

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

HOME COMMANDS.  
(Classification  
by subjects  
where inclusion  
in an operational  
area is  
impracticable).

- Policy
- Defense of United Kingdom
- Operations
  - North Sea (from 58° N. to Dungeness -  
Oris Nez)
  - Channel (between Dungeness - Oris  
Nez, 48° 30' N. and 6° W.)
  - West Coast France (to 48° 30' N.,  
and 5° W).
  - Western Approaches (west of above  
between 40° and 58° N. to 30° W).
  - Norway (to 80 miles off shore  
between 58° and 70° N).
  - Northern Waters (north of 58° N.  
outside "Norway").
  - Baltic (eastward of the Skaw).
- Enemy Intelligence.
- Navigational
- Port Facilities
- Casualties
- Movements (of H.M. Ships)
- Shipping and Convoys.

FOREIGN STATIONS  
(Classification  
by stations).

- North Atlantic
- South Atlantic
- Mediterranean
- East Indies
- America and West Indies
- Australia and New Zealand
- U-boat Campaign

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



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Tuesday

SITUATION REPORT

Home Commands

- North Sea. 1(a) One mine was detonated off Ostend and one off Great Yarmouth.  
(b) A preliminary reconnaissance of the port area of Bremen shows docks, quays, walls, cranes and rails not seriously damaged, 12 uncompleted U-boats at Deschimag and 4 sunken ones at Werfthaven.
- Channel. 2. One mine was detonated off Le Havre.
- West Coast France. 3. Ile d'Oleron was successfully attacked yesterday with French naval support, the 31st Minesweeping Flotilla sweeping DUQUESNE, BASQUE, L'AVENTURE and LA DECOUVERTE to their bombing stations. Bombarding squadron has now returned to Brest and 31st M.S.F. to Plymouth. One L.C.V.P. was lost but there were no naval casualties. Meanwhile the "MOUCHEZ" group detonated 3 mines off the Gironde.

Foreign Stations

Mediterranean

- Gulf of Genoa. 4. Weather still reported unsuitable for minesweeping at Genoa. Estimated time to clear entrance is at least 30 working days. The number of quays available for cargo discharge is larger than anticipated.

East Indies.

- Andaman Sea. 5. At dawn today Force 63 bombarded Car Nicobar.
- Malaya. 6. Last night 5 Liberators laid mines at Singapore and Songhla, east coast of Malaya.



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SITUATION REPORT

Far East and Australia

Borneo.

*East longitude date*

- 7(a) Following heavy bombardment by Australian and American cruisers and destroyers also intense air bombardment elements of 9th Australian division landed near Lingkas (S.W. Tarakan Is).
- (b) U.S. Mariners set fire to 5 barges and a sea truck off N. Borneo.
- (c) Last night aircraft sank two small merchant vessels in Darvel Bay.



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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

Post Peace  
U-Boat  
surrenders.

Soviet Naval Staff agree to all proposals in Admiralty 24120? except that boundary of Russian Control in Barents Sea should be 20° E. and not 30° E. Paras. 4F and C refer. 3. Procedure they intend to adopt has not been stated and has been asked for again.  
(Adm. Archer 010131C to Admty.)

Your 301930. Concur.  
(C. in C. W.A. 011521B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

Aircraft  
procedure  
with small  
battle units.

A.201 1 May it is possible that crews of enemy small battle units may exhibit white flag signifying desire to surrender. Aircraft observing a clearly distinguishable white flag are to flash by Aldis the word "Aussteigen" signifying abandon ship. When a small battle unit has been abandoned it is to be sunk immediately. If no attempt is made to abandon ship when ordered repeatedly to do so the small battle unit is to be sunk. Aircraft is to report existence of survivors for A.S.R. action.  
(16 Group 011100B to 16 Group.)

Possible U-  
Boat surrender

Your 302333 April. Owing to the complications which will ensue if a different procedure is used in Western Approaches to that of other commands, it is preferred to leave matters as arranged in H.Q.C.C. 292030.  
(D.O.D.(H) 011847B to C. in C. W.A.)

Ref. my 292030B, amend as follows:

(1) Delete para. 4 and substitute "the aircraft is to circle the U-Boat with its guns trained on the conning tower and signal A.C.H.Q. using Group 517 from Naval Section number 1? at 1927 followed by position and Group 553."

(2) Delete para. 5 and substitute "the aircraft will then by means of Aldis Lamp instruct the U-Boat to halt." German word "Halton."

(3) Delete para. 6 and substitute "A.C.H.Q. are then to pass further instructions to the aircraft in the simplest possible form."

(H.Q.C.C. 011945B to Coastal Command.)

A.C.I.C's 301336 of April which is being passed to addressees. U-Boats surrendering under circumstances described in A.M. 282333 are to be escorted to a U.K. port as required by C. in C. W.A.

(V.C.N.S. 012130B to A.C.I.C., Cs. in C. W.A., H.F., Rosyth.)



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Operations.

North Sea.

Minesweeping on Far Shore One blue mine detonated 240° H.K. 1.8 cables. Your 301734B para. B. Intend as many actuations as sweeping time permits.

(S.O. M.S.F. 1 011153B to C. in C. Nore.)

(1) H.K. Channel from N.F. 7 to H.K. 6 will be required a.m. Friday 4th May.

(2) Request that on Wednesday 2nd May and Thursday 3rd you will carry out as much ground minesweeping in this section as is consistent with maintaining routine sweep of route in use from long. of N.F. 7 to N.F. 18 only.

(3) 10th or 18th M.S.F. may be moored minesweeping between H.K. 4 and H.K. 6 tomorrow Wednesday and should be kept informed of your intentions.

(A.N.C.X.F. 011800B to F.O. Belgium.)

Intend proceed at 0600 tomorrow Wednesday with 6 M/S and CHEERFUL and BRYHER as danlayers in order to carry out Oropesa from H.K. 4 to H.K. 6 commencing 3 hours before high water. E.G. M.S. will be carried out if time permits. Unlit A.G.A. buoy will be laid in position of H.K. 5 and H.K. 6.

(S.O. M.S.F. 10 012155B to C. in C. Nore.)

Minesweeping on E.Coast. L.L. sweepers detonated red magnetic mine at 011140B in position 190° 2½ miles 3C Buoy. (F.O.I.C. Yarmouth 011215B to Admty.)

Redistribu- Reference Admiralty's 101955, not to C.F.M.U. 1  
tion of M/S Propose 2nd M.L. Flotilla together with Flotilla  
M.L. Flotillas. maintenance staff and spare gear be allocated to  
Dover Command in lieu of 33rd M.L. Flotilla.

(2) 33rd M.L. Flotilla will then be nominated as  
the A.S. Flotilla referred to in para. 1 of C.  
in C. Nore's 201553\* not to all.

(3) The withdrawal of 1 M.L. Flotilla from the Schelde Defences is unavoidable and under the circumstances is considered acceptable.

(C. in C. Nore 011712B to Admty., V.A. Dover.)

\* In view of present commitments in Southern North Sea intend to base the M/S M.L. Flotilla of operation "Dropkick" and one A/S M.L. Flotilla at selected northwest German port.

Discharge Situation Report. Cositintrep No. 392 part 4 section A. Discharge by sea 24 hour period ending 1600A/30th April.

/British...



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Operations.

North Sea.

British.

Discharge  
Situation  
Report.  
(Contd.)

	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Stores</u>	<u>Bulk Coal</u>	<u>Bulk Pol.</u>	<u>G.F. Ammo.</u>
Antwerp	84	340	11,843	989	3,303	1,029
Ostend	1,306	261	3,757	-	-	1,361
Caen	-	-	109	550	-	-
Calais	3,963	-	88	-	-	-
<u>Total</u>	<u>5,353</u>	<u>601</u>	<u>15,797</u>	<u>1,539</u>	<u>3,303</u>	<u>2,390</u>
<u>U.S. North.</u>						
Antwerp	-	45	15,890	-	-	16
Cherbourg	-	-	2,600	583	14,892	527
Le Havre	7,835	166	5,564	240	4,063	1,157
Rouen	30	46	5,713	710	4,875	1,588
Ghent	-	-	16,641	-	-	1,839
<u>Total</u>	<u>7,865</u>	<u>257</u>	<u>46,408</u>	<u>1,533</u>	<u>23,830</u>	<u>5,127</u>
<u>U.S. South</u>						
Marseilles	-	129	13,582	1,716	-	-
Port de Bouc	-	-	3,500	1,024	-	-
Toulon	-	-	97	-	-	-
<u>Total</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>17,179</u>	<u>2,740</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Army coal discharged at French operated ports:  
Dieppe 1,320 tons, Granville 586 tons, St. Malo 1,670 tons,  
Morlaix 480 tons. Cumulative totals 16 - 30 April (inclusive.)

British

	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Stores</u>	<u>Bulk Coal</u>	<u>Bulk Pol</u>	<u>G.F. Ammo</u>
Antwerp	1,145	5,309	181,705	10,896	132,334	14,112
Ostend	28,523	2,859	45,475	-	9,568	14,619
Caen	-	-	251	21,724	-	-
Calais	82,408	248	2,909	675	-	-
Boulogne	899	574	-	-	-	-
Ghent	-	-	16,966	-	1,360	10,144
<u>Total</u>	<u>112,975</u>	<u>8,990</u>	<u>247,306</u>	<u>33,295</u>	<u>150,262</u>	<u>38,875</u>
<u>U.S. North</u>						
Antwerp	-	1,298	289,168	-	-	58
Cherbourg	110	1,116	59,764	12,700	74,294	21,776
Le Havre	61,029	3,351	67,079	2,722	42,148	11,579
Rouen	44	155	106,175	14,440	32,974	5,589
Ghent	1	-	154,536	-	-	27,821
Granville	-	-	-	8,345	-	-
<u>Total</u>	<u>61,184</u>	<u>5,918</u>	<u>676,722</u>	<u>38,207</u>	<u>149,416</u>	<u>66,123</u>
<u>U.S. South.</u>						
Marseilles	13,060	2,836	178,456	9,061	21,974	1,109
Port de Bouc	355	102	22,112	7,649	47,326	-
Toulon	-	-	5,507	-	-	-
Nice	-	-	2,859	-	-	-
<u>Total</u>	<u>13,415</u>	<u>2,938</u>	<u>208,134</u>	<u>16,710</u>	<u>69,300</u>	<u>1,109</u>

(S.H.A.E.F. O11715A to Admty., and others.)

/Patrols...



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Operations.

North Sea - Contd.

Patrols. Patrols for night Wednesday 2nd May.  
1 COTTESMORE, 2 BROCKLESBY, 3 HAMBLEDON, 4  
CHIDDINGFOLD, 5 WILTON, 6 KITTIWAKE, 7 ALBRIGHTON,  
8 FERNIE.

Coastal force units F.C. 1 to 8 R/V patrols at 2300B. -  
(2) 12 TORRINGTON with coastal forces from U.K.  
14 EGLINTON, 16 CURZON with coastal forces from Ostend.  
17 KRAKOWIAK, 18 CAICOS, 19 RIOU with C/F from Ostend.  
21 MELBREAK, 22 RETALICK with C/F from U.K.  
Coastal forces from Ostend R/V frigates at 2200B.  
(3) Escorts for T.A.M. 57 SHEARWATER, MENDIP.  
T.A.P. 22 PYTCHLEY, F.N. 1 CATTISTOCK.  
(4) Coastal forces from U.K.  
Patrol 1, 2 M.T.B. unit F.C. 1 with COTTESMORE.  
Patrol 2, 2 M.T.B. unit F.C. 2 with BROCKLESBY.  
Patrol 3, 2 M.T.B. unit F.C. 3 with HAMBLEDON.  
Patrol 4, 2 M.T.B. unit F.C. 4 with CHIDDINGFOLD.  
Patrol 5, 2 M.T.B. unit F.C. 5 with WILTON.  
Patrol 6, 2 M.T.B. unit F.C. 6 with KITTIWAKE.  
Patrol 7, 2 M.T.B. unit F.C. 7 with ALBRIGHTON.  
Patrol 8, 2 M.T.B. unit F.C. 8 with FERNIE.  
Patrol 12, 4 M.T.B. unit F.L. 2, F.L. 3.  
Patrol 22, 4 M.T.B. unit F.B. 8, F.B. 9.  
TZXB 5035, 6 M.T.B. unit F.A. 1, F.A. 2, F.A. 3.  
XJXB 4048, 4 M.T.B. unit F.B. 3.  
Patrols 51, 52, 53, 1 M.L. in each.  
From Ostend.  
XJYU 2316, 2 M.T.B. unit F.A. 8.  
XJYU 2100, 2 M.T.B. unit F.B. 2.  
XJYU 4126, 3 M.L. unit F.G. 5.  
XJYU 3312, 4 M.T.B. unit F.G. 2, F.G. 3.  
Patrols 16, 4 M.T.B. unit F.H. 3, F.H. 4.  
XJYU 2525, 3 M.L. unit F.G. 4.  
(C. in C. Nore, 011720 to Nore Command.)

Bremen Cositintrep No. 392 part 2 Naval. Bremen.  
Situation Results of R/C of port area to date - docks,  
Report. quays, walls. Cranes and rails not seriously  
damaged - warehouses totally destroyed. Shipping  
sunk in Uberseehafen restricts wharfage to 30%  
capacity. Hafenf to Olhafen foul with sunken  
craft. Inner lock gate to Industrie Hafenf immovable in  
retracted position. 12 uncompleted and 4 sunken submarines at  
Deschimag and Werfthaven respectively. Extensive mining  
suspected. Oil tanks at Olhafen apparently 60% damaged but not  
examined closely.  
(A.N.C.X.F. 012345B to Admty.)



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Operations.

Channel.

Minesweeping off Le Havre 119th M.S.F., 181st T.G. Q.Z.S. 660 one ground mine detonated in position 260° 4.5 miles from H.H.V. 3 buoy.  
(Com. M/S Le Havre 010953B to C.T.F. 122.)

Patrols. (1) Proceed as requisite to pass Nab 2030B/1st and establish anti-midget patrol on a line joining the following positions.  
A. 180° Dunnose Point 1.5 miles.  
B. F. Buoy. C. E.A. 5 Buoy.  
(2) Occasional scaring charges are to be dropped.  
(C. in C. Portsmouth 011228B to BEACON HILL, SUSSEX VALE, JONQUIERE, RIBBLE.)

Possible U-Boat. E.G. 17 1st division close aircraft V/63 attacking in position 49° 29' N. 06° 45' W.  
(C. in C. Plymouth 011302B to E.G. 17.)  
If not in contact search is to be abandoned in time to resume coastal convoy patrol by dawn tomorrow Wednesday.  
(C. in C. Plymouth 011815B to S.O.E.G. 17.)

Operations.

West Coast France.

Patrols. Opas, para. 14.  
B. 46° 26' N. 02° 06' W.  
C. 46° 53' N. 02° 50' W. intend to patrol position 180° Belle Isle 10 miles and lat. 46° 20' N. on courses 140° and 320° during daylight today.  
(2) In BULLDOG both main turbo generator steam governors are erratic under varying load conditions new governor steam valves will be required.  
(BULLDOG 010138B to C. in C. Plymouth.)  
In accordance with C. in C. Plymouth's 301942B, you will leave patrol 27 area immediately and proceed Plymouth by reverse route at 15 knots, adjusting your speed to arrive Plymouth not later than 1200B/2nd.  
(C.F.N.T.F. 010932B to BULLDOG, BEAGLE.)

Return of bombarding squadron. DUQUESNE, BASQUE, L'AVENTURE, Chasseur 11 arrived Brest.  
(Comar Brest 011130B to C.T.F. 122.)  
31 M/S Flot. now en route Plymouth after completion Oropesa sweep of bombardment areas entrance channel Gironde. Services no longer required for operation "Venerable". Their efficient assistance is greatly appreciated.  
(C.T.F. 122 011142B to A.N.C.X.F.)

/DUQUESNE...



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Operations.

West<sup>e</sup> Coast France.

Return of  
bombarding  
squadron.  
(Contd.)

DUQUESNE, BASQUE, L'AVENTURE and LA DECOUVERTE arrived Brest 1330B/1st. C.F.N.T.F. will fly his flag in LORRAINE from 1500B today. (C.F.N.T.F. 011344B to C. in C. Plymouth.) Released from bombardment duties. Nothing to report. LE FORTUNE and L'ALCYON left area at 1630B for Brest. Routed direct.

Speed 18 knots. E.T.A. 0800B/2.

(2) HOVA and LA SURPRISE ordered to patrol as in your 301917. (LE FORTUNE 011700B to C.F.N.T.F.)

Minesweeping  
off Gironde.

MOUCHEZ group detonated 3 magnetic mines between positions 45° 48' . 10" N. 01° 43' 40" W. and 45° 49' 40" N. 01° 31' 20" W. on 29th April. (C.F.N. 228 011432B to C. in O. Plymouth.)

Situation  
Report.

Cositintrep No. 392 part 2 naval. Assault on Ile d'Oleron. Assault began 0600/30 opposition was light and casualties were few. One L.C.V.P. lost. Naval bombardment continued successfully 0730 - 1930. No casualties reported. 32 sorties flown by spotting aircraft of No. 26 Squadron R.A.F. Minesweeping carried out according to plan. 3 mines swept. (A.N.C.X.F. 012345B to Admty.)

Operations.

Western Approaches.

Coastal  
Command's  
second U/B.

Oil now widely dispersed with 1 definite and particular patch near contact. Contact shows no movement and is in position my 302345B refers. No other evidence, small sample of oil has been obtained. Am proceeding to comply with your 302356. (S.O.E.G. 1 010815B to C. in C. W.A.)

U.1024.

Reference report on sinking of U.1024 on 12th April, report degree of accuracy of position of sinking and how obtained. (C. in C. W.A. 011145B to LOCH MORE.)

H.T. barrier  
80' west of  
Barra Head.

Lay H.T. barrier in a direction 310° from position 56° 45' N. 10° 00' W. commencing 0600B tomorrow 2nd May.

(2) On completion of lay patrol area between Skerryvore and 57° 30' in Minches. Do not leave area to close aircraft reports on H.T. barrier without orders from C. in C. W.A. (C. in C. W.A., 011252B to S.O.E.G. 10.)



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Western Approaches - Contd.

Minesweeping off Clyde. S.O. 11th M.S. reports detonating two mines in position 255° number 3 buoy 1.8 miles at 1138B today Tuesday.  
(F.O.I.C. Greenock 011254B to Admty., C. in C.W.A.)

Release of ships from W.A.Command for Eastern Theatre. Admiralty 180855 April. Para. 3. Following is tentative allocation of ships to reinforce the Eastern Theatre as soon as they can be made ready and their complements adjusted for foreign service after the defeat of Germany:-  
A. All A/A sloops. B. All Bay class frigates.  
C. (1) River class frigates, AIRE, DART, EVENLODE, L. GLENDHU, L. GORM, L. CRAGGIE, L. ECK, L. FYNE, L. INSH, L. KATRINE, L. KILLISPORT, L. MORE, L. QUOICH, L. RUTHVEN, L. SCAVAIG, L. TARBERT, L. TRALAIG.  
(2) Loch class frigates, L.ACHRAY, INVERNESS. (2) Loch class frigates, L.ACHRAY, L. GLENDHU, L. GORM, L. CRAGGIE, L. ECK, L. FYNE, L. INSH, L. KATRINE, L. KILLISPORT, L. MORE, L. QUOICH, L. RUTHVEN, L. SCAVAIG, L. TARBERT, L. TRALAIG.  
(3) Turbo frigates, AYLNER, BALFOUR, BENTINCK, BLIGH, BYARD, BYRON, CALDER, CONN, DUCKWORTH, ESSINGTON.  
(4) Turbo frigates, 5 from Nore Command.  
(5) Colony class frigates ANGUILLA, ANTIGUA, ASCENSION, NYASALAND and 1 from Nore Command.  
(2) All ships nominated from my command will require tropicalisation in accordance with latest Admiralty schedules for each class.  
(3) A. Following ships will require refit:  
L. CRAGGIE, L. ECK, L. FYNE, L. INSH, L. RUTHVEN, AYLNER, BALFOUR, BENTINCK, BLIGH, BYARD, BYRON, CALDER, CONN, DUCKWORTH, ESSINGTON, ASCENSION, NYASALAND.  
B. Following ships will require fitting F.D.:  
ANGUILLA, ANTIGUA, ASCENSION, NYASALAND.  
C. My 300028 April to Admiralty only refers.  
(C. in C. W.A., 011803B to Admty.)

Operations.

Norway.

Operation "S.C." Ramose Maize sailed HITRA at 0409B May 1st.  
(2) Air escort not especially required on return journey.  
(N.O.I.C. Lerwick 010415B to C. in C. H.F.)  
Ramosé Maize HITRA returned to Balta at 1440B  
May 1st owing weather.  
(2) E.T.D. now 0600B May 2nd weather permitting.  
(3) Add 2 days to all dates mentioned in my 291247B.  
(N.O.I.C. Lerwick 011523B to C. in C. H.F.)



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Operations.

Northern Waters.

Force 2. My 221044. Force 2 consisting of OBEDIENT S.O., ORWELL and BLUE RANGER, E.T.A. position Dog on "Red" route about 1200B/3rd May thence proceeding toward Z.A. at 11 knots. (C. in C. H.F., 011130B to C.S. 10.)

Convoy J.W. 67. (1) In view of good results achieved by 19 Escort Group in present North Russian convoy and continuance of heavy U-Boat threat request one escort group may be allocated for J.W. 67 to act in similar manner as 19 Escort Group. (2) Consider it very desirable for 7th Escort Group to form close escort of J.W. 67 in view of their experience of this work, delaying sailing convoy as necessary. C. in C. W.A. 300015 refers. (C. in C. H.F., 011546B to Admty.)

Convoy R.A. 66. 6 Ju. 88 airborne from Bardufoss at 1810B. (S.B.N.O. N. Russia 011845B to Convoy R.A. 66.)

Enemy Intelligence.

Scandinavian situation. My 301711. Events affecting Denmark. German position in Zealand has deteriorated and now seems rather confused. This has had effect of stimulating, during past 24 hours, Danish Military and Naval Forces in Sweden into taking immediate steps to be in readiness for crossing sound. Following actions are of interest. (1) In Denmark. A. German preparations have been made to transport garrison from certain coastal districts of East Zealand westwards but there is no news of withdrawal from coastal batteries nor reports of attitude of German cruisers at Copenhagen but further signal will be made shortly. B.2. B. Transports lying Copenhagen are now reported to be loading troops and large number of German Red Cross personnel are now in city. A.2. C. German telephone censorship in Denmark has been lifted and open communication has been operating today between Danish underground and Sweden. B.1. (2) In Sweden. Danish vessels hitherto detained at Karlskrona have left for Malmo and other Sound ports p.m. April 30th escorted by Swedish destroyers. Whole Dan Force is in readiness to embark in 6 Swedish steamers, 8 Danish schooners and 40 large fishing boats as soon opportunity offers. A.1. (3) In Jutland. There is no further news of German attitude in Jutland except 48 thousand German troops are reported to have entered from Schleswig-Holstein up to April 27th and have re-grouped. B.2. (N.A. Stockholm, 012001 to Admty.)



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Enemy Intelligence.

Scandinavian  
situation.  
(Contd.)

N.I.D. Comment.

No information to confirm or refute the above has been received, but it is possible that some troops are being moved from Zealand to Jutland to counter an Allied advance into Schleswig-Holstein.

(2) The Danish vessels hitherto detained at Karlskrona consist of a small torpedo boat and three minesweepers which escaped to Sweden in August 1943.

(3) Dan Force consists of a couple of thousand Danish refugees of negligible military value.

Casualties & Defects.

L.C.A. 841.

C.A.F.O. 151/44. Salvage of L.C.A. 841 is not considered possible. N.C. Force T (Rear's) 221158B April refers.  
(N.C. Force T 012239B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Movements.

ROCKSAND,  
L. S. I. (L)

Intend handing over ROCKSAND to your administration as from 2359 today Tuesday 1st May.  
(R.A.L.S.C.U. 011156B to F.O. Force W.)

RAMILLIES,  
MALAYA,  
battleships.

Intend that RAMILLIES and MALAYA should become tenders to VERNON on 15th May. Both ships from that date will be regarded as forming one establishment and be known as VERNON (RAMILLIES) complement will be adjusted to that proposed in my letter No. 4/1 of 21/2/45 subject to retention of personnel necessary to close and transfer accounts.  
(VERNON (R) 011626B to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

Shipping & Convoys.

L.C.T.  
shuttle  
service.

L.C.T. shuttle service Dover/Boulogne will transfer to Dover/Calais as from 2nd May.  
(V.A. Dover 011726B to Admty.)



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North Atlantic

SUSSEX. H.M.S. SUSSEX arrived 2225/30 and departed at 0430/1st May for Bermuda.  
(F.O.G.M.A.011054B to Admty) see 021604B.

NORSEMAN. Arrived Horta secret route 0740Z/1st NORSEMAN ex K.M.S.98 escorted by KILMINGTON.  
(Panta-Gruel, 010812Z to F.O.I.C.Gibraltar)

NELSON. Is there any objection to NELSON entering Gib. to disembark passengers in A.M. 301057 and to load stores and mail ex SUSSEX for Malta.  
(F.O.G.M.A.011128 to Admty,) No objection 012215B.

S/M SPEARHEAD. Departure 1454/1 H.M. S/M SPEARHEAD for Malta.  
(F.O.G.M.A.011940B to V.A. Malta)

South Atlantic

KENYA (Cruiser). Request onward route for H.M.S. KENYA North of 25 degs. N. E.T.S. 5th May.  
(F.O.C.W.Af. 011051Z to Admty.)

SWALE (frigate). H.M.S. SWALE arrived Capetown.  
(C. in C. S.A. 011631B to Admty.)



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Mediterranean

L.C.V.(P) 1358 lost. 3 L.C.V.(P) in L.S.T. 78 have had official number obliterated. Hull numbers of 2 of these craft are C 33610 and C. 43281 and engine number of third is C 36087. Request relevant official numbers.

(2) L.C.V.(P) 1358 has been lost by stranding but engine number A 2446 has been salvaged. L.C.V.(P) 1360 and 1361 are also embarked at present.  
(F.O.L.E.M.011006C to Admty.)

French S/Ms allocated to U.S. Your 211555 para. 3 approved.  
(2) Request names of French S/Ms at present allocated to U.S. for A/S training and present state of those under British control.  
(Head of M.I. 011254B to C. in C. Med. reply 021659)

JEANNE D'ARC. Intend sailing French Cruiser JEANNE D'ARC to Toulon 1030/3 M.S.C.I.5.  
(Comar, Bizerta, 011430Z to F.O.T.A.L.I.)

French S/Ms allocated to U.S. A.M. 011254 May.  
A. U.S. Training AMAZONE, ANTIOPE, ARGO, ATALANTE (at Casablanca), CENTAURE. Last named returned from U.S. to Mediterranean in Jan. 1945. Cominch 291648 Dec. 1944 refers. For reason unknown to C. in C. Med. but in principle so far as known she or another S/M are still at U.S. disposal.  
B. British Training ARETHUSE recently refitted and returning to Dakar. NARVAL at Dakar fair order. LA VESTALE at Dakar good order, but about to recommission, one of last named will shortly be relieved by ARCHIMEDE recently refitted, now on passage to Dakar.  
(C. in C. Med. 021659 to Admty.)

Situation report No.602. (1) Genoa. Weather still unsuitable for mine-sweeping. Estimate time required to clear entrance is at least 30 working days. Number of quays available for cargo discharge larger than anticipated.  
(2) Salonika. S.S. SAM CLYDE has been mined but is making port under own steam.  
(C. in C. Med. 011930B to F.O.L.E.M. etc.)

MONTCALM troops. (1) Marine Paris confirms their order for the movement of MONTCALM after French Government had informed British Government that the voyage would be accomplished without any call at intermediate port between Bizerta and Beirut and vice versa. Stay at Beirut will be limited at about 24 hours.  
(2) In consequence MONTCALM will leave Bizerta a.m. May 2nd and proceed as in para. 1.  
(Almed, 012002B to C. in C. Med.)



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East Indies

K.M.F.  
convoys.

Information is requested whether it is intended to continue K.M.F. convoys after the defeat of Germany, or whether in view of saving in shipping and reduction in port and railway congestion, trooping will be done by individual ships sailing. Troop ships proceeding to the eastward of 090° E. may require escort in which case convoys would be formed on the East Indies Station.  
(C. in C. E.I., 010950B to Admty). *Reply: 032321, p. 53.*

S/Ms  
VIGOROUS and  
VIVID  
(operational  
patrols when  
not A/S train-  
ing).

Your 211019. It is desired that employment of "U" class submarines in East Indies shall be restricted to A/S training duties so that they may be capable of being maintained by the depot ship on the station until the end of the Japanese war and will not entail additional manning and refitting commitments.  
2. You will see from my 242042 that it is intended to maintain operational strength of 2nd Submarine Flotilla at 9 (and later 10) submarines.  
3. If you consider that the number of submarines for A/S training on your station is excessive (allowing for eventual build-up of escort forces) it is suggested that relief for VISIGOTH may not be required. F.O.S/M 251232 Jan. refers. Request your remarks.  
(D.O.D.(F), 012025B to C. in C. E.I.)



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Incident At 1330Z/20, sunk a drifting metal life-boat  
Serial number 228527 manufactured by Lane Lifeboat  
Company in position 37.51 N. 48.05 W. No sign  
of being used.  
(C.T.G. 61.2, 011015B to Admiralty.)

U-boat dispositions Estimates  
(N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 011349Z and Cominch 011535Z.)

CAP DES PALMES (A.M.C.) B.A.D.'s 192211 not to V.A.(Q) B.P.F. Paragraph  
2(a) concur. Paragraph 2(b). Admiralty will  
discuss with Marine Paris direct in what capacity  
CAP DES PALMES can best contribute to logistic  
support of French ships in East Indies.  
2. Examination of CAP DES PALMES should take  
place before departure from Australia. V.A.(Q) 190106 not to  
all refers.  
(3) B.A.D.'s para. 3. Subject to remarks of C. in C. East  
Indies LA GRANDIERE should continue to serve on East Indies  
Station until escorts from U.K. join station, her refit being,  
if necessary, temporarily deferred.  
(Hd. of M., 011651B to B.A.D.)

U.boat surrender Surrender of U-boat Fleet. Your 010033B refers.  
We concur generally in para. (3) and (4) of this  
signal. Admiralty pass to A.N.C.X.F.  
(N.S.H.Q., 012050Z to Admty.)

M.V.PANAMA Radar contacts Survivors of British M.V. PANAMA reported she  
capsized 110115 April area 44.10 N. 34.00 W.  
All times Z.  
Para. B(1) 301715 April Core A/C had radar contact  
followed by Sono buoy indications 40.26 N. 49.08 W.  
Para. (D)(1) 301650 April U.S.S. GLEAVES reported  
two doubtful sound contact 41.37 N. 69.24 W. and at 301840 a  
Blimp had Sono buoy indications 41.36 N. 69.29 W.  
(2) 301700 April M.V. CAPE BOYER reported probable torpedo fired  
at her in area 36.02 N. 50.24 W.  
(Cominch, 012102Z to Admty., O.I.C.)

Force X L.S.I.(Ls.) Your 292211 April not to all.  
Unescorted sailing to U.K. is not acceptable.  
(2) Cominch is being requested to onward route  
ships from Colon to New York for inclusion in  
convenient convoy.  
(3) On arrival at New York you should strike your flag and  
return to U.K. by air.  
(D.O.D.(F), 012305B to F.O. Force X.)<sup>r250400Z</sup>  
A.M. T.O.O. 012305. Request you will route EMPIRE ARQUEBUS,  
EMPIRE MACE, and EMPIRE BATTLEAXE from Colon to New York for  
inclusion in first convenient convoy to U.K.  
(D.O.D.(F) Approved, V.C.N.S., 012330B to Cominch.)



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FOREIGN STATIONS

Far East and Australia

C.V.Ls.  
(Light  
Fleet  
Carrier  
U.S.)

With the experience now gained in operating the Fleet Carriers I should welcome the arrival of the C.V.Ls. on the station at an earlier date than I had previously estimated.

(2) I should use them either to form 2 task groups or to provide opportunities for withdrawing some of the fleet carriers for refit or reforming their air squadrons.

(3) Subject to concurrence of C. in C. E.I. I would suggest that if practicable the C.V.Ls. should work up and sail from the Mediterranean in company with DUKE OF YORK and ANSON, carrying out exercises en route so as to reach Sydney by about the end of June.

(4) It is most desirable that they should be complete with American publications and communication methods before leaving.

(5) A statement of policy arising out of recent conversations with C. in C. Pacific follows shortly. In this the necessity for the early arrival of the light fleet carriers is confirmed.

(C. in C. B.P.F., 010041Z to Admty.) 210043H + 242243B

Digest  
1196  
30.4.45  
Extract

(2) Navy Liberators from Mindoro sank 2, probably sank 1 of 3 small coasters 65 miles south-south-west Cape Jacques.

(3) Privateers from Clark Field destroyed 2 small Coasters damaged 2 others Formosa, sank small south bound Sea Truck 50 miles North by East Tainan Formosa.

(4) Mariners from Lingayan night 29th - 30th April attacked 6 unidentified vessels 45 miles S. by W. Swatow, bombing 1 sizeable vessel causing 2 violent explosions, hit barge southern Pescadores, straffed large number Junks along China Coast around Pescadores hitting many.

(9) 8 Lightnings swept Eastern Borneo sinking 2 sea trucks 1 motor launch, damaging 1 sea truck, 4 motor boats and 1 barge. Mitchells dive bombed, straffed enemy defence positions Tarakan area, attacked left burning lugger Sandakan, straffed ship-yard same vicinity. Covered by Allied Cruisers and Destroyers, Minesweepers continued sweeping operation off Tarakan.

(10) Night 29th - 30th April Tawi Tawi based motor torpedo boats sank 1 lugger. Fired another, damaged 4 more north of Borneo.

(12) Delayed reports 29th. Liberators straffed 3 Schooners 60 miles north by west Kendari leaving 1 in flames damaging 2 single small Freighter Transport, 2 sea trucks in Makassar harbour. 3 Liberators on Makassar Strait shipping search straffed, left burning single small coaster sank single sea truck fired another small coaster.

(G.H.Q.S.W.P.A., 010920 to Admty.)

MANCHESTER  
CITY  
(clearance  
of U.S.  
Magazines)

Your 240317 April. MANCHESTER CITY requires nut coal as she is stoked mechanically.

(2) Request early signal whether:

- (a) necessary bunkers are available in Australia;
- (b) vessel can do round trip Australia/Manus/Australia without rebunkering.

(3) There is no possibility of obtaining special collier to carry bunkers to MANCHESTER CITY at Manus (V.A.(Q) B.P.F., 011843B to C. in C. B.P.F.)  
Reply 060156 Z.



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Far East and Australia - Contd.

ILLUSTRIOUS My 100752 not to all. Following defects in  
Damage ILLUSTRIOUS reported after examination at Leyte.  
(a) Outer W/T compartment 88-93 port. All  
transverse frames fractured. Three fractures in  
longitudinal frames. Two cracks in hull plating.  
(b) Outer W/T compartment 88-93 starboard. 3 transverse frames  
fractured. One longitudinal frame fractured. Two small cracks  
in outer hull plating.  
(c) Similar but less extensive defects in outer W/T compartments  
83-88 port and 93-97 port.  
(2) Estimated four to six weeks in dock required to make ship  
operational.  
(3) Subject confirmation of fitness for passage by further  
examination at Sydney, and in view of my 040525 March, intend  
ILLUSTRIOUS leave Sydney about 20th May and proceed to U.K. via  
Suez.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 012312Z to Admty.)

S/M Your 130849 and my 190830 April not to Admiralty.  
RORQUAL It is confirmed that there is no minelaying  
requirement for H.M.S. RORQUAL on the Pacific and  
this S/M is, therefore, no longer required.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 012313Z to Capt. (S.M.(4))).

Minelaying Admty. 162147A March, 050004A March and 212019A Feb.  
operations refer. U.S. authorities have stated that they  
by British have no minelaying requirements for either mines  
submarines M Mark 21, for mines Mark 16, in either S.W.  
Pacific or Central Pacific Areas.  
Para. 2. It is, therefore, intended to discontinue  
minelaying operations by British submarines of 4th  
and 8th Flotillas and no provision for the supply of mines for  
British submarines will now be required.  
Para. 3. Propose that stocks of mines already in Australia  
should remain.  
Para. 4. Admty. pass F.O.S. and C. in C. E.I. pass D.D.A.S.E.I.  
(C. in C. B.P.F. 012314Z to Admty.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN

Submarine For 24 hours to 0800Z 1st May.  
attack Para. B.  
and (1) P.S. PIORUN felt underwater explosion not far  
sighting away at 1538Z 30th April in 56° 33' N. 07° 21' W.  
summary. Probably U-boat torpedo.  
U.325mkk (2) A/C H/201 attacked U-boat with depth charges,  
hits uncertain at 0933Z 30th in 53° 42' N. 04° 55'  
W. and at 1015Z 30th April obtained H.T. contact.  
(3) E.G.14 attacked contact before 1659Z 30th in 53° 42' N.  
04° 55' W.



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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN

Submarine attack and sighting summary. (Contd.)

(4) A/C R/63 attacked "Snort" course 350° at 1607Z/30th in 48° 00' N. 06° 30' W.

(5) Russian A/C sighted surfaced U-boat at 0623Z 30th in 70° 22' N. 32° 47' E.

Para. C.

(1) H.M.S. WALKER attacked contact at 0724Z 30th in 55° 00' N. 05° 14' W.

Para. D.

(1) Bomber A/C sighted periscope and wash course 320° from 1200 feet at 1538Z 30th in 52° 53' N. 01° 52' E.

(2) Bomber A/C sighted submerged U-boat course 300° from 1200 feet at 1541Z 30th in 52° 55' N. 01° 43' E.

(3) A/C P/110 obtained A.S.V. contact H.T. negative at 1540Z/30th in 48° 30' N. 09° 06' W.

(D.D.I.C., 011201B to Cominch, N.S.H.Q. Ottawa.)

U-boat dispositions      Estimates.  
(D.D.I.C., 011402B to All Ships and Authorities).

Surrender of U-boats      A.M. 241201, para. 10 Cominch and N.S.H.Q. Ottawa have expressed general concurrence and made proposals for Western Atlantic. Arrangements in Eastern Atlantic have been simplified. My following two messages contain text of complete orders for U-boats at sea.

(2) In clarification of A.M. 241201 proposed procedure is set out below.

(3) If German Naval authorities co-operate in carrying out surrender Special Orders contained in A.M. 010128 will be issued to them by Allied representatives, who will at the same time direct that the U-boat Command should issue to all U-boats at sea at two hourly intervals the orders in my two following messages. This is considered only certain way of reaching all U-boats.

(4) If there are no suitable German Naval authorities willing to co-operate, the Allied representative will broadcast to the German Navy the Special Orders in A.M. 010128, promulgation of the orders in my two following messages will then be initiated by Admiralty in amplification of the orders of the Allied representatives. These orders will be broadcast on current German U-boat frequencies at two-hourly intervals.

(5) German texts of the Special orders to U-boats at sea in my two following messages are being prepared and will be passed to A.N.C.X.F. Cominch and N.S.H.Q. Ottawa by quickest means.

(6) Request immediate comments on paras. 3 and 4.

(P.A.S.(L), 010033B to A.N.C.X.F. Cominch.)

Surrender of U-boat Fleet.

A.M. 010033B. Following is text of first message:- begins. To all U-boats at sea. Carry out the following instructions forthwith, which have been given by the Allied representatives.

- (a) Surface immediately and remain surfaced.
- (b) Report immediately in plain language your position in latitude and longitude, and the number of your U-boat, to the nearest British, United States, Canadian or Soviet coast W/T station on 500 kcs. (600 metres) and to the call sign GZZ 10 on one of the following high frequencies 16845 - 12685 or 5970 kcs.
- (c) Fly a large black or blue flag by day.
- (d) Burn navigation lights by night.
- (e) Jettison all ammunition, remove breach block from guns and

/render...



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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN

Surrender  
of U-boat  
Fleet.  
(Contd.)

render torpedoes safe by removing pistols. All mines are to be rendered safe.  
(f) make all signals in plain language.  
(g) follow strictly the instructions for proceeding to Allied ports from your present area given in the immediately following message.  
(h) observe strictly the order of the Allied

representatives to refrain from scuttling or in any way damaging your U-boat.

(2) These instructions will be repeated at two-hour intervals until further notice.

(P.A.S.(L), approved V.C.N.S., 010041B, 010047B, 010128B) See Lion Copy.

U-boat  
report

My 221059 July, 1942.

(1) At 0504B on the 26th, M.T.Bs. 711 and 723 while on patrol S.W. of ~~USIR~~ Bergen Area, engaged with torpedo, depth charge, and gunfire, a U-boat which surfaced near them. The torpedoes missed, but the depth charges exploded between the conning tower and the stern and the U-boat was left stern down, on fire and apparently sinking.

(2) p.m. on the 29th E.G.19 covering the sailing of Convoy R.A.66 from Kola Inlet sank a surfaced U-boat by gunfire. It is possible that the U-boat had previously been damaged by mines laid in the area.

(3) Following the torpedoing of H.M.S. GOODALL on the 29th, E.G.19 attacked a bottomed asdic contact off Kola Inlet and brought oil and wreckage to the surface.

(4) At 1607 on the 30th M.A.D. Catalina R.63 on Rover patrol at 1500 ft. sighted and attacked a Schnorkel 40 miles S.W. of Ushant. Oil and wreckage was seen after retro bomb explosion. Follow-up by E.G.1 five hours later and oil sample taken.

(D.A.U.D., 011957B to Cominch, N.S.H.Q.)

U.286  
mark

U.1055  
mark



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010047B May

Date 1. 5. 45.

To COMINCH /  
N.S.H.Q. Ottawa /  
A.N.C.X.F. /  
Info Admiral Archer  
A.N.C.X.F. (PH)  
B.A.D.  
A.I.G.12 +  
COMNAVEU  
H.Q.C.C.  
C. in C. Mediterranean  
C. in C. East Indies  
C. in C. South Atlantic  
F.O.C. West Africa  
F.O.G.M.A.  
Air Ministry

Naval Cypher O.T.P. & O.T.P. T/K

From Admiralty

IMPORTANT to /

SURRENDER OF U-BOAT FLEET

A.M. 010033. Following is the text of second message:

Begins. To all U-boats at sea. Observe strictly the instructions already given to remain fully surfaced. Report your position, course and speed every 8 hours. Obey any instructions that may be given you by any Allied authority.

The following are the areas and routes for U-boats surrendering.

1. Area "A"

- (a) Bounded on the west by the Meridian of 26 degrees West, and the South by the parallel of 43 degrees North, in the Barents Sea by the Meridian of 20 ~~30~~ degrees East, in the Baltic Approaches by the line joining the Naze and Hantsholm but excluding the Irish Sea between 51 degs. 30 mins. North and 55 degs. North and the English Channel between the line Lands End, Scillies, Ushant and the line Dover-Calais.
- (b) Join one of the following routes at the nearest point and proceed along it to Loch Eriboll (58 degs. 33 mins. N. 04 degs. 37 mins. W.)

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Blue Route: 49 degs.00 min.N., 09 degs. 00 mins. West  
53 degs. 00 mins. N., 12 degs. 00 mins. West  
58 degs. 00 mins. N., 11 degs. 00 mins. West  
59 degs. 00 mins. N., 05 degs. 30 mins. West  
thence to Loch Eriboll.

Rcd Route: 53 degs. 45 mins. N., 03 degs. 00 mins. East  
59 degs. 45 mins. N., 01 degs. 00 mins. West  
59 degs. 45 mins. N., 03 degs. 00 mins. West  
thence to Loch Eriboll.

(c) Arrive at Loch Eriboll between sunrise and 3 hours before sunset.

2. Area "B"

(a) The Irish Sea between parallels of 51 degs. 30 min.N. and 55 degs. 00 min.North.

(b) Proceed to Beaumaris Bay (53 degs. 19 mins. North, 03 degs. 58 mins. West) to arrive between sunrise and 3 hours before sunset.

3. Area "C"

(a) The English Channel between line Lands End-Scillies-Ushant and line Dover-Calais.

(b) U-boats in Area "C" are to join one of the following routes at the nearest point:-

Green Route: Position 'A' 49 degs.10 mins.N.05 deg.40 min.W.  
Position 'B' 50 deg. 00 mins.N.03 deg.00 min.W.  
thence escorted to Weymouth.

Orange Route:Position 'X' 50 deg.30 min.N. 00 deg.50 min.E.  
Position 'Y' 50 deg.10 min.N. 01 deg.50 min.W.  
thence escorted to Weymouth.

(c) Arrive at either 'B' or 'Y' between sunrise and 3 hours before sunset.

4. Area "D"

(a) Bounded on the West by a line joining the Naze and Hantsholm and on the East by a line joining Lubeck and Trelleborg.

(b) Proceed to Kiel.

5. Area "E"

(a) Mediterranean Approaches bounded on the North by 43 degs. N., on the South by 26 degs. North and on the West by 26 degs. West.

/(b)



- (b) Proceed to a rendezvous in position 'A' 36 degs. 00 mins. N., 11 degs. 00 mins. W. and await escort reporting expected time of arrival in plain language to Admiral Gibraltar on 500 kcs.
- (c) Arrive in position 'A' between sunrise and noon G.M.

6. Area "F"

- (a) The North and South Atlantic West of 26 degs. West.
- (b) Proceed to the nearest of one of the following points, arriving between sunrise and 3 hours before sunset:-

- W. 43 degs. 30 mins. N., 70 degs. W.  
approaching from a point 15 miles due East.
- X. 38 degs. 20 mins. N., 74 degs. 25 mins. W.  
approaching from a point 15 miles due East.
- Y. 47 degs. 18 mins. N., 52 degs. 30 mins. W.  
approaching from point 47 degs. 18 mins. N.,  
51 degs. 30 mins. W. on a course of 270 degs.
- Z. 43 degs. 31 mins. N., 65 degs. 05 mins. W.  
approaching from point 42 degs. 59 mins. N.  
64 degs. 28 mins. W. on a course of 320 degs.

010047B *amended by 021845 B.*

P.A.S.(L)(86)  
Approved V.C.N.S.

+ F.O.'s in charge and N.O.'s in  
charge in U.K.

1st Lord  
1st S.L.(3)  
V.C.N.S.  
Secretary  
A.C.N.S.(H)  
A.C.N.S.(F)  
A.C.N.S.(UT)(2)  
U.W.R.  
D.O.D.(H)(3)  
D.O.D.(F)(2)  
D.C.  
D. of P.(2)  
D. of P.(G)(3)  
D.A/S.W.  
D.A.J.D.  
D.T.D.(4)  
Ad.Blake (4)  
D.S.D.

P.A.S.(S)  
P.A.S.(L)  
Hd. of M.(10)  
D.M.S.  
D.D.O.D.(C)  
W.D.  
D.D.I.C.(2)  
C.N.M.O.  
D.N.I.(4)

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**HUSH-MOST SECRET**

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010128B/May

To: COMINCH +  
N.S.H.Q. Ottawa +  
Admiral Archer +  
A.N.C.X.F. +  
A.N.C.X.F. (PH)  
B.A.D.  
A.I.G. 12 /  
COMNAVFEU  
H.Q.C.C.  
C. in C. Medn.  
C. in C. E.I.  
C. in C. S.A.  
F.O.C. West Africa  
F.O.G.M.A.  
Air Ministry

Date: 1.5.45

NAVAL CYPHER (OTP) O.T.P. T/K.

FROM ADMIRALTY.

IMPORTANT +

SURRENDER OF U. BOAT FLEET

A.M. 241201 paras. 1(a) and 7 COMINCH and N.S.H.Q. Ottawa have agreed. Subject to Soviet concurrence, following is amended version of the Special Orders to German Navy - begins

"The following special orders are to be complied with by the German High Command and by all German Naval Authorities.

1. The German High Command will forthwith direct all German and German-controlled warships, auxiliaries, merchant ships and other craft to comply with the following instructions:

(a) All warships, auxiliaries, merchant ships and other craft in harbour are to remain in harbour pending further directions from the Allied representatives.

(b) All warships, auxiliaries, merchant ships and other craft at sea are to report their positions in plain language immediately to the nearest British, U.S. or Soviet Coast W/T station on 500 kcs (600 metres) and to the call sign GZZ 10 on one of the following high frequencies - 16845, 12685 kcs or 5970 kcs and proceed on the surface to the nearest German or Allied port or such port as the Allied representatives may direct and remain there pending further directions from the Allied representatives. At night they are to show lights and to display searchlights with beams held vertically.

/ (c) .....



(c) All submarines at sea are to surface at once, fly a black flag or pendant and report their position in plain language immediately to the nearest British, U.S. or Soviet Coast W/T station on 500 kcs (600 metres) and to the call sign GZZ 10 on one of the following high frequencies - 16845, 12685 kcs or 5970 kcs and proceed on the surface to the nearest German or Allied port or such port as the Allied representatives may direct, and remain there pending further directions from the Allied representatives. At night they are to show lights.

(d) All warships and merchant ships whether in port or at sea will immediately train all weapons fore and aft. All torpedo tubes will be unloaded and breech blocks will be removed from all guns.

(e) All warships and merchant ships in German or German-controlled harbours will immediately land and store in safety all ammunition, war-heads and other explosives. They will land all portable weapons but, pending further instructions, warships will retain on board the fixed armament. Fire control and all other equipment will be maintained on board intact and fully efficient.

(f) All minesweeping vessels are to carry out the measures of disarmament proscribed in (d) and (e) above and are to be prepared immediately for minesweeping service under the direction of the Allied representatives, and are to complete with fuel where necessary.

(g) The movement of transport on the inland waterways of Germany may continue. No vessels moving on inland waterways will proceed to neutral waters.

2. The German High Command will forthwith direct that -

(a) German naval aircraft are not to leave the ground or water or ship pending directions from the Allied representatives:

(b) Naval aircraft in the air are to return immediately to their bases.

3. The German High Command will forthwith direct that any neutral merchant ships in German and German-controlled ports are to be detained pending further directions from the Allied representatives.

