T. today 12th August. 2 other boats one with 24 other with 9 men got away but not yet picked up. U.S. Navy patrol planes searching. No casualties. Submarine was seen. 1 torpedo fired (?struck) ship in No. 2 hold. Submarine surfaced and fired 27 rounds into ship. In ballast. Ship bound Rio de Janeiro from Freetown. (B.N.S.O. Rio de Janeiro 131346Z to C. in C. S.A., F.O.C.W.A.)

/U/B(?)....

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U/B(?) Hudson reports attacking submarine in 012 degs. 06' N., 017 degs. (?29') W. Am proceeding to arrive there at 1600.
(YESTOR, 131531Z to F.O.C.W.A.)
Reached position of attack 1615. Have completed box search 5 miles without result. Remaining until daylight pending orders.
(YESTOR, 131900Z to F.O.C.W.A.)
Your 131900. Action approved. Rejoin LADY DENISON PENDER now.
(F.O.C.W.A., 132105Z to YESTOR).
Your 132105. Left CLARKIA at 2250 expect to rejoin midday was (?intercepted) enemy report T.O.O.131531 and cleared at 1602 received?
(YESTOR, 132315Z to R.A.W.A. (R) FANDANGO).

Movements, 13th August. arrivals WELLINGTON, GORLESTON, Lagos. LOWESTOFT, FOLKESTONE, BRIDGEWATER.
(N.O.I.C. Lagos, 131541Z to Admty. etc).

PIERRE N.O.I.C. Lagos' 121921 not to Admty. Attempt
LOTI. to salvage PIERRE LOTI is to be abandoned.
Salvage officer should return Freetown after making arrangements for recovery of Naval Personnel and equipment.
(F.O.C.W.A., 131655Z to N.O.I.C. Lagos, (R) B.N.L.O. Pointe Noire. V.C. Libreville, Salvage Office, Admty).

U/B Hudson aircraft made D/C attack on surfaced U-boat
attacked. in 12 degs. 03' N., 17 degs. 35' W. 1643/13th.
Claim hits probable. U-boat submerged after two minutes.
(F.O.C.W.A., 132320Z to Admty. (R) N.O.I.C. Bathurst B.N.L.O. Dakar).

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Mediterranean.

NIEUW AMSTERDAM. Your 101947Z. Embarkation of 1200 German P.O.W. for South Africa not understood. Request further report.

2. In view of the almost complete absence of facilities for onward conveyance from South Africa to U.K. the 50 women and children for U.K. should not be embarked.

3. Admiralty view is that unless completely unavoidable women and children should not be embarked in the same ship as P.O.W. This deals with the point of principle you raised. (D.S.T. 130011B to P.S.T.O.M.E.) Reply 151246.

E.T.A. Suez of NIEUW AMSTERDAM 0356Z/18th August, S.O.A. 20 knots.
(CANTON 132121Z to F.O.C.Red Sea (Suez) N.O.I.C. Aden, C. in C.E.F.)

Enemy units. Following read. P.C. and S. of two minesweepers 42.43 N. 10.02 E. course 270° speed 6 knots. (A/C HUO/L via Alexandria 130110B.)

Venice, Genoa R/C. P.R.U. Venice 11th August shown one destroyer MIRABELLO class partially dismantled and another naval unit 260 feet in length - 12 merchant vessels and 6 tankers two of which are in dry dock. PORTO MARGHERA was not photographed.

Ref. A.M. 102225 (Genoa) REGOLO class cruiser hull is stripped down and work apparently suspended - one destroyer possibly LE HARDI class is partly dismantled. There are seven tankers present. (D.D.I.C. 130252B to C. in C.Med. (A). etc.)

K.M.S. 22. K.M.S. 22 Bone section arrived. (N.O.I.C. Bone 130316B to Admty. etc.)
K.M.S. 22. Add to my 121714B OCEAN VISION local pendant 12. OCEAN GLORY 14. WAR KRISHNA 24.

GULF DISC 23. OCEAN VULCAN 25. All for Alexandria. 10 ships. Pass to Clyde. (V.A.Malta 131247B to HOLCOMBE, (R) Admty. etc.)
My 120946 sailed. Additional Joiners L.S.T. 322 (S.O.) 303 and 366 for Malta. (F.O.Tunisia 131431B to Escorts of convoy K.M.S. 22, Admty. etc.)
K.M.S. 22. My 121301B sailed. Pass to Cdre. (S.N.O.Tripolitania 131806B to S.O.Escort K.M.S. 22, (R) Admty. etc.)
K.M.S. 22 onward route vide C. in C.Med. 090921 (N.T. in W.R.)

2. S.O.A. 8 as far as 316, and then 7.
3. 33.00 N. 20.00 E. at 2250/15th (?) 3 miles north 344, 0705/17th 5 miles north 337, through 329, 2235/17th 316, 1305/18th 310, 309, 0615/19th, 306, 303, 300, 399, 0500/20th to Port Said.
4. Alexandria section (?approx) 0615/19th. 5. M.G.
6. High, codeword "Horatius" 7. C.
8. HOLCOMBE S.O., 46 E.G. ATHERSTONE, LIDDESDALE, OXLIP, HYDERABAD, RHODODENDRON, HONEYSUCKLE, COLTSFOOT plus JONQUIL.
9. Ships for Alexandria and orders to escort follow. (C. in C.Levant 132351C to Escorts K.M.S. 22 and M.K.S. 22, A.I.G. 72, A.I.G. 259, etc.)

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- DZIK. Leave Bari Patrol to pass $041^{\circ} 20' 018^{\circ} 19'$ at 0500/16th $040^{\circ} 11' 019^{\circ} 10'$ at (0500)/17th and $038^{\circ} 50' 018^{\circ} 29'$ at 0500/18th, your route will be signalled.
(Capt. S.10, 130633 to P.52 (DZIK) (R) S/M F. 10, Capt. S.1, C. in C.Med. C. in C.Levant, V.A.Malta, Capt. S.8.)
- Movements Alexandria. Alex. August 12th arrival G.S. COUNDOURIOTIS. Departures BULOLO, G.S. COUNDOURIOTIS, M.L. 348, 385.
(N.O.I.C. Alexandria 130655C to Admty.)
- Movement Summary at 2000/13th. 1. P.52 (DZIK) off Bari. 2. P.49 (UNRULY) off Brindisi. 3. P.31 (UPROAR) $035^{\circ} 46' 016^{\circ} 18'$ to arrive Malta 0800/14. 4. P.54 (UNSHAKEN) off Valona until 0500/14th $039^{\circ} 45' 018^{\circ} 58'$ at 2000/14th. 5. O.R.P. SOKOL $038^{\circ} 50' 018^{\circ} 18'$ to $040^{\circ} 20' 018^{\circ} 59'$ at 2000/14th.
(Capt. S.10, 130701.)
- ANTWERP. 12th August 1943, arrival and departure.
(S.O.(I) Beirut 130842C to Admty.)
- G.U.S.12. Pass to Cdre. G.U.S.12. Intend sailing 10 OCEAN TRAVELLER 51 R/T P.V. M/F New York 10 BENJAMIN CONTEE 61 M/F Hampton Roads 8½ LYMINGE 52.
(N.O.I.C. Bone 130912B to S.C.Escorts of G.U.S.12 (R) Admty. etc.)
- G.U.S.12 pass to Cdre. and escort. Joiners 11 EMPIRE SOUTHEY H/F D/F Casablanca local pendant 21 9 FORT BRULE H/F D/F Gibraltar local pendant 22 for Takoradi.
(N.O.I.C. Philippeville 131024B to Escorts of convoy G.U.S.12)
G.U.S.12. Intend sail (list, 10 ships), all for U.S.
(Com. N.O.B. Oran 131139B to C. in C.Med.)
- P.A.48. Convoy P.A.48 arrived less STORE NORDYSKE straggler.
(N.C.S.O. Aden 130915Z to Admty.)
- M.E.Air Report. A.685 August 13th. Daily opsum 107, 11/12 August. 4 Liberators (B.24) 9 Halifaxes San Giovanni Railway sidings, bursts seen on railway tracks and sidings North and South of harbour, in the town, and in area of station and train ferry terminus. Many fires started. Objective well covered by incendiaries. 3 Wellingtons anti-shipping R/C west coast of Greece. 1 aircraft attacked 2 merchant vessels north east of Kyllene, 1 bomb failed to explode, another burst close to port bow of 1 vessel. Second aircraft bombed Zante Island. 2 bombs hung up 1 not seen to burst. Remaining aircraft bombed Preveza. 2 bombs burst on quays. Large fires seen on Levkas and Cephalonia Islands. 12 August. 2 Beaufighters anti-shipping

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M.E. Air Report. (Contd.) sweep Aegean Sea. 2 Masted Caique of 80 tons attacked in centre of Paros Bay on west coast of Paros Island. Cannon strikes scored amidships. Later vessel completely destroyed by bomb which burst 5 yards away, Bomb and cannon attack made on 25 ton Caique on east side of Bay. 1 bomb overshot by 40 yards bursting on land. Many cannon hits obtained vessel left listing to port. My opsum 106 (120940) 11 August, reference "2 Beaufighters anti-shipping sweep coast of Greece near Cephalonia Island. No sightings." Delete "no sightings" and add "bombed 2 small vessels moored to quay northern end of Cephalonia Island. 2 bombs failed to explode and hit quays bouncing off into warehouses causing explosion. Smoke rose to height of 400 ft. Vessels hit by cannon and machine gun-fire. 1 machine gun post silenced. (H.Q.R.A.F.M.E. 131034Z.)

Movements August 13th arrivals COCKCHAFFER, TROUBRIDGE, Augusta. TUMULT, TYRIAN, WHEATLAND, FOULA, GRAYLING, REIGHTON WYKE, U.S.S (corrupt group) OOSTOCK, L.S.T. 198, 8 and 12, L.C.I. 130 and 131, 272 and 274. M.L. 560 (?564) and 554.

Departures COCKCHAFFER, ALBACORE, OFFA, PETARD, RAIDER, L.S.T. 198, 8 and 12. (N.O.I.C. Augusta 131045B to Admty.)

8th S.F. movement summary at 2002B/13th. 1. F.S. ORPHEE 038° 27' 010° 22' 265° 2½/8. 2. P.247 (SARACEN) East of Corsica. 4. P.225 (SIMOOM) in Gulf of Genoa. (Capt. S.8 131124B.)

M.K.S.21. Following remained Oran. M.B.LAMAR, EMPIRE CARPENTER, J.G.BROWN, CARA. PARAMOOM. My 111631B sailed plus J.G.BLAINE, PIERRE B.ENFANT, W.T.BARRY, J.ELMER, LOUISA ALCOTT, SOLOMPO JUNEAU. All for Gibraltar, for onward routeing to Casablanca. Three ships previously for Oran continued to Gibraltar FORT ALEXANDRIA for Melilla. JAMES MARSHALL for Casablanca. DAVID STONE for U.S. Cdre. Capt. A.Osborne R.N.R. in PORT ALMA. (Com. N.O.B. Oran 131135B to C. in C.Med.)

U.G.S.13. Pass to Cdre. and escort U.G.S.13. Intend sailing - 10 THOMAS SUMPTER M/F for Bizerta. (N.O.B. Oran 131137B to GERALDTON (R) C. in C.Med. etc.)

SURF, SIMOOM, SAFARI. Onward route through 135° Cape Palos 5 at 0300/16th 038° 27' 002° 12' at 1600/17th thence to R/V with P.225 (SIMOOM) and escort to Algiers in 036° 56° 003° 01' at 0630/18th. 2. P.211 (SAFARI) proceeding to Gibraltar passes 038° 17' 002° 01' at 0515/16th and 135° Cape Palos 15 at 1300/17th. (Capt. S.8 131148B to P.239 (SURF) (R) C. in C. Med.)

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SURF,
SIMOOM,
SAFARI.
(Contd.)

Leave patrol through 043° 10' 008° 59' at 0500/15th
042° 59' 008° 01' at 2200/15th 041° 30' 006° 43'
at 2200/16th thence on surface at your discretion
to R/V P.239 (SURF) and escort Algiers in 036° 56'
003° 01' at 0630/18th.
(Capt. S.8 131156B to P.225 (SIMOOM), (R) C. in
C.Med. 8 S.F. N.O.I.C. Algiers, LA SULTAN.)

COMMANDANT
DETROYAT.

Ref. A.M. 121259 not to C. in C.Mediterranean or
F.O.I.C. Gibraltar. It is not desired to accept
COMMANDANT DETROYAT late Fighting French ship at
Algiers for repairs.
2. Request she may proceed to Gibraltar. F.O.I.C.
Gibraltar requested to report work involved on arrival.
(C. in C.Med. (A) 131151B to Admty. (R) C. in C.Med. F.O.I.C.
Gibraltar, F.O.C.W.Af.)

L.C.F. in
"Husky".

Unofficial reports indicate that L.C.F. were of
little value in "Husky".
2. If this is confirmed and if you do not require
them for further operations, request that all
which can be spared may be returned to U.K.
forthwith, where they are urgently required for training and to
replace those under construction which will be converted to L.C.G.
(L).
(D. of P. Approved V.C.N.S. 131210B to C. in C.Med. (A. & M.).)
Reply 141336B.

Ships for
Palermo.

Ships destined for Palermo should be routed to Bizerte
for onward routeing. F.O.I.C. and N.O.I.C. pass
to N.C.S.Os.
(C. in C.Med. (Malta) 131231B to F.Os.I.C. and
N.Os.I.C. French North Africa etc.)

Enemy units.

P.C. and S. of one enemy M/V 2 enemy E-Boats and
one enemy aircraft 41.53 N. 11.48 W. (Gas coded)
060° 8 knots.
(A/C GMK/R 131245B.)

M.K.F.22.

M.K.F.22. Request you will sail for (A) Tripoli
ARONDA, SOBIESKI, H.M.S. DEVONSHIRE, H.M.S. GLENGYLE
(B) Algiers CHRISTIAN HUYGENS (C) U.K. ORBIA,
LEOPOLDVILLE, BERGENSFIORD, CAPE MOORYCAN,
NIGERSTROOM.
(C. in C.Levant 131333C to N.O.I.C. Alexandria,
(R) N.O.I.C. Port Said, etc.)

Ships for
Levant,
information.

Request necessary action be taken to provide C. in
C.Levant with information required by his 111059
para. 2 (names of ships to be given on entering
the Levant Station) in respect of ships sailing in
K.M. and U.G.Convoys to Middle East Ports and
beyond.
(C. in C.Med. 131456B to Admty. B.A.D.)

/Your...

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Levant,
information.
(Contd.)

Your 111059. M.W.T. London inform D.S.T.O. in Suez Area of particulars of cargo of all ships from U.K. and of British ships from U.S.A. when these vessels are bound for canal ports or beyond. Commencing with K.M.S.23, full details of ammunition and explosives will be included, based on B. of T. classification, (vide T.152 grouping.) 2. For K.M.S.22, signal containing these latter details will be sent tomorrow Saturday.

3. A.M.111519 July, to B.A.D. only, requested that similar information for U.S. ships might be passed by W.S.A. to the American representative in the canal area.

4. Ultimate destinations are included, when known, in the sailing telegram. 5. A.M. 032243 July refers to bunker and water requirements.
(D.T.D. 132135B to C. in C. Levant.)

Movements,
Aden.Arrivals 0426Z BALUCHISTAN and BATHURST in company.
(N.O.I.C. Aden 131517Z to C. in C. Levant, etc.)Med. Air
Report.

146545 A/244 Cypher 13th August Secret
Signed Eisenhower. Part 3. Air. Cositintrep No.34.
N.W.A. Air Forces. Night 11/12 August. 89
Wellingtons bombed the beaches, roads and landing craft between Messina and Cap Belovo (?Peloro) starting fires and causing a large explosion near Gata. 18 light bombers were on armed R/C in N.E. and The Toe of Italy attacking highways and M.T. Nine patrols of Beaufighters successfully intercepted 35 E/A over Catania-Augusta area destroying five Ju.88s. Day 12 August. 24 B.25s. bombed Cotrone Bosco Lago L/G and 21 B.25s. that at Cotrone Rositello. Both formations had an escort of 24 P.38s. 48 B.26s. escorted by 45 P.38s. bombed landing ground at Grazzanize where both dispersal area and airfield well covered. A hut which was hit near the field exploded with flames rising to 1,600 feet. Up to 70 enemy aircraft were encountered by this formation and their escort and 12 E/A were destroyed and four probably destroyed for the loss of two P.38s. Received from War Office 2100/13.

Aerial bombing tactics were experienced. 144 sorties were carried out by light bombers of tactical air force against towns in N.E. Sicily whilst fighter bombers maintained attacks on landing craft. Escorting Spitfires destroyed two E/A and probably four others without loss to themselves.

2. Malta, night 11/12 August, Mosquitoes intruded over S. and W. Italy whilst Beaufighters carried out interception patrols without combats. 3. 9th Bomber Command. Night 11/12 August. 11 Halifaxes and 4 Liberators attacked San Giovanni area.
(Air C. in C. Med. No. T.O.O. Recd. 1530/13, 1625/13.)

Axis
Shipping
Istanbul.

My 121107C. BACCHUS still here but sailing orders expected hourly. Reported B.3 that vessel waiting (1 Group mut.) tankers from Aegean Sea or GERDA TOFT due to arrive from Black Sea within next two or three days.
(S.O. (I) Istanbul 131555C to C. in C. Levant, S.O. (I) Levant, S.1. S.10. D.N.I.)

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- M.K.F.22. A.M.122040. Request you will adjust sailing of M.K.F.22 so as to arrive Algiers early a.m. 24th August.
(C. in C. Med. (Malta) 131556 to C. in C. Levant.)
- DEWDALE. In view of your 101920 DEWDALE will not be sailed in K.M.S.26. It is regretted repairs precluded her sailing earlier.
(D. of P. 131701B. to C. in C. Med.)
- L.C.M. Flotillas. Your 071959. It is presumed that the craft in para. 3. refer to the number 45 given in para 2. Request these or any craft surplus to your requirements may be shipped to U.K. as opportunity offers in M.T. ships. 2. Craft should be accompanied by personnel necessary to maintain them on voyage, remainder of crews and flotilla staffs should be returned to U.K. as soon as convenient.
(D. of P. 131705B to C. in C. Med. (M)).
- H.D.M.Ls. Your 121700. (Calling for repetition of 051535 not previously received.) Following is a repetition of C. in C. Med's. 051535 (begins) F.O.S.Y., V.A. Malta, C.C.F. C. in C. Levant, (R) C.F.W. C.F.E. C. in C. Med. (A) from C. in C. Med. H.D.M.Ls. 1083, 1158, 1252, 1038, 1283, are allocated to Levant Station. F.O.S.Y. is requested to sail 1083, 1158 and 1038 to Malta. C.C.F. is then requested to sail all boats to Levant. C. in C. Levant is requested to signal required destinations. (Ends.)
(C. in C. Med. (M) 131734B to Admty.)
- Amgot Reports. Precis of Sitreps from Amgot to 10th August.
(Algiers 131739B to War and Etousa.) See Lion Copy.
- Movements, Sfax. Arrivals TRANSVAAL 12th August HENGIST 13th August.
(Departure?) ROYAL ULSTERMAN 12th August.
(N.O.I.C. Sfax 131853B. to Admty.)
- M.L. Flotillas. Your 051253. In order to clarify position regarding stores it is requested that you will state whether the allocation of the 24th M.L. Flotilla to Levant is in substitution of the 22nd M.L. Flotilla which was originally allocated there, A.M. 201945/January refers or whether it is in addition.
(D.D.O.D. (C) 131902B to C. in C. Med.) Reply 151812.
- M.K.S.22. Your 122114. (?122126 intended). Request that Cdre. M.K.S.22 and subsequent Convoys may be

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not 13/8.

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IN

131739H/August.

FROM: Algiers.

Date: 14.8.43.

Recd: 1745

CYPHER

ADDRESSEES: War (Action) HQ.ETOUSA (Info),

Sicily: Anglo Reports.

Ref.No.W-7256/969. MAT 7. 13 August 1943.

Interior Addresses: To: Agwar
Action: Combined Chiefs of Staff
Rptd: Usfor
Info: British Chiefs of Staff
Signed: Eisenhower

Cite: FHMGS

PRECISE OF CONSOLIDATED SITREPS RECEIVED FROM ANG TO
10 AUGUST FOLLOWS:-

1. Palermo, Agrigento, Caltanissetta and Catania.
 - (a) Administration functioning, Prefect of Agrigento interned but Prefect Enna still acting.
 - (b) Palermo, resuming normal aspect with aqueducts and electricity functioning.
 - (c) Catania, has 20,000 out of 100,000 houses uninhabitable but installations are intact. Estimated population 60,000 but may increase to 100,000.
 - (d) Food situation generally less precarious. In effort to break Black Market, prices of wheat increased from 360 to 500 lire for August and fixed 450 for September and 400 for October. Ration bread increased to 300 grammes and price from 2.60 to 3.60 lire per kilo. No unfavourable reactions.
 - (e) Carabinieri continues satisfactory.
 - (f).....

(f) Political situation—emergency of fairly widespread separatist movement for Sicily not totally associated anti fascist groups. Situation being watched.

(g) AMG Headquarters established Palermo.

2. Trapani province. Marsala evacuated by 8 out of 10 persons. Trapani partially evacuated food situation difficult owing to communications with grain area. No epidemics.

3. Zeco with 7th Army has submitted detailed report up to 31 July. Situations discovered similar to those already reported generally and for other areas with following special points:-

(a) Much labour has been provided for dock work.

(b) Country folk have been encouraged to return to their homes and movement with passes has been authorized wherever possible.

(c) Needy families are being paid in money to buy food.

(d) People who have been awaiting trial for long time for minor offences have been released in own recognisances.

(e) Prisoners of War have been released on parole with exception of commissioned officers.

1st Lord.

1st S.L.(2)

D.F.S.L

4th S.L

V.C.N.S

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M.K.S.22. (Contd.) instructed to arrive in position (? Wor QD) at 1500C if possible. S.O. Escort to report E.T.A. to C. in C. Med. through N.O.I.C. Tobruk if it is found that Convoy has not sufficient speed in hand to achieve this.
(C. in C. Med. (A) 131920B to C. in C. Levant.
(R) SLAZAK, Escort M.K.S.22. etc.)

CANADA (French.) Your 191702B July. It is understood that CANADA could not be employed by French for transporting Civilians for at least four months. Does this alter possibility of our obtaining her services as hospital ship?
(Head of M.I. 131948B to C. in C. Med. (A)
(R) F.O.C. W. Africa.)

INDOMITABLE escort. Your 121805 August, not to C. in C.H.F. or R.A. (D) H.F. or B.A.D. 2. If no other escorts are available, three destroyers of ILLUSTIOUS screen may be used to escort INDOMITABLE from Gibraltar to Norfolk.
(D.O.D. (H)*131958B to C. in C. Med. (R) F.O.I.C. Gib. C. in C. H.F. R.A. (D) H.F. B.A.D.)
*Approved A.C.N.S.(H)

Movements, Oran. Departure today SHOREHAM, WHITEHAVEN, HYTHE, RYE, ROMNEY, LINMORE, GAWLER, IPSWICH, MARYBOROUGH. Arrivals were AMARAPOORA Fr. LE TERRIBLE.
C. in C. Med. pass to Comnavnaw.
(Com. N.O.B. Oran 132001B to Admty. etc.)

Situation report No.152. 1. Destroyers operated off Calabrian and East Sicilian Coast night 10/11th and Coastal Giaeas (?Forces) Calabrian Coast and Messina Straits. No surface forces met but some opposition from Shore Batteries. No damage or casualties.
2. UGANDA, ROBERTS, SOEMBA and Destroyers engaged targets on right flank army on 11th. 3. AURORA, PENELOPE, JERVIS, PALADIN operated night 12th/13th between Licosa Point and Gulf of Epeemi, nothing met. 4. MAURITIUS, UGANDA, NUBIAN, TARTAR operated night 12th/13th between Cape Rizzuto and Alice Point, nothing met. 5. Air Raid Augusta night 11th/12th by twenty planes of which four shot down, no bombs in Port Area. 6. U.S.S. WAINWRIGHT, ROWN, TRIPP operated night 11th/12th off Italian Coast Punta Iscolelli to Punta Licosa, nothing met. 7. M.T.Bs. fired torpedoes at three Merchant Vessels entering Messina night 11th/12th, explosion five minutes later but no definite hits claimed.
(C. in C. Med. (M) 132026B to Admty.)

US. Civilians Transport. Your 060414B. Propose STIRLING CASTLE ex Bombay about 20th August proceed via Massawa to embark U.S.A. civilians. Request concurrence.
2. F.O.R.S.C.A. required to concur.
(P.S.T.O.M.E. 132029C to D.S.T.)

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Movements, Arrival HORNPIPE, MOUSA, L.S.T.428, U.S. L.S.T.349.
Bone. (N.O.I.C. Bone 132058B to Admty. etc.)

N.A.A.F. Report. N.W.A.A.F. Opsum 173. N.W. Strategic Air Force.
11/12 August. 89 Wellingtons beaches Messina to
Cape Peloro. Beaches, roads, landing craft
attacked, many fires started. 12 August.
48 U.S. Marauders (B.26) escort 45 U.S. Lightnings
(P.38) Grazzanize airfield. Hangar area, dispersals and entire
landing area covered. Explosions believed ammunition hits.
Approx. 70 enemy aircraft encountered. 7 M.E.109 destroyed,
3 probably destroyed by bombers. 2 M.E. (109 or 101?) destroyed.
3 M.E.109 and 1 F.W. (90 or 190?) probably destroyed and 1 M.E.
109? 1 F.W.190 and 2 R.E. 2001 damaged by escort. 2 U.S.
Lightnings (P.38) destroyed. 24 U.S. Mitchells (B.25) escort
(4 or 2?) U.S. Lightnings (P.38) Cotrone Boso Lago airfield.
21 Mitchells (B.25) escort 24 U.S. Lightnings (P.38) Cotrone
Rositello airfield. Field thoroughly covered.
(N.A.A.F. A.M.H.Q. 132105B.)

Part 2. 11/12 August. 10 Bostons A.20, 2 Baltimores A.30
Reggio Di Calabria and Vibo Valentia, all bombs target areas.
80 motor transports bombed. Railroad yards Gioia strafed.
6 Bostons A.20 R/C roads Gesso, Castiglione, Fiume Freddo,
St.Teresa areas. 1 returned early. 12 August. 84 U. S. Mitchells
B.25, 36 Bostons A.20, 24 Baltimores A.30, Patti Falcone,
Barcellona, Novara. 126 tons bombs. Target well covered.
Ammunition dumps troops, gun positions.
(N.A.A.F. Adv. H.Q. 132356B.)

ANTWERP. Departure 13th.
(N.O.I.C. Famagusta 132114C to Admty.)

Movements, Arrived L.C.R. 140, M.T.B.60 sailed HAILSTORM,
Tripoli. M.L.575, 462.
(S.N.O. Trip. 132115 to Admty.)

Movements, 13th August Port Said. Arrivals. BULOLO, H.M.S.
Port AETOS, H.H.M.S.IERAX, F.F.S. LA MOQUEUSE, BREAM.
Said. Z Lighters 40 and 39 BULLFINCH, H.H.M.S.COUNDOURIOTIS.
Departures HYACINTH, H.H.M.S.COUNDOURIOTIS, H.S.L.141
Z Lighters 39 and 40.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 132121C.)

Movements, Arrivals M.L.238. Departures PRODIGAL M.M.S.85
Algiers. H.D.M.L.1238 (Greek). B.Y.M.S. 65, 66, 67, 185.
(Com. Algeria 132150B to Admty.)

PARTHIAN ~~lost~~. Regret to report H.M.S. PARTHIAN overdue Beirut
since a.m. 11th has failed to answer signals and
must be considered lost. 2. H.M.S. PARTHIAN left Malta on 21st
July for patrol off west coast of Greece and in Southern Adriatic.
Only known enemy claim which might refer was dated 23rd July
and therefore unlikely. No reason to suppose books compromised.
3. Capt. (S) 10 is requested to report casualties and any
relevant information known.
(C. in C. Levant 132207C to Admty. (R) F.O. (S), Capt. (S) 1,
Capt. (S) 10, C. in C. Med.)

/Enemy...

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Enemy Units. Have obtained A.S.V. contact in position 39.38 N. 10.06 E.
(A/C 132220B via Alex.)
Have obtained A.S.V. contact in 41.31 N. 12.05 E.
(A/C GPB/A 132230 B.)

Movements, Malta. Arrivals OFFA, PETARD, RAIDER, CORIOLANUS, GLOXINIA, KLO, STORNOWAY, POLRUAN, BUDE, PIROUETTE. M/Vs TALMA, LEVANT, OCEAN VISION, OCEAN GLORY, EMPIRE DUNSTAN, COLCHESTER, WAR KRISHNA, NASPRITE, UALVADORE (?SALVEDA intended), OCEAN VIRTUE, 1 L.C.I. (L) 5 L.S.Ts., 1 L.C.T., M.T.Bs. 9, 5, 633, M.G.Bs. 67, 4, M.L. 1259.
Departures TROUBRIDGE, TYRIAN, TUMULT, WHADDON, EGGESFORD, LAUDERDALE, JULIET, Hospital Ship ST. DAVID, 1 L.C.I., 4 L.S.Ts. M.Ls. 554, 560, 564, 1242.
Arrivals and departures ALBACORE, WISHART, GRAYLING, M/V MARIGOT. (V.A. Malta, 132229B to Admty. etc.)