4. The German High Command will forthwith issue categorical directions that -

(a) no ship, vessel or craft of any description is to be scuttled or any damage done to their hull, machinery or equipment.

/ (b) .....

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(b) all harbour works and port facilities of whatever nature, including telecommunications and radar stations, are to be preserved and kept free from destruction or damage pending further directions from the Allied representatives, and all necessary steps taken and all necessary orders issued to prohibit any act of scuttling, sabotage, or other wilful damage.

(c) all boom defences at all ports and harbours are to be opened and kept open at all times; where possible, they are to be removed.

(d) all controlled minefields at all ports and harbours are to be disconnected and rendered ineffective.

(e) all demolition charges in all ports and harbour works are to be removed or rendered ineffective and their presence indicated.

(f) the existing wartime system of navigational lighting is to be maintained, except that all dimmed lights are to be shown at full brilliancy, and lights only shown by special arrangements are to be exhibited continuously.

(g) all pilotage services are to continue to operate and all pilots are to be held at their normal stations ready for service and equipped with charts.

(h) German Naval and other personnel concerned in the operation of ports and administrative services in ports are to remain at their stations and to continue to carry out their normal duties.

5. The German High Command will prepare to despatch forthwith to Allied Naval Authorities, both in the Baltic, Mediterranean and North Sea Areas, responsible officers with -

(a) corrected copies of charts showing all minefields laid by German and German-controlled vessels or aircraft, and all other underwater obstructions.

(b) details of all German coastal convoy routes and searched channels, and of all buoys, lights and other navigational aids. Appropriate navigational publications are to be provided.

(c) exact information with regard to the disposition of German naval units, and to the present location of all Departments and Branches of O.K.M.

(d) detailed lists of fuel stocks, including furnace, diesel petrol and coal.

/ Detailed .....



Detailed directions are being issued separately by the respective Allied representatives concerning the places at which these officers are to report and the method by which they are to proceed to those places.

6. The German High Command will forthwith direct that except as may be required for the purpose of giving effect to the above special orders -

(a) all personnel in German warships, auxiliaries, merchant ships and other craft, are to remain on board their ships pending further directions from the Allied representatives.

(b) all Naval personnel ashore are to remain in their establishments.

Ends.

010128B amended by 03/24/53

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

West Coast  
France.

1. (a) All resistance has ceased on Oleron.  
(b) In La Rochelle sector Yves and Voutron have been occupied.

Western .  
Approaches.

2. (a) Tenth Escort Group, has laid, on H.T. barrier on a line  $310^{\circ}$  from  $56^{\circ} 45\frac{1}{2}'$  N.  $10^{\circ} 1\frac{1}{2}'$  W. (about 80 miles west of Barra Is.)  
(b) Force 36 has brought up German wreckage and chattels from "Contact W.192", about 15 miles south of the Isle of Man.

Northern  
Waters.

3. EBOR WYKE, M/S trawler, was torpedoed and sunk with the loss of all but one hand, 7 miles north of Skagi, Iceland.

Foreign Stations.

Mediterranean.

Enemy  
surrender.

4. An instrument has been signed on behalf of German Commander in Chief South West making unconditional surrender of all German and Italian Naval and Air Forces under his command to take effect from noon (G.M.T.) today. This includes all enemy forces in Italy west of the Isonzo and all such forces in certain parts of Austria.

Malta.

5. Vice Admiral Sir F.H.G. Dalrymple Hamilton, K.C.B., took over duties of Vice Admiral Malta and Central Mediterranean a.m. today.

Adriatic.

6. SS. NEURALIA (Br. 9,182 tons) proceeding from Split (Dalmatia) to Taranto struck a mine at 0256 today in  $40.11$  N.  $17.44$  E. (about 20' E.S.E. of Taranto.) There were no troops on board. The crew were picked up by other Allied vessels including Italian cruiser <sup>GISEPPE</sup> GARIBALDI.

Aegean.

7. In support of commando raids on Rhodes and Alimnia (N.W. of Rhodes) last night destroyer CATTERICK shelled an enemy post. One E.M.S. craft was also destroyed on the raid on Alimnia.

Movements.

8. NELSON left Gibraltar for Malta.  
ANSON and DUKE OF YORK arrived Malta from Scapa.



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East Indies.

Operation  
"Dracula."

9. (a) In combined operations for capture of Rangoon a Ghurka Parachute Battalion was dropped yesterday 4 miles S.W. of Elephant Point (west side of entrance to Rangoon River) and encountered no opposition.

(b) The 1st wave of the amphibious assault toucheddown early this morning on the beaches in the vicinity of Elephant Point and encountered no opposition. 3 Indian battalions were landed the same morning and are making good progress and encountered no opposition. Continuous rain has stopped landing of vehicles.

(c) Force 63 bombarded the rear airfield this morning.

Capture of  
Rangoon.

36<sup>th</sup> Brigade landed in Rangoon town at 1835 T.G. There was no opposition. cap. 53

Far East and Australia.

China.

10. A number of small vessels were sunk or damaged by aircraft in the China Sea yesterday and today.



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Policy

Post-Peace U-Boat surrenders. Request you will arrange Air Co-operation in connection with operation "Adieu" as Commanders in Chief and Cominch may require. (Admt, D.O.D.(H), 021259B to H.Q.C.C.) Your 010131. Soviet amendment accepted and necessary alteration has been made in text of para. 1 (A) of Admiralty Message 010047.

(2) We are working on the assumption that Russians will arrange for promulgation of their own instructions for areas for which they are responsible. They will presumably advise us of the procedure they intend.

(P.A.S.(L) Approved V.C.N.S. 021844B to Admiral Archer etc.)  
A/967 2nd May. The instructions given in my 292030 29th April as amended by A.964 1 May remain in force until cessation of hostilities with Germany. As soon as hostilities with Germany cease U-Boats will be given the following surrender orders by Admiralty.

(1) (A) Surface. Remain surfaced and report position.  
(B) Fly black or dark blue flag day and burn navigation lights at night.  
(C) Jettison ammunition render torpedoes safe by removing pistols and render mines safe.  
(D) Proceed by fixed routes to prescribed ports for preliminary examination.

(2) Any U-Boat sighted and obeying orders in para. 1 is not to be attacked unless it commits a hostile act. A/C sighting are to report immediately P.C. and S. of U-Boat to A.C.H.Q. and await instructions.

(3) These instructions will be brought into force by the Admiralty by signal to A.C.H.Qs. and other naval authorities concerned. Groups requested to arrange air co-operation as Commanders in Chief and other Naval Authorities may require.

(4) Codeword for this operation follows.  
(5) Admiralty signals 021249B and 021259B/May refer. (H.Q.C.C. 021932B to Coastal Command)  
A/968 2 May. My A/967/2 May. Codeword "Adieu".  
(H.Q.C.C. 021945B to Coastal Commands)

Possible U-Boat surrenders. A.G.M.55AZ - B.3 of 28th April. In view of A.M. 011847 cancel my 302333 neither to all.

(2) In anticipation of U-Boats surrendering to A/C in the Western Approaches Command before the cease fire, air authorities concerned are requested to brief air crews forthwith as follows:

(A) The U-Boat should be ordered to proceed on the surface towards one of the following ports whichever is the nearest: Stornoway, Lough Foyle, Holyhead, Fishguard.

(B) The A/C should remain in touch with the U-Boat until PLE or until relieved by surface forces or another A/C.

(3) Surface forces will be directed by C. in C. Western Approaches to intercept the U-Boat and will escort it to Loch Alsh or Beaumaris Bay according to position and circumstances.  
(C. in C. W.A. 022302B to H.Q.C.C., F.O.N.A.S. F.O.C.T.)

/Discharge ...



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Operations

North Sea

Discharge  
Situation  
Report.

Cositintrep No.393 Part 4.  
Discharge by sea - 24 hour period ending 1600A/1  
May.

	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Stores</u>	<u>Bulk Coal</u>	<u>Bulk Pol</u>	<u>G.F. Ammo</u>
<u>British</u>						
Antwerp	159	230	12,739	-	7,322	1,663
Ostend	1,994	356	341	-	-	19
Caen	-	-	-	1,983	-	-
Calais	2,774	-	45	-	-	-
Totals:	4.927	586	13,125	1,983	7,322	1,682
<u>U.S.North</u>						
Antwerp	-	172	17,398	-	-	612
Cherbourg	-	38	4,821	1,303	5,866	1,960
Le Havre	9,760	55	6,463	115	1,210	1,587
Rouen	13	66	4,048	591	3,242	736
Ghent	-	-	12,662	-	-	3,472
Totals:	9.773	331	45,392	2,009	10,318	8,367
<u>U.S.South</u>						
Marseilles	3,678	85	14,410	340	-	-
Port de Bouc	-	-	3,447	1,156	-	-
Toulon	-	-	90	-	-	-
Totals:	3,678	85	17,947	1,496	-	-

Army coal discharged at French operated ports.  
Dieppe 316 tons, Morlaix 1,155 tons, St. Malo 100 tons.  
(S.H.A.E.F. 021715A to Admty. and others)

Patrols.

Patrols for night Thursday 3rd May.  
1 COWDRAY, 2 BROCKLESBY, 3 HAMBLEDON, 4 CHIDDING-  
FOLK, 5 ALBRIGHTON, 6 MALLARD, 7 EASTON, 8 TANAT-  
SIDE.

Coastal force units F.C.1 to 8 R/V patrols at 2300B.  
(2) 12 TORRINGTON with coastal forces from U.K.  
14 LAMERTON, 16 RIOU with coastal forces from Ostend,  
17 KRAKOWIAK, 18 ARENDAL, 19 STAYNER with coastal forces from  
Ostend., 21 EGGESFORT, 22 CAICOS with C/F from U.K. Coastal  
Forces from Ostend R/V frigates at 2200B.  
(3) Escorts for T.A.M. 58 GARTH and KITTIWAKE, T.A.P.23 BLEN-  
CATHRA.  
(4) Coastal Forces from U.K.  
Patrol 1, unit 2 M.T.Bs. F.C.1 with COWDRAY.  
Patrol 2, unit 2 M.T.Bs F.C.2 with BROCKLESBY.  
Patrol 3, unit 2 M.T.Bs F.C.3 HAMBLEDON.  
Patrol 4, unit 2 M.T.Bs F.C.4 with CHIDDINGFOLD.  
Patrol 5, unit 2 M.T.Bs F.C.5 with ALBRIGHTON.  
Patrol 6, unit 2 M.T.Bs. F.C.6 with MALLARD.

/Patrol 7...



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Patrols. Patrol 7 with 2 M.T.Bs F.C.7 with EASTON.  
(Contd.) Patrol 8 unit 2 M.T.Bs. F.C.8 with TANATSIDE.  
Patrol 12, unit 4 M.T.Bs F.L.2, F.L.3.  
Patrol 22, unit 4 M.T.Bs F.B.8, F.B.9.  
Patrol 51, 52, 53, 1 M.L. on each.

TSXB 5035 6 M.T.B.s units F.A.2, F.A.3, F.A.1.  
XJXB 4048 4 M.T.Bs units F.B.3 from Ostend.  
ZJYU 2316 2 M.T.Bs unit F.A.8.  
XJYU 2100 2 M.T.Bs unit F.B.2.  
XJYU 4126 3 M.L.s unit F.G.5.  
XYJU 3312 4 M.T.Bs F.H. 3, F.H.4.  
Patrol 16 4 M.T.Bs F.G.2, F.G.3.  
XJYU 2525 3 M.Ls F.G.4.  
(C. in C. Nore, 021756B to Nore Command)

R/C of Bremen. Ref. Cositintrep No.392 para. 2 Bremen.  
Preliminary R/C completed. Only vessels afloat  
in Port area 2 small harbour tugs serviceability  
not determined. Direct bomb hit on unfinished  
S/M pen in area between Weser and Industrie Hafen  
caused superficial damage only. Pen is 2,000 feet long, estimated  
capacity 15 large S/Ms, walls 4 metres, roof 5 metres.  
(A.N.C.X.F. 022325A to Admty.)

OperationsChannel

Patrols. (1) On arrival off "F" Buoy establish anti-midget  
patrol on a line joining F buoy to EA 3 Buoy.  
Occasional scaring charges are to be dropped.  
(2) On completion of patrol about 0600B/3rd,  
proceed in accordance with orders to be signalled later.  
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 021256B to DUCKWORTH, COOKE.)  
(1) Request you will sail two M.T.Bs Unit GC at 0930B/3rd  
to establish anti-midget patrol on a line joining F Buoy and E.A.  
5 Buoy.  
(2) Five pound scaring charges should be dropped occasionally.  
(3) At 0930B/4th ships leave patrol and return to Base.  
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 021635B to HORNET-)  
My 021635B. Para. (2) Scaring charges are not to be  
dropped between 1400B and 1730B tomorrow Thursday 3rd May.  
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 021824B to HORNET)

OperationsWest Coast France

Patrols. Intend to sail F.S. L'AVENTURE and L'ALCYON for  
patrol area 27 at 0800B/3rd via Q.Z.S. 617,  
thence to position 47.20 N. 05.00 W. thence R/V  
20 miles west of Ile d'Yeu with HOVA and LA  
SURPRISE at 2100B/3rd, speed 15 knots. HOVA and  
LA SURPRISE will return to Brest by reverse route,  
E.T.A. 1200B/4th.  
(C.F.N.T.F. 021735B to C. in C. Plymouth)  
/Ile d'Oleron ...



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d'Oleron.

G.2 summary No.122 Part I dated 2nd May, 1945 covering period 2400B/30 to 2400B/1. Western France all resistance ceased Oleron Island. Allied progress continued Rochelle Sector; only light enemy artillery reported and Allies occupied Yves (T.3819) and Voutron (T.4022).  
(S.H.A.E.F. 021825B to War Office)

OperationsWestern ApproachesAnti-U-Boat  
deep mining.

As it is desired to reduce the accumulation of prepared mines now at Milford Haven, ARIADNE is to lay minefield Y in her next two lays and then resume laying in minefield J.  
(C. in C. W.A. 020935B to F.O.I.C. Milford)

H.T. barrier  
80 miles  
west of  
Barra Head.

Operation completed. Your 011252B/refs. Details follow. Suitable.  
(S.O.E.G.10, 021053B to C. in C. W.A.)  
"High Tea" barrier laid centre line course 310 degs. from position 56 degs. 45' 30" N. 10 degs. 01' 30" W. (X.23). All "High Tea" working correctly. Blue 9 Red 28 and Yellow 29 only failures were replaced by Blue Red and Yellow Zero respectively. Markers set to operate at 1100 and report (corrupt group) by A/C. Suitable. Weather report 6678 2123 57 degs. 11 degs.  
(S.O.E.G.10, 021141B to C. in C. W.A.) / Lay "High Tea" barrier.

U-Boat  
destroyed.

Your 011938B / Contact. Located dan-buoy (?deposited). Oil still rising. Amended position within 1 mile 053 degs. 40' 10" N. 004 degs. S. 53 ' 30" W. Intend searching for W.192 leaving to support U.C.66A unless otherwise ordered.  
(S.O.Force 36, 021141B to C. in C. W.A.)  
/ endeavour to confirm that previous contact is W.192.

Have promising bottomed contact within one mile of 53 degs. 43' 30" N. 04 degs. 57' 40" W. Length 180 feet, height 20 feet. Squid attack has produced oil believed to be diesel. Intend to mark with Dan Buoy and attack again before joining U.C.66A.  
(S.O. Force 36, 021656B to C. in C. W.A.)

My 021656B, not to all addressees. Second Squid attack produced large quantity of diesel oil and objects of German origin, including a letter, Hamburg train ticket and Nazi Eagle insignia, tin believed to contain present Mark Wehrm 18 and a boot marked Helbig and some wood Dan is deposited (?). Oil now covers an area of about 4 square miles. Consider this is W.192, depth of water 37 fathoms (?). Intend to support U.C.C. 66A to southern limit.  
(S.O. Force 36, 021943B to C. in C. W.A.)

/Possible ...



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Western Approaches - Contd.

Possible U-Boat. Have attacked bottomed contact in position 50 degs. 37' N. 08 degs. 38' W. by QH. Now gives off quantities of light oil and small bubbles (?) showing no movement.  
 (2) Initial contact was ahead of convoy H.X.A.351 and was counter-attacked with depth charges and subsequently deliberately attacked with depth charges and hedgehogs.  
 (3) Echo sounder traces give dimension about 30 feet high and 300 feet long, lying in approx. direction 040 degs.  
 (4) Am rejoining convoy.  
 (S.O.E.G. 1, 021555B to C. in C. W.A.)

Possible gnat torpedo. Explosion at 2225B probably Gnat astern of LANCASTER CASTLE detonated by PMM Unit. My position 051 degs. 39½ N. 007 degs. 16' W. (X). (HADLEIGH CASTLE, 022228B to C. in C. W.A.) Your 022228 not to all addressees. Remain in this vicinity until A.T. 206 has passed. (C. in C. W.A. 022343B to HADLEIGH CASTLE)  
 Your 022228. Report estimated height of plume and speed of ship through water at the time. (C. in C. W.A. 022338B to HADLEIGH CASTLE)  
 / Explosion of LANCASTER CASTLE. / Explosion at 2225B. My 022228B. Continuing search in the area. Suitable. (HADLEIGH CASTLE, 022321B to C. in C. W.A.)

Operations

Norway

Operation S.C. Ramose Maize sailed HITRA from Balta at 0600B/2nd May. (2) Air escort not especially required on return journey. (N.O.I.C. Lerwick, 020603B to C. in C. H.F.)

Operation "Judgement". A.M. 301026B. Further B.3 report states that on leaving <sup>B.3</sup> ~~B.3~~ yesterday 1st May SIGURD JARL had on board 50 Quislings about 600 evacuees, and 150 Germans. Comment, estimated to be in Rorvik area to-day 2nd May. (D.D.I.D. 021048B to C. in C. H.F.)

Operation V.P. Intend carrying out V.P.73 with 2 M.T.Bs.  
 (1) 1100B/3rd May.  
 (2) Not later than 0200B/4th May.  
 (3) Not later than 0600B/4th May.  
 (4) 253 degs. toward Noss Head. Not more than 20 knots. (5) Not later than p.m. 4th May.  
 (6) No. (7) No. (8) 073 degs. Noss Head Bressay. (9) No. (N.O.I.C. Lerwick, 021932B to C. in C. H.F.)

/ My ...



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Operations

Norway

Operation My 021932B.  
V.P. (1) 073 degs. from Noss Head. Not more than 20  
(Contd.) knots.  
(2) 60 degs. 57' N. 04 degs. 30' E.  
(3) Blank.  
(N.O.I.C.Lerwick, 021934B to C. in C. H.F.)

Intend to carry out V.P.207 with one M.T.B.

- (1) 1200B/3rd May.
- (2) Not later than 0200B/4th May.
- (3) Not later than 0600B/4th May.
- (4) 249 degs. toward Noss Head. Not more than 20 knots.
- (5) Not later than p.m. 4th May.
- (6) No. (7) No.
- (8) 069 degs. Noss Head Bressay. (9) No.

(N.O.I.C.Lerwick, 021947B to C. in C. H.F.)

My 021947.

- (1) 069 degs. from Noss Head. Not more 20 knots.
- (2) 61 degs. 10' N. 04 degs. 30' E.
- (3) Blank.

(N.O.I.C.Lerwick, 021949B to C. in C. H.F.)

Operations

Northern Waters

Surrender of German A.S.R. launch. (A) 2nd May 1945.  
(B) Hq. 18 Gp. RO/P9.  
(C) A/C H/519.  
(D) 1 Enemy M.T.B. surrendering 62.13 N. 00.58 E.  
Request instructions.  
(Pitreavie, 021400B to Admty.)  
(A) 2nd May, 1945. (B) H.Q.18 Gp. RO/P10.

(C) A/C H/519.

Enemy previously reported is large launch number FIB 590 course 239 M speed of ship is now 25 knots.  
(Pitreavie, 021650 to Admty.)

Convoy J.W.67. Regret sailing date of J.W. 67 cannot be postponed except for urgent operational reasons.  
(2) C. in C. W.A. is requested to detail close escort in place of E.G.7.  
(3) Support Group will be provided if general

U-Boat situation permits.

C. in C. W.A's 300015 April and C. in C. H.F. (Afloat's) 011546 refer.

(D.O.D.(H) Approved, A.C.N.S.(H), 021657B to C. in C. H.F.  
C. in C. W.A.)

Tanker LAURELWOOD. Your 122246 April. Soviet Naval Staff now say that tanker is not required at present but that further request will be made if needed later.  
(Adm. Archer, 021202B to Admty.)

/Sinking ...



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Sinking of EBORWYKE. EBORWYKE sunk suspect torpedo position 004 degs. Skagi 6.5. (CLEVELLA, 021123Z to A.C.I.C. EBORWYKE sunk 1333B to-day Wednesday 2nd May in position 004 Skagi 7. Presumed torpedoed. Ship broke in half and sank immediately. Only one survivor the coxswain second hand John Milnes O.N.L./JX 210914 list of casualties follows. (A.C.I.C.021730B to Admty.)

Casualties and Defects

H.M.C.S. ORKNEY and COPPER CLIFF in collision in Lough  
COPPER CLIFF Foyle on 26th April. COPPER CLIFF minor damage  
corvette repairs completed 27th April ORKNEY completion  
v. date 6th May. Board of enquiry held 27th  
H.M.C.S. ORK- April and minutes and findings will be forwarded  
NEY, corvette. shortly.  
(Com. D. W.A. 022122B to C.N.M.O.)

Movements

TAURUS, Sailed H.M.S/M TAURUS in convoy K.M.S.100.  
S/M. Communications as in A.F.O. S. 2/45 table 2 (3)  
line 4.  
Latest messages Q.B. 554, Q.B.A. 152, Q.B.B. 505,  
Q.B.C. 987, Q.B.H. C. 463, Q.B.Y. 246, B.513,  
U.K.A.C. 52, K.37.  
(F.O.I.C.Greenock, 020408B to Admty. F.O.G.M.A.)

ROCKSAND Sailed ROCKSAND in K.M.S. 100 for Mediterranean  
L.S.I.(L). for O/R to India. First port of call Port Said.  
(F.O.I.C.Greenock, 020444B to Admty. F.O.G.M.A.)

BELFAST, My 251742B and your 261920B.  
Cruiser. In view of trials to be carried out en route it  
is not convenient for BELFAST to arrive Rosyth  
before p.m. Sunday 6th May and, therefore to  
Basin Monday 7th May for tilt test.  
(2) It is hoped this is acceptable and will involve no delay in  
tilt test.  
(F.O.I.C.Tyne, 021100B to A.S. Rosyth)

TEME TEME accepted into Reserve Category 'C' by  
Frigate. F.O.C.R.F. on 28th April.  
(F.O.C.R.F. 021530B to Admty.)

HIGHWAY, HIGHWAY is to be sailed in K.M.S.101 for Med.  
L.S.D. and/or to India. Your 011246 refers. A.M.  
201900 April (not to C. in C. W.A.) para. 3.  
is to be amended.  
(2) Request you will arrange accordingly.  
(C.O.D.(Mov.) 021623B to C. in C. Plymouth)



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WARSPITE.

WARSPITE is to be reduced to Category C.  
Reserve forthwith.  
(Admty. Hd.of M.II, 021635B to F.O.C.R.F.)

DELHI  
cruiser.

My 021253 April, DELHI is to be reduced to  
category C Reserve forthwith.  
(Admty, H. of M.II, 022035B to C. in C. Nore,  
F.O.C.R.F.)



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S/M  
TAURUS H.M.S. TAURUS sailed in convoy O.S.126/K.M.S.100 for Gibraltar, Malta and Far East.  
(Capt. S.M.(3), 020911B to F.O.G.M.A.)

NELSON Sail when ready for Malta.  
(8) Unescorted.  
(9) Report (a) Intended time of sailing.  
(b) E.T.A. Malta.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 021505B to NELSON.)

SUSSEX Return to Gibraltar by reverse of outward route.  
(D.O.D.(F), 021604B to SUSSEX.)  
A.M. 021604 not to V.A. Malta.  
Request you will onward route SUSSEX to Malta.  
C. in C. Med., 141910 March, not to F.O.G.M.A., refers.  
(D.O.D.(F), 021618B.)

Escort Your 021055 not to C. in C. Mediterranean.  
CALPE and BRECON are to escort SILVER OAK to U.K.  
Destination will be signalled later.  
(Plot (O.D.), 021812B to F.O.G.M.A.)

U-boat  
Surrender A/969 2nd May. Your A.157 2nd May not to all.  
(1) My A.961 29th April as amended by A.964 1st May applies until instructions contained in my A.967 2nd May (Admty. signal 021249B refers) are brought into force.  
(2) U-boat should not be taken to Horta but should proceed in accordance with paragraph three of Admiralty Message 282333. Reports should be repeated immediately to Cominch C. in C. W.A. or F.O.G.M.A. as appropriate and instructions requested.  
( H.Q.C.C., 022021B to H.Q. 247 Group, Azores.)

NELSON  
and  
destroyers Arrived H.M. ships NELSON, CAVENDISH, CAPRICE.  
Sailed 2145/2 NELSON for Malta.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 022157B to Admty.)

South Atlantic

KENYA  
(cruiser) Destination in U.K. for KENYA is Sheerness.  
A.M. 161127 March not to all refers.  
(D.O.D.(F), 021632B to F.O.C.W.A.F.)



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*Mined at 2350Z on May 1,  
D.C.L., 4/5 and 26/7.*

Mediterranean

SS. NEURALIA (sunk) SSS SSS mined off Ova Light. (SS. NEURALIA, No T.O.O./2 to Bizerta.) NEURALIA struck mine at 0256 today Wednesday and has sunk in position 40° 11' N., 17° 44' E. no troops on board. Crew in lifeboats and are being picked up by POSTBOY, FRISKY and Italian Cruiser GARIBALDI. Wind south-south-west, sea rough. (2) NEURALIA was routed as in B.N.L.O. Split's 300937A April not to V.A.M. (F.O.T.A.L.I., 020907 to C. in C. Med.)

GIUSEPPE

Air Balkan Air Force: Fighters on shipping R/C Cosintrep No. 660. sighted convoy of 30 ships off Salvore Point. Dummy attack was carried out and convoy hoisted white flag. (H.Q.M.A.A.F., 021100B to W.O.)

Malta. Vice-Admiral Sir F.H.G. Dalrymple-Hamilton, Change of Command. K.C.B. has taken over duties of Vice-Admiral Malta and Central Mediterranean a.m./today 2nd May. (V.A.M., 021153 to Admty.)

South Aegean Summary. G.1/09278 cipher 2nd May. 037963. To 0900 hours 2nd May, 1945. (1) Shipping and military. Ph/R 1st May reveals: Rhodes. With exception of one Red Cross caique no craft has left the area. Reports indicate following surrender developments. Leros. Mission to surrender island reported prepared leave 1st May for Samos. No confirmation yet of having left. Rhodes mission under Red Cross delegate dispatched from island 30th April for Bodrum. M.A. Ankara informed but purpose mission not stated. Wireless contact being established with Rhodes German H.Q. Wagener and A.D.C. ill in hospital. Major Koch, Chief of Staff assumed command and ordered troops concentrate interior of island. Demolitions Leros and Kos in progress. (C. in C. M.E., 021215C to W.O., etc.) Dodecanese. (1) Am receiving indications of German intention to surrender as follows: (2) On 30th April usually reliable source reported German deputation preparing sail Leros to Samos to offer surrender Leros Grn. Launch reported standing by with interpreter 1st May. (3) Explosion heard Kos 30th April. 1st May demolitions reported Leros and Kos. (4) On 1st May Force 281 received message addressed by Wagener to Gen. Arnold, Ankara. Comn. states Red Cross delegate left for Bodrum on 30th April and German High Command had authorised suggested meeting. Presumably Red Cross. rep. brings detailed proposal. This supports reports that Wagener has received instructions to surrender. (5) Actions taken as under. (A) Ref. (2). Military party and naval craft proceeding Samos with orders to hold emissaries. (B) Ref. (4). On receipt suggestions for meeting Wagener will be told to contact Comd. Force 281 on Syml. (C. in C. M.E., 021930B to A.F.H.Q.)

/ U/B ...



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U/B  
surrender. Request you make necessary arrangements to meet para. (5) (d) and (e) of A.M. 241201 April\*. (V.C.N.S., 021253B to C. in C. Med., C. in C. S.A., C. in C. E.I., F.O.C.W.Af.)  
\* Surrender of U-Boat Fleet.

L.C.T.  
MZ.722. (1) Italians have requested return to them of Italian L.C.T. MZ.722, captured by British at Leros on 8th Sept., 1943.  
(2) Vessel is no longer required by Allied Navies in Mediterranean and is unfit for use other than as a dumb lighter.  
(A.F.H.Q., 021545Z to Agwar.)

U.S.  
destroyers  
and frigates. U.S.S. SAMPSON, THOMSON, JENKS, DURIK, ORLANDO, NEW BEDFORD, U.S.S. PARKER left. French S/M MORSE arrived.  
(Comnab. Oran, 021750 to Cominch, Admty.)

M.S.F. Information is requested as to when it is anticipated that 180th M.S.F. will be sailed from Malta to continue their passage to E.F. (D.M.S., 021824B to C. in C. Med.)  
Reply: 041240.

Enemy  
surrender. An instrument has been signed on behalf of German Commander in Chief, South West making unconditional surrender of all German and Italian land, naval and air forces under his command, this includes all enemy forces in Italy west of the Isonzo and all such forces in certain parts of Austria.  
(2) This surrender took effect from 1400B today 2nd May, 1945.  
(3) Among the orders laid down for enemy naval forces is one which states that all ships and submarines at sea at the time of surrender wherever they may be are to return to their normal base and are to remain there, armaments of these ships are to be trained fore and aft, there are however certain ships which have already left Trieste apparently with the intention of surrendering, such ships should be directed to Ancona, similar action may be taken by ships from Pola, any enemy ships or craft which are sighted at sea should nevertheless be treated as suspect until their bona fides have been ascertained.  
(4) Any enemy aircraft in flight should continue to be considered hostile.  
(C. in C. Med., 021830B to Admty.)  
My 021830. It is particularly emphasized that the German Naval Force Base ports east of the Isonzo thus including Trieste and Pola may consider that as they come under the German Commander in Chief, South East they are therefore not bound by this surrender, in any case it is stressed that certain German formations and units are likely to disregard the order to surrender and will be ordered to fight.  
(C. in C. Med., 021832B to Admty.)



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- Force 136. Force 136 is cover name of that part of special operations executive which operates in the S.E.A.C. under the operational control of S.A.C.S.E.A.  
(C. in C. E.I. 020430Z to Admty.) r311756B
- Singapore Naval Air Squadrons. After the capture of Singapore there will be a requirement to have shore based facilities for up to twelve Naval Air Squadrons, involving 250 to 300 A/C.  
(2) To meet this requirement two Monabs and one Tamy will be needed.  
(3) In order that the necessary forward planning may taken place, request early confirmation that they will be available.  
(C. in C. E.I. 021006Z to Admty.) see 241305 Z
- Operation "Dracula". Sitrep 1800 F.G. 2nd May.  
3 Battalions 36 Indian Infantry Brigade landed Sadaingmut (? area). 1 Battalion 71 Indian Infantry Brigade Kyauktan Creek Area 0720 without opposition. Majority both Brigades now landed and making good progress still unopposed.  
(2) Ghurka Parachute Battalion dropped 4 miles southwest of Elephant Point 0630/1st May have probably reached Elephant Point.  
(3) Build up and minesweeping being accelerated.  
S.O. Force "W" hopes to open inner anchorage as far North as D'Silva completely by 6th May.  
(4) Weather calm with almost continuous rain which has stopped landing of vehicles.  
(5) Force 63 bombarded rear airfield this morning. Now covering to southward of Rangoon.  
(6) Force 62 withdrawing to Ceylon now.  
(C. in C. E.I. 021220 to Admty.)



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America & West Indies.

- Brazil. All U.S. Naval Units are to be withdrawn from Bahia before middle of May.  
(B.N.S.O. Rio de Janeiro 021232Z to Admty. for D.N.I.)
- U/B dis- Estimates.  
positions. (N.S.H.Q., 021351Z, Cominch 021538Z.)
- U-Boat Para. 1 (c). Instructions to German Navy in  
surrender. your 010128B do not coincide with para. 1B of first message to U-Boats in your 010041B. Request amendment to para. 1C by inserting "Canadian" between U.S. and Soviet Coast W.T. Stations.  
(N.S.H.Q., 021621Z to Admty.)
- T.G. 61.5 Task Group 61.5 reconstituted. C.T.G. 61.5  
reconstitu- Captain Poole in CLARK, Comcortdiv. 59 in  
tion of. EDSALL, Cortdiv. 59. Escort C.U. 69 departing New York and Boston 10/11 May for Continent/U.K. When directed by Admiralty return U.S. escorting U.C. 69.  
(Cinclant 021724Z to C.T.G. 61.5.)
- U/B contacts. C. 1300/2 P.V. on A/S patrol had radar contact 34.50 N. 75.06. All times Z.  
D. Prior to 1845/2 Y.M.S. 446 reported contact New York Swept Channel.  
Admiralty pass info to H.Q.C.C.  
(Cominch 022037 to Admty. for O.I.C.)

Far East and Australia.

- Submarines Following are the requirements and views of  
B.P.F. Commander submarines 7th Fleet as regards British submarines attached to 7th Fleet operating in Pacific.  
(2) A. MAIDSTONE and 8th Flotilla comprising up to 10 S class proceed now to Subic to operate in China Sea area.  
B. 4th Flotilla comprising ADAMANT and remaining submarines to remain based on Fremantle indefinitely to operate in Java Sea area while current situation exists.  
C. No further minelaying is required by British submarines after completion of present lay by RORQUAL.



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B.P.F.  
(Contd.)

(3) In China Sea area U.S. submarines are at present being used almost exclusively on air sea rescue duties and Comsub. 7th Fleet considers that numbers of targets are likely to diminish still further in this area.

(4) In Java Sea area there are still adequate targets, particularly for gun action, and Comsubs. 7th Fleet considers that this state of affairs will continue at least until Sept. 1945 by which time the submarine war in the Pacific will be virtually over.

(5) Comsubs. 7th Fleet considers that it is unlikely that more than a total of 20 British submarines will find useful employment in the whole Pacific Area.

(6) To meet these views it is intended

A. MAIDSTONE and 8th Flotilla comprising up to 10 S class submarines to operate from Subic.

B. ADAMANT, AORANGI and all other submarines to operate from Fremantle.

C. The situation to be reviewed at two monthly intervals.

(7) Your 242042B April also refers.

(8) I am endeavouring to make arrangements to use BONAVENTURE craft.

(C. in C. B.P.F. 020234Z to Admty.) 18/2/7 B v 200759 Z

MARUDU,  
(store  
carrier.)

R.A.F.T. 230657 gives added reasons for the use of MARUDU as a Floating Store in the forward area. Decision on this subject cannot be given until Admiralty's remarks have been received and an early reply to my 130826 April is requested.

(C. in C. B.P.F. 020606Z to Admty.)

Digest 1197,  
1.5.45.

(Extract.)

(2) Mariners from Tawi Tawi helped P.T. in capturing 11 Japanese on rafts northern Borneo burned five supply laden barges damaged another, burned one sea truck to water line Darvel Bay.

(5) Palawan based Liberators 30th destroyed 2 river boats, 2 luggers, 2 launches, 1 small boat N.W. Borneo, bombed strafed camouflaged Radar Tower Cape Mangalikat Borneo.

(15) Night 30th April/1st May, P.T. from Zamboan destroyed 6 small craft motor launch in Darvel Bay Borneo. Amplifying report P.T. operations Tarakan area night 29/30th April states P.Ts. sank 1 small coaster with rocket fire, burned another small coaster to water line till oil cargo caught fire, strafed rocketed two other small coasters two luggers.

(16) Following heavy Naval Bombardment by American and Australian cruisers and destroyers, also intense air bombardment elements of 9th Australian Division landed near Lingkas (S.W. Tarakan Island N.E. Borneo), advanced rapidly inland 2300 yards towards Tarakan airfield, 900 yards along road to Tarakan City against opposition slight in extent but stubborn in nature. Incompleted reports of air support indicate 5 Mitchell harassed Tarakan during early hours while other force of Mitchells and dive bombing Lightnings gave direct support throughout day. 12 Lightnings also hit Sandakan shipyards damaging 5 sea trucks leaving 2 beached.



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Digest 1197, (17) Supporting Australian forces Wewak area were  
1.5.45. 19 Mustangs, 9 Mitchells, 6 Thunderbolts hitting  
(Contd.) Muschu Island and Maxnland gun positions.  
(G.H.Q.S.W.P.A. 021114Z to Admty.)

Operation Forces under Rear Admiral Royal landed elements  
N.E. Borneo. 9th Australian Division on Tarakan Island Nether-  
lands Borneo. Only slight opposition reported.  
(Cominch 021500 to Comnavu.)

Blue Summary Ryukyus. Advances on Southern Okinawa continue  
Pacific. 1st, operations against heavy resistance. Town of Kuhazu 2  
miles due west of Yonabaru airfield captured.  
Enemy aircraft in small raids night of 30th.  
Several near misses bombs and suicides. Terror  
(C.M.5) hit by bomb or suicide causing severe  
fires. C.V.E. aircraft continued neutralization of Sakashima  
Gunto on the 30th. T.F. 57 departed Leyte for return to  
operating area.

Submarines. Possible contacts near Eniwetok N.W. of Guam and  
between Hawaii and West Coast. Blue submarine sank medium A.K.  
S.W.P.A. Australian troops landed Tarakan Island Borneo  
against slight opposition. 9 P.Vs, 3 P.38s destroyed  
installations Itu Aba Island South China Sea. 30th. 66 B.24s  
18 B.25s, 32 P.51s, 16 P.38s in attacks on Formosa Airfields  
oil storage and transportation facilities. 3 P.Vs. at Ranau  
Borneo. Usual heavy ground support Philippines. Search  
planes in attacks on shipping off Borneo Formosa Saigon and on  
railroad facilities French-Indo-China. P.B.Ys. mined Hongkong  
on 20th.

Norpac. On 30th 6 B.24s, 4 P.Vs. hit targets on Shimushu.  
10 B.24s hit Param airfield Truk. 16 B.24s struck Marcus.  
Usual sorties Palau area Yap Chichi Jima. Search planes  
fired large A.O. in Yellow Sea sank 1 ship off Korea 2 more  
off Empire.  
(C. in C. Pac. Adv. Hed. 022304 to All Commands.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

S/M attack For 24 hours to 0800Z/2nd May.  
& sighting Para. B. (1) A/C E/228 saw smoke and had H/T  
summary. contact at 0945Z/1st in 49° 29' N. 06° 45' W.  
Para. C. (1) A/C Y/120 sighted possible snort  
H/T negative at 1905Z/1st in 54° 58' N. 10° 11' W.  
Para. D. (1) A/C F/228 attacked smoke and wake  
course 180° at 1830Z/27th in 50° 12' N. 05° 47' W.  
(D.D.I.C. 021037B to Cominch, N.S.H.Q.)

U/B dis- Estimates.  
positions. (D.D.I.C. 021401B to A.I.G., Cominch.)



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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

U-Boat  
surrender.

As soon as hostilities with Germany cease, U-Boats will be given the following surrender orders:-

A. Surface, remain surfaced and report position.  
B. Fly black or dark blue flag by day and burn navigation lights at night.

C. Jettison ammunition, render torpedoes safe by removing pistols and render mines safe.

D. Proceed by fixed routes to prescribed ports for preliminary examination.

(2) Any U-Boat sighted and obeying orders in para. 1 is not to be attacked unless it commits a hostile act. Position, course and speed of U-Boats should be reported.

(3) Further details including fixed routes and prescribed ports will be signalled to H.M. ships when the operation is brought into force.

(4) British and Allied merchant ships in areas concerned will be given all necessary instructions.

(5) Codeword for this operation follows.

(V.C.N.S. 021249B to Home and Foreign Stations.)

My 021249. Codeword "Adieu".

(V.C.N.S. 021250B.)



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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

North Sea.

- 1. (a) Hamburg surrendered unconditionally at 1300 for 1800.
- (b) One mine was detonated off Ostend.
- (c) A preliminary R/C of Delfzyl shows the port to be little damaged, with a clear channel to the sea, no mines in port or fairway, barges and tugs serviceable, least depth at main quay 21 ft.

Northern Waters.

- 2. The German air-sea rescue launch No. 590 has arrived at Balta, Shetland, with a German Lieutenant of artillery and a crew of 11. They had successfully planned to escape from Vesteraalen, Norway, "at the first opportunity."

Baltic.

U. 3030 }  
 U. 3032 } sunk  
 U. 2540 }

- 3. (a) The 2nd Tactical Air Force has destroyed one and damaged two U-Boats off Lübeck.
- (b) Kiel surrendered at 1600 without a fight.

Foreign Stations.

Mediterranean.

Movement.

- 4. JEANNE D'ARC, sailed from Bizerta for Toulon.

East Indies.

Burma.

- 5. As culmination of combined operations of Allied naval land and air forces our troops entered Rangoon at 0600 this morning.



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Far East and Australia.

- Borneo. 6. (a) Allied naval forces bombarded enemy gun positions and strong points in support of ground troops in the Tarakan area.  
(b) U.S. Liberators sank eight coasters and six motor boats at Pontianak (S.W. Borneo) . Three coasters and many small vessels were damaged.
- French-Indo-China. 7. Today 47 Liberators dropped over 63 tons of bombs on shipyards and oil storages at Saigon. Explosions and fires were caused.
- Philippines. 8. Today units of 70th U.S. Fleet bombarded Balut Island off Southern end of Mindanao.
- North China. 9. Last night U.S. naval aircraft sank two large tankers off S.E. Korea.
- Japan. 10. CANADA VICTORY (Am. 7,608 tons) was sunk <sup>27/4</sup> ~~today~~ by enemy aircraft off Okinawa. (032057)
- Movement. 11. K.G.V. with HOWE, INDOMITABLE, VICTORIOUS, INDEFATIGABLE, FORMIDABLE, SWIFTSURE, BLACK PRINCE, EURYALUS, GAMBIA, UGANDA and 13 destroyers have left Leyte for operations.



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Policy

Possible  
pre-Peace  
U-Boat  
surrenders.

Following instructions for merchant aircraft carrier aircraft are in amplification, A.G.M. 282333. They do not cover Operation "Adieu".  
(2) (A) A/C in contact with U-Boats showing desire to surrender should make R/T report to Escort Commander & instruct U-Boat by V/S to stop and wait in German as follows: "Halten Warten".

(B) Escort Commander will detach surface ship to escort or to direct U-Boat to appropriate port such surface ship being homed to U-Boat by A/C in standard manner.

(C) Relief A/C should be flown off from merchant aircraft carrier as necessary to ensure that U-Boat is kept under constant surveillance until arrival of surface escort.

(3) It is emphasised that should German U-Boat dive after having signified its desire to surrender it is to be treated as hostile and sunk.

(4) In all cases of doubt as to its intention U-Boat should be treated as hostile.

(C. in C. W.A., 030018B to Western Approaches Command.)

Seizure  
in prize  
of German  
ships.

Your 291718. Proposals to seize in prize German ships captured before cessation of hostilities were telegraphed to C.C.S. on 20th April. Reply not yet received but has been hastened.

(2) If policy of taking captured ships in prize is approved intention is that this should be effected by Naval authorities controlling port concerned. Action must however await C.C.S. directive.

(3) Should urgent need arise of establishing claim to captured ships against Russians, e.g. in Lubeck, White Ensign should be hoisted under procedure in para. 109 of Naval Prize Manual. Nazi flag, however, being lowered.

(1st S.L., 031142B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Air action  
on "Cease  
Fire".

A.X.970, May 3rd.

In the event of a formal German surrender or of a decision in other circumstances to cease hostilities against Germany you will be notified by means of a signal ordering "Cease Fire".

(2) On receipt of this "Cease Fire" signal offensive operations against the enemy over enemy occupied territory and against enemy vessels at sea are to cease at the time specified subject to any special instructions contained in the signal.

(3) It is possible that certain elements of the German Air Force especially those remaining in Norway, Denmark and North Germany may not comply with instructions to capitulate and may make last attempt to attack this country. Fighter Command and A/A Command are therefore to maintain a precautionary standard of defence by day and by night following the receipt of the "Cease Fire" signal until further orders. The latest intelligence on the possible threat of attack will be communicated daily to Fighter Command.

(4) It will be necessary to retain the R.O.C. Organisation in being during the precautionary period except in areas notified

/by ...



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Air action on "Cease Fire". (Contd.)

by Air Ministry signal M.S.W.600 May 1st and possibly south-west England.

(5) The existing rules for opening fire by fighters and guns will remain in operation subject to the following provisions:

(a) Enemy aircraft approaching this country are to be treated as hostile.

(b) A/A guns in United Kingdom are not to engage any aircraft "Seen" or "Unseen" without prior permission of Fighter Group Controller. Where permission to fire is given A/A guns will be restricted to engagement of "Seen" aircraft recognised as hostile by their appearance or action or "Unseen" aircraft identified as hostile.

(6) The present rules regarding the avoidance of:

(A) A/A artillery zones in the United Kingdom.

(B) Restricted areas on the Continent and

(C) Ships at sea will remain in force until further orders.

(7) The existing regulations regarding routes and corridors both in and around the United Kingdom and on the Continent will remain in force until further orders.

(Air Ministry, 031845Z to Fighter Command.)

OperationsNorth Sea

Sweeping of channel towards Hook of Holland.

Proceed with 10th M.S.F. and CHEERFUL and necessary Danlayers so as to arrive at position H.K.6 Buoy at 1600B today Thursday. Carry out Oropesa sweep in G formation 5 cables each side of centre line joining following positions.

(A) Position of H.K.6 Buoy.

(B) 51° 50' N., 03° 31' E.

(C) 51° 51' N., 03° 34' E. Charted light and whistle buoy is in this position and lit.

(2) Lay centre line dan buoys every mile and Aga buoys unlighted midway between (A) and (B) and at (B).

(3) Weather permitting C.F.M.U.1 is to provide A/S escort. M/S.10 to arrange R/V direct with C.F.M.U.1.

(4) Proceed to Ostend Roads using Q.Z.S.649 for the night.

(5) Acknowledge and repeat back positions in para. (1).

(6) Safe conduct has been given but if engaged by shore batteries ships are to withdraw.

(C. in C. Nore, 030010B to M/S.10.)

Anchored in Small Down with 6 M/S. and one danlayer. (M.S.F.10, 030050B to C. in C. Nore.)

Your 030010B acknowledged. Intend to proceed 0715 with 7 M/S. and 2 danlayers to carry out sweep between position

(A) Position of H.K.6 Buoy. (B) 051° 50' N., 003° 31' E.

(C) 051° 51' N., 003° 34' E. (M.S.F.10, 030422B to C. in C. Nore.)

Anchored off Ostend with 7 M/S. and 2 danlayers. (S.O. M.S.F.10, 032312B to C. in C. Nore.)

/Additional ...



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Additional Admiralty's 251757 not to all but being passed  
M.L. flotilla to F.O.I.C. Humber. 33rd M.L. Flotilla is  
for Antwerp. nominated as A/S Flotilla referred to in  
para. 5.  
(2) C.F.M.U.1 is to sail 2nd M.L. Flotilla with  
Flotilla maintenance staff to Ramsgate (as soon  
as possible). Admiralty's 021754 refers. Copy of draft  
notes to HORNET. To maintain F.G.5 patrol at full strength,  
patrol F.G.4 may be discontinued.  
(3) On relief by 2nd M.L. Flotilla, N.O.I.C. Ramsgate is  
requested to sail 33rd M.L. Flotilla with Flotilla maintenance  
staff to WILDFIRE III in the first instance. Copy of draft  
notes to HORNET.  
(4) WILDFIRE III is to arrange supply of 2nd M.L. Flotilla  
spares to FERVENT and to ship complete outfit of A/S base  
spares for 33rd M.L. Flotilla to N.P.1761 at Antwerp. FERVENT  
is requested to transfer available spares for 33rd M.L.  
Flotilla to WILDFIRE III.  
(5) Para. (4) above will meet requirement in FERVENT's 241041  
not to all and action on Admiralty's 301901 not to all will  
no longer be required.  
(6) Com. Sheerness is requested to arrange for N.S.O. Sheerness  
to supply 6 complete sets of Oropesa mark V star minesweeping  
gear to N.P.1761 at Antwerp. Para. (7) of Admiralty's 251757  
refers.  
(7) N.P.1761 should be prepared to maintain 15th M.L. Flotilla  
for approx. 14 days in addition to 33rd M.L. Flotilla.  
(C. in C. Nore, 031039B to A.N.C.X.F., N.Ps. 1738, 1761,  
N.O.I.C. Antwerp, F.O.I.C. Belgium.)

Delfzyl Sitrep from N.O.I.C. Delfzyl.  
situation. Port generally little damaged. Local  
information no mining port of fairway. Channel  
clear to North Sea. Dredging included until  
recently and extended since 1940. Present  
depth main quays L.W.S. 6½ meters. Dredger operable. No  
blockship. One sunken 500 ton barge loaded pig iron. Boom  
defence being replaced. Port power plant intact.  
(F.O. Holland, 031215B to Admty.)  
Cositintrep No. 394, Part II, Naval.  
Delfzyl - Preliminary reconnaissance report:  
Port generally little damaged. No blockship. Channel clear  
to North Sea. Present least depth at main quay 21 feet.  
Dredger operable. Local information no mining port or  
fairway. Approximately 25 Dutch trawlers and a few barges  
intact, some manned. I.W.T. barges and tugs serviceable. 3  
barges, 1 ammunition ship sunk. Two outer harbour docks  
intact. Ems Canal inner double lock gate partly demolished.  
15 ton floating crane slightly damaged. Centre quay 3 light  
1 heavy crane intact plus 6 bridge cranes repairable.  
(A.N.C.X.F., 032350B to Admty.)

Surrender At 1300B/3rd May Hamburg naval radio reported  
of Hamburg. confidential books destroyed.  
(D.D.I.C., 031344B to A.N.C.X.F., Cs. in C.  
Nore, Rosyth, H.F.)