Malta A.I. 1067 13th August. 12th August: 8
Air Beaufighters carrying bombs made successful
Report. armed R/C off West coast of Greece, 4 x 250 C.T. bombs were dropped on seaplane hangar at Corfu and after cannon attacks on seaplanes 1 Do. 18 was left sinking, 1 Do. 18 was damaged and 1 seaplane was left on fire. At Preveza near misses with bombs were scored on a trawler and cannon strikes set it on fire. Near misses were also scored on 2 M/Vs of 2/3,000 tons and a probable bomb hit was scored on another M/V 2/3,000 tons. 1 Spitfire made photo R/C of Taranto and 1 Baltimore made A/S patrol south of Toe of Italy. 12/13th August: 6 Mosquitoes of which 3 carried bombs made successful attacks on road and rail transport in Southern Italy. 2 Mosquitoes made intruder patrols in Foggia area. 1 bomb carrying Wellington searched for enemy shipping along west coast of Italy and 2 torpedo carrying Wellingtons made shipping searches between heel of Italy and Albanian coast. 1 Wellington made shipping search in Gulf of Taranto and another Wellington made A/S patrol southeast of Toe of Italy. 6 Beaufighters made interception patrols north of Malta. 13th August: 3 Spitfires made photo R/C of Taranto Naples and Southern Italian Aerodromes and another 3 Spitfires made photo R/C of special areas in Northeast Sicily and toe of Italy. 2 Baltimores made A/S patrol south of toe of Italy. Operations by aircraft of other commands.
13th August: 1 Liberator of 565 Squadron and 1 Liberator of 409 Squadron 9th Bomber Command airborne from Benghazi to bomb Vienna airframe works developed engine trouble before reaching targets jettisoned bombs in sea and landed Malta at 1155 and 1209 hours respectively.
(R.A.F. Malta, 132259B.)

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Movements,
Tobruk.

Sailed CALM M.L.1149.
(N.O.I.C. Tobruk 152356C to Admty.)
(?Sailed) ST. MINVER.
(N.O.I.C. Tobruk 132359C to Admty.)

Movements,
Tunisia.

Arrivals U.S.S. RHIND, BROOME, WESTRAY, ELBURY,
NEGRO, MIAOULES, Y.M.S.63, 15, 34, 58, 3, 78,
83. Departures MENDIP, CLACTON, H.S.L.2600,
L.S.T.322, 303, 366.
Arrivals and Departures ATHERSTONE, ALDENHAM,
PUCKERIDGE, ROTHESAY, BRIXHAM.
(F.O. Tunisia 132359B to Admty. etc.)

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From Algiers

Date 13.8.43.

CYPHER TELEGRAM

Sicily - Army Report

Addressed War Office, C.in C. Middle East, (Naval, Pro)
C.O.C. in C. East Africa, C.in C.
Persia/Iraq, Repeated USFOR.
Canadian Military H.Q. London,
C.G.S. Canada, L.H.Q. Melbourne,
C.G.S. South Africa, C.in C. India,
B.A.S. Washington, C.G.S. New Zealand
(for Puttick) H.M. Ambassador Madrid
(for U.S. Ambassador Madrid) Resident
Minister Achimota (by Colonial Office)
Britmilat Ankara (by Foreign Office).

U.S. 631. Ref. No. 959. LINREP 72.

Dated 13th August 1943.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS 9th to 11th August.

Para. 1. Ground. Advance continued over whole front in face of extensive minefields and demolitions. Line 12 August extends just north Giarre - two miles east Bronte - Maletto - two miles west Randazzo - San Marco Dalunzio - three miles S.W. Cape Dorlando - two miles South Naso - Brole C 75. Eighth Army. On right of 13 Corps 50 Div. advanced from Acriale area across Leonardelle river and captured Giarre 11 August after fierce resistance 5 Div conformed by advancing from Trecastrigni to Zafferana C 90. 1 Canadian Div came under 13 Corps from 10 August. With 30 Corps 78 Div maintained progress through Bronte towards Randazzo in contact with 9 Div of U.S. Corps. Patrols pushed up road Bronte - Maletto and encountered strong opposition in latter area.

Seventh Army Provisional Corps remained as Garrison western Sicily while 2 Corps pushed eastwards. 9 Div crossed Sineto river capturing Camalato C 52 and moving along road Cesare - Randazzo, with thrust

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by 91 Recon Bn operating towards Floresta C 73 3 Div after occupation San Marco Dalunzie C 641 9 August drove ahead to road Naso C 64 - Ueria C 73. A Bn of 3 Div supported by Naval and Air Bombardment landed early 11 August behind enemy lines in vicinity of Nazo river.

Para. 2. Naval Two Cruisers with destroyers bombarded targets at Castellammare South of Naples during night 9/10 Aug. Same night cruiser and gunboat bombarded positions in Taormina and Cape Ali areas east Sicily. Light forces operating in Messina Straits have encountered no surface craft but were engaged by shore batteries which damaged one M.T.B. Support of land operations included covering landing of U.S. Bn on north Coast of Sicily. Riposte on east coast was bombarded in daylight 10 August. H.M. submarine ~~SIMSON~~ reports two hits on Italian 7,600 ton Cruiser in Gulf of Genoa nine August.

Para. 3. Air Strong forces of Wellingtons averaging over eight aircraft have each night raided beaches in Messina and Cape Peloro area and B-17s in daylight have bombed targets in Messina area. Against Italy an attack was made by over seventy medium bombers on bridges at Angitola. Fighters also engaged targets on opportunity in south Italy and carried out sweep over south Sardinia. Continuous support of our land operations has been maintained. Against shipping Beaufighters left one merchantman smoking heavily near Bastia after attack on convoy of two four thousand ton merchantmen ships with escorting destroyer and E Boats.

Para. 4. Enemy The past three days have been marked by continued enemy withdrawals in all sectors of the front. Covered by effective demolitions and with a minimum of heavy fighting enemy forces east of Mount Etna have withdrawn to a line running generally east - west through the area just north of Giarre D OO where they are attempting to make a stand. On the Malette C 71 front, the Germans continue to resist fiercely, at the same time giving ground slowly under Allied pressure. In the northern coastal sector, the Allied landing east of Santa Agata resulted in the taking of about 1,500 enemy P.W. Since that date hostile forces

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have fallen back to area just west of the mouth of the Naso river where some enemy have probably been cut off as a result of the Allied landing early on 11 August. There is no evidence of prepared defensive positions in this area. South of Nare C 64, the enemy is retreating towards Ueria C 73. Due to physical fatigue, high casualties, and increasing supply difficulties (especially in artillery ammunition) the enemy will be compelled to continue his withdrawal on all parts of the front, covered by the most extensive demolitions.

Para. 5. Political Under strong pressure from certain sections of the Public and from some of its members, the French National Committee of Liberation has set up a sort of "star chamber" for the examination with view of elimination of all persons recognised as guilty of deliberate and wilful collaboration in policies contrary to the interests of France and the Allied cause. The purpose of this decision appears to be to achieve in the ranks of civilian officials the same sort of elimination as has been carried out in the Army by the lowering of age limits. Reassurances have appeared in the press as to constitution of this Committee but no names as yet have been announced.

T.O.O. Nil

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SHILLONG. Departure SHILLONG escorting EMPIRE SYDNEY.
(N.O.I.C. Madras, 130151Z to Admty.)

STRATHMORE. Transport STRATHMORE sailed for Durban 12th with
troops and stores as follows (details)
Requirements. E.T.A. 24th a.m.
(D.S.T.O. Bombay, 130449Z to P.S.T.O. Capetown)

Movements. Arrival M.L.474, 475, 477.
(N.O.I.C. Madras, 130542Z)
Arrivals 0515Z BOMBAY, ROHILKHAND, KONKAN with
P.B. 51 0545Z. FROBISHER with W.S.31.
0715Z. ALAUNIA with A.B.9.
(S.O.(I) Bombay, 130728 to Admty.)
DURBAN arrived.
(F.O. E.Af. 131251Z)
Colombo arrivals 13th 0030Z HINDUSTAN, 0850Z NETRAVATI.
(F.O. Ceylon, 131308Z)

Convoy Bombay portion arrived.
P.B.51. (N.C.S.O. Bombay, 130566Z to Admty.)

A/S The present air situation in Bay of Bengal as
situation regards protection of shipping and bases is as
Bay of follows: (1) Defence of Ceylon (A) Air Striking
Bengal. Force, two Beaufort A U/B Squadron, one Liberator
Sqn. part of which is allocated to P.R.U., one
Vengeance D/B Squadron.

Short of the Vengeance aircraft (corrupt group)
their effectiveness as a striking force. It has therefore
been agreed with A.H.Q. India that subject to concurrence of
C. in C. Ceylon this Squadron can be moved now to Bengal where
it is required for future operation. (B) Fighter defence,
three Squadrons. (2) R/C of approaches to Ceylon and Bay of
Bengal. (A) Liberators as in para. 1 (a) and one further
Liberator G/R Squadron is forming in Bengal which will not be
fully operational before November. (b) Catalinas, one Sqn. at
Madras, four Squadrons at Ceylon, counting the Dutch Squadron
in (2). Considerable detachments from these Squadrons have
however already been made to South Africa. (3) Air A/S
Escort for shipping or troop convoys on coastal route Colombo
to Chittagong. The only aircraft available are these
Catalinas and Liberators mentioned in para. 2. No M.R. G/R
Squadrons are available unless one of the Beaufort T/Y Squadrons
is moved from Ceylon to Madras or Bengal for A/S escort duties.
(4) Fighter protection of coastal shipping route. Apart
from the area around Ceylon the only portions of the coastal
shipping route where there are existing arrangements for
providing fighter protection if required are as follows:
(A) Within 100 miles of Madras. Fighter operational
arrangements and fighters are available but fighters are due to
be moved to Bengal in Autumn for future offensive operations.

(B) /...

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situation
Bay of
Bengal.
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(B) Within 100 miles of Vizagapatam. Fighter operational arrangements are available but no fighters there. In view of already overcongested state of East Coast railways it is not practicable to move a Fighter Squadron there even if it could be spared from Bengal.

(C) Within 100 miles of Chittagong. Fighter operational arrangements and fighters are available. (5) The remaining portions of the route cannot be provided with fighter cover owing to absence of sufficient suitable aerodromes due to decision not to complete original plan to build a coastal chain of aerodromes or inability to build aerodromes near the coast. To recommence this work now would mean diverting resources and labour from other work in connection with long term and offensive operations.

(6) Recent flood damage to railways in Bengal will necessitate moving approx. 30,000 troops by sea from Madras to Chittagong in small convoys extending over period from early September to December. (7) The only aircraft available to provide Air

A/S escort for the convoys are those in para. 3. It is therefore an urgent requirement that at least one Wellington ?MR G/R Squadron be moved back to Bengal at earliest possible date. (8) The paucity of targets has probably been responsible in a great extent for the small interest displayed by the Japanese in East Coast of India traffic. The increase of this traffic, and in particular the inclusion of troop convoys, would have to be sailed at (full speed at) regular intervals will provide targets which the enemy may well consider merit sustained attack. In view of the fighter situation outlined in paras. 4 and 5 and in order to increase to some extent the A/S protection to convoys I consider the very early provision of an escort carrier is necessary.

(C. in C. E.F. 130623Z to Admty. (R) A.H.Q. India, 222 Group C. in C. Ceylon.) Amended by 140625Z. *Reply to para 8 - HUSH, 211341/8.*Convoy
P.A.49.Sailing telegram (14 ships). (1) P.A.49
(2) 0700Z/13th. (4) 8½ knots from Z.Z.10 knots
(5) Route 4. (6) BENGAL, RAJPUTANA.
(N.C.S.O. Hormuz 130735Z to C. in C. E.F. etc.)
Departures Bandar Abbas 0700Z/13th.BENGAL and RAJPUTANA escorting P.A.49. (2) E.T.A. 057 degs.
30' E. 1300Z/17th. E.T.A. Aden 1300Z/20th.
(N.O.I.C. Hormuz, 130835Z to N.O.I.C. Aden.)R.A.Miles
to hoist
flag 13th.

Intend R.A. Miles shall hoist his Flag on shore as Naval Force Commander from 13th July date of arrival in India. Flag can be transferred subsequently to some suitable ship when latter available.

(C. in C. E.F. 130754Z to Admty. (R) F.L.O. Delhi.)

Sinkings /...

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Sinkings off Mauritius, Suspected Leakage. Two vessels loaded with important stores have recently been sunk by U-Boats when approaching Mauritius. The UMVUMA 7th and CLAN MACARTHUR on 12th. Survivors in boats from Greek ship EPTHALIA MARI sunk on 5th. in same area were told by submarine that she was waiting for a ship carrying war materials for Mauritius. It appears evident that serious leakage concerning voyages of these ships has taken place. (C. in C. E.F. 130803 to Admty. (R) C. in C. S.A.)

U-Boat disposition No.25. German: 1 between South Madagascar and Mauritius last plotted by D/F fix near 026 degs. S. 056 degs.E. 1911Z/12th. Three others unfixed in South West Indies Ocean of which 1 may still be between Mozambique and Madagascar. Italian: 2 believed to be nearing Sabang east-bound. 1 by poor D/F fixed S.E. of Madagascar 6th, presumably eastbound. 1 by poor D/F fixed 500 to 600 miles S.S.E. of Mauritius 13th may however, be same as 1 plotted S.E. of Madagascar 6th. (2) Following Y messages are cancelled 303 Y of 25th June. (C. in C. E.F. 130939 to E.F.341Y)

Convoy W.S.31. Arrived. (N.C.S.O. Bombay, 131025Z to Admty.)

Convoy A.B.9. Arrived. (N.C.S.O. Bombay, 131035Z to Admty.)

RAMILLIES. Concur in your 121023 (suggesting escorts for W.S.32 and for RAMILLIES). (C. in C. E.F. 131401Z to C. in C. S.A. (R) Admty. Cdre. (D) Capt. (D) 11, Cdre. i/c Durban)

Movements Summary No.84. August 13th. (1) NEWCASTLE left Addu Atoll August 12th due Kilindini 16th. (2) EMERALD, REDOUBT, NEPAL left Durban 10th escorting convoy C.M.44 routed east Madagascar, to R/V CHITRAL. CHITRAL escort convoy to Aden EMERALD and (? REDOUBT) proceed Kilindini. NEPAL proceed Diego Suarez for fuelling then return Durban. (3) CANTON left Addu Atoll 9th to M.O.M.P. with NEWCASTLE and 1 transport. CANTON escort transport from vicinity Addu Atoll to 055 degs. E. thence proceed Kilindini due 18th. (C. in C. E.F. 131404Z to E.F. 342Y)

DALFRAM /...

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DALFRAM
torpedoed
4th Aug.

French advise 41 survivors landed from ship torpedoed at 0340/4th August 14 miles S.W. Mauritius by German S/M No.134 with 2 torpedoes. Crew complete with exception of third mechanic, Michael Franchi and Cyril (?Amuel) Clements duty unknown who died on board. Name of ship place of landing survivors and list of survivors follows as soon as known.

(S.O. (I) Diego Suarez 131421Z to Admty. (R) C. in C. E.F. S.O. (I) Colombo.)

Name of ship is DALFRAM, my 131421 August refers. 41 British survivors landed Sainte Marie Island.

(N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez 132009Z.)

CLAN
MACARTHUR
sunk.

CLAN MACARTHUR torpedoed and sunk in position 023° 00' S. 058° 10' E.

(C. in C. E.F. 131548 to Admty. (R) S.O. (I) Colombo, C. in C. S.A.)

WEST
POINT.

Following is a repetition of my 121153Z (Begins) arrival U.S.S. WEST POINT (Ends).

(S.O. (I) Bombay 131720Z to Admty.)

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CLAYOQUOT Relieved by SHERBROOKE at 2300Z/12th. Having enough fuel am proceeding direct Sydney (C.B.) course 285° speed 10 knots. Weather report. (CLAYOQUOT 130032Z to N.O.I.C. Sydney C.B.)

Movements St. Johns N.F. 12th, arrivals nil. Departures DUNCAN, VIDETTE, VANSITTART, LOOSESTRIFE, SNOW-FLAKE, SUNFLOWER, B.7 to S.C.139, NORTHERN REWARD, NORTHERN FOAM, W.S.C.139, TALOMA, MOJAVE, ATAK, S.C.528, MODOC, ALGONQUIN, COMANCHE, MOHAWK to S.G.29, EMINENT, COLDSTREAMER, W.H.X.251, B.Y.M.S.229, M.M.S.244, 246, 247, 251, to U.K.
(N.O.I.C. St. Johns, 130045Z).
Arrival 13th Q.M.114 U.S.A.T. from Trinidad.
(B.R.O. Georgetown, 131300Q).
Departures M.M.S.255, 254, to St. Johns N.F.
(C. Halifax, 131940Z).

Dispositions My 121700Z amend B.W.50 ESQUIMALT 045° 46' 056° 12' 081° 5.
(C. in C. C.N.A., 130055Z).

CEFALU 131500Z. U.S.A.T. CEFALU. Cristobal for onward routing. E.T.A. Cristobal 0500Z/20th knots A 14.7; B. 15.25. (Route).
(P.D. New York, 130200 to Admty).

S/M N.S.H.Q's 091600. Cominch at present supplies
Estimates. Allied Warships west of 26° W. and S. of 40° N. with all the necessary information regarding both enemy and allied submarines in that area vide Cominch 102111 June para. (A) 2 and (B) 1.
This information is broadcast in one signal and is routed individually to Allied Warships affected according to the W/T watch they are keeping at the time. A table showing the W/T watch kept by all British and Canadian Ships in the U.S. strategic area is supplied to Navy Dept. daily by B.A.D.
2. It is considered that the extension of N.S.H.Q's submarine report to include the area between 40° N. and 32° N. is therefore not essential.
(B.A.D., 130211Z to Admty. N.S.H.Q. S.B.N.O.W.At).

Air Report (B) A/S Sorties 48. Enemy sighting 1. Liberator
U/B attacked. B.4 of 103 Squadron at 1620Z/12 sighted and attacked U-boat in 38.54 52.25. Conducted 2 attacks with Sub. responding to first with M/G and explosive A.A. Sub. believed to be 750 ton type. On surface for first attack but submerged for second. Released 5 427 lbs. D/Cs with nearest 50 feet from Sub. Doubtful if Sub. damaged
Poor weather.
(H.Q., E.A.C., Canada, 130930 to Air Min).

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U/B Submarine sighted 10 miles south-west Portland Rock at 1500Z.
(S.O.(I) Jamaica, 131216Q to Admty).

L. 26. (1) S/M L.26 on passage unescorted to St. Johns passing through 053° 05' N., 039° 59' W. at 1600Z August 14th thence to (J) 051° 21' N., 046° 51' W. (K) 047° 51' N., 052° 01' W. Speed 9 knots on surface. E.T.A. St. Johns 1100Z August 17th.
(2) Request (A) total bombing restrictions 25 miles ahead and astern and 15 miles on either beam of submarine's position at all times: (B) C.T.F.24 pass to C.T.U. 24.3.5. (F.O.N.F., 131303Z to O.C. No. 1 Group R.C.A.F., C.T.F. 24 etc).

O.N.195 Convoy. Boston section arrived 2242Z/12.
(P.D. Boston, 131333Z to Com. 10th Fleet C. and R.)

Swedish Relief Vessels, Safe conduct. (3) 1000Z/17th (5) BARDALAND and CAMELSA Swedish relief vessels (6) Salonika via Gibraltar.
(7) August 30th (8) knots 12 (9) Ships to follow reverse of route in Admty. 122129 March.
(N.C.S.O. Saint John N.B., 131425Z to Admty. (R) N.S.H.Q., C. in C. C.N.A., Connav, C.E.S.F., S.B.N.O.W.At., C. in C. Med. C. in C. Levant, V.A. Malta, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, F.O.(S)

EDMUNDSTON C. in C. Western Approaches' 211313. Request brief report of trials and results of D.L. in EDMUNDSTON may be communicated by signal.
(N.S.H.Q., 131437Z to Admty. (R) C. in C. W.A., C. in C. C.N.A.)

U.S. S/M Estimate. Cominch, 131453.

Dispositions of Operational Units in North Atlantic. Area Iceland KENT, NORFOLK, 1 destroyer. Area Scapa ANSON, DUKE OF YORK, MALAYA, RENOWN, BELFAST, LONDON, 9 destroyers. Passage to Gibraltar ILLUSTRIOUS, UNICORN, 5 destroyers. Passage Freetown RAMILLIES, 2 destroyers. Bay Area. BERMUDA, SCYLLA, 2 destroyers. (D.O.D. (H), 131455B to C. in C. U.S. Fleet).

Tankers Affirmative your 102010B provided in each case ships can be included without exceeding limit and only after all ships destined to Med. and through Med. have been accommodated.
(Com. 10th Fleet C. and R. 131459Z to Admty).

/Your...

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Tankers (contd). Your 122005B. 2. (A) As long as present U-boat situation remains unaltered, vessels can sail to and from Curacao and Puerbolo Cruz independently following route patrolled by U.S. Air Force. (B) If convoy becomes necessary will make further signals. (C) No delay anticipated with present arrangements.

Admty. 091746 nominated GRENA for cargo of U.S. fuel for Admty. account. Presume this will be cancelled. (B.S.N.O. Curacao, 132015Z to B.A.D. (R) Admty).

SEMINOLE Ottawa's 122038 (122031 intended) SEMINOLE arrived San Juan 11th August. (S.O.(I) Jamaica, 131513Q to N.S.H.Q., (R) Admty. Connnav).

N.S.H.Q. (N.S.H.Q., 131515Z).
S/M Estimate.

SHELDON CLARK Cartagena reports SHELDON CLARK aground off Boca Chica. (S.O.(I) Jamaica, 131539Q to Admty. N.S.H.Q., S.B.N.O.W.A.T.)

Dispositions. RED DEER patrolling Port Basque approaches. Q.S.63 ST. KENAN lying (sic) in Verg LORD MIDDLETON, SWIFT CURRENT, CHEDABUCTO 048° 55' 063° 37' 121° 8' altering to 153° in 060° 40' W.

73rd M.L. Flotilla sweeping ahead of Q.S.63 detaching in 047° 45' N., 069° 40' W. to Magdalen Is.

ALGOMA, VILLE DE QUEBEC, ALBERNI, 046° 42' 061° 52' to 047° 00' N., 062° 00' W. thence 320° 12 knots. (C. in C. C.N.A., 131600Z).

M.M.S. At 1700Z/13 August sailed M.M.S. 255 (S.E.) and 254 to St. Johns N.F. through (route). thence destination via Q.J.A. 204 speed 9 knots, E.T.A. 1200Z/16.

2. Ships are for onward routeing to Londonderry vide Admty. 271221 passed to you. (C. in C. C.N.A., 131818Z to F.O.N.F. (R) N.S.H.Q. Admty. C. in C. W.A., B.A.D., Cdre. (D) W.A.)

ROYAL SOVEREIGN. Request anticipated date of sailing ROYAL SOVEREIGN to U.K. and your proposals for escorting her. It is improbable that any escorts can be provided from U.K. (D.O.D. (H), 131914B to B.A.D.)

/VICTORIOUS...

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VICTORIOUS Your 120033 para. 1 Radar should be fitted, sailing date of 17th September being accepted.
2. Para. 2. This must depend on submarine situation nearer sailing date.
3. Para. 3. It will be difficult to provide escorts from U.K. sources.
(D.O.D. (H), 132005B to B.A.D.)

Convoy Arrived New York 1800Z/13 18 ships arrived.
G.U.S.10 X (P.D. New York, 132040 to Com. 10th Fleet C. and R)

A.T.61 My 051456 (Army embarking in A.T.61 p.m./26th)
Bank of Canada has 530 bars of silver and 75 (? boxes) numbered 1/75/2 to 75/75/2 weight and measurements as in my 062151 July for Bank of England. Shipment will arrive Halifax p.m./25th August for despatch in A.T.61.
(N.S.H.Q., 132105Z to C. in C. C.N.A.)

S/M attack and sighting Summary. All times Z. Action to Admiralty for O.I.C.
Para. A. FORT HALKETT shelled torpedoed sunk 09.30 S., 26.50 W. 060614. Navy Liberator attacked sub. course 272 38.54 N., 52.25 W. 121623.
Para. C. S.C.1274 2 torpedo misses sound contact 40.14 N., 71.45 W. 130750.
NATS, plane sights sub. 16.57 77.35 W. 131456.
U.S.S. CHAFFINCH sights sub. 40.03 N., 70.54 W. 131725.
SS. CACIQUE chased by suspicious vessel 11.55 N., 70.23 W. 130315.
P.B.Y. sights sub. 01.45 S. 22.08 W. 121330.
(Cominch, 132130Z to Admty).

PASTEUR Departing New York 1630Z August 14th at Ambrose.
PASTEUR Liverpool. E.T.A. at Liverpool Bar Light Vessel 1330 August 21. S. of A. 19.5 knots.
(Route) thence in accordance instructions
C. in C. Western Approaches R/V at 0200Z August 21 at position L. Communications. Fighter protection codeword "Discoverer" with 3 figure call sign 182. "Chop" 1400Z August 17.
(P.D. New York, 132136 to Com. 10th Fleet C. and R. (R) Admty.
N.S.H.Q., C.E.S.F. Com. 3 F.O.N.F. C. in C. Lant, C. in C. W.A. C. in C. C.N.A.)

ST. CLAIR Expected time of arrival 0900Z/14. Boiler hours.
(Defects).
(ST. CLAIR, 132157Z to F.O.C.N.F., (R) Capt. D).

Convoy This is C. in C. Lant's 131628 addressed to
U.T.1. Comnavu information Admty. Com. 5, Comeastseafro
Escorts. Cominch, Comservforlantflt. Com. 4th Fleet,
C. in C. C.N.A.
Escort Unit DART (Senior Officer) ERNE, WHIMBREL,
CLARE, BANFF, FISHGUARD escort convoy U.T.1
scheduled sail August 20 from Hampton Roads to U.K. Convoy
U.T.1 consisting of MONTICELLO, CRISTOBAL, ARGENTINA and escort

/oilers...

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America & West Indies.

Convoy oilers ESSO HARRISBURG and CANYON CREEK. Com. 10th
U.T.1 Fleet C. and R. requested to prescribe route.
Escorts. These orders to be delivered to C.O. DART.
(contd). (Comnaveu, 132239Z to Admty).

U/B Campaign Points from 23rd Meeting A/U. Committee, 11th
Meeting of August.
A/U Committee. (A) Welcomed Gen. Eaker, U.S.A.A.F. at meeting.
(B) Discussed shipping losses in Cape area. Stated
1.5 ships sunk per U-boat operating per month in
present campaign lasting 89 days as against 1.4
and 4.6 for two previous campaigns. M.O.W.T. stated that losses
of colliers were serious and 11 out of 25 colliers sunk recently.
Admty. assured meeting all possible steps being taken having
regard to maintenance of successful offensive efforts against
U-boats in Bay and Northern passages.
(C) Admty. asked to report on present policy of fitting Radar
to independents and to examine additional measures to give these
ships a better chance of avoiding attack.
(D) Meeting congratulated Coastal Command on success against
re-armed U-boats and took note of improved proportion of attacks
to sightings and lethality of attacks. Results due to target
presented by surfaced U-boat, increased use of sights and improved
experience and training of crews. Casualties from all causes at
14 equalled approximately U-boats known sunk in area.
(E) Further report required from Admty and M.O.W.T. as to whether
worth while to continue fitting of Admiralty Net Defence if
U-boat threat decreased.
(F) Weapons Mark XI depth charge trials proceeding with strength-
ened cases for use at greater height. 35 lb. S.C. bomb to
continue in supply to 6 aircraft equipped; no further fitting
or increased supply to be ordered yet. New design 250 lb. A/S
bomb being developed for higher altitude attacks.
(G) Naval and Air staffs to discuss advisability of bringing
Leigh Light Wellingtons back from Gibraltar for night offensives
in transit area.
(D.A/U.D., 132320B to B.A.D. (R) A.O.C. in C. Coastal Command,
QUADRANT for 1st S.L.)

Australia & New Zealand.

Digest Forenoon R/C Liberator observed 7-ship convoy
Serial No. including 1 large sea truck and 2 each destroyers,
570 August 12. tankers and large freighters 70 miles West Mussau
Island, course Northwest. Convoy followed 2 hours
towards Northwest then unsuccessfully bombed.
2. 4 Bostons conducting dawn sweep attacked and
left smoking 1 naval craft of 50 tons in Alau Passage (30 miles
East Arawe).
7. 6 Bostons conducted negative forenoon barge sweep Huon
Peninsula.

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Australia & New Zealand.

Digest
Serial
No.570
August 12.
(contd).

10. 2 Liberators bombed Kaimana town midday causing large fires. 3 probable sea trucks observed Kaimana Bay. En route target Liberators strafed 2 sailing boats off South coast Ceram Island and missed with bombs 2 more boats off Northeast coast Ceram.

12. 2 small ships at both Koepang and Tenau. 10 Praus at former and 27 barges also quantities loose stores at latter.

13. Before dawn 6 probable barges arrived Rekata Bay causing much activity.

14. 1 cargo vessel seen anchored off Southeast Kolombangara morning.

15. During night 10/11 Allied patrol craft encountered 2 small auxiliary craft inshore S.W. Kolombangara and probably sank 1.

16. Forenoon photos Buin anchorage 11th show several small craft and barges but nothing over 150 feet. R/C 12th August sighted 12 barges at Buin also 1 cargo ship 2 small auxiliaries at Buka. (G.H.Q., S.W.P.A., 130745Z).

HOEGH
SILVERLIGHT,
Escort.

Your 111904Z (impossible to provide E.F. Ocean Escort for both HOEGH SILVERLIGHT and Troop Transport). Concur except that ALTAMAHA proceed independently vide Cdr. 7th U.S. Fleet 110050Z. (N.T. in W.R.) Definite date of departure HOEGH SILVERLIGHT will be signalled when known.

(2) Appreciate your escort arrangement for U.S.22. (C.P.S.F., 130925Z to C. in C. Eastern Fleet (R) F.O. Ceylon, N.O.I.C. W. Australia, Cdr. 7th U.S. Fleet, Cdr. Task Force 71, Admty).

Movements.

Arrived (?Port Moresby) 11th F.S. LE TRIOMPHANT, U.S. Destroyer HENLEY Sydney (N.S.W.) 12th BUNDA-BERG, BALLARAT, MORESBY. Cairns 12th MANOORA, WESTRALIA, U.S. destroyer DRAYTON. Newcastle 12th MILDURA. (?Townsville) 12th U.S. destroyer GILMER. U.S. destroyer HUMPHREYS, U.S. destroyer PERKINS. Exmouth Gulf 12th U.S.S. CHANTICLEER. Departed Cairns 12th H.M.A.S. MANOORA, H.M.A.S. WESTRALIA, U.S. destroyer DRAYTON for Port Stephens. Port Moresby 12th BUNBURY for Milne Bay. Brisbane 12th U.S. destroyer WARRINGTON for Noumea Townsville 12th U.S. destroyer HELM for Port Moresby.
(N.B. Melbourne, 131152Z to Admty. etc).

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C., 131352B, 131429B)

Submarines Attacked.

Submarine
attack and
sighting
summary to
1000B/13.

Para. A. Portuguese LUGEIA stopped by German
U-boat at 1805/10 in 14° 57' N. 21° 00' W.
Para. B. Trawler KINTELLA sighted C/T of U-boat
at 0530/12 in 61° 50' N., 12° 17' W.
Para. C. A/S Trawler DUNKERY reports possible
S/M at 2000Z/12 in 11° 10' N., 17° 35' W.
(D.D.I.C., 130840Z to Cominch).

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

A/S Hunting
Groups.

1. Admty. have to-day asked C. in C.W.A. to adjust the numbers of ships in the Mid-Ocean Groups to a paper strength of 9, giving a sea-going strength of at least 6, and to make all ships in excess of these available in the U.K. without delay for employment as Hunting-Groups in the Bay of Biscay and the Northern Passages.

Operation
"Musketry"

2. GLASGOW left Plymouth at 1900 to-day to support the 2nd Escort Group in the "Musketry" area. C. in C. Plymouth has cancelled his request of yesterday to F.O.S. for a prolongation of the S/M Patrols in the Bay of Biscay.

Convoy
S.L.134

3. Convoy S.L.134 reported being shadowed by one A/C at 1001Z today, and BERMUDA closed the convoy at 1437B to give A/A escort.

South Atlantic.

A/S
Operations.

4.
See East Indies.

Mediterranean.

Sicily

5. Bark South beach was closed today. Gunboats operated close inshore today and bombarded the coast road at Taormina without opposition. The entire former civilian staff is now re-employed at the oil fuel installation, Augusta, and ships are being satisfactorily fuelled from this depot.

6. AURORA and PENELOPE, with the destroyers JERVIS and PALADIN, made a sweep off the Italian coast last night and bombarded Vibo Valentia. One coaster was blown up and the whole harbour area set on fire.

/ 7. Light craft...

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Mediterranean. - Contd.

7. Light craft in the Straits of Messina last night chased 3 enemy craft which made good their escape .
8. U.S. cruiser BOISE and destroyers bombarded Milazzo today to cover landing operations. U.S. naval craft ferried artillery round Cape Calava, where a road tunnel was demolished. The gunboats APHIS, FLORES and COCKCHAFFER, operated inshore off the Sicilian coast today, and bombarded the coast road at Taormina without opposition.
- Destroyers 9. ESKIMO, NUBIAN and TARTAR are to form part of 19th D.F.
- CLEOPATRA 10. Admiral Superintendent, Malta, reports on the heavy work which would be necessary to make CLEOPATRA fit for an Atlantic passage, and says that longer occupation of her valuable dock cannot be accepted without serious detriment to repairs to other ships and craft. Admiralty on 16th August decided she is to be repaired in U.K. and not in U.S.A.
- P.714 11. C. in C. Med. asks Admiralty for instructions concerning P.714 (ex Italian S/M BRONZO), and whether we are to use her ourselves, give her to the French, or give her to the Greeks.
- Air operations. 12. Malta Mosquitoes last night attacked and set on fire a coastal vessel near Point Alice. Sicilian and Italian beaches and shipping in the Messina area were bombed and gunned today. 48 U.S. Mitchells bombed and strafed shipping at Gioia and 12 Baltimores at Palmi. A Baltimore on photographic R/C off Zante machine gunned a merchant vessel of 1,000 tons. No visible damage, but some of the crew jumped overboard.
- Enemy Air Activity. 13. C. in C. Med. states that the re-appearance of German torpedo bombers in strength in the Mediterranean is now confirmed. Full counter measures as laid down in M.S.C.142 and M.S.G.052 are to be enforced to make this form of attack unprofitable to the enemy. S.O.'s. of units and escorts are to ensure that all measures are taken at dusk, dawn, and in moonlight to give warning of low flying attack. Landing craft were dive-bombed off the harbour entrance at Catania today by 5 Focke Wulf aircraft. There were 2 near misses.

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Mediterranean. - Contd.

No air raids were made on Augusta or Syracuse today.

Convoy

14. Convoy M.K.S.22 (Z), 10 slow merchant ships, left Alexandria today (one day ahead of M.K.S.22), routed inshore to Tripoli.

East Indies.

15. A Ventura aircraft at 1305 attacked with depth charges a U-boat in 28.24 S. 33.08 E. 100 miles S. of Lourenco Marques, with unknown result. NIGELLA was ordered to sea from Durban to patrol the vicinity and co-operate with air patrols. At dusk, 2 Catalinas relieved the Ventura aircraft.

16. S.S. DALFRAM, British, Lourenco Marques for Aden and Alexandria, is reported to have been sunk by torpedo at 0340/4 in approx. 20.40 S. 57.10 E. about 30' S.S.W. of Mauritius. 41 survivors were landed yesterday at Sainte Marie Island.

17. 2 Beaufighters attacked river craft in the Irrawaddy from Magwe to Prome today. Approximately 90 sampans were attacked, the majority being damaged. An oil barge was set on fire.

Australia and New Zealand.

18. S.S. M.H. DE YOUNG, U.S., was torpedoed at 1753 in 21.50 S. 175.10 W. about 60 miles S.W. of the Friendly Islands, and is being towed to port.

19. 9 Liberators attacked oil refineries and shipping at Balikpapan (East Borneo) last night. 2 refineries were fired, at least 7 large oil tanks exploded, and a medium vessel was set on fire with bombs and strafing.

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Saturday.War Diary.HOME COMMANDS.Policy.

Amble. Your 091040B. R.N.O. Amble's Office now closed down.
(R.N.O. Amble 140001B to F.O.I.C. Tyne.)

Provision of A/S Hunting Groups. Recent successes in the Bay offensive give rise to hope that, provided adequate surface and air forces can be mustered in this area and in the northern passages, we may be able to inflict further crippling losses on the U-Boats.

2. To this end we wish to strengthen the surface-forces in the Bay and Northern passages as much and as soon as practicable.

3. Request you will adjust the numbers of ships in the mid-ocean groups to a paper strength of 9, giving a seagoing strength of at least six.

4. All ships in excess of this to be made available in U.K. without delay for employment as hunting groups.
(V.C.N.S. 140110B to C. in C.W.A. C. in C.N.A.)

Tanker for Novaya Zemlya. Russian Naval Staff have asked for British Tanker to take oil from Archangel to Byelusha Bay in Novaya Zemlya remaining there to supply Russian ships.

2. They guarantee tankers will be released in time to catch homeward convoy.

3. S.B.N.O. North Russia and S.B.N.O. Archangel are requested to remark including escort arrangements.
(Ad. Fisher 141235C to Admty.)

Defence of United Kingdom.

Red Sand Fort. Fourth Tower of Red Sand Fort should leave Gravesend at 1330A/16th to pass Thames Gate at 1800A for sinking at 2000A. Fifth Tower is expected on 20th August.
(C. in C.Nore 141043B to Com. Sheerness.)

Scapa A/A Defences. Your 031815.
Concur that scale of attack on R.N. Air Stations in Orkneys is likely to be low, but as A.C.O.S. points out Hatston is of particular importance to Fleet, since ability of the carriers to operate often depends on the security and readiness of their disembarked squadrons at Hatston.

2. Examination of the Fleet Anchorage in the light of C.O.3.(A.A.) 541 is now in progress.

3. C. in C.H.F. has recommended that extra searchlights and light A.A. guns should be deployed on Calf of Flotta, Flotta, Fara and Cava.

4. C. in C.H.F. has been informed that no additional searchlights are available but has been asked to remark on the following proposals:-

(a) That searchlights should be found from the three batteries already in the Orkneys.

(b) That the Light A.A. guns now deployed at Naval Air Stations should be redeployed to meet his requirements.

5. Request that no guns be withdrawn from Osdef until final decision on para. 2 above has been reached.
(D.L.D. 141839B to C. in C.F.C.)

/Your...

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Scapa A/A
Defences.
(Contd.)

Your 100929 and C. in C.H.F.'s 1046/H.F./01255/16/3 dated 19th July, 1943, para. 3 (e) and (f). Admiralty concur with Fighter Command that scale of attack on Naval Air Stations is likely to be low.

2. No additional A.A. guns or searchlights can be made available from A.A. Command resources.

3. In view of your requirement for Light A.A. and searchlights for protection of the fleet against the new weapon, request you will consider whether light A.A. guns now protecting Naval Air Stations can be redeployed on Flotta, Calf of Flotta, Fara and Cava and whether searchlights can be found from existing searchlight units which have been retained in Orkney as a special case.

4. H.Q. Fighter command has been requested not to withdraw guns until your views on para. 3 above are known.
(D.L.D. 141854B to A.C.O.S.)

Movements.

SHROPSHIRE.

SHROPSHIRE arrived Clyde.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock 140858B to C. in C.H.F.)

S/M
Movements.

My 131537 amend GG. para. to read: Intend sail TRUCULENT and TUNA escorted by LOCH MONTEITH from Clyde at 0900A/15th by standard route position 180° Bishop Rock 8 miles, E.T.A. 0700A/17, thence TRUCULENT and TUNA to southward and LOCH MONTEITH to R/V SEADOG and SATYR in same position.
(Capt. S.3 141151B.)

My 131534 and F.O.I.C. Greenock's 131607. Sailing cancelled.
(H.50).

(Capt. S.7 141739B to F.O.S.)

Positions of S/Ms at 0800A/15 and movements for following 24 hours.

(F.O.S. 141806B, 141931B, 142244B, 150822A.)

Intend sailing P.556 escorted by KIHNA to Plymouth for onward escort to Portsmouth as arranged by Capt. S.5 leaving Rothesay at 2000A/16th via searched channel and normal route, E.T.A. Plymouth 0700A/19th.

(Capt. S.7 141815 to F.O.S.)

Request you sail OTUS for Freetown leaving position X. 180° Bishop Rock 10 miles at 2200A/20, thence via route "Rose" to position Q. 044° 20' 006° 30' thence to proceed inside 100-fathom line West of longitude 007° W. to arrive in position Y. 043° 01' 009° 40' at 1200A/25, thence as ordered by F.O.I.C. Gibraltar and F.O.C. West Africa.

(F.O.S. 141852B to Capt. S.M.)

Cancel my 131810B. (P.511).

(Cdre. D.W.A. 142155B to Capt. S.7.)

QUEEN
ELIZABETH.

When ready for sea request you will sail QUEEN ELIZABETH to Scapa to work up under C. in C.H.F. A.M. 031857 of July refers.
(D.O.D.H. 141249B to C. in C.Plymouth.)

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LORD KELVIN.

LORD KELVIN anticipates completing in 12 hours dependent on shore test being satisfactory. Have 8 days fuel remaining sufficient to proceed Newfoundland with LORD KELVIN or return U.K. Request instructions. Weather report. (VIZALMA 141630Z to C. in C.W.A.)

Group K
to Gibraltar.

Admiralty's 061535. Group K less one tug routed A.M. 2035/17th February as modified by A.M. 021011 June through Q.Z.S. 315. Sailed EGILSAY (S.O.) FILLA, GRILSE escorting M.Ls. 456, 478, 451, 461, 299 and LARIAT. Speed 10 knots. E.T.A. 21st Aug. (F.O.I.C. Milford Haven 141807 to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar)

Operations.Operation
S.F.

DUNBAR arrived Reykjavik. (A.C.I.C. 140852B to M/S 15.) Arrival Seidis Fjord 0730Z/14 LLANDUDNO, BOOTLE, and WORTHING. (R.N.O. Seidisfjord 141010B to A.C.I.C.)

After consulting MUSKETEER submit that difference in economical speed makes mixed group of destroyers less efficient than 3 "Esses" for operation S.F. Request SALADIN in addition SABRE may be detached by S.O. Minelayers to join me at Skaale Fjord. (SHIKARI 141245B to C. in C.H.F.)

Your 132237. Sailed CRIBI at 2230 today to Scapa, routed Q.Z.S. 15, E.T.A. 1230/15th.

(N.O.I.C. Faroes 142245B to C. in C.H.F.)

Operation
"Musketry".

Your 140953. 05 53. Transmission heard here but not ground wave bearing 233°. Position to nearest degree 43.14.

(E.G. 40 140918Z to Admty. (R) SCYLLA.)

F.W.200 aircraft are operating in your vicinity.

(D.D.I.C. 141120B to S.L. 134, K.M.3. 23/O.S.53, E.G.2, SCYLLA.)

Shadowing "Child" unknown type P.C. H.T. 45° 37' N. (?long) 100 2400.

(Fighter Escort of S.L. Convoy 141245B to 15 Group.)

Convoy S.L. 134 is probably being shadowed by F.W. Shall I join convoy to give air support.

(BERMUDA 141245B to C. in C.Plymouth, (R) E.G. 39.)

My 131335B para. 4 and your 131909Z. ATHABASKAN with GRENVILLE in company is to discontinue patrol at 0800A tomorrow and proceed to Falmouth.

2. After refuelling ships will return "Musketry" area.

(C. in C.Plymouth 141315B to ATHABASKAN.)

Cancel my 131425B. (See C. in C.Plymouth 131630B.)

(C. in C.Plymouth 141317B to F.O.S.)

Close S.L. 134 with despatch and give A/A escort.

(C. in C.Plymouth 141417B to BERMUDA.)

Your 141417. Am in company with convoy being shadowed.

(BERMUDA 141437B to C. in C.Plymouth.)

Am being shadowed by 1 enemy aircraft, convoy O.S.53/K.M.3.23

Position of convoy 42° 44' N. 14° 11' W. course 182° speed 8 kts.

(SCYLLA 141449B.)

Disposition at 2000B.

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Operations.

Operation "Musketry".
(Contd.)

1. ATHABASKAN, GRENVILLE on patrol vicinity $045^{\circ} 30' N. 011^{\circ} 30' W.$
2. 2nd Escort Group, STARLING, KITE, WREN, WOODCOCK WOODPECKER, WILD GOOSE on patrol vicinity $044^{\circ} 30' N. 011^{\circ} 30' W.$
3. GLASGOW, sailed Plymouth 1900 westward through 180° Bishop 10, 18 knots.
4. SEADOG patrolling vicinity $045^{\circ} 55' N. 005^{\circ} 55' W.$ through $046^{\circ} 01' N. 006^{\circ} 30' W.$ at 0001/15, thence northbound.
5. SYRTIS patrol vicinity $045^{\circ} 25' N. 005^{\circ} 35' W.$
6. SEANYMPH patrol vicinity $044^{\circ} 30' N. 004^{\circ} 30' W.$
7. SATYR patrol vicinity $047^{\circ} 10' N. 004^{\circ} 50' W.$
(C. in C.Plymouth 141627B to Ships.)
My 131355B. GLASGOW sailed.
(C. in C.Plymouth 141900 to Admty.)
Estimated position 0700A/15 $005^{\circ} C.10.$ E.T.A.Falmouth
Boom 0730A/16. Transmitter type 291 required for GRENVILLE.
(ATHABASKAN 141941 to C. in C.Plymouth.)

S/M Patrols. Request you will sail TUNA and TRUCULENT for patrol in Bay of Biscay as soon as possible.
(F.O.S. 141106 to Capt. S.3.)

Your 141151. From position 180° Bishop Rock 8 miles TUNA proceed by route "Gold" to position TA. $047^{\circ} 50' 006^{\circ} 01'$ thence to direct patrol zone J.6. TRUCULENT via route "Rose" to position RA. $047^{\circ} 50' 006^{\circ} 30'$ thence to direct patrol zone J.7. TUNA and TRUCULENT may proceed on the surface North of lat. $049^{\circ} 30' N.$

(F.O.S. 141644B to Capt. S.3.)

SYRTIS leaves patrol a.m. 16th so as to pass through position SA. $047^{\circ} 30' 007^{\circ} 30'$ at 0001A/18. SB. $049^{\circ} 01' 007^{\circ} 30'$ thence R/V in position X 180° Bishop Rock 8 miles at 0700A/19.
2. SEANYMPH leaves patrol so as to pass through position YA. $046^{\circ} N. 005^{\circ} W.$ at 2200A/16. YB. $047^{\circ} 30' 007^{\circ} 01'$ at 0100A/18, thence via route (?YC.) to R/V in position X. at 0700A/19.

(F.O.S. 141656B to S/Ms.)

Cancel last para. of my 121103. After passing through position M. $044^{\circ} N. 006^{\circ} W.$ on route "Gold" UNBROKEN proceed direct (?outside) anti U-Boat patrol in zone J.9 bounded by lat. $045^{\circ} 40'$ and $045^{\circ} 01'$ and long. $005^{\circ} 20'$ and $005^{\circ} 50'$. UNBROKEN is not to enter zone J.9 before 0800A/17. UNBROKEN will probably be recalled to arrive off The Lizard a.m. 25th.

(F.O.S. 141732B to S/Ms.)

Positions of submarines at 0800A/15th and movements for the following 24 hours. All times zone A.

A. UPSTART, TRUANT, ULA and THRASHER as in my 101721. TRUANT leaves patrol 2300A/15th for Lerwick diving as much as possible when north of $62^{\circ} N.$

E. SATYR, SYRTIS and SEANYMPH as in my 061727. SATYR leaves patrol dived by day to pass through position $47^{\circ} N. 06^{\circ} W.$ thence to northward.

F. SEADOG $46^{\circ} 32' N. 06^{\circ} 30' W.$ dived by day to northward, daily advance 100 miles.

G. UNBROKEN vicinity Cape Prior proceeding dived by day to eastward inside 100-fathom line to $44^{\circ} N. 07^{\circ} W.$ thence through $44^{\circ} N. 06^{\circ} W.$ thence to northward.

(F.O.S. 141806B to Admty.)

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Coastal Force Patrols.

1. Orders for night 14/15 August.
 - A. M.G.Bs. 613, 614 from Newhaven anti E-Boat patrol from 2300B to 0400A on 50° 25' N. between 00° 40' W. and 01° 25' W.
 - B. M.Ls. 292, 344 patrol Q.Z.S. 384 between F. and E.A. 5 buoys.
- C. STEVENSTONE, CHASSEUR V immediate notice St. Helens.
- D. TANATSIDE, TALYBONT immediate notice Yarmouth.
- E. M.G.Bs. 13, 6, 8, from Portland patrolling 50° 20' N. between 02° 00' W. and 02° 25' W.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 141357B.)
Force C. M.G.Bs. 111, 115, 677 are to patrol in vicinity of position 105° Start 21 miles.
3. Force D. M.G.Bs. 324, 329 are to patrol in vicinity of position 195° Start 15 miles.
5. Forces C. and D. are to leave Dartmouth to be on patrol 2230B, leave patrol 0430A.
(C. in C. Plymouth 141529B.)
M.Ls. 139, 203 patrolling at Bullock Bank, M.G.Bs. 117, 114, 118 at V. Buoy. E.T.D. Ramsgate 2145. E.T.R. 0515/15 B.S.T.
(V.A. Dover 141726B.)

Allied Air Activity.

T.F. 22. My 130930. As carrier is present delete Task Force 22 from "Stipple" for 14 August.
(H.Q.C.C. 140125B to E.A.C. Canada.)

"Stipple" signals. Your 122153B. Understand "Stipple" arrangements are to be discussed at Trend meeting Thursday 19th. Suggestion for discussion following alternative to your proposed revised "Stipple". Begins:
Para. 1. Code name "Stipple" signifies that priorities are approved by C. in C. Western Approaches. Convoys and Fleet Units will be grouped in following categories and placed within categories in order of priority.
Para. 2. Category A. Convoys and Fleet Units for which air cover must be provided if possible before any other commitments. Category B. Convoy and Fleet Units for which air cover should be provided if available after meeting commitments under A. and for offensive patrols in Bay moorings and other A.1 probability areas. Category C. Probable future requirements. Convoys and Fleet Units which are likely to be included in A. on days subsequent to period of present "Stipple" with indication of dates.
Para. 3. The object of the "Stipple" procedure is to ensure that air cover is afforded in the appropriate order of priority to all convoys and fleet units whose degree of danger or importance really justifies diversion of effort from the A/S offensive. It is not designed to provide a means of placing all convoys that might possibly be threatened in their order of priority unless air cover is actually essential. I am not certain that we could not dispense with Category B. but there are periods like the present when it may be useful and it would have the effect of your proposed category C. except that it would give priority to offensive patrols as well as threatened convoys.
(A.O.C. in C.C.C. 141200 to Admty.)

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Saturday.HOME COMMANDS.Enemy Air Activity.

Jan Mayen. Following from Jan Mayen. Aircraft heard 0355 east of Island. Southerly course, T.O.O. 140920. (A.C.I.C. 142114B to Admty.)

Mining.

S.N.74. Estimated position at 2201B tonight. AGAMEMNON, PORT QUEBEC, MENESTHEUS, ST. MARY'S WELLS, SALADIN, SABRE 062° 08' N. 017° 30' W. to northwest. WINDERMERE 063° 28' N. 019° 02' W. to eastward. (A.C.I.C. 141350B to Ships.)

Proceed as follows to comply with C. in C.H.F. 071154B.

1. IMPULSIVE take MIDDLETON under your orders and sail from Hvalfjord at 0700B/15th.

2. NORFOLK sail from Hvalfjord at 1530B/15.

(KENT 141435B to NORFOLK, IMPULSIVE, MIDDLETON.)

Q.Z.X. 1056. Southern limit of Q.Z.X. 1056 now swept, today in J formation, bounded by - A. 49° 58' 50" N. 3° 37' 00" W. B. 50° 3' 6" N. 3° 14' 40" W. No mines encountered today. (GWEAL 141907B to C. in C.Plymouth.)

Enemy Intelligence.

E-Boat. DHOON reports that on night 13th/14th in company with STOUR stopped in position 070° 54 B.3 cables head S.E. at 0343 made H.L. contact of motor boat type "Ticking over" fine on port bow. Contact increased in volume and at 0355 four star-shells fired on bearing 110°. Nothing seen. From 0400 contact decreased in volume and was lost at 0411. General course of contact seems to have been 305/125° H.L. operator experienced and very sure contacts were of motor boat going slowly. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 141457B to C. in C.Nore.)

Enemy Convoy. See U-Boats.

U-Boats.

U-Boats reported. Captain of U.S.A.A.F. Liberator in transit Iceland to U.K. reports on landing submarine sighted 61.35 N. 15.20 W. at 1125Z, steering 330°. Convoy of six or seven ships sighted very soon after steering same direction. This convoy seen then to turn 90° to West. 3 ships behind convoy presumably destroyers 40 to 50 miles behind submarine. These also holding course 330°. Periscope and conning-tower of submarine visible. (T.A.C.Prestwick 141505Z to Air Ministry.)

Transit aircraft reported U-Boat on surface in 061° 55' N. 015° 15' W. at 1320B/14, course 330°.

(C. in C.W.A. 141533B to R.A.M. Escorts S.N. 74.)

U-Boat sunk on 11th June. The A/S attack by Fortress R/206 on 11th June, 1943 has been assessed as Known sunk. 2. Request you will convey our congratulations to those concerned with this success. (V.C.N.S. 141702B to Air Ministry.)

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Casualties & Defects.

- VALESCA. VALESCA towed by tug KROOMAN escorted by NIBLICK arrived and anchored in Yarmouth Roads. (F.O.I.C. Gt. Yarmouth 140103B to C. in C.Nore.)
- LANCASTER. My 131501B. Sailed. (N.O.I.C. Holyhead 140720B to F.O.I.C. Liverpool.)
- ORIBI. C. in C.H.F's 132229B. You will sail about 2100/15 to Rosyth for boiler cleaning. (R.A.D.H.F. 141014B to ORIBI.)
- BICESTER. Your 101528B. BICESTER delayed for about one week for repairs to fracture in bellows piece of condenser discharge pipe. (C. in C.Plymouth 141240B to Admty.)
- ARCHER. Teeth of port pinion of main gearing of ARCHER fractured. Vessel unfit for service. (F.O.C.T. 141304 to Admty.)

Shipping & Convoys.

- O.S. 53/
K.M.S. 23. Incomplete D/F bearings at 0654Z indicate U-Boat may be in your vicinity. (D.D.I.C. 140953B to O.S.53/K.M.S.23.)
- S.L.134. Am being shadowed by one enemy A/C bearing 90° height 8000 feet, position 44° 42' N. 16° 58' W. course 020° speed 7½. (S.L.134, 141001Z to Whitehall W/T.)
- STRATHNAVER. Intend sailing STRATHNAVER 1000Z/15. Route. to New York approaches. Knots 13½/15. Estimate passing 007° W. 0200Z/16. "Chop" 21st August. (N.C.S.O. Mersey 141030Z.)
- K.M.F. 22. Intend sailing Clyde portion escorted by SHROPSHIRE passing Clyde Boom 1830A/16 to R/V Liverpool portion and escorts from Londonderry in position P.Q. at 0530A/17, thence in accordance with A.M. 112201. (N.O.I.C. Greenock 141038B.)
- Sail my 121620.
(Ad.Liverpool 141130B to N.O.I.C. Greenock.)
Intend sailing EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA, ORDUNA, GLENARTNEY, and TEGELBERG escorted by HUNTER and BAYNTUN 1230A/16th to R/V with Clyde Section in position P.Q. at 0530A/17th. (N.O.I.C. Liverpool 141630B.)
- H.X.251. Sailing telegram. Details.
(D.T.D. 141140B.)

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- S.C.139. Sailing telegram. Details.
(D.T.D. 141141B.)
- O.N.53. F.W. P.C.HT. 44° 35' N. 15° 23' W. 080° 3000 feet.
(A/C F.59 141240B.)
- O.G.92/
K.M.S. 24. Escorts for O.G. 92 K.M.S. 24.
HURRICANE, DAHLIA, MONKSHOOD, BORAGE, WALLFLOWER,
WANDERER, HYDRANGEA. HURRICANE and WANDERER
fitted H/F D/F.
(Cdre. D.W.A. 141502B to C. in C.W.A.)

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(2 ships
attacked).My 132208 Both ships in town by HYTHE and RYE.
(SHOREHAM, 140010B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar).Sunderland
survivors.Following is a repetition of my 140758 addressed
British Consul, Las Palmas (R) Admty. B.N.A.
Madrid (begins): Amend E.T.A. to 150800Z August.
My 130950 refers (Re motor minesweepers 2,3,100,101
104, 108 arrive Las Palmas to embark Sunderland
survivors on board LEON Y. CASTILLO.(2) Only 3 ships will enter Las Palmas (Ends).
(N.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 140805 to Admiralty etc).Only 3 ships are to enter Las Palmas, remainder are to
patrol in vicinity outside Territorial Water until the 3 ships
that enter Las Palmas rejoin.(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 141755B to B.Y.M.S.23, M.M.S.100, 101,
104, 108 (R) Admty).Dispositions. Situation 141957B. M.K.S.21 HIGHLANDER sailed
Gibraltar 141500B through 035° 45' 006° 30' thence
273° 7½ CHARYBDIS sails 150730 to overtake M.K.S.
21, 23.