/Unconditional ...



Surrender of Hamburg.

The Journal of the Royal United Service Institution  
for February, 1954, has an article on

The Capitulation of Hamburg, 3rd May, 1945

by Dr. J. K. Dunlop, C.M.G., C.B.E., M.C., T.D.

He states that Hamburg is, by a considerable margin,  
the largest city that has ever surrendered to British  
troops. That in itself gives the event a value in history.



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of Hamburg.  
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Unconditional terms of surrender Hamburg garrison signed at 1300 hours to operate from 1800 hours today 3rd May. Advance port and control parties will enter this evening. (Cdre. Hamburg, 031540 to A.N.C.X.F., Admty.)

Boom  
defences  
of Schelde.

Except for requirements at Flushing which cannot be commenced until removal of blockships, expected to take another 3 months, all Boom defences in River Schelde are now complete. (2) Request instruction for disposal of defence projects in river.

(A) BARNDALE. (B) Lt.-Cdr. W.S. Cox, R.N.R. (C) 1 P.O. and 2 ratings, Part 'S'. (F.O. Belgium, 031621B to Admty.)

Discharge  
Situation  
Report.

Cositintrep No. 394, part 4, section A. Discharge by sea - 24 hour period ending 021600A May.

	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Stores</u>	<u>Coal Bulk</u>	<u>Pol. Bulk</u>	<u>G.F. Ammo.</u>
<u>British -</u>						
Antwerp	81	282	11,270	-	3,944	1,190
Ostend	2,571	256	1,868	-	-	439
Caen	-	-	-	1,717	-	-
Calais	5,558	4	56	-	-	-
Boulogne	260	158	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,470</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>13,194</b>	<b>1,717</b>	<b>3,944</b>	<b>1,629</b>
<u>U.S. North -</u>						
Antwerp	-	298	24,217	-	-	730
Cherbourg	-	41	4,386	1,316	3,324	1,848
Le Havre	6,921	116	3,114	110	-	471
Rouen	-	-	3,826	96	4,114	951
Ghent	-	-	8,770	-	-	3,602
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,921</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>44,313</b>	<b>1,522</b>	<b>7,438</b>	<b>7,601</b>
<u>U.S. South -</u>						
Marseilles	-	96	12,497	224	-	-
Port de Bouc	-	-	3,407	1,220	-	-
Toulon	-	-	130	-	-	-
Nice	-	-	370	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>16,402</b>	<b>1,444</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Army coal discharged at French operated ports - Dieppe 990, Granville 340 tons.

(S.H.A.E.F., 031700A to Admty. and others.)

Patrols.

Patrols for night Friday 4th May. 1 COWDRAY, 2 SOUTHDOWN, 3 HAMBLEDON, 4 QUANTOCK, 5 TANATSIDE, 6 SHELDRAKE, 7 FERNIE, 8 BRISSENDEN. Coastal Force Units F.C.1 to 8 R/V patrols at 2300B.



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Patrols. (2) 12 CUBITT with Coastal Forces from U.K.  
(Contd.) 14 EGLINTON. 16 STAYNER with Coastal Forces  
from Ostend. 17 LAMERTON. 18 ZETLAND.  
19 RETALICK with C/F from Ostend. 21 HAYDON.  
22 CAICOS with C/F from U.K. Coastal Forces  
from Ostend R/V frigates at 2200B.  
(3) Escorts for T.A.M.59 HOLDERNESS and MALLARD. T.A.P.23  
BLENCATHRA. F.N.2 WILTON.  
(4) Coastal Forces from U.K.:  
Patrol 1 - 2 M.T.B. Unit F.C.1 with COWDRAY. Patrol 2 - 2  
M.T.B. Unit F.C.2 with SOUTHDOWN. Patrol 3 - 2 M.T.B. Unit  
F.C.3 with HAMBLEDON. Patrol 4 - 2 M.T.B. Unit F.C.4 with  
QUANTOCK. Patrol 5 - 2 M.T.B. Unit F.C.5 with TANATSIDE.  
Patrol 6 - 2 M.T.B. Unit F.C.6 with SHELDRAKE. Patrol 7 - 2  
M.T.B. Unit F.C.7 with FERNIE. Patrol 8 - 2 M.T.B. Unit  
F.C.8 with BRISSENDEN. Patrol 12 - 4 M.T.B. Unit F.L.2, F.L.3.  
Patrol 22 - 4 M.T.B. Unit F.B.8, F.B.9. Patrol 51, 52, 53 -  
1 M.L. each.  
TSXB 5035 - 6 M.T.B. Unit F.A.1, F.A.2, F.A.3. XJXB 4048 -  
4 M.T.B. Unit F.B.3.  
From Ostend: XJYU 2316 - 2 M.T.B. Unit F.A.8. XJYU 2100 -  
2 M.T.B. Unit F.B.2. XJYU 4126 - 3 M.L. Unit F.G.5.  
XJYU 3312 - 4 M.T.B. Unit F.H.3, F.H.4. Patrol 16 - 4 M.T.B.  
Unit F.G.2, F.G.3. XJYU 2525 - 3 M.L. Unit F.G.4.  
(C. in C. Nore, 031725B to Nore Command.)

Situation at Entered Travemünde with first troops a.m. today  
Travemünde. Thursday. All quiet. No demolition here or  
at Lübeck. No German Flag Officer encountered  
and few naval personnel. Senior Officer a  
Korvetten-Kapitän stated about 12 U-Boats, 5  
minesweepers and 10 merchant ships sailed yesterday. Some  
scuttled off harbour entrance allegedly due to lack of fuel.  
No effective warships seen. Over 20 small merchant ships in  
River Trave and Lübeck. Shipping control established by Army  
guns at Travemünde. Minefield charts not obtained. Alleged  
no mines in Travemünde. Coal shortage has cut off Lübeck  
power. Reconnaissance party to (N)? Dustadt not yet reported  
back. 1741 reconnaissance party not yet arrived. Intend  
proceeding Kiel as soon as possible request all parties be  
expedited.  
(F.O.I.C. 1734, 032121B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Minesweeping One acoustic mine detonated in position 188°  
off Far H.K.1 Buoy 2.7 miles at 1350B today Thursday.  
Shore. (F.O. Belgium, 032225B to Admty.)



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Operations

Channel

Surrender  
of Channel  
Islands.

Fwd. 20461. In view of possible imminence of "Nestegg" desire British warship for conveying Supreme Commanders Representative and party to accept surrender at sea now be placed at 24 hours notice to sail from Plymouth or Cherbourg. S.H.A.E.F. Fwd. 14069 of 7th September, 1944, Fwd. 16278 of 29th September 1944 and Commander in Chief Plymouth 091309B September 1944, refer. (S.H.A.E.F., 031330B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Patrol.

When ASSINIBOINE rejoins 11th E.G. establish following patrols on coastal convoy route:  
First Division - ASSINIBOINE (S.O.), SASKATCHEWAN Lizard to Eddystone, codeword "Swarm Able".  
Second Division - GATINEAU (S.O.), KOOTENAY Eddystone to Berry Head, codeword "Swarm Baker".  
(C. in C. Plymouth, 031650B to E.G.11.)

Operations

West Coast France

Patrols.

Sailed my 021735B.  
(C.F.N.T.F., 030917B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Operation  
"Eclipse".

You will be responsible to me for the co-ordination of Naval participation in Operation "Eclipse" in enemy held pockets in France. Forces and their logistic support will be as now provided by Marine Paris. 12th Army Group is requested to confirm that you will deal with 15th Army and 106th Infantry Division.  
(A.N.C.X.F., 031923B to C.T.F. 122.)

Operations

Western Approaches

Destroyed  
U-Boat.

Your 021943. (A) Was wreckage long immersed. (B) Does it give any clue to U-Boat identity. (C) Position of W.192 as promulgated was accurately fixed relative to K.1 Buoy. Did you confirm that there was no contact in this position.  
(C. in C. W.A., 030015B to S.O. Force 36.)

Your 030015B. (A) No indication. (B) No. (C) Yes.  
(S.O. Force 36, 030330 to C. in C. W.A.)

My 030015B. Position of contact relative to K.1 Buoy by radar 106°, 7½ miles.  
(2) Soundings do not agree and it is suggested that position given in my 021656B is more accurate.  
Squid attack carried out which produced large quantities of

/wreckage ...



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U-Boat.  
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wreckage, tinned food, wood, clothing, a piece of German newspaper dated 24th February 1945, published in Oslo, a rating's history sheet and what appeared to be a pocket book. No indication of U-Boat identity.

LOCH ECK and FOLEY have been investigating and attacking bottom contact length 110 feet, height 20 feet in position 53° 49'58" N., 05° 08' W., 202°, now classified wreck.

(LOCH DUNVEGAN, 031927B to C. in C. W.A.)

Dan buoy on contact in position 53° 40'10" N., 04° 53'30" and 53° 43'30" N., 04° 10'40" W. does not give radar response. Intend to weigh buoy at daybreak tomorrow before proceeding in accordance with your 031055B, if they are not required to assist further investigation of contact.

(LOCH DUNVEGAN, 032144B to C. in C. W.A.)

Release  
of ships  
from W.A.  
for Eastern  
Theatre.My 011803. Para. 3(A) add NESS, WILD GOOSE.  
(C. in C. W.A., 031022B to Admty.)Possible  
Gnat  
torpedo.

Your 022343 continuing search. At 0310B a similar explosion occurred astern of HADLEIGH CASTLE in position 51.38 N., 07.21.24 W. (X) speed of sweep 13 knots, height of plume not observed, P.N.M. unit lost.

(2) Appreciation. Explosion probably due to P.N.M. units detonating mines in Q.Z.X.1615 and 1613 if they are laid shallower than stated or if P.N.M. units sink to a greater depth than in your letter, T.O. 5347/45 March.  
(HADLEIGH CASTLE, 031047B to C. in C. W.A.)

Patrols.

Both divisions of 10th E.G. if not in contact detach from their respective patrols so as to arrive Moville at 1600/4th for lay-over at Londonderry.

(C. in C. W.A., 031055B to S.O. E.G.10.)

Request you will sail 30th E.G. at 0830/4th May to form Force 36.

(C. in C. W.A., 031114B to Com. (D) W.A.)

E.G. 17, 2nd Division trail B.T.C. 147 as far as Pendeen then establish patrol Pendeen to Tintagel Head.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 031503B to E.G. 17.)

Anti-U-Boat  
deep mining.

Operations C.H.Y. line 1 and half, line 2 completed.

(ARIADNE, 031540 to Admty.)

Carry out Operation C.H. serial Y lines 3½.

(2) 1030B May 4th.

(F.O.I.C. Milford, 031703B to ARIADNE.)



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Norway

- Operations V.P.73 and V.P.207 postponed owing to weather.  
V.P. (2) Add 24 hours to all times given in my 021932B and my 021947B.  
(N.O.I.C. Lerwick, 030901B to C. in C. H.F.)  
My 021932B for two M.T.Bs. read 4 M.T.Bs.  
(N.O.I.C. Lerwick, 032301B to C. in C. H.F.)
- Operation Ramose Maize, HITRA returned at 1745B/3rd May.  
S.C. (2) Operation successful.  
(N.O.I.C. Lerwick, 031749B to C. in C. H.F.)  
Intend sailing S.C. operation from Shetlands.  
(1) 0800B/4th May from Scalloway.  
(2) 75° from Sumburgh Head, 14 knots.  
(3) 2359B/4th May.  
(4) Between 0030B/5th May and 0330B/5th May.  
(5) 255° to Sumburgh Head, 15 knots.  
(6) p.m./5th May.  
(7) 75° Sumburgh Head.  
(8) No.  
(N.O.I.C. Lerwick, 031845B to C. in C. H.F.)  
My 031845B.  
(1) 60° 40' N., 04° 45' E. (2) Ramose Midshipman.  
(3) Blank.  
(N.O.I.C. Lerwick, 031847B to C. in C. H.F.)  
Intend sailing S.C. operation from Shetlands.  
(1) 0800B/4th May from Scalloway. (2) 68° from Sumburgh Head, 14 knots. (3) 2359B/4th May. (4) Between 0030B/5th May and 0330B/5th May. (5) 248° to Sumburgh Head, 15 knots.  
(6) p.m./5th May. (7) 68° Sumburgh Head. (8) No.  
(N.O.I.C. Lerwick, 031849B to C. in C. H.F.)  
My 031849B.  
(1) 61° 02' N., 04° 26' E. (2) Ramose Baroness. (3) Blank.  
(N.O.I.C. Lerwick, 031851B to C. in C. H.F.)

Operations.

Northern Waters

- Surrender German Air/Sea Rescue Boat 590 arrived Balta 1600B today 3rd May having surrendered 1400/2nd May to 18 Group aircraft on Met. flight.  
A.S.R. Vessel now under guard of H. Nor. M/S. RISOR with armed guard on board, and will be brought to Lerwick as soon as weather permits.  
launch. (2) 12 prisoners of war arrived Lerwick in M.T.B. 717 at 1305B/3rd May, 11 crew of F.L.B.590 and one Lieut. in German coastal artillery. Vessel was in charge of Flight-Segt. Hermann Klugist.  
(3) F.L.B.590 left Melbo, Vesteraalen, Norway at 2200B/30th April, the Flight-Segt. and artillery officer having for some time planned to escape to U.K. at first possible opportunity.  
(4) Local Army and Royal Air Force authorities are dealing with disposal of P.O.W. and their personal papers.  
(N.O.I.C. Lerwick, 031856B to C. in C. H.F.)



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Force 2. Unless otherwise ordered by F.O. 10th C.S., Force 2 is to return to Scapa by reverse of outward route at 1200B Friday 4th May. (C. in C. H.F., 032219 to Force 2.)

Operations

Baltic

Air  
Situation  
Report;  
U-Boat  
destroyed  
off Lübeck.

*U. 1007 sunk*

Cositintrep No. 394, Part 3, Air. 24-hour period ending 2100 hours 2nd May, 1945. (A) Summary of operations. The food supply mission to Holland was continued. 506 Lancasters of Royal Air Force Bomber Command dropped almost 1,000 tons of supplies on 5 zones and 400 Fortresses of 8th Air Force dropped over 750 tons on a further 5 main zones. These aircraft encountered no enemy opposition and report successful operation despite poor weather conditions. All aircraft returned safely. Aircraft of Royal Air Force Bomber Command also evacuated 681 repatriates. 2nd British Tactical Air Force reported an extremely successful day. Over 900 aircraft operating in the Schleswig-Holstein and Mecklenburg areas attacked concentrations of motor transport with excellent results and destroyed 35 enemy aircraft in the air. Submarines sighted off Lübeck were also attacked resulting in claims of 1 destroyed and two damaged. (S.H.A.E.F., 031100B to Admty. and others.)

*U. 3030 }  
U. 3032 }  
U. 2540 }  
sunk*

Surrender  
of Kiel.

At 0822B/3rd May Kiel Naval radio reported "confidential books destroyed. Almost here". Comment: Latter presumably refers to Allied forces. (D.D.I.C., 031237B to A.N.C.X.F., Cs. in C. Nore, Rosyth, H.F.)

German P/L message intercepted at 1600B/3rd signed by G.A.F. Colonel states "Kiel has surrendered today without a fight". (D.D.I.C., 031914B to Cs. in C. H.F., Nore, Rosyth, A.N.C.X.F.)

Suspension  
of mine-  
laying in  
Baltic.

Request suspension of all minelaying in area of Baltic which lies south of 55° 55' N. and west of 012° 00' E. and north of 54° 51' N. after 4th May. (A.N.C.X.F., 031543B to Admty.)

Casualties and Defects

METINDA,  
salvage  
vessel.

Repairs to Salvage vessel METINDA have been completed and vessel is now available for service. (C.S.V.O. Lyness, 031242 to F.O. Orkney.)



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Movements

BERMUDA,  
CLEOPATRA,  
cruiser.

BERMUDA take CLEOPATRA under your orders and leave Scapa passing Hoxa at 1400B today 3rd May and proceed to Gibraltar by route ordered in para. 1 of Admiralty's 291148 at speed of advance indicated in my 301636.

(2) CLEOPATRA wishes to carry out full power trial between Gibraltar and Malta and F.O.G.M.A. is requested to allow her two days at Gibraltar to make machinery adjustments. (C. in C. H.F., 030913B to BERMUDA, CLEOPATRA, Admty., F.O.G.M.A. C. in C. Med.)

BELFAST,  
cruiser.

Intend to sail BELFAST for Rosyth at 1200 Sunday 6th May carrying out full power trial between 21 and 24 Buoy, E.T.A. May Island 1600/6th. Request mail to Scapa. (F.O.I.C. Tyne, 031215B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

Ships for  
the Eastern  
Theatre.

Admiralty 180855 April not to all, para. 3. After the defeat of Germany the following ships will be available to reinforce the Eastern Theatre as soon as they can be made ready and their complements adjusted for Foreign Service. CURZON, CUBITT, STAYNER, RIOU, TORRINGTON and

CAICOS.

(2) CURZON and CUBITT have just completed refit but remainder require refit. All ships require conversion for tropics.

(3) CAICOS speed is limited to 17 knots, owing to defect in construction.

(4) C. in C. W.A., 011803 refers.

(C. in C. Nore, 031652B to Admty.)



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FOREIGN STATIONS

North Atlantic

E.G.2

H.M.S. COLTSFOOT (S.O.) and H.M.S. HYDERABAD are to detach forthwith and proceed to R/V with convoy consisting of B.Y.M.S. 2080 (S.O.) 11 Merchant ships, 9 U.S. tugs and hopper ~~EMPIRE DOWNLAND~~ escorted by H.M.S. SQUIRREL, (S.O.) H.M.C.S. CALGARY and H.M.S. PORCHER relieve H.M.C.S. CALGARY and PORCHER and act as additional escort to Gibraltar.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 031044B to S.O.Gp. 2) (See F.O.G.M.A. 031143 to H.M.S. SQUIRREL (LIND))

HYDERABAD

M/V  
SS.  
TANGARA  
(Overdue)

TANGARA has been overdue since 21st April, Admty. 011847 refers. Lloyds Agents have no information as to ship's whereabouts.  
(S.O.I. Gibraltar, 031058B to Admty. for D.N.I.)

Escorts

When relieved by COLTSFOOT and HYDERABAD, CALGARY and tug PORCHER are to proceed as follows:-  
(a) H.M.C.S. CALGARY to Horta Azores, routed through (route).  
(b) PORCHER return Plymouth by reverse route held. S. of A. 10 knots.  
(2) H.M.S. SQUIRREL to report when rendezvous effected (and) ships relieved.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 031114B to H.M.S. SQUIRREL.)

South Atlantic

NIGERIA  
(Cruiser)

Simonstown, departure 1015Z 3rd May. H.M.S. NIGERIA for Trincomalee, calling Diego Suarez for fuel. S. of A. 24½ knots. E.T.A. Trincomalee 1030Z 12th May.  
(C. in C.S.A. 031216B to Admty.)

KENYA

KENYA will be required to proceed at 26 knots from approximately 42°N. to the Nore and is, therefore, to refuel at Casablanca.  
(D.O.D.(H), 031256B to F.O.C.W.Af.)

German  
surrender

In the event of formal German surrender or of a decision in other circumstances to cease hostilities against Germany you will be notified by means of a signal ordering "Cease Fire." On receipt of this signal you are to continue to employ your forces to meet the requirements of F.O.C.W.A.F. who is being kept fully informed by the Admiralty of the measures to be taken to bring about the surrender of the U-boat Fleet.  
(A.M. Whitehall, 031816B to A.H.Q. W.Africa.)



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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

SS. PITTSTON  
VICTORY  
(ashore).

PITTSTON VICTORY grounded on Seraglio Point Istanbul 2nd May. Efforts to float her have been unsuccessful so far. Fore part of ship fast in mud. Admiralty please pass to Moscow. (C.S.A. Istanbul 030953 to F.O.L.E.M.)

A.F.D. 24,  
(salvage).

Local U.S. Authorities agree to salvage of machinery from A.F.D. 24 subject to covering agreement of Washington, salvage to proceed in meantime.

(2) British to undertake salvage and salvaged equipment to be overhauled reassembled and stored at Alexandria for disposal as directed by Navy Department, taking into consideration any local requirements which may arise.

(3) U.S. Authorities request copies of salvage reports on stranding of dock and findings of investigations into cause of stranding, intend supplying them locally, your 301809 April. (F.O.L.E.M. 031227C to Admty.)

Movement.

Sailed BRECON for Cape Cod in company CALPE. (Comar Bizerta 031835B to F.O.G.M.A.)

? Some mistake here - probably CAPE COD intended

Enemy A/C.

In Mediterranean Waters ships are unlikely to encounter enemy A/C. All A/C are to be considered as friendly and are not to be engaged unless recognized as hostile or unless have committed a hostile act. A/C will continue to carry out normal identification procedure.

M.S.G.O. 51 para. 3 dated (?1st) June 1943 is cancelled. (C. in C. Med. 031919 to Med. Station.)

LE TRIOMPHANT  
(Fr. Destroyer)

Admiral Lemonnier wishes Admiralty informed the Ministry of Marine Paris confirms the request which has been presented by Almed. to C. in C. Med. for the despatch of TRIOMPHANT to East Indies as early as possible after 7th May when she will be ready for sea.

(2) She would carry a small number of military personnel for Indo-China, some stores for RICHELIEU and some medical stores. (N.A. Paris 031955B to Admty.)

Re MONTCALM  
re movement  
of troops.

Admiral Lemonnier sent for A.N.A. late last night and was at pains to explain that the deplorable impasse concerning MONTCALM was much regretted by himself and the Ministry of Marine. He pointed out that he was acting as a transport authority and was under orders of his Government. He said

French Government considered that such small movement of troops was a routine matter concerning post war reshuffle of units and they had anticipated that representation to responsible Allied authority concerned would be sufficient to ensure concurrence.

(2) The Admiral at an interview with me today assured me that any future movements would be handled with great care to prevent any misunderstanding.

(N.A. Paris 031958B to Admty, (R) C. in C. Med.)

/Situation...



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Situation Report No. 603. (1) Genoa. Weather is still too bad for mine-sweeping. It is hoped to be able to clear passage through entrance for L.S.T.(1) and coast(?)ers in seven days once minesweeping enables lifting ships to operate.  
Savona. L.C.Ts. will be able to enter as soon as minesweeping is completed and channel 20 feet deep should be cleared 10 days later weather permitting.  
Taranto. NEURALIA struck mine and sank in position 040° 11' N. 017° 44' E. No troops on board at time, almost entire crew believed saved.  
Bari. German hospital ship FRIEBURG left Trieste and requested protection and orders. She has been ordered to Bari.  
Trieste. Preliminary report indicates that there is virtually no damage to port other than from our bombing. Enemy (corrupt group) and ships all sailed to surrender and have been intercepted by coastal craft.  
Dodecanese. A successful raid covered by destroyers has been made on Alimnia and Rhodes.  
(C. in C. Med., 032104B to F.O.L.E.M.)

Summary No. 241. C. Army Group E. Yugoslav claim capture Trieste - apparently premature since garrison subsequently surrendered to 8th Army on 2 May. Harbour area now occupied by Allies but rest of town under Yugoslav control and latter running own A.M.G.  
In N.E. Italy Allied troops occupied Gorizia. Enemy pocket N.W. Fiume showing signs of surrender and white Verrey light and white ground squares observed by Allied aircraft. Probable however that surrender to Allies only intended although surrender offer already made by Yugoslavs.  
(A.F.H.Q., 032227B to W.O.)

Movements. Arrival L.S.T.(I) 602 departure F.C. JEANNE D'ARC, F.C. MONTCALM, L.C.I.(L) 38, U.S.S. DJANE arrival and departure BRECON.  
(Comar Bizerta 032355B to Admty.)



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U-Boats  
in Japanese  
waters.

Suggest German High Command be instructed to order all German U-Boats in Japanese Controlled harbours to leave and then comply with para. 1C A.M. 010128 when over 300 miles from Japanese Controlled territory.

(2) Suggest these instructions also be contained in text of A.M. 010041.

(3) Detailed orders for surrender vide a.m. 010047 will be signalled to U-Boats by C. in C. E.I. on receipt of report called for in para. 1C A.M. 010128.

(C. in C. E.I. 030957Z to Admty.) Reply 051326B.

Operation  
"Dracula".

Following for British Chiefs of Staff, information J.S.M. from Mountbatten.

As culmination of combined operations of Allied naval, land and air forces of S.E.A.C. our troops entered Rangoon at 0600 hours this morning.

(S.A.C.S.E.A. 031111Z to A.M.S.S.O.)

"Dracula"  
sitrep  
1800 F.G.  
3rd May.

S.O. Force W reports every indication there is a walkover to Rangoon. No details of progress reported. Heavy rain storm clogging progress ashore.

(2) Survey proceeding ashore. No moored mines found in approach.

(3) A.C. 21 withdrawing tomorrow Friday when 224 Group will take over fighter cover of anchorages.

(4) 36th Brigade landed in Rangoon town 1835 F.G.\*  
(C. in C. E.I.S. 031241Z to Admty.)

\* No opposition.

K.M.F.  
convoys  
(disconti-  
nuing of.)

It is intended to discontinue K.M.F. convoys when all danger of attack by German U-Boats is considered to have passed.

(2) This date will be promulgated by Admiralty.

(3) Your 010950 refers.

(D.O.D. (F) 032321B.)



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America and West Indies

SS. AFRICAN DAWN. QQQQ armed merchant ship 36.25 N. 52.45 W. ship unable give proper reply. (AFRICAN DAWN, 030240Z)

U-Boat dispositions. Estimates. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 031336Z and Cominch, 031507Z)

M.V. PANAMA. (1) M.V. PANAMA. (2) British. (3) 110325Z/4th. (4) 44.30 N. 33.30 W. (6) Sunk. (7) Five. My 031440Z with list of survivors follows. (N.C.S.O. St. Johns, N.F. 031430Z to Admty.)

Survivors from PANAMA ex O.N.294 state vessel broached to during engine breakdown. Sand ballast shifted suddenly and vessel capsized at 0355Z April 11. 5 survivors landed St. Johns. 45 missing. (N.C.S.O. St. Johns, N.F. 031942Z to Admty.)

CANADA VICTORY (sunk). 271312Z April CANADA VICTORY sunk by enemy A/C off Okinawaba. Para. C.(1) 031513Z Canso A/C had disappearing Radar contact 43.27 66.45 and attacked with depth charges. About 2 hours later plane reported holding Sono Buoy contact same area. Para. (D) (1) 020230Z P.C. 1265 had Radar contact 29.46 W. 72.10 W. (Cominch, 032057 to Admty.)

U-Boat surrender. 032147/20. This supplements Navops 6, 7 and 8 and Allant 13. If U-Boats offer to surrender to Lantflt ships at points other than points of surrender given in Navop 7, procedure is as follows  
(A) Place armed guard aboard. At earliest moment force all officers and crew below decks and keep them there. Impress on them that if U-Boat is scuttled they sink with her and take steps to ensure this. Be ruthless if necessary.  
(B) Carry out inspections required by Navop 7. At discretion remove excess U-Boat personnel not required for surface operations.  
(C) Report immediately by operational priority despatch to C. in C. Lant and Cominch, info C.E.S.F. when steps (A) and (B) have been accomplished. Include identification U-Boat and other pertinent information. C. in C. Lant will then issue necessary instructions for delivery of U-Boat and crew into port.  
(D) Escort the U-Boat toward the nearest point of surrender until further instructions. At surrender points or at other points directed by later despatch the S/Ms will be turned over to Naval District Authorities acting as representatives Eastseafon.  
(C.in C. Lant, 032147 to Allant, 20)



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T.G.60.5. T.G. 60.5 reconstituted C.T.G. 60.5 Capt. Martin  
(reconstituted) in NIBLACK Comdesdiv 35 in CARMICK Comcortdiv 5  
in EVARTS, DOYLE, JORDAN. Escort U.G.S.92  
departing New York and Hampton Roads 12/13 May  
for Western Mediterranean.  
(C. in C. Lant, 032356Z to C.T.G.60.5)

Far East and Australia

Hospital ships Approved for British Hospital ships to follow  
B.P.F. the U.S. Practice of remaining in the vicinity of  
the Oiling Force during operational periods  
subject to the following conditions.  
(A) All Hospital Ship procedure is to be maintained  
(B) Arrangements including adequate communications  
must be made to render timely assistance in case of emergency.  
(C) Ship must be cleared of Patients before sailing.  
Para. 2 of B.S.1's 301525 April not to R.A.F.T. refers.  
(C. in C. B.P.F.030107Z to R.A.F.T.)

ILLUSTRIOUS. It is desired ILLUSTRIOUS should again become  
available for operations in British Pacific Fleet  
as early as possible.  
(2) Anticipate ship will leave Sydney about 20th  
May and could arrive U.K. late June.  
(3) Request information whether ship can be taken in hand in  
U.K. at earlier date than August. Admiralty 212215 March  
refers.  
(C. in C. B.P.F. 030558B to Admty.) reply 051950B.

B.P.F. Statement showing logistic results of A.M.181953A  
A/C in April is being prepared but should await A/C re-  
Carriers. marks on reduction of embarked IE in the meantime  
it is necessary to decide disposal of ILLUSTRIOUS  
Squadrons.  
(2) All pilots of 1830 and 1833 Corsair Squadrons  
except those being returned to U.K. have been absorbed in  
VICTORIOUS and FORMIDABLE and expected input of Corsair pilots  
precludes any possibility of reforming these Squadrons in  
Australia. Intend all Squadron personnel should return to  
U.K. in ILLUSTRIOUS and reform there.  
(3) Intend to retain 854 Avenger Squadron in Australia as  
spare squadron.  
(F.O.N.A.S.(A), 030527Z to C. in C. B.P.F.)

/NEWFOUNDLAND ...



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NEWFOUNDLAND (Operations). H.M.S. NEWFOUNDLAND is being detached to take part in operations conducted by C.C.A.S. in New Guinea. Approx. period 10th to 24th May. (C. in C. B.P.F. 030757Z to C.T.F.57)

Digest 1198 2.5.1945. (3) Mariners from Lingayen night 1st-2nd May sank schooner, hit three junks off Caena Coast. (4) Mariners from Tawi Tawi sank one river boat, damaged two large river tugs, 2 river boats, one military far off east coast Borneo, sank one river boat North West Tawi Tawi. (5) Delayed report states Liberators from Paibwan 1st May sank one small coaster damaged seven small coasters one motor launch left burning three luggers, fired picket boat and barge, left sinking single small coaster Pontianak area Borneo. (12) On 1st May two Liberators on shipping search southeast Borneo saw convoy 1 destroyer escort 2 sea trucks, single medium freighter Transport leaving Balikpapan sank one sea truck, scored direct hits second sea truck causing explosions and fires leaving vessel settling. (15) Single R.A.A.F. Liberator heckled Kendari by night; 45 Beau-ports supported Australia ground forces advancing towards Wewak hitting enemy troop concentrations defences and gun positions along coast. (G.H.Q.S.W.P.A. 030928Z to Admty.)

S/M RORQUAL (disposal of) C. in C. B.P.F.012313./ If there is no mine-laying requirements for RORQUAL on East Indies Station it is considered vessel should return to U.K. to pay off or reduce to reserve status. It is not considered RORQUAL is suitable for special operations on account of her large silhouette slow diving time and 200 ft. diving limitation. (2) The alternative to retain RORQUAL in Eastern Theatre either in immediate reserve or for A/S training against a possible future minelaying requirement would be uneconomical in man-power as well as being an added strain on WOLFE's maintenance facilities. (F.O.S/M. 031154B to Admty.) / Confirmation that there is no minelaying requirement for RORQUAL on the Pacific and S/M is therefore no longer required.

U.S. Commands in Pacific, Changes. Subject is recent changes in U.S. Command in the Pacific Summary follows. Changes do not in our view affect directive issued to you in A.L. M/P.D.017/45 of 31st Jan. (2) Supreme Commander Southwest Pacific Area is also designated C. in C. U.S. Army Forces Pacific (C.I.N.C.A.F.P.A.C.) and subject to paragraphs 6 and 7 below all U.S. Army resources in Pacific theatre (less Southeast Pacific

/area) ...



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in Pacific,  
Changes.  
(Contd.)

area) are placed under his command. He will be responsible for provision of Army resources for operations in the Pacific as directed by Joint Chiefs of Staff.

(2) Similarly, subject to paragraphs 6 and 7 below, all U.S. Naval Forces in the Pacific (less Southeast Pacific area) are placed under command of Cincpac, who will be responsible for provision of Naval forces for approved operations.

(4) American Chiefs of Staff will continue to exercise strategical control over the Pacific. Cominch and C.O.S. U.S. Army remain agents for U.S. C.S. on Pacific, naval and army matters respectively.

(5) U.S. C.S. when issuing operational directives, will indicate whether Cincpac or Cincafpac is to be responsible for the operation. The other will render every possible assistance.

(6) To implement the above directive changes in the areas or forces for which each Commander is responsible, will be effected by mutual agreement.

(7) Cincpac and Cincafpac are each authorised to establish by mutual agreement joint forces and appoint commanders to exercise unified command for operations for which they have been made responsible.

(Hd. of M. Branch, 031230B to C. in C. B.P.F.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGNS/M attack  
and sighting  
Summary.

For 24 hours to 0800Z/3rd May.  
Para. A. (1) A/C of 248, 235, 143, 404 and 333 Squadron attacked 2 surfaced U-Boats course 360 degs. with R/P and cannon at 0645Z/2nd May in 57 degs. 29' N. 11 degs. 24' E.

(2) A/S Trawler EBOR WYKE sunk at 1123Z/2nd 04 degs. Skagi 6.5 miles. Torpedo suspected.

Para. B. (1) A/C Q/ 36 sighted smoke course 345 degs. which disappeared when attacked with depth charges at 1730Z/2nd in 55 degs. 55' N. 08 degs. 40' W.

(2) H.M.S. HADLEIGH CASTLE heard suspected torpedo at 1331Z/2nd in 51 degs. 46' N. 07 degs. 19' W.

(3) Unexplained explosion occurred astern of H.M.S. LANCASTER CASTLE at 2028Z/2nd in 51 degs. 39' N. 07 degs. 16' W.

Para. C. (1) Force 36 attacked bottomed contact from 1456Z until 1737Z/2nd May in 53 degs. 43' N. 04 degs. 57' W.

(2) A/C L/228 obtained contact at 0224Z/3rd in 48 degs. 08' N. 05 degs. 25' W.

Para. D. (1) E.G. 1 attacked doubtful bottom contact at 1355Z/2nd in 50 degs. 37' N. 08 degs. 38' W.

(D.D.I.C. 031128B to Cominch, N.S.H.Q.)

U/B

Estimates.

Dispositions

(D.D.I.C. 031420B to A.I.G.331 and Cominch)

/U-Boat ...



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U-Boat  
Surrender.

It is proposed that the following B.A.M.S. Area Messages be transmitted in plain language immediately after the broadcast to U-Boats A.M.020024 and 020211 refer.

(2) Begins: To ships in B.A.M.S. Areas 1A, 1B, 3A, 3B, 3C, 5A, 7A, 7B, 7C, 9A and 9B from Admiralty and to ships in B.A.M.S. Areas 2A, 2B, 4 and 5B from Cominch. German U-Boats have been ordered to remain on the surface flying a large black or blue flag by day and burning navigation lights by night.

They have been instructed to report their position in plain language on 500 K/cs every 8 hours and to make for specified ports under Allied Control.

(3) U-Boats apparently complying with these instructions are not to be attacked, but should be given a wide berth. W/T reports of such sightings are to be made in plain language in the following form:

(a) Number of U-Boats. (b) Position. (c) Estimated Course.  
(d) Estimated speed.

If, however, U-Boats commit a hostile act or otherwise disregard these orders, reports are to be made by normal distress procedure and all appropriate defence measures taken.

(D.T.D. 031340B to Cominch, N.S.H.Q.) See A. & W. Indies. Adm. 081124B to B.A.D.)



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1. In view of the surrender of the German armies in Holland, N.W. Germany and Denmark, to take effect from 0800/5th May, 21st Army Group ceased offensive action at 2050 today.

North Sea.

2(a) A channel has been swept to enable Holland relief ships to reach the Hook.

(b) Reconnaissance of Hamburg shows a quiet situation, town and docks badly damaged by our bombing, water and fuel very short, but berths and cranes sufficient for our purposes. No work has been done in the shipyards for over two years. Practically no men-of-war in port, and only 24 merchantmen fit for sea.

West Coast  
France.

3. Germans operated against Haedick Island during the night but returned to Lorient at dawn.

Northern  
Waters.

4. British SS. EMPIRE UNITY was torpedoed by a U-Boat off Akraness, Iceland.

Baltic.

5. Allied aircraft have carried out extensive attacks on enemy shipping off Lübeck and Kiel. 23 ships are claimed as sunk and 139 damaged.

Foreign StationsMediterranean

N. Italy.

6. The first contact between troops on the Italian front with those under Command of <sup>6</sup> S.H.A.E.F. was made by the 5th Army at 1015<sup>h</sup> hours today in the Vipiteno area 7 miles south of Brenner Pass. (081530B)

Adriatic.

7. An Italian S/M of the C.M. type and 7 E-Boats have arrived at Ancona and surrendered.

Aegean.

8. Greek M/S. Whaler SPERCHIOS capsized and sunk whilst on passage from Piraeus to Khios. There are so far 33 survivors.



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Burma.

9. The docks at Rangoon are reported to be in fair condition. PHOEBE, LARGS and L.S.Is. are expected to berth in inner harbour on the 6th. Minesweeping and surveying continue and 13 ground mines have been swept. One L.C.T. has been mined causing several casualties. There are now no Japanese in Rangoon.

Far East and Australia

Borneo.

10(a) Naval Forces continued to support ground operations on Tarakan Island where progress was made against strong opposition which included burning of oil before advancing troops.  
(b) U.S. Naval aircraft destroyed 4 small vessels and damaged two others near Tarakan.

Indo-China.

11. 47 U.S. Liberators dropped 91 tons of bombs on the dockyard at Saigon, several large oil tanks were destroyed and fires and explosions caused.

Formosa.

12. Liberators bombed Kiirun dock installations.

Japan.

13(a) During last night the Japanese attempted a landing behind the American lines on the east coast of Okinawa but were repulsed. There were three similar landings by 600 enemy troops on the west coast. Suicide boats were active on the same night and fifteen of them were destroyed. This morning 130 Japanese aircraft attacked from the north and west - of which 21 were shot down by ships A/A. Two American destroyers and an L.S.M. were sunk in these attacks. A cruiser, a destroyer and 3 other naval craft were damaged.  
(b) American submarines sank one large tanker in the Kyushu area.



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Operations.

North Sea.

Sweeping of channel towards Hook of Holland.

10th M.S.F. with CHEERFUL and danlayers proceed as requisite to pass H.K. 4 buoy at 1000B today Friday to complete Oropesa sweeping as in my 030010B.

(2) Adjust sweeps as shallow as possible and shorten sweep and kite wires as necessary to avoid partings. Echo sounders should be kept running.

(3) It is essential that this should be completed and buoys laid today Friday. E.G.M.S. is to follow with as many actuations as time permits.

(4) C.F.M.U. 1 is to provide A/S escort. M/S 10 to arrange R/V direct with C.F.M.U. 1.

(5) Many minesweepers from Ostend and Terneuzen may be working in the area.

(6) C. in C. Nore is to be informed of progress.

(7) Return to Ostend roads for the night.

(C. in C. Nore 040016B to S.O. M.S.F. 10.)

C. in C. Nore's 040016B. R/V H.K. 4 Buoy 1000 today Friday. (S.O. M.S.F. 10 040328B to C.F.M.U. 1.)

My 040016B. B.Y.M.S. in area, S.O. 159th M.S.F. are to be informed immediately Oropesa sweeping is completed so that they may assist in ground mine sweeping.

(C. in C. Nore 040956B to S.O. M.S.F. 10.)

Owing to congestion of sweepers in all channels have ordered CHEERFUL to return with danlayers to anchorage off Ostend. (S.O. M.S.F. 10 041515B to C. in C. Nore.)

Available ships of 118th and 138th M.S.F. 197th and 199th M.S. Auxiliary Groups, 1st M.L.F. should be held at 48 hours notice for operation under either A. Captain M/S F.B. on "Cackle" route (Nore memo. 525/35/45 of 7.2.45, para. 3 refers), or B. F.O. Holland on any subsidiary routes which it may be necessary to open.

(2) My 061008B and 161450 neither to Captain M/S F.B. refer. (A.N.C.X.F. 221832B to F.Os. Holland, Belgium.)

Your 042110B acknowledged. Intend proceed with 7 M/S and 2 danlayers at 0400 tomorrow Saturday.

(S.O. M.S.F. 10 042325B to C. in C. Nore.)

Sweeping and buoying of the channel for Holland relief ships to agreed R/V with German escort has been completed.

(A.N.C.X.F. 042330B to Admty.)

Boom defences of Schelde.

F.O. Belgium 031621 May consider project boom defences Flushing could now be cancelled. (F.O. Holland 041110 to Admty.)

Convoy to Holland.

My 032343B not to all. You are required for escort duty a.m. tomorrow Saturday 5th May. Report p.m. today to N.O.I.C. Ostend for route and orders.

(2) Leave patrol a.m. Saturday to R/V convoy at O.D. 5 buoy at 0600B.



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Convoy to  
Holland.  
(Contd.)

(3) On turning over convoy to German escort at R/V (Bollen Van Goeree Buoy) return to N.F. 7 buoy by reverse route thence to Harwich.

(4) Whilst acting as escort and on return journey as far as N.F. 7 buoy you are to fly the international pilot flag.

(5) Communications. Broadcast C.N. and 2333 k/cs. Listening watch on 500 k/cs while escorting convoy.

(6) My 041114 to N.O.I.C. Ostend refers.

(7) Acknowledge.

(C. in C. Nore 041120B to LAMERTON.)

Patrols.

My 031725B para. 2 amend to read:

No. 14 LAMERTON. No. 17 ZETLAND. No. 18 EGLINTON.

(C. in C. Nore 041122B to Nore Command.)

N.O.M. 11 following amendments to come into force forthwith

No. 1 patrol 56B buoy to 54D buoy.

No. 2 patrol 54D buoy to Hearty Knoll Buoy.

No. 3 patrol Hearty Knoll Buoy to 4 buoy.

No. 4 patrol to lat. 52° 18' N.

No. 5 patrol 52° 18' N. to 54B buoy.

No. 6 patrol 54B buoy to 51 buoy.

(2) N.O.M. 108 para. 4 amend to read:

No. 1 patrol Z.22.

No. 2 patrol Z.17.

No. 3 patrol Z.12.

No. 4 patrol Z.9.

No. 5 patrol Z.?

No. 6 patrol Z.3.

Para. 7. No. 1 patrol 54D buoy.

No. 2 patrol 54G buoy.

No. 3 patrol 4A buoy.

No. 4 patrol 3C buoy.

No. 5 patrol 3A buoy.

No. 6 patrol 54A buoy.

(C. in C. Nore 041314B to Nore Command.)

My 031725B para. 1 amend to read:

1 COWDRAY, 2 HAMBLEDON, 3 TANATSIDE, 4 SHELDRAKE, 5 FERNIE, 6 BRISSENDEN. Coastal force units F.C. 1 to 6 R/V patrols at 2300B. (2) My 041314B refers.

(C. in C. Nore 041318B to Nore Command.)

Patrols for night Saturday 5th May:

1 COTTESMORE, 2 BROCKLESBY, 3 CATTISTOCK, 4 WILTON, 5 WIDGEON, 6 BLEASDALE. Coastal force units F.C. 1 to 6 R/V patrols at 2300B.

(2) 12 CUBITT with coastal forces from U.K.

14 CHIDDINGFOLD, 16 RETALICK with coastal forces from Ostend.

17 ZETLAND, 18 KRAKOWIAK, 19 STAYNER with coastal forces from Ostend.

21 EASTON, 22 CURZON with C/F from U.K.

Coastal forces from Ostend R/V frigates at 2200B.



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North Sea.

Patrols. (3) Escorts for T.A.M. 60 MELBREAK and SHELDRAKE.  
 (Contd.) T.A.P. 25 MENDIP. F.N. 3 PYTCHLEY.  
 (4) Coastal forces from U.K.  
 Patrol 1, 2 M.T.Bs. unit F.C. 1 with COTTESMORE.  
 Patrol 2, 2 M.T.Bs. unit F.C. 2 with BROCKLESBY.  
 Patrol 3, 2 M.T.Bs. unit F.C. 3 with CATTISTOCK.  
 Patrol 4, 2 M.T.Bs. unit F.C. 4 with WILTON.  
 Patrol 5, 2 M.T.Bs. unit F.C. 5 with WIDGEON.  
 Patrol 6, 2 M.T.Bs. unit F.C. 6 with BLEASDALE.  
 Patrol 12, 4 M.T.Bs. unit F.L. 2, F.L. 3.  
 Patrol 22, 4 M.T.Bs. unit F.B. 8, F.B. 9.  
 Patrols 51, 52, 53, 1 M.L. on each.  
 TSXB 5035, 6 M.T.Bs. unit F.A. 1, F.A. 2, F.A. 3.  
 XJXB 4048, 4 M.T.Bs. unit F.B. 3.  
 From Ostend.  
 XJYU 2316, 2 M.T.Bs. unit F.A. 8.  
 XJYU 2100, 2 M.T.Bs. unit F.B. 2.  
 XJYU 4126, 3 M.Ls. unit F.G. 5.  
 XJYU 3312, 4 M.T.Bs. unit F.H. 3, F.H. 4.  
 Patrols 16, 4 M.T.Bs. unit F.G. ?, F.G. 3.  
 (C. in C. Nore O41702B to Nore Command.)

Yesterday's air activity. Cositintrep 395, part 3. Air.  
 24 hour period ending 2100 hours 3rd May, 1945.  
 A. Summary of operations:  
 Royal Air Force Bomber Command Mosquitoes carried out other attacks on port area of Kiel and also attacked airfields at Housen and Eggebeck during the night. Food Supply Missions were continued during the day to Holland. 403 aircraft successfully dropped 828 tons. 8th Air Force operations consisted of dropping food supplies to five dropping zones in Holland. 399 aircraft dropped 739 tons. 14 aircraft carried out leaflet mission over Germany. Aircraft of 29 Tactical Air Command attacked shipping at Lübeck and Kile. 24 ships of different types were claimed as damaged. Second British Tactical Air Forces. During the day anti-shipping strikes were carried out in Kiel Bay, Neustadt Bay and Lübeck Bay. Claims were made of 23 destroyed and 115 damaged. No further details available.  
 (S.H.A.E.F. O41130 to Admty. and others.)

Buoy-laying in N.W. Germany by Boom Defence vessels. A.Ls. M/B.D.O. 195/45 dated 6th April, para. 4, and M/B.D.O. 234/45 of 27th April (neither to all.) Request craft for transport from Harwich and for laying of buoys in N.W. Germany be brought to 7 days notice to sail.  
 (2) Intend Boom Depot shall be established at Cuxhaven.  
 (A.N.C.X.F. O41146B to Admty.)

/Opening...



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Opening of  
Hamburg.

The opening of Hamburg is a matter of urgency.  
(2) I consider the risk to minesweeping forces from the guns of Heligoland is now acceptable and request you will complete sweeping the "Dropkick" Channel at the earliest possible date.

(3) Two Monitors have been brought to four hours notice for steam and I consider these should accompany the minesweeping forces to provide retaliatory action against Heligoland should interference be experienced.

(4) The importance of eliminating opposition from Wangerooge is being stressed with the Air Force authorities and it is hoped they will arrange a further attack in force in the near future.

(5) The 31st M.S.F. has been placed at the disposal of C. in C. Plymouth to replace the 16 M.S.F.

(6) Request M/S Force C may be brought to 24 hours notice as capture or surrender of Cuxhaven is imminent.

(A.N.C.X.F. 041210B to C. in C. Nore.)

Request you will progress operation "Dropkick" as soon as practicable.

(A.C.N.S.(H) 041302B to C. in C. Nore.)

Your 041121\* para. 2.

EREBUS 1600B/4th May.

ROBERTS 0800B/5th May.

(C. in C. Portsmouth 041548B to Admty.)

\* EREBUS and ROBERTS to be brought to two hour notice for operations.

Your 041210B para. 4. Request importance of eliminating guns of Heligoland may also be stressed with air authorities.

(2) Commander in Chief's views regarding monitors are contained in paras. 8 and 9 of his personal letter dated 21st April.

(C. in C. Nore 041745B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Importance of targets in para. 1 of your 041745 was stressed by me at Air Commanders meeting held at S.H.A.E.F. this morning. I was informed they hold first priority. Attack has been delayed due to weather.

(A.N.C.X.F. 042320B to C. in C. Nore.)

Sitrep No. 2.

Town and docks area much damaged by bombing but some hotels still standing without heating. Public utilities functioning on limited scale. Extreme anxiety shortage of water and fuel.

Attitude of officials cowed and at present ready to co-operate in supplying information. Surrounding population evacuated prior to surrender and general situation quiet with no hostile incidents.

(2) Port facilities. Blom and Voss area originally chosen will be workable. Berths and cranes sufficient for our purpose. Power station intact but grave shortage of fuel. No demolition of quaysides but works being searched. Shipyards generally badly damaged. No work done for over 2 years. Graving dock and 2 floating docks appear to only need slight repair.



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(3) Warships. Only ships found afloat are 3 Spermochers, 5 fleet auxiliaries and small number small craft. Warships under construction 2 Spermochers damaged by bombs, 14 German U-Boats type XXI sabotaged, (75) type VII, 2 type IX 3 type (XVI?). Building abandoned on later types.

(4) Merchant ships. German authorities report 24 afloat only two ready for sea, plus 59 sunk. These include Dutch, Norwegian and French. (77) troopships are seaworthy. No tankers found and very few foreign (?seamen) available. Germans explain absence of larger number merchant ships by stating great many were sent recently to Baltic ports to evacuate refugees from Russian zone. Small number sent direct route to Norway. Coal and oil bunker shortage said to be critical. Merchant ships under construction ) DEUTSCHE WERFT tanker 14,000 D.W. 1 tramp 10,000 D.W. 6 Hansa type. Varying states of completion, material available in the vicinity. Fuel details being sent to M.W.T.

(5) Minefields. Indications are that no German mines laid between Hamburg and Cuxhaven. Search for chart showing minefield Elbe approaches so far unsuccessful. Admiral Deutsche Bucht at Cuxhaven reported to have full knowledge of same.

(6) Agreed M.W.T.R. Admiralty pass to M.W.T. A.N.C.X.F. pass to Chief Representative M.W.T., N.W.E. (Com. i/c Hamburg 042323B to F.O.I.C. N.P. 1738, N.L.O. 21 A.G.)

In view of existing conditions request instructions immediately for seizure of merchant ships in prize. Para. 4 my 042323 refers.

(Cdre. Hamburg 042353B to Admty.)

Discharge  
Situation  
Report.

Cositintrep No. 395 part 4 section A.  
Discharge by sea 24 hour period ending 1600A/03.  
British.

	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Stores</u>	<u>Bulk Coal</u>	<u>Bulk Pol.</u>	<u>G. F. Ammo</u>
Antwerp	51	401	14,781	-	21,383	959
Ostend	2,408	268	5,040	-	1,540	830
Caen	-	-	-	1,523	-	-
Calais	7,065	31	258	-	-	-
<u>Total</u>	<u>9,524</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>20,079</u>	<u>1,523</u>	<u>22,923</u>	<u>1,789</u>
<u>U.S. North.</u>						
Antwerp	-	221	24,094	-	-	999
Cherbourg	-	28	4,836	852	3,266	1,972
Le Havre	1,278	594	5,414	180	-	741
Rouen	5	-	6,437	763	812	1,632
Ghent	-	-	11,905	-	-	4,954
<u>Total</u>	<u>1,283</u>	<u>843</u>	<u>52,686</u>	<u>1,795</u>	<u>4,078</u>	<u>10,298</u>

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U.S. South.

	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Stores</u>	<u>Bulk Coal</u>	<u>Bulk Pol.</u>	<u>G.F. Ammo</u>
Marseilles	1,918	616	16,770	650	-	-
Port de Bouc	-	-	3,216	1,261	13,953	142
Toulon	-	-	320	-	-	-
<u>Total</u>	<u>1,918</u>	<u>616</u>	<u>20,306</u>	<u>1,911</u>	<u>13,953</u>	<u>142</u>

Army coal at:- Dieppe 1,269. Granville 879. Morlaix 1,120.  
St. Malo 1,334.  
(S.H.A.E.F. 041630A to Admty., and others.)

Pelagic minesweeping. 15th M.S.F. is required to progress minesweeping as a matter of urgency from Pit Buoy to position of P.10 buoy as referred to in my No. 0517/61 of 16th March, not to all. Beacons being laid in positions of ocean buoys.

(2) SOUTHDOWN and QUANTOCK will escort 15th M.S.F.

(3) F.O.I.C. Humber is requested to supply SOUTHDOWN and QUANTOCK with copies of my No. 0517/61 of 16th March and amendments and M.S. 15 to inform them of water already swept and buoys and winners laid.

(4) Admiralty is requested to arrange for P.1 to P.10 buoys inclusive less P.2 to be loaded into Trinity House vessel at Harwich.

(5) HASEUR is detailed as escort for T.H.V.

(6) M.S. 15 to forward proposed programme, include date, time and place at which T.H.V. and escort should R/V with him. Buoys are not to be lit unless ordered.

(7) SOUTHDOWN and QUANTOCK should remain in swept water unless in contact with enemy.

(8) Unless otherwise ordered later, W/T should not be used when to the eastward of 3° E. except in emergency.

(9) S.V.A.R. and air protection will be arranged.

(10) Communications A. Fleet sweepers as in Nore 0517/61 of 16th March. B. SOUTHDOWN and QUANTOCK broadcast N.N. and 2000 k/cs. Transmitting as for Fleet sweepers.

(C. in C. Nore 041643B to S.O. M.S.F. 15.)

M/S Force C is to be brought to 24 hours notice.

(C. in C. Nore 041723B to Capt. M/S Humber.)

C. in C. Nore's 041643B. Propose to carry out the following programme 0800/6th May. Sailed with FRASERBURGH, LYME REGIS, WHITEHAVEN, WORTHING, DUNBAR, SOUTHDOWN, QUANTOCK and 3 danlayers and proceed to D.6 buoy where 62% sweep in H formation will be carried out north of S line of buoys 2 miles wide channel to Pit Buoy expected time of arrival 0600/7th.

(2) High percentage sweep will be carried out from Pit Buoy to P.10 of 2 miles wide channel, completing approx. 1100/8th, during which beacons and winners will be laid.

(3) 15th M.S.F. and escorts will R/V with T.H.V. and escort at 2000/8th at D.6 buoy when T.H.V. will be swept to Pit Buoy and

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subsequently at 0600/9th will be swept while laying P.1 to P.10 Buoy.  
(4) On previous experience estimated time of completion should be approx. 2200/9th.  
(5) E.T.A. of all ships at D.6 buoy 1800/10th, when all ships will return to harbour.  
(S.O.M.S.F. 15 042150B to C. in C. Nore.)

Amend my 042150B May as follows.

Para. 1. Time of sailing to read 1200/5th E.T.A. Pit Buoy 1000/6th.

Para. 2. Time of completing high percentage sweep 1500/7th.

Para. 3. Amend to read T.H.V. to R/V with 15th M.S.F. and escorts at Pit Buoy at 1500/7th.

Para. 4. E.T. completion of Buoy laying read 1400/8th.

Para. 5. E.T.A. at D.6 buoy 0700/9th.  
(S.O. M.S.F. 15 042325B to C. in C. Nore.)

Operation  
"Doomsday".

Operation "Doomsday".

(1) A.N.C.X.F. is requested to:-

A. Arrange for 1 L.S.I. with L.C.A. to be ready and available as soon as possible and notify capacity and date of readiness to all concerned.

B. Earmark 5 L.S.T. for this operation.

C. Earmark 2 further L.S.T. to meet additional commitments still to be notified by force 134.

(2) War Office is requested to arrange for 1 personnel ship to be earmarked for this operation as soon as lift required is notified by force 134.

(3) Force 134 is requested:

A. Furnish details of additional sea and air lift referred to in force 134 space G.O.-336 of 3rd May (not to all.)

B. Notify War Office number of personnel required to be carried in additional personnel ship.

C. Make plans with C. in C. Rosyth for disembarkation arrangements from personnel ship. This is necessary as another L.S.I. with L.C.A. is not available to meet the additional requirement.

(4) As it is very doubtful that Dakotas will be available planning of air lift should be co-ordinated between the joint force commanders and 38 group, whose resources will be at their disposal.

(S.H.A.E.F. 041920B to A.N.C.X.F.)

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Unconditional  
surrender of  
German Armed  
forces in  
Holland, N.W.  
Germany and  
Denmark.

G.O. 411A. All offensive ops. will cease from receipt this signal. Orders will be given to all troops to cease fire 0800 hours tomorrow Saturday 5th May. Full terms of local German surrender arranged today for 21 Army Group front follow. Emphasize these provisions apply solely to 21 Army Group fronts and are for the moment excl. of Dunkirk.

(Exfor Main 042050B to S.H.A.E.F., A.N.C.X.F.)  
G.O. 412A. Further my G.O. 411A of 042050B.

Following is digest of the instrument of surrender signed by C. in C. 21 Army Group and German representatives today.

(1) "The German Command agrees to the surrender of all German Armed forces in Holland, in N.W. Germany including the Frisian Islands and Heligoland and all other islands in Schleswig - Holstein, and in Denmark to the C. in C. 21 Army Group. These forces to lay down their arms and to surrender unconditionally.

(2) All hostilities on land or sea or in the air by German forces in the above areas to cease at 0800 hours D.B.S.T. Saturday 5th May, 1945.

(3) The German Command to carry out at once and without argument or comment all further orders that will be issued by the Allied powers on any subject.

(4) Disobedience of orders or failure to comply with them will be regarded as a breach of these surrender terms and will be dealt with by the Allied powers in accordance with the accepted laws and usages of war.

(5) This instrument of surrender is independent of without prejudice to and will be superseded by any general instrument of surrender imposed by or on behalf of the Allied powers and applicable to Germany and the German Armed Forces as a whole.

(6) This instrument of surrender is written in English and in German. The English version is the authentic text.

(7) The decision of the Allied powers will be final if any doubt or dispute arises as to the meaning or misinterpretation of the surrender terms."

(Exfor Main 042200B to S.H.A.E.F., A.N.C.X.F.)

Operation  
"Cleaver"  
to Kattegat.

(1) It may be necessary for a naval surface force to enter the Skagerrak and Kattegat at short notice.

(2) To this end force 5 consisting of following ships is to assemble at Rosyth as soon as possible. NORFOLK (Flag of C.S. 1), BIRMINGHAM, DIDO, ZEPHYR (D.2), ZEALOUS, ZEST, ZODIAC, SCOURGE (D.23), SAVAGE, ZAMBESI, CARYSFORT, 12 M/S as arranged by Admiralty. Danlayers TAHAY and TOCOGAY, 1 fleet oiler.



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(3) Force 6 consisting of available escort carriers with escort of 1 5.25 cruiser and destroyers will be assembled at Scapa.

(4) Minesweepers will be divided into the following two groups:

Group A. consisting of the first minesweepers to arrive Rosyth. Group B. consisting of remainder

of minesweepers in para. 2.

(5) When ordered, force 5 will proceed to Skagerrak by following route:

CA. 56° 47' N. 01° 13' W.

CB. 56° 35' N. 01° 27' E.

CC. 56° 48' N. 03° 08' E.

CD. 56° 58' N. 04° 27' E.

CE. 57° 20' N. 07° 12' E.

CF. 57° 43' N. 08° 32' E.

CG. 58° 06' N. 09° 55' E.

CH. 58° 00' N. 11° 06' E.

Destination and route beyond CH. will be issued later.

(6) Group A minesweepers will probably be sailed ahead of Force 5 to carry out searching sweep along route through Q.Z.X. 1535.

(7) If arrival of Force 5 in Skagerrak becomes urgent it may be necessary for Force 5 to proceed with Group A minesweepers only.

(8) Air Cover. C. in C. Rosyth is requested to arrange with 18 Group to provide air cover for Group A and Force 5 as far as position CD.

(9) It is intended that Force 6 shall join Force 5 before latter passes through Q.Z.X. 1535 and will then provide air cover from CD. to CF.

(10) Codeword in my 042333.

(C. in C. H.F. 042316B to C.S. 1, C.S. 10, Com. D. H.F., C. in C. Rosyth, 18 Group.)

My 042316 codeword "Cleaver."

(C. in C. H.F. 042333B to previous addressees.)

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Patrols.

GARLAND take BEAGLE under his orders to form Force 28, pass Gate 1715B/4th May and proceed by Q.Z.S. 697 to establish patrol between positions: 49° 02' N. 02° 37' W. and B. 48° 49' N. 02° 37' W. by 2230B.

Objects: to cover G.O.C/O.C.C. convoy route against surface craft and to cover situation outlined in Opas. paras. 1, 2 and 3 (not held by all addressees.)

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Patrols. (2) If no contacts by 0600B/5th May BEAGLE is to  
(Contd.) return to Plymouth. GARLAND is to proceed to  
Granville sailing again as requisite, p.m. 5th  
May, to establish patrol as in para. 1. Patrol  
is to be repeated nightly until further orders.  
(4) Force 28 will remain under operational control of  
Commander in Chief, Plymouth.  
(5) Force 28 holds copy of Cousnaab. Cherbourg No. 2-45  
of 19 March, 1945.  
(C. in C. Plymouth 041431B to GARLAND, BEAGLE.)  
Force 28 return to Plymouth with despatch forthwith.  
GARLAND acknowledge.  
(C. in C. Plymouth 042337B to Force 28.)

Anti-U-Boat Pass Eastern Gate at 0830B/5th and carry out  
deep mining. serial L.I part 2.  
(C. in C. Portsmouth 041652B to W. VAN DER ZAAAN.)  
Proposals contained in C. in C. Plymouth  
281204 April are concurred in.  
(2) Reference para. 4A request you will arrange mutually for  
fast minelayer to be employed in the proportion of two  
operations in Plymouth Command to one in Western Approaches.  
(3) Assumptions in para. 4B, C and D are confirmed.  
(A.C.N.S.(H) 041654B to Cs. in C. Plymouth, W.A.)

Attack Diving operations are now taking place in position  
restrictions 174° Nab Tower 6.5 miles during slack water periods  
near Nab when it is important that no explosive charges  
Tower. should be dropped within a 10 mile radius of this  
position.  
(2) Ships will be informed when attack restric-  
tions are in force by the codeword to be promul-  
gated followed by a letter. Example: Codeword "Fox" denotes  
period of restriction taken from following table.  
A. 0600 - 1000. B. 0700 - 1100. C. 0800 - 1200.  
D. 0900 - 1300. E. 1000 - 1400. F. 1100 - 1500.  
G. 1200 - 1600. H. 1300 - 1700. I. 1400 - 1800.  
J. 1500 - 1900. K. 1600 - 2000. L. 1700 - 2100.  
M. 1800 - 2200. N. 2200 - 0200. O. 0001 - 0400. P. 0200 - 0600.  
(3) If during a restricted period ships obtain a firm contact  
in the above area which they consider is a U-Boat they are to  
make a signal precedence emergency to C. in C. Portsmouth  
requesting permission to attack.  
(4) Contact is to be maintained but attack is not to be made  
until approval has been given.  
(5) Whenever attack restrictions are not in force, precautions  
against midget U-Boats by dropping 5 lb. charges or depth  
charges are to be continued.  
(C. in C. Portsmouth 041725B to Portsmouth Command.)  
P.G.M. 63D of 041725 May. Codeword is "Drakefly".  
(C. in C. Portsmouth 041727B to Portsmouth Command.)



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West Coast France.

Hostile operation against Haedick Is.

French reports that in the night 2/3 May 500 Germans undertook operation against Haedick in nine vessels escorted by five small craft which had come from Lorient. They left Haedick at 0600 troops returning to Le Palais escort vessels to Lorient. At present twelve ships are assembled in outer harbour Le Palais awaiting operations against islands or coast of Quiberon Bay. (Commavforfrance 041720B to A.N.C.X.F.)

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Western Approaches.

Anti-U-Boat deep mining.

Operation "C.H." zerial Y. Second half of line 2 and line 3 completed. (ARIADNE 041435B to Admty.) Carry out operation "C.H." serial J lines 3 and 4 1500/5th May. (F.O.I.C. Milford Haven 041547B to ARIADNE.)

Possible U-Boat.

Attacking good bottomed contact in position 51° 59½' N. 05° 27½' W. (fix). ICARUS in company. (HOTSPUR 042306B to C. in C. W.A.) My 042306. 3 H.H. and 2 depth charge attacks produced light oil at 2300. Firm contact with stationary target. Echo sounding evidence so far inconclusive. Intend remaining in contact and continuing attack at daylight. (HOTSPUR 042359B to C. in C. W.A.)

Patrols.

At 2359 tomorrow 5th May 30th E.G. if not in contact detach from Force 36 and assume duties of Force 37 in place of 25th E.G. (2) 2 ships of 25th E.G. are to support Clyde section K.M.F. 44 joining off Cumbræ at 0100/6th. Remainder of 25th E.G. support Mersey Section joining in position 180° Mull of Galloway 4 at 0115/6th. (C. in C. W.A. 042334B to S.Os. E.G. 25 and 35.)

Operations.

Norway.

Operation "S.C."

Ramose. Baroness sailed HITRA at 0800B May 4th W.M. air escort not especially required on return journey. (N.O.I.C. Lerwick 040803B to C. in C. H.F.)

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"S.C."  
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Ramose Midshipman sailed VIGRA at 0800B May 4th.  
(2) Air escort not specially required on return journey.  
(N.O.I.C. Lerwick 040807B to C. in C. H.F.)

Operations  
"V.P."

Cancel my 021932B, 021934B, 021947B and 021949B.  
(N.O.I.C. Lerwick 040931B to C. in C. H.F.)

ACANTHUS,  
BUTTERCUP.

ACANTHUS and BUTTERCUP are now required for Norwegian operations at an early date.  
(2) Request they may be sailed for Rosyth as soon as practicable.  
(D.O.D.(H) 042145B to C. in C. W.A.)

GRUPPE K.G.26.

P.O.W. states that GRUPPE K.G. 26 armed with torpedoes was to have moved from Trondheim to Bardufoss on 2nd May.  
(D.D.I.C. 042220B to C.S. 1, C.S. 10, S.B.N.O. N. Russia.)

Operations.

Northern Waters.

LOCH INSH v.  
U.307.

Your 022156B. 14 prisoners including Capt. and engineer officer of U.307 sunk by LOCH INSH on 29th April are on board LOCH INSH. Admiralty's 300840B para. 1 and Admiralty's 301321B para. 2 refer. (N.T.A.W.S.)

(2) In view of this and to facilitate co-ordination and compilation of reports of actions of 29th/30th April request LOCH INSH may remain with group and return to Liverpool for a few days prior to proceeding for refit.

(S.O.E.G. 19 041038B to C. in C. W.A.) (See 30.4.45. PP559 7566)

GOODALL's  
C.Bs. may  
be com-  
promised.

S.B.N.O. N. Russia's 300918B and 301146B. Possibility of compromise considered to exist as quantity of reckoning boom and paper was observed in area of wreck. Operations did not permit of close investigation or recovery.

(2) After portion of wreck of GOODALL was sunk by ANGUILLA at 0147B/30 in accordance with

S.B.N.O. N. Russia's 292204 addressed S.O.E.G. 19 only.\*

(S.O.E.G. 19 041045B to Admty.) \*Denied by BENO. app. 151.

Air patrols.

Area enclosed by following positions being patrolled until 0330/5th by Liberators and Catalinas: 61° 05' N. 02° 30' E. 61° 00' N. 03° 45' W. 62° 45' N. 03° 30' W. 64° 48' N. 01° 15' W. 62° 30' N. 03° 05' E.  
(C. in C. Rosyth 041423B to C. in C. H.F.)



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Return of C.S. 10. E.T.A. Scapa of Capt. (D) 2 and destroyers including OBEDIENT 1600B tomorrow 5th. My P.C.S. at noon 69° 15' N. 00° 28' W. 206° 11 knots.  
(C.S. 10 041429 to C. in C. H.F.)  
My 041429 add BELLONA.  
(C.S. 10 041715 to C. in C. H.F.)

Torpedoing of EMPIRE UNITY. EMPIRE UNITY torpedoed 2300Z. Akraness 110° 14½ miles.  
(NORTHERN REWARD 04 2334Z to A.C.I.C.)

Operations.

Baltic.

R/C of Kiel. Kiel. A. P.R.U. of May 2 showed striking increase in number of tankers in port and anchorages which totalled eleven excluding beached tanker and three small coastal tankers besides oilers.  
B. Same cover showed considerable increase in number of U-Boats nearly 100 being visible. (A.3), in contrast to recent reports in which U-Boats have been seen lying in the anchorages off Holtenau and Strander Bucht, 54 U-Boats are reported concentrated in the T/B Harbour at Wik which has been their base in the past.  
C. Preliminary photographic report of May 4 shows departure from port of 47 U-Boats referred to in B. (A.2).  
(D.N.I. 041804B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Situation at Neustadt. Preliminary inspection of Neustadt shows sections of midget submarines three reputedly obsolete submarine damaged by air attack. Torpedo and warhead store. Red Cross flag flying over buildings containing hospital and barracks forming submarine school. Out of this area swarming with refugees some U-Boat personnel were extracted and captured. A refugee ship ATMEN lying alongside caught fire from unknown causes early this morning. Refugees were mostly rescued and ship towed out of harbour and anchored. Now gutted. This ship was in an appalling state of filth and refugees miserably starved. Continued stream of displaced persons greatly adds to complications here. Some charts indicating Baltic Swept Channels obtained. Control of shipping at Travemünde entrance working well.  
(F.O.I.C. N.P. 1734 042233B to A.N.C.X.F.)



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Movements.

GLOXINIA, Your 032110B. GLOXINIA delayed by accidental  
corvette. defect in shore pumping equipment will sail at  
2000B/4 escorted by CHASSEUR 13. Speed 9 knots.  
Standard route to Devonport.  
(Comar Brest 040923B to C.T.F. 122.)

Comar Brest 040923. Owing to U-Boat situation request C.F.N.T.F.  
sail one frigate as escort to GLOXINIA in place of CHASSEUR.  
(A.N.C.X.F. 041445B to C.T.F. 122.)

Your 040923B. Understand C.F.N.T.F. has major war vessel  
proceeding to Plymouth for repairs hold GLOXINIA to sail in  
company. Cancel my 032110B.  
(C.T.F. 122 041500B to Comar Brest.)

According to your last instructions I cancel my 040923B.  
GLOXINIA will sail at 1200B/5 escorted by LA SURPRISE. S.O.A.  
10.5 knots. E.T.A. Plymouth 0600B/6. Standard route.  
(Comar Brest 041522B to C.T.F. 122.)

QUEEN EMMA Intend handing over QUEEN EMMA to your admini-  
L.S.I. (M) stration as from 2359 tomorrow Saturday May 5th.  
(R.A.L.S.C.U. 041212B to H.Q. Force W.)

DELHI, A.M. 022035 (DELHI to reduce to category C)  
cruiser. is noted for future action.  
In view of A.M. 031048B, not to F.O.C.R.F. no  
action can be taken to reduce DELHI to Cat. (C)  
and she should remain at 14 days for steam.  
(F.O.C.R.F. 041227B to Admty.)

TEME, A.M. 281654B April TEME paid off p.m. 4th May.  
frigate. C. and M. party not R.C.N. aboard.  
Remainder TEME's crew discharged to leave reporting  
NIOBE on expiry p.m. 11th May.  
Pt. J.O. Willington R.C.N.V.R. will report C.N.M.O.  
5th May.  
(F.O.I.C. Falmouth 041449B to Admty.)

SHARPSHOOTER SHARPSHOOTER can be taken in hand for alterations  
late mine- to survey vessel at Messrs. Green and Silley Weir  
sweeper. at Blackwall forthwith. N.O.I.C. Lowestoft is  
requested to sail ship accordingly.  
(2) F.O.I.C. London is requested to pay off  
SHARPSHOOTER on arrival discharging officers and  
R.N.Ps. crew to EUROPA to recommission WORTHING and general  
service ratings to Chatham.  
(3) Combrax Chatham is requested to provide care and maintenance  
party for SHARPSHOOTER.  
(D.O.D. (H) 041631B to N.Os. i/c Lowestoft, London.)

/H.N.M.S....



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HOME COMMANDS.

Movements - Contd.

H.N.M.S. SOEMBA gunboat. Reference conversion of H.N.M.S. SOEMBA to radar training ship. Request she may be sailed Tuesday 8th May to Chatham for removal and landing of 3 in number 5.9 inch guns, and loading of 100 tons fuel oil. (2) After removal of guns request she may be sailed to Grangemouth. (3) Request 2 liaison ratings may be drafted for voyage Chatham to Grangemouth. (B.D.Z. 041700B to Admty.)

LA SURPRISE. At request of Comar Brest LA SURPRISE will escort GLOXINIA to Plymouth leaving Brest 051500B. E.T.A. 060900B. (2) Reference my 031845N.B. LA SURPRISE urgently requires docking for repair of 2 leaks in Hull. Request if possible she may carry out repairs in Portsmouth, where she has urgent material and administrative business. (3) If no dock available in England before 9th May, request she may be sailed to Brest 10th May, where dock will be available by this date. (C.F.N.T.F. 041701B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

ONSLOW. Request ONSLOW be sailed to arrive Scapa p.m. 6th May where she is urgently required for operations. (Com. D. 042144B to C. in C. Nore.)

Shipping & Convoys.

German merchantmen to remain afloat. Following P/L message from German Armed Forces Superintending Sea Transport Officer addressed to all German Merchant Ships was intercepted at 0015B/4th May: "On the orders of Admiral Doenitz, German merchant vessels are not to scuttle, when threatened by the enemy, but are to remain ready to operate." (D.D.I.C. 041012 to Cs. in C. H.F., Nore, Rosyth, Portsmouth, Plymouth, A.N.C.X.F.)

QUEEN MARY & QUEEN ELIZABETH at Southampton. Your E.X. 39505\* QUEENS cannot use Southampton until dredging now in progress is completed round about second half July. (2) When Southampton is ready and on the assumption that Cherbourg is safe port for these ships we propose to turn the ships round at Southampton and call Cherbourg westbound to embark personnel for redeployment. (3) Transhipment of troops at Southampton will involve costly use of troopships across the channel and in view of world stringency after V.E. day such unnecessary use of troopships would appear to be unacceptable.



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Shipping & Convoys.

QUEEN MARY &  
QUEEN  
ELIZABETH at  
Southampton.  
(Contd.)

- (4) Naturally troops already in U.K. for redeployment would be embarked Southampton.
- (5) I am willing join with you and the War Office in full examination whole problem but feel sure it will be necessary for you to make exceedingly strong case before Combined Chiefs of Staff are prepared allocate troopships for what appears to be unnecessary cross-channel movements.  
(D. of S.T. 042144B to Etousa.)  
\* Held by D. of S.T. only.



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North Atlantic

- ORVILLE HARDEN, damage. Tanker ORVILLE HARDEN straggler ex H.X.352 with collision damage arrived Ponta Delgada 1815Z/3rd. (N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada, 040039Z to S.B.N.O. Azores.)
- E.G. 3. Ships addressed form Group 3 as from 0800B/5th May, WELLINGTON (S.O.). (F.O.G.M.A., 040934B to WELLINGTON, JONQUIL, BELLWORT.)
- SUSSEX. SUSSEX returned Gibraltar and sailed at 0925/4th for Malta. Admiralty's 021604 and my 011054 both not to all refer. (F.O.G.M.A., 041111B to V.A.M.)
- L.S.I.(L)s. SAINFOIN and SEFTON ex K.M.S.99 passed Gibraltar eastbound 0055/4th bound Port Said. (F.O.G.M.A., 041119B to F.O.L.E.M.)
- SALVICTOR, (salvage vessel). Sail at 1000 April 6th for Port Said. (F.O.G.M.A., 041555B to SALVICTOR.)
- Whalers. Intend to sail whalers CALM (S.O.), HAILSTORM and BOREALIS to Gibraltar at 1600/5th May, for onward routeing to United Kingdom, in accordance with A.M. 032041, not to all. (2) S. of A. 9 knots. E.T.A. Gibraltar a.m./10th. (V.A.M., 041630B to F.O.G.M.A.)



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Mediterranean

Surrender of Enemy forces in Italy. Congratulatory message to Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean. The following message has been sent to the Commander in-Chief, Mediterranean:-  
"The unconditional surrender of the enemy's forces in Italy brings to an end an historic series of campaigns in which the British and Allied Navies have played a notable and indispensable part. Their Lordships congratulate you and all the officers and men under your command upon an achievement which will live in the annals of the Royal Navy and of which the end was worthy of a great beginning."  
((Initialled) H.V.M., M.0432245/45)

S/M TANTALUS Arrival H.M.S. TANTALUS.  
(N.O.I.C. Suez, 030031C to Admty.)

Trawlers Trawlers when released, F.O.L.E.M.'s 121717 April should be sailed to Gibraltar for onward routing to following destinations:  
MOONSTONE Plymouth. KINGSTON-Balmouth.  
- CYANITE Falmouth. A.M.091122 Dec. refers.  
(C. in C. Med. 040932B to S.B.N.O. Greece.)

JEANNE D'ARC Comar Bizerta's 011430 and my 301136 neither to all. It will be observed that I have only given permission for French Cruiser JEANNE D'ARC to move to Toulon and that ship is earmarked by French to convey troops to Beirut probably in immediate

future.  
F.O.W.M.'s 281126 refers.  
(2) Request guidance on policy to be adopted if French request permission to sail vessel to Beirut.  
(C. in C. Med., 041136B and 102109B.)

Intend sailing French Cruiser JEANNE D'ARC 11th May from Toulon to Beirut with ~~troops~~ and then to Oran to take Moroccan troops to Levant.

(Almed, 041910B to C. in C. Med.)

Cable repairs My 162155. Fault has now occurred in Gibraltar Malta Cable close to Gibraltar terminal. Request you effect repairs with EMILE BAUDOT before she continues her original programme.  
(C. in C. Med., 041222B to F.O.G.M.A.)

180th Flotilla B.Y.M.S. B.Y.M.S. of 180 Flotilla are expected to sail as follows:  
(a) 5 under S.O. in 2064 on May 6th.  
(b) 2045 on or about 9th.  
(c) It is not expected that 2246 can be ready before 13th. Your 021824 not to all refers.  
(V.A.M., 041240 to Admty.)

VENGEANCE (Fire in) A fire has recently occurred in VENGEANCE probably caused by the rise in voltage of a C.W.S.

/machine...



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Mediterranean

VENGEANCE  
(Fire in)  
(Contd.)

machine due to the failure of the auto-voltage control unit A.P.W. 1215 consider this is a dangerous weakness and that ships should be warned accordingly. Written report follows.  
(A.C.11, 041709B to Admty.)

Situation  
report  
No. 604

(1) Adriatic. An Italian S/M of the C.M. type and 7 E-boats have arrived Ancona and surrendered.  
(2) Aegean. Greek M/S Whaler SPERCHIOS has capsized and sunk whilst on passage from Piraeus to Khios. Although number of passengers is limited to 40 it is believed there were 115 on board. There are 33 survivors reported so far.  
(C. in C. Med., to F.O. Levant, etc.)



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East Indies

"Dracula" 1800FG/4th May.  
Sitrep. Dock area in fair condition, several wharves,  
Rangoon. pontoons and cranes undamaged. LARGS, PHOEBE  
and L.S.Is. will berth inner harbour 6th May.  
No Japanese in Rangoon.  
(2) M/S. and survey continues, 13 ground mines  
swept, one L.C.T. mined several casualties.  
(3) All landing ships and craft being withdrawn from Burma  
as soon as possible.  
(4) Aircraft of Force 63 carried out supplies from Tenasserim  
Coast yesterday and today.  
(5) No further daily Sitreps. will be made by C. in C. E.I.  
(C. in C. E.I., 041241Z to Admty.)



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America and West Indies

N.S.H.Q.  
submarine  
attack  
and  
sighting  
summary.

No report since my 300717 April.  
Para. C. Canso N/5 Radar Contact at 1447 3rd H.T  
contacts from 1454 to 1724 in 43.27 N. 66.45 W.  
attacked with D/Cs at 1541 and 1653. All times Z.  
(N.S.H.Q. 040450Z to Admty., Cominch.)

Convoys,  
Instructions,  
amendments  
to.

Ref. C. in C.W.A.'s 211626. It is proposed to  
amend Admty. Convoy Instructions in the following  
sense:

Section 2 Article 2.

Insert as new sub-paragraphs to paragraph 1:

(b) The Commodore is in charge of his Convoy

as a whole, subject to the orders of the Escort Commander.  
He is responsible for its internal organisation, cruising order  
and conduct at sea.

(c) Whenever practicable the admonishment of ships in convoy  
should, therefore, be carried out through the Commodore to whom  
the offending Master is directly responsible. Commodores are  
instructed to include in their voyage reports instances of  
straggling inefficient darkening, poor signalling, bad station-  
keeping, excessive smoke, lack of discipline, etc. (I.C.O.Cs.  
110 - 112). They are also instructed to report the names of ships  
to whom it has been necessary to issue more than one warning for  
irregularities in convoy. The above reports are referred by the  
Admiralty to the Ministry of War Transport, or other shipping  
authority concerned, for action with the Owners and Masters of  
of offending ships.

(d) Instances of gross indiscipline in convoy should, however,  
be initially reported by W/T, with the agreement of the Commodore,  
in the E.T.A. signal made by the Escort Commander so that  
appropriate measures can be taken to investigate and deal with  
the matter immediately on the arrival of the ship concerned.  
Renumber existing sub-paragraphs B to E as E to H.

(2) Request your concurrence.

(D.A.U.D., 041242B to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, Cominch etc.)

U-boat  
dispositions

Estimates.  
(N.S.H.Q., 041307Z to A.O.C. E.A.C. etc. and  
Cominch 041518Z.)

Far East and Australia

A/C  
disposition  
of 1st Line  
Squadrons.

F.O.N.A.S.(A) 040327 Admty.  
See Lion Copy.



**TOP SECRET**

**IN**

**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.)

From F.O.N.A.S.(A)

*R/C - disposition of 1<sup>st</sup> Line Squadrons.*

Date 5.5.45

Recd. 0355

NAVAL CYPHER (XD) F.O. BY W/T

Addressed Admiralty

Repeated C. in C. B.P.F. V.A.(Q) B.P.F. A.C.1

The following statement shows the present establishment and disposition of first line Squadrons of the B.P.F. (A.M. 181953A April and my 030527Z May refer)

Para. 2. Squadrons in which changes of IE have taken place

Squadron.	I.E. Strength.	Ship.	Remarks.
848	18 Avenger	FORMIDABLE	I.E. reduced from 21 to facilitate operating.
849	14 Avenger	VICTORIOUS	As for 848 and to accommodate two Walrus.
857	15 Avenger	INDOMITABLE	As for 848 and to accommodate more Hellcat
854	15 Avenger	ILLUSTRIOUS	To be retained in Australia as spare Squadron.
885	16 Hellcat 11	RULER	(1) IE reduced from 24 (2) Employed on CAP (3) 10 pilots transferred to INDOMITABLE
894	16 Seafire LF III	INDEFATIGABLE	Nominally IE of 24 but arrived on station with 16
899	14 Seafire LF III	Spare	Nominally IE of 24 but 22 pilots used as replacements in 887 and 894 Squadrons. Unable to reconstitute to more than IE of 14 at present future of Squadron uncertain.



Squadron.	I.E. Strength.	Ship.	Remarks.
1772	12 Firefly	Spare	Only 10 crews & 4 aircraft left after replenishing 1770 Squadron. Squadron will be further depleted shortly and may have to be disbanded.
1830	Nil	ILLUSTRIOUS	All pilots not returning to U.K. have been absorbed in FORMIDABLE and VICTORIOUS.
1833	Nil	ILLUSTRIOUS	Remarks as for Squadron 1830, 1839, 1840, 1844

Total IE of 36 Hellcat INDOMITABLE changes have been effected in forward areas and individual IE's are not yet known.

1845 Nil ex SLINGER All pilots now in FORMIDABLE and VICTORIOUS

3. 801, 820, 828, 880, 887, 1770, 1771, 1834, 1836, 1841, 1842, 1843, Squadrons remain as shown in SWSP dated 30th March 1945 except that 1843 Squadron has been disembarked and is being retained in Australia as a Reserve Squadron.

040327

1st Lord	D. of P. (2)	
1st S.L. (3)	D. of P. (Q) (3)	
D.F.S.L. (2)	Hd. of M. (5)	
2nd S.L.	Ad. Blake	
5th S.L.	W.D.	
V.C.N.S.	N.A. 2 S.L. (A)	
A.C.N.S. (H)	A.C.N.P.	
A.C.N.S. (F)	D. of M.	
A.C.N.S. (A) (2)	Hd. of C.W.	
A.C.N.S. (W)	Hd. of N.	Dep. Contr. }
D.O.D. (H) (4)	E.A.P.	D.A.S. } B
D.O.D. (F) (2)	D. of S. (3)	D.N.O. } A
D.C.	D. T. E. D.	C.I.N.O. } T
D.D.I.C. (2)	D.A.M.R.	Hd. S.W.R. (3) } H
D.N.I. (4)	D.N.A.R. (3)	
Vice Con. (Air)	D.D.A.S. (L)	
D.N.A.O. (4) (A.O.D. 137/45)	D.A.E.	
D.A.W.T.	C.N.R. (M.A.P.)	
D.A.C.R.		
Hd. of Air Branch		

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FOREIGN STATIONS

Far East and Australia

Stores for  
B.P.F. in  
forward  
areas

Following from D.D.S.(P).

- (1) Intend to sail FORT COLVILLE and DEERSOUND from Leyte for Sydney on 3rd May.
- (2) FORT COLVILLES stocks have been very largely depleted during the recent replenishment of the Fleet and the practical value in the forward area is now almost negligible. All stores which are

likely to be of use have been transferred to UNICORN. Request, therefore, that arrangements be made for her to be fully restocked at Sydney as soon as possible. Further demands based on operational experience gained during the first period of Iceberg follow by Air Mail.

- (3) DEERSOUND is deficient in essential materials which cannot be made go far in the forward area and it is considered essential that this opportunity should be taken of sending her to Australia for a comprehensive storing. Separate report follows by letter regarding DEERSOUND's deficiencies.

- (4) The dates by which these ships will be required to rerun to the forward area will be signalled later.

(V.A.(Q) B.P.F. 040358 to Admty. for D. of S.)

(May 3)

Blue  
Summary Third.  
Pacific  
Operations.

Ryukus. Advances Southern Okinawa continue against resistance. 20-25 enemy A/C from S.W. in 4 raids during evening. Suicides sank LITTLE (DD. 803) L.S.M.195 with AARON WARD (DM.34) in danger of sinking. Damaged MACOMB (DMS.23) L.C.S.25 17 enemy A/C destroyed. 4

by Cap 4 by ships AA. 9 Suicides. C.V.Es. continued neutralization Sakashima Gunto on 2nd with night intruders getting one Tony.

Kyushu. 48 B.29s bombing visually from 1700 to 18300 feet hit airfields as follows:-

Kanoya 7, Kanoya East 7, Kokubu 8, Miyakonojo 10, Miyazaki 11, Tachiarai 3, Tanega Suiua 2. Enemy aircraft opposition was none at Miyazaki, heavy at Miyakonojo, weak to moderate at others.

1 B.29 lost. 3 P.B.4Y - 2s in dusk attack (?Kanoya?) from 100 feet destroyed 3 twin engine planes and set fires.

Submarines.

Possible contact between Marianas and Okinawa with attack negative. Blue Submarine sank medium AOG 2 DD 1 DE S.W.P.A. Australians nearing Tarakan airfield and Tarakan down.

47 B.24s struck oil installations Saigon. 2nd 2 B.24s at Kiirun Formosa 7 B 25s 14 P 38s hit railroad installations Saigon.

B.25s P. 38s P.V.S. at Borneo targets. Usual heavy ground support Philippines. Search planes active on Borneo and Malay Coasts. Night of 2nd - 3rd, 9 B.24s hit Truk at hourly intervals.

B.24s at Truk and Marcus during day. Usual sorties Palau area Yap with addition of 20 B.24s at Koro Palaus.

(C. in C. Pac. Adv. H.Q. 040553 to All Commands.)

Digest  
1199.  
3.5.45  
Extract.

Covering 3rd May unless otherwise stated.

- (1) Privateers from Clark Field destroyed single Seatruck also 1 Motor Truck Hong Kong area, damaged Lugger nearby.

- (2) Mariners from Tawi Tawi sank single small Coaster 1 Barge South Tarakan.



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Far East and Australia

- Digest 1199 3.5.45 Extract (Contd.)
- (4) Delayed report states Liberators from Palawan 2nd May damaged 2 small Coasters North West Pare Pars Celebes. Saw ships described 1 Aoba class heavy Cruiser, 1 Destroyer, 1 Destroyer Escort, 1 large Tanker, 2 Sea trucks plus small craft anchored off Malayan Coast 20 miles North Kuala Trenggan: Size of vessels considered probably exaggerated.
- (5) 47 Liberators hit Saigon dropping over 70 tons Texas Oil Company, Standard and Shell Oil Company installations also boat yard causing explosions and fires destroying storage tanks.
- (8) Naval Units of 70 Fleet bombarded Balut Island off Southern tip Mindanao.
- (10) Australian forces Tarakan Island approached North Tahq dispersal areas Tarakan airfield encountering further electrical detonated mines? entered Southwestern outskirts, Tarakan Town: Enemy resistance increasing both sectors. 15 Mitchells gave close support to ground troops while Naval forces bombarded enemy gun positions and strong points.
- (12) Supporting Australian forces closing steadily in on Wewak 12 Liberators 3 Beauforts Lightnings attacked gun positions Muschu Island.
- (G.H.Q. S.W.P.A., 040938Z to Admty.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN

- Submarine attack and sighting Summary.
- For 24 hours to 0800Z 4th May.
- Para. A.
- (1) A/C L/333 sighted 4 U-boats in convoy course N. at 0200Z 3rd May in 54° 35' N. 10° 25' E.
- (2) A/C J/236 attacked U-boat at conning tower depth course 250° at 0415Z 3rd in 53° 49' N. 06° 55' E.
- (3) A/C attacked 3 U-boats between 1900Z/1st May and 1900Z/2nd off Lübeck.
- Para B.
- (1) Halifax A/C obtained A.S.V. contact sighted smoke and wake at 0510Z 3rd in 57° 02' N. 10° 10' W.
- (2) E.G. 31 reported explosion at 1308Z 3rd in 51° 59' N. 05° 59' W.
- (3) A/C M/202 attacked smoke and wake at 1555Z 3rd in 55° 23' N. 06° 35' W.
- (4) A/C B/254 and D/254 attacked U-boat with cannon at 1140Z 3rd in 53° 37' N. 06° 36' E.
- (5) A/C D/248 attacked schnorkel smoke course 110° with cannon at 1809Z 3rd in 56° 35' N. 04° 05' E.
- Para. C.
- (1) A/C M/202 obtained A.S.V. contact at 0900Z 3rd in 56° 06' N. 07° 29' W.
- (2) A/C P/210 obtained A.S.V. contact H/T negative at 1110Z 3rd in 60° 35' N. 06° 26' W.



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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN

Submarine  
attack and  
sighting  
summary.  
(Contd.)

(3) A/C P/202 sighted suspicious object at  
0110Z 4th in 55° 41' N. 09° 16' W.  
(4) A/C P/202 obtained A.S.V. contact at 0145Z 4th  
in 55° 39' N. 09° 14' W. Flares dropped but  
nothing seen.  
(D.D.I.C. 040930Z to Cominch, N.S.H.Q. Ottawa.)

U-boat  
dispositions.

Estimates.  
(D.D.I.C. 041411B to A.I.G.331 Cominch.)



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SITUATION REPORT

Home Commands

1. Prisoners taken on the Western Front since D-day now exceed 3 millions.

North Sea.

2(a) A channel is in process of being swept from the U.K. to Cuxhaven.  
(b) C. in C. Nore requests that Coastal Forces may be given the well-earned honour of taking over the surrender of E-Boats in Dutch waters.

West Coast of France.

3. 330 ft. ships can now be received at Bayonne.

Norway.

4. C.S.1 reports the result of Operation "Judgement" to Skibotn as: U-Boat depot-ship BLACK WATCH exploded and U-Boat alongside her probably sunk. No other U-Boat seen. A tanker was also sunk and \*HAROLD HANFAGRE damaged. We lost 2 aircraft.

*U.711 sunk*

\*New THETIS. (C.B. 1815. Op. '45)

Northern Waters.

5. EMPIRE UNITY has been successfully brought into Hvalfiord, by NORTHERN SPRAY.

Baltic.

6. Allied aircraft, in further attacks off Kiel and Flensburg, claim 2 U-Boats damaged and 81 merchantmen damaged or destroyed, plus 4 merchantmen damaged and two destroyers sunk in the Great Belt.

Foreign Stations

Mediterranean

Adriatic.  
CORIOLANUS  
sunk.

7(a) Danlayer CORIOLANUS is reported today mined and sunk while sweeping of Ancona to Trieste channels were being carried out. There was no loss of life.

M.L. 558  
mined.

(b) M.L.558 reported mined and abandoned in 45° 11'38" N., 13° 23'12" E. One rating seriously injured.

*Venice.*

*(Occupied by  
allies, 29/4).*

(c) It is reported that the approaches to Venice are heavily mined. Steps are being taken by C. in C. Med. to clear main channel and approaches to the port. Demolitions in the port are slight.



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SITUATION REPORT

America and West Indies

SS. BLACK POINT sunk. 8. SS. BLACK POINT (Am. 5353 tons) torpedoed and sunk at 2135Z in 41° 20' N., 71° 25' W. (about 30' N.E. of Long Island). (062040Z)

Far East and Australia

Japan.

9(a) Yesterday and today Task Force 57 comprising KING GEORGE V (B.S.1), HOWE, INDOMITABLE (A.C.1), VICTORIOUS, INDEFATIGABLE, FORMIDABLE, SWIFTSURE (C.S4), BLACK PRINCE, EURYALUS, GAMBIA, UGANDA and 13 destroyers operated off Myako Island in the Sakishima Gunto. Yesterday the battleships fired 195 rounds and cruisers 976 rounds at Hirara and Nobaru airfields. Today the runways were reported well bombed by carrier-borne aircraft against light opposition. During absence of bombarding force, the Carrier Squadron was attacked by 20 enemy aircraft. FORMIDABLE sustained damage to her flight deck and a boiler room from a suicider. After temporary repairs FORMIDABLE was operational at 24 knots. 8 Japanese aircraft were destroyed in this action and a total of 18 (including 3 destroyed on ground) for the two days. (070521)  
(b) 152 Super-Fortresses dropped 488 tons of bombs on naval aircraft plant at Hiro and on the arsenal at Kure. 2 Fortresses are missing.



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HOME COMMANDS

Policy

Possible  
pre-Peace  
U-boat  
surrenders

Reference W.A.G.M.280 N and A.M.55. Following action is to be taken if a U-boat surrenders to surface escorts in W.A. Command prior repetition prior to Adieu:-

- (2) If surrender is made to:
  - (a) A support group.
  - (b) The close escort of an inward bound ocean

convoy or

(c) An individual escort on passage to base the U-boat is to be escorted by one escort to:

- (1) Beaumaris Bay if it surrenders in Irish Sea South 55° N. or in the S.W. Approach E. 10° W.
- (2) Loch Alsh if it surrenders elsewhere in W.A. Command.
- (3) If surrender is made to the close escort of an outward bound ocean convoy an escort is to be detached to stand by the U-boat and an immediate signal made to shore authority. The detached escort is to order the U-boat to stop and is to remain with it until further orders are received.
- (4) If U-boat surrenders to (a) the single escort of a convoy or (b) a single escort proceed join convoy, such escort is to leave her convoy duty and act in similar manner to detached escort in para. 3 above making an immediate signal to shore authority.

(C. in C.W.A., 050024B to Western Approaches Command.)

Ref. my 50024B. These instructions are not to apply to Monster escorts who are in company with or proceeding to join 9 Monster. These ships are:-

- (a) to order U-boats to stop and await escort.
- (b) make immediate report to shore authorities.
- (c) continue on their passage.

(2) Request you will instruct ships concerned accordingly.

(C. in C.W.A., 051117B to F.O.I.Cs. Greenock, Liverpool, Milford Haven.)

Surface

A.C.N.755 5 May 1945 Secret.

Vessel

Following signals from H.Q.C.C. none to all, are cancelled forthwith.

attack

restrictions

A.C.N.906 20th September 1944 T.O.O. 201946A.

A.C.N.649 25th October 1944 T.O.O. 250145A.

A.C.N.726 2nd November 1944 T.O.O. 022240A.

A.C.N.825 14th November 1944 T.O.O. 142036A.

A.C.N.587 12th April 1945 T.O.O. 121835B.

A.C.N.676 22nd April 1945 T.O.O. 222245B.

A.C.N.677 23rd April 1945 T.O.O. 230045B.

A.585 4th May 1945 T.O.O. 041210B.

My immediately following signal reinstates surface vessel attack restrictions now in force.

N.B. All the above signals refer to surface vessel attack restrictions and their amendments. It is the intention of this signal to cancel all previous signals instituting surface vessel attack restrictions and their amendments.

(H.Q.C.C. 051655A to S.H.A.E.F.)

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North Sea

Operation  
"Clever"

Request you sail 40th M.S.F. to Rosyth with despatch to operate under orders of C. in C. Home Fleet. (D.M.S. , 050015B to C. in C. Nore.)

/Air...



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Air operations Cositintrep 396. Part 3. Air. 24 hour period ending 2100 hours 4 May 1945.  
(a) Summary of operations.  
412 tons of food and supplies were successfully dropped to the Dutch by Lancasters of Royal Air Force Bomber Command, aided by Mosquitoes which identified the dropping zones by markers. Over 100 heavy bombers evacuated repatriates. No losses were experienced. No operations carried out during the night. Due to weather conditions supply operations scheduled for 8 Air Force Bombers has to be cancelled. 21 aircraft of 29 Tactical Air Command attacked shipping in the area of Kiel and Flensburg. 2 submarines were damaged. Weather severely restricted operations of aircraft of First Tactical Air Force. Only 68 fighters of the American components operated and a very few claims were made. No losses were reported. Second Tactical Air Force fighters which include Meteors operated on armed R/C anti-shipping strikes fighter operations and R/C. Excellent claims reported against shipping and enemy A/C on the ground. 81 large vessels, including 1,000 ton and less merchant vessels, freighters, passenger ships, and tankers were damaged or destroyed. Fighters of R.A.F. Fighter Command provided escort to bombers of R.A.F. Coastal Command in attacks on shipping. Excellent claims were made by Mosquitoes and Beaufighters of R.A.F. Coastal Command in attacks on shipping. Excellent claims were made by Mosquitoes and Beaufighters of R.A.F. Coastal Command in attacks on shipping north of the Great Belt. Four large merchant vessels were damaged considerably and two destroyers probably sunk.  
(S.H.A.E.F. 051030 to Admty.)

Land Operations G.2 No. 125 part I dated 5th May, 1945 covering period 2400B/3 to 2400B/5.  
Prisoners of War.  
(G.1 figures not completed) prisoners captured 1 May: 59,144. Accumulative total since D.day: 3,021,731.  
General. Commander in Ch. West (Kesselring) negotiating for surrender.  
(S.H.A.E.F. 051030B to War Office.)

Pelagic minesweeping Reference my 042150B para. 3 as amended by my 042325B. F.O. Humber is requested to sail DUNBAR and KING'S GREY to R/V with T H V and JASEUR at D.6 Buoy and act as additional escort to Pit Buoy.  
(2) JASEUR is requested to signal time and date ships are to be at R/V.  
(M.S.15, 051045B to F.O. Humber.)