(2) French Ship LE TEMPETE 034° 01' 010° 29' to Casablanca.

(3) French ship LA GRANDIERE, QUERCY 031° 35' 010° 18' through
033° 10' 009° 35' and 034° 01' 008° 05' to Casablanca 12½.(4) LOCH OSKAIG, MARIE LOUISE MACKAY repairing cable vicinity
036° 16' 007° 28'.(5) G.C.30 WHITHERINGTON sails from Gib. 151000B through 035° 45'
006° 30' thence 218° 9.

(F.O. Gibraltar, 141021B).

To my 141021B add new para. (6) Hospital ship DORSETSHIRE
sail from Gibraltar 2100/14th through 035° 47' 006° 25' thence
292° 11½.

(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 141839B)

Situation report Area XB of Mediterranean Station.

Situation at 142001B. O.S.53/K.M.S.23. BLACKWOOD, SCYLLA 042°
08' 014° 13' through 040° 01' 014° 15' thence 139° 8.

(2) E.G.38 ENCHANTRESS 047° 28' 013° 29' 180° 12.

(3) Fleet unit SAVAGE 049° 03' 016° 02' through 048° 01' 017° 01'
thence 180° 17.

(4) GLORIEUX 033° 54' 019° 46' 259° 11, on surface.

(6) One B.Y.M.S.4 (corrupt group) S. 026° 06' 015° 04' through
026° (?05') 015° (?18') to Las Palmas 8½.(8) Italian (corrupt group) ships GIULIO CESARE and DUILIO sail
Las Palmas 151200 through 028° 24' 015° 01' thence 050° 16.

(F.O. Gibraltar, 141101B).

LE GLORIEUX

Admiralty 121132 not to F.O.S. LE GLORIEUX will
be kept informed of U-boat dispositions likely
to affect her as far as 40° W. Request Cominch may
pass information West of this Meridian.(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 141041B to Admty. (R) C.M.
S.F.F., C. in C. Med. F.O.S. Cominch, Comnavnav).

/Cables...

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Cables MARIE LOUISE MACKAY completed operations (A) and (B) My 011742 refers.
2. E.T.A. Position 36.16 N., 07.28 W. for operation (C) 2000B August 14th.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 141153B to Admty).

German Aircraft, Spain. At least four German aircraft made forced landings in sea near Spanish south east coast last night.
Source Ministry of Marine. A.2.
(B.N.A. Madrid, 141404B to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med. N.O.I.C. Gibraltar).

M.K.S.21 Sailing telegram (33 ships and H.M.S. LAOMEDON) (2) 1500B/14. (4) 7½ (5) and (8) As in my 091934 (6) HIGHLANDER, WINCHELSEA, ASPHODEL, LOBELIA, PENNYWORT, CLOVER, SPEEDY.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 141504B 141506B to Admty).
Sailed HIGHLANDER, WALKER, WINCHELSEA, ASPHODEL, ABELIA, PENNYWORT, CLOVER, LAOMEDON, SPEEDY, escorting M.K.S.21.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 141720B to Admty. etc).
M.K.S.21. Arrivals. (27 ships).
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 141944B to Admty. etc).
M.K.S.21 EMPIRE ORTOLAN did not sail.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 142112B to Admty).

Movements, Tenerife. Departure 13th 2400A VILLA DE MADRID Spanish Cadiz 16th, H.M.S. CROMARTY 0700A, and departure 14th 1500A CIUDAD DE ALICANTE Spanish Las Palmas 14th.
(M.W.T.R. Tenerife, 141530A to Fairmiss).

CARD Your 131208. U.S.S. CARD and destroyers were operating as a Support Group to U.G.S.13 with wide discretion to operate offensively against submarine concentrations. Task Group 21.15 consisting of CROATAN BELKNAP, PAUL JONES and PARROT accompanies U.G.S.14 with similar orders. Cinclant's 272022. July to C. in C. Med refers. (D.O.D. (F), 141631B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R) C. in C. Med. (A. and M).)

A/C attack A.M. 092108. (A) Alone. (B) Time of attack 0502B. on DORSETSHIRE. Dark and Clear. Ship fully illuminated. Lights of H.S. ABBA 3 miles distant clearly visible (C) Aircraft not seen.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 141828B to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med).

/Intend...

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on
DORSETSHIRE.
(contd).

Intend to sail (?hospital ship) DORSETSHIRE at 2100B/14th.
 (2) Route: (A) 035° 47' N. (006°) 25' W.
 (B) 037° 00' N. 010° 00' W. (C) 040° 00' N., 011° 30' W. (D) 049° 30' N., 011° 30' W. (E) 180°.
 Fastnet Rock 10 thence in (?Irish) territorial waters to Tuskarrock and by approach route to Barry.
 S. of A. 11½ knots.
 (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 141925B to N.O.I.C. Barry (R) Admty. etc).
 My 141925B sailed.
 (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 142101).

OTUS

OTUS passes through position (Y) 43° 01' 09" 40' at 1200A/25 August. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar and F.O.C.W.Af. are requested to arrange onward route to Freetown.

2. W/T watch until 1200A/25 August A.F.O. S.2 table two (3) thereafter A.F.O. S.1. section M.L. table two (3) line two.
3. OTUS carries books in accordance with S.P. from A.2C para. 44 (B).
4. S. of A. 10 knots on surface, 2½ knots dived.
5. OTUS is painted dark blue with pendants in white on conning tower.
6. My 141852 not to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar and F.O.C.W.Af. refers. (F.O.S., 142024B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, F.O.C.W.Af. (R) Admty. S.7).

Spanish
Fishing
Vessels.

My 131313 July (Re AGREGO and CIERZO permitted to separate whilst searching good fishing ground. No report of noon position have been received from these vessels since August 2nd. Have they been sighted?
 (N.A. Madrid, 142200B to Admty).

Movements,
Gibraltar

Arrivals ST. NECTAN from Almeria. SHOREHAM, WHITEHAVEN, ROMNEY, GAWLER, LISMORE, MARYBOROUGH, IPSWICH, SPEEDY with M.K.S.21.
 Departures. BOREAS, VELOX, Tugs CHARON, PROSPEROUS to assistance of M.K.S.21. PENTSTEMON, VETCH to overtake and escort U.G.S.13 as far as Malta.
 (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 142225B to Admty. etc).

O.S.53,
K.M.S.23.

Your 141234B, O.S. 53/K.M.S.23, combined convoy holds Outcon Table No. 487.
 O.S.53 after splitting Outcon Table No. 489.
 C. in C. W.A.'s 101448Z refers.
 (D.T.D., 142332B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar).

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Dispositions. Position at 2000Z 14th Autust.

P.614 026° 12' 007° 03' to Equator 010° 00' W.8½.
 NORMAN, RELENTLESS, QUIBERON, RAPID, KALE, TAY,
 DERG with W.S.32 (10 ships) 017° 58' 010° 40'
 to 018° 09' 010° 40' to 025° 00' 013° 01' 13.
 CARVARVON CASTLE 032° 52' 017° 15' to 025° 00' 010° 00' 16.
 (C. in C.S.A. 141107B)

Situation at 1959 14th. FOXHOUND, BOADICEA with T.S.50
 006° 54' (?011° 09' to RR (? 001°) 39' 014° 20' thence to
 Freetown 10 knots. INKPEN screening off Marshall.
 M.L.305 off Sherbro. M.Ls. 265, 261 escorting about 007° 28'
 013° 18' coastal to Freetown 10.
 DUNCTON escorting about 006° 42' 011° 36' coastal to Freetown 10.
 M.Ls. 1160, 1016 off Port Bouet. MORRIS DANCE, M.L.1018 off
 Accra. M.L. 1078 off Lome. M.L. 1014 off Kotonu.
 WOLVERINE, BEAGLE, BULLDOG, DOUGLAS, CATTERICK (?) Fleet Units
 and C.F.13 005° (? 40') South 011° 53' East 309° 12½
 CDT. D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES sub. Coastal (Pointe Noire) to Congo 9.
 (F.O.C.W.A. 141343Z)

Situation at 2001Z/14th.
 TEVIOT, HELFORD, PLYM with R.S.9 012° 10' 018° 00' through 011°
 30' 018° 00' thence (?142° or 102°) 15½.
 QUALITY, BRILLIANT, ROEBUCK one Fleet Unit 019° 48' 018° 30'
 180° 15 knots.
 SNOWDROP, TURCOMAN, CORBRAE, M.M.S.99, 012° 27' 017° 23' through
 014° 00' 017° 38' thence 359° 6 knots.
 B.Y.M.S. 23 M.M.S. 100, 101, 104, 108, 025° 28' 015° 27' to
 026° 10' 015° 02' thence to Las Palmas 8.
 FANDANGO, YESTOR screening LADY DENISON PENDER about 010° 12'
 016° 29'.
 BUTSER about 011° 06' 016° to 010° 12' 016° 29' 10 knots.
 Fr. Cruiser MONTCALM 024° 40' 034° 51' (?309°) 20 knots.
 FOWEY, MYOSOTIS, MALLOW, CAMPION, STONECROP, BERRY, FRISO
 with S.L. 135, 008° 28' 013° 30' 299° 7 knots.
 CLARKIA, NESS, MOYOLA, PETUNIA, WITCH searching about 012° 03'
 017° 38'. M.L.290,574 about 012° 28' 019° 18'.
 (F.O.C.W.A. 141355Z)

S.L.135. My 121907. Para. 1 F.S.S. COMMANDANT DETROYAT
 will not sail. 2. Comar Dakar is requested to
 sail following ships to join convoy: CROCUS,
 BOSPHORUS, JAARSTROOM, CITY OF LEICESTER for
 U.K. (corrupt group) and tug SCHELDE for Casablanca and tug
 EMPIRE OBERON if ready for Gibraltar.
 (F.O.C.W.A. 141226Z to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Commorseafron, Comar
 Dakar, (R) C. in C. Med. (A) etc.)

COMMANDANT DETROYAT. C. in C. Med.'s 131151 para. 2 (Request
 COMMANDANT DETROYAT may be sailed to Gibraltar
 for repairs.) concur.
 (D.O.D.(F) 141311B to F.O.C.W.A.)

/U/B...

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- U/B sunk 11th August. CLARKIA's 130637. (Re 7 survivors picked up from U/Boat bombed and sunk by Catalina Midday on 11th.) Hearty congratulations on this well deserved success for which you have all been working so hard. The loss of the aircraft crew is very much regretted particularly in view of their plucky and successful attack.
(A.C.N.S. (U.T. approved V.C.N.S. 141526B to F.O.C.W.Af.)
- Force X. Intend sailing French Cruisers DUQUESNE and TOURVILLE 1030Z 15th. S. of A. 18.5 knots. Routed as in your 081203 (N.T. in W.R.) E.T.A. Dakar 0930Z/18th.
(N.O.I.C. Takoradi, 141527Z to F.O.C.W.A.)
- CARNARVON CASTLE. Sailed 1300Z 14th August for Freetown routed as in my 121223 August. S. of A. 16½ knots. E.T.A. 0700/23rd August. Shift to W/T Organisation for Area P. at 1900Z/19th August.
(C. in C. S.A. 141551B to Admty. F.O.C.W.Af.)
- FORT HACKETT. My 131346. First Mate's life boat with 24 survivors picked up a.m. 13th by U.S. Destroyer GOLDSBOROUGH about 35 miles South East from (? Essequibo River). Brazilian Naval Authorities report 9 men landed Cabedello presumed to be remainder of survivors in third life boat.
(B.N.A. Rio de Janeiro, 141855Z to Admty. (R) C. in C. S.At. F.O.C.W.Af.)
- Movements, Takoradi. Arrivals 14th August. ARRAN, H.M.M.Ls. 1019 and 1052.
(N.O.I.C. Takoradi, 141903Z to Admty. etc.)
- MONTCALM. Alter course now to pass through position 020° N. 028° W. and then rejoin original route at position F. omitting position D.
(F.O.C.W.A. 1419Z to F.S. MONTCALM. (R) Comar Dakar, Admty.)
- Force Q. Destroyers. My 061737 not to all addressees, last sentence. Owing to delay in arrival at Freetown, Force Q and West African Destroyers with Convoy C.F. 13 will not arrive Gibraltar until 29th August. A.Ms. 281706 July and 122040 August refers.
(F.O.C.W.A. 141920Z to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R) Admty. C. in C. W.A.C. in C. Med. P.S.T.O. M.E.)

/U/B...

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U/B
attacked.

Ventura aircraft sighted enemy submarine in position 28.24 S. 33.08 E. and attacked with D/Cs at 1305/14. Result of attack at present unknown.
(C. in C. S.A. 141940B to Admty. (R) C. in C.E.F. Com. I.C. Durban.)

Convoy
S.L.135.

List, etc.
(N.C.S.O. Freetown, 141957 to Admty.)
1. S.L.135. Sailing telegram. 2. 1430 August 14th. 4. Knots $7\frac{1}{2}$. 5. E.B.10.30 N. 17.15 W. E.C. 14.44 N. 17.50 W. ED to EN.
6. FOWEY S.O., MYOSOTIS, MALLOW, CAMPION, FRISO, BERRY and STONECROP. From Dakar, CROCUS. 15. Two XD Codeword "Seaplane" 189 H. 472 S. 427 Y. 404.
(N.C.S.O. Freetown, 142029Z to Admty.)

TEVIOT.

E.T.A. 1900Z Sunday 15th HELFORD, PLYM
SS. DEMPO in company.
(TEVIOT, 142034Z to F.O.C.W.A.)

Daily
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Air Ministry instructions for preparation by
A.H.Q. West Africa.
(See Folder W.10. Standard Forms of Report.)

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Mediterranean.

Enemy Units. Position of 2 small vessels of 600 tons
42.52 N. 9.32 E. course 180° speed 6 knots.
(A/C GPB/G 140010B.)
P.C. and S. of 3 destroyers and one medium vessel
39.24 N. 15.52 E. 180° and 20 knots.
(A/C GPB/D 140040B to Malta Air H.Q.)
P.C. and S. of 2 small vessels of 500 tons is 42.50 N.
9.40 E. 100° and 5 knots. Am resuming patrol.
(A/C GPB/K 140045B.)
P.C. and S. of 3 enemy destroyers 39.54 N. 17.15 E. 180°
16 knots.
(A/C BUN/V 140405B.)

B.5. Group. A.M. 051313. Subsequent employment of B5 Group
is now under consideration, request you will report
estimated date escort carriers will complete
working up.
(D.O.D. (H)140055B to C. in C. Med. (R) R.A.A.etc.)
Reply 191906B.

UNSHAKEN. Your 132015 not to all. Good Shooting. Amend
route in my 120727 as follows 038° 32' 018° 19' at
2000/14th 037° 00' 017° 23' at 2000/15th 035°
45' 016° 39' at 1200/16th thence direct for
Eastern channel to arrive 0800/17th. 2. M.J. A.O.24, request
submerged restrictions for above passage.
(Capt. S.10. 140123B to P.54 (UNSHAKEN) (R) Capt. (S) 1. C. in C.
Med, C. in C. Levant, V.A. Malta etc.)

10th S/M.F. Summary at 2000/14th
(1) P.54 UNSHAKEN 038° 32' 018° 19' to 037° 00'
017° 23' at 2000/15th. (2) DZIK off Bari.
(3) P.49 (UNRULY) off Brindisi.
(4) O.R.P. SOKOL 040° 20' 018° 59' to 041° 11' 017°
20' at 2000/15th. (5) P.44? UNITED from Malta to
035° 56' 016° 31' at 2000/15th.
(Capt. S.10 140710.)

UNITED. Intend sailing UNITED at 1930/15th by Eastern
channel routed through 035° 56' 016° 31' at
2000/16th, 038° 38' 018° 10' at 2000/17th, 039°
44' 018° 52' at 1200/18th, 040° 20' 018° 54'
at 0200/19th, thence to patrol off Brindisi.
Surface passage on 17th. 2. M.J. A.O.24, Request bombing
restriction to cover above passage.
(Capt. S.10 140720 to C. in C. Med. etc.) amended by 151345 q.v.

Movements, Alexandria. August 13th 1943. Departure TETCOTT, BEAUFORT,
EASTON, PINDOS.
(N.O.I.C. Alexandria 140735 to Admty.)

Movements, Beirut. 13 August Arrivals REINE DES FLOTS M.L.354 Z
Lighters 7, 11, 21, 26, 31, 41.
(S.O. (I) Beirut 140852C to Admty.)

/TRESPASSER...

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TRESPASSER. 14th August arrival.
(S.O.I. Beirut 140852 to Admty.)

U.G.S.13. Pass to Cdre. and Escort U.G.S.13. My 131137 sailed.
(N.O.B. Oran 140926B to GERALDTON (R) C. in C. Med. etc.)
Pass to Cdre. and Escorts of U.G.S.13. Intend to sail. (list). All Bizerta. 3 ships.
(N.O.I.C. Bone 141032B, 141611Z to S.O.E. U.G.S.13.)
U.G.S.13. Algiers Joiners. (list). (Total 15 ships.)
(N.O.I.C. Algiers 141832 to V.A. Malta etc.)
U.G.S.13 arrived. JAMES R. LOWELL, WILLIAM S. ROSECRANS, JAMES F. RODES, J.M. FORBES, JOHN MOORHEAD, JOHN LAWSON, JOHN TEAL, MARSHALL ELLIOTT, WILLIAM RAWLE, TRISTAM, DALTON, JOHN CROPPER, BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, GEORGE WILLIAM WOODWARD. L.S.Ts. 25, 72, 73, 175, 176, 208, 209, 261, 21, 17.
(Comnob, Oran 142025 to C. in C. Med. A. & M.)

CLEOPATRA. Your 101736. To make the ship fit for Atlantic passage it would be necessary.
(a) to rebuild 83 bulkhead (details).
(b) to remove much heavy machinery (examples).
(c) additional strengthening of temporary bottom structure now in hand. This extra work would involve (details). Further emphasised that longer occupation of this valuable dock cannot be accepted without serious detriment to repairs to other ships and craft. Pressure of machinery defects is so great that progress on CLEOPATRA is slow and may have to be reduced at any moment.
(A.S. Malta 140942, to Admty.) (Admty. decision, see 161828A.)

FIRUZ. FIRUZ cargo now correctly reported as 3300 machine (As received. Possibly "machine oil" intended.)
3000 cylinders of lubricating oil repeat lubricating oil 80 petrol.
(2) Petrol lost when torpedoed.
(3) Above modifies inferences regarding Ploesti damage which might be drawn from my 101725. (N.T. in W.D.)
(S.O. (I) Istanbul 140943C to S.O. (I) Levant (R) D.N.I. S.O. (I) Med.)

M.E. Air Report. A.651. 14th August. Daily Opsum 108.
Night 12/13th August. 2 Wellingtons anti-shipping R/C Aegean Sea. 1 aircraft found no suitable targets. Second aircraft attacked M/V of 1500 tons at Syros. 1 bomb overshoot 50 yards. Result of second bomb not seen. Later made a torpedo attack on M/V of 2000 tons W.S.W. of Meles Island hitting vessel on port side. Steam and smoke issued from ship A.A. fire from escorting vessel damaged rear turret of Wellington. 13th August. 114 U.S. Liberators (B.24) aircraft factory and aircraft assembly plant at Vienna Neustadt. 2 landed Malta on way out. 1 forced landed in sea S.W. of Scutari. Remainder reported to have landed at aerodromes in Tunisia. Further details to follow. 2 Beaufighters to attack M/V of 2000 tons torpedoed by Wellington during night 12/13th August. No enemy shipping seen.
(H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. 140944Z.)

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G.U.S.12. Attention is called to 1st. sentence of my 111231. LYMING (8½) should not repetition not be included. Your 130912 not to all referred. (C. in C. Med. 141033 to N.O.I.C. Bone.)

S.N.O.Ts. in Amphibious Operations. Your 301505 June. (Necessity for S.N.O.Ts. in amphibious operation). Concur with view in R.A. (G)s. 221842 July. With reduced requirements it should be possible for S.N.O.Ts. to be experienced officers and of some seniority. (D.N.C.X.F. 141045 to C. in C. Med. (R) Admty.)

AMARAPOORA.. Intend to sail Hospital ship AMARAPOORA at 141500B routed through 109, 17, 39, and 120 to Algiers East. E.T.A. 150900B. S. of A. 11½ knots. (Commob Oran 141117B to C. in C. Med. (Algiers)). My 141117B sailed at 1630B. (Com. N.O.B. Oran 141640B.)

P.714 (ex BRONZO.) Instructions are requested in regard to ex Italian S/M BRONZO (P.714). There appear three alternatives (A) to use her ourselves. (B) give her to the French Navy (C) give her to the Greeks. (C. in C. Med. (Malta) 141120 to Admty.)

SARACEN. P.247 (SARACEN) is to keep S. of 042° 35' after 0800/16th and is to report as convenient before this time whether my 121800 to P.247 (SARACEN) only was complied with. (Capt. (S) 8. 141122B to 8th S/F. (R) LA SULTANE.)

ST. DAVID. Route Signal 2. 2100 August 13th. SAINT DAVID (Hospital Carrier) Catania 0700 August 14th. Q.B.B.146 (A) 36° 24' N. 15° 20' E. (B) 090° 7 miles Murro Di Porco. (C) 045° 3 miles Santa Croce Q.B.B.194. (V.A. Malta 141126B to Admty. etc.)

8th S/M.F. movements at 2000B/14th. 1. (P.225) SIMOOM Gulf of Genoa. 2. (P.247) SARACEN East Corsica. 4. LA SULTANE 041° 04' 006° 50' 035° 2½/8. knots. 5. F.S. ORPHEE 038° 17' 008° 21' 265° 2½/8 knots. (Capt. S.8. 141128B.)

Aircraft for Malta. Your 091851 August para. "A" 4 aircraft have been despatched to Malta a.m. today 14/8. (GREBE 141130C to C. in C. Levant, C. in C. Med. (R) Admty. V.A.M.)

Italian Mine. New pattern Italian square antennae ground mine has been recovered from mine depot at Augusta. Details. (C. in C. Med. (Malta) 141155 to Med.Station, Levant Station B.94.) /DOLFIN...

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DOLFIJN.

Leave patrol through 042° 20' 005° 46' at 1200 (26th) 040° 37' 005° 30' at 2215/17th thence on surface at your discretion through 039° 02' 005° 16' at 1015/18th to R/V escorts in 036° 57' 003° 07' at 0630/19th.
(Capt. S.8. 141242B to (P.47) DOLFIJN (R) 8th S/M.F. F.S. LA SULTANE, C. in C. Med. F.O.I.C.Gib. N.O.I.C. Algiers.)

Proposed
Capt. D.
Levant.

Under present conditions in the Mediterranean it is considered that the Destroyers and Escort vessels based and operating from Levant Command ports could be administered and maintained by a Captain D. in the Destroyer Depot Ship at Alexandria as is done by Capt. D. Greenock, Liverpool, Freetown, etc. He would also be Captain of Depot Ship. (2) This would free Com. D. Levant for duty elsewhere.
(C. in C. Levant 141304C to C. in C. Med. (A. and M.) (R) Admty. Com. D. Levant.)

L.C.F.
in
"Husky".

Confirmed that L.C.F. were of little value in "Husky" as anchorage protection craft owing to small calibre of guns. Intend to use them in forthcoming operations for close support.
(C. in C. Med. Malta 141336B to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med. Algiers.) W.D.Note: 131210B refers.

PARTHIAN
(overdue,
presumed
lost.)

C. in C. Levant 132207. PARTHIAN was briefed to keep offshore and to operate on cross Adriatic routes. On 26th July when TARANTO Battleships were showing signs of activity PARTHIAN was ordered to patrol in vicinity 090° Cape Otranto 10 miles. This order was cancelled on 28th July and she was ordered to patrol between 40° N. and 41° 30' N. She was ordered to leave patrol on 6th August and to make a brief patrol summary when South of 36° N. No signal was received.
2. No indications concerning her loss can be given.
3. Before leaving Malta all defects had been made good and C.O. was looking forward to a successful patrol in Adriatic. Loss of this famous submarine is very much regretted. Levant recypher and pass to Beirut.
(S.10 141349 to Admty.)

German
Torpedo
Bombers.

The re-appearance of German Torpedo Bombers in strength in Mediterranean is now confirmed.
2. Full counter measures as laid down in M.S.C.142 and M.S.G.O.52 should be enforced to make this form of attack unprofitable to the enemy.
3. S.Os. of units and escorts are to ensure that all measures are taken at dusk dawn and in moonlight to give warnings of low flying attack including the use of sweeps with 285 Radar set in addition to the normal search with warning set.
(C. in C. Med. 141419B to Med. Stn. (R) C. in C. Levant.)

/K.M.S.22...

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K.M.S.22. (?K.M.S.) 22. My 121714B and my 131247B sailed less ARGO, OCEAN VISION, OCEAN GLORY, OCEAN VULCAN. Onward route not received in time for issue. Pass to Cdre.
(V.A. Malta 141441B to S.O. Escorts K.M.S.22 (R) C. in C. Med. (A) N.O.I.C. Alexandria etc.)
(1) Ref. A.M. 132135 not to P.S.T.O. India, D.S.T.O. Persian Gulf. Explosives and ammunition in K.M.S.22 ships shewn in D.W. Tons (details).
(D. of S.T. 142317B to C. in C. Levant.)

Oil Supply Levant. C. in C. Levant's 112129C. Matter has been under discussion following C. in C. Med's. 1008493 and following are agreed proposals.
2. Stocks at Haifa should not fall below 40,000 considers necessary for Navy. Stock to be rebuilt as soon as supplies from Abadan to Mediterranean will permit. 3. C. in C. Levant in consultation with Charvet and M.W.T.R. to report supplies available for Navy from Haifa and Tripoli during August, Sept., and Oct., respectively for (a) Levant. (b) Western Med., including Malta, allowing for drawings on stock. 4. Doubtful if more, than 10,000 tons of Diesel oil available from Haifa for Sicily. C. in C. Levant to confirm with Charvet. 5. C. in C. Med. to increase demands from West as necessary. 6. All black oilers from Western Med. to be treated as on Admty. service. If cargoes not available from Haifa or Tripoli for any tankers they should be ordered to Abadan, Admty. being informed as soon as decided.
(D. of S. Approved by 4th S.L. 141504B to C. in C. Levant, etc.)

INDOMITABLE, escort to U.S.A. INDOMITABLE will be ready to leave Gibraltar for U.S. for repairs on 21st August. In order that British destroyers may not be sent needlessly across the Atlantic request you will inform me whether any U.S. destroyers will be leaving your command on about that date and if so, whether you would be prepared to allow them to escort INDOMITABLE (C. in C. Med. (Malta) 141526, 142301B to (R) F.O.I.C. Gib. Admty.)

Movements, Malta. Following is a repetition of my 132346 (begins):-
Arrived hospital ship ST. DAVID, LAMERTON, U.S. gunboat S.C.693. Departed COCKCHAFFER, U.S.S. KNIGHT, FOULA with EMPIRE DAMSEL.
Landing Craft Movements. Arrived L.C.T.404, L.S.1132. Departed L.C.Ys.140 and 141, L.C.Is. 272 and 274. L.C.Ts. 616 and 364.
(V.A. Malta 141605 to Admty. etc.)

G.U.S.12. My 140958B.* Amend destination FORT NIPIGON to Gibraltar for S. America.
(N.O.I.C. Tunis 141605B to S.O. Escorts of G.U.S.12) * (N.T. in W.R.)

19th D.F. ESKIMO, NUBIAN and TARTAR are to form part of 19th D.F.
(C. in C. Med. 141618B to Med. Station 96 B. (R) Admty.)

/MINERVE...

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MINERVE, Admty. 141142, para. 3. MINERVE will now proceed
JUNON. to Beirut on completion of present patrol. JUNON
will probably follow on completion of repairs
early 1944.
(Hd. of M.II. 141619B to C. in C. Levant (R)
C. in C. Med. etc.)