Operation "Clever" Your 040924. Request you retain BERWICK at Rosyth.  
(C. in C.H.F. 051129 to C. in C. Rosyth.)

/Buoy...



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Buoy-  
laying in  
N.W.Germany  
by boom  
vessels

Request MOORPOUT may be sailed for Harwich as convenient on or before Wednesday 9th May.  
(2) On arrival she is to embark to capacity navigational light buoys and moorings being held available for German rivers.  
(3) Instructions and sailing for Germany will be issued later. A.N.C.X.F. Main's 041146B not to all addressees refers.  
(D.B.D., 051135B to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

A.M. 110255B April para. 2 not to all addressees off loading at Rosyth to be hastened and FOSSBECK to be sailed to Harwich as early as possible to embark fifty navigational light buoys and moorings held by Trinity House and earmarked for the Rivers Elbe and Weser. A.L. M/B.D. 0234/45 dated 27th April, 1945 not to all refers.

(2) Request vessel's anticipated draft light on arrival at Harwich may be communicated to F.O.I.C. Harwich in order that berth may be arranged.

(3) Expected date of completion of loading at Harwich to be reported when known and further instructions re sailing to Germany will be issued.

(4) A.N.C.X.F. Main's 041146B not to all addressees refers.  
(D.B.D., 051137B to F.O.I.C. Harwich, Cs. in C. Nore, Rosyth.)

Operation  
"Eclipse"  
German  
surrender  
arrangements

Fwd. 20638.

(1) "Eclipse" memorandum number one contains a set of special orders by the Supreme Commander to the different branches of the German High Command. In the event of a formal surrender it was intended that these orders should be handed by representatives of the Supreme Commander to the German signatories of the instrument of surrender.

(2) It now seems likely that OKH and OKL have either ceased to exist or would be powerless to issue more than the briefest and simplest orders to German commanders. OKM, on the other hand appears to be still exercising some control over the German Navy.

(3) It has, therefore, been decided that, in the event of a formal surrender, the representatives of the Supreme Commander will present the following documents only to the German signatories of the instrument of surrender:

Sub. para. A. The orders relating to the German Navy contained in "Eclipse" memorandum number 1, appendix D., amended to include detailed instruction to U-boats at sea.

Sub. para. B. An order that the local German army and air commanders on the Western Front, in Norway, in Channel Islands and in pockets will hold themselves in readiness to receive detailed orders for the surrender of their forces from our commanders opposite their front.

(4) Commanders should, therefore, be prepared to establish contact with the German commanders in Zone, and to issue detailed orders. In preparing their detailed orders they should be guided by such paragraphs of "Eclipse" memorandum number 1, as are appropriate. In particular orders will cover the full use of Germans for immediate rehabilitation, clearing of minefields, stemming of flooding and such like purposes.

(5) In the case of Norway action under para. 4 above will be the responsibility of General Officer Commanding in Chief,

/Scottish...



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"Eclipse"  
German  
Surrender  
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Scottish Command and Air Officer Commanding  
13 Group, who should ensure that representatives  
of the German army and air commanders are ordered  
to proceed to the same reporting areas as the  
naval commander (see para. 3A above).  
(6) General Officer Commanding in Chief, Scottish  
Command and Commander in Chief 21st Army Group  
through S.H.A.E.F. Mission to Norway and Denmark,  
should ensure that the Norwegian High Command and

Danish Military Authorities respectively are associated as  
conspicuously as possible with surrender of German troops in  
Norway and Denmark.

(7) In the case of the Channel Islands action under para. 4 will  
be the responsibility of General Officer Commanding in Chief  
Southern Command, who should agree designation of reporting areas  
with other Joint Commanders.

(S.H.A.E.F. 051210B to Allied Naval Commander Expeditionary Force  
Main, Commander in Chief 21st Army Group, Commanding General 12th  
Army Group, Commanding General 6th Army Group, General Officer  
Commanding in Chief Scottish Command, Air Officer Commanding 13  
Group R.A.F., General Officer Commanding in Chief Southern  
Command, Air Officer Commanding 11 Group R.A.F. Air Officer  
Commanding in Chief Second Tactical Air Force, Commanding General  
First Tactical Air Force (Provisional), Commanding General 9th  
Air Force, Commander in Chief Western Approaches, Commander in  
Chief Home Fleet, Commander in Chief Portsmouth, Commander in  
Chief Plymouth, Commander in Chief Rosyth, Admiral Commanding  
Dover Head of S.H.A.E.F., Mission to France.)

Anticipated  
minesweeping  
in Kattegat

It may be necessary in very near future to carry  
out M/S operations in the Kattegat before the  
liberation of Norway.

(2) Subject to remarks of C. in C. Rosyth propose  
following M/S Forces or equivalent Force be  
employed for these operations.

- (a) From Forces earmarked for "Apostle" 2 F.M.S. Flotillas,  
1 L.L./S.A., 2 M.M.S. Flotillas.
- (b) From Forces earmarked for "Crosskeys" 2 M.M.S. Flotillas,  
1 M/S M.L. Flotilla, 4 Norwegian Y.M.S., 4 diesel driven trawlers  
(159th Group) as supply ships.
- (c) From other sources 1 B.Y.M.S. Flotilla.
- (3) A captain M/S with staff would be required to Command the  
Force.
- (4) Consider that the operation should be
  - (a) Planned jointly by A.N.C.X.F. and C. in C. Rosyth.
  - (b) Mounted by C. in C. Rosyth.
  - (c) Executed by the Force Commander under the general operational  
control of C. in C. Rosyth and A.N.C.X.F. (F.O. NP 1737) when in  
their respective Commands.

(A.N.C.X.F. 051316B to Admty.)

Your 041723 M/S Force C. fully equipped and ready at 24  
hours' notice.

(Capt. M/S Humber, 051320B to C. in C. Nore.)

/Scuttled...



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Scuttled U-boat On arrival 29 buoy endeavour to locate U-boat scuttled in approx. position 270° 29 buoy 4 miles on 14th April. Endeavour also to obtain E/S traces.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 051340B to S.O.E.G.23)

Admty. 050015. Request information as to earliest time at which it is estimated ships of 40th M.S.F. will be ready to sail from Rosyth for operations.

(C. in C.H.F. 051355B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

Discharge situation report.

Cositintrep No. 396 Part 4, section A. Discharge by sea - 24 hour period ending 1600A/4th.

	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Stores</u>	<u>Bulk Coal</u>	<u>Bulk Pol.</u>	<u>G.F. Ammo.</u>
<u>British</u>						
Antwerp	105	328	11664	-	9593	1138
Ostend	2594	208	5068	-	-	730
Caen	-	-	-	1922	-	-
Calais	4258	50	342	215	-	-
Total	6957	586	17074	2137	9593	1868
<u>U.S. North</u>						
Antwerp	-	239	22355	-	-	806
Cherbourg	-	29	4381	1039	-	1568
Le Havre	2234	82	5044	329	-	514
Rouen	-	-	5464	985	963	1127
Ghent	-	-	16564	-	-	5738
Total	2234	350	53808	2353	963	9753
<u>U.S. South</u>						
Marseilles	-	734	16372	297	3481	-
Port de Bouc	-	-	2000	918	7791	-
Toulon	-	-	786	-	-	-
Total	-	734	19158	1215	11272	-

Army Coal at:

Dieppe 1696, Granville 1081, Morlaix 830, St. Malo 2114.

(S.H.A.E.F. 051545B to Admty. and others.)

My 041210 not to all.

Expect Cuxhaven will be ready to receive M/S Force C. by 7th May.

(2) Request Force C may be sailed as soon as practicable.

(A.N.C.X.F. 051550B to C. in C. Nore.)

F.O. Denmark

Have assumed duty of F.O. Denmark.

Am keeping constant watch on group G. only shifting to A if reception bad.

(Cdre. Denmark, 051700B to Admty.)

Honour to whom honour is due

Request Coastal Forces may be given the well earned privilege of taking over surrender of E-boats in Dutch bases.

(C. in C. Nore, 051701B to Admty., A.N.C.X.F.)



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Operation "Doomsday" Ref. No. Fwd. 20675 Operation "Doomsday".  
 (1) A.N.C.X.F. is requested to arrange for one L.S.I. and seven L.S.T. referred to in para. 1 of S.H.A.E.F. Forward 20599 to be assembled in accordance with the requirements of Force 134 C. in C. Rosyth, and Scottish Command.  
 (2) War Office is requested to arrange for one personnel ship referred to in para. 2 of S.H.A.E.F. Forward 20599 to be assembled with the remainder of the shipping as soon as notification of the capacity required is given by Force 134.  
 (S.H.A.E.F. 051730B to A.N.C.X.F. to War Office.)

Minesweeping towards the Schelde. Completed actuation with explosive sweeps between NF7 and HK one. Detonated one mine 080° chart position N.F.73.3 miles at end of Red Pulse during explosive salvo.  
 Completed negative result 7 actuations south eastern half of A.M. QZX 16, 17 but owing to temporary defects only 3 effective actuations north eastern half. All Dan buoys weighed.  
 (3) E.T.A. Small Downs with 6 M/S and one Danlayer 2115.  
 (S.O.M.S.F.10, 051730B to C. in C. Nore.)

Patrols Patrols for night Sunday 6th May.  
 1. COTTESMORE, 2. BROCKLESBY, 3. BLEASDALE,  
 4. EGGESFORD, 5. SHEARWATER, 6. PYTCHLEY.  
 Coastal force units F.C.1 to 6 R/V patrols at 2300B.  
 (2) 12. CUBITT with coastal forces from U.K.  
 14. TALYBONT.  
 16. TORRINGTON with coastal forces from Ostend.  
 17. ZETLAND. 18. ARENDAL.  
 19. RIOU with coastal forces from Ostend.  
 21. EASTON 22. CURZON with C/F from U.K.  
 Coastal forces from Ostend R/V Frigates at 2200B.  
 (3) Escorts for T.A.M.61 VOLUNTEER and WIDGEON.  
 T.A.P. 26 MENDIP, F.N. 4 ALBRIGHTON.  
 (4) Coastal Forces from U.K.  
 Patrol 1, 2 M.T.Bs. Unit F.C.1 with COTTESMORE.  
 Patrol 2, 2 M.T.Bs. Unit F.C.2 with BROCKLESBY.  
 Patrol 3, 2 M.T.Bs. Unit F.C.3 with BLEASDALE.  
 Patrol 4, 2 M.T.Bs. Unit F.C.4 with EGGESFORD.  
 Patrol 5, 2 M.T.Bs. Unit F.C.5 with SHEARWATER.  
 Patrol 6, 2 M.T.Bs. Unit F.C.6 with PYTCHLEY.  
 Patrol 12, 4 M.T.Bs. Unit F.L.2, F.L.3.  
 Patrol 22, 4 M.T.Bs. Unit F.B.8, F.B.9.  
 Patrol 51, 52, 53 1 M.L. on each.  
 TSXB 5035, 3 M.T.Bs. Unit F.A.2.  
 XJXB 4048, 4 M.T.Bs. Unit F.B.3.  
 From Ostend.  
 XJYU 2316, 2 M.T.Bs. Unit F.A.8.  
 XJYU 2100, 2 M.T.Bs. Unit F.B.2  
 XJYU 4126, 3 M.Ls. Unit F.G.5.  
 XJYU 3312, 4 M.T.Bs. Unit F.H.3, F.H.4.  
 Patrol 16, 4 M.T.Bs. Unit F.G.2, F.G.3.  
 (C. in C. Nore, 051745B to Nore Command.)



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- Operation "Crosskeys" Your 221832 April as 1st M.L.F. will be required for "Crosskeys" 5th M.L.F. will be made available to meet possible requirement in your 041916. (D.M.S. 051801B to A.N.C.X.F.) My 041702B. Delete F.A.1, F.A.2, F.A.3, and F.B.3 (C. in C. Nore, 051820B to Nore Command.)
- (1) My 042316\* and my 042333\* passed to all addressees of this message.
- (2) 'H' Hours is time of sailing of Group "A" Minesweepers from Rosyth.
- (3) Group "A" will consist of 40th M.S.F. MAENAD and 2 Danlayers.
- (4) Intend to sail Group "A" as soon as ready accompanied by Force 5 to carry out operation.
- (5) Following ships of Force 5 will be available to sail from Rosyth by p.m. Sunday 6th May. BIRMINGHAM, DIDO, ZEPHYR (D.2.), ZEALOUS, ZEST, ZODIAC and R.F.A. FORTOL.
- (6) Remainder of Force 5 will join Group "A" as early as possible either at Rosyth or en route.
- (7) Group "A" and Force 5 will proceed at speed of advance approximately 10 knots to position C.C.
- (8) On arrival at position C.C. Group "A" carry out Oropesa sweep in "H" Formation through Q.Z.X.1535. Depth of sweep 20 fathoms. If any mines are cut remainder of Channel to be swept in "G" formation. Force 5 keep station 5 miles astern of Group "A". Channel is to be damed. On reaching position C.D. sweeps are to be recovered.
- (9) On arrival at position C.E. Group "A" carry out Oropesa sweep in "G" formation through Q.Z.X.1537. Depth of sweep 20 fathoms. Channel is not to be damed. On reaching position C.F. sweeps are to be recovered.
- (10) On reaching 30 fathom line sweep in "H" formation may be ordered depending on intelligence.
- (11) Movements of Force 6 will be signalled later. (C. in C. H.F. 051837B to H.F., C. in C. Rosyth.)
- \* Naval Surface Force to enter Skagerrak at short notice. Your 041146B following arrangements have been made.
- (a) MOORPOUT ordered Harwich A.M. 051145 and BARNDALE available Antwerp A.M. 050052.
- (b) FOSSBECK to Harwich A.M. 051137
- (c) SILANION allocated A.M. 041855B and in addition B.D.O. North Europe has ships and personnel available at Ostend, for diversion to Cuxhaven Boom Depot.
- (2) None of above telegrams to all addressees. (D.B.D., 051944B to A.N.C.X.F.)
- BELLONA, ZEPHYR, ZEALOUS, ZODIAC, OBEDIENT are to sail from Scapa passing Gate at 0130B Sunday 6th May and proceed to Rosyth. Speed of Advance 24 knots. Fuel on arrival and remain at short notice.
- (2) C. in C. Rosyth is requested to arrange supply of Fleet Chart folio 0721 to above ships immediately on arrival. (C. in C.H.F. 052137B to BELLONA, D.2, ZEPHYR, ZEALOUS, ZODIAC, OBEDIENT, C. in C. Rosyth.)
- A.M. 051801. To avoid possibility of changing Flotillas in middle of operation propose 5th M.L.F. sails as soon as practicable to relieve 1st at Terneuzen.
- (2) If M/S Force O is required for operation 5th M.L.F. can rejoin on arrival of force in Scheldt. (A.N.C.X.F., 052240B to C. in C. Nore.)

/Opening...



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Opening of  
Hamburg

Sitrep Number 3. Further inspection confirms whole of dock area very severely damaged. Area previously selected, however, between Blohm and Voss and Howagits Werke appears suitable to meet army commitment. At least 20 berths maximum

draft 24 feet are available and berths can be used in other areas if required. Firm decision will be taken as soon as P.E.C. meeting is held. From preliminary R/C it appears no berths are available on North side for (?principal) draft ships.

(2) 15 German berthing tugs have been requisitioned together with crew and approximately 60 other tugs are being held in reserve. These are harbour tugs not ocean going tugs.

(3) 35 docking pilots and 105 river pilots reported available and willing to work. One pilot cutter reported at Cuxhaven undamaged but no fuel. One small pilot cutter at Brunsbuttel. Navigational aids reported in place and in working order.

(4) Docks operation offices and harbour signal station established in Seaman's Institute St. Pauli. Administrative staff and ratings of all Naval Parties being accommodated in Barracks at Altersdorf, balance of officers in Streitt Hotel.

(5) Inspection of shipping so far carried out confirms number of merchant ships reported by German authority as given in my 042323 is correct. Concentration of ships being commenced tomorrow 6th May.

(6) Disarmament of Naval personnel in shore establishments has been completed, arms being disposed of without delay. Only small German naval staff now remains Hamburg consisting of R.A. Buetow commanding K.M.D. with a few dockyard officials, other staff officers at Reinbek not so far dealt with. Gauleiter Kaufmann now under house arrest will shortly be removed but other shipping officials producing information required.

(7) Report which appears reliable gives total stock of fuel remaining as coal 185 tons, coke 549 tons, oil fuel 200 tons, (?second) grade oil 900 tons, latter only suitable for supply to Hamburg Electricity Works.

(Cdre. Hamburg, 052320B to F.O.I.C., N.P.1738.)

Navy Situa-  
tion report

(1) Bayonne. Maximum dimensions of ships acceptable are: length 330 ft., draught 17 $\frac{3}{4}$  ft.

(2) Hamburg. Preliminary R/C. Dock area much damaged by bombing, but available berths and cranes

are adequate. Power station intact but grave shortage of fuel. No demolitions of quaysides. Graving dock and 2 floating docks appear to need slight repair only. Some Speerbrechers and small craft afloat. 24 U-boats under construction, sabotaged or building abandoned. German Authorities report 59 Merchant Ships sunk and 24 afloat of which only 2 ready for sea. No troopships or tankers. 1,400 ton Tanker and 10,000 ton Tramp under construction.

(3) Holland relief. 2 M/Vs escorted by one Destroyer sailed Ostend 0615/5th to R/V with German escort for Rotterdam.

(A.N.C.X.F. 052340B to Admty.)

MAENAD, TOCOGAY and TAHAY are to be ready in all respects to proceed on operations by noon 6th May. Further will be made.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 052359 to LOCHINVAR.)



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Channel

Anti-U-Boat deep mining in Ports-mouth Command. Pending availability of skimming resources in Plymouth Command request PLOVER may be employed in company with VAN DER ZAAAN to progress Operation "Buttermilk". (D.D.O.D.(M), 051622B to Cs. in C. Portsmouth, Plymouth.)

Operations

West Coast France

Patrols. Night patrol - nothing to report. During the day, L'ALCYON will patrol parallel Sables d'Olonne and L'AVENTURE parallel 46° N. Visibility 2,000 yards. Fuel remaining L'AVENTURE 81%, L'ALCYON 57%. Ile de Re batteries opened up on L'AVENTURE at 27,000 yards at 1530/4th, firing accurate, no damage.

(L'AVENTURE, 050811B to C.F.N.T.F.)

F.S. BASQUE and F.S. LA DECOUVERTE sailing 052100B to area Groix Glenans to reinforce Force 27.

(C.F.N.T.F., 051530B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Reference L'AVENTURE's 050811 not to all. The possibility of U-Boat activity in the Ushant - Gironde area still exists. In addition the possible movement of enemy surface craft cannot be disregarded.

(2) Consider therefore that ships of Force 27 should patrol in company.

(3) Your 202232 April not to all and my 201715B April also refer.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 051713B to C.F.N.T.F.)

Following measures have been taken at request of Marine Paris, to reinforce patrol.

(1) BASQUE and LA DECOUVERTE in company patrolling off Lorient from 0600B/6th.

(2) L'AVENTURE and L'ALCYON in company patrolling off St. Nazaire.

(3) M.T.Bs. and aircraft patrolling from Pertuis d'Antioch.

(4) When weather is favourable M.T.Bs. will patrol off Lorient.

(5) DUQUESNE will be at short notice for steam from 1200B/6th.

(C.F.N.T.F., 052230B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Operations

Western Approaches

Possible U-Boat. My 042306. After further attack classifies wreck laying 164° to (?) 083° S 40 feet. Have recovered 6 feet wooden mast. W.205 also confirmed.

(2) Intend patrolling as in S.O. Force 38 0442.

(HOTSPUR, 050847 to C. in C. W.A.)

/Programme ...



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Western Approaches - Contd.

Programme  
for fast  
minelayers.

A.M. 041654. Intend following programme for fast minelayers.  
May 5th ARIADNE sail for north western approaches lay.  
May 8th ARIADNE sail for Plymouth night lay.  
May 10th ARIADNE sail for Plymouth night lay.  
May 12th APOLLO sail for north western approaches lay.  
(F.O.I.C. Milford, 051301 to C. in C. W.A., C. in C. Plymouth, Admty.)

Anti-U-Boat  
deep mining.

My 281204 April. Laying will commence with line one on 8th May, 1945.

2. Request you will arrange to prohibit fishing forthwith in the area enclosed by a line joining the following positions:

- (1) Seven Stones Light and Whistle Buoy (50° 04' N., 06° 05' W.)
  - (2) 50° 37' N., 05° 22' W.
  - (3) Trevoise Head.
  - (4) Carnnaun Point (50° 13' N., 05° 32' W.) thence by the shore to -
  - (5) Pendeen Watch House.
  - (6) Longships Light House thence to (1).
- (C. in C. Plymouth, 051448B to F.O.I.C. Falmouth.)

Suspected  
minelaying  
off N.I.

Your 211601B April. LL/SA sweeps of approach channels to Belfast Lough, Larne Lough and Lough Foyle completed with negative results.  
Your 252002B April. Oropesa sweep of approaches to Belfast Lough have been carried out daily since 1st April with negative results.  
(F.O.I.C.N.I., 051837B to C. in C. W.A.)



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Norway.

Operation "Judgement" (to Skibotn) Result of operation "Judgement" BLACK WATCH exploded and sank with U-Boat alongside probably sunk. KARL VON HERING\* not present but tanker in nearby berth also sunk. \*HAROLD HAARFAGRE received 2 direct hits by fighter-bombers with 250-pound bombs. Only the one U-Boat was seen. No enemy air activity but heavy flak developed. Our losses one Wildcat from SEARCHER destroyed one Avenger from TRUMPETER missing. (C.S.1, 051305B to C. in C. H.F.)

\*Nils THE TIG. (C.B. 1515 Op. 45)

U. 711 sunk

\*correctly ADMIRAL CARL HERING

Operation S.C. Ramose Baroness HITRA returned at 1445B/5th May. (2) Operation successful. (N.O.I.C. Lerwick, 051453B to C. in C. H.F.)

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Northern Waters

Convoy R.A.66. E.T.A. Hoy Gate in ZEPHYR 1530B/5th May. ZEALOUS, ZEST, ZODIAC, OBEDIENT, OFFA in company. (2) BELLONA with R.A.66 position, course and speed 69 degs. 00' N. 01 degs. 05' W. at 1400B/4th May 202 degs. 10 knots.

(3) My position 0400 63 degs. 14' N. 02 degs. 38' W. Special 8 figure weather report 9050 0322. (D.2, 050433B to C. in C. H.F.)

Scapa arrivals BELLONA, Capt. (D) 2, in ZEPHYR, ZEALOUS, ZEST, ZODIAC, OFFA, STORD and OBEDIENT. (C. in C. H.F. 051556B to S.B.N.O. North Russia, Admty.)

R.A.66. If oilers BLACK RANGER and BLUE RANGER are required at Scapa, C. in C. Home Fleet (ashore) is requested to provide local escort for them and for any ship bound Kirkwall to meet convoy in position (?B) at 2030B/6th.

(2) Intend to leave convoy on crossing 60 degs. N. E.T.A. Hoxa 0001B/7th with VINDEX, PREMIER, IROQUOIS, HAIDA, HURON and ORWELL.

(3) At 2000B my P.C.S. 63 degs. 58' N. 04 degs. 42' W. 184 degs. 10½ knots.

Weather report 3852 0744.

(C.S.10, 052002B to Escorts J.W/RA convoy, C. in C. H.F. Admty. C. in C. Rosyth, C. in C. W.A.)

Convoy J.W.67. Intend following operation. (1) Object. Safe passage of convoy J.W.67 and R.A.67 between U.K. and North Russia. (2) Dog Day is day J.W.67 sails from Clyde. Date and route in my 051243 codeword in my 051259. (3) Forces taking part - (A) H.F. escort as necessary including ONSLOW (Capt. D.17) and CARYSFORT, WAYLAND, 4th and 9th Escort Groups. (C) Local Escort. Russian warships operating from Kola as arranged with S.B.N.O. North Russia. (4) S.O's concerned are requested to order preliminary movements as follows -

at WAYLAND  
(repair ship)  
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- Convoy J.W.67. (Contd.)
- (a) 4th and 9th Escort Groups to arrive Clyde by Dog minus one.  
(b) ONSLOW and CARYSFORT to arrive Clyde by Dog minus one.  
(5) The O.I.C. of operations who will be nominated later will attend convoy conference on Dog Day and return Scapa by air.
- (6) J.W.67 is to sail from Clyde late p.m. Dog Day escorted by ONSLOW (Capt. (D) 17th) H.M.S. SCARYSFORT 4th Escort Groups and 9th Escort Group and proceed by standard route and route Red unless otherwise ordered. All ships should be capable of ten knots.
- (7) S.B.N.O. North Russia is requested to arrange with C. in C. Northern Fleet for all possible air and surface A/S patrol in Approaches to Kola Inlet during arrival of J.W.67 and departure of R.A.67 and between these times.
- (8) R.A.67 is to sail as soon as practicable after arrival of J.W.67 by reverse of route Red unless otherwise ordered.
- (9) If alterations are necessary to convoy route they will be ordered with reference to lettered position on route Red.
- (10) Movements on completion unless otherwise ordered. 4th Escort Group and 9th Escort Group return to Western Approaches bases. Home Fleet ships and Destroyers return to Scapa. (C. in C. H.F. 051219 to Admty.)
- My 051219. (1) D Day Saturday 12th May.  
(2) Route Red. Standard route through Minches to: A. (All positions N. and W.) 58 degs. 57' 05 degs. 20'.  
B. 59 degs. 26' 04 degs. 26'. C. 62.00 03.40. D. 66.30 04.00. (E) All positions N. and E.) 73.07 06.01.  
F. 73.40 19.00. G. 72.50 30.01. H. 71.30 35.30.  
M.T. 70.30 35.36.  
(C. in C. H.F. 051243B to Admty)  
My 051219. Codeword "Timeless".  
(C. in C. H.F. 051259 to Admty.)

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Torpedoing  
of EMPIRE  
UNITY.

EMPIRE UNITY in R.U.161, torpedoed at 0100B/5th in position 290 degs. ~~290 degs~~ 14 miles. Ship abandoned and brought safely into Hvalfiord through excellent work of NORTHERN SPRAY. Further report will be made after inspection by Fleet Salvage Officer. No casualties. 12 survivors with R.U.161, remained in Iceland. (A.C.I.C. 051244B to Admty.)

German air  
activity off  
Faeroes.

Faeroese Smack YVONNA T.9699 was attacked with machine gun fire by one twin engine German plane at 0600B/2nd 6 miles East of Vaag Fjord Faeroes. No casualties were sustained. It is understood that this vessel returned to Vaag and a report of the incident was made to Police there. N.C.S.O. Aberdeen is requested to make solid investigation on vessels arrival. (N.C.S.O. Thurso, 051455B to C. in C. Rosyth)

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Closing down  
of Lerwick.

With cessation of British S/M operations in Home Waters. Intend that submarine facilities at Lerwick be withdrawn. N.O.I.C. Lerwick to forward proposals for closing down S/M camp. (F.O.S/M. 051457B to C. in C. H.F., N.O.I.C. Lerwick)

Survivors  
of U.307.

E.T.A. May Island 0700 May 6th. Fourteen U-Boat survivors on board. Three officers, 11 ratings segregated into 4 groups. Above includes 5 walking and 1 stretcher case, all slightly wounded. C. in C. Western Approaches 022156B refers. (LOCH INSH, 051729Z to A.S. Rosyth)

Operations

Baltic

Danish  
situation.

Denmark situation at noon to-day May 5th. (A) Three German U-Boats were observed at anchor at Elsinore about 0845 this morning but this did not prevent Danish Police Force embarking at Helsingborg.

(B) Police Force sailed at 0950 and 2,000 men landed without opposition at Elsinore at 1045.

(C) General Knutsen embarked in MJOLNER at 1143 and is now understood to have arrived Elsinore.

(D) Cancel my 051052, report was false and both cruisers were at Copenhagen at noon.

(E) Regular ferry traffic is now established between Sweden and Elsinore.

(N.A. Stockholm, 051231 to Admty.)

Reports that large numbers of Russians have landed at Copenhagen or on Zealand are almost certainly false.

(N.I.D. 051651B to C's. in C. at Home, A.N.C.X.F.)

Casualties and Defects

M.L.154.

M.L.154 damaged by collision with Nab Tower at 0330B/May whilst on patrol in accordance with my 031700B (not to Admiralty).

(2) Preliminary enquiry is being held at once and full report will be forwarded.

(HORNET, 051100B to C. in C. Portsmouth)

Movements

RODNEY  
Battleship.

It is desired to reduce RODNEY's complement now as much as possible consistent with her being sufficiently manned to act as your harbour flagship.

(2) On the conclusion of operations in Home

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- RODNEY  
battleship. Waters it is intended to place RODNEY in Category B. Reserve at 4 months notice at Rosyth. Any necessary additional steaming party for passage to Rosyth will then be provided. (D.O.D.(H), 050020B to C. in C. H.F.)
- RENOWN,  
Battlecruiser. Cancel paras. 1 and 2 of A.M. 031136, A.M. 031138 and para. 2 of A.M. 130320 none to all.  
(2) C. in C. Rosyth is requested to sail RENOWN northabout to Portsmouth on expiry of second watch leave about 11th May where she will be taken in hand for refit at a later date.  
(3) Further signal will be made as regards escort.  
(4) On arrival at Portsmouth the ship is to reduce to approx. two-fifths complement as quickly as possible. The two-fifths complement remaining should be Devonport ratings. Detailed proposals for reduction are to be forwarded by RENOWN through C. in C. Portsmouth.  
(5) Ship should de-ammunition at Rosyth. (D.O.D.(H), 050026B to C's. in C. H.F. Rosyth, Portsmouth, Plymouth)
- BIRMINGHAM  
Cruiser. (1) Proceed by War Channels to Rosyth passing Hoxa at 2100B to-day Saturday.  
(2) Weather permitting speed through the water on passage to be not less than 24 knots.  
(3) E.T.A. Oxcars 0700B tomorrow Sunday 6th.  
(4) Pass over Burntisland D.G. range before entering.  
(5) After passing Oxcars act as ordered by C. in C. Rosyth.  
(6) Admiralty divert mails.  
(7) Acknowledge.  
(C. in C. H.F. 051233B to BIRMINGHAM)
- DELHI  
cruiser. Concur in your 041227/.  
(D.O.D.(H), 051314B to F.O.C.R.F.)  
/ No action can be taken to reduce DELHI.
- Frigates for  
the Eastern  
Theatre. A.M. 180855, C. in C. W.A. 011803 and C. in C. Nore 031652.  
(2) In view of the shortage of spares and the maintenance problems which would be involved by the operation of Colony class frigates in the Eastern Theatre it has been decided to substitute 5 Captain class Frigates - Turbo electric- for the Colonies referred to in A.M.180855.  
(3) These ships will be fitted with Fighter Direction facilities and should be selected from those which are not fitted with twin Bofors.  
(4) C. in C. Western Approaches is requested:  
(a) To cancel refit of ASCENSION: A.M.011409 refers -  
(b) To nominate either CRANSTOUN or another suitable Turbo electric "Captain" for fitting with F.D. facilities at Sheerness forthwith in lieu of ASCENSION:  
(c) To earmark three other Turbo-electric "Captains" to replace ANGUILLA, ANTIGUA and NYASALAND in C. in C. Western Approaches 011803/May.

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Frigates for the Eastern Theatre. (Contd.) (5) C. in C. Nore is requested to earmark one Turbo electric "Captain" to replace CAICOS in his 031652. (V.C.N.S. 052202B to C. in C. W.A. etc.)

Shipping and Convoys

Reconversion of hospital Carriers. Your S. 84831. During April the use which has been made of the hospital carriers on all the cross-channel casualty evacuation routes has been negligible.

(2) On the other hand the urgency for these carriers to be converted into personnel ships for the heavy post V.E. day requirements is becoming more and more pressing.

(3) Another factor is that the W.S.A. have now made a request for the return to U.S.A. of the NEW BEDFORD and NAUSHON which were turned over to us for "Overlord".

(4) Request therefore urgent reconsideration be given to the minimum essential provision which must be maintained in present circumstances so that we can proceed with the conversion of as many as possible of the carriers, particularly PRAGUE and the DUKES.

(5) Agreed.

(D. OF S.T. 052052B to S.H.A.E.F.)



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North Atlantic

Destroyers. Arrivals CALPE, BRECON from Malta. HYDERABAD  
from west.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 051842B to Admty.)

South Atlantic

KENYA,  
cruiser. KENYA arrived p.m./4th and sailed 1015Z/5th.  
(S.O.(I) Freetown, 051432Z to Commorseafon.)



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FLAMINGO.

Intend sailing FLAMINGO at 1200/5th to Gibraltar for onward routing to U.K., N.O.I.C. Port Said's 012025 not to all addressees refers.

(2) S. of A. 15 knots, E.T.A. 0600/8th. (V.A.M., 050810B to F.O.G.M.A.)

COLOMBO,  
(cruiser).

Sail 0900/6th May, S. of A. 20 knots to Gibraltar for onward passage to U.K. in accordance with C. in C. Mediterranean's 121108.

(V.A.M., 050858B to COLOMBO.)

Roumanian  
Fleet.

(1) Ref. Roumanian Fleet it will be remembered that Vinogradov informed Commissioner he had replied to Roumanian Government that question whether their fleet would be handed back could be raised on termination of operational duties

(R.A.C. 143/117 October 28th refers). There are reasons to believe Roumanians have approached Russians on this subject at different times without receiving a satisfactory answer.

(2) In view of impending cessation of hostilities against Germany we should be grateful for instructions as to general attitude to be adopted towards this question in particular whether it should be raised with Soviet Naval section here (R.A.C. 117/3101 October 25th and 90991 (N.T. in W.D.) C.A. 6 - November 4th refer).

(3) Previous messages not to C. in C. Med. (B.M.M. Roumania, 050900B to Admty.)

GELDERLAND III  
dredger.

S.H.A.E.F. Mission Netherlands Rear has requested that dredger GELDERLAND III ready 15th May may be towed from Port le Bouc near Marseilles to U.K. to be made available for Walcheren.

(2) If possible it is desired that HENGIST should undertake this tow, your 281404 and 282235 neither to all refer.

(3) Agents for Netherlands Government in this matter are Ruys and Company, Marseilles.

(D.O.D.(F), 051131B to C. in C. Med.) *See 191642 (N. Atlantic).*

JEANNE D'ARC.  
Troop  
movements.

Your 041136 and 041244. For your personal information the Prime Minister has made a communication to General de Gaulle.

(2) You should inform Almed that you have been instructed by H.M.G. to notify him that the move of the two further battalions to the

Levant in JEANNE D'ARC has not their agreement, and that the matter is under discussion with the French Government.

(3) If notwithstanding Almed requests permission to sail ship, you should report immediately but take no other action without instructions.

(1st S.L., 051248B to C. in C. Med.)

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Mediterranean - Contd.

Venice: Reports indicate Venice approaches heavily clearance of mines. mined but demolition slight. Intend shipping one group ZZ craft from Alexandria to Taranto for clearance of British and German ground mines in main channel and approaches to Venice. Intend to employ NADIA as headquarters ship and for towing craft to theatre of operations. (C. in C. Med., 051253B to Admty.)

Situation Commerical harbour at Venice reported in very Report good condition but port and approaches believed No. 605. heavily mined. 2 lighters, an armed schooner, and a small tanker which surrendered off (?0)glimento Point have arrived Ancona under escort. Sweeping of Ancona to Trieste channel is progressing satisfactorily but danlayer CORIOLANUS mined and sunk without loss of life. Commencement of M/S. at Genoa still prevented by weather. (C. in C. Med., 051807B to F.O.L.E.M.)

Operational C. in C. Med. has requested S.A.C. to approach control of C.C.S. with a view to their approving following S. France. proposals.

(1) Immediate transfer of operational control of Coast of south of France and area north of line Cape Creus, Cape Rosso from F.O.N.A.M. to Almed in accordance with para. 3B of Med. 45/008/1 of 1st May 1945.

(2) Retention of an Anglo/U.S. Naval Liaison organisation charged with duty of assisting French in South of France in their dealings with Allied shipping and Naval and Military authorities. Head of this organisation to be responsible for efficiency of its liaison and advisory work to C. in C. Med. direct.

2. Retention of liaison organisation as in (2) above appears highly desirable in view of heavy troop movements which will take place through southern French ports in forthcoming months. Request, therefore, that you will discuss this matter with Commodore Crowther and U.S., and French authorities and forward early proposals for duties of new body and its composition. (C. in C. Med., 051831B to F.O.N.A.M.) See Almed 071804B to C. in C. Med.

M.L. 558 M.L. 558 mined in position 045° 17'24" N., 013° (Mined and 26'48" E. approx. one rating seriously injured abandoned). remainder safe, condition unknown. Names and details of ratings not known but will be signalled when known. (Cdr. M/S. Adriatic, 051926 to F.O.T.A.L.I.) See 141621.

LE Owing to urgency of TRIOMPHANT's mission request TRIOMPHANT your approval for sailing ship from Algiers to destroyer. East Indies as soon as possible. Your 041912\* and my 052042 not to all. (Almed., 052048B to C. in C. Med.)

\* Not identified in W/R.

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German  
mines.

Reports indicate that some mines cut in North Sark (sic) have been German Y for Yoke with short buoyant snagline attached to underside of mine. Snagline does not break surface. Request whether this variation is already known and any further information.  
(S.O. M/S.5, 052115B to C. in C. Med.)

Movements.

Arrived NELSON, POLA (It.), Submarine SPEARHEAD.  
Arrived and sailed SCIPIONE AFRICANO (It.).  
Sailed FLAMINGO, ALBACORE, ESPIEGLE, CALM, HAILSTORM, BOREALIS.  
(V.A. Malta, 052322 to Admty.)

TIGRE,  
French  
destroyer.

Marine Paris have requested sending TIGRE at good speed to Gulf of Gascegec (sic) for reinforcement blockage.  
(2) Request urgent approval for sailing ship as soon as Marine Paris send orders.  
(3) Speedy replenishment at Gibraltar will be necessary.  
(Almed, 052340B to C. in C. Med.)



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East Indies

Convoy O.W.5. Expect U.S.S. GENERAL GREELY will sail from Fremantle 12th May for Calcutta as convoy O.W.5.  
(2) Route etc.  
(3) Cruiser escort will not be provided.  
(4) S.N.O.A.(T) is requested to sail destroyer nominated by S.O.D.(T) to R/V with convoy in position (E) 00° 01' S., 085° 39' E. at 0630Z/18th April.  
(C. in C. E.I., 050618Z to N.O.I.C. Fremantle.)

Surrender of U-Boats in Japanese waters. C. in C. East Indies 030957 has been passed to A.N.C.X.F. and Cominch. It is not intended to include special orders for U-Boats in Japanese controlled waters in text of Admiralty message 010041.  
(2) If German naval authorities are co-operative, A.N.C.X.F. should instruct them to issue special orders to U-Boats in Far East as in para. 1 of C. in C. East Indies 030957.  
(3) If German naval authorities will not co-operate, C. in C. East Indies should himself issue special orders as in his para. 1 of the lines of procedure in para. 4 of Admiralty message 010033.  
(V.C.N.S., 051326B to C. in C. E.I.)

Movement. Arrived ROEBUCK wearing broad pendant of Com. (D) E.I., RACEHORSE, REDOUBT, THRASHER. Sailed BARBRAKE.  
(Com. i/c Trincomalee, 051615Z to Admty.)



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N.S.H.Q. S/M attack & sighting summary. Para. D. U.S. A.T.C. A/C sighted periscope at 1130Z/4th May in 48.15 N. 53.08 W. (N.S.H.Q. 050032Z to Admty.)

LORD KELVIN, cable ship. E.T.A. 1500Z/5th May. In company cable ship LORD KELVIN. (BEAUHARNOIS 050401Z to C. in C. C.N.A.)

U/B report. At 042015 (all times Z) BOGUE aircraft had disappearing radar slip placing object in 40.54 N. 53.39 W. Sonobuoy pattern gave excellent indications and pilot attacked with Proctor. No visible results. 3 minutes later all personnel in aircraft saw periscope appear and disappear twice estimated within 400 feet of where Proctor was dropped. Oil streak in immediate area before and after attack closest surface vessel 75 miles away. Wire recordings gave definite propeller beats and cavitation. Contact evaluated positive submarine. Comcortdiv. 51 reached contact at 050100 and commenced search with 9 escorts. Comcortdiv. 7 will arrive at 050530 with 7 more. Request any available information that I may not have as to probable course of this submarine. Weather 9370 3423. (C.T.G. 22.3 050508Z to C. in C. Lant.)

U/B dis-positions. Estimates. (N.S.H.Q. 051322Z, Cominch 051530.)

JOHN W. MACKAY (cable ship) Cable ship JOHN W. MACKAY should be ready about 16th May undertake following:  
A. Repair Canro number one about 46.27 N. 52.50 W.  
B. Repair main number two about 48.00 N. 45.31 W.  
C. Repair and renewal between 50.37 N. 28.59 W. and 50.45 N. and 26.29 W. (B.A.D. 051743 to C. in C. C.N.A.)

Radar contacts No report 4th.  
A. (1) Following radar blip at 2015Z/4th in 40.54 N. 53.39 W. BOGUE A/C attacked positive Sonobuoy indications. 3 minutes later periscope sighted in same area.  
D. (1) 041744Z U.S.S. BENNER attacked sonar contact 20.45 N. 73.46 W.  
(2) 041130Z Army A/C reported sighting periscope 48.15 N. 53.08 W. (Cominch 052045Z to Admty. for O.I.C.)

U/B sweep. On completion Phase One my 022247Z not to all about 2000Z/6th make wide sweep to westward to about long. 43 W. Then proceed with Phase Two namely successive operations against submarines located by Cominch 051510. One homebound south to east Flemish Cap. One 49.30 N. 39.00 W. moving southwest. (Cinclant 052046Z to C.T.G. 22.5.)

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T.G. 61.6. This reconstitutes T.G. 61.6 C.T.G. 61.6 Comdr. Musgrave in EBERLE Cortdiv. 3. Escort C.U. 70 departing New York and Boston 15/16th May for Continent and U.K. When directed by Admiralty return U.S. escorting U.C. 70.  
(C. in C. Lant 052058Z to C.T.G. 61.6.)

Far East and Australia.

Blue Summary (Extract.)  
4th. Ryukyus. During night 3/4 Japs. attempted counter landing behind U.S. lines on East Coast Okinawa repulsed three similar landings by 600 Japs. on west coast. Remnants being mopped up.  
Considerable suicide boat activity same night. 15 destroyed. CARINA (A.K. 74) slightly damaged. 60 Jap. planes in 24 early morning raids from north and west. 12 shot down. 9 by ships A.A., 3 by T.F. 58 Cap. No damage to ships. Yontan field hit. During morning 70 Jap. planes in 14 raids from north. 54 destroyed. 12 by ships A.A., 29 by Cap, 1 by A.S.P, 12 suicides. 2 Bakas destroyed, 1 by ships A.A., 1 suicide miss. LUCE (D.D. 522), MORRISON (D.D. 560), L.S.M. 194 sunk by suicides. BIRMINGHAM (C.L. 62), INGRAHAM (D.D. 694), SHEA (D.M. 30), HOPKINS (D.M.S. 13), L.S.M. 190 damaged by suicides. By 1500 T.A.F. had shot down 45 nips. T.F. 58 destroyed 92 during day. 21 over Amami and Kikai, 71 over Okinawa. Some duplication of claims may exist in foregoing figures. On 2nd and 3rd T.F. 58 attacked airfields at Kikae Tokuno Tonega Shima shooting down 2 enemy planes destroying 1 damaging 19 on ground. C.V.E. aircraft continued day and night heckling Sakashima Gunto airfields on 3rd.  
Submarines. Blue submarines sank large A.O.G. medium A.O. small and picked up 5 airmen.  
S.W.P.A. Third. Davao Town Mindanao entered. Australians in Tarakan Town and within 250 yards of airfield. 46 B.24s hit Saigon. P.B.Y. in attack on Pontianak Borneo destroyed 4 ships in River, 4 more on ways in addition to destruction of entire shipyard, various small craft and damage to other shipping. Other search planes destroyed and damaged shipping off Celebes and Eastern Borneo.  
Philippines. Night of 3/4 search planes sank 2 large A.O.S. off S.E. Korea.  
(C. in C. Pac. Adv. H.Q. 050603 to All Commands, etc.)

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Build up of  
 British S/M  
 Forces in  
 E. Theatre.

Admiralty 242042B April para. 4. Request you will give consideration to the allocation of new S class submarines to B.P.F. in preference to S class ex refit for following reasons:-

A. New construction S class are fitted with 4 inch gun which will simplify ammunition supply.

B. Ex refit submarines remain on station 2 to 4 months less than new construction and it is therefore more economical to allot new construction submarines to more distant flotillas.

(C. in C. B.P.F. 050755Z to C. in C. E.I.)

Japanese  
 suicide  
 bombing,  
 (combatting  
 of.)

Experience by C.T.F. 57 up to 26th April ref. Admiralty 152136 March.

(1) V.H/F in destroyer. Under the existing B.P.F. organisation V.H/F is required by destroyers for air and surface radar reporting. Type 86M has not shown itself sufficiently reliable or adequate in range for this purpose. The requirement is for each destroyer to be

fitted with one 87M, the 86M being retained if possible as a stand-by. This requirement exists quite apart from the radar picket duties.

(2) Radar picket ships. T.F. 57 experience has shown the need to extend the low radar cover of the force to enable interception to be achieved and fighters to operate well outside the force gunnery zone. Existing radar ranges, including type S.M.I. do not allow fighters sufficient time to deal with dispersed low attacks and consequence radar screens become saturated close in making target indication and identification impossible. Recent American report stresses the essential work of radar picket ships despite the risks to which they are exposed.

(3) Lack of suitably fitted destroyers in the B.P.F. has restricted the use of pickets to a cruiser accompanied by a destroyer whose primary duty has been to control fighters to investigate returning strikes for intruders. These ships are stationed 30 miles from the Fleet.

(4) In order to carry out picket duties effectively ships require A. radar type 277 or S.P. B. One type 87M for the control of fighters to be used for radar reporting when with the main body (type 86M is not suitable.) C. One medium power M.F. H/F set (89M) for radar reporting and inter F.D.O. when acting as a detached picket. Smaller sets such as type 60 and T.C.S. are not suitable. D. It is desirable that ships should also have one small set or 291 and a second 87 or 86M as stand by.

(5) Existing air plot should be adequate with F.D.O. and plotting personnel as for a cruiser.

(6) Employment of several ships so fitted should materially assist both fighter interception and the A.A. gunfire of the main body, when threatened by low air attack.

(7) Addition of Y.E. or Y.G. homing beacon would be necessary to enable picket to carry out duties referred to in C. in C. B.P.F.'s 300210Z March.

(8) Para. 2 my 300346 to Admiralty only also refers. (C. in C. B.P.F. 050832Z to Admty.)



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- Digest No. (Extract.)  
1200, (2) Mariners from Tawi Tawi exterminated Japanese  
4.5.45. near Tawi Tawi group, destroyed single river  
boat 65 miles north Tarakan, sank single small  
coaster, single lugger, damaged 2 motor boats  
55 miles north Tarakan.
- (3) Night 3/4 May Mariners from Lingayan sank schooner 25 miles west by north Hainan, strafed 4 Junks east Pescadores. Sprayed 5 Junks 90 miles east Hongkong.
- (4) Delayed report states search Liberators from? Halayan 3rd May destroyed 8 small coasters, damaged another 7, destroyed 6 motor launches and entire shipyard, caused fires visible 70 miles at Pontinak Borneo, damaged 3 small coasters, 1 motor launch, 1 river boat north of Pontinak, bombed airfields Kudae, destroyed motor launch, damaged river boat, destroyed small coaster, damaged another Makassar where small freighter transport and sea truck also under cover A.A. from single destroyer escort.
- (5) During daylight 3rd May P.Ts. from Tarakan strafed riddled 2 lighters, burned 2 luggers, 1 motor launch, 1 small craft Tawao.
- (6) 47 Liberators unloaded 102 tons of bombs Saigon and installations Naval Yard and Arsenal causing explosions and fires with smoke 15,000 feet. Destroying several large tanks.
- (7) Search Liberators dropped three tons Kiirun Dock installations by night without seeing results.
- (11) Australian Forces captured northern portions of South End also dispersal bays Taurqym (?Tarakan) airfield against strong resistance including burning of oil before our advancing troops; forces on southern flank captured southern and eastern portions Tarakan Town. Naval forces continued support. Australian troops advancing east along New Guinea coast reached Rape Pus 7 miles from Wewak. On third day one Australian sloop two corvettes some motor launches bombarded strafed enemy shore positions Cape Boram and Cape Pus silencing shore fire from 75 millimetre guns.
- (13) Liberators from Darwin sank 1 lugger damaged 2 others S.E. Celebes, demolished barge Flores Island, 44 Beauforts attacked enemy defence positions Wewak area in support Australian ground forces, on 4th May.
- (G.H.Q.S.W.P.A. 050950Z to Admty.)

Monrads Provision of Monrads requested in your 290439Z  
(for protec- March is being investigated. Manning difficulties  
tion in are being experienced and suitably tropicalised set  
advanced being sought. You will be kept informed of  
anchorage.) developments.  
(D.R.E. 051103B to V.A.(Q))

/Strike...



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operations  
4/5th May.  
T.F. 57.

(1) 4th May early morning several aircraft east-bound from Formosa passed well north T.F. 57. 2 splashed.

(2) Bombarding battleships fired 195, cruisers 976 rounds at Hirari and Nobara airfields. Photos: show considerable uproad caused. Although minimum range 10,000 yards from (corrupt) no opposition.

(3) During absence bombarding force carrier squadron encountered complex attack by about 20 aircraft in 4 groups. Kamikazes attacked steeply from great height. 1 (corrupt) off another near missed INDOMITABLE no damage, 1 Kamikaze attempted to release bomb before both hit FORMIDABLE. Flight deck hole 2 feet square indentation .16 feet square 2 feet deep at centre. Armoured deck splinter passed through hangar deck, horizontal partition between downtakes escape hatch which was shut, and Qivto\* centre boiler room finally piercing inner bottom. Centre boiler room out of action speed reduced 8 knots temporarily. Barriers out of action repairs to deck boiler room and 1 barrier made ship operational at 24 knots. Hope repair radar by (corrupt) enemy lost 8 during this attack.

(4) 4 Zekes 1 Gestapo attempted evening attack. 3 splashed.

(5) 5 May negligible enemy activity of 2 aircraft detected 1 splashed from 30,000 feet. Destroyed 3 damaged 4 all being new operational aircraft found on ground. No flak opposition.

Para. 2 refers. FORMIDABLE operating and capable full speed.

(6) Both days runways were bombed and cap maintained over Islands. Believe all runways unserviceable now.

(7) Inclusive score both days. Enemy. Destroyed 18, including 3 on ground. Damaged 4 on ground. Own losses 12 Avengers, 1 Seafire, 1 Hellcat, 2 Corsairs including 10 Avengers, (?1) Corsair by Kamikazi on FORMIDABLE.

(8) FORMIDABLE casualties 8 killed 47 wounded. Intend sending wounded to Leyte in STRIKER.

(9) Withdrawing to Cootie now. Expect strike again 8 and 9 May including bombardment Ishigake.

(C.T.F. 57 051236 to Com. 5th Fleet.)

\* As received.

ILLUSTRIOUS. Your 030558. Regret that ILLUSTRIOUS cannot be taken in hand until August.  
(V.C.N.S. 051950B to C. in C. B.P.F.)  
Cancelled by 081447B.

? 18 knots  
on page  
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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

S/M attack  
& sighting  
summary.

For 24 hours to 0800Z/5th May.

- Para. A. (1) At 1520Z/3rd May 11 A/C attacked U-Boat with R.P. in lat. 55° 55' N. long. 10° 45' E.  
(2) At approx. 1800Z/3rd A/C U/455 observed 10 I-Boats in 54° 47' N. 09° 50' E.  
(3) At 0805Z/4th A/C L/333 observed 3 U-Boats in 55° 44' N. 10° 45' E.  
(4) At 0815Z/4th P.R.U. A/C observed 4 U-Boats in 55° 35' N. 10° 52' E.  
(5) At 1445Z/4th in 55° 33' N. 09° 50' E. 3 A/C attacked 3 U-Boats.  
(6) At 2300Z/4th EMPIRE UNITY torpedoed in 64° 25' N. 22° 40' W.  
Para. C. (1) At 0745Z/4th A/C X/330 had two disappearing contacts in 62° 25' N. 03° 03' E.  
(2) At 1424Z/4th A/C D/224 attacked possible contact in 59° 54' N. 00° 11' W.  
(3) At 0640Z/5th A/C observed U-Boat in 52° 42' N. 02° 30' E.  
(4) At 2106Z/4th HOTSPUR attacked contact in 51° 59' N. 05° 27' W.  
(D.D.I.C. 051118B to Cominch, N.S.H.Q.)

U/B dis-  
positions.

Estimates.  
(D.D.I.C. 051246B to A.I.G., Cominch.)



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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

1. The 19th German Army surrendered unconditionally at 6 p.m. yesterday and their Army Group G at noon today.

2. A fragmentary message in German plain language states that the Grossadmiral ordered U-Boats to cease hostilities on May 4th and that he is prepared to surrender the "fortresses" on the Channel, the Channel Islands and the Bay of Biscay.

3. The laying of deep anti-U-Boat minefields is to be discontinued forthwith.

North Sea.

4.(a) The Swedes have been invited to withdraw all shipping from the Skagerrak and Kattegat in view of coming intense operational activity in these areas.

(b) The British Naval Officer in charge entered Emden at 9 a.m., everything is under control, but as no dredging has been done recently the harbour can accommodate no ship drawing more than 21 ft.

Western Approaches.

5. Three mines were detonated off No. 3 Channel Buoy, Clyde.

Baltic.

6. F.O.I.C. Denmark reports 20,000 German wounded and refugees in passenger and hospital ships in Copenhagen, Danes unable and Germans refusing to help. Certain known fanatical officers are in some of the small ships and he asks for a flotilla of destroyers to assist him.

Foreign Stations.

Mediterranean.

Italy.

The preliminary survey of Genoa shows that berths for 10 Liberty ships and 3 coasters are useable. Minesweeping has begun in the approaches to the port.

/Adriatic...



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Mediterranean - Contd.

- Adriatic. 8. (a) It is reported today that so far 23 enemy craft have surrendered at Ancona.  
(b) The berthing facilities at Trieste are reported to be very good.
- Greece. 9. An enemy caique is reported as having been wrecked on passage from Rhodes to Crete. As a result 745 prisoners were taken.

East Indies.

- Andaman Sea. 10. Striking force 63 consisting of QUEEN ELIZABETH, RICHELIEU, CUMBERLAND, CEYLON, SUFFOLK, TROMP, SHAH, EMPRESS and 5 destroyers attacked Port Blair today. After bombardment aircraft from SHAH and EMPRESS left 2 ships, 1 tug and a junk and a jetty on fire. (131245Z.)
- S. Burma. 11. A.C. 21 in ROYALIST with HUNTER, STALKER, KHEDIVE and EMPEROR on release from Rangoon operations, made air strikes between Mergui and Victoria Point today and yesterday. 5 barges and 2 junks left in flames. Mergui jetties also bombed. (131245Z.)
- Movement. 12. NEWCASTLE arrived with convoy U.S. 26 (EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND) at Colombo.

Far East and Australia.

- North China. 13. Liberators and Mustangs sank 4 merchant vessels and one large tanker off Korea.



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Surrender orders in Denmark. Request instructions if general provision of "Eclipse" memorandum No. 1 of 21(?22) April hold good and information of any other Naval surrender terms. Have ordered all ships to remain where they are until orders from you are received. Intend detaining (?) German Naval shore personnel not actually required to be included with Army and Air Force which have been instructed to leave Denmark under orders from 21 Army Group. Number is about 25000. Full situation report will follow as soon as possible.  
(Military Mission Denmark's 061530B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Discontin- The laying of deep anti-U-Boat minefields is to  
uance of anti- be discontinued forthwith.  
U-Boat mine- (2) Minelayers should complete reloading and  
field laying. remain in harbour pending further instructions.  
(A.C.N.S.(H), 061600B to C's in C. W.A. Ports.  
Plymouth)

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Operation "Clever". Scapa Departures BELLONA, ZEPHYR, ZEALOUS, OBEDIENT, ZODIAC in accordance with C. in C. H.F. 052137.  
(2) Latest "Q" messages held Q.Z.S.1626.  
E.T.A. May Island 0930.  
(C. in C. H.F. 060130B to C. in C. Rosyth)  
BIRMINGHAM, DIDO and H.F. Destroyers in company with 40th M/S Flot. and MAENAD are to sail for operation "Clever" as soon as minesweepers are ready. My 051837 and 060016 refer. *[No force in W.D.]*  
(2) Depending on weather conditions speed to be adjusted to arrive C.E. at 0400B Tuesday 8th, if practicable.  
(3) C. in C. Rosyth is requested to signal anticipated time of their passing May Island as soon as this can be forecast.  
(C. in C. H.F. 061020B to C. in C. Rosyth, BIRMINGHAM, DIDO, D.2, S.O.40 M.S.F.)

Your 050853/ arrived.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 061041 to F.O.I.C. Harwich)

Departure H.M.S. CATHERINE, (M/S.40) GRECIAN, GAZELLE, TATTOO, ELFREDA, STEADFAST, CYNTHIA.

Your 060130 arrived.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 061100 to C. in C. H.F.)

It is evident that an unknown number of U-Boats are still at sea in Kattegat or Skagerrak, probably proceeding to Horten or Christiansand South. There have been numerous A/C sightings and attacks on U-Boats in Kattegat area in past 48 hours, including one at 0139Z/6th May in 57.08 N. 11.52 E. course 040 degs. and one at 0523Z/6th May in 56.00 N. 11.02 E.

(D.D.I.C. 061109B to C. in C. H.F. C.S.1)

(1) My 051837. Force Six consisting of NORFOLK (C.S. One) SEARCHER, TRUMPETER, QUEEN, SCOURGE (D.23), SAVAGE, OFFA, OPPORTUNE, CARYSFORT, ZAMBESI and ZEST, will proceed to pass through Q.Z.L.68 about 1200B Monday 7th. Thence South-Eastwards passing North of Q.Z.X.400 to R/V with Force 5 under BIRMINGHAM in position C.E. at 0400B Tuesday 8th May.

/(2) ...



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- Operation "Cleaver" (Contd.)
- (2) On joining C.S. One assume command of operation "Cleaver" NORFOLK, ZAMBESI, ZEST and CARYSFORT transfer to Force 5. DIDO and OBEDIENT transfer to Force Six.
- (3) Force Six operate West of Q.Z.X.1537 to provide air cover for Force Five as far as practicable until released by C.S. One to proceed to Rosyth by reverse of route in my 042316.  
(C. in C. H.F. 061310B to C.S.1, D.23, Force 5.)  
Sailed BIRMINGHAM, DIDO, ZEPHYR, ZODIAC, ZEALOUS, OBEDIENT, CATHERINE, GRECIAN, GAZELLE, TATTOO, ELFREDA, STEADFAST, MAENAD, CYNTHIA.  
(C. in C. Rosyth, 061745B to C. in C. H.F)
- Reinforce-ments for Operation "Cleaver".
- (1) Destroyer Force A consisting ZEST (S.O), OBDURATE, PIORUN and STORD, is to sail from Scapa at 1300B to-day Sunday and proceed at best speed to meet Southbound carrier force consisting of SEARCHER (S.O) TRUMPETER and QUEEN.
- (2) Destroyers pass through position 270 degs. Noup Head 8 miles on course 015 degs.
- (3) SEARCHER to adjust route of carriers to meet destroyer force "A".
- (4) Destroyer Force "A" take over screen for Carriers. On relief OPPORTUNE, SCOURGE, SAVAGE, ZAMBESI, CARYSFORT, return to Scapa at best speed to fuel.  
(C. in C. H.F. 061124B to R.A.D. H.F.)  
(1) My 061124. As soon as destroyer screen has been exchanged carriers addressed are to proceed through Fair Island to arrive position DA 59 degs. N. 01 degs. W. at 0400B Monday 7th May.  
(2) CAMPANIA will be sailed from Scapa to R/V at above time to adjust A/C. My 061113 not to all refers.  
(3) From position D.A. carriers addressed are to proceed towards position D.B.59 02 degs. E.  
(C. in C. H.F. 061134B to SEARCHER, QUEEN TRUMPETER.)  
(1) My 061134 not to all. CAMPANIA escorted by OFFA is to leave Scapa passing Hoxa at 2200B to-day 6th May and proceed to R/V in position D.A.  
(2) NORFOLK (Flag of C.S. one) SCOURGE (D.23) SAVAGE, OPPORTUNE, ZAMBESI and CARYSFORT sail from Scapa at 0300B Monday 7th May and proceed to join carrier force between position D.A. and D.B.  
(3) When detached by C.S. one, CAMPANIA escorted by OBDURATE, PIORUN and STORD return to Scapa.  
(4) CAMPANIA acknowledge.  
(C. in C. H.F. 061300B to C.S.1, CAMPANIA, SEARCHER, TRUMPETER, QUEEN, D.23, Force 5.)
- Entry into Cuxhaven. / My 051550 not to Com. N.P.1754.  
Request you will arrange for N.O.I.C. N.P.1739 (A) to signal to M.S.18 and Capt. M/S Force C all information obtainable as to route and marking of swept channel from position of P.10 buoy (54 degs. 20' N. 07 degs. 01' E.) to Cuxhaven.  
(B) if practicable to despatch a German craft with local pilots German Naval Officers with searched channel charts and

/interpreters ...



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interpreters to meet Force C and 18th M.S.F. at position of P.10.  
(2) E.T.A. of Forces at position of P.10 will be signalled to N.O.I.C. N.P.1739.  
(3) N.O.I.C.N.P.1739 acknowledge.  
(A.N.C.X.F. 061225B to F.O.1738)

Unless otherwise ordered 18th M.S.F. and attached danlayers as required and M/S Force C are to R/V at H.2 buoy at 2000B Monday 7th and proceed by Q.Z.L.71 and route referred to in operation "Dropkick" to position of P.10 buoy. No minesweeping will have been done beyond P.10 buoy 54 degs. 20' N. 07 degs. 01' E.

(2) From P.10 buoy combined force is to proceed to position off P.15 buoy 18th M.S.F. sweeping Oropesa ahead and on arrival there is to act in accordance with orders for operating.

(3) M.S.15 and M.S.18 may communicate as necessary by W/T and M.S.18 is to keep C. in C. Nore, F.O.I.C.Wilhelmshaven and N.O.I.C.Cuxhaven informed by W/T of progress and E.T.A. at P.10 buoy and position of P.15 buoy 54 degs. 00' N. 07 degs. 51' E.

(4) Capt. M/S Force C is to report arrival at Cuxhaven to C. in C. Nore.

(5) Diesel oil carrier and patrol carrier will not sail with M/S Force.

(C. in C. Nore, 061305B to M/S 18, Capt. M/S Grimsby)

Intend to enter Cuxhaven 1700 tomorrow Monday 7th with Guards Armoured Division.

(N.P.1739, 062103B to A.N.C.X.F.)

In view of the urgency of opening up Hamburg and the fact that the Naval Port Party will be in Cuxhaven tomorrow, it is considered that weather permitting M/S Force C should sail for Cuxhaven tomorrow Monday.

(D.M.S. Apprd. V.C.N.S. 062354B to C. in C. Nore)

Discharge  
Situation  
Report.

Cositintrep No.397 Part 4 Section A.  
Discharge by sea - 24 hour period ending 1600A/05 May.

	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Stores</u>	<u>Bulk Coal</u>	<u>Bulk Pol.</u>	<u>G.F. Ammo.</u>
<u>British</u>						
Antwerp	53	317	11,522	-	7,510	920
Ostend	1,432	191	1,457	-	-	593
Caen	-	-	-	1,744	-	-
Calais.	6,457	53	514	-	-	-
Totals:	7,942	561	13,493	1,744	7,510	1,513
<u>U.S. North</u>						
Antwerp	-	41	16,018	-	-	-
Cherbourg	-	7	2,382	779	-	-
Le Havre	759	189	5,561	200	-	346
Rouen	-	-	3,317	1,528	-	-
Ghent	-	-	10,032	-	-	-
Totals:	759	237	37,310	2,507	-	346



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Discharge Situation Report. Cositintrep No.397 Part 4 Section A. Continued.

	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Stores</u>	<u>Bulk Coal</u>	<u>Bulk Pol.</u>	<u>G.F. Ammo.</u>
<u>U.S. South</u>						
Marseilles	100	328	14,429	530	-	-
Port De Bouc	-	-	1,880	240	10,814	-
Toulon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals:	100	328	16,309	770	10,814	-

Army Coal at Dieppe 1,406. Granville 1,060. Morlaix 420. St. Malo 1,651.  
Amend Ammo. discharge Ghent 4 May, to 4,756 tons 3 May to 4,940 tons.  
Signed Eisenhower cite S.H.G.D.S.)  
(S.H.A.E.F. 061415B to Admty. and other).

Scuttled U-Boat. Your 051340B. Position of U-Boat established 57 degs. 21' 58" N. 01 degs. 46' 42" W. Height 16 feet, breadth 20 feet lying approx. 160 degs. unable to obtain length. LOCH SCAVAIG continuing to run over target.  
(S.O.E.G. 23, 061430B to C. in C. Rosyth)

Military Situation. G.2 Summary No.126 dated 6 May, 1945 covering period 042400B to 052400B.  
Para. 1 Operations.  
Reported 24th Army surrendered to Allies.  
19th German Army surrendered unconditionally 051800B and Army Group G at 061200B.  
In Holland Colonel General Blaskowitz reported to Allies 1600 hours: is arranged arrest criminal elements Dutch S.S. and removal charge from dykes.  
(S.H.A.E.F. 061645B to War Office).

Patrols. My 051745B para. 4 Delete F.A.2, F.B.3, F.B.8, F.B.9, F.L.2, and F.L.3.  
Remainder of coastal forces units from U.K. remain in harbour at 30 minutes notice.  
(C. in C. Nore, 061700B to Nore Command)

Patrols for Night Monday 7th May.  
1 COWDRAY, 2 HAMBLEDON, 3 ALBRIGHTON, 4 HOLDERNESS, 5 KITTIWAKE, 6 EGGESFORD.  
Coastal forces Units F.C.1 to 6 R/V patrols at 2300B.  
(2) 12 RETALICK with coastal Forces from U.K.  
14 EGLINTON, 16 RIOU with coastal forces from Ostend,  
17 TALYBONT, 18 ARENDAL, 19 TORRINGTON with coastal forces from Ostend, 21 CATTISTOCK, 22 CAICOS with C/F from U.K.  
Coastal forces from Ostend R/V Frigates at 2200B.



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Patrols. (3) Escorts for: T.A.M.62, VERSATILE and SHEARWATER  
(Contd.) T.A.P.27, OAKLEY, F.N.5 BLENCATHRA.  
(4) Coastal Forces from U.K.  
Patrol 1, 2 M.T.Bs unit F.C.I with COWDRAY.  
Patrol 2, 2 M.T.Bs unit F.C.2 with HAMBLEDON.  
Patrol 3, 2 M.T.Bs Unit F.C.3 with ALBRIGHTON  
Patrol 4, 2 M.T.Bs unit F.C.4 with HOLDERNESS  
Patrol 5, 2 M.T.Bs unit F.C.5 with KITTIWAKE  
Patrol 6, 2 M.T.Bs unit F.C.6 with EGGESFORD  
Patrol 12, 4 M.T.Bs unit F.C.2, F.L.3.  
Patrol 22, 4 M.T.Bs unit F.B.8, F.B.9.  
TSXB 5035 3 M.T.Bs unit F.A.2,  
XJXB 4048 4 M.T.Bs unit F.B.3.  
From Ostend:  
XJYU 2316, 2 M.T.Bs unit F.A.8.  
XJYU 2100, 2 M.T.Bs unit F.B.2.  
XJYU 4126, 3 M.Ls unit F.G.5.  
XJYU 3312, 4 M.T.Bs unit F.H.3, F.H.4.  
Patrol 16 4 M.T.Bs F.G.2, F.G.3.  
(C. in C. Nore, 061810B to Nore Command)

Operation "Doomsday". Operation "Doomsday". Further to S.H.A.E.F.  
Forward 20675 loading of vehicles and stores  
should commence as soon as shipping available.  
Personnel will remain at 24 hours notice to  
embark from earliest possible date.  
(S.H.A.E.F. 061715B to Force 134, C. in C.  
Rosyth, S.C.O.T.C.O.)

Operation "Doomsday". (1) Admiralty advises that L.S.I. requested  
in S.H.A.E.F. Forward 20599 is not available A.N.C.X.F. is  
requested to arrange with Admiralty for 2 L.S.T. 3 fitted with  
5 L.C.A. each located in Clyde to be made available and moved  
forthwith to destination to be furnished by C. in C. Rosyth.  
(2) Force 134 is requested to notify Admiralty duration of  
requirement for 2 L.S.T. 3 as requested in Admiralty 051191B May  
not to all.  
(3) This replies to A.N.C.X.F. (Main) 052215Z day.  
(S.H.A.E.F. 061715B to A.N.C.X.F. Force, 134, C. in C. Rosyth,  
S.C.O.T.C.O.)

"Clear the  
Course" ad-  
vice to  
Swedes.

Arfar telegram No.8 contained advice to  
Swedish authorities that shipping should be with-  
drawn from the Kattegat and Skagerrak in view of  
the intense operational activity in those areas.  
(2) Danger is not expected to continue for more  
than a few days but if advice is disregarded and  
damage is suffered H.M. Government cannot accept  
liability.  
(Admty, 061857B to N.A. Stockholm)

/ Enemy ...



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Enemy Minefields. Following information received from Germans to-day.

(1) Enemy minefields.

(1) One line between 53.42 N. 5.10 E. and 53.32.45 N. 4.55 E. of 233 moored mines.

(2) One line between 52.53 N. 4.22.45 E. and 52.42 N. 4.22.45 E. of 160 moored mines West of this line 40 anti-sweep units with static cutters.

(4) One line between 52.25.30 N. 4.13 E. and 52.22.30 N. 4.16.45 E. of 72 ground mines M.P.

(5) One line between 52.20 N. 4.12.40 E. and 52.13.30 N. 4.5.30 E. of ground mines M.P.

(6) One line between 52.9.10 N. 3.54.45 E. and 52.1.40 N. 3.51 E. of 90 ground mines M.P. and 90 moored mines.

(7) One line between 52.1.30 N. 3.41.45 E. and 51.56.45 N. 3.36 E. of 78 ground mines M.P. and 78 moored mines.

(8) One line between 51.41.20 N. 3.6.40 E. and 51.33.30 N. 3.2E. of 150 ground mines M. M.A., A.A. with P.D.M.

(9) At 10 meter line between 52.38.50 N. and 52.37.10 N. 52.19.20 N. and 32.17 N. 52.11.20 N. and 52.8.20 N. two lines of ground mines M.P. A.A. with P.D.M. resp. 22, 36 and 78 in numbers.

(10) Two lines between 5.1.55.45 N. 3.57.15 E. and 51.52.50 N. 3.52.30 E. in total 90 ground mines M.P. A.A. with P.D.M.

(11) Two lines between 51.51 N. 3.48.30 E. and 51.48 N. 3.41.30 E. in total 90 ground mines M.P.A.A. with P.D.M.

(12) Two lines between 51.51 N. 3.48.30 E. and 51.48 N. 3.41.30 E. in total 90 ground mines M.P. A.A. with P.D.M.

(12) Two lines between 51.29.50 N. 3.26 E. and 51.36.30 N. 2.28 E. in total 48 ground mines M.P.A.A. with P.D.M.

(13) Three lines between 51.39.50 N. 3.22.40 E. and 51.36.30 N. 3.24.45 E. in total 78 ground mines M.P.A.A. with P.D.M.

(14) Dortache Kil 8 ground mines A with O.D.M.

(15) Nieuwe Merwede 12 ground mines A. with O.D.

(15) Nieuwe Merwede 12 ground mines A with P.D.M.

(16) Vuile Gat 20 ground mines M.A. A. with P.D.M.

(17) Haringvliet two fields resp. 15 and 7 ground mines M.A. A. M.P. with O.P.D.M.

(18) Type 16 ground mines in three lines.

(19) Grevelingen East of Ziezikzee 19 ground mines.

(20) Brouwershavensche Gat 40 ground mines M. M.A. M.P. with P.D.M.

(21) Keeten 21 ground mines M.M.P. with P.D.M.

(22) Roompot 52 ground mines M. with P.D.M.

(23) Westgat 50 ground mines M.M.P. with P.D.M.

(2) Above list contains all minefields off the Dutch Coast and Inland Waters.

(3) All moored mines at 12 to 18 feet below L-water.

(4) All P.D.M. up to 8 actuations.

(5) Mines (1) to (13) laid summer and autumn of 1944, mines (14) to (23) laid during last two months.

(6) At 4 meter line along the whole coast of mainland and sea-coasts of Zeeland Islands and Frisian Islands (10) mines.

(7) No mines at Hook of Holland and new Waterway.

(8) Most probably no mines in harbours of Den Helder, Ymuiden and Rotterdam - will receive definite information tomorrow.

(9) There are no controlled minefields.

(10) There is no swept channel between Bollen Van Goerce and Hook



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as this channel was not more in use after withdrawal from France and Belgium. Germans consider a straight line from this buoy to outer buoy hook and from there to Hook as safe.

(11) German chart I chart with all minefields in my possession.

(12) Next meeting tomorrow morning subject Swept Channels and mines in harbours.

(13) Got impression that information is reliable.

(14) Mine stores at Rotterdam, Ymuiden, Amsterdam. Minest-minestores at Poortershaven blown up.

(15) H.Q. German Navy at Haarlem.

(Capt. M/S Holland, 061900 to F.O. Holland)

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C. in C. Rosyth's 1288/00968XR/Z/13 of 30th April. C. in C. Home Fleet is requested to provide covering force if required.

(2) C. in C. Rosyth is requested to detail the escort group in his Command.

(3) C. in C. Nore is requested to make available 1 flotilla of "D" type M.T.B.s with directing frigate, which should carry sufficient 100 octane spirit to refuel M.T.Bs. for return passage.

(4) M.Ls and minesweepers will be made available from Nore, Portsmouth and Dover Commands.

(A.C.N.S.(H), 061900 to C's in C. Rosyth, H.F., Nore.)

Entry into  
Emden.

Entered Emden 0900 to-day everything under control. Naval Authorities co-operative. No S/Ms in harbour. About 3 S/Ms left 7 days ago destination unknown, 25 minor Warships but no M/S; crews landed and in lock gates cranes reported in order.

Preliminary investigations show that Harbour can be working for ships up to 21 feet draught only as dredging has not been done recently dredger reported working order with minor refit.

No Quay now mined, charges have been removed.

(N.O.I.C.Emden, 062230B to N.O.I.C.Wilhelmshaven, A.N.C.X.F.)

Situation  
at Hamburg.

Concentration of merchant ships commenced without incident 2 ships concentrated to-day and further 2 will be moved tomorrow. As soon as sweeping of approach to Elbe has been completed 2 German ships about 2000 tons gross can be

sailed to U.K. Suggest crews be sent over immediately.

(2) Only sufficient oil fuel for power stations for a consumption reported to be 600 tons per day. Reported that there are stocks of 40,000 tons at Nordholz near Cuxhaven and 12,000 tons at Ostermoomr and Schafstedt near Kiel canal but this needs confirmation. Several small tankers available but mostly dumb.

(3) Nearly all crews of war ships and naval gunners on board merchant ships evacuated before surrender. Reported that there are no U.X.B. in docks area. Demolition charges placed on main Elbe bridges but withdrawn later before surrender.

(4) Visit to Reinbek produced negative results all staff had evacuated taking records with them. Similar results obtained

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at Hamburg.  
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by control party which was first Allied force to reach Glückstadt. Staff of second Admiral evacuated from Buxtehude had left and Pos school had also been evacuated. No evidence music ever existed there. At Tollerort there was no torpedo stock and S.Ds. have been removed to unknown destination.  
(Cdre. Hamburg, 062256B to F.O.N.P. 1738, Admty. A.N.C.X.F.)

Procedure  
with enemy  
ships at  
Hamburg.

Ships are to be placed under armed guard (Your 042353) Nazi flag lowered and white ensign hoisted.  
(A.N.C.X.F. 062330B to N.P.1754)  
Ref. Report instructions immediately for seizure of ships in prize.

Situation  
in  
Denmark.

General Reynhardt Chief of Staff to Hinnemann came in last night and received my amplification of your order for evacuation of German forces from Denmark. Anticipate that German Command will carry out withdrawal of Army and Air Force satisfactorily. King Christian received Admiral Holt and self this afternoon. Prime Minister saw me 1700 hours. Command Resistance Danforce and such Danish Army as exist reconstituted confirmed under General Woertz. Danish Government place their available armed forces at my disposal as representative of S.H.A.E.F. A good deal of shooting in the streets tonight but nothing serious and all is quiet now. Thanks for Royals and Airborne Battalion which I will arrange to see tomorrow. More defensively armed ships comprising Army observation in harbour than anticipated and dealing with them in accordance with S.H.A.E.F. "Eclipse" instruction presents big problem. No actual trouble up to date. Flag Officer Denmark agreed Naval portion this message.  
(S.H.A.E.F. Mission Denmark, 062334B to 21 Army Group)

Operations

Channel

Patrols.

Intend to sail UNRIVALLED escorted by RUBY at 0900 tomorrow 7th May by Q.Z.S.697 thence direct to (B) 49 degs. 12 N. 04 degs. 20' W. where H.M.S. UNRIVALLED will enter OX Brittany Sanctuary and H.M.T. RUBY will return by reverse route to Plymouth.  
(2) Communications:  
(3) H.M.S. UNRIVALLED and H.M.T. RUBY pass Gate as requisite to comply.  
(4) F.O.I.C.Falmouth and C.T.U. 122.2.3 are requested to draw the attention of all escorts of C.O.G. and O.C.C. convoys to my 051135B.  
(C. in C. Plymouth, 061100B to Admty. F.O.S.M. UNRIVALLED, RUBY.)

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Patrols.  
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My 051630B. On completion escort duties establish A/S patrol in area.

(A) 50.23 N. 01.40 W.

(B) 50.21 N. 02.00 W.

(C) 50.12 N. 02.00 W.

(D) 50.14 N. 01.40 W.

(2) Leave patrol as requisite to R/V with M.K.S.98 and cover to Eastwards. My 061233B refers.

(C. in C. Portsmouth, 061246B to DUCKWORTH, COOKE.)

Pass Gate at 1600B today 6th May and proceed by Q.Z.S. 697 to establish patrol between positions (A) 49.02 N. 02.37 W. and (B) 48.49 N. 02.37 W. by 2200B.

Objects: to cover C:O.C/O.C.C. Convoy route against surface craft and to cover situation outlined in O.P.A.S. Paras. 1,2 and 3 (not held by all addressees).

(2) If no contacts by 0600B/7th May GARLAND is to proceed to Granville sailing again as requisite p.m. 7th May to establish patrol as in para. (1) Patrol is to be repeated nightly until further orders.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 061252B to GARLAND)

E.G.11 2nd Division Patrol Lizard to Start Point from 0400/7th.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 062112B to E.G.11.)



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## Patrols

Dispositions at 2,000.

- (1) L'AVENTURE, L'ALCYON - Patrolling vicinity St. Nazaire.
  - (2) BASQUE, LA DECOUVERTE - Patrolling vicinity Lorient.
- (C. in C. Plymouth, 061512B to Admty.)

One Sunderland aircraft will leave Ushant at first light tomorrow 7th May, on coastwise sweep to vicinity Ile d'Oleron thence aircraft will patrol between Ile d'Oleron and position 47° 40' N. and 04° 00' W. until about 1800B. (Aircraft will contact ships of Force 27 if met).

- (2) Communications for aircraft - W/T 6480 Kcs., R/T 2410 Kcs. Callsigns - W/T DSUG 28, R/T - CHRISTINE CHARLIE 28.
- (C. in C. Plymouth, 061539B to Force 27.)

Information received this morning from French aircraft indicating presence of suspected enemy shipping off Gironde and Ile d'Oleron. At request of Marine, Paris, and C.T.F.122, and before receiving your 061722B, part 2 of 062200B, following dispositions were made for 7th May.

- (a) DUQUESNE patrolling with LA DECOUVERTE along parallel 44° 30' N.
  - (b) BASQUE patrolling off La Rochelle.
  - (c) L'AVENTURE and L'ALCYON patrolling off Saint Nazaire.
  - (d) HOVA sails Brest 1100B/7th to join BASQUE.
- (2) Intend to make following dispositions to conform with your 061722B.
- (a) If no enemy ships met a.m. 7th May, DUQUESNE and LA DECOUVERTE in company will proceed Brest through 45° 50' N. 04° 30' W. and 48° 10' N. 05° 20' W. R/V with L'ALCYON and L'AVENTURE to complete escort in 45° 50' N. 04° 30' W. at 2100B/7th, speed 16 knots, E.T.A. 0800B/8th.
  - (b) After escorting DUQUESNE to Brest L'AVENTURE and LA DECOUVERTE will proceed Plymouth, E.T.A. 1800B/8th.
  - (c) From 2200B/7th BASQUE and HOVA in company will carry out patrol 27 in accordance with my 27 E.M.3.
- (3) After detaching L'AVENTURE, LA DECOUVERTE and LA SURPRISE, effective blockade of German pockets with only 4 small ships will be extremely difficult.
- (C.F.N.T.F., 062350B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

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off Clyde

M/S 11 reports results of clearance on 5th May. Channel cleared 8 cables to Westward and 2½ cables to Eastward of centre line.

1 mine detonated 274° No. 3 channel buoy 9 cables,  
1 mine detonated 031° No. 3 buoy 8 cables,  
1 mine detonated while recovering sweep 032° No. 3 buoy 3.6 miles.

(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 060958B to C. in C.W.A. Admty.)

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Squid  
V.  
hedgehog  
attacks  
on  
U-boats

From recent reports of proceedings it would appear that in deep-water operations the superiority of Squid and the value of depth-prediction Asdic are not always appreciated.

(2) In a recent action against a deep U-boat the one Squid-fitted ship present was sent to do an "Observant" while two other ships not fitted with type 147 carried out a series of unsuccessful Hedgehog attacks and eventually lost contact.

(3) On certain other occasions, however, the successful destruction of a U-boat in difficult circumstances has been attributable to the forbearance of a senior Officer not fitted with Squid withholding attacks until they could be delivered by a Squid fitted ship.

(4) It is not desired to diminish faith in the Hedgehog which is scoring an increasing number of kills, but in deep water a Hedgehog, not assisted by depth prediction Asdic, is at a definite disadvantage compared with ships which are so fitted, and still more so in comparison with Squid-fitted ships.

(5) The general policy in mixed groups should be as follows:-

(a) When detailing ships to attack a U-boat in deep water, preference should be given to Squid-fitted ships with Hedgehog and depth prediction Asdic.

(b) When a U-boat is detected in waters where, due to the existence of a layer, or for any other reason, evasive action by the U-boat is likely to be successful, it is desirable, if a Squid fitted ship can be put into contact without delay, for the first attack to be delivered by Squid. Normally, however, it is better for the first attack to be made by the first ship in contact.

(c) The above considerations do not apply to a contact which is an immediate menace to the convoy or unit screened, such contacts must, of course, be attacked without delay by the first ship in contact.

(C. in C. W.A., 061216B to Western Approaches Command.)

Anti U-boat  
deep  
mining.

Operation C.H. serial J lines 3 and 4 completed.  
(ARIADNE, 062005B to Admty.)



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"Apostle".

"Apostle" Plan O, Operation "Conan".  
As only 10 M.T.Bs. at present based at Lerwick request additional numbers be sent to Lerwick to ensure that there will be 12 fit operationally on the day required.  
(2) Reference fuel and maintenance my 022219B refers.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 060026B to Admty.)

Following Oropesa trawlers are required forthwith to be prepared for laying hydrographic beacons in connection with Operation "Apostle": SHANDWICK, STAR OF THE WAVE, SUMA, PICTON CASTLE, REDWOOD, DAVID OGILVIE, NODZU.

(2) Ships are to be sailed as soon as possible to Granton where they will receive detailed orders.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 060029 to N.O.I.C. Tyne.)

Operation "Apostle". Preparation assembly and loading of shipping (with the exception of colliers) necessary for this operation in accordance with the requirements of Force 134. C. in C. Rosyth and Scottish Command should commence forthwith. Vehicles and stores only will be loaded. Personnel will remain at 48 hours notice to embark after arrival in Scottish Command. Instructions with regard to loading of coal will be issued later. This is in anticipation of approval by Combined Chiefs of Staff of shipping demand.

(S.H.A.E.F., 061715B to A.N.C.X.F., War Office.)

"Apostle". One L.C.M.(3) Flotilla with maintenance party is to be sent to Ostend at once.

(2) C. in C. Portsmouth is requested to direct NORTHWAY to arrive Ostend 0800 Thursday 10th, to embark them. Destination will be signalled tomorrow Monday.

(3) Twelve L.C.M.(1) being held by Com. L.C.B. will not now be required.

(A.N.C.X.F., 062322B to C. in C. Portsmouth, N.C. Force T.)

OperationsNorthern WatersConvoy  
J.W. 67.

(1) E.G.4 and E.G.9 are allocated as close escort to J.W. 67.

(2) S.O. E.G.4 in BENTINCK (S.O.)

(3) Com. O.i/c. (D) W.A. and F.O. Northern Ireland are requested to sail groups to arrive

Greenock 0700/11th.

Admiralty pass to S.B.N.O. North Russia (Polyarnoe).

(C. in C. W.A., 060204B to Admty., C. in C. Rosyth, C. in C. H.F.)

My 051219. (1) Dog day Saturday 12th May.

(2) Route Red. Standard route through Minches to (all positions north and west) (A) 58.57, 05.20. (B) 59.26, 04.26. (C) 62.00, 03.40. (D) 66.30, 04.00. (All positions north and east) (E) 73.07, 06.01. (F) 73.40, 19.00. (G) 72.50, 30.01. (H) 71.30, 35.30. (MT) 70.30, 35.36.

(C. in C. H.F., 051243B to Admty.)

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Convoy R.A.66. R.A.66. As Cdre. is embarked in FORT YUKON she has been instructed to proceed to Clyde, reference your 060234.  
(C.S.10, 061203B to C. in C. W.A.)  
R.A.66. 7th E.G. is to escort Clyde section to Turnberry Point, detach LOTUS to Londonderry on passing.  
(2) C.S.10 061203 not to all addressees, FORT YUKON is required to go to Loch Ewe. If conditions suitable Cdre. and Staff may transfer to a Clyde ship as convenient.  
(3) Request you will signal any requirements for merchant ships on arrival Clyde other than fuel, water and fresh provisions.  
(C. in C. W.A., 061547B to Cdre. R.A. 66.)

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Baltic

Situation at Selsdorf. Midget submarine base Blaukoppel near Selsdorf apparently abandoned on Monday. German demolitions and subsequent looting make it useless. Preliminary survey of Flenderworke Shipyard carried out. Radar experimental station at Sierhsten map reference 991195 placed under guard. 1741 Recce. party established at Travemunde.  
(F.O.N.P. 1734, 060931B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Observation of PRINZ EUGEN and NURNBERG. Request you maintain reconnaissance Copenhagen and approaches for possible movement PRINZ EUGEN and NURNBERG reporting any signs to Home Fleet repeating to Admiralty and A.N.C.X.F.  
(A.N.C.X.F., 061055B to Air Staff S.H.A.E.F.),  
P.R.U. Copenhagen 1200B/6th May shows PRINZ EUGEN and NURNBERG present.  
(D.D.I.C., 061707B to C. in C. H.F., A.N.C.X.F.)

Situation at Copenhagen. Situation Report No.1. The following German ships are at Copenhagen.  
PRINZ EUGEN, NURNBERG, 2 large destroyers, 1 small destroyer, 2 torpedo boats, about 10 M class sweepers, 1 Uelikan class sweeper, 13 Sperrbrechers, 19 armed trawlers, 2 armed merchant ships, about 35 ships, about 27 passenger ships, about 13 trawlers, 20 cutters, 4 large hospital ships, various small crafts.  
(2) Hospital ships and passenger ships are full of wounded and refugees approximately 20,000.  
(3) Danes can give little help and Germans say that surrender is nothing to do with them.  
(4) Cruisers are reported short of petrol.  
(5) Admiral Reitch is in PRINZ EUGEN, I hope to be in touch with him through Admiral Skagerrak's C.O.S. who meets me tomorrow.



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Situation at Copenhagen. (Contd.) (6) It appears that Germans are complying with orders and are unlikely to scuttle. It is positively known there are fanatics among the officers of certain small ships but crews say they will not be taken out to a certain death and hope for British help.

(7) A flotilla of destroyers would be of the greatest assistance to me if available until the situation clarifies. (F.O.I.C. Denmark, 062234 to A.N.C.X.F.)

Situation at Travemünde and Lübeck. Cositintrep No. 397, Part II, Naval. Travemünde and Lübeck. Result of preliminary reconnaissance. No demolition. No effective warships seen. Reported about 12 U-Boats, 5 minesweepers, and 10 merchant ships sailed 2nd May. Some alleged scuttled off harbour entrance due lack of fuel. Over 20 small merchant ships in River Trave and Lübeck.

(2) N.C. Force T. The occupation of Schouwen and Overflackkee by 4 Commando Brigade in L.C.As. was postponed due to weather. (A.N.C.X.F., 062315B to Admty.)

Enemy Intelligence

German intentions to cease U-Boat and other hostilities. Fragmentary plain language message in German received at 1745/5th with beginning missed. Possible addressed Eisenhower, begins: The Grossadmiral issued orders to U-Boats as far back at 1614/4th May to cease hostilities and to begin return passage. He is ready to include in the Armistice fortresses in the Channel, in Biscay and in the Channel Islands. He is emphatically of opinion that hostilities towards the West are to cease. The objective in the West consists only in peaceable work to maintain the existence of German men and women. Kätel per pro. Ends. (D.C., 060200B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Casualties.

SS. EMPIRE UNITY. My 051244. Ship struck by two torpedoes number 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11 tanks holed. Holes blown vertically from ships bottom on starboard side to upper deck. Heavy splinters blown through port side both above and below waterline. Keel plate may be intact. Request experienced salvage officer be flown to Iceland to advise on repairs necessary to make vessel fit for passage to United Kingdom. Three officers and nine men ex-EMPIRE UNITY are on board NORTHERN SKY with R.U. 161. Request they be sent back to Iceland immediately to rejoin their ship. Rest of crew now on board. Living quarters on board are intact. (A.C.I.C., 061310B to Admty.)



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NORFOLK,  
DIADEM,  
cruisers.

Scapa arrival C.S. 1 in NORFOLK with DIADEM.  
(C. in C. H.F., 060802B to Admty.)

LORING,  
frigate.

A.M. 231953 and F.O.I.C. Cardiff's 011541.  
Repairs to LORING should not be continued.  
(2) LORING is to be paid off into Reserve  
Category "B" at West Hartlepool.  
(3) F.O.I.C. Cardiff is requested to sail her  
accordingly when fit for passage.  
(A.C.N.S.(H), 061105B to F.O.I.C. Cardiff.)

CAPTAIN class  
frigates to  
replace  
COLONY class  
for Far East.

A.M. 180855, C. in C. W.A. 011803 and C. in C.  
Nore 031652.  
(2) In view of the shortage of spares and the  
maintenance problems which would be involved  
by the operation of COLONY class frigates in  
the Eastern Theatre it has been decided to  
substitute 5 CAPTAIN class frigates - Turbo  
electric - for the COLONIES referred to in

A.M. 180855.

(3) These ships will be fitted with fighter direction  
facilities and should be selected from those which are not  
fitted with twin Bofors.  
(4) C. in C. W.A. is requested:  
(A) to cancel refit of ASCENSION: A.M. 011409 refers;  
(B) to nominate either CRANSTOUN or another suitable Turbo  
electric CAPTAIN for fitting with F.D. facilities at Sheerness  
forthwith in lieu of ASCENSION;  
(C) to earmark three other Turbo electric CAPTAINS to replace  
ANGUILLA, ANTIGUA and NYASALAND in C. in C. W.A.'s 011803 May.  
(5) C. in C. Nore is requested to earmark one Turbo electric  
CAPTAIN to replace CAICOS in his 031652.  
(D.O.D.(H), 052202B to Cs. in C. W.A., Nore.)  
Your 052202B not to all. Para. 5. RUTHERFORD nominated.  
(C. in C. Nore, 061300B to Admty.)

H.N.M.S.  
SOEMBA,  
gunboat.

H.N.M.S. SOEMBA can be taken in hand at Chatham  
for removal and landing of 3 in number 5.9 inch  
guns.  
(2) Further signal will be made regarding  
disposal of guns.  
(3) F.O.I.C. London is requested to sail vessel  
to Chatham on Tuesday 8th May.  
(4) On removal of guns, C. in C. Nore is requested to sail  
SOEMBA to Grangemouth for conversion to radar training ship.  
(5) Cdre. Sheerness is requested to supply 100 tons of fuel  
oil.  
(6) A.M. 232058 April, A.S. Chatham 061202 neither to all,  
and B.D.Z. 041700 refer.  
(D.O.D.(H), 061850B to B.D.Z., F.O.I.C. London, C. in C. Nore.)



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North Atlantic.

E.G. 1. Addressees form Group 1 forthwith, WILLOWHERB, S.O.  
(2) Ship being in all respects ready for war, SPIREA take ENCHANTRESS and WILLOWHERB under his orders and sail at 1600B May 6th to take up A/S between Cape Spartel and Cape Trafalgar.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 061041B to ENCHANTRESS, SPIREA, WILLOWHERB.)  
Amended by 061533B.

Cable repair. Operations on Gib./Casa. Cable have been suspended owing to defects in EMILE BAUDOT.  
(3) Your 041222\* refers.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 061149B to C. in C. Med.)  
\* Fault in Gib./Malta cable request repair be effected with EMILE BAUDOT.

U-Boats French Ministry of Marine report that a U-Boat  
Nazi Chiefs. with Nazi Chiefs on board has probably left Lorient. Special vigilance necessary to frustrate any undiscovered secret landing of Germans.  
*see p. 214*  
I have already warned Spanish Naval Authorities regarding probability of U-Boats being used by escaping Germans.  
(B.N.A. Madrid 061303B to Spanish ports, (R) Admty.)  
See 071804 and 092110Z.

COLOMBO Destination in U.K. for COLOMBO, expected to sail  
cruiser. from Gibraltar about 9th May, is Plymouth.  
(2) On arrival COLOMBO is to reduce to Reserve Category C.  
(D.O.D. (H) 061315B to F.O.G.M.A.)



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Medi terranean.

TIGRE, Fr. destroyer In view of urgency attached to move sailing of TIGRE has been approved, Almed. 052340 being passed to B.A.D. and Admiralty.  
(C. in C. Med. 060938B to B.A.D.)

S. Aegean Summary. To 0900 hours 6 May, 1945.  
(1) Shipping and military. No. Ph. cover 5 May. Caique with 12 Italians captured near Patmos night 5/6 May.  
(C. in C. M.E. 061110C to W.O.)

JEANNE D'ARC. Almed. has been informed of para. 2 of A.M. 051248 but feels he is unable to alter his intention to sail JEANNE D'ARC on 11th May his 041910\* without further instructions from Marine Paris.  
(B.N.L.O. Algiers 061112B to C. in C. Med.)  
\* Intend sailing Fr. cruiser JEANNE D'ARC 11th to Beirut.

His Majesty's Government instruct me to notify you that the movement of two further Battalions to Levant in JEANNE D'ARC has not their agreement and that matter is under discussion with French Government.  
(C. in C. Med., 061129B to Almed.)

Surrender of U/B Fleet. Instructions will be issued that U-Boats are to report position in P/L on 500 k/cs to nearest coast station or on 16845 k/cs 12685 k/cs or 5970 to callsign GZZ 10.

(2) If such reports are received that F.O. in whose area the U-Boat is located is to instruct her to proceed to R/V position 36° 20' N. 02° 20' W. by the shortest route reporting her E.T.A. which is to be between sunrise and three hours before sunset. F.O.G.M.A. is then to sail an escort to meet the U-Boat and escort her to Gibraltar.  
(C. in C. Med. 061557 to F.O.G.M.A.)

Movement. 6th May, 1945, arrival French cruiser MONTCALM.  
(S.O.(I) Beirut 061724C to Admty.)

Situation Report No. 606. (1) Gulf Genoa. Rough survey indicates 10 Liberty and more than 3 coaster berths at Genoa vacant and usable.

Sweeping in approaches has now commenced. Omega and Porto Maurizio reported practicably intact and quickly clearable.

(2) Adriatic. Midget submarine reached Venice from Pola 2 others reported mined en route, berthing facilities at Trieste very good indeed. M.L. 558 mined during sweep operations west of Ist-(el)ia but no lives lost. 23 enemy craft have so far surrendered at Ancona. 1321 prisoners taken from them.

(3) Dodecanese. 745 prisoners taken from enemy caique wrecked on passage from Rhodes to Crete.

(C. in C. Med. 061758B to F.O.L.E.M.)

/Trieste...



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Mediterranean - Contd.

Trieste. It is particularly important to get a Hunt class destroyer and light forces to Trieste at the very earliest moment.

It is also essential that a cruiser should arrive as soon as possible. Request therefore that you will sweep an anchorage off Trieste for ORION at first priority and sail her now to Ancona in anticipation. Trieste pass to S.O. Party B. (C. in C. Med. 061945B to F.O.T.A.L.I.)

Movements. Arrivals SUSSEX. Departures COLOMBO, BRAVE, POLA (It.), CHARON, M.F.Vs. 1551 (S.O.), 1009, 1042, 1116, 1121, 1136, 1559, 180th M.S.F. Flotilla B.Y.M.S. 2064, (S.O.), 2017, 2153, 2225. Arrived and departed UBBA (It.) (V.A.M. 062230 to Admty.)



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- Troopers unescorted. In view of increased troop lift required to Australia and negligible surface and U-Boat threat between Ceylon and Australia, it has been decided that ships of 18 knots and over may now sail unescorted and embarked to capacity, on this route.  
(D.O.D. (H) 060020B to C. in C. E.I.)
- Movement. U.S. 26 arrived escorted by NEWCASTLE.  
(N.C.S.O. Colombo 060400Z to Admty.)
- E. Indies Fleet disposition signal No. 150 Opns. "Bishop" & "Dracula".  
A. Battleships QUEEN ELIZABETH, RICHELIEU at sea operation "Bishop".  
B. Aircraft carriers ATTACKER at Trincomalee. PIONEER (B.P.F.) left Station. EMPEROR, KHEDIVE, HUNTER, STALKER at sea operation "Dracula", EMPRESS, SHAH at sea operation "Bishop", AMEER on passage Durban to Colombo. BEGUM on passage Suez to Colombo.  
C. Eight inch cruisers CUMBERLAND, SUFFOLK at sea operation "Bishop". LONDON refitting at Simonstown.  
D. Six inch and 5.25 inch cruisers. ROYALIST at sea operation "Dracula". PHOEBE at Rangoon. CEYLON, TROMP at sea operation "Bishop". NIGERIA on passage Simonstown to Trincomalee. NEWCASTLE at Colombo.  
(C. in C. E.I. 060527Z to Admty.)
- Situation Report No. 12. Opns. Rangoon & Andaman Sea. (1) Rangoon seaborne assault 2nd May was by 26 Indian Division carried by Force W and was mounted at Arakan Port. Ghurka parachute battalion dropped Elephant Point area 1st May and captured coastal batteries with very little opposition. A.C. 21 provided fighter cover with PHOEBE as fighter direction ship. Bombardment and ground strafing by R.A.F.  
(2) Landing craft left lower position 0200/1st and first waves touched down 0700 at Sadaingmut and Kyauktan Creek without opposition. Landing made Rangoon town 1700/3rd May. No Jap. in Rangoon. Dock area in fair condition with several wharves and cranes undamaged, survey and M/S proceeding. Ships will berth inner harbour 6th May. Weather generally calm but much rain. Heavy squall H Hour plus 2. Cyclone near convoy route D plus 1.  
(3) Andaman Sea Rangoon operation covered by QUEEN ELIZABETH, F.S. RICHELIEU, 4 cruisers, 2 C.V.Es., 5 destroyers who bombarded airfields Car Nicobar and Port Blair 30th April and 1st May. Aircraft of this force damaged and drove ashore 80 ton coaster Tavoy River 3rd May and strafed Mergui and Victoria Point airfield 4th May. Operations continue.  
(4) Cdre. D. with ROEBUCK, RACEHORSE, REDOUBT patrolling Gulf of Martaban 29th April to 2nd May and sank 10 small craft proceeding from Rangoon to Moulmein. (5) S/Ms, 3 S/Ms patrolling Southern Malacca Straits to report Jap. surface forces sortying from Singapore. STRONGBOW on weather report patrol west of Nicobar.  
(C. in C. E.I. 060740 to S.A.C.S.E.A.) See 131245.