N.A.A.F. N.A.A.F. Opsum 174. N.A. Strategic A.F. 12/13th
Report. August. 90 Wellingtons beaches Messina to Cape
Peloro. Numerous fires target area. 2 aircraft
destroyed, 2 missing.
13th August. 106 U.S. Fortresses escort 45 U.S.
Lightning Lorenzo marshalling yards, Rome. Target area believed
well covered, dust and smoke screen prevented observations
results. 4 U.S. Fortresses received minor flak damage. 66 U.S.
Mitchells escort 45 U.S. Lightnings, and 102 U.S. Marauders
escort 55 U.S. Lightnings, Littorio marshalling yards, Rome.
Target area well covered. Some bombs fell short. Explosion.
48 Warhawks sweep Southern Sardinia 2 returned early. Small
boats strafed Carlo Forte and San Antioco. Power Station
damaged (group missing) No. Railway Junction Trappalias strafed.
4 U.S. Mitchells escort (? 24 or 29) U.S. Lightnings sea sweep.
Merchant vessel attacked 8 miles North Lizzo harbour.
9 x 75 rounds fired from 300 ft. flames amidships. 10 August (add)
79 Warhawks bombers attacked landing barges Straits of Messina.
137 Spits. 100 U.S. Spits. escort and cover missions.
N.A. Coastal Air Force. 13 August. 3 Baltimores, 2 Marauders
R/C. E. and W. Coasts Sardinia, Corsica Approaches, Toulon,
Genoa, Spezia, Leghorn, Elba and West Italian Coast. 4 Torpedo
Beaus and 4 Anti-Flak Beaus attacked convoy of 1 M/V escorted
by 1 corvette and 2 E boats S.E. Civitavecchia. 4 Torpedoes
dropped. No hits off (observed?) but pall of dark smoke seen
after attack. Cannon strikes observed on corvette and E-Boat
resulting in violent explosion on latter.
(N.W.A.A.F. Adv. 141651B, 141801B, 141830B.)

French F.O.C. Gibraltar is requested to inform B.N.A.
Refugees. Lisbon as to intended hour of arrival at Setubal.
B.N.A. Lisbon 091901 and my 121241 refer.
(?171244 intended)
(C. in C. Med. (A) 141726B to F.O. Gib.)
2 French ships and 2 French escort vessels can be made
available for 8th evacuation if target date is fixed for 29th
August at Setubal. Your 121055 to C. in C. Med. only refers.
(C. in C. Med. (A) 142001B to N.O.I.C. Gib. (R) C. in C. Med.
B.N.A. Lisbon, B.N.A. Madrid, Admty.)

12 M.S.F. Send (as received) for S.O. 12 M/S Flot. and
ALBACORE, ACUTE, CADMUS, CIRCE, ESPIEGLE, FLY,
MUTINE to Malta.
(C. in C. Med. (M) 141821 to Admty. V.A. Malta,
Com. Algeria, etc.)

G.T.X.5. Following arrived (list).
(N.O.I.C. Alexandria 141852C to Admty. (R)
S.O. (I) Levant.)

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M.E.
Sit.
Rept. Newtel No.22. Situation review week ending incl. 13 August. 7. Adm. Sicily. D. plus 28 convoy arrived safely and part being held Malta for calling forward as required. Over period 22 July to 4 August approx. 3,500 casualties from Sicily received at Tripoli nearly 1,000 of these by air.

Tripoli. During past week 7,240 tons discharged and 1,040 personnel embarked. 760 Hosp. cases disembarked and 320 evacuated by Hosp. ship. Backloading equipment and stores continues to maximum practicable extent. Benghazi. 7,290 discharged incl. 4,800 tons bulk aviation spirit. Air freight. 57,840 lbs. by air from Cairo and Tobruk incl. 20,700 for onward despatch to Sicily. Also 132 personnel. (C. in C. M.E. 141900C.)

Movements, 14th August Port Said arrivals LOTUS, S.L.166.
Port Said. Departures F.F.S. LA MOQUEUSE, IERAX, BREAM, Motor M/S 102 and 103. BLUEBELL. (N.O.I.C. Port Said 141904C to Admty. etc.)

SEMINOLE. Bizerta arrivals U.S? Hospital ship SEMINOLE. (F.O.Tunisia 141905B to Admty. etc.)

M.K.F.22. M.K.F.22 consists of GLENGYLE and 9 ships. N.O.I.C. Alexandria is requested to sail a.m. 17th August. 2. S. of A. 12. 3. 309 1300/17th 310, 509, 2040 17th 15 miles N. 322. Through 510 0855/18th 511,340, 1825/18th 512 10 miles (corrupt group) 355 0455/19th to 235 1040/20th thence as ordered by C. in C. Med. 5. Q.A. 6. High, codeword "Manicure". 7. C. 8. BEAUFORT S.O. TETCOTT, ALDENHAM, BELVOIR, PINDOS. (C. in C. Levant 141946C to Escorts of M.K.F.22, U.G.S.13, HYACINTH, GLENGYLE, Admty. C. in C. Med. etc.) (Cancelled 171717C q.v.)

Movements, Arrivals MENDIP, ROYAL ULSTERMAN.
Algiers. Departures RHYL, MINUET, M.L.238, CARLISLE, Tug EMPIRE DENNIS, U.S.S. SKILL. (Com.Algeria 142008B to Admty. etc.)

Movements, Arrivals 14th August HAYDON.
Haifa. Departures O.R.P. KRAKOWIAK. R.A.F. H.S.L.166. (N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports 142024C to Admty.etc.)

(?) Levant temporary memorandum 471 and my 111046.
Axis Ships EE and FF expected to enter Levant
Shipping, station on 16th, speed 12 knots. Ships AA and GG
Levant. expected to enter 2300/17th speed 12.5 knots. All for Piraeus by standard route. Usual markings. (C. in C. Levant 142025C to C. in C. Levant (sic) R.A. Alex. S.N.O.C. N.O.I.C. Mersa Matruh, N.O.I.C. Tobruk, 201 N.C. Group, etc.)

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Movements, Bone. Arrival M.M.S.9. Departure HORNPIPE, MOUSA, FLUELLEN. M.M.S.114, L.S.T.428, U.S. L.S.T.349. Arrived and sailed Greek Y.M.S's. 65, 66, 67, 185. (N.O.I.C. Bone 142045B to Admty. etc.)

Malta Air Report. W.X.39761. A.I.1070/14th August Opsum No.96 13th August. 1 Spitfire made photo R/C of Taranto 13/14 August. 9 Mosquitoes made successful attacks on road and rail transport in Southern Italy. Near Point Alice a coastal vessel was attacked with cannon and set on fire. 3 torpedo carrying Wellingtons made armed shipping R/C ?S.E. heel of Italy and Albania. 6 Beaufighters made interception patrols North of Malta. 1 Wellington made search for enemy shipping in Gulf of Taranto. Total of 8 Bostons and 4 Baltimore sorties were made from Malta in attacks on communications in toe of Italy. 14th August. 5 Spitfires made photo R/C of Foggia area and harbours and aerodromes of Southern Italy and N.E. Sicily. 2 Baltimores made A/S search E. of Sicily. 1 Baltimore provided A/S patrol for shipping. 12 Beaufighters were airborne as escort to shipping. (H.Q. R.A.F. Malta 142045B.)

Movements, Benghazi. Arrived H.D. M/L. 1038, 1158, 1252, 1083, 1283. (N.O.I.C. Benghazi 142101C to Admty.)

WIRRIL safe conduct. Safe Conduct Vessel WIRRIL will sail from Piraeus to Mytylene at 0800 hours on August 20th. 2. Route will be through reverse of Positions B to N. in A.M. 201907B May, thence direct to Castelrosso, thence through Turkish territorial waters to 39th Parallel, thence due West as far as position 39° 00' N. 26° 00' E. where pilot boat will escort vessel into port. 3. Vessel should not be molested while following above route, and Air Authorities should be informed. (Hd. of M.I. 142120B to C. in C. Levant.)

SEMINOLE. Hospital Ship SEMINOLE sailed 2100B/14th. Speed 13 knots Via War Channel to 79 thence through 79.18 94.89 109 to Oran E.T.A. 1500B/16th. (F.O.I.C. Tunisia 142131B to Admty. etc.)

FINN, safe conduct. Swedish FINN under safe conduct sails from Marseilles on 18th August for Lisbon, where she is expected to arrive 24th August. Markings as in A.M. 290231B June (not to N.A. Lisbon). Vessel follows normal route for Red Cross ships and should not be molested. (Head of M.I.142229B to C. in C. Med.)

Movements, Oran. Departures today H.D.M.L.1229, 1292, H.S.AMARAPOORA, French ship LE TERRIBLE. Arrivals H.D.M.L.1229, 1292, L.B.T.17, 21, 25, 72, 73, 175, 176, 208, 209, 161. C. in C. Med. pass to Commavnaw. (Com. N.O.B. Oran 142230B to Admty. etc.)

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Movements, Arrivals UGANDA, HAILSTORM, WHADDON, EGGESFORD, Malta. LAUDERDALE, JONQUIL with ships ex K.M.S.22, R.F.A. RETRIEVER, L.C. (L) 272, 274. M.L.232, 462, 575. L.S.T. 303, 323, 366.
Departures. ORION, LAFOREY, LOYAL QUILLIAM, QUEENBORO, QUAIL, FLY, ACUTE, CADMUS. A.S.I.S. ATID M.T.B.656, M.F.V.70,51,55, 109, 157. L.C.I. (L) 314, 316, 280, 136, 259, 261, 313, 292. L.C.T. 624, 626.
Arrivals and Departures. HOLCOMBE, ATHERSTONE, LIDDESDALE (departed with Malta section for K.M.S.22) NUBIAN, TARTAR, OXLIP. (V.A. Malta 142256 to Admty. etc.)

Enemy Following read. P.C. and S. of one enemy merchant Unit. vessel 750 tons 40.13 N. 14.55 E. 120° 10 knots. (A/C ARA/L via Elx. W/T. 142302B.) My 142302, enemy previously reported is one small craft. (A/C ARA/L 142340B.)

Movements, Arrived ORION, LAFOREY, LOYAL, QUILLIAM, QUAIL, Augusta. QUEENBOROUGH, HUNDA, JULIET, L.S.Ts. 162, 11, 63, 408, 404 and 9th L.C.I. Flotilla. Departed UGANDA, TARTAR, NUBIAN, L.S.Ts.162, 11, 63, 408, 404, HUNDA, GRAYLING, JULIET. (N.O.I.C. Augusta 142325B to Admty. C. in C.Med.)

Broadcast Your 101744. Para 2 Noted. Para 3 (A) Message to should begin with the following:- Italian "This is a message from the C. in C. of Allied Seamen. Naval Forces in Mediterranean". (Italian Text). (B) Concur. (C) No change thought advisable. Para 4. Concur in addition of new para 10. as follows:- "Ships intending to act in conformity with this message may confirm their safe conduct by calling Malta (V.P.T.) or Algiers (F.U.G.) on 500 kc/s. (Italian Text.) (Hd. of M. (I) 142334B to C. in C. Med. (A)).

UPROAR. Arrival. (V.A. Malta 142336 to Admty. etc.)

Situation Report. 1. Large M.G.Bs. operated close inshore on east Sicilian Coast night 11th/12th and U.S. destroyers and P.T.S. operated North of Messina night 12/13th. Nothing met. 2. Swept channel established inside Aegadean Islands and into Marsala. 91 mines swept. 3. UNSHAKEN reports sinking inward bound 7,000 ton M/V off Brindisi on 11th. 4. Convoy M.K.S.21 attacked night 13th/14th in 36.15 N. 02.23 W. by 36 planes of which A/A fire destroyed 4 for certain and several probables. 2 ships torpedoed in engine room. Tug sent. 5. Bark South Beach closed today Saturday. 6. Discharge tonnages Syracuse 4700 tons on 11th and Palermo 5000 tons on 13th. Entire former civilian staff now re-employed at Oil fuel installation Augusta and ships satisfactorily fuelled from this depot. 7. During night 12th/13th coastal forces operated within

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3 miles off Messina destroyers patrolled off Calabrian Coast and SCARAB bombarded roads near Cape Schiso at 500 yards all without opposition.
8. AURORA, PENELOPE, JERVIS, PALADIN, made sweep off Italian coast night 13th/14th and bombarded Vibo Valentia. One coaster blown up and whole harbour area set on fire.
(C. in C. Med. 142347.)

Movements,
Tunisia.

Arrivals AURORA, PENELOPE, JERVIS, PALADIN.
Departures. SIRIUS, DIDO, PENN, PANTHER .
Departures. RHIND, NIBLICO, DORAN, WESTRAY,
L.C.G. S.C.978, L.S.T.306, 378, 389, 388, 358,
309, 341, 392, 384, 336.
Arrivals L.C.G.15, 20. L.S.T.199, 9, 161, 64, 65,
164, 418 ESPIEGLE, ROTHESAY, BRIXHAM, CLACTON.
(F.O. Tunisia 142354 to Admty. etc.)

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B.P.91 Sailing telegram (8 ships) (2) 0227Z 14th August. (5) E.T.A. position (U) Karachi R/V 0800Z/16th August.
 (3)(a) E.T.A. crossing 062° E. 1000Z/17th August
 (b) E.T.A. west of Quorn Is. 2300Z 18th August (4) 9 knots to position (U) thence 9½ knots. (5) (Route) (6) TAMWORTH, ORISSA.
 (N.C.S.O. Bombay, 140237Z , 140249Z to Admty.)

Movements. Arrival TRAVANCORE.
 (N.O.i/c Karachi, 140257Z)
 Left M.M.S.107 E.T.A. Colombo 22nd.
 (N.O.I.C. Seychelles, 140410Z)
 Departures 0100Z ORISSA, TAMWORTH with B.P.91. 0650Z ROHILKHAND B.M.60.
 (S.O.(I) Bombay, 140653Z)
 Left FARA.
 (F.O.E.Af., 140743Z)
 Colombo arrivals 14th August 0130Z EMILE BAUDET.
 (F.O.Ceylon, 141300Z)

Convoy Arrived.
 J.C.18. (N.C.S.O. Calcutta, 140305Z to Admty.)

Aircraft In last sentence para. 2 of my 130623 for "these
 Squadrons. squadrons" read "Catalina squadron".
 (C. in C.E.F., 140559A to Admty.)

Air A.263. Outstanding reports 10th U.S.A.A.F.
 Report 12th August. 4 U.S. Mitchells (B.25) detailed
 India. Maymo attacked alternative targets due weather.
 1 A/C destroyed 5 rolling stock and storage
 buildings at Kinu. 1 A/C sank 200 foot river
 steamer near Monywa. 9 U.S. Mitchells (B.25)
 attacked (?Rail) and River Transport Irrawaddy. 13 approx. 75
 foot River Transport, 2 Locomotives and rolling stock bombed
 and strafed. Total 8 tons dropped. 6 U.S. Liberators (B.24)
 sea sweep Cocos and Andamans 5 U.S. Liberators (B.25) sea sweep
 and armed R/C of Ye. 7 tons dropped on Ye.
 (A.H.Q. India, 140803Z to Air Min.)

Convoy B.M.59. Cochin portion arrived.
 (N.C.S.O. Cochin, 140931Z to Admty.)

Revised Following is an addition to my 070617 para. 16.
 programme Bombay - Melbourne. U.S. Ship WEST POINT with
 of troop about (? 500) personnel and 80 civilians for
 movements. Australia and the U.S. sailing 16th.
 (P.S.T.O. India, 141021Z to C. in C.E.F.)

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East Indies - Contd.

CLAN MACARTHUR 023° 00' S. 053° 11' E. 11th 2330Z attacked by large U/boat probably German having 2 periscopes, conning tower and hull rack light and dark grey. Ship torpedoed by 3 torpedoes at 2305, 2308, 2315Z consecutively. 99 survivors. No shelling by U/Boat. Distress message SSSS made repeated by Mauritius W/T Station. (N.C.S.O. Mauritius, 141041Z to Admty. S.O.(I) Colombo, S.O.(I) Diego Suarez.)

Ships through Mediterranean, speed. Speed of ships suitable for Mediterranean convoys. My 290835 May refers. (2) Ships of higher speeds for U.K. are sailed from time to time, should these be considered suitable for passage through Mediterranean, as they will probably have difficulty in keeping station in eight knot convoys. (C. in C.E.F. 141452Z to Admty. (R) C. in C. Levant.)

U.S. Ships from India, routeing. Routeing of American ships transatlantic from East Indies stations. Your 301303 July desired present routeing instructions in MEIRI Section 2 (D) and section 10 (B) and (D) should remain in force except for individually selected ships for Mediterranean routeing. 2. These instructions only cover shipping for U.S. Gulf and Caribbean Sea ports and not U.S. shipping bound for South America except bauxite trade. 3. Admiralty's 051512 April to C. in C. U.S. Atlantic Fleet approved long range ships from Persian Gulf sailing direct to South American ports. 4. Cdr. 10th U.S. Fleet C. and R. 221914 May (N.T. in W.R.) approve extension this routeing to cover long range ships from East Africa (7) Red Sea (4) and Persian Gulf (22) numbers in (?brackets) show ships so routed since 12th June. 5. Long range U.S. ships from India are beginning to advise similar routeing to South America and the first is (?now being) routed Colombo. It is thought (?probable) that this traffic may increase, U.S. ships arriving on East Indies Station Trans-Pacific and return to U.S. Trans-Atlantic. 6. Request information as to whether routeing as in (5) is generally approved. 7. If this is so propose suitable ships from Karachi should call Bombay for onward through routeing those from Cochin and east coast India calling Colombo. 8. MEIRI Section (?two)(D) would be amended accordingly, Colombo and Bombay supplied with South Atlantic reference position and letter, routeing instructions. 9. information for approved routes for reference position port and charts for masters if required. 9. Reference letters and positions had to be specially passed to Colombo for manning ships mentioned in (5). (? C. in C.E.F. 141457Z to Com. 10th Fleet C. and R. (R) Admty.)

India Your 060859. This matter is being dealt with by M.W.T. London. (D.T.D. 142119B to C. in C.E.F., (R) F.O. Ceylon, F.O.C. R.I.N.)

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America and West Indies.

Movements. Argentia 14th arrival 0005Z EVENLODE from Bermuda.
 (Capt. (D) Argentia, 140025Z.)
 At. Johns N.F. 13th arrivals B.Y.M.S.173, 75, 157, 74, 52, 55 ex Halifax.
 (N.O.I.C. St. Johns, 140144Z, 140424Z.)
 Arrival DIGBY ex J.H.63.
 (C. Halifax, 141129Z.)
 Arrival B.Y.M.S.240, 33 from Boston.
 (N.O.I.C. Halifax, 141141Z.)
 Bermuda departure BLACK BEAR for Trinidad via Barbados.
 (S.B.N.O.W.At., 142143Z.)
 Arrived Bermuda FINDHORN.
 (S.B.N.O.W.At., 142146Z.)

L. 26. C. in C. C.N.A. 131845Z. Following is repetition of my 131915B. My P.C. and S. at 0001B/14th 054° 01' N. (? 033°) 40' W. 256° (? 4½) knots.
 (L. 26, 140505B to F.O.(S), (R) Admty., C. in C. W.A., C. in C. C.N.A., N.S.H.Q., F.O.N.F.)

SHELDON My 131539, ship refloated 12th August.
CLARK (S.O.(I) Jamaica, 141123Q to Admty., etc.)
aground.

MARIPOSA. MARIPOSA arrived Iceland 13th.
 (D.O.D.(H), 141327B to Cominch, B.A.D., N.S.H.Q., C. in C. C.N.A., P.D. Boston.)

O.N.196, O.N.196. Western Local Group W.3. GEORGETOWN
Western S.O., SHAWINIGAN, BROCKVILLE, LETHBRIDGE, GRANBY
Local will relieve you in Westomp 047° 31' N. 050°
Group W.3. 29' W. at 1800Z/16th. "Chop" 1800Z/15th.
 (F.O.N.F., 141349Z to Ships escorting Convoy
 O.N.196, (R) C. in C. C.N.A., C. in C. W.A.,
 N.S.H.Q., GEORGETOWN, Cdr. 10th Fleet, C. and R.,
 Capt. D. Argentia, Admty.)

Dispositions. SHERBROOKE en route St. Johns N.F. from S.C.
 (corrupt group).
 S.G.29 Comtask 24.83 052° 17' 051° 50' 340°, 7.5
 altering to 322° in 055° 21' N.
 (?H.L.) 43 STRATFORD 047° 02' 052° 38' 194° 7.5 altering to 237°
 in 046° 32' N. and to 285° in 046° 24' N.
 J.H.64 KENORA 046° 31' 052° 47' 189° 9 alter to 263° in 046° 25' N.
 H.M.R.T. ASPIRANT, M.L.085 049° 05' 053° 07' 9 en route Red Bay.
 M.M.S.255, 254, 045° 16' 058° 35' 9 altering to 085° in 057°
 00' (? 056°).
 B.W.51, H.M.C.S. WESTMOUNT, DRUMMONDVILLE 046° 18' 058° 56' 107°
 7 altering to 085° in 056° 59' W. SARNIA 046° (?24') 059°
 24' 106° 12 to ?VR B.W. (?MM) and relieve DRUMMONDVILLE return
 to Sydney.
 (C. in C. C.N.A., 141505Z.)

/CLYDE ...

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CLYDE VALLEY aground. (Havana ?) reports CLYDE VALLEY aground at Cape San Antonio R. (S.O.(I) Jamaica, 141513Q to Admty., N.S.H.Q., S.B.N.O.W.At.)

U.S. S/M Estimate. (Cominch, 141530Z.)

N.S.H.Q. S/M Estimate. (N.S.H.Q., 141535Z.)

HUGH J. GALLAGHER. 151000 U.S.A.T. HUGH J. GALLAGHER Vieux Fort Barbados Tobago and return to Trinidad 16th knots II 11 Boca de Navios C. 12.01 N. 61.51 W. D. 13.32 N. 61.25 W. thence Vieux Fort direct to Bridgetown Barbados direct to Charlottesville Tobago direct to Trinidad days 6. (R.O. Port of Spain, 141551 to Admty.)

GRIPSHOLM (Exchange P.O.W. Ship) route. In order complete negotiations safe conduct exchange ship GRIPSHOLM require return routing Port Elizabeth to New York. Propose following via Rio de Janeiro through (route) thence Rio to New York route reverse of route in V.C.N.O. 031300Z as follows (route). (Com. 10th Fleet C. & R., 141621Z to Admty.)

Shipping New York. Your 102040Z (Convoys to be kept in 2 columns in swept channels). Commodores will be instructed accordingly. (D.T.D., 141626B to N.S.H.Q., (R) B.R.L.O.N.Y., N.C.S.O. Mersey, C. in C. C.N.A., B.A.D.)

Stragglers. Stragglers arrived week ending 14th. EL MUNDO (Pan.) H.X.251. Boiler trouble. (N.C.S.O. St. Johns N.F., 141745Z to Admty.)

U.S.A.T. Arrived San Francisco August 12th Army Transport DAYSTAR (U.S.) (N.S.H.Q., 141816 to Admty.)

Convoy H.X.252. This completes my Dis.131920. Sailing despatch. Part 1. 7. 47 ships. (P.D. New York, 141854Z to Admty.)

U.G.F.10. My 121515. Strike from list of ships sailing in U.G.F.10 SANTA ELENA and SIMONDS. (Cominch, 141903Z to Cinclant.)

/Sub. ...

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and sighting
summary.All times Z. Para. C. P.C.595 attacked sound
contact 05.42 N. 51.45 W. 1507/13. My 132130
cancel sighting by SS. CACIQUE.
(Cominch, 142005Z to Admty.)ROYAL
SOVEREIGN,
escort.

Your 131914.

ROYAL SOVEREIGN at present estimated ready to
sail approx. 26th Sept.(2) Possible methods of providing escort are -
(a) inclusive in U.T.3 sailing from New York on
3rd October. But from C.B. 04150 enduranceappears to be barely sufficient. (12 days at 14 knots required).
(b) Using INDOMITABLE's screen vide your 131958. It is not yet
known here when these may be expected to arrive but estimate
they would be used to better advantage for VICTORIOUS. Your
132005 refers.(c) Use of new CAPTAIN class frigates, CALDER and DUCKWORTH if
not used for H.M.S. VICTORIOUS as in my 120033 could be retained.
There should also be DUFF and CAPEL partially worked up at
Bermuda by 26th Sept.

(d) H.X. convoy.

(3) Request your remarks.

(B.A.D., 142015 to Admty.)

Bunkering.

Amend A.M. 161618 July para. 1 as follows:

(a) After "West Coast of India" delete the words
"or Colombo".(b) Last word delete "Colombo" and substitute
"Cochin".(D.T.D., 142111B to Connav, N.S.H.Q., (R) B.A.D.,
C. in C. Med. (Algiers), C. in C. Levant, C. in
C. E.F.)Hunting
Groups.

Admiralty's 140110.

1. To implement para. 3 propose following ships
be detached from C Groups H.M.C.S. SACKVILLE,
CHAMBLY, MORDEN, SAINT FRANCIS, SAINT CROIX.

2. One of these is westbound with O.N.196, 3 at

Halifax or vicinity, SAINT CROIX at Londonderry. Is it desired
(A) to sail them independently to U.K. or (B) with next
outbound convoy assignment.(N.S.H.Q., 142132Z to Admty., (R) C. in C. W.A., C. in C. C.N.A.,
C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C. Med.)Convoy
O.N.195.

Arrivals 13th. Total 44 ships (list).

(B.R.L.O. New York, 142140Z to Admty.)

Convoy O.N.195. 44 ships arrived. First arrival
2053Z/13th last arrival 2332Z/13th. DROMYRE put
in Delaware Capes. FREDERICK LOVE DAU broken
down 18 miles out of New York. All ships
accounted for.(P.D. New York, 142200 to Com. 10th Fleet C. & R.,
(R) C.E.S.F., Admty., N.S.H.Q.)

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New York Special Convoy 19. (A) New York special 19 bound Argentina for Iceland.
(B) Point Z seaward end Swept Channel 1430Z August 15th. S. of A. 13.5 knots. E.T.A. Argentina 2130Z August 18th.
(C) Ocean and straggler route.
(E) C.T.U. 29.3.2. Com. E.P. Hylunt U.S.N. aboard U.S.S. ARIEL. U.S.S. PALMER, HOWARD, HOGAN.
(P.D. New York, 142202Z to Com. 10th Fleet C. & R., (R) C. in C. Lant, N.O.B. Iceland, N.O.B. Argentina, Comserforlant, C. in C. C.N.A., Admty., N.S.H.Q., Com.3, F.O.N.F., C.E.S.F.)

Tankers. Admiralty 122005 to B.R.L.O. Curacao. Providing submarine situation remains unchanged, vessels will sail independently to Puerto la Cruz with air coverage provided as practicable.
(Willemstad, 142207 to Admty., (R) Com. 10th C. & R.)

Convoy H.X.252. Sailing telegram. Part 2.
(47 ships, list, cargoes, destinations).
(P.D. New York, 142210Z to Admty.)

Stragglers Report No. 13. 1 arrived Halifax from O.N.194 EMPIRE BUNTING August 5th short of fuel. 1 arrived New York from H.X.251 EMPIRE PIBROCH August 9th unable to maintain convoy speed. 1 arrived Halifax from H.X.251 EMPIRE CAVALIER August 11th short of water. 1 arrived Halifax from O.N.S.14 EMPIRE MACALPINE August 9th to land serious accident case. 1 arrived Halifax from S.C.139 KIRSTEN MAERSK August 10th boiler trouble.
(N.S.H.Q., 122230Z to Admty.)

SHERBROOKE. E.T.A. St. Johns Newfoundland 0900Z/15th urgent defects. Boiler hours. Weather report.
(SHERBROOKE, 142300Z to F.O.N.F., (R) C. in C. C.N.A., N.S.H.Q., H.M.C.S. ST. CLAIR.)

W. 8. W.8. Adverse weather E.T.A. Mulgrave 1300Z/15th. Request (corrupt group) programme may be adjusted accordingly.
(ROXBOROUGH, 142359Z to S.N.O. Pictou, C.X.O. Mulgrave, SOREL, CHICOUTIMI, C. in C. C.N.A., D. Halifax.)

Daily Air Opsum. Air Ministry instructions for preparation by E.A.C. Canada.
(See Folder W.O., Standard Forms of Reports.)

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GRIPSHOLM. Your 090946Z, part II. Concur in route.
(C.P.S.F., 140716Z to (? C. in C. E.F.), (R)
Admty., etc.)

Movements. Following is a repetition of second section of
my 111155Z. (Begins).
Townsville CHARLES S. JONES (U.S.A.) 11th August,
MOBILFUEL (U.S.A.) 12th August, SUSQUEHANNA (U.S.A.)
18th August, GUELBRISBANE, LAERTES, WATTS (U.S.A.) 12th August,
NICOLAOU MARIA (Greek) 12th August, NEW ZEALAND (Nor.) 12th
August, LUXOR 17th August, Y.14 (U.S.A.) 23rd August. (Ends).
(A.C.N.B., 140730Z to Admty.)
Departed Milne Bay 11th SS. H.T. ALLEN for Cairns.
(A.C.N.B., 141059Z to Admty., etc.)
Arrived Fremantle 12th R.N.N. TROMP, Geraldton 13th NIZAM,
Port Moresby 13th COLAC, KATOOMBA. Townsville 13th U.S.S. SMITH.
Sydney 13th WARRNAMBOOL. Departed Cairns 13th SWAN for Port
Moresby. Milne Bay 11th U.S.S. BAGLEY for Cairns. Port
Moresby 13th F.F.S. LE TRIOMPHANT, U.S.S. HENLEY for Townsville.
Geraldton 13th NIZAM for Port Melbourne.
(A.C.N.B., 141101Z to Admty., etc.)