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America & West Indies.

U/B dis-  
positions.

Estimates.  
(N.S.H.Q. 061357Z, Cominch 061606Z.)

SS. BLACK  
POINT sunk.

Admiralty pass info. to H.Q.C.C.  
Para. A. (1) After torpedoing and sinking of  
BLACK POINT at 052135Z area 41.20 N. 71.25 W.  
U.S.S. ATHERTON commencing about 060120Z made  
a series of attacks on sound contact in same  
area. Much oil and debris with German markings  
resulted.\*

U.881  
sunk

Para. B. (1) 060610Z U.S.S. FARQUHAR attacked sound contact  
43.18 N. 47.44 W. At 060700Z definite sonobuoy indications  
obtained and series of unexplained explosions heard.  
(Cominch 062040Z to Admty. for O.I.C.)

\* U. 853 was destroyed by ATHERTON (destroyer escort) and  
MOBERLY (frigate) in 41-13 N., 71-27 W. (2A/U.D. list)

Far East & Australia.

Long range  
operational  
and logistic  
planning  
including  
refit B.P.F.

Programmes should be based on the assumption  
that A. the Fleet will be required at its max.  
possible strength by mid October.  
B. Before this and after the June replenishment  
the Fleet will be required to operate at its max.  
scale of effort consistent with A above.  
(C. in C. B.P.F. 060134Z to V.A.Q.)

MANCHESTER  
CITY.

Your 011843\*. A. Bunkers are available in  
Australia.  
B. Bunker capacity not known but max. distance  
ship can steam without rebunkering is 4500 miles.  
C. Round trip approx. 4400 miles.  
(V.A.Q. 060156Z to Admty.)  
\* Bunkering of MANCHESTER CITY.

AORANGI.  
(Accommo-  
dation ship

Your 050619 (N.T. in W.D.)  
Am very sorry but I cannot spare AORANGI as she is  
urgently required in connection with forward  
moves. (2) Colombo pass to Capt. (S) 2.  
(C. in C. B.P.F. 060211Z to C. in C. E.I.)

/Fourth...



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Far East & Australia.- Contd.

Fourth and Eighth S/M Flotilla Weekly Situation Report.	(1) <u>Submarine</u> SOLENT, SLEUTH STURDY SUPREME RORQUAL	<u>Area</u> South Borneo W. Java Sea Gulf of Siam W. Java Sea	<u>Departs area.</u> 13th May. 6th May. 20th May. 12th May.
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(2) On passage A. From patrol TRADEWIND,  
ZWAARDVISCH. B. To patrol TRUMP, TIPTOE,  
TERRAPIN.

(3) At Fremantle TUDOR, TACITURN, THOROUGH,  
TRENCHANT, STYGIAN, SPARK, SEASCOUT, SELENE 024 019.

(4) THULE temporarily detached to 2nd S/M Flotilla.  
(C.T.F. 71 060529 to Admty.)

Blue Summary 5th. Ryukyus. Following landing attempts by Japs. night 3/4 behind U.S. lines Southern Okinawa heavy Jap. counter attacks during day 4th and early morning 5th repulsed 24th Corps. resumed attack morning 5th with chief gain on right of 500 yards. Total enemy casualties to date 33, 462 K.I.A., 914 P.O.W. Evening 4th approx. 25 enemy planes from S.W. in 3 raids. Believe all shot down by Cap and Ships A.A. Early morning 5th 20 more in 9 raids with 1 shot down by V.F. (N) and no reported damage. Casualties not previously reported from air attacks night 3/4 and evening 4th. L.S.M. 190 previously reported damaged sunk. SANGAMON (C.V.E. 26) suicide hit on flight deck. BACHE (D.D. 470), GWINN (D.M. 33) suicide hits but operational. Minor damage to LOWRY (D.D. 770), HUDSON (D.D. 475), L.C.S. 31, L.C.S. 57, Y.M.S. 331. S.W.P.A. 4th. 41 B.24s hit Saigon oil facilities, 6 others hit naval yard and arsenal. Honshu. 97 B.29s laid 700 mines Shimonoseki Straits and waters near Kure night 3/4. 164 B.29s hit Hiro naval aircraft plant and arsenal Kure during day. Search planes sank small Ak, left large A.O. sinking off Korea, shot down 3 planes. (C. in C. Pac. Adv. H.Q. 060752 to All Commands interested.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

S/M attack & sighting summary. For 24 hours to 0800Z/6th May.  
Para. A. (1) A/C S/86 sighted beached U-Boat at 0923Z/5th May in 55° 57' N. 10° 52' E.  
(2) A/C R/311 sighted fully surfaced U-Boat course 160° with escort of two trawlers at 1105Z/5th May in Aarhus Harbour.  
(3) A/C G/86 attacked U-Boat course 170° and sighted two others at 1143Z/5th in 56° 45' N. 11° 52' E.  
(4) A/C S/224 sighted U-Boat course 120° at 1329Z/5th in 57° 50' N. 11° 20' E. and attacked at 1331Z/5th May.  
(5) A/C T/224 and 1 other A/C sighted 2 U-Boats and attacked one at 1442Z/5th in 56° 06' N. 11° 06' E.

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U 534  
~~U 3503~~  
U.3523  
junk



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S/M attack  
& sighting  
Summary.  
(Contd.)

*U.2365 mark*

~~U.53~~

*U 3503 damaged*

- (6) A/C K/547 attacked fully surfaced U-Boat course 340° at 1443Z/5th in 56° 23' N. 10° 57' E.
- (7) A/C L/311 reported U-Boat course 207° at 1840Z/5th in 57° 27' N. 10° 38' E. and attacked with depth charges at 2247Z/5th May.
- (8) A/C T/206 sighted fully surfaced U-Boat at 1920Z/5th in 56° 59' N. 11° 48' E. and attacked at 2050Z/5th May.
- (9) A/C Z/86 reported U-Boat course 360° which dived at 2009Z/5th in 56° 11' N. 11° 02' E.
- (10) A/C K/86 attacked snort with depth charges at 0139Z/6th in 57° 08' N. 11° 52' E. *U.2534 mark*
- (11) U-Boat sighted alongside BLACK WATCH during naval air strike between 1st and 4th in Harstaad.
- Para. B. (1) U-Boat reported to have disembarked men at 0001Z/5th in approx. 70° 47' N. 28° 03' E.
- (2) U-Boat reported course N. at 0930Z/5th in approx. 70° 43' N. 29° 33' E.
- (3) Report received that U-Boat was damaged by A/C attack before 1413Z/4th in Great Belt.
- Para. C. (1) A/C C/206 attacked oil slick at 1328Z/5th in 56° 54' N. 11° 53' E.
- (D.D.I.C. 061165B to Cominch, N.S.H.Q.)

U/B dis-  
positions.

Estimates.  
(D.D.I.C. 061410B to A.I.G. 331, Cominch.)



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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

1. At 0141, Central European Time; the German High Command signed the Unconditional Surrender of all German land, sea and air forces in Europe to the A.E.F. and Soviet High Command, all active operations to cease at 0001, Eastern European Time (D.B.S.T.) on May 9th.

2. All offensive operations ceased immediately, but defensive precautions continue to be taken owing to the possibility of delay in orders reaching enemy troops, and submerged U-Boats will continue to be hunted.

3. Tuesday, May 8th is announced as V.E. day.

North Sea.

4. (a) The Canadian First Corps moved into Western Holland. Naval parties will move in tomorrow.

(b) The Humber-Hamburg channel has been Oropesa-swept as far as Buoy P.ten.

(c) Cuxhaven port installations and ships are intact. All German mines except 9 off Heligoland are reported swept.

Channel.

5. N.Y.M.S. 382 was mined or torpedoed and sunk about 20 miles east of Dartmouth.

Norway.

6. NORFOLK, BIRMINGHAM, DIDO, SEARCHER, TRUMPETER and QUEEN with destroyers and minesweepers, have sailed for the Skagerrak. BIRMINGHAM, DIDO and 4 destroyers were later directed to continue their voyage to Copenhagen.

Baltic.

7. (a) German ships continue to arrive in Denmark with wounded and refugees from Courland.

(b) The (German) Naval Chief Command Baltic, has ordered all ships to strike their ensigns and that the Nazi salute shall cease to be used. Admiral U-Boats has countermanded this as regards the port and town of Flensburg.

*by U 1023*



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Foreign Stations.

Mediterranean.

Movement.

8. ORION left Taranto for Ancona.

East Indies.

Burma and  
Siam.

9. Between yesterday and today 12 Liberators laid sea mines off Mergui - Kisoeranig Island - Jumbhorn, Bangkok and in Pakchan River.

Movements.

10. CUMBERLAND (C.S.5) and CEYLON arrived Trincomalee from operations off Rangoon.

Far East and Australia.

Eastern  
Archipelago.

11. (a) Liberators bombed 3 merchant vessels in the Borneo area.  
(b) In the Makassar St. a large transport was left burning and 28 schooners were attacked many of which were set on fire and damaged.

Japan.

12. Yesterday and today Task Force 57 refuelled from the Fleet train after the operations of the days before.



TOP SECRET

070410B/May.

Date 7.5.1945

Recd: 0521

From S.H.A.E.F. Forward G-3  
Signed Eisenhower Cite SHGCT

P/L BY T/P

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ADDRESSED: A.N.C.X.F. (PH) Comnavu, Admiralty, Air Ministry,  
S.C.O.F.O.R., S.O.U.T.C.O. 1st British Airborne  
Corps. S.H.A.E.F. Mission Denmark Rear.  
Joint Technical Board.

EMERGENCY

F.W.D. 20801.

1. A representative of the German High Command signed the unconditional surrender of all German land, sea, and air forces in Europe to the Allied Expeditionary Force and simultaneously to the Soviet High Command at 0141 hours Central European time, 7th May under which all forces will cease active operations at 0001B hours 9th May.
2. Effective immediately all offensive operations by Allied Expeditionary Force will cease and troops will remain in present positions. Moves in occupational duties will continue. Due to difficulties of communication there may be some delay in similar orders reaching enemy troops so full defensive precautions will be taken.
3. All informed down to and including divisions, Tactical Air Commands and groups, Base sections, and equivalent. No repeat no release will be made to the press pending an announcement by the Heads of the Governments.

070410B

Advance copies 1st Lord, 1st S.L. Secretary,  
Ops. O.D. O.I.C. C.N.I. M. Branch.



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Policy

Shipping  
in Danish  
waters.

A.M. 031142. For your guidance it is intended to treat shipping in Danish waters as far as possible on the same lines as in the case of the other liberated Allied territories. The necessary agreements will be negotiated as quickly as possible with Danish Government.

Interim instructions are being prepared for M.W.T.R. Denmark. (V.C.N.S., 070114 to A.N.C.X.F.)

Unconditional  
Surrender of  
Germany.

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(S.H.A.E.F., 070410B to A.N.C.X.F., Admty., Comnaveu.)

Most Immediate. For Flag Officers only.

A representative of the German High Command signed the unconditional surrender of all German land, sea and air forces in Europe to the Allied Expeditionary Force and simultaneously to the Soviet High Command at 0141 hours Central European time, 7th May, under which all forces will cease active operations at 0001B hours 9th May.

(2) Instructions to cease offensive operations will be promulgated generally to the Fleet by Admiralty at earliest moment this can be done.

(1st S.L., 071629B to all Flag Officers.)

Local Naval  
recognition  
of end of  
hostilities.

Following instructions relate to naval celebration of end of hostilities in Europe.

Celebrations should be modest and coupled with full recognition of tasks that await us in Far East, and operations, essential maintenance and essential training must come first.

(2) V.E-day is the day on which the Prime Minister announces the end of hostilities. Warning of the time this announcement will be made will be given if possible. Thanksgiving Sunday is the first Sunday after V.E-day, unless the latter falls later than a Thursday, when it will be the second Sunday.

(3) Routine on V.E-day. Ships' companies should be piped down after divisions.

(4) H.M. Ships in port should dress ship with masthead flags on V.E.day and V.E.+1 from time of announcement referred to in para. 2. Colours are to be hoisted throughout period while ships are dressed with masthead flags. Subsequent to V.E.+1

/ships ...



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recognition  
of end of  
hostilities.  
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ships are to conform with A.G.M. 598A April if  
in company with U.S. warships.

(5) Special parades may be arranged between  
V.E-day and thanksgiving Sunday, both days  
inclusive, at the discretion of F.Os. i/c  
and N.Os. i/c. Naval units may also  
participate in local ceremonies.

(6) Special Leave: (A) 48 hours special leave  
may be given as an extension of the next periodical long leave  
(X.F.T.M. No.19) if this occurs within two months of V.E-day.

(B) Officers and men who do not or cannot take advantage of  
(A) may be given 48 hours special leave as convenient within  
2 months of V.E-day, where circumstances permit.

(7) Reference leave referred to in (6), no publicity is to be  
given to this scheme, so that it will not be possible to  
authorise automatic extensions for men actually on leave on  
V.E-day. Telegrams authorising extensions of leave solely  
on account of end of hostilities are not to be sent. No  
applications for the special leave can be entertained after  
the expiration of two months from V.E-day.

(8) Separate instructions will be issued by U.S., French and  
Netherlands Naval authorities.

(A.N.C.X.F., 071051B to F.Os. i/c and N.Os. i/c on the  
Continent.)

Attempted  
surrender  
by U-Boats.

Further to my 021932 May, it is possible that  
some U-Boats may fail to receive the  
instructions and will attempt to surrender by  
hoisting white flag or by any of the other  
methods set out in my A/961 29th April. Any  
of these forms of surrender are to be accepted  
by aircraft.

(H.Q.C.C., 071512B to Coastal Command.)

"Eclipse":  
German  
surrender  
arrangements.

My 051210. Orders have been issued to Germans  
as in para. 3 Fwd. 20638 of 5th May.

Commanders will accordingly act in accordance  
with para. 4 same cable.

(S.H.A.E.F., 071545B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Cessation of  
hostilities.

Cease attack on all shipping. Attacks on  
U-Boats should continue as heretofore.

(A.C.N.S.(H), 071725B to H.Q.C.C.)

Tuesday 8th May is V.E-day.

(P.A.S.(S), 072253B to all Cs. in C. at Home  
and Abroad.)

U-Boats,  
types  
XVII &  
XXVI.

Walther Research Works in Kiel intact. Doktor  
Walther and staff available for interrogation.  
Development machinery set up for submarine  
high underwater speed partially complete.  
Ingoline torpedo (G 72?). Small type Ingoline  
torpedo G.U. with 12.1" diameter. Brands  
requests torpedo research experts immediately.

/Reed ...



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types  
XVII and  
XXVI.  
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Reed will notify Numma and Ignatius.  
(S.H.A.E.F., 071957 to Admty.)  
It is requested that the secrecy of Walther-boats Type XVII and XXVI, particularly of the turbine propulsion units, should be preserved and not disclosed except to authorised Anglo-American personnel. This should apply also to component parts, drawings, plans, etc. S.O.(I)s. to port parties are qualified to distinguish these U-Boats.  
(D.N.I., 071751B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Precautions  
against  
U-Boats.

A.980, 7th May. Following is a repetition of my A.977, 7th May. Message begins:  
"No further anti-shipping operations to be carried out.  
(2) Normal operations against U-Boats and small battle units to be continued until 0001/

9th May.

(3) Instructions regarding action against U-Boats and small battle units after 0001/9th May will be issued later.

Acknowledge". Message ends.

(H.Q.C.C., 071929B to Admty., F.O.S/M.)

A.982, 7th May. Secret. Further to my A.977 7th May, para. 3 after 0001B/9th May or on receipt of "Cease Fire" signal whichever is the sooner, the following policy is to be adopted in A/U operations.

(A) The primary task of anti-U-Boat forces will be the protection by close escort of our convoys and other ships but in addition patrols are to be continued in the transit areas as requested by Naval authorities concerned vide para. 3 of my A.967, 2nd May.

(B) Offensive action is not to be taken except where U-Boat is seen to commit a hostile act or shows signs of treachery for example, by diving or by failing to comply with the orders mentioned in my A.967, 2nd May as modified by my A.978, 7th May. Admiralty signal 021249B May refers.

(H.Q.C.C., 071940B to Coastal Command.)

Copy of Special Orders to German High Command relating to Naval forces received from your Secretary.

Unless explicit instructions have been given for immediate issue of orders to U-Boats at sea under Annexures 'A' and 'B' it is considered that owing to length and complication of orders there is risk of unacceptable delay.

(2) Request immediate confirmation that German authorities have received categorical instructions to promulgate orders to U-Boats as a matter of highest urgency. If not request steps be immediately taken to ensure promulgation forthwith.

(V.C.N.S., 072306B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Announcement  
of clear-cut  
end of War  
with Germany.

My 012103 and my 012114. "Mousetrap" will take place at 1500 B.D.S.T. on 8th May.  
(Hd. of M. Br., 072155B to all Cs. in C. at Home and Abroad.)



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Operation "Doomsday",  
(relief for Norway)  
C. in C. W.A. is requested to sail ARIADNE with despatch and APOLLO as soon as she can be made ready to Rosyth. Ships to come under operational control of C. in C. Rosyth for Operation "Doomsday".

(2) Mines should be disembarked before sailing. A.M. 061600 not to C. in C. Rosyth or A.N.C.X.F. refers.  
(A.C.N.S.(H), 070031B to Cs. in C. W.A., Rosyth, H.F.)  
GO.359. Operation "Doomsday". Reference S.H.A.E.F.  
Fwd. 20772 dated 061715B Bay.  
Para. 2. 2 L.S.T.(3) required for 28 days from date of sailing of "Doomsday". All infm.  
(S.C.O.F.O.R., 071415B to Admty.)

Patrols. Commencing tomorrow Tuesday 8th May with F.S.99 and on Wednesday 9th May with F.N.6, Nore will provide all escorts for F.N. and F.S. convoys to and from Flamborough Head. Captains D.16 and D.21 are requested to detail two destroyers for each convoy.

(2) East coast patrols 1 to 6 inclusive will be discontinued as from tomorrow Tuesday 8th May.  
(C. in C. Nore, 071210B to D.16, D.21.)  
My 061810B. Para. 2 delete ARENDAL.  
CATTISTOCK maintain patrol between N.F.3 buoy and lat. 51° 31' N. CAICOS between 51° 31' N. and 53A Buoy. Both in Q.Z.S. 596.

(C. in C. Nore, 071501B to Nore Command.)

Night dispositions 7th/8th May.

Humber Force - Group 1 Patrol 1 - COWDRAY. Group 2 Harbour COTTESMORE.  
Harwich Force - Group 3 Patrols 2 HAMBLEDON, 5 KITTIWAKE, 12 RETALICK, 14 EGLINTON, 16 RIOU, 17 TALYBONT, 19 TORRINGTON, 22 CAICOS. With T.A.M. 62 SHEARWATER, M.S.15 QUANTOCK and SOUTHDOWN. Group 4 Harbour BROCKLESBY, LAMERTON, ZETLAND, CUBITT, CURZON, STAYNER, SHELDRAKE, MALLARD.  
Sheerness Force - Group 5 Patrols 3 ALBRIGHTON, 4 HOLDERNESS, 6 EGGESFORD, 21 CATTISTOCK. With F.N.5 BLENCATHRA, T.A.M.62 VERSATILE, T.A.P.27 OAKLEY. Group 6 Harbour BLEASDALE, EASTON, MELBREAK, PYTCHLEY, WILTON, DRUMHELLER, SUNFLOWER.

(C. in C. Nore, 071531B to Admty.)

Patrols for night Tuesday 8th May.

12 RIOU, 14 LAMERTON, 16 SEYMOUR, 17 TALYBONT, 18 HAMBLEDON, 19 STAYNER, 21 BLEASDALE, 22 CAICOS.

(2) Escorts for F.S.99 COWDRAY and BLENCATHRA. F.S.100 MELBREAK and MENDIP. T.A.M.63 EASTON. T.A.P. 28 OAKLEY.

(3) Coastal Forces:

From U.K. - Patrol 51, 52, 53, 1 M.L. on each.

From Ostend - XJYU 4126 3 M.L. Unit F.G.5.

Two units at each base including C.F.M.U.1 in Harbour at 1/2 hours notice from 2200B.

(C. in C. Nore, 071739B to Nore Command.)

Situation in Holland. N.1 Sitrep.  
First. Canadian 1 Corps take over western Holland today and tomorrow, disarming Germans

/and ...



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Operations

North Sea

Situation and concentrating them preparatory to evacuation.  
in Holland. Second. Naval parties move into ports  
(Contd.) tomorrow Tuesday. F.O. Holland and main  
communications to Hague.  
Third. Germans will remove all mines and  
charges in ports and waterways.  
Four. All German coastal batteries may be considered  
innocuous.  
(F.O. Holland, 071235B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Minesweeping It is proposed to commence sweeping channel  
Calais to Dunkirk. from Calais to Dunkirk as soon as practicable.  
Forces at present available 1 Flotilla L.C.P.(L),  
1 Flotilla M.M.S.  
Following additional M/S. forces will be  
necessary 1 Flotilla M/S.M.L., 1 Flotilla  
B.Y.M.S. Estimated sweeping time required is one week,  
thereafter P. party will be required if port is to be cleared.  
It is intended later to extend this channel to join Q.Z.S.685  
at O.D.3 Buoy.  
(V.A. Dover, 071311B to Admty.)

Minesweeping Unless weather is unfavourable Force C should  
into Cuxhaven sail from H.2 Buoy at 2000B today.  
(Operation (2) COTTESMORE will overtake you tomorrow  
"Dropkick"). morning and act as escort, till 18th M.S.F.  
overtakes you. COTTESMORE is to ascertain  
from M/S.15 which water has been swept and is  
not in any case to proceed further than P.10  
Buoy or into unswept water. M/S.15 is to provide escort  
for Force C through any unswept water west of P.10 Buoy.  
(3) If M/S.18 has not rejoined when Force C reaches P.10 Buoy  
Force C is to sweep into Cuxhaven. In this case Capt. M/S.  
Force C is to report E.T.A. at P.10 Buoy and P.15 Buoy to  
N.O.I.C. Cuxhaven and F.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven. Capt. M/S.  
Humber is to furnish COTTESMORE with details of channel  
swept and being swept and of buoys and beacons being laid.  
(4) M/S.18, M/S.15, COTTESMORE and Capt. M/S. Humber acknowledge.  
(C. in C. Nore, 071326B to Capt. M/S. Humber.)

Capt. M/S. Force C in M.L.211 with Force C in company  
sailed at 1800 for Operation "Dropkick" in compliance with  
your 061305 amended by your 070017 (neither to Admty.)  
(F.O. Humber, 071913B to C. in C. Nore.)

Have completed high percentage Oropesa search one mile  
either side of centre line from Pit Buoy to P.10. Swept  
depth 14 fathoms negative result. Beacons have been laid  
in buoy positions and one Winner at P.10. From sights  
beacons appear to be laid on line of bearing 091.5° from Pit  
Buoy, P.8 being 2 miles south and P.10 3 miles 162° from  
correct positions. Intend telling T.H.V. to lay buoys in  
present position of beacons to keep centre line in centre of  
searched channel. 2 danlayers will be detached at 0300/8 to  
Humber. Consider destroyers escort could now be withdrawn.  
Intend commencing buoy laying at 0600/8. Weather report  
9471 2112, sea and swell 00, sea temperature 47.  
(S.O. M.S.F.15, 072030B to C. in C. Nore.)

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	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Stores</u>	<u>Bulk Coal</u>	<u>Bulk Pol.</u>	<u>G.F. Ammo.</u>
<u>British -</u>						
Antwerp	91	235	12,908	-	5,067	992
Ostend	4,784	497	2,517	-	770	34
Caen	-	-	-	1,695	-	-
Calais	5,198	49	461	238	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,073</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>15,886</b>	<b>1,933</b>	<b>5,837</b>	<b>1,026</b>
<u>U.S. North -</u>						
Antwerp	-	53	11,360	-	-	-
Cherbourg	-	67	2,077	764	4,361	-
Le Havre	1,664	341	3,296	380	2,259	-
Rouen	-	12	3,198	1,561	923	20
Ghent	-	-	5,043	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,664</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>24,974</b>	<b>2,705</b>	<b>7,543</b>	<b>20</b>
<u>U.S. South -</u>						
Marseilles	712	137	14,267	-	-	-
Port de Bouc	-	-	1,526	574	5,813	-
Toulon	-	-	132	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>15,925</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>5,813</b>	<b>-</b>

Army Coal at Dieppe 1805, Granville 520, Morlaix 850. (S.H.A.E.F., 071430B to Admty. and others.)

Intended unmolested German post-Peace movements. (1) Within 48 hours after general surrender becoming effective parties of German authorities will be proceeding to destinations as follows: (a) By sea in coastal craft to R/V 51° 19' N., 1° 43' E. three parties (one from German High Command, two from Naval Commander in Chief, North Sea). (b) By sea to R/V 56° 47' N., 1° 13' W., two parties (one each from Naval Commander in Chief, Norway and German Admiral Skagerrak). (c) By aircraft to Manston aerodrome 51° 20' N., 01° 20' E., party from German High Command. (d) By aircraft to Drem aerodrome 56° 02' N., 02° 48' W., two parties (one each from Naval Commander in Chief Norway and German Admiral Skagerrak). (2) Ships or craft will fly large white flag at masthead. Flag will be illuminated at night. Aircraft will be painted white and unescorted. (3) Request instructions be issued to all commands concerned that these parties are not molested or fired on. (S.H.A.E.F., 071820B to Admty.)

Situation at Wesermünde. At conference noon today between T.F.126 and Captain Peters, German Navy Commandant Wesermünde Beld 51 Division H.Q., Captain Peters stated following:



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Wesermünde.  
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All harbour installations (?seaward) railway cranes in good condition. One week's coal stock on hand which has severely restricted use of gas and electricity. About 180 merchant ships in port immobile due to lack of fuel. EUROPA good shape used as barrack, ships machinery properly preserved, last docked 1938. One damaged destroyer Z.29 in repair dock. Few minesweepers, no submarines or E-Boat in dock. Harbour initial (?concentration). A few tugs present, no mines in river below Elsfleth. Channel to sea free of mines. Buoys and navigational aids in position. Stocks of latter equipment on hand, no knowledge of minefield outside; stated that was fleet business. Kaiserhafens silted to 8 metres at high-water. Locks operating. Columbus Quay good shape. Centre of town between A L (?Y) and Neuhaben and Geeste River bombed out last September. Reconnaissance party moving into naval barracks today. Disarmament parties now augmented by one battalion U.S. Infantry proceeds 8th May. Meeting Captain Peters tomorrow to present portion of appendix D, "Eclipse" memorandum 1 since he stated (and confirmed by 51st Division) that no naval terms were given him. Rear-Admiral Johaeson Commander Cuxhaven Peters taking orders from Lieutenant-General Rasp, local German Army Commander with whom 51st Division dealing on Army matters. C.T.F.126 proceeding Bremerhaven 8th May. (C.T.F. 126, 071953B to A.N.C.X.F.)

German mine  
charts to  
U.K.

One German Capt. with mine charts will be despatched to U.K. by air tomorrow Tuesday, a second Capt. with duplicate charts will be sent as soon after as possible. Germans appear to have (?destroyed) a large majority of code and cypher, but 15 boxes of books and cypher have been captured. (F.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven, 072040B to Admty.)

Situation  
at Cuxhaven.

Entered Cuxhaven 1800 today Monday. All port installations and ships intact. No scuttling. Have established temporary joint H.Q. with Guards Armoured Division. (2) Senior German Naval Officer alleges full details of swept channels and ships in harbour have been submitted satisfactorily to Yard today at Wilhelmshaven. All quiet. (3) Main party joins a.m. Wednesday. (4) Senior German Minesweeper Officer reports all German mines swept except 9 mines on northern approach to Heligoland. (5) Request S.O. Force C report number of ships likely to enter Cuxhaven when making his E.T.A. (N.P. 1739, 072259 to F.O.I.C. N.P.1738.)

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Situation  
at Hamburg.

*Brunsbüttel  
entered.*

Concentration of merchant ships continued. Main anxiety is shortage of coal for berthing tugs, supplies only expected to last 5 days. Hope shortly to reopen Deutsche Werft Finkenwader works for repairing merchant ships.

(2) Admiral Foerste late C. in C. North Sea arrived and despatched to Wilhelmshaven, another German Admiral being retrieved from Brunsbüttel which was entered by our troops this afternoon when over a hundred officers and about 7,000 men surrendered. Naval Party 17(?21) has been sent forward. (3) Cdre. Mackenzie carried out excellent reconnaissance Cuxhaven sometime before arrival of our troops or naval party finding harbour intact, no blockings or wrecks visible number of German Naval (trawler) R-Boats and miscellaneous M.F.Vs. found undamaged. (Cdre. Hamburg, 072306B to A.N.C.X.F., F.O.I.C. N.Ps. 1738, 1739.)

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Channel

3 midget  
U-Boats in  
Dunkirk.

Following received from 22 H.Q.L.O. Intelligence on P.O.W. from Dunkirk garrison discloses presence of 3 midget submarines in Dunkirk map ref. 231860 a.m. today Monday the 7th May. (N.O.I.C. Ostend, 071435B to C. in C. Nore.)

Dropping  
of scaring  
charges by  
aircraft.

Cancel my 241905 January (not to all addressees). (C. in C. Portsmouth, 071822B to Portsmouth Command.)

N.Y.M.S. 382  
sunk.

Alter course forthwith to join and proceed by Route W. N.Y.M.S. 382 mined or torpedoed in position 50° 20' N., 03° 09' W. at 2152B. Acknowledge.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 072308B to RIMOUSKI, ALISMA.)

Co-operate with surface vessels hunting U-Boat in position 50° 23' N., 03° 09' W. (19 Group, 072316B to A/C PQ.272.)

Regret to report H.Norwegian M.Y.M.S. 382 mined or torpedoed and sunk in position 50° 23' N., 03° 09' W. at 2152B on Monday 7th May. Survivors and wounded being landed Dartmouth.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 072324B to Admty.)



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West Coast France

Patrols. Intend to carry out patrol area A from south to north, to be in position south Ile d'Yeu 6 miles at 1800B.

(BASQUE, 071030B to C.F.N.T.F.)

Unless reliable information is received by 071200B indicating attempted escape of German shipping, return Brest in company LA DECOUVERTE, L'AVENTURE and L'ALCYON will act as additional escort from 45° 50' N., 04° 30' W. until 072100B. Thence destination through 48° (10', 53', 28', 32', 47') N., 05° 20' W. Speed 16 knots. E.T.A. 080800B.

(C.F.N.T.F., 071035B to DUQUESNE.)

Your 070001B (not to Admty.) following are reasons for emergency sailing of DUQUESNE.

(A) Information received suggested attempted escape of German shipping from Atlantic pockets before surrender.

(B) Enemy ships reported by A/C 270° Royan 60 miles at 0700B/6.

(C) German trawler captured by air French A/C 200° Ile d'Yeu 35 miles at 0810B/6.

(C.F.N.T.F., 071353B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Weather permitting one Sunderland aircraft on coastwise sweep will leave Ushant at first light tomorrow 8th May to vicinity of Ile d'Oleron thence aircraft will patrol between Ile d'Oleron and position 47° 40' N. and 04° 08' W. Sunderland will be followed by one Warwick aircraft who will continue patrol until last light. Aircraft will contact ships of Force 27 if met.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 071711B to Force 27.)

Surrender of La Rochelle. Confirmation of telephone communication to Commander MacDonald follows:

Results of conference of 061500 May between representatives German Command La Rochelle area and French representatives.

(1) No hour set for capitulation.

(2) French Army line moves forward overlooking city. No-mans land established.

(3) Satisfactory promises given to keep intact all port installation vessels and weapons.

(4) Certain prisoners released.

(5) All details of command and occupation of city by French forces have been completed. German Admiral La Rochelle has received from German Admiral Norway authority to capitulate. It is believed here this will take place at the same time or following upon surrender Admiral Norway. Definite settlement expected within 48 hours.

(U.S.N.L.O. Rochefort, 071050B to Comnavforfrance.)



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Western Approaches

H.T. barrier 200 miles west of Aran Is. Com. (D) W.A. is requested to sail 30th E.G. to arrive 55° N., 13° W. at 0730B/8 and 21st E.G. to arrive 55° N., 14° W. at 0800B/8.  
(2) On arrival at above positions, Groups addressed are to lay H.T. barriers in a direction 270°.  
(3) Continuity of line is essential and to ensure this aircraft will drop a line of smoke markers using for datum the first marker laid by 30th E.G.  
(4) On completion of lays groups are to patrol parallel to and 10 miles to the northward of their respective barriers and co-operate with aircraft.  
(5) Codewords 21st E.G. - "Loiter A". 30th E.G. - "Loiter B".  
(C. in C. W.A., 070011B to Com. (D) W.A., S.O. E.Gs. 21, 30.)  
My 070011 not to all. Operation postponed owing to weather.  
(2) 21st E.G. form Force 32 forthwith and proceed via Minches to operate in area between parallels 58° and 59° and meridians 04° 30' and 06° 30'.  
(3) 30th E.G. form Force 33 and operate in area between line joining Barra Head, Malin Head and line Altacarry, Mull of Kintyre.  
(4) All convoys to be supported within these areas.  
(C. in C. W.A., 071242B to S.O. E.Gs. 21, 30.)

Minesweeping in Clyde. Request you will sail the following M/S Trawlers to Ardrossan at earliest opportunity: LOCH PARK, PATTI, BRECON CASTLE, NIGHT HAWK, CONCERTATOR, SCARRON, IJUIN and one other.  
(2) These vessels are required for extended minesweeping operations in the Clyde.  
(D.M.S., 071235B to C. in C. Plymouth.)



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"Apostle".

Request STORD be sailed as soon as convenient to Rosyth to prepare for "Apostle" operation "Conan."

(C. in C. Rosyth 070020B to C. in C. H.F.)  
Your 071524\* concur.

(C. in C. H.F. 071835 to C. in C. Rosyth.)

\* "Apostle". Intend to commence sweeping and buoying of A.G. Channel.

Fwd. 20883 Operation "Apostle".

(1) Time available does not allow personnel ships to be fitted with L.C.A. Force 134 is requested to advise whether and what number of L.C.I. (L) are required for disembarkation purposes.

(2) A.N.C.X.F. is requested to arrange for the two L.S.T. to be provided and assembled in accordance with the requirements of C. in C. Rosyth.

(3) Force 134 is requested to notify A.N.C.X.F. the number of L.C.M. with crews required to be loaded on M.T/Stores ships.

(S.H.A.E.F. 071900B to A.N.C.X.F., Force 134.)

"Apostle". Minesweeping plan parts 1 and 2.

Positions are to be amended as follows:-

CD. 56° 47' N. 02° 00' E. D. 57° 00' N. 02° 31' E.

DE. 57° 10' N. 02° 55' E. E. 57° 20' N. 03° 20' E.

EF. 57° 30' N. 03° 45' E. F. 57° 40' N. 04° 11' E.

(C. in C. Rosyth 071953B to Admty, C. in C. H.F., F.O.N.P. 1736, M.S.Fs. 9, 11, 16.)

For purpose of "Apostle" May 9th is to be assumed as A day.

(C. in C. Rosyth 072320 to Rosyth Command.)

Operation  
"Clever".

Scapa departures C.S. 1 in NORFOLK, Capt. (D) 23rd D.F. in SCOURGE, OPPORTUNE, ZAMBESI, CARYSFORT and SAVAGE.

(2) Latest Q.Z.S. message held 718.

(C. in C. H.F. 070301B to Force 5, Admty.)

My 042316. Amend position CF. to read 57° 51' N. 09° 00' E.

(C. in C. H.F. 070943B to Forces 5, 6, S.O. M.S.F. 40.)

For information. After completion rearrangement of forces I anticipate following will be position H.F. ships in North Sea at 0400B Tuesday 8th:-

A. Force 5 in position CE. 57° 20' N. 07° 12' E. commencing to sweep passage through Q.Z.X. 1537.

C.S. 1 in NORFOLK, BIRMINGHAM, Capt. (D) 2 in ZEPHYR, ZEALOUS, ZODIAC, ZEST, ZAMBESI, CARYSFORT, S.O. M.S.F. 40 in CATHERINE, ELFREDA, GAZELLE, GRECIAN, TATTOO, MAENAD, STEADFAST, CYNTHIA.

B. Force 6 to westward of Q.Z.X. 1537 providing air cover for force 5. SEARCHER (S.O.) TRUMPETER, QUEEN, DIDO, Capt. (D) 23 in SCOURGE, SAVAGE, OPPORTUNE, OBEDIENT, OFFA. Capt. (D) 23 is S.O. Force 6.

(C. in C. H.F. 071145B to Admty., A.N.C.X.F.)

The flag of C.S. 10 will be transferred from VINDEK to DIADEM at 1200B today Monday.

(C. in C. H.F. 071156B to H.F.)

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(of "Clever" cont.)



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"Cleaver".  
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It is reported that new German mines have been discovered by fishermen towards the perimeter of segment between west and northwest of the Skaw at distance of 30 miles from coast. Depth not exceeding 50 fathoms. Grading C.2. (D.D.I.C. 071650B to C. in C. H.F.)

It is probable that you yourself and NORFOLK will not be required to proceed into Skagerrak.

(2) BIRMINGHAM and possibly DIDO will probably be required to proceed in with destroyers but further signal will be made. (C. in C. H.F., 071934B to C.S. 1.)

Request you sail BIRMINGHAM, DIDO and 4 destroyers to conform with S.H.A.E.F. Forward 071800.

(A.C.N.S. (H) 072145 to C. in C. H.F.)

BIRMINGHAM, DIDO, ZEPHYR, ZEALOUS, ZODIAC, ZEST are to proceed to Copenhagen arriving after daylight Wednesday 9th May. After sweeping this force through Q.Z.X. 1537 the minesweepers are to return to Rosyth and remainder of forces 5 and 6 return to Scapa.

(C. in C. H.F. 072224B to C.S. 1, BIRMINGHAM, DIDO, D.2.)

Note: Operation "Cleaver" now transferred to operations, Baltic Section.

Operation  
"V.P."

Intend carrying out "V.P. 73" with 2 M.T.Bs. 1100/7th May.

(N.O.I.C. Lerwick 070741B to C. in C. H.F.)

Intend to carry out "V.P. 75" with 2 M.T.Bs. 1100B/7th May.

(N.O.I.C. Lerwick 070749B to C. in C. H.F.)

Intend carrying out "V.P. 89" with 2 M.T.Bs. 1130/7th May.

(N.O.I.C. Lerwick 070753B to C. in C. H.F.)

Recall "V.Ps. 73, 75 and 89"

(C. in C. H.F., 071151B to N.O.I.C. Lerwick.)

C. in C. H.F. 071151B May.

"V.P. 73", "V.P. 75" and "V.P. 89" returned to Lerwick by 1512B/7th May.

(N.O.I.C. Lerwick 071514B to C. in C. H.F.)

Operation  
"Crosskeys".

(see also p. 151)

A.M. 061900B. Additional forces asked for will not now be required to accompany "Crosskeys".

(C. in C. Rosyth 071702B to C. in C. H.F., Admty.)

Cancel my 051316. (2) Request when available one B.Y.M.S. Flotilla be added to "Crosskeys"

Force and fitted modified I. When this can be done 4 Norwegian Y.M.S. can be transferred to "Apostle" force.

(A.N.C.X.F. 071805B to Admty.)

Mission  
to Oslo.

It is intended to utilise cruisers ARIADNE and APOLLO to convoy H.R.H. Government representatives and the joint Commanders to Oslo, S.H.A.E.F.'s 051615 May and Admiralty 070031 May not to all addressees refers.



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(2) Intend allocation of personnel and baggage be arranged by S.H.A.E.F. Mission to Norway and joint Commanders with C.Os. of ships. F.O.N.P. 1736 acting on behalf of C. in C. Rosyth.

(3) Date on which ships sail from Rosyth will be decided later.

(4) Consider suitable escort is necessary and C. in C. H.F. is requested to state whether this can be provided by Home Fleet.

(5) R.N.N. Destroyer ARUNDEL will be included as special escort for ship conveying H.R.H.

Scofor please pass to Head of S.H.A.E.F. Mission to Norway.

(C. in C. Rosyth 071947B to Scofor, C. in C. H.F., F.O.N.P. 1736)

Operation  
"Crosskeys"  
(b)

Intend that operation "Crosskeys" shall take place on the lines of C. in C. Rosyth No. 1288/00968 XR/Z/13 of 30th April modified to meet existing circumstances.

(2) Two flotillas of type B M.Ls. as allocated by Admiralty, are required initially to proceed

to Copenhagen. In addition 1st M/S M.L. Flotilla has already been nominated.

(3) C. in C. Rosyth is requested:

A. to call forward the ships and craft required and sail them according to the operational plan, dealing direct with the authorities concerned.

B. To inform A.N.C.X.F. (Buco) if there is any alteration to the requirement of 4 L.C.I. (L) and 1 L.S.T. for vehicles in view of A.N.C.X.F. (Ph.) 041827 (not to all.)

(4) Following are available:

A. C.F.M.U. 2 in TASAJERA, who is to report earliest time of readiness to sail.

B. One store carrier as arranged by A.N.C.X.F. (Buco.)

(5) Admiralty is requested to allocate the necessary tankers. (A.N.C.X.F. 072250B to C. in C. Rosyth, Admty.)

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Northern Waters.

Convoy R.A.66. R.A. 66 arrived FORT BOISE, EMPIRE STALWART, FORT MASSAC, FORT YUKON.  
(N.C.S.O. Loch Ewe 070926 to C. in C. W.A., Admty.)

Sinking of  
GOODALL.

E.G. 19's 041045. I originated no repetition no message 292204 April, and did not give instructions for wreck to be sunk.  
(S.B.N.O. N. Russia 071746B to Admty.)



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Baltic.

Evacuation of German refugees from Courland to Denmark. Ships are arriving from Courland with wounded and unwounded soldiers and refugees. Most ships are short of fuel and provisions. (S.H.A.E.F. Mission Denmark 070730B to Exfor Tac.) Following message received in clear addressed Field Marshal Montgomery from C. in C. German Navy, begins:  
Request that you agree that ships which are clearing refugees from the Baltic to Denmark including the light combat forces allocated to them in the event of relief casualties carry out a further similar journey from Denmark in order to save further refugees. (Ends.)  
Following reply has been made:  
Request for continued evacuation of refugees from the Baltic forwarded to H.Q. General Eisenhower and to Col. Gen. Jodl. Message had no D.T.G. but was received by me at 071225B. (N.L.O. 21 A.G. 071241 to Admty., A.N.C.X.F.)

Evacuation of Germans out of Denmark. Herewith re-encypherment received without address (!) from F.O. Denmark, begins:  
To A.N.C.X.F. (R) F.O.I.C. Kiel, N.O.I.C. Flensburg.  
Intend sailing convoy of troopships from Copenhagen to Sonderburg p.m. today 7th ships contain about 2,300 unwounded troops and 4,000 civilian refugees with 1 ship 2,300 refugees and soldiers mixed from Swinemunde. Ships will anchor Flensburg and await further order. Route will be via Great Belt. Speed 7.9 knots. Message ends.  
(Exfor Tac 071312B to A.N.C.X.F.)

German procedure. The following message in German P/L has been intercepted at 1434B.  
From Naval Chief Command Baltic, Ops. Staff.  
To All. Most Immediate. Blitz.  
At 1600/7th May, in all parts of the area of Naval Chief Command Baltic which are affected by the capitulation. (1) All warships and merchant vessels will haul down the Man-of-War ensign together.  
(2) Military salute will cease to be given in its present form. Future form as before introduction of German salute.  
(3) Ensure promulgation to all establishments by all possible means, including courier.  
(German Naval Chief Command Baltic 071415B to all.)  
The following messages in German P/L have been intercepted:  
(1) Reference para. 1. Naval Chief Command Baltic's 071415\*, a correction now orders this to read:  
"All warships and merchant vessels and shore establishments will haul down the man-of-war ensign together."  
(2) From S.O. (OTTO UENSCHKE) via Admiral U-Boats. To ?.  
Emergency. All vessels of Admiral (U/B) in Geltinger Bucht, including torpedo assembly vessels, will proceed to Flensburg

/forthwith...



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forthwith, making use of oil stocks remaining in T.F. 23. Berths: DUALA to anchor near U-Boat base harbour. DONAU to make fast in the base. T.F. boats and T.F.A. boats are to anchor on the outer edge of the sailing harbour "MS" Meier Wik, Torpedo Assembly vessels in Murwik. 071441B.

(3) From Admiral U-Boats. To all. Most Immediate. For the town and harbour of Flensburg orders re hauling down flags and not using the German salute are cancelled. 071713B.

(4) From (Signed on behalf of Christian, O.K.W.) To General Commanding the Luftwaffe in Norway. Rear-Admiral Goth and Commander Hessler Officer Commanding U-Boats in Bergen flying over to Flensburg. Report at once aircraft type, callsign, place and time of take-off and expected landing time. 072150B.

(Comment: Christian is a G.A.F. General attached to Supreme Command of Armed Forces.) 072350B.

(5) From Admiral (U/B). To OTTO WUENSCH (U-Boat Depot ship.) Carry out orders to come to Flensburg even without escort. 072350B.

\* Areas of Naval Chief Command Baltic which are affected by the capitulation.

Operation  
"Cleaver."

Request one or two cruisers and attendant destroyers be sailed to Copenhagen to arrive there after daylight Wednesday 9th May.

(S.H.A.E.F. 071800B to Admty.)

My 042316 para. 5 not to all addressees.

Amend route as follows.

(1) From position CG. proceed to new position CJ. 58° 18' N. 11° 11' E. where Swedish pilots are to be embarked.

(2) Thence proceed by Swedish neutrality channel to Copenhagen. Admiralty 062206 refers.

(3) Admiralty pass to B.N.A. Stockholm.

(C. in C. H.F., 072239B to Admty., BIRMINGHAM, DIDO, D,2, ZEALOUS, ZEST, ZODIAC.)

Fire is not to be opened on enemy surface ships, surfaced U-Boats or aircraft unless they appear to be taking offensive action. Merchant ships may be boarded if their movements are considered suspicious and sent in under armed guard to Danish port.

(C. in C. H.F., 072302B to BIRMINGHAM, DIDO, D.2, ZEPHYR, ZEALOUS, ZODIAC, ZEST.)



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Enemy Intelligence.

German mine charts and cyphers.

One German Capt. with mine charts will be despatched to U.K. by air tomorrow Tuesday, a second Capt. with duplicate charts will be sent as soon after as possible. Germans appear to have burnt the large majority of code and cypher, but 15 boxes of books and cypher have been captured. (F.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven 072040B to Admty.)

Movements.

NABOB, escort carrier.

Your 031230A November, 1944. Has any decision that would enable this ship to be turned over to shipbreakers been obtained. (C. in C. Rosyth 071618B to F.O.C.R.F.)

Frigates for E. Theatre.

Admiralty 052202, amend my 011803 as follows:

(1) Delete para. 1C (V) and substitute:

*Turbo* ~~three~~ frigates BENTLEY, BRAITHWAITE, COTTON, FITZROY and one from Nore Command.

(2) In para. A delete ASCENSION, NYASALAND. Add BENTLEY, BRAITHWAITE, COTTON, FITZROY.

(3) Para. 3B for ANGUILLA, ANTIGUA, ASCENSION, NYASALAND substitute BENTLEY, BRAITHWAITE, COTTON, FITZROY.

(C. in C. W.A. 071439B to Admty.)

H.N.M.S. SOEMBA, gunboat.

B.D.Z. 041700B (not to Com. Sheerness) and F.O.I.C. London's 071100B. SOEMBA can be received in North Lock at 1500B tomorrow Tuesday 8th May.

(A.S. Chatham, 071810B to C. in C. Nore.)

COLOMBO cruiser.

Admiralty 061315 on completion of reduction request COLOMBO may be laid up in King Harry Reach, Falmouth.

(F.O.C.R.F. 071835B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

FARSUND, SVOLVAER, NAMSOS, A/S whalers, HONINGSVAAG A/S trawler.

H. Nor. M.S. Ships FARSUND, SVOLVAER, NAMSOS and HONINGSVAAG are required for service in Norway in the immediate future.

(2) Request you will sail them to Rosyth as soon as possible.

(A.C.N.S. (H) 072344B to A.C.I.C.)



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North Atlantic

E.G.1. CYCIAMEN is to sail at 1400B to-day Monday to relieve ENCHANTRESS in Group I.  
(2) Group I consisting of WILLOWHERB (S.O) ENCHANTRESS and SPIREA is patrolling between Cape Spartel and Cape Trafalgar.  
(3) WILLOWHERB is requested to arrange R/V and to detach ENCHANTRESS to return to harbour when relieved.  
(F.O.G.M.A.071118B to S.O. Group I)

Nazi Chiefs. My 061303. Ministry of Marine have issued general instructions for special vigilance against possible arrival of enemy subject who are to be held in custody and Ministry informed urgently.  
(B.M.A.Madrid, 071804B to Spanish Stations)

South Atlantic

B.Y.M.S.s. Cancel my 061355Z. Main propulsion commutator of H.M. Tug BUSY is burned beyond capacity of Freetown Dockyard to repair. Intend sailing BUSY in tow of CONFIDENT direct to Gib.  
(N.O.I.C.Freetown, 071818Z to Admty.)