Digest Dawn Cape Orford submarine passed northbound.
Serial 2. Complete photo coverage Rabaul area afternoon
No. 571 shows 42 ships in harbour detailed 19 merchantmen
Aug. 13th. totalling 85,000 tons, 2 cruisers, 1 MOGAMI and
1 JINTSU class 5 destroyers, 1 converted destroyer
tender, 6 submarines, 1 sub-tender CHOGAI class,
1 minelayer OKINOSHIMA class 3 probable gunboats,
4 sub-chasers also 4 flying boats, 12 float-planes. Total 271.
5. Morning photos Wewak Harbour reveal 3 small freighters, 1
small auxiliary and approx. 30 barges.
7. Forenoon photographs Madang reveal 1 fighter near service-
able strip also 3 motor trucks nearby. 4 luggers in harbour.
12. Photos 12th shipping off north-east Ceram refer Digest 570
para. 10, reveal 1 probable armed freighter 2000 to 4000 tons
and 2 smaller merchantman.
Photos disclose 13 fighters, 4 medium, 11 dive bombers at Buka
passage where one medium merchant ship plus 7 barges and small
craft observed.
18. Night 11th/12th Allied patrol craft forced large barge
ashore south-east Vella Lavella.
(G.H.Q. S.W.P.A., 140906Z.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C., 141358B, 141401B.)

Submarines Attacked.

Sub. attack
and sighting
summary for
24 hours to
1000B/14th.

Para. A. British DALFRAM torpedoed and sunk at 0340/4th in approximately 20° 40' S. 57° 10' E.
Para. B. British CLAN MACARTHUR torpedoed and sunk 12th/13th in 23° S. 58° 10' E. (reported by C. in C. E.F. but required confirmation.)
Para. C. Liberator aircraft sank U-Boat midday 11th in about 12° 20' N. 20° 07' W. and subsequently crashed, no survivors. Prisoners rescued. Hudson aircraft attacked U-Boat at 1530/13th in 12° 06' N. 17° 29' W.
(D.D.I.C., 140910Z to Cominch.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

Operation
F.N.

1. C.S.10 in BELFAST, screened by ONSLOW and ORWELL, left Scapa at 1602A today to create a diversion off the South Norwegian coast.

Operation
S.F.

2. 4 U-Boats were sighted by A/C in the Denmark Straits area today and MUSKETEER, SHIKARI, MAHRATTA, and METEOR are hunting them with A/C co-operation.

Operation
S.N. 74.

3. IMPULSIVE and MIDDLETON left Hvalfjord at 0652A for the N.W. of Iceland to screen the 1st M.L. Squadron on Operation S.N.74; ST.MARYS and SABRE left Reykjavik at 1722A to rejoin the squadron; and NORFOLK left Hvalfjord at 1542A to cover the squadron while it remains to the eastward of the mine barrier.

North Atlantic.

Air attack
on O.S.53/
K.M.S. 23.

4. Convoy O.S.53/K.M.S.23 was attacked by about 18 Focke Wulf aircraft this evening in about 200 miles N.W. of Cape St. Vincent, and 18 salvos were dropped. SS. WARFIELD, British, 6070 tons, New York to Glasgow, was hit and sank later. SS. OCEAN FAITH, British, Manchester for Mediterranean, and SS. BARON FAIRLIE, British, Tyne for N. Africa, were damaged and stopped. BAZELEY is standing by. OCEAN FAITH arrived at Gibraltar on 18th August.

South Atlantic.

Force Q
C.F. 13.

5. RESOLUTION, REVENGE, and 5 destroyers, escorting Convoy C.F.13, left the Congo River at 0700Z for Freetown, where they are due on the 22nd.

/ASTURIAS ...

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South Atlantic - Contd.

ASTURIAS.

6. In view of the present load on ship repair yards in the United Kingdom, and particularly that in prospect for overseas operations, Admiralty have asked B.A.M.R. if ASTURIAS, now at Freetown with torpedo damage, can be taken in hand in U.S.A. for permanent repairs and conversion to M.O.W.T.

A/S Patrols.

7. See East Indies.

Mediterranean.

Sicily and
southern
Italy.

8(a) Last night SIRIUS, DIDO and PANTHER bombarded Scaletta, 80 miles S.E. of Naples, firing over 1,000 rounds into the port in 20 minutes at a range of 8000 yards.

(b) NUBIAN and TARTAR on a sweep of the Italian coast to Cape Rizzou last night encountered 3 E-Boats which fired a torpedo and left at high speed.

(c) U.S. destroyers and M.T.Bs. swept coastwise from Milazzo to the Italian mainland last night without meeting any opposition.

(d) TROUBRIDGE, TYRIAN and TUMULT of 24th D.F., observed demolitions last night along the South Calabrian coast and near Scaletta. Enemy vessels were engaged north of Point Peloro and returned the fire. Three E-Boats were encountered but dispersed at high speed.

(e) U.S. cruisers and destroyers are covering ferrying operations on the Army's left flank at Barcellona.

(f) APHIS and SOEMBA, gunboats, bombarded the east coast road to Messina today.

M.T.B.665
lost.

(g) M.T.Bs. operated off Messina last night. M.T.B.665 was set on fire and sunk half a mile south of Messina early this morning. M.T.Bs. endeavoured to pick up survivors under shell fire.

/Air ...

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on Augusta.

9. In a daylight raid on Augusta today by about 6 aircraft, 4 bombs were dropped in the harbour, with near misses on PRINSES BEATRIX, (L.S.I.(M)) LEDBURY, destroyer, and SS. OCEAN VIRTUE, all without damage or casualties. Spitfires shot down 1 F.W.190 and damaged another.

Unknown
ship
torpedoed.

10. Capt. (D) 24 (? in TROUBRIDGE), reported at 2320B that he had been struck aft by a torpedo from an E-Boat in 37.36 N. 15.34 E., about 30 miles N.E. of Catania. TROUBRIDGE arrived at Malta on the 16th undamaged. It is not known what ship was concerned in this report.

S/M
Operations.

11(a) S/M UNRULY, in a patrol off Brindisi, reports that at 1050 today in 40.41 N. 18.01 E. (outside Brindisi) she fired 4 torpedoes at a 5000 ton southbound tanker in ballast, escorted by 2 corvettes and a destroyer. Two hits were obtained and the vessel was beached. At 1629, in 40.52 N. 17.58 E. (about 12 miles north of Brindisi) she fired 4 torpedoes at a 5000 ton tanker and a 5000 ton liner overlapping the target in a convoy of about 8 ships forming up. There was one explosion at the correct interval followed by 3 more. It is considered that at least one vessel was damaged.

(b) Polish S/M DZIK reports that at 2032 today in 41.09 N. 17.25 E. (about 13 miles east of Bari) she obtained one or probably two torpedo hits on a 5000 ton tanker and that the vessel probably sank. 25 seconds later DZIK fired two torpedoes at a 6000 ton passenger ship; two explosions were heard at correct running time and it is considered that the vessel was sunk or badly damaged.

L.S.T.
torpedoed.

12. L.S.T.414 was hit amidships by an aircraft torpedo at 0200, 183° Cani Rocks 3½ miles and was beached outside Bizerta.

13. An unsuccessful attack was made by torpedo bombers on an L.S.I. convoy at 0237 off Cape Bougaroni.

Convoy.

14. M.K.S.22, consisting of 23 merchant ships, left Alexandria today.

/OSIRIS ...

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SITUATION REPORT.

Mediterranean - Contd.

OSIRIS.

15. S/M OSIRIS left Aden at 0244Z today for service on the East Indies Station.

Air
Operations.

16. 9 Halifaxes and 4 Liberators bombed railway sidings at San Giovanni last night. 1 Wellington last night attacked a merchant vessel of about 900 tons anchored N. of Leros, 2 bombs bursting 50 feet astern. Another Wellington attacked 3 ships of 2000/3000 tons anchored off Preveza. Bombs straddled the vessels, with 1 possible hit, but all failed to explode. The attacks on shipping in the Messina area continued today. 4 Beaufighters operating off the East Coast of Greece attacked a 200 ton schooner with cannon fire and scored hits.

East Indies.

FROBISHER.

17. The cruiser FROBISHER left Bombay this morning for Aden.

U-Boat.

18. A further attack on a U-Boat was made by a Ventura aircraft with depth charges at 1119B in 28.30 S. 34° E., result unknown. 2 Catalinas carried on A/S patrol this evening.

Australia and New Zealand.

Allied
landing
at Vella
Lavella.

19. An Allied landing was successfully effected this morning at Vella Lavella (most northerly island of the New Georgia Group). Allied destroyers and landing craft engaged in the operation were unsuccessfully attacked by torpedo bombers while retiring from Vella Lavella to Guadalcanal.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

Inferior Coal in North Russia. ATLANTIC, EMPIRE SCOTT. ATLANTIC and EMPIRE SCOTT sailed Dvegg Bar 0600B today for Kola inlet escorted by 3 Soviet destroyers JASON and ?BRITOMART sailed Dvegg Bar 1300B to overtake and reinforce escort. E.T.A. Kola inlet 0900B/17th.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel, 150937B to S.B.N.O. North Russia).

Personnel in North Russia. As Russians continually complain of excessive numbers of personnel in North Russia especially when convoys are not running, Ambassador has asked for minimum numbers required assuming they would not run for a period of about 6 months and that no Merchant Vessels would remain as at present.

Request you will signal numbers required in each of following cases under headings of Scheme of Complement

(S.B.N.O. North Russia No. 1050/71 of 15th November, 1942)-

(A) All requirements other than convoys to be met as at present e.g. existing number of British Warships based in North Russia, readiness for reception in North Russia ports of Warships for fuel and ammunition during operations East of Bear Island, intermittent air operations, intelligence liaison, supervision of repairs to damaged Merchant Vessels, maintenance of communications sufficient for above. Y activities to continue.

(B) All operational readiness being relaxed and establishments reduced to care and maintenance, except Y. (Improbable that Admiralty would accept this).

2. It seems that in either of above cases, it would be essential to bring all Establishments up to full strength about 2 months before convoys are restarted.

(Ad. Fisher, 151002C to S.B.N.O. North Russia).

FENCER Provisional date for FENCER being ready for service 16th September.
(F.O.C.T., 151002 to Admty).

WINDRUSH When ready for sea WINDRUSH should be sailed for Tobermory to work up on conclusion of which she should join Western Approaches Command.
(D.O.D. H., 151153A to A.S.C.B.S.)

Provision of Hunting Groups. Admiralty 140110. (1) It is assumed (A) That "Mid-Ocean Groups" means all B and C groups, and not merely those employed on trans-Atlantic route. (B) That Governing factor is maintenance of minimum working strength of six escorts per convoy, which cannot always be achieved with a paper strength of nine.

(2) Consider - (A) That last ships are preferable to Corvettes for the Bay offensive if they can reasonably be spared from mid-ocean Groups. The shortage of fast ships in C Groups is, however, to be noted.

(B) That with Mid-Ocean Groups reduced to the minimum size, reliability of the fast ships is more important in these groups than in support Groups. The age of the Vees and Ws. gives cause for concern, and it may well be found necessary to withdrawn some

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of them for Trans-Atlantic service during the Winter. In this case new construction frigates would probably be required to take their place in order to maintain the desired working strength of the groups.

(3) With these considerations in mind, I anticipate that the following ships from my command could be made available for work-up on dates shown, prior to Bay offensive.

(A) INCONSTANT, WRESTLER, VISCOUNT early September.

(B) BURZA, GARLAND, WHITEHALL mid September.

(C. in C. W.A., 151241Z to Admty).

Movements.S/M
Movements.

Sailed TRUCULENT and TUNA escorted by LOCH MONTEITH in accordance with Capt. (S) 3 131537B amended by 141151B.

(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 150908A)

Intend sailing CUTTY SARK from Clyde at 0700A/17 by standard route to Lerwick, E.T.A. 1600A/18th.

2. CUTTY SARK thence as ordered by S.O. S/Ms Lerwick escorting TRUANT and THRASHER to Holy Loch.

(Capt. S.3., 151043A).

Intend sailing WHITE BEAR from Clyde at 1700A/17 by standard route to R/V with SEANYMPH and SYRTIS in 180° Bishop Rock 8 miles, E.T.A. 0700A/19.

2. Thence SEANYMPH and SYRTIS escorted by WHITE BEAR by standard route to Holy Loch, E.T.A. 0400A/21st speed 11 knots.

(Capt. S.3., 151109A).

Positions of S/Ms at 0800A/16 and movements for following 24 hours.

(F.O.S., 151659A, 160840A, 171006A).

BLACKBIRD

Hvalfiord arrived BLACKBIRD.
(A.C.I.C., 151104A to N.O.I.C. Aultbea).SAUMAREZ,
SCOURGE.Scapa arrivals SAUMAREZ and SCOURGE.
(A.C.O.S., 151532A to F.O.N.F.)

ORIBI

Sailed ORIBI for Rosyth, E.T.A. 0700A/16th.
(R.A.D., 152031A).Operations.Coastal
Force
Patrols.Your 141529B. "Talbot" and "Bigaroo" returned owing to weather at 0117A and 0215A respectively. (N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 150216A to C. in C. Plymouth)
(A) M.G.Bs. 613 (S.O.), 614, M.T.Bs. 250, 251 are to carry out sweep along the French Coast from St. Valery En Caux to Cape D'Antifer passing 2 N.

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Coastal Force Patrols. (contd.) at approx. 2230 and 4 N. at 0430/16. Object is to attack torpedo targets proceeding along inshore route which may be within one mile of the coast. (B) BLEASDALE and STEVENSTONE anti E-boat patrol on 50° 25' N., between 00° 40' W. and 01° 25' W. from 2230 to 0330. Destroyers are to patrol near C.3 buoy from 0500 until ordered to return.

(C) M.Ls. 292, 343 patrol Q.Z.S. 384 between F and E.A.5 buoys.
 (D) Chasseur 41 immediate notice at St. Helens.
 (E) M.Ls. 122, 233, 124 from Portland patrolling on 50° 20' N. between 02° 00' W. and 02° 25' W.
 (C. in C. Portsmouth, 151445A)

1. Force D. M.G.Bs. 676, 677 are to patrol in vicinity of position 180° Eddystone 8 miles.
3. Force E. M.G.Bs. 75, 81 are to patrol in vicinity of position 095° Start 19 miles.
5. Forces D and E are to leave Dartmouth to be on patrol by 2130A, leave patrol 0500A.
6. Force F. M.T.Bs. 91, 94, 96 are to leave Dartmouth at 2015 and proceed at 25 knots to position (AA) (AA) 270° Les Hanois Lt. 15 miles, thence to carry out sweep for enemy shipping through position (BB) 180° Les Hanois Lt. 10 miles to position (CC) 49° 19' N., 02° 20' W. and return by same route. Force F to be within 30 miles of own coast by first light.
7. Force on passage is not to cross Q.Z.X. 1056 and forces on patrol are not to enter this area unless necessary.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 151637A).
 Dover dispositions for night of 15/16 August. M.L.s 143 and 141 at Bullock Bank. M.G.Bs. 40, S.1. and 43 at V Buoy. E.T.D. 2030, E.T.R. 0530/16. Route via No. 1 buoy each way. (V.A. Dover, 151711A).
 Your 151637A. M.T.B.94 returned with defect. (N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 152338A to C. in C. Plymouth).

Operation S.F. Am over enemy S/M in 62° 28' N., 12° 19' W. Was on surface when first sighted. Was on course 315, estimated speed 12. (A/C BNNP3 150235B to 18 Group).
 My 0235. Enemy S/M previously reported was on surface and when first sighted was on course 235° speed 2. (A/C BNNP3 150615B).
 Faroes departures MUSKETEER, MAHRATTA. E.T.A. Rosyth 161030A. (N.O.I.C. Faroes, 150931A and 151024A to C. in C. Rosyth).
 2 submarines sighted. (A/C BNNP3 151010A to 18 Group).
 Raise steam with all despatch. Order for operation follows. (C. in C. Rosyth, 151041A to MUSKETEER, (R) MAHRATTA, METEOR SHIKARI).
 Aircraft's BNNP 3, 1010A and 0235B. Intend sailing at 1130A for position, speed of advance 28 knots. METEOR sailed to join me at 1300. (SHIKARI, 151056A to C. in C. Rosyth).
 Your 151041. My P.C.S. are 061° 55', 006° 45' W, 270°

30. MAHRATTA in company. (MUSKETEER, 151130A to C. in C. Rosyth).
 Ships addressed Form Group B.

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Operation S.F. (contd). (1) Group B (2) 061° 28' N, 014° 50' W. 60 60 (3) 225 (4) "Apricot". Proceed to be on patrol by 2359 today. (C. in C. Rosyth, 151139A to MUSKETEER, MAHRATTA, METEOR, SHIKARI). My 132237. Cancel instructions for MUSKETEER, MAHRATTA.

(2) Proceed with despatch towards 062° N., 014° W. and act as ordered by C. in C. Rosyth. (C. in C. H.F., 151152B to MUSKETEER, MAHRATTA). Your 141245. Proposal not approved. (C. in C. H.F., 151243A to SHIKARI). Scapa arrival ORIBI. (A.C.O.S., 151248A to N.O.I.C. Faroes). SARDONYX will be available to join you for operation S.F. about August 21st.

(2) Anticipate AMAZON also could be available on completion of defect about September 1st.

(3) SALADIN, SCIMITAR will clean boiler on completion of present duties and are required for D.S.44 on August 31st and subsequently for duty with Capt. (S) Seven till September 16th. (C. in C. W.A., 151253A to C. in C. H.F.) Submarine position 62° 28' N., 12° 19' W. (A/C P.190 151300A to 18 Group). My P.C.S. 061° 54' N., 008° 00' W, 262° 19 knots. Join me in 061° 28' 014° 50' by 2359A. (MUSKETEER, 151301A to SHIKARI, METEOR). MATCHLESS with ULSTER proceeding passing Switha 0700A/16th to Skaale Fiord.

(2) On arrival act in accordance with C. in C. H.Fs. 132237. (R.A.D., 151305A to MATCHLESS, ULSTER). Skaale Fiord departure SHIKARI 1203A (?METEOR) 1301A. (N.O.I.C. Faroes, 151305A to C. in C. Rosyth). C. in C. Rosyth's 151139A. E.T.A. 2300/15. My P.C.S. 061° 55' N. 006° 45' W. 263° 24. (METEOR, 151320A to MUSKETEER). Am over enemy submarine in 61° 58' N. 13° 50' W. Periscope only sighted. When first sighted was on course 240° speed 6 knots. (A/C 29 of 269 Sq. 151417A to 18 Group). Have attacked U/B with depth-charge. (A/C 29 of 269 Sq. 151419A to 18 Group). Operation S.F. Aircraft are flying in "moorings" area given in my 031615B August.

2. From 1201A/15 to 2359A/15 (A) 11 (B) 8. (C. in C. Rosyth, 151457A to H.F.) My P.C.S. 61° 50' N. 09° 40' W. 274° 30 knots. Am closing position reported by aircraft L.29. (MUSKETEER, 151515A to SHIKARI, METEOR). Your 152001A. Expect to arrive 2300A. (SHIKARI, 152026A to MUSKETEER). Am over enemy submarine in 61° 52' N., 14° 26' W. Submarine was sighted on surface and observed to submerge. Course 050°. (A/C BNNW 50 152140 to 18 Group). Am close to position of probable submarine sighted by aircraft W.50 in 61° 38' N. 14° 59' W. (MUSKETEER, 152145A to C. in C. Rosyth). Join me position 61° 28' N. 14° 37' W. Am hunting submarine co-operation aircraft W.50. (MUSKETEER, 152225A to SHIKARI).

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Operation S.F. (contd). Hunting in company.
(A/C BNNW 50 152255A to 18 Group).
My 031615B. Moorings move 225° 60 miles at 2359A 15th.
2. From 0002A to 1201A/16th (A) 4 (B) 13.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 152304A to H.F.)

Operation "Musketry". By D/F at 0758Z/15 U-boat probably outward bound, estimated within 45 miles of 46° 30' N. 5° 30' W. (D.D.I.C., 150943A to S/MS, GLASGOW, E.G.2, ATHABASKAN).
You were probably sighted by enemy A/C at 0810 today.
(D.D.I.C., 151001A to GLASGOW).
Your codeword is "Talbot".
(C. in C. Plymouth, 151250A to ATHABASKAN, GRENVILLE).
Disposition at 2000.

- 2nd Escort Group, STARLING, WREN, KITE, WOODCOCK, WOODPECKER, WILD GOOSE patrolling vicinity 045° 00' N. 011° 00' W.
- ATHABASKAN, GRENVILLE 049° 12' N. 009° 40' W. bound Falmouth 19 knots.
- GLASGOW 046° 33' N. 011° 00' W. southbound 20 knots.
- Group K. EGILSAY, GRISLE, FILLA, tug LARIAT, 5 M.Ls. 050° 15' N. 009° 10' W, south-westbound 9 knots.
- SEADOG 047° 13' N. 006° 27' W. northbound daily advance 83.
- UNBROKEN 043° 53' 007° 30' N.-Eastbound.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 151624 to Ships).
16 F.W.200, course 180°. Position 43° 10' N. 09° 20' W.
(A/C 429 Sq. Duty G, 151632A to 19 Group).
LANDGUARD take Escort Group 40 under his orders, pass the gate at 1500A/16, and proceed through 180° Bishop Rock 10 and (K) 048° 49' N., 010° 15' W, and thence to carry operations "Musketry" in area "Musketry" North.

(3) Codeword "Porter".
(4) Estimate BERMUDA pass through position (A) 180° Bishop Rock 15 eastbound about 0300A/17.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 151714A and 151934A).
A/C previously reported last seen position 47° 50' N. 10° 20' W. height 2000 feet. A/C No. (?10) type Ju. position 47° 50' N. 10° 10', course 270° height 2000 feet.
(A/C 236 Sq. Duty G, 151800 to 19 Group).
2nd Escort Group proceed to establish patrol in vicinity of position (A) by first light tomorrow.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 151812A to E.G.2).
Am being attacked by 5 Ju.88s in 47.00N., 10.00 W.
(A/C 461 Sq. Duty X. No T.O.O. to 19 Group Recd. 151817).
Am being shadowed by 3 enemy A/C bearing 130° 4,000 feet in 48° 20' N., 08° 55' W. course 066° speed 26 knots.
(ATHABASKAN, 152325 to Whitehall W/T).

S/M Patrols. My 141732. Zone J.9 is covered by submerged bombing restriction.
(F.O.S., 151233A to UNBROKEN).
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Patrols.
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(A) UPSTART, ULA, and THRASHER as in my 101721. THRASHER leaves patrol 2100A/16th for Lerwick, diving as much as possible when North of 62° N. and not to cross 62° 30' N. before 0001A/17th.

(D) SYRTIS as in my 061727 leaving patrol a.m./16 for 47° 30' N. 07° 30' W. at 0001/18, diving by day. Daily advance 100 miles.

(E) SEADOG 48° 03' N., 06° 30' W. dived by day to northward to R/V in 180° Bishop Rock 8 miles with LOCH MONTEITH for escort to Holy Loch.

(F) SATYR 48° N. 6° W. diving by day to Northward to R/V in 180° Bishop Rock 8 miles with LOCH MONTEITH for escort to Holy Loch.

(G) SEANYMPH 45° 29' N., 04° 53' W. diving by day through 46° N., 05° W. at 2200/16th, thence towards 47° 30' N., 07° 01' W. daily advance 100 miles.

(H) UNBROKEN 44° 01' N. 06° 30' W. dived by day through 44° N. 06° W. thence to northward, daily advance 83 miles.
(F.O.S., 151659A to Admty).

Operation F.N. Scapa departure Force D for operation F.N.
BELFAST, (A.C.O.S., 151602A).
ONSLOW,
ORWELL.

Exercises.

Exercise "Ogden 4".
1. Exercise "Ogden Four" will be carried out on 17th August starting at 1000A. Details.
(C. in C. Nore, 151056A).

Allied Air Activity.

Forced landing. Am making a forced landing in position 55 N., 9.31 W.
(A/C 58 Sq. Duty S. No T.O.O. to 19 Group Recd. 151622).

Enemy Air Activity.

Jan Mayen Following from Jan Mayen. Aircraft crossed Island South of defence area 1810/14, Northerly course.
(A.C.I.C., 150016A).

Off Start Point. Two aircraft course 310° approx. height 20,000 feet, position 50° 18' N., 03° 28' W.
(READY 151139 to Devonport W/T)

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S.N. 74 Hvalfiord departure IMPULSIVE, MIDDLETON, KENT's 141425 para. (1) refers.
(A.C.I.C., 150652A to S.O. Minelayers).
E.T.A. 1500B. SABRE in company.
(ST. MARYS 151200A to A.C.I.C.)
Estimated position at 2103A tonight AGAMEMNON, PORT QUEBEC, MENESTHEUS, NORFOLK and 4 destroyers. 064° 50' N. 024° 27' W. to North.
(A.C.I.C., 151222A to Ships).
Hvalfiord departure NORFOLK Para. (2) of KENT's 141425 refers
(A.C.I.C., 151542A to R.A.M.)
Reykjavik departures at 1722A ST. MARYS and SABRE to rejoin you.
(A.C.I.C., 151754A to S.O. Minelayers).

Q.Z.X. 1056 Southern Limit of Q.Z.X. 1056 now swept today in J formation bounded by:-
A. 49° 58' 18" 3° 32' 36" W. B. 50° 01' 18" 3° 16' 36" W. No mines encountered.
(GWEAL, 151932A to C. in C. Plymouth).

Enemy Intelligence.

Alten Fiord. Results just received of Soviet R/C Alten Fiord at 1830C yesterday is: Two battleships or battle cruisers, three destroyers, two escort vessels, three merchant vessels.
Photographs were taken and copies will be supplied.
My 101805B. Photographs referred were not successful.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 151050A to Admty).

Casualties & Defects.

GLASGOW Your 141330B. Catapult can be removed and gangway fitted each side as in SHEFFIELD.
(A.S. Devonport, 151232A to C. in C. Plymouth).
Following from C. in C. Plymouth, begins:-
A.M. 281306 July. It is intended to berth GLASGOW up harbour p.m./22nd August when she will be available for refit.
Information is requested whether catapult can be removed.
T.O.O. 141330B Ends.
(A.S. Devonport, 151233A to Admty).

BURWELL My 131323B. Ship still defective. Earliest time of sailing subject to no further defects is 1630A/16th from Lough Foyle.
(Cdre. D. W.A., 151237A to C. in C. W.A.)

PHOEBE Your 131757. PHOEBE can be taken in hand on 7th September and should arrive 2 days earlier.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 151640A to C. in C. H.F.)

JANUS Sailing of JANUS postponed due to defect.
Duration unknown.
(F.O.I.C. Tyne, 151822A to R.A.D. H.F.)

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- T.A.57 Intend sailing AQUITANIA passing Clyde boom 1800A 16th August, thence in accordance with A.M. 131750B. S. of A. $19\frac{1}{2}$ knots. "Chop" date 20th August. E.T.A. Ambrose light vessel 1200Z/23. (N.O.I.C. Greenock, 151044A).
- O.S.53/
K.M.S.23. One enemy aircraft shadowing convoy PAROLE, position $39^{\circ} 40' N.$, $13^{\circ} 33' W.$ course 140° , speed 8 knots. (SCYLLA, 151050A to Gibraltar W/T). One or more F.W.200 aircraft are active and may be expected in your vicinity. (D.D.I.C., 151105A to O.S.53/K.M.S.23, ILLUSTRIOUS E.G.2, E.G.38).
Convoy attacked by 2 F.W. between 1115A and 1230. 2 wide salvos, no damage, shadowing discontinued. My P.C.S. at 1300A, $039^{\circ} 39' N.$, $013^{\circ} 33' W.$ 140° 8 knots. (SCYLLA, 151530A to Admty).
Aircraft reports 16 F.W. 200 in $043^{\circ} 10' N.$, $009^{\circ} 20' W.$ at 1632A, course 180° . (C. in C. Plymouth, 151800A to SCYLLA).
Convoy is being attacked by 16 F.Ws. position $38^{\circ} 59' N.$ $12^{\circ} 58' W.$ course 140° , speed 8 knots. (SCYLLA, 151946B to Gibraltar W/T).
Convoy attacked by about 18 F.W. 18 salvos dropped. One merchant ship hit and stopped. 2 ships near missed and damaged. P.C.S. $038^{\circ} 46' N.$, $012^{\circ} 44' W.$ 140° 8 knots. (SCYLLA, 152201B to Admty).
- K.M.F.22 1. Cdre. W.A. is to sail ETTRICK to R/V SS. VILLE D'ORAN in 270° Skerryvore 11 miles at 1000A/17th thence overtake convoy. (C. in C. W.A., 151139A).
Intend sailing VILLE D'ORAN (French) at 2230A/16th to R/V ETTRICK in 270° 11 miles from Skerryvore. (N.C.S.O. Loch Ewe, 151430A).
- MONARCH OF
BERMUDA. Arrived 1217/15. (S.T.O.I.C. Greenock, 151220B).
- BEN MY CHREE Intend sailing loaded transport BEN MY CHREE (D.F. 11) from Cromarty 1629A/18th, 21 knots, K/B standard route to end of Q.Z.S. 15 to $061^{\circ} 54' N.$ $005^{\circ} 45' W.$ E.T.A. Sorvaag 0929A/19th. Request escort and long range fighter protection. (N.O.I.C. Invergordon, 151231B and 161205A to C. in C. Rosyth).
- CAPETOWN
CASTLE. (1) Intend sailing (2) SS. CAPETOWN CASTLE, (3) 1430A/15. Route to New York. (N.C.S.O. Clyde, 151311A). My 151311A. CAPETOWN CASTLE sail at 1500/15. E.T.A. New York 22nd August. (N.C.S.O. Clyde, 151502Z to Admty).

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STRATHNAVER Sailed 1335/15th.
 (P.S.T.O. N.W. Ports, 151430 to D.S.T.)

MARIPOSA My 131222. Sailed.
 (A.C.I.C., 151448A to N.O.I.C. Greenock).

ARUNDEL Arrived at 151920A.
CASTLE. (S.T.O. Greenock, 151930A).

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North Atlantic.

M.K.S.21. Sailed H.M.S. CHARYBDIS to overtake M.K.S.21. (F.O.I.C. Gib, 150748B to Admty. etc.)
 M.K.S.21, arrivals in tow EMPIRE HAVEN, F.W. PETTYGROVE. (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 150905B to Admty. etc.)

Dispositions. Situation 2001B/15th. M.K.S.21 HIGHLANDER, CHARYBDIS 035° 53' 009° 36' through 036° 01' 012° 01' thence 321° 7½.
 2. LOCH OSKAIG, MARIE LOUISE MACKAY, repairing cable vicinity 036° 29' 006° 45' through 034° 05' 008° 06' to Casablanca 9.
 4. O.S.53 G. ISIS sail Gibraltar 2300 15th through 035° 45' 006° 30' thence 252° 7½.
 5. IMPERIALIST, SCOTTISH 2 Merchant ships sailing Gibraltar 2100 15th through 035° (?02') 006° 20' to Huelva to detach 1(one) Merchant ship thence coastwise to Lisbon 8.
 6. French DUMONT D'URVILLE French Ship FORBIN sail Casablanca 1600B/16th through 035° 44' 006° 28' to Gibraltar 14. (F.O. Gibraltar, 150934B.)

Situation 2002B/15. Fleet Unit SAVAGE 040° 28' 016° 37' through 041° 01' 017° 01' thence 148° 19.
 (2) O.S.53 K.M.S.23 BLACKWOOD, SCYLLA 039° 11' 013° 20' 139° 8.
 (3) Escort Group 38, ENCHANTRESS 042° 41' 013° 30' through 039° 01' 013° 30' thence 146° 12.
 (4) Hospital ship DORSETSHIRE 037° 17' 010° 07' through 040° 01' 011° 30' thence 000° 11½.
 (5) M.K.S.21 HIGHLANDER, CHARYBDIS 035° 53' 009° 36' through 036° 01' 012° 01' thence 321° 7½. (6) Cancelled by 151748B)
 (7) Portuguese tanker SAMBRAZ sails Ponta Delgada 15th for Lisbon 12. (F.O. Gibraltar, 150954B, 151748B)

Situation 0003B 15th. U.G.S. 14 C.T.F.(?64)(?C.T.)G.21.15 035° 15' 037° 28' through 035° 20' 037° 15' thence 093° 9.
 (2) U.S. Convoy U.S. NELSON, T.G.89.6, 034° 16' 028° 39' 276° 13½
 (3) G.U.S.11, C.T.F.63 032° 15' 031° 50' 290° 8. (F.O. Gibraltar, 151038B.)

Situation 1959B 15th. 2. French S/M LE GLORIEUX 033° 01' 024° 53' through 033° N. 025° W. thence 262° 11 on surface. (F.O. Gibraltar, 151106B.)

Convoy G.C.30 sailed (11st) (Seventeen ships). My G.C.30. 141145 (not to Admiralty) refers. (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 150945B to C.M.S.F.F.(R) C.in C. Med., Admty.)

Movements Casablanca. QUERCY and LA GRANDIERE arrived, 150930A. (C.M.S.F.F. 151040B to Comar Dakar.)

O.S.53 K.M.S.23. 11 ships, M.T.B.20 and rescue tug ANTIC escorted by ISIS, ANTHONY, ST. NECTAN joining O.S. 53 in position (G.A.) 034° 48' 010° 05' at 1200B August 17th and then join K.M.S.23.

2. Mediterranean Escort ships Striking Force SHOREHAM, WHITEHAVEN, ROMNEY, RYE, HYTHE, GAWLER, LISMORE,

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O.S.53 MARYBOROUGH, IPSWICH joining in (GA) 1200B
 K.M.S.23 August 17th. 3. Onward route K.M.S.23 from
 (Contd.) (G.A.) to (G.B.) $35^{\circ} 45' 006^{\circ} 30' 036^{\circ} 06' 003^{\circ}$
 $23' (G.C.) 036^{\circ} 01' 005^{\circ} (G.D.) 035^{\circ} 48' 003^{\circ} 02'$
 (G.E.) $035^{\circ} 56' 56' 000^{\circ} 50'$ thence as ordered
 by C. in C. Med. All positions North and West.
 S. of A. 8 knots to be adjusted to pass through (G.C.) at
 2200B August 19th and (G.E.) 0700B August 21st.
 4. Ships bound for Gibraltar are to be detached on convoy
 passing Carnero escorted by ISIS, ANTHONY, ST. NECTAN.
 (F.O. Gibraltar, 151112B to Ships escorting K.M.S.23, Ships
 escorting Convoy O.S.53 for Commodore, (R) Admty. F.O.C.W.Af.,
 C.M.S.F. etc.)

LE TEMPETE. French LE TEMPETE arrived 151030A.
 (Commorseafron, 151120B to F.O.I.C. Gib., (R)
 C. in C. Med., Admty.)

Convoy Intend sail C.G.56 consisting RENE PAUL (Fr.)
 C.G.56. Speed 8 for onward to Lisbon, E.T.D. 1000A/17
 route Q.B.A.102. (S) 35.44 N. 06.28 W. Q.B.A.87.
 E.T.A. 1400A/18 escorted by TEMPETE (Fr.)
 Guards 2150 kcs. Convoy guards 500 kcs.
 (C.M.S.F.F., 151200B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar (R)
 C. in C. Med., Commavnaw, Admty.)

Enemy Convoy "Parole" is being shadowed by 1 enemy A/C
 A/C height 5,000 ft. position $39^{\circ} 52' N. 13^{\circ} 33' W.$
 Convoy course 140° speed 8.
 "Parole". (A/C Duty K.100 Sqdn. via Liverpool, 151255A to
 Gib. W/T.)

Attack on It is possible that new type of weapon was used
 M.K.S.21, in the attack on M.K.S.21 p.m. 13th August.
 13/8. Request fullest possible details of attack and
 information of type of bomb or projectile used
 may be signalled.

2. F.O.I/C Gibraltar pass to SHOREHAM.
 (D.O.D.(F) 151312A to F.O.I.C.Gibraltar, (R)
 C. in C. Med., Air Ministry, SHOREHAM.)

Convoy M.K.S.21 was attacked by 37 Heinkel 111s, torpedo
 carrying aircraft at 2054B 13th August in 36.13 N. 02.20 W.
 A second attack was made later by 8 Junkers 88 also carrying
 torpedoes. 2. EMPIRE HAVEN and F.W. PETTYGROVE in convoy
 were torpedoed. Both ships have now arrived Gibraltar in tow.
 3. Five enemy aircraft certainly destroyed, several others
 damaged. 4. No damage to any of escorting ships. 5. Report
 in accordance with A.F.O. 2345/41 (A.F.O. 2343/41) is being
 rendered by SHOREHAM.
 (F.O.Gibraltar, 151400B to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med., C. in C.
 Levant, Com. N.O.B. Oran.)

/A.F.O. ...

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Attack on A.F.O. 2343/1/41.
M.K.S.21 1. At 2054 hours 13th August, position 36.13 N.
13th August. 02.20 W. course 288, 8 knots visibility excellent
(Contd.) weather fine.
2. 37 Heinkel 111 Torpedo carrying and also
carrying small bombs. Eight Junkers 88 also
with torpedoes and bombs. Four prisoners taken
from one Junkers 88. 3. One slight casualty in GAWLER
(seaman sustained bullet wound in thigh) no damage to any ships
in escort. 4. Two ships damaged in convoy, both reached
port safely. They were SS. EMPIRE HAVEN and SS F.W. PETTYGROVE.
Casualties to crews of other ships through bullet wounds.
5. Heinkel 111 first sighted in line ahead flying parallel to
convoy on starboard beam just above horizon at about 12 to
15 miles distance, not picked up by Radar aircraft continued
until about 45° green end then turned on to attack from out of
sun weaving in line abreast. Engaged by Shoreham at 8,000 yds.
estimated and formation broke up. Attacks being made from all
directions on escorts and leading ships of convoy, torpedoes
being released at ranges from 3,000 to 2,000 yards. Several
enemy aircraft passed down between lines of convoy turning in
to attack vessels on either side. After releasing
torpedoes enemy aircraft attacked with small bombs and
machine gun fire from under 100 feet. Junkers 88s came in
from the east astern of the convoy and adopted tactics similar
in all respects to those of Heinkel 111s. Height of aircraft
throughout was under 100 feet and aircraft were engaged by
close-range armament of all ships. On aircraft seen to
disintegrate in mid-air, six seen to crash in sea several
others with smoke and fire issuing from them low down and
apparently in difficulties. 7. No. R.A.F. fighters were
present.
(SHOREHAM, 151748B to Admty.)

From statements of C.Os. of SHOREHAM, HYTHE and RYE it
appears that attacks on M.K.S.21 were straightforward torpedo
and bombing attacks delivered in two waves by a large number of
planes flying low at dusk.

2. Your 151312 and my 151400 refer. 3. Admty. pass to
Air Ministry.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 151854B to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med. C. in C.
Levant, Air Ministry, SHOREHAM, Commob Oran.)

O.S.53. TEST and TRENT insufficient fuel to reach
BLACKWOOD, Freetown with convoy. No escort oiler. Intend
TEST, following programme. 1200Z 16th in about 037°
TRENT, FAL. 10' N. detach TRENT for Casablanca rejoining
convoy about 2000Z 17th in 033° 10' N. 0600Z
17th in about 035° 01' N. detach TEST for
Casablanca rejoining p.m. 18th in about 031° 01'
N. Anticipate FAL will not require fuel. Request information
whether S.L. 135 has escort oiler if possible carrying both
furnace and gas oil for homeward escort. F.O.I.C. Gib. pass
to Casablanca. Weather report.
(BLACKWOOD, 151545B to F.O.I.C. Gib. (R) ENCHANTRESS., Ships
Escorting O.S.53, C. in C. N.A. Capt. (D) Belfast, C. in C.
W.Af., Admty. Commorseafron, Casablanca.)

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O.S.53 Sailed Gibraltar section O.S.53 B.D.V. BARBETTE,
BLACKWOOD, tug ANTIC, Q.L.A.200 local escorts ANTHONY,
TEST, ISIS, ST. NECTAN.
TRENT, (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 152139 to F.O.C.W.A.)
FAL. O.S.53 Sailed (list)
(Contd.) (F.O.Gibraltar, 152255B to F.O.C.W.A.)
O.S.53, Routes. Following ships colour routed
in accordance with Admty.'s 271023B June,
291810B July, 011524B August, 121450B August.
(list).
(F.O. Gibraltar, 152308B to Admty.)

LOCH OSKAIG, Your 151144 (N.T. in W.R.) Request relief may
relief. arrive in position (W) by 1600 Wednesday 18th
August. On arrival Gibraltar request may
berth to embark stores prior to Coaling.
MARIE LOUISE MACKAY still awaits verification of
Group 41 of your 132318. My 141330B refers. Weather report.
(LOCH OSKAIG, 151659B to F.O. Gibraltar.)

FORTOL Your 121529B para 2, concur. 2. SCOTTISH
relief. AMERICAN due sail U.K. in O.G.92 (tanker message)
will relieve R.F.A. FORTOL on escort fuelling
duties. 3. Subsequent orders for FORTOL will
follow.
(D. of S. 151833A to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R)
C. in C. Med. (M.& A.) C. in C.W.A., F.O.C.W.A.F)

Movements, Arrivals BOREAS, VELOX, HYTHE rescue tugs
Gibraltar. PROSPEROUS, CHARON from assisting M.K.S.21.
Departures - ACTIVE, WITHERINGTON, U.S.P.C.480,
482, 475 with G.C.30 TALLY HO to patrol east,
Q.B.117, Q.B.B.196, Q.B.13 SCOTTISH, IMPERIALIST,
escort duties Lisbon.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 152147, to Admty., etc.)

K.M.S.23. K.M.S.23. SCYLLA's 152201B not to C. in C. Med.
attacked by (N.T. in W.D.) WARFIELD, 52 hit and sank later.
A/C.2 ships FACTO (52) and BARON FAIRLIE (62 damaged and
torpedoed. stopped. Latter making water in engine room.
BAZELEY (?investigating). Any further report
later.
(S.O. 4th Escort Group, 152326Z to F.O.C.
Gibraltar, (R) Admty. C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C.
Med., SCYLLA, BAZELEY.)

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FOXHOUND.

E.T.A. 0930Z August 15th.
(FOXHOUND, 150151Z to F.O.C.W.A.)RESOLUTION,
REVENGE,
C.F.13.Departure from Congo River 0700Z/15th RESOLUTION,
REVENGE, WOLVERINE, BEAGLE, BULLDOG, DOUGLAS,
CATTERICK escorting convoy C.F.13 routed in
accordance with your 011329. Embarkation
Freetown 1200Z/22nd.
(B.N.L.O. Pointe Noire, 150855A to F.O.C.W.Af.,
(R) Admty., C. in C. S.A., N.O.I.C. Takoradi.)Force Q with convoy C.F.13 sailed Congo 0700Z/15th. E.T.A.
Freetown 1200Z/22nd.
(F.O.C.W.A., 151821Z to Admty.)Movements,
Freetown.Departures 1914Z/14th August FOWEY, MYOSOTIS,
MALLOW, CAMPION, FRISO, BERRY, STONECROP with
S.L.135. WOODRUFF in convoy.
(S.O.(I) Freetown, 151043Z to F.O.C. Gibraltar,
(C. in C. Med., etc.)

P. 614.

C. in C. S.A. 161510 July. Can P.614 remain at
Freetown for one month for A/S training? No
training submarine has been available since
beginning of month and attack teachers are not
modified for Type 144 pending supply of equipment from U.K.
N.S.O. Freetown 291223 July refers.
(F.O.C.W.A., 151044Z to Admty.)

Dispositions.

Situation 2000Z/15th August.

FRITILLARY, NORTHERN CHIEF, ST. LOMAN, SONNEBLOM
with D.C.39 (? 11 or 6) ships 034° 50' 019° 15'
coastal to Capetown 8.VERBENA, LADY ELSA, WELLARD, BLAAUWBERG with C.D.31 (3 ships) 031°
38' 029° 55' coastal to Durban 8.

NIGELLA searching near 028° 20' 033° 03'.

ROCKROSE, JASMINE, LE TIGRE, VIVIANA with REDSHANK and C.B.3
(1 ship) 027° 10' 038° 01' to 021° 038°.THREE KINGS, NORWICH CITY with L.M.D.28 (3 ships) 028° 01'
032° 50' coastal to Durban 8.

(C. in C. S.A., 151228B.)

Situation at 2000Z/15th.

FOWEY, MYOSOTIS, MALLOW, CAMPION, STONECROP, FRISO, BERRY with
S.L.135 009° 48' 015° 59' through 010° 30' 017° 15' thence 352° 17'.
QUALITY, BRILLIANT, ROEBUCK 1 Fleet Unit 014° 12' 018° 30'
through 012° 01' 018° 30' thence 148°, 15.

FANDANGO 009° 17' 014° 53' to Freetown, 9.

YESTOR, BUTSER screening LADY DENISON PENDER about 010° 12'
016° 29'.

French Cruiser MONTCALM 020° 00' 027° 59' 101°, 20.

CLARKIA, PETUNIA 011° 13' 020° 40' 110° to Freetown 12.

NESS, MOYOLA, WITCH 011° 13' 020° 40' to 012° 03' 017° 20'
thence 207°, 15.

(F.O.C.W.A., 151341.)

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Dispositions. WOLVERINE, BEAGLE, BULLDOG, DOUGLAS, CATTERICK
(Contd.) two Fleet Units with C.F.13 003° 39' S. 009°
21' E., through Bay of Biscay 005° 00' E. thence
303°, 12½.
Escorted (? tug) 004° 26' 004° 22' through 004°
02' 007° 58' thence 299°, 18½.
INKPEN screening off Marshalls.
MORRIS DANCE, M.L.1018 off Accra. M.L.1078 off Lome. M.L.
screening off Kotonu. M.L.1160, 1016 off Port Bouet.
DUNTON escorting (name omitted) 007° 48' 013° 59' 10 knots
coastwise to Freetown.
Situation at 1959Z/15th.
(F.O.C.W.A., 151421Z.)

U/B sunk by My 131534 and CLARKIA's 131229.
Liberator. Date of sinking was 11th August.
(F.O.C.W.A., 151249Z to Admty.)

DUQUESNE, Sailed 1100Z French Cruisers DUQUESNE and
TOURVILLE. TOURVILLE E.T.A. Dakar 093018/18th.
(N.O.I.C. Takoradi, 151413Z to Admty., etc.)

Convoy My 061219Z August refers.
S.L.135. Following ships did not sail EMPIRE GOVERNOR
and NURTURETON engine repairs not completed in
time. CEFN-Y-BRYN not yet arrived.
(N.C.S.O. Freetown, 151642Z to Admty.)

Movements, Arrivals 14th August EXE and ORFASY, M.L.1042
Lagos. and 266. Departures M.L.296.
(N.O.I.C. Lagos, 141803Z to Admty., etc.)

Movements, E.T.A. Pointe Noire 0900A/16th, BELLWORT,
Pointe Noire. DINGLEDALE, EMPIRE CADET in company.
(SWALE, 151819A to B.N.L.O. Pointe Noire, (R)
F.O.C.W.A.)

A/C attack Further attack carried out by Ventura at 1140
on U/B. today on U-Boat in 28° 30' S. 34° E. Result
unknown. My 141940 refers.
(C. in C. S.A., 152107 to Admty., (R) C. in C.
E.F., Com. i/c Durban.)

Overdue CEFN-Y-BRYN due Freetown 12th August from
shipping. (? Buenos Aires) not arrived.
(F.O.C.W.Af., 152201Z to Admty., (R) Connav,
S.O.(I) Recife.)

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- Enemy units. Following read: P.C. and S. of 2 enemy destroyers are 42.49 N. 9.50 E. 160° 12.
(A/C ARA/P 150114B via Alex.)
Following has been read. Position of 3 enemy merchant vessels is 38.57 N. 20.48 E.
(A/C GPY/E 150240.)
- M.T.B. 665 M.T.B. 665 set on fire and sinking $\frac{1}{2}$ south of lost. Messina. M.T.Bs. are endeavouring to pick up survivors under shell fire.
(Ship using call sign 3 GNI via Malta W/T 150258 to C. in C.Med. (R) D.24, N.O.I.C. Augusta.)
- Convoy A.P.40. Sailing telegram (4 ships). 2. 0400Z/15th August. 3. Long. 057° 30' 1700Z/18th August. Lat. 022° 0300Z/20th August. Khor Kuwait 2300Z/21st August. 4. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ knots. 5. G.A.N.O. 022° 16' 060° 40' P.G.W. 6. BATHURST.
(N.C.S.O. Aden 150422Z, 150426Z to Admty.)
- 10th S/F summary at 2000/15th. 1. O.R.P. SOKOL off Bari. 2. P.52 (DZIK) 041° 20' 016° 52' to 040° 54' 018° 39' at 2000/16th. 3. P.49 (UNRULY) off Brindisi. 4. P.54 (UNSHAKEN) 037° (?00') 017° 23' to 035° 46' 016° 18' at 2000/16th. 5. P.44 (UNITED) from Malta to 035° 56' 016° 31' at 2000/16th. (Capt. S.10, 150720B.)
- K.M.S.22. Vessel sailed in my 121301 (N.T. in W.R.) was S.E.RODSLEY for Alexandria, F.O.I.C. Gib's. 131806 refers.
(S.N.O.Tripolitania 150731B to Admty. etc.)
- Movements Alexandria. August 14th arrival FARNDALE, CALPE, DIANELLA, ANTWERP, BEAUFORT, EASTERN, PINDOS, TETCOTT, HYACINTH (A.M.) (corrupt group) ISLAY, TREERN BOXBUG (BOKSBURG intended?) LANG(?SG)ATE, departure HYACINTH (P.M.) PROTEA.
(N.O.I.C. Alexandria 150746C to Admty.)
- Movements Beirut. 14th August, 43. Arrivals M.Ls. 349, 360. Departures REINE DES FLOTS, M.L. 356.
(S.O.(I) Beirut 150842C to Admty.)
- G.U.S.12. My 121711B and my 131249B sailed less RELIANT, CORCHESTER, GULFDISC plus OCEAN VISION, OCEAN GLORY, OCEAN VULCAN all to Algiers.
(N.O.I.C. Malta 150850B to S.O.Escort G.U.S.12, (R) N.O.I.C. Bone, C. in C.Med. (A) Com. N.O.B. Oran. etc.)

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- M.K.S.22. Sailing telegram (22 ships). 2. 0759C/15th.
3. Sailed together. 4. 5. 6. As laid down C. in
C.Levant 122126 August. 13. A. Cdre. Hardy, R.N.R.
in CITY OF AGRA for Gib. B. Master OCEAN HUNTER
for Sicily.
(R.A.Alex. 151016C to Adnty. etc.)
- ITHURIEL. Will be towed to Gibraltar for temporary repairs.
(C. in C.Med. (A) 151044B to Adnty. (R) C. in
C.Med. Cdre. Algeria.)
- Air Sqdn. Further to my 141150 (141130 intended.) Personnel
for Malta. and stores of 728 Squadron left for Malta a.m. 15th
August.
(GREBE 151130 to C. in C.Levant, etc.)
- 8th S/M F. 1. P.247 (SARACEN) east of Corsica.
Movements 2. P.225 (SIMOOM) 042° 59' 008° 01' 213° 2½/9 kts.
at 1959E/15. 3. (F.S. LA SULTANE) 042° 24' 008° 07' to patrol
in Gulf of Genoa.
(Capt. S.8 151130B.)
- R/C Enemy A.I. 189 15th August. Photos 15th August Sortie
Ports. M579B Taranto 0740B hours, no change Major
Naval Units. 2 U-Boats departed submarine base
since 1745B hours 14th August. Cotrone 3 probable
E-Boats.
(P.H.I.S. Malta 151145Z to Air Min. etc.)
- A.I. 191 15 Aug. Photos M.579B 15 Aug. 0730B hrs.
Brindisi Harbour not covered North Line I/J. Change since 14
August departed 2 1942 escort vessels. Internal movement 1
1942 class escort vessel CC. 12 to DD 9.
Bari change since 14 August departed 2 torpedo boats Q.R.32,
tanker 400/450 T.708 H.17.
(P.H.I.S. Malta 151248Z.)
- TALLY-HO. Onward routing through 135° Cape Palos 5 miles
at 0220/18th 39° 30' 01° 17' at 0515/19th thence
on surface at discretion on 19th through 42° 20'
05° 00' at 0500/20th to patrol outside the 100
fathom line between longs. 05° and 07° N. of 42° 20' N.
(Capt. S.8 151210B to P.317 (TALLY HO) (R) C. in C.Med. etc.)
- NIEUW Your 130011. In order to clear congestion in
AMSTERDAM. Middle East Military wish to despatch the 1200
German P.O.W. to South Africa for onward shipment
to Canada or U.S.A. as and when opportunity offers.
Dechiefs A 47093 of 5th August to Mideast only
states he is willing to accept 100 officers and 1100 O.R.
German P.O.W. 2. In view of above, request concurrence to embark.
3. Women and children for U.K. will not be embarked.
4. Agreed.
(P.S.T.O.M.E. 151246C to Adnty. for D.S.T. (R) C. in C.EF. etc.)

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OPHIR
hospital
ship. P.S.T.O.Med. S.13 1905 to D. of S.T. and P.S.T.O.
M.E. OPHIR sailed from Suez August 11th to come
under orders of C. in C.E.F. C. in C.Med.'s 211330
July refers.
(C. in C.Levant 151251C to P.S.T.O.M.E. P.S.T.O.
Med. D. of S.T.)

VASNA
hospital
ship. Intend to sail H.S.VASNA from Alexandria 20th
August for U.K. D. of S.T.'s 130420 August refers.
(C. in C.Levant 151337C to C. in C.Med. (R)
Admty. etc.)

UNITED. Amend my 140720 as follows: from position 038°
38' 018" 10' at 2000/17th (P.44) UNITED will proceed
patrol off Point Alice keeping North of 039° 10'
after arrival in patrol area.
(Capt. S.10, 151345B to A.I.G. 66, Capt. S.1
C. in C.Med. etc.)

AMARAPOORA
hospital
ship. AMARAPOORA arrived.
(Com. Algeria 151450B to Admty. etc.)

Med Air
Report. A.246 cipher 15th Aug. Signed Eisenhower.
Part 3, Air. Cosintrep No. 36, 14 Aug.
African based air forces. Night 13/14 August. 70
Wellingtons dropped 139 tons of bombs on identified
targets on Sicilian and Italian beaches in
Messina Area. 24 light bombers flew offensive R/C of roads from
Palmi to Pizzo. Little movement was seen but two concentrations
of M/T estimated at 50 and 20 were bombed. Coastal air force
Beaufighters chased two A/C in Palermo Area but contact was lost.
Day 14 August, 24 light bombers attacked Fiscola with unobserved
results due to clouds and 60 others bombed disembarkation at
Palmi. Fighter bombers again concentrated on shipping in the
straits.
(Air C. in C.Med. No T.O.O/15, Recd. 1450/15.)

EMPIRE
DENNIS. Para. 4 of Cdre. Algier's 131233B. H.M.Tug EMPIRE
DENNIS arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Philippeville 151509B to Admty. etc.)

Movements
Aden. Departures 0244Z submarine OSIRIS. 0353Z BATHURST.
(Cdre. Aden 151545Z to C. in C.Levant, etc.)

Proposed
broadcast
to Italian
sailors. A.F.H.Q. have now received from P.W.E.London a draft
leaflet with parallel wording to intended broadcast
set out in A.M. 022205 para. 2. Leaflet is headed
message from Royal British Navy. Intend to amend
reprint here to conform with A.M. 142334 and C. in
C.Levant's 131338 (re addition to C. in C.Med's
101744 M/3) para. 3. Request information whether
it is desired to use C. in C. Med's name as signature to leaflet
or in broadcast. If so C. in C.Med. would have no objections.
(C. in C.Med. (A) 151734B to Admty.)

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G.T.X.5. Convoy arrival telegram G.T.X.5 arrived less Alexandria portion detached.
(N.C.S.C. Port Said 151802C to Admty.)

M.L. A.M. 131902 refers. Allocation of 24th M.L. Flotillas. Flotilla in substitution for 22nd Flotilla.
(C. in C.Med. (M) 151812B to Admty.)
A.M. 101953. Your 031447 received as H.D.M.L. 1262. Presume this should read 1292. M.L. 579 and 584 are allocated 43rd M.L. Flotilla, para. 3 as in C. in C.Med's 070010.
(C. in C.Med. 151814B to Admty.)
My 070010 (N.T. in W.R.) para. A. Delete 1132 and 1133 from 111th Flotilla and 1283 from 141st Flotilla.
(C. in C.Med. 151829 to N.O.I.C. Malta, S.H.A. 116, F.O.I.C. Sicily, etc.)

N.A.A.F. N.W.A. Air Forces Opsum 175.
Report. N.W.A. Strategical Air Force. 13/14 August.
70 Wellingtons Sicilian and Italian Beaches Messina area, 139 tons bombs dropped, large fire Palmi. Marshalling yards La Mezia covered by smoke and flames. Large explosion.
N.W.A. Tactical Air Force 7 August (add.)
106 U.S. Spitfires escort and cover Missions. 10 August (add).
216 U.S. Mustangs bombing and strafing Missions destroyed 1 bridge damaged 2. 10 Fishing boats damaged. 98 U.S. Warhawks escort and cover Missions, 14 U.S. Mustangs tactical R/C.
11 August (add.) 84 U.S. Spitfires Naval Escort. Destroyed 1 Mc. 205 and 2 F.W. 190.
12 August (add.) 100 U.S. Mustangs bombing and strafing. Destroyed 3 bridges and 1 gun emplacement. 66 U.S. Spitfires 68 U.S. Warhawks escort and cover Missions. 16 U.S. Mustangs tactical R/C.
13 August (add.) 39 U.S. Mitchells Road and Railway bridges. Several direct hits claimed. Gun battery south of target silenced.
48 U.S. Spitfires escorted Naval vessels north coast of Sicily, 2 U.S. Mustangs tactical R/C.
13/14 August. 20 Bostons 4 Baltimores armed R/C roads North Sicily and toe Italy. 1 Boston returned early.
Bombed motor transport Vibo Valentia and Bagnara. Large fires started (?Piedno.)
14 August. 48 U.S. Mitchells bombed and strafed shipping Gioia 12 Baltimores Palmi. Direct hits roads and railway. 12 Baltimores Palmi failed R/V with escort and returned with bombs. 24 Bostons Nicola. No results observed.
(H.Q. N.W.A.A.F. Adv. 151834B.)

U.G.S. 13. U.G.S. 13 sailed in accordance with C. in C.Med. 121025B. Algiers Section as in my 141832B. Remainder as follows (details.) (Total 40 ships)
(N.O.I.C. Algiers 151846 to Admty. etc.)

Situation Part 2 Cositintrep No. 37 signed Eisenhower.
Report. 1. U.S. Cruiser BOISE and destroyers bombarded Milazzo 14th to cover landing operations. U.S. Naval craft ferried artillery round Cape Calava 14th where road tunnel demolished.

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2. Two cruisers bombarded Scalea/ night 14/15th firing over 1000 rounds into the port in 20 minutes at 8000 yards range.

3. Destroyers on sweep Italian coast to Cape Rizzou tonight 14th/15th encountered three E-Boats which fired torpedo and left at high speed.

4. M.T.Bs. operated off Messina night 14th/15th one M.T.B. set on fire and sunk.

5. Gunboats operated close inshore on Sicilian coast on 14th and bombarded coast road at Taormina. No opposition.

6. U.S. Destroyers and M.T.Bs. swept coastwise Milazzo to Italian mainland night 14th/15th. Nothing met.

7. Light craft in straits of Messina night 13th/14th chased three enemy craft which made good escape.

8. Port party established at Marsala on 9th.

9. Landing craft divebombed by 5 F.W. off harbour entrance Catania on 14th. Two near misses. No air raids Augusta or Syracuse on 14th.

(C. in C. Med. 152010B.) W.D. Note: More detailed version of this communique, see 191024B, *page 676*

Movements Tunisia. Arrivals WESTRAY, L.S.T. 371, 45, 331, 428, 340, 125, 414, 413, 416, 693, 12, 8, 376, 327, 344, 345, 372, 373, 377, 379, 335, 393, 369, 356, 347, P.C. 545, 225, S.P. 526, 498. U.S.S. BRANT. Departures MIAOULES, CROOME, ALBACORE, PRODIGAL, ROTHESAY, CLANBIN, BRIGHAM. Arrivals and departures FLUELLEN. (F.O. Tunisia 152015B to Admty. etc.)

Movements Port Said. 15th August Port Said arrivals STARWORT, POPPY, R.F.A. DERWENTDALE, departures AETOS, STARWORT, POPPY, M.L. 384. (N.O.I.C. Port Said 152028C to Admty. etc.)

Movements Haifa. Arrivals 15th August M.M.S. 102 and 103 REINE DES FLOTS (F.S.) (N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports 152046C to Admty. etc.)

Movements Oran. Arrivals U.S.S. SKILL, STAFF, HOPI, L.C.I. 322, S.C.1043. Departures none. C. in C. Med. pass to Comnavhaw. (Comnob Oran 152050B to Admty. etc.)

INDOMITABLE escort. Admty. 131958. If escort of Home Fleet destroyers is necessary it would be preferable for OPPORTUNE, OBDURATE and OBEDIENT to carry out this duty. (C. in C.H.F. 152114B to C. in C. Med. (R) A.C. Gibraltar, R.A.D.H.F. Admty.)

Movements Tripoli. Arrived FLY, CADMUS, ACUTE. Sailed PRINCES JOSEPHINE CHARLOTTE, ULSTER MONARCH, L.C.I. (L) 105, 284, L.S.T. (7321) GAMTOOS. (S.N.O. Tripolitania 152135B to Admty.)

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FORT LA MONTEE, destroyed, ARROW damaged 4th Aug. Com. Algeria's 061546. Smoke generators in No. 1 hold of 33. FORT LA MONTEE caught fire spontaneously about 1000/4th August. Following change of wind, fire gained strength about noon and vessel was towed clear of the harbour.
2. Fire fighting continued and at 1530 it was reported that fire was in hand. ARROW was alongside assisting fire parties.
3. Ship blew up forward at about 1540 setting ARROW on fire and causing heavy casualties. ARROW seriously damaged. (C. in C. Med. 152135B to Admty.)

Movements Malta. Sailed H.D.M.Ls. 1242 and 1259, M.L. 494. Arrived M.G.B. 657, M.Ls. 961, 561 and 564. (V.A. Malta 152138 to Admty.) Sailed GOOD GULF, RETRIEVER, CORCHESTER. (V.A. Malta 152209B to Admty. etc.)

UNITED. UNITED departed. (V.A. Malta 152143B to Admty. etc.)

Movements Algiers. Arrivals LE TERRIBLE (French) H.S. AMARAPOORA, BLANKNEY, WISHART, M.M.S. 20, H.D.M.L. 1229, 1292. Departures S/M SAFARI (P.211), S.C. 534. Arrived and departed PUCKERIDGE, MENDIP, CARLISLE, PRINSES ASTRID, ROYAL ULSTERMAN, GERALDTON, CESSNECK, CAIRNS, WOOLONGONG, CONVULVULUS, BURRA, SAXIFRAGE, GODETIA. (Com. Algeria 152204B to Admty. etc.)

Enemy Units. Position and course of 2 enemy escort vessels 220° Capraia 8 miles 240° speed unknown. (A/C FCT/H 152230B to Air H.Q. Malta.) Following read. 3 enemy war motor boats bearing 310° distance one mile position 37.38 N. 15.40 E. (Capt. D.24 152244 to Malta W/T.) P.C. and S. 1 unknown, 1 destroyer, 41.20 N. 12.51 E. 310° 8 kts. (A/C FCT/F 152326B.)

Movements Augusta. 15th August, arrivals H.D.M.L. 1242, 1259, L.C.T. 624, QUANTOCK, M.L. 494, RETRIEVER. Departures L.C.T. 622, 580, 535, M.L. 564, 560, M.T.B. 657, L.C.F. 18, L.C.I. 121, 126, 117, 293, H.D.M.L. 1259. (N.O.I.C. Augusta 152240B to Admty.)

Movements Benghazi. Arrived ST. MINVER. Sailing AMBER, M.T.B. 60, M.Ls. 1038, 1083, 1126, 1178. (N.O.I.C. Benghazi 152302C to Admty.)

(?) TROUBRIDGE 152258B. Have been struck by torpedo aft, contact torpedoed. with E-Boats in 037° 36' N. 015° 34' E. 2 E-Boats altering course south, suspect (?all) torpedoes fired. (Capt. D.24 152320B to Malta W/T.)

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ALBATROSS Following is intended programme for ALBATROSS -

Place	Arrive	Leave
Kilindini	17th August.	
Capetown	25th August	27th August
Freetown	5th September	

thence to U.K.

(2) Admiralty are requested to signal Port of arrival in U.K. and state if ALBATROSS is to de-store on arrival so that work may be progressed on passage.

(3) C. in C.S.A. and F.O.C.W.Af. are requested to sail ALBATROSS to comply with this programme.

(C. in C.E.F. 150006Z to Admty. C. in C.S.A., F.O.C.W.Af., (R) ALBATROSS, R.A.N.A.S.I.O., Comnasea, Comic Durban).

Movements Departure Bandar Abbas 0100Z CAPETOWN.
(N.O.i/c Hormuz 150136Z).
Arrival ST. ANTHONY.
(N.O.i/c Madras 150208Z).

P.B.52 Sailing telegram (8 ships).
(2) 0300Z/15th. (3) (A) Assume group Victor
2000Z/15th. (B) 062 degs. East 0300Z/17th.
(C) Karachi 0500Z/18th. (D) Bombay 0600Z/20th.
(4) 9½ knots from Q.Q. 10 knots. (5) Route 3.
(6) MADRAS, CARNATIC.
(N.C.S.O. Hormuz 150340Z to A.I.G.357).

S.E.Asia Under para. 7 B.2. of the Prime Minister's
Command, Memorandum on the scheme for the South East Asia
Administrative Command a Principal Administrative Officer is
Committee appointed to the staff of the Supreme Commander
to co-ordinate administrative planning of all
three services and of Allied forces.

2. This will I consider entail the appointment of a Senior Naval Officer preferably a Flag Officer to act as the Naval Commander in Chief's representative on the Principal Administrative Officer's Committee.
3. It is envisaged that this officer would be responsible for (A) advising the Naval C. in C. South East Asia on all matters of supply in connection with future operations (B) presenting to the P.A.O. Naval requirements for stores, transport and other special materials. (C) Naval administrative planning in future conduct of the war in S.E. Asia. He would require a small staff whose duties would be similar to those of P.D.Q. in Admiralty.
4. In the immediate future it might be possible for F.L.O. India to undertake these duties in addition to his present ones. It is probable, however, that the administrative problems and requirements will grow rapidly and will necessitate the full time services of a Senior or Flag Officer.
5. It is requested that this matter may receive consideration and that a suitable officer may be earmarked for appointment as and when the necessity arises.
6. F.L.O. India pass to N.F.C.
(C. in C.E.F. 150349Z to Admty. (R) F.L.O. India).

/WOOLWICH...

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- WOOLWICH Provision of boats for WOOLWICH very important. Request every effort be made to implement C. in C. Levant's 071431. None of the pipes specified are available from station resources and boats allocated by Admiralty for Harbour service on East Indies Station could not be stowed or hoisted in WOOLWICH. (C. in C. E.F. 150612 to Admty., C. in C. Levant).
- HERMITAGE Onward route for HERMITAGE to Bombay through following positions.(details). (C. in C.E.F. 150912Z to N.C.S.O. Melbourne (R) A.C.N.B. Admty. Com.R.I.N. Comsouwespacseafon., F.O. Ceylon, N.O.i/c Fremantle).
- SUFFOLK Request you will sail SUFFOLK to arrive Fremantle not later than 1st September. My 111904.(Re provision of escort for HOEGH SILVERLIGHT and a troop transport). and my 020954 (N.T. in W.R.) refer. (C. in C.E.F. 150915Z to F.O. Ceylon (R) SUFFOLK, N.O.i/c W.Australia, C.S.4, Comsouwespac, Cdr. 7th U.S.Fleet).
- C.M.45 Subject to C. in C.S.At. being able to provide local A/S escort no objection to convoy C.M.45 being sailed in two sections. (2) Ocean escorts will be available at Durban on 27th August and 9th Sept. It is presumed that the delay of two days in sailing date of 2nd section can be accepted. (3) Your 141821 August refers. (C. in C.E.F. 150941Z to D. of S.T. (R) P.S.T.O. India, C. in C. Levant, N.O.i/c Durban. S.S.T.O. Capetown, S.S.T.O. Durban, F.O.R.S., P.S.T.O. Middle East, C. in C.S.At.).
- M.Ls. Departure M.L.440, 441, 442, 475, 476 and 477. (N.O.i/c Madras 151045Z to F.O.Ceylon, Admty.etc.).
- India Air Report. Outstanding reports. 10th U.S.A.A.F. 13 August 4 U.S.Mitchells (B.25) Shwebo. 1A/C returned early due weather. 3 A/C bombed rail road yards dropping 4 tons. Direct hits on rolling stock. Explosions from possible oil dump 5 U.S. Liberators (B.24) sea? sweep Rangoon area. 1 A/C returned early due engine trouble. 4 A/C attacked motor freighter Kye? of Diamond Island. Over 5 tons dropped. Near misses scored ship disabled. (A.H.Q. India 151050Z to Air Min.).
- FROBISHER Departure FROBISHER S. of A. 20 knots. (S.O.(I) Bombay 151042Z to Admty. etc.).
- Movements Colombo departures 15 August 0137Z NETRAVATI, 0820Z AMRITSAR, 0945Z TRIDENT. (F.O.Ceylon 151208Z to Admty. etc.).

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Dispositions Eastern Fleet disposition. Signal No.69. (C) 8" cruisers SUSSEX at Bombay SUFFOLK Bombay to Trincomalee (D) 7.5" and 6" cruisers NEWCASTLE DURBAN at Kilindini. FROBISHER Bombay to Aden. CERES, CARADOC at Durban. KENYA, Addu Atoll to Kilindini. HAWKINS at Simonstown CAPETOWN, Persian Gulf to Aden. EMERALD, Durban to Kilindini. (E) Unit exercises off Kilindini. (C. in C.E.F. 151316).

GORDON R.
SPENCER
fire.

Following has been read: (corrupt passage) on fire number 5 hold proceeding with all despatch Colombo should arrive entrance 16th August at 2000 GORDON H. SPENCER.

(Ship at sea via Colombo W/T 151700Z).

W.R.Note: Message 151700 from Ship at sea received via Colombo W/T re fire in hold of GORDON H SPENCER, now reads "For R2(?R) (corrupt group) W.U.Y.S. War Shipping representative Colombo etc.

Sinkings off
Mauritius
suspected
leakage.

Ref. C. in C. E.F. 130803. Request survivors of EFTHALIA MARI be interrogated further on statement that submarine was waiting for another vessel laden war material bound Mauritius. If not already done, request investigation be instigated, in conjunction with Security Service, into possible leakage at Durban. Fullest details of result of interrogation required here for further investigations (A.D.N.I. for D.N.I.151810A to C. in C.E.F., C. in C.S.A.).

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Movements. St. Johns N.F. 14th. Arrivals GEORGETOWN, SHAWINIGAN, BRICKVILLE, LETHBRIDGE, GRANDBY ex H.X.251. ST. CLAIR, MIDLAND, TRANSCONA, MULGRAVE ex S.C.139. ESQUIMALT ex B.W.50.

Departures - STRATFORD to W.B.43. ASPIRANT M.L.085 to Red Bay KENORA to J.H.64.
(N.O.I.C. St. Johns, 150007Z)
New York arrived 13th LINCOLN escorting O.N.195.
Departured 14th MONTGOMERY escorting H.X.252.
(N.S.H.Q. 150536Z)
Departure 15th in G.A.T. 80 U.S. A.T. BRIGADIER GENERAL RETHERS due Trinidad 18th.
(B.S.N.O. Curacao, 151435Z)
Arrived Bermuda, WASKESIU and CANSO.
(S.B.N.O. W.At. 151628P)
Arrival August 15th STATE OF VIRGINIA U.S. A.T.
(B.R.O. Georgetown, 151824Q to Admty. etc.)

WASKESIU, E.T.A. WASKESIU and CANSO Bermuda 1000Z/15th.
CANSO. (WASKESIU, 150016Z to S.B.N.O. W.At. (R) N.S.H.Q.
C. in C. C.N.A. Cominch, C. in C. Caribbean S.F.)

Dispositions. My 141505Z, add H.M.C.S. GEORGIAN departed Sydney (C.B) 2045Z/14th to overtake B.W.51 and relieve WESTMOUNT. Amend SARNIA departed Sydney (C.B) 2300Z/14th to overtake B.W.51 and relieve DRUMMONDVILLE.
(C. in C. C.N.A. 150215Z)

X.B.69, W.7 043 Degs. 08' 067 Degs. 17' 269 Degs. 7.5 altering to 233 Degs. in 069 Degs. 03' W.
H.X.252 W. 6 039 Degs. 55' 068 Degs. 20' 089 Degs. 9.5 altering to 057 Degs. in 067 Degs. 34' W.
IRISH LARCH 040 Degs. 00' 066 Degs. 30' 180 Degs. 7.5 altering to 102 Degs. in 038 Degs. 10' N.
(C. in C. C.N.A. 151440Z)

H.M.R.T. ASPIRANT, M.L.085 Red Bay Approaches inbound.
M.M.S. 255, 254, 046 Degs. 05' 053 Degs. 45' 085 Degs. 9 alter to 010 Degs. in 052 Degs. 37' W.
B.W.(51 ?) GEORGIAN, DRUMMONDVILLE 046 Degs. 04' 054 Degs. 53' 085 Degs. 7 alter to 044 Degs. in 052 Degs. 54' W. and to 010 Degs. in 046 Degs. 25' N.
SARNIA 045 Degs. 50' 056 Degs. 35' 12 to relieve DRUMMONDVILLE with B.W.51.
DRUMMONDVILLE en route Sicily on (route) YY SARNIA.
WESTMOUNT 046 Degs. 22' 058 Degs. 25' 12 enroute Sydney W.B.43.
STRATFORD 046 Degs. 35' 055 Degs. 59' 243 Degs. 7.5 alter to 280 Degs. in 057 Degs. 00' W.
J.H.64 KENORA 046 Degs. 00' 058 Degs. 08' 263 Degs. 9.5 alter to 232 Degs. in 059 Degs. 35' W. and to 239 Degs. in 061 Degs. 01' W.
S.G.29, C.T.U.24.8.3 055 Degs. 37' 053 Degs. 58' 323 Degs. 7½.
ATLANTIS 047 Degs. 10' 046 Degs. 25' 250 Degs. 14.75 alter to 241 Degs. in 047 Degs. 00' W.
O.N.196. C.2, 050 Degs. 27' 046 Degs. 01' 233 Degs. 9.5 alter to 223 Degs. in 050 Degs. 00' N.
(C. in C. C.N.A. 151510Z)

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Dispositions (Contd.) My 151540Z add A.T. 60 039 degs. 14' 062 degs. 42' 089 degs. 19.5 altering to 074 degs. in 061 degs. 20' W.
EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND 039 degs. 15' 071 degs. 15' 287 degs. 19.25 altering for New York in 072 degs. 14 West.
C. in C. C.N.A. 151543Z)

My 151543Z. Amend A.T. 60 039 degs. 52' 063 degs. 00' 048 degs. 19.5 altering to 079 degs. in 041 degs. 59' N.
(C. in C. C.N.A. 151729Z)

EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND. E.T.A. 161000Z.
(EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND, 150330Z to W.S. P.D. New York.)

CLYDE. F.O.S.131233 Approved for CLYDE to be sailed for Portsmouth.
(D.O.D.(H), 150916A to B.A.M.R. Washington, (R) F.O.S., B.A.D., CLYDE, S.5, C. in C. Portsmouth A/S Portsmouth.)

Hunting Groups. A.M.140110 para. 3. In selecting escorts to operate as hunting groups based in U.K. request you will give preference to R.N. manned Corvettes, Frigates or Destroyers.
(2) Para. 3. lays down the principle to be applied as regards mid ocean groups. Request consideration may also be given to making available any ships that can be spared from the Western Local Escort Groups from which the return of any British manned ships would be appreciated.
(A.C.N.S.(H), 150925A to C. in C. C.N.A., (R) N.S.H.Q., C. in C. W.A.)

GLORIEUX. Movements Summary 1800 G.M.T. 15th P.C.S.
33 degs. N. 25½ degs. W. 258 degs. 11.
(D.O.D.(F), 150943Z, Opanav, (R) Comnavau.)

VICTORIOUS. This is VICTORIOUS 110130. My 091400 (Unidentifiable in W.R.) addressed Admiralty repeated B.A.M.R. As it is desired to make A/S patrols on passage from San Diego onwards and as this aircraft cannot be replaced at Pearl Harbour request replacement may be made available at San Diego. Five tarpons now embarked.
(Comnavau, 141352 to Admty.)

New York Special Convoy 19. New York special convoy 19 bound Argentia for Iceland. Five ships sailed. Last ship out Ambrose ESSO HARTFORD at 1307Z August 15.
S. of A. 13.5 knots. E.T.A. Argentia 2130Z August 18.
(P.D. New York 151404 to Com. 10th Fleet C. & R. (R) F.O.N.F. Admty., C. in C. C.N.A., N.S.H.Q.)

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Special
Convoy 19.
(Contd.)

Ref. my Dis 142202. Convoy New York special 19. U.S.S. HOGAN cancelled. Substituted U.S.S. CHICKADEE which departed Ambrose 151524Z. Convoy steaming ten knots until 142200Z permitting CHICKADEE overtake. (P. D. New York, 151630 to Com. 10th Fleet C. & R. (R) F.O.N.F. Admty. C. in C. C.N.A. N.S.H.Q.)

U.S.A.T.

HUGH J. GALLAGHER U.S.A.T. departed 151200 St. Lucia 16th.
(R.O. Port of Spain, 151506 to Admty.)

ASTURIAS
damage
report,
repair.

The following preliminary report of torpedo damage to ASTURIAS has been received from F.O.C. W.Af. "(1) Open to sea from forward bulkhead of auxiliary machinery space to after bulkhead main engine room. (2) Damage port side extending from bilge keel to twenty feet (?above) in height and from 17 feet before to 23 feet abaft bulkhead between boiler room and auxiliary machinery space. (3) Bottom plating apparently undamaged. (4) 8 feet bilge keel missing. (5) Bulkhead between auxiliary machinery space and boiler room severely damaged. (6) Present draught 35 feet aft 32 forward no list. Maximum reduction of mean draught of 18 inches expected in near future. Inspection by divers continues further report and proposals. Request appropriate structural drawings by air". (2) In view of the present load on Ship Repair Yards in U.K. and particularly that in prospect for overseas operations it is requested that you will investigate whether the ship can be taken in U.S.A. for permanent repairs and conversion to M.O.W.T. (D.O.D.(F), 151516A to B.A.L.R., (R) F.O.C.W.Af. F.O.I.C. Greenock, ASTURIAS.)

U.S.S/M
Estimate.

(Cominch, 151543Z)

MONTCALM
information.

Enemy S/M estimate 1200Z/15th. Several estimated northbound area 023 degs. 00' N. to 028 degs. 00' N. and 022 degs. 00' W. to 026 degs. 00' W. 1 (one) patrolling off Dakar. 1 (one) area 012 degs. 00' N. 018 degs. 00' W. (C. in C. U.S. Fleet, 151615Z to F.C. MONTCALM. (R) (U.S.) C. in C. U.S. Atlantic Fleet.)

ROYAL
SOVEREIGN
escort.

My 142015 para. 2 (C).
River? Class Frigates might also be included. FINDHORN should be worked up at Bermuda in time to act as escort for either VICTORIOUS or ROYAL SOVEREIGN. INVER might also be available. Your 211750 June refers.
(B.A.D. 151645 to Admty.)

Convoy /...

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- Convoy O.N.195. Ref. my Dis. 142200. Convoy O.N.195.
FREDERICK, L. DAU arrived New York, 150205Z.
(P.D. New York, 151740Z, Com. 10th Fleet C. & R.
(R) C.E.S.F., Admty. N.S.H.Q.)
- T.F.61, U.G.S.16. From Cinclant addressed Comcordiv 5 (R) C.E.S.F.
Comdesdiv 38, Comdeslantflt, Comnavu C.T.F. 29
Com. 5 Commorseafron (pass to those interested)
Comdesron 31, Cominch, Admty. Hereby constituted
T.F.61, Cortdiv 5, Comdesdiv 38 with Desdiv 38,
less WELLES plus ENOREE. French vessels COMMANDANT DELAGE
and GRACIEUSE are included in escort when they join you
at R/V off Bermuda. Accordance articles 102, FTP 215 Cdr.
Hoffman in EVARTS in command. Have Task Force at Hampton
Roads by noon August 25. Scheduled sail Hampton Roads
August 26 to escort U.G.S.16 to North African ports. Cdr.
10 Flt. C. & R. will prescribe route and "Chops". In accordance
Admiralty's Routeing and when directed by Commorseafron return
Hampton Roads escorting convoy G.U.S.15. Use ENOREE to fuel
at sea. ENOREE directed by C.T.F.29 report Cdr. Hoffman at
Hampton Roads.
(Comnavu, 151948 to Admty.)
- Convoy O.T.8. Sailing telegram part 2.
(1) O.T.8. 7 for North Africa or Mediterranean
ports. (List), 1 for Dakar, FORT NIAGARA.
(C.A.F.A.C. 152332 to Admty. etc.)
- U.G.F.10. From sailing list of U.G.F. 10 delete SANTA
PAULA and reinsert SANTA ELENA. Refer my
121515 and 141903.
(C. in C. U.S. Fleet, 152345Z to C. in C. U.S.
Atlantic Fleet)
- Convoy U.T.1. SANTA PAULA sails in U.T.1 in place of SANTA
ELENA. Refer my 141904.
(Cominch, 152346Z to C. in C. Atlantic.)

Australia and New Zealand.

- Digest Serial No.572 Aug.14th. Morning R/C Liberator observed 2 Floatplanes
moored Emananus Island off South Coast Mussau
Island. Also sighted Convoy including 1
Destroyer, 1 Medium Freighter, 2 sea Trucks
90 miles N.W. Mussau heading East. 5 hours later
another Liberator saw possibly same convoy 50
miles further East, course 90 degs. and bombed

but /...

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Digest but missed. Photos later sighting cover
 Serial 1 Gunboat, 1 Freighter of 3,000 tons 1 Sea Truck.
 No.572 (2) At midday Liberator unsuccessfully attacked
 Aug.14th. surface 'I' Class Submarine 18 miles S.E. Cape
 (Contd.) Saint George course 120 degs. Unidentified
 vessel passed Cape Orford at noon South bound
 high speed. 2 Beaufighters conducted dawn
 sweep New Britain Coast East of Gasmata
 straffing 1 small Barge and A/A positions while 2 Bostons
 covered coast Westwards from Gasmata bombing bridge.
 (5) Morning R/C observed 1 Merchantman off Dagua and 3 small
 fast craft Muschu Passage heading West? Aerodrome
 concentrations unchanged. (6) Forenoon search reported Barge
 assembly still at Hansa Bay.
 Night 14th. 3 small vessels observed Temau. (15) Night 13th
 August. 12 Liberators scheduled to attack oil refineries and
 shipping Balikpapan whereof 9 reached target and all returned.
 2 refineries fired and minimum 7 large oil tanks exploded also
 1 Medium Vessel set afire with bombs and straffing.
 3 or 4 vessels noted target area. Liberators observed 3 ships
 near Selajar Island he dropped incendiaries on Dilli while
 returning. (17) 2 Way Barge Traffic observed Blackett Strait
 nights 12th 13th. (18) After dark 13th August 13 Liberators
 struck Kahilia while 8 more hit Ballale. Approximately 4
 Enemy Fighters ineffectively intercepted. Photos next forenoon
 show 2 sizeable ships, 9 small Merchantmen, 2 Auxiliaries and
 29 Barges Buin area. (19) Evening 13th 1 small Merchantman
 unsuccessfully attacked 14 miles South East Kieta.
 (G.H.Q.S.W.P.A. 150723Z)

Movements. Arrivals 13th August, Brisbane V.S.I.S. MERKUR,
 Milne Bay U.S. Transport MAETSUYCKER, TOWNSVILLE
 U.S. Transport CREMER 14th Cairns U.S.
 Transport VAN DER LIJN. U.S. Transport BONTEKOE,
 departed Townsville 13th due Brisbane 16th. H/T DUNTROON
 arrived Port Moresby 14th departed 15th due Cairns 16th.
 H/T TAROONA arrived Port Moresby 14th departed 15th due
 Townsville 17th.
 (Comsouwespaseafron, 151154Z)
 Arrival Sydney 14th, WILCANNIA. Brisbane 13th STUART.
 Milne Bay 13th GYMPIE, BOWEN. Port Moresby 14th U.S. Destroyer
 HELM, SWAN. Darwin 13th FREMANTLE. Fremantle 14th U.S.S.
 ALTAMA (?HA) ATREUS. Departure Sydney 14th U.S. Destroyer
 FLUSSER for Townsville 13th U.S. Destroyers BROOKS, GILMER,
 HUMPHREYS, SANDS for Milne Bay. 14th U.S. Destroyer PERKINS
 for Milne Bay. Cairns 14th WAGGA for Brisbane. (Milne Bay) 14th
 DELORAINIE for Townsville.
 N.B. Melbourne, 151158Z to Admty. etc.)

ALCIDES. Have you any news of ALCIDES (Norwegian) due Fre-
 mantle 8th August from Persian Gulf.
 Your 111200 refers.
 (D.T.D. 151618A to A.C.N.B.)

War Diary.

15.8.1943.
Sunday.

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C. 151418A, 151452A)

Sub.
attack
and
sighting
Summary
for 24
hours to
1000B/15.

Para. A. Ventura A/C attacked U-Boat with
depth charges at 1105/14 in 28 degs. 24' S.
33 degs. 08' E.
Catalina A/C sighted two U-Boats at 0035/15 in
62 degs. 28' N. 12 degs. 19' W. Course 235
degs. Speed 2 knots.

Para. C. U.S. Liberator on transit reported
periscope and conning tower at 1125/14 in 61 degs.
35' N. 15 degs. 20' W. U.S. Liberator on
transit reported feather of U-Boat periscope,
at 1632/14 in 61 degs. 20' N. 14 degs. 20' W.
Course 300 degs. Transit A/C reported conning tower of U-Boat
submerging at 1135/14 in 59 degs. 50' N. 10 degs. 20' W.
Course 270 degs.
(D.D.I.C. 151006Z to Cominch.)