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"Hunt"  
Destroyers  
for  
U.K.

With reduction of active operations in Mediterranean following destroyers can be spared, Flag Officers concerned are requested to sail them to U.K. as stated below.

(a) LEDBURY, TETCOTT forthwith.  
(b) WHEATLAND on completion refit about 25th May.  
(c) CATTERICK on relief in Levant by EXMOOR about 25th May.  
(d) KIMBERLEY when JAVELIN is operational about 18th May.  
(2) One further Fleet Destroyer will be sailed to U.K. on arrival on station of JERVIS.  
(3) F.O.L.E.M. is requested to sail ACTIVE to join F.O.G.M.A. on relief in Levant by MUSKETEER. It is intended that ACTIVE should return to U.K. on completion of refits of VERITY and WOLVERINE or on cessation of U-boat warfare, in Atlantic, whichever is the earlier.  
(C. in C. Med., 071218B to Admty.) See 081501. *see 191548B June.*

South  
Aegean  
Summary

Up to 0900 hours 7th May, 1945.  
(1) Shipping and Military PH cover 6th May reveals no change Rhodes Harbour and Lindos. Remainder not covered. Other reports.  
(C. in C. M.E. 071235 to W.O.)

Malta  
Water  
shortage

Request merchant ships bound Malta be informed that owing to acute water shortage they must have sufficient fresh water on board to cover their stay in port and passage to next port of call.  
(C. in C. Med. 071402B to Admty.)

SS.  
ALCOA  
PROSPECTOR

Tug BLACK ROCK now at Oran towing ALCOA PROSPECTOR. Maximum towing speed 7 knots, request Ocean Route and destination in U.S.A.  
(C. in C. Med., 071753B to Admty.)

Operational  
control  
S. France

Should the coast of South of France pass under French Command as proposed.  
(1) C. in C. Med. 051831 I request that the east coast of Corsica be included in A.L. Med. zone in order to achieve homogeneity of command in French territory.  
(2) When I previously suggested in December 1944 that this coast should be outside French control it was only with the idea of maintaining unity of Allied Command while active operations were taking place in the Tyrrhenian Sea.  
(3) Now that the situation has completely changed I propose that the northern limits of A.L. Med.'s command should be from Franco Italian frontier through 43° 05' N. 09° 35' E. 42° 35' N. 09° 50' E. 41° 47' N. 09° 50' E. thence along the international boundary through Straits of Bonifacio to 41° 26' N. 08° 28' E. thence as in Med. (? 544B).  
(A.L. Med., 071804B to C. in C. Med.) See 101056B.

/Dodecanese...



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Mediterranean

Dodecanese  
(Surrender of) <sup>General</sup> Wagener, Commandant, Dodecanese has asked for meeting to arrange surrender. Meeting arranged for A.M. 8th May at Symi.  
(F.O.L.E.M., 071922C to C. in C. Med.)

ORION  
Cruiser

Departures ORION Greek L. S. T. 36.  
(N.O.I.C. Taranto, 071949B to Admty.)



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East Indies.

Convoy  
Titles.

Convoy titles K.R.F. and K.R.S. allocated by force Commander during rapid operational (?planning your 050014 (N.T. in W.D.) refers. To avoid last minute confusion titles were allowed to stand.

(2) As the old K.R. convoys no longer run, my 190358 February refers, request meaning of K.R. C.A.F.O. 2338 may be amended to read Calcutta or Arakan ports to Rangoon and R.K. for reverse route.

(C. in C. E.I. 071126Z to Admty.)

Mauritius  
oil fuel  
installation.

Concur in proposal that oil fuel installation at Grand Port Mauritius be put on care and maintenance basis and tanks remain empty. Floating pipeline should be stored ashore.

(D. of S. 071513B to C. in C. E.I.)

Movements.

ROEBUCK departed. Arrival CUMBERLAND wearing flag of F.O. 5th C.S. CEYLON, Capt. (D) 11 in ROTHERHAM, VERULAM, BARONIA.

(N.O.I.C. Trincomalee 071632Z to Admty.)



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America and West Indies

Surrender  
of German  
warships

It is understood that orders of S.H.A.E.F. for German warships surrendering in German ports are that Naval authorities in control of ports should hoist British or U.S. Ensign as appropriate in order to bring home to the enemy the fact of his defeat at sea.

(2) It is proposed that the same procedure should be adopted in respect of U-boats surrendering in U.K., Canadian or U.S. ports. This without prejudice to the disposal of ships concerned. (P.A.S.(L) Approved V.C.N.S., 070003B to Cominch, N.S.H.Q. Ottawa) Concur N.S.H.Q. 071904Z to Admty. and 091451Z.

U-boat

Enemy torpedo fired at H.M.C.S. SARNIA 125° 8.5 from number 6 light vessel. (NEW LISKEARD, 070605 to C. in C.C.N.A.) SARNIA had possible submarine in position 42.23 N. 63.02.5, lost touch. (NEW LISKEARD, 070636Z to C. in C. C.N.A.)

U-boat  
dispositions

Estimates. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 071404Z and 071458Z to Ships and Authorities)

T.Gs.  
Patrols

T.G.1 T.F.22, T.G.14, T.F.22 Baltimore patrol vicinity 043° 00' N. 047° 00' W. T.G.3, T.F.22, T.G.4 T.F.22, T.U.1, T.G.7 T.F.22 Baltimore patrol from 039° 00' to 043° 00' N. 049° 00' to 058° 00' W. on 299 W.Z.C.7 042° 43' 049° 38' 261° 9.5 altering to 273° in 050° 00' W. C. (??) detach for St. Johns Newfoundland in 050° 00' W. B.W.176 H.M.C.S. GANANOQUE 046° 23' 053° 05' 090° 9 alter for St. Johns Newfoundland in 052° 48' W. (C. in C. C.N.A., 071538Z to S. and A. N.S.H.Q.)

Message  
from  
Prime  
Minister  
to R.C.N.

From the Prime Minister to the Chief of the Naval Staff begins:  
On this day of final victory over Nazi Germany to which the Royal Canadian Navy has made so magnificent a contribution will you please convey to all Officers and Men of the Canadian Navy the following message in the name of the Government.

I desire at this hour to send to you the Officers and men of the Royal Canadian Navy, wherever you are serving, heartiest congratulations upon the Victory over the armed forces of Nazi Germany to which you all have so greatly contributed. I wish to join to the thanks of the Government the heartfelt thanks of all the people of Canada for the long patient and efficient service rendered, the organization, training, maintenance, and direction of Canada's fighting ships and their gallant crews. Our Country honours especially today those who have manned the ships at sea by your vigilance, your skill, your daring and your endurance. You have had a large part in the destruction of the sea power of Nazi Germany. In tribute to those of your comrades who have made the supreme sacrifice, the whole Nation reverently bows its head. The record of the achievements of Canada's fighting forces in the defeat and destruction of Nazi tyranny will constitute an immortal chapter in the history of our Country. W.L. MacKenzie King.  
Prime Minister. End.  
(N.S.H.Q., 071842Z to all Senior Officers R.C.N. etc.)



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America and West Indies - Contd.

Contacts            Para. C. Prior to 070757Z H.M.C.S. SARNIA had possible contact 44.23 N. 63.02 W.  
Para. D. 071438Z U.S.S. GARY attacked Sonar contact 39.41 N. 72.10 W. Admty. pass info. to H.Q.C.C. (Cominch, 072037Z to Admty., for O.I.C.)

Congratulatory message to R.C.N.            Following from the Minister. On this great day I send to every Officer and Rating in the Royal Canadian Navy and its Reserves my personal congratulations. The part you have all played to help accomplish this result has been valiant. Now we can look forward to an end to the tedious work in the convoys, to the hazardous hunting in the Support Groups, to the fights by night in the Destroyer Flotillas, to the strikes from the Carriers, to the assaults in the M.T.Bs. and to the patrols in the Minesweeping Group. All have helped to accomplish the common aim. Germany is beaten again. In this moment of victory I know you will be saddened when you think of those who have given their lives that we all might live once more in peaceful homes. This is their great day too, and while they are not with us to rejoice, we must see to it, and we will see to it, that their memory is kept forever green, that they have not died in vain. Your part in the victory has been great, your contribution to Canada's cause has been historic, your share in the achievement has earned you the gratitude of free peoples everywhere. There still remains another enemy to subdue, and while we all realize that that task will be bitter we must still rejoice today and thank God for the strength and victory which He has given to our arms.  
(N.S.H.Q., 072020Z to All S.Os. R.C.N. Ships.)

T.Gs.                    Retire without delay at good speed and form Barriers V.            barriers against submarines on 60 W. Meridian as Submarines            follows:  
C.T.G.22.3 with T.Gs. 22.3, 22.4, 22.8 less (?HAYTER) HUBBARD and T.U.22.7.1 between lats. 39 and 41, C.T.G.22.1 with T.G. 22.1 and 22.14 between lats. 41 and 42.  
C.T.G. 22.5 with T.G.S.22.5 and 22.13 between lats. 38 and 39. All north. In case submarines surface, indicate surrender and report position be prepared to detach D.E.S. if ordered to accept surrender and escort submarines to surrender points.  
(C. in C. Lant, 072121Z to C.T.Gs. 22.3, C.T.G.22.4, C.T.G.22.1, C.T.G.22.5, C.T.G.22.8, C.T.G.22.13, C.T.G.22.14, C.T.U.22.7.1.)

N.S.H.Q.                No report since my 050032Z para. C. about 0605Z 7th submarine            May, H.M.C.S. SARNIA reported possible torpedo miss attack                and at 0636Z obtained Asdic contact in 44.23 N. and                    63.02 W. sighting                (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 072336Z to Admty.) summary.



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**Movement** Intend to sail AUSTRALIA for the United Kingdom via Panama on Thursday 24th May. S. of A. 17 knots.  
(A.C.N.B., 070405 to Admty.)

**Operational report number 8.** (1) 4th May. Early morning several aircraft eastbound from Formosa passed well north of T.F. 57. Two splashed.  
(2) Bombarding battleships fired 195 (?TVTISYRS) 976 rounds at Hirara and Nobara airfields on Miyako Island photos show considerable uproar caused. Although minimum range 10,000 yards from coast, no opposition.  
(3) During absence bombarding force carrier squadron attacked by up to 20 aircraft in four groups. Suiciders attacked steeply from great height. One bounced off, another near missed INDOMITABLE. No damage. One suicider appeared to release bomb before both hit FORMIDABLE causing hole two feet square in flight deck and indentation 16 feet square round hole. Deck splinter passed through hangar deck and centre boiler room finally piercing inner bottom. Speed temporarily reduced to 18 knots but evening repairs to deck boiler room and one barrier made ship operational at 24 knots. Enemy lost eight during this attack.  
(4) Five aircraft attempted evening attack. Three splashed.  
(5) Fifth May. Negligible enemy activity. Of two aircraft detected one splashed from 30,000 feet. On ground three destroyed four damaged. No flak opposition. Cap maintained over islands. Runways well bombed and all believed unserviceable FORMIDABLE operating and capable of full speed.  
(6) Inclusive score both days. Enemy destroyed 18 including three on ground. Damaged four on ground. Own losses 12 Avengers, four fighters including 10 Avengers, one fighter by suicide on FORMIDABLE. [for figures see p. 111]  
(7) FORMIDABLE casualties light. Wounded being returned to Leyte in STRIKER.  
(8) Force refuelled in service area 6th and 7th May expects to strike again 8th and 9th May including bombardment Ishigaki.  
(C. in C. B.P.F. 070521 to Admty.)

**11th A/C Squadron Staff** Have you got sufficient staff to command one fast carrier group consisting of 2 CV and 2 CVL. If not will you propose additions required repeating to Admiralty.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 070859Z to A.C.11.)

**S/M RORQUAL** C. in C. B.P.F. 012315 not to all.  
(2) If there is no immediate minelaying requirement for RORQUAL on the East Indies Station she should be sailed for U.K. on completion of her present lay.  
(D.O.D.(F) 071005B to C. in C. B.P.F.)

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Australia and New Zealand - Contd.

U.S. Following from S.W.P.A. 6th May.  
Philippine (1) Luzon U.S. 6th Army.  
operations (d) Total casualties to 4th May.  
Jap 132,930 killed 1612 P.W.  
U.S. 6258 killed, 21,785 wounded, 246 missing. (2) U.S. 8th  
Army. (a) Negros. In S.E. Elts. Am. Div. captured enemy posns. N.W. Campisa.  
(b) Mindanao X Corps Elts. 24 Div. captured high ground N.E.  
Davao and strengthened positions N.W. Upper Digos. Strong Japanese  
counter attack repulsed.  
(3) Borneo. 1st Aust. Corps. Tarakan Airfield captured by  
26 Bde. enemy resistance eliminated from high ground in Tarakan  
Town.  
(B.A.S. Washington, 071835Q to W.O.)

Re Your 220249 April. A Frigate could be allocated  
PHILANTES and if acceptable request you report additional  
unsuitability accommodation required.  
for (D.O.D.(F), Approved V.C.N.S., 072200B to C. in C.  
accommodation B.P.F.)  
Capt. Escort Note: Signal was despatched to addressees as  
and Staff. Restricted.

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN

Submarine For 24 hours to 0800Z 7th May.  
attack A. A/C B/201 attacked snort and A/C P/120 dropped  
and H.T. result negative at 1300Z 6th in 55° 27' N.  
sighting 07° 48' W.  
summary. (2) A/C J/206 sighted U-boat course 290° at  
0510Z 6th in 56° 00' N. 11° 02' E.  
(3) A/C U/86 sighted 1 U-boat, 2 minesweepers  
and 1 tug at 0815Z 6th in 55° 53' N. 10° 56' E.  
(4) A/C N/224 sighted U-boat and 2 escort vessels apparently at  
anchor at 1822Z 5th in 56° 03' W. 10° 40' E.  
(5) A/C C/86 attacked snort or periscope course 270° at 1639Z 6th  
in 57° 52' W. 10° 49' E.  
(6) A/C W/311 sighted U-boat on surface at 0940Z 6th in 55° 59'  
N. 11° 00' E.  
B.(1) H.M.S. ROTHER attacked U-boat at 0721Z, 0852Z, 0916Z 6th  
in 55° 21' 07" N. 06° 39' 05" W.  
(2) Mosquito A/C K.B.699 sighted U-boat course 200° at 1445Z 6th  
in 56° 00' N. 06° 25' W.  
(3) N.A. Stockholm reported large U-boat course 330° at 1025Z/5th  
in 56° 52' N. 11° 53' E.  
(4) N.A. Stockholm reported 3 U-boats varying courses at 1202Z  
5th in 56° 15' N. 12° 14' E.  
(5) A/C A/210 attacked periscope course 270° H/T negative at 2249Z  
6th in 57° 37' N. 11° 04' E.  
(6) A/C X/210 attacked U-boat U-boat H/T positive at 0340Z 7th  
in 61° 38' N. 01° 58' E.  
(C)(1) A/C B/201 sighted object believed to indicate U-boat at  
0900Z 6th in 55° 22' N. 06° 51' W.

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN

Submarine  
attack and  
sighting  
summary.  
(Contd.)

(2) A/C U.59 attacked contact A/C P/120 dropped  
H/T result negative at 1620Z 6th in 55° 27' N.  
07° 50' W.  
(3) Norwegian report of two U-boats coming  
alongside at 0115Z 6th in 70° 47' N. 28° 05' E.  
(D)(1) A/C E/103 sighted oil patch H/T negative  
at 1115Z 6th in 52° 12' N. 05° 30' W.  
(D.D.I.C., 071239B to Cominch, N.S.H.Q. Ottawa.)

U-boat  
dispositions

Estimates.  
(D.D.I.C., 071320B to Cominch.)



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SITUATION REPORT

Home Commands

1(a) At 0403 the German Naval War Staff ordered all authorities to "refrain absolutely from destroying military and non-military plant and installations". Their Supreme Command followed this 10 hours later with an order that all destruction, sinking or damaging of ships, vehicles, aircraft apparatus and equipment is verboten, and for "strict observance of the capitulation conditions".

(b) The Admiralty points out that due to difficulties of communication there may be some delay in these orders reaching their addressees, and the Fleet in all waters is to remain on a war footing and in a state of constant vigilance. All submerged and schnorkelling U-Boats are to be regarded as hostile, and attacked.

(c) Orders for U-Boats are that they are to remain surfaced, flying a black or blue flag, and burning navigation lights by night, to make for Allied-specified ports, and report their positions in plain language every 8 hours.

North Sea.

2(a) Hamburg port is reported undamaged with at least 30 deepwater berths available, but practically no solid fuel. The channel from P.10 buoy in to the Elbe is reported by the Germans to be mine-free.

(b) The German minesweeper M.S.21 sailed independently from Ymuiden to surrender, with half her crew on board, and has been taken in to Dover.

Channel,  
*Islands.*

3. Vice-Admiral Hueffmeier's representative received our unconditional surrender terms at 1200 G.M.T. today. He had come for "Armistice Terms" and was empowered for nothing further. A renewed rendezvous has been arranged for 2400 German Summer Time tonight.

Western  
Approaches.

4. HAVELOCK has attacked a bottomed contact about 25 miles N.W. of St. David's Head and brought up two German rubber dinghies.

Norway.

5(a) Sweeping has begun of "Channel AG" from off Aberdeen to off Ekersund.

(b) Boehme German "General of Mountain Troops", reports insubordination and incidents in the Bergen district and disclaims German responsibility.

Baltic.

6. Kiel has been taken over, with 10 tankers, 67 other merchant ships and two floating docks. The situation here is quiet, with the German authorities co-operative. 141,000 refugees are expected to arrive shortly from Swinemunde.



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SITUATION REPORT

Foreign Stations

Mediterranean

Aegean.

7. General Wagener Commander of German garrison in Dodecanese surrendered unconditionally at 1010B today to Force 281 operating under command of G.H.Q. Mid. East. (091701)

East Indies

Burma.

8. SILVIO (L.S.I.(L)), was mined today in the Rangoon river. She is considered seaworthy.

Far East and Australia

China.

9. U.S. Privateers damaged one small coaster off Hainan, destroyed one submarine chaser and a junk N.E. Hong Kong and sank 2 small craft and a lugger damaged south of the Pescadores.

Eastern Archipelago.

10. U.S. Liberators operating in Makassar Strait hit a small freighter transport and damaged 8 schooners.



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HOME COMMANDS

Policy

German Naval policy. The unconditional capitulation of all German forces having been agreed to, refrain absolutely from sinking ships and destroying military and non-military installations and plant from now on in the entire area of the Navy. Contraventions of this order would constitute a grave offence against the express wishes of the Admiral of the Fleet, and would be gravely prejudicial to the German people.  
 (German Naval War Staff, 080403 to All)

The following message in German P/L has been intercepted: In reply to various enquiries, it is ordered that all destruction, sinking or damaging of ships, vehicles, aircraft apparatus and equipment is forbidden. This includes guns and heavy arms, location sets, predictors, optical apparatus, W/T stations, detonators ('Zuender') and ammunition. The Admiral of the Fleet demands strict observance of the capitulation conditions in the general interest of the German people.

(German Supreme Command, 081440 to all Western Fortresses and C. in C. Channel Is.)

British Naval Policy. 716A. The German High Command has surrendered unconditionally all German land, sea and air forces in Europe, effective from 0001B hours 9th from which hour all offensive operations are to cease.

(2) Due to difficulties of communication there may be some delay in these orders reaching enemy forces. Accordingly, danger of attack by individual enemy surface craft, U-Boats and A/C may persist for some time to come. The Fleet in all waters is to remain on a war footing and in a state of constant vigilance for the moment.

(3) Surrender procedure for U-Boats will be promulgated separately.

(4) No release is to be made to the Press pending an announcement by Heads of Governments.

(V.C.N.S. 080012B to General Message Home and Abroad)

A.G.M. 716A. Until further orders all submerged and Schnorkelling U-Boats are to be regarded as committing a hostile act and are to be attacked immediately.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 082313B to Plymouth Command)

Orders to U-Boats. Cr. No.423. Unless Germans have been heard to Broadcast surrender orders to U-Boats by 1300B to-day Tuesday, Admiralty intend to Broadcast B.A.M.S. Message with First Para. modified as follows:

Admiralty 031340B refers.

"The German High Command has been directed to give the following surrender orders to U-Boats.

A. To remain on the surface flying a large black or blue flag and burning navigational lights by night.

B. To make for specified ports under Allied Control.

C. To report their positions in plain language on 500 K/cs every 8 hours."

Balance of message as agreed.

(Commaveu, 080936 to Cominch)



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- Orders to U-Boats. (Contd.)
- The German High Command have been directed to give the following surrender orders to U-Boats at sea. You will be informed when this direction has been complied with and when A.M.021250 is to be brought into force.
- (a) Surface and remain surfaced.
- (b) Report immediately in plain language your position and the number of your U-Boat to the nearest British, United States, Canadian or Soviet Coast W/T Station on 500K/cs (600 metres) and to the call sign QZZ10 on one of the following high frequencies 16845, 12685 or 5970 K/cs. *kcs*
- (c) Fly black or dark blue flag by day and burn navigation lights by night.
- (d) Jettison ammunition, render torpedoes safe by removing pistols and render mines safe.
- (e) Make all signals in plain language
- (f) Refrain from scuttling or in any way damaging your U-Boat.
- (g) Report your position, course and speed every eight hours.
- (h) Proceed by fixed routes to prescribed ports for examination.
- (2) The following are the areas and routes for U-Boats surrendering:
- Area A. (a) Bounded on the west by the meridian of 26 degs. W. and the South by the parallel of 43 degs. North, in the Barents Sea by the meridian of 20 degs. E. in the Baltic Approaches by the line joining the Naze and Hantsholm but excluding the Irish Sea between 51 degs. 30' N. and 55 degs. N. and the English Channel between the line Lands End-Scillies-Ushant and the line Dover-Calais.
- (b) Join one of the following routes at the nearest point and proceed along it to Loch Eriboll (58 degs. 33' N. 04 degs. 37' W)
- Blue route: 49 degs. 00' N. 09 degs. 00' W.  
53 degs. 00' N. 12 degs. 00' W. 58 degs. 00' N. 11 degs. 00' W.  
59 degs. 00' N. 05 degs. 30' W. thence to Loch Eriboll.
- Red route: 53 degs. 45' N. 03 degs. 00' E. 59 degs. 45' N. 01 degs. 00' W. 59 degs. 45' N. 03 degs. 00' W. thence to Loch Eriboll.
- (c) Arrive at Loch Eriboll between sunrise and 3 hours before sunset.
- (3) Area B. (a) The Irish Sea between parallels of 51 degs. 30' N. and 55 degs. 00' N.
- (b) Proceed to Beaumaris Bay (53 degs. 19' N. 03 degs. 58' W.) to arrive between sunrise and 3 hours before sunset.
- (4) Area C. (a) The English Channel between line Lands End-Scillies-Ushant and line Dover-Calais.
- (b) U-Boats in Area C are to join one of the following routes at the nearest point:
- Green Route: Position A. 49 degs. 10' N. 05 degs. 40' W.  
Position B. 50 degs. 00' N. 03 degs. 00' W. thence escorted to Weymouth.
- Orange Route: Position X 50 degs. 30' N. 00 degs. 50' E.  
Position Y 50 degs. 10' N. 01 degs. 50' W. thence escorted to Weymouth.
- (c) Arrive at either B or Y between sunrise and 3 hours before sunset.
- (5) Area D. (a) Bounded on the west by a line joining the Naze and Hantsholm and on the East by a line joining Lübeck and Trelleborg.
- (b) Proceed to Kiel.



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Orders to U-Boats (Contd.) (6) Area E. (a) Mediterranean Approaches bounded on the North by 43 degs. N. on the South by 26 degs. N. and on the West by 26 degs. W. (b) Proceed to a R/V in position A. 36 degs. 00' N. 11 degs. 00' W. and await escort reporting E.T.A. in plain language to Admiral Gibraltar on

500 K/cs. (c) Arrive in position A. between sunrise and noon G.M.T. (7) Area F. (a) The North and South Atlantic West of 26 degs. W. (b) Proceed to the nearest of one of the following points, arriving between sunrise and 3 hours before sunset:  
W. 43.30 N. 70 W. approaching from a point 15 miles due East.  
X. 38.20 N. 74.26 W. approaching from a point 15 miles due East.  
Y. 47.18 N. 52.30 W. approaching from point 47.18 N. 51.30 W. 1 on a course of 270 degs.  
Z. 43.31 N. 65.05 W. approaching from point 42.59 N. 64.28 W. on a course of 320 degs.  
(8) Pass to all N.C.S.Os in areas addressed.  
(D.O.D.(H) Approved V.C.N.S. 081200B General Message Home and Abroad)

Orders to British armed merchant ships. The German High Command has been directed to give the following surrender orders to U-Boats.  
(A) To remain on the surface flying a large black or blue flag by day and burning Navigation lights by night.  
(B) To make for specified ports under Allied control.  
(C) To report their position in plain language on

500 K/cs every 8 hours.  
(2) U-Boats apparently complying with these instructions are not to be attacked but should be given a wide berth.  
W/T reports of such sightings are to be made in plain language in the following form:  
(A) Number of U-Boats. (B) Position.  
(C) Estimated Course. (D) Estimated Speed.  
If, however, U-Boats commit a hostile act or otherwise disregard these orders, reports are to be made by normal distress procedure and all appropriate defence measures taken.  
(V.C.N.S. 081100Z to B.A.M.S.)

Netherlands Navy's congratulations. From De Booy, Netherlands Minister for Naval Affairs. The Royal Netherlands Navy join the Royal Navy in celebrating the victorious outcome of five years of hard struggle and are proud to have fought with His Britannic Majesty's Fleets. The Royal Netherlands Navy will always cherish as one of their glorious traditions their companionship in arms with the Royal Navy.  
(B.D.Z. 081155B to 1st Lord of the Admiralty)

Taking over of German ships. Captured or surrendered German seagoing ships are to be placed under armed guard, Nazi flag lowered, and appropriate Allied Ensign hoisted. This act is in no way to prejudice their future ownership.  
(A.N.C.X.F.081225 to all F.O.I.C's and N.O.I.C's)



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Situation in Wilhelmshaven command. Ref. 818 revised "Eclipse" memorandum No.1. Appendix D.  
(1) H.Q. O.K.M. is at Glücksburg near Flensburg. H.Q. M.O.K. Nord is at Sylt. This supersedes information given my 072050. Minesweeping base is at Cuxhaven.

(2) Most of the detailed information required is at Sylt and will take some days to produce owing to difficulty of communication.

(3) Several German minesweepers are capable of sweeping and are being prepared for sea.

(4) All oil burning ships have fuel on board for 300 miles steaming and there are reserve stocks on coast of quite 12,000 tons mostly at Cuxhaven. There are no reserves of coal and coalburners are out of action.

(5) There are no German Naval A/C.

(6) There are no controlled minefields in vicinity except one at the S/M pens at Heligoland which was used against low flying A/C.

(7) Heligoland light was destroyed in last air raid. It may be some days before mark boat can be placed and other navigation clauses complied with.

(F.O. Wilhelmshaven, 080031B to Admty.)

Situation report No.6.

Section Howaldt Werke containing main workshops found to be only slightly damaged, machine shops intact. 20 German U-Boat engines complete, 30 other sets at various stages of completion, 2 complete engines for pocket battleships also secret cases hardening process.

(2) Brunsbüttel formally surrendered by Captain Heye cousin of German Adml. of same name lately in command small Battle Units for whom he was at first mistaken. Following ships surrendered: Destroyer Z.31, Flak Cruiser, ARKONA, S/M Escort vessel SAAL, one German U-Boat type 21, 3 T.B. T.4, T.11, T.12, 2 M/S, 17 gunboats, one R-Boat, 2 ferry and 12 landing craft. Some small merchant ships also surrendered about 2,000 tons more are expected to arrive. Shore bases Naval personnel 14th Naval Flak Regiment and other defence units 141 officers and 3,000 ratings. Port appears undamaged and lock Gates in order.

(3) Present intentions for dealing with large number of prisoners in Schleswig-Holstein is to form concentration areas in 3 Peninsulas neighbourhood Marn, Wesselburjen and Toning and to confine S.S. Prisoners on Island Nordstrand. It is possible sea patrols may be required.

(Cdre. Hamburg, 082347 to F.O. Wilhelmshaven, Admty.)

Minesweeping to the Hook and Rotterdam. My No.0517/62 of 4th April. Under changed conditions Force A will consist of PROMPT H.Q. Ship. 157th Minesweeping Flotilla. 12 M.M.S.(LL). 6 M.M.S.(L.A.A.) (to proceed to Ostend to await orders). 4 M.L's Oropesa. 2 M.S.LL/S.A. 2 H.D.M.Ls. 2 R.M.Ls.  
(2) Unless otherwise ordered and weather permitting

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Minesweeping Force A is to be sailed to anchor in vicinity to the Hook of Rotterdam. (Contd.)  
Force A is to be sailed to anchor in vicinity of H.K.4 buoy p.m. on Wednesday 9th.  
(3) Subject to Channel H.K.8 to H.K.13 having been swept Oropesa by 10th M.S.F. on Wednesday, M.S. Force A is on Thursday to sweep L.L/S.A. from H.K.4 to H.K.13 buoy, thence Oropesa and L.L/S.A. into The Hook, anchoring outside at HK.13 if necessary.

(4) Force A will be required to sweep the new waterway from the Hook of Rotterdam and also to sweep the main coastal channel L.L/S.A. from position of H.K.13 buoy to position of 1 M 7 buoy after Oropesa sweeping by 10th M.S.F. Also to sweep Oropesa and L.L/S.A. into Ijmuiden.

(5) M.S.10 and Capt. M/S Force A are to keep each other informed of progress of operations.

(6) Instructions for sweeping to The Texel will be issued later. (C. in C. Nore, 080040B to Capt. M/S Sheerness)

My 080040B. 150th M.S.F. Flotilla is required to standby to augment Force A. Request you will sail available ships of this Flotilla to Sheerness tomorrow Wednesday.

(C. in C. Nore, 081146B to F.O.I.C. Great Yarmouth)

Operations "Clearway" and "Fireball" will commence daylight tomorrow 9th May.

(C. in C. Nore, 081057B to 15 Group, 2nd T.A.F.)

F.O.I.C. Harwich is requested to sail 165th M.S.F. and QUIRPON to Ostend tomorrow Wednesday to carry out routine mine-sweeping in Q.Z.S. 684 and Z.S.L.70 during operation "Clearway".

(2) F.O.I.C. Belgium is requested to administer Flotilla temporarily.

(3) Daily routine minesweeping required, unless otherwise ordered.

(A) Q.Z.S.684 L.L/S.A. either side of centre line N.F.7 to N.F.5 buoy southern half of channel to be swept before passage of eastbound convoy E.T.A. N.F.5 0900B.

(B) Q.Z.S. 684 L.L/S.A. N.F.7 to N.F.5 buoys from centre line to one mile south of centre line.

(C) N.F.7, to H.K. one either side of centre line.

(C. in C. Nore, 081602B to F.O.I.C. Harwich)

German M.S.21 in prize. Have intercepted and boarded German Naval vessel 3 miles North N.F.2. Prize crew. Taking her to Downs.

(CATTISTOCK, 080319B to C. in C. Nore.)

My 080319. Vessel is M.S.21 from Ijmuiden now proceeding to the Downs with prize crew.

(CATTISTOCK, 080356B to C. in C. Nore )

German minesweeper M.S.21 of the 34th Minesweeping Flotilla intercepted by CATTISTOCK at 0319 to-day 8th May has been brought to Dover.

Type of vessel converted Dutch diesel coaster. Commanding Officer is a C.P.O.24 out of total crew of 48 on board.

Vessel left Ijmuiden for Dover on 7th May on her own initiative and C.O. states that no orders of any kind had been received.

Vessel now secured to buoy in harbour with guard-boat patrolling. Crew being retained on board at present.

Armament is being rendered safe in accordance with "Eclipse" memorandum No.1 Appendix D para. II (D) examination of details



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of M/S equipment is being carried out and will be reported.  
Request instructions as to disposal of ship and crew "Eclipse" memo No.1 Appendix D para. II(F) refers.  
(V.A.Dover, 081540B to Admty.)

Humber-Hamburg Your 080906B. Pit buoy is 1.3 miles 158 degs. swept charted position. P.10 buoy position was checked channel. by R.W. set of sights and is 3 miles 162 degs. from charted position. Remaining buoys are correct distance by taut wire between these 2 positions on line 091.5 degs. Pit buoy.

Further checks will be taken to-day and any differences signalled.

(S.O.M/S.15, 081039B to S.O.M.S.18)

Following M/S information received from Staff of C. in C. Nordsee operation orders for "Dropkick" refers.

(1) Channel from P.10 to P.15 buoy was swept a fortnight ago and from P.15 buoy into the Elbe river as far as Brunsbuttel a week ago, both with negative result. All channels three miles wide where navigation permits.

(2) Channels are only swept when ships are expected and not as routine and then only for ground mines.

(3) Last mine exploded by sweepers was in the Weser Estuary about a week ago.

(4) All swept channel buoys are normally lit, but may have gone out by now as they have not been recharged lately.

(5) Snip 723/44 refers. There is a buoy at position B and at position A.

(F.O. Wilhelmshaven, 081731B to C. in C. Nore)

Completed laying of P one to P.10 buoys inclusive. Buoys inclusive. Buoys have been laid as indicated in my 072030B as amended by my 081039B (neither to all addressees). All buoys lit. Ships will leave P.10 buoy to westward at 2200. SOUTH-DOWN and QUANTOCK will be detached at 0600/9 to proceed to Harwich. JASEUR and T.H.V. will be detached at D.6 buoy to proceed to Harwich request route may be signalled. 15th M/S proceeding Humber.

(S.O.M.S.F.15, 082100B to C. in C. Nore.)

Situation in Sitrep. (1) Schouwen. 410 Germans concentrated Western in two areas.  
Holland and (2) Overflakkee. Satisfactory arrangements have W. Germany. been made Eastern end of Island will be evacuated by 1200 to-day Tuesday.  
(3) Germans are not being evacuated from the Islands pending instructions from 1 Canadian Corps.  
(4) German Naval Officer reputed to have knowledge of mines in East Schelde is being interviewed this forenoon.  
(5) 1 Canadian Corps. No further news of requirements for craft to visit Island.  
(6) 2 Canadian Corps. 12 L.C.A. may be required. They are being held available.



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Situation in Western Holland and W. Germany. (Contd.)

(7) 2 British Army. 11 L.C.V.P. are being used for controlling civilian movements in the Elbe. 6 L.C.V.(P) have been allocated to Commodore Hamburg.

(8) L.C.M. Arrived Antwerp but are slightly delayed owing to lack of civilian labour on V.E. day.

(N.C. Force T. 081127B to A.N.C.X.F.)

From P.S.V.O. Survey of Hamburg shows 55 large or medium size ships, 19 floating docks and 588 small vessels, barges etc. sunk.

(2) At least 30 deep water berths clear subject to divers inspection for underwater obstructions.

(3) Detailed report is being compiled and will be forwarded in a few days time.

(4) Brief survey of Cuxhaven harbour carried out before arrival of occupying forces showed no wrecks or blockships visible.

(N.O.I.C. Antwerp, 081906B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Patrols.

My 071739B Para. 1. Amend to read No.16 HAMBLEDON. 53A buoy to 51 degs. 31' N. in Q.Z.S.596 BLEASDALE N.F.3 buoy to 51 degs. 31' N. in Q.Z.S. 596 CAICOS delete all reference to SEYMOUR.

(2) Para. 2 for MELBREAK read COTTESMORE.

(C. in C. Nore, 081148B to Nore Command)

Mining of SS. HORACE BINNEY.

Ship mined or torpedoed in position 090 degs. N.F. 6 buoy 1½ miles. Ship on fire does not appear to be sinking. Request tug.

(VERSATILE, 081156B to C. in C. Nore.)

My 081156. Ship U.S. HORACE BINNEY opinion mined 20 feet forward of bridge ship slightly

hogged fire extinguished. Now anchored 105 degs. N.F.6 - 2½ miles LORD PLENDER standing by. Position of mining was 235 N.F.67 cables.

(VERSATILE, 081223B to C. in C. Nore.)

VERSATILE's 081156. Am proceeding to search. BERRY in company.

(ROWLEY, 081220B to C. in C. Nore.)

E.T.A. N.F.6 Buoy 1340. Intend to embark casualties in BERRY who carries medical officer. Intend to search area with BERRY and LORD PLENDER. VERSATILE is rejoining and damaged ship considers explosion was a mine. My 081220B not to V.A. Dover refers.

(ROWLEY, 081302B to C. in C. Nore.)

Your 081240B to VERSATILE. Master reports ship sinking slowly. Now anchored Southern side of channel. Tug EMPIRE POLLY in attendance. Consider ship will swing clear of swept channel when tide turns. Further report will be made.

(ROWLEY, 081433B to N.O.I.C.Ostend)

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Situation in  $\heartsuit$  Cuxhaven. E preliminary R/C and reports reveal the following vessels in this port. U-Boats one 1,250 tons No. U.883. Four 500 tons Nos. U.778, U.291, U.1198, U.1103. Two 250 tons Nos. U.2341, U.2356. Destroyers one 3500 tons number Z.33 one 2600 tons No. Z.15. R-Boats. Thirteen, Nos. 132 to 138 and 140, 142, 144, 174, 246, 252. Minesweepers. 7th Flotilla consisting of seven M-Class 690 tons Twenty-Seventh Flotilla consisting of eight M-Class 511 tons. Seven A/S M/S Trawlers. Sperrbrecher. six. Flak ships, four. Harbour defence and flak vessels 29. Depot Ship SS. HELGOLAND. Merchant ships. SS BENNE and SS. OAGILA each approx. 3,000 tons. Coasters and Schuyts 12. Motor patrol boats. five. Harbour craft, several of various types. (N.P.1739 081201B to Admty, A.N.C.X.F.)  
*(See N.O.I.C. Cuxhaven 091220B to N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven.)*

Discharge Situation Report. Cositintrep No.399 part 4 Section A. Discharge by sea - 24 hour period ending 1600B/7 May.

	<u>Personnel.</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Stores</u>	<u>Coal</u> <u>Bulk</u>	<u>Pol.</u> <u>Bulk</u>	<u>G.F.</u> <u>Ammo</u>
<u>British</u>						
Antwerp	44	327	13,655	-	16,639	614
Ostend	2,457	-	3,830	-	1,167	241
Caen	-	-	-	1,620	-	-
Calais	5,698	291	603	-	-	-
Totals:	8,199	618	18,088	1,620	17,806	855
<u>U.S. North</u>						
Antwerp	-	30	8,365	-	-	-
Cherbourg	50	141	3,395	1,329	12,129	-
Le Havre	4,974	283	3,382	420	14,420	-
Rouen	-	66	3,429	1,498	3,005	-
Ghent	-	-	9,182	-	-	-
Totals:	5,024	520	27,753	3,247	29,554	-
<u>U.S. South</u>						
Marseilles	669	166	8,640	-	-	-
Port De Bouc	-	-	2,109	1,045	5,814	-
Toulon	-	-	132	-	-	-
Totals:	669	166	10,881	1,045	5,814	-

Army coal at: Dieppe, 399. Granville, 920. Morlaix, 740. (S.H.A.E.F. 081230B to Admty. and others)

Photographic survey of Weser and Elbe. Request early photographic R/C be flown of Weser and Elbe estuaries up to Bremen and Hamburg respectively to ascertain position of wrecks and sunken blockships. (A.N.C.X.F. 081233B to S.H.A.E.F.)

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priorities  
in Continen-  
tal waters.

Following is present priority for minesweeping  
in Continental Waters.

- (A) "Dropkick".
- (B) "Clearway" and "Fireball" as necessary to  
open Rotterdam.
- (C) "Nestegg", "Doomsday", "Apostle".
- (D) "Crosskeys" (My O71805 not to all refers).

(E) "Cackle".

(F) Reinforcing "Dropkick" Force if this will expedite opening  
Hamburg.

(G) Opening Bremerhaven and Bremen.

(I) Opening Bordeaux.

(2) Since many requests are expected for early use of these and  
other ports propose that where reliable intelligence indicates  
absence of mines (as on route to Rotterdam) urgent shipping  
should be accepted before completion of sweeping.

(A.N.C.X.F. 081455B to Admt.)

There is no present requirement for opening Dunkirk.

(2) Completion of Coastal Channel is desirable but is lower prior-  
ity than operations in my 081455.

(A.N.C.X.F. 081730B to Admt.)

Situation  
at Dunkirk.

22 Liaison H.Q. Report that Dunkirk has not yet  
surrendered but that terms will be discussed  
tomorrow Wednesday.

(S.N.O.B.O.P.F. 081715B to A.N.C.X.F. V.A. Dover)

Occupation  
of  
Heligoland.

One company of 33 battalion R.M. will occupy  
Heligoland temporarily until 2nd Army is ready  
to take over. N.O.I.C. Cuxhaven is to arrange  
passage in German ships flying White Ensign and  
is to report earliest time and date of departure  
after consultation with O.C.116 R.M. Brigade at

Buxtehude. He is to provide adequate technical personnel  
to prevent sabotage who will return in same ship after disembarka-  
tion.

I shall join expedition off Heligoland with necessary control  
parties in transport arranged accordingly at Wilhelmshaven R.M.  
Company is taking supplies for one week.

Cdre. Hamburg pass to O.C.116 R.M. Brigade.

(F.O. Wilhelmshaven, 081846B to N.O.I.C. Cuxhaven)

Naval  
Situation  
Report.

Information received that coasters have arrived  
Rotterdam according to programme.

(2) Port Situation reports:

(A) Hamburg. 55 large or medium size ships 19  
floating docks and 588 small vessels etc. sunk.  
At least 30 deep water berths clear subject to  
inspection for underwater obstruction ships  
afloat are being concentrated. Supply of coal  
for tugs expected to last only 5 days.



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(B) Cuxhaven. No blockships or wrecks visible. Town undamaged. Number of German Naval trawlers, R-Boats and miscellaneous M.F.Vs present. British minesweeping force expected to arrive tomorrow Wednesday.

(C) Copenhagen. Following German ships in harbour PRINZ EUGEN, NÜRNBERG, 3 destroyers, 2 torpedo boats, about 11 minesweepers, 13 Sperrbrechers, 19 armed trawlers, 2 armoured merchant ships, about 35 merchant ships and 27 passenger ships, 13 trawlers, 20 cutters, 4 large hospital ships and various small craft.

(3) Sweeping of Humber-Elbe channel completed to within 30 miles of Heligoland. Laying of ocean light buoys along this route now in progress.

(4) U.S.S. HORACE BINNEY reported mined or torpedoed 15 miles N.W. of Ostend at 1159 to-day is being towed to Thames. 3 casualties transferred to BERRY.  
(A.N.C.X.F. 082358B to Admty.)



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The following message in German P/L has been intercepted at 0340B/8th May.  
No T.O.O. May 8th.  
From: C. in C. of the German Troops on the Channel Islands.

To: G.O.C. in C. Southern Command, England.  
I have received your W/T message. Corresponding orders from my Superior authorities are to hand. I await the details of your demands. The officer representing me will proceed to the light and receive your stipulations. I confirm that the British ships on their way to the position laid down will not be fired on by our forces, if notice of their arrival is given to me in good time. I will guarantee safe passage up to this point.  
(Signed) Hueffmeier, Vice-Admiral and C. in C. of the German Troops on the Channel Islands.

Your W/T message has been received. Time of meeting is 1200 G.M.T. Tuesday 8/5, 1400 British Double Summer Time. Acknowledge this W/T message.

(G.O.C. in C. Southern Command, 080807 to O.C. German Forces in Channel Is.)

From: C. in C. of German Troops in Channel Islands.  
No T.O.O. 8th May, Received 1216. P/L BY T/P  
To: General Officer Commanding in Chief Southern Command England.  
I confirm the time of the meeting as 1400 German Summer Time.

Communication has been established with the German Command in the Channel Islands and a meeting has been arranged with his representative in position 4 miles south of Les Hanois light at 1200 G.M.T. today 8th May to obtain signature to surrender terms.

(2) The British representative, Brigadier Snow, Commander Force 135, accompanied by N.O.I.C. N.P. 2000 and Wing Commander Stewart R.A.F. sailed from Plymouth at 1000B/8 in BULLDOG escorted by BEAGLE.

(3) Present intention is that advanced detachments of Force 135 shall arrive Channel Islands approximately 0800B/9 and remainder of force at 0830B/12.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 081336B to Admty.)

(1) BULLDOG with British representatives embarked, and escorted by BEAGLE, has proceeded to vicinity of St. Peter Port, Guernsey to arrange surrender of Channel Islands garrison. N.O.I.C. N.P.2000 in BULLDOG is Senior Naval Officer.

(2) COSBY take CAMPION under his orders pass Gate at 2300B/8th May and proceed to escort convoy, comprising L.C.I.(L)103 (S.O.) and L.C.I.(L) 130 direct to position (XX) 49° 22' N. 3° 10' W. thence 090° to position (YY) 180° LES HANOIS 4, so as to arrive (YY) at 0800B/9th May. L.C.I.(L) 103 and L.C.I.(L)130 are to pass Gate to conform.

(3) From position (YY) escorts and convoy are to proceed as ordered by N.O.I.C. N.P. 2000 in BULLDOG who is requested to take these ships under his orders from time of passing (YY). In the absence of orders convoy is not to proceed beyond (YY).

(4) COSBY will be required to remain in Channel Islands, CAMPION will return to Plymouth as ordered by N.O.I.C. N.P.2000.

(5) Ships are to be prepared to act at once in event of enemy treachery but guns are not to be manned unless necessary. Full A/S precautions are to be taken.

(6) An additional White Ensign is to be worn from first light 9th May and is to be flown from Foremasthead.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 081410B to COSBY, CAMPION.)

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of the  
Channel  
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Following for G.O.C. in C. Southern Command  
from Cdr. 135 Force begins.

(1) Accredited Representative of German Cdr.  
Channel Islands had not power to sign any document  
but only to receive it and take it to his Cdr.  
(2) He stated that he had come to receive terms  
of an Armistice repeat Armistice which he  
considered begins at 0001 9th.

(3) Safe conduct for ships was guaranteed only as far as R/V  
and it was requested that ships move from area forthwith until  
a further message was made appointing another time for R/V by  
message addressed M.T.I. from J.E.I.B. on previous frequency.

(4) Detailed instructions of unconditional surrender were  
handed to representative with voucher to German Cdr. ordering him  
to signal time at which he or his accredited representative  
appointed to sign unconditional surrender will be at this R/V and  
to guarantee safe conduct for 2 destroyers. Ends.

(5) From N.O.I.C. N.P.2000 am returning towards Plymouth with  
BULLDOG and BEAGLE awaiting German message. Intend to return  
to R/V on receipt or as ordered by you.

(N.O.I.C. N.P.2000 in BULLDOG, 081613B to C. in C. Plymouth.)  
My 081336.

(1) At meeting at 1200 G.M.T. today Tuesday Representative of  
German Commander Channel Islands stated he had come to receive  
terms of Armistice (R) Armistice which he considered begins at  
0001/9 and that he had no power to sign any documents but only to  
take them to his Commander.

(2) Detailed instructions of unconditional surrender were,  
therefore, handed to Representative with letter to German  
Commander ordering him to signal time at which his accredited  
Representative empowered to sign unconditional surrender would  
return to R/V.

(3) German Commander has now intimated that his fully authorised  
representative will meet British Representative at same R/V  
at 2400 German Summer time tonight 8th May this meeting has been  
accepted.

(4) Consequently sailing of advanced detachments of Force 135  
has been postponed for the present.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 082348 to Admty.)

Operations

Western Approaches

Suspected  
mine off  
Anglesey

Explosion astern ALLINGTON CASTLE at 0958B in  
position 53° 14' N. 04° 56' 30" W. Mine suspected.

(2) Speed of ship 12 knots either side of mean  
course E.N.M. streamed. Height of Plume approx.  
40 feet.

(3) Am sweeping in area then complying with your  
171852. Suitable.

(S.O.E.G.31, 081028B to C. in C.W.A.)

/Possible...



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Western Approaches - Contd.

Possible U-boat                      GARLIES obtained and attacked bottomed contact in position 49° 27' 30" N. 07° 08' 00" W. by QH.  
 (2) Echo sounding trace shows object is about 280 feet long and 25/30 ft. high lying 050° - 230°.  
 (3) A tallow has been recovered. Consider possible German U-boat but size of barrel suggests wreck.  
 (4) Am proceeding to comply with C. in C. Plymouth's 081007B. (S.O.E.G.1, 081010B to C. in C.W.A.)

Probable U/boat                      Attacking bottomed contact in position 52° 01' 15" N. 05° 46' 30" W. located by HAVELOCK. Have obtained rubber dinghies.  
 25 miles                      (S.O.E.G.14, 082221B to C. in C.W.A.)  
 N.W. of St. David's Head.

Operations

Norway

Mission to Oslo                      Your 071947 para. 4. Escort of one cruiser and two destroyers will be provided.  
 (C. in C.H.F., 081212B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

Operation "Apostle"                      GO.373 subject "Apostle". Joint Commanders intend that for purposes of operation "Apostle". A-Day shall be 9th May, 1945.  
 (Scofor, 081530B to S.H.A.E.F.)

Operation "Apostle". Request you will sail N.L.B. vessels PHAROS and POLE STAR towing ABERTAY Light Vessel and escorted by NEWARK and STELLA PEGASI at 0700 10th May to position 56° 47' N. 01° 13' W.

(2) STELLA PEGASI is to escort POLE STAR to positions 56° 40' 30" N. 00° 07' 00" E. and 56° 34' 50" N. 01° 27' 00" E. to lay light buoys C. and D., thence returning in company to Granton.

(3) STELLA PEGASI is then to be sailed as escort to HESPERUS to position 57° 20' N. 03° 20' E. where light buoys D. and E. will be laid, returning to Granton in company on completion.

(4) NEWARK is to escort PHAROS to Granton on completion of para. 1 where N.L.B. vessel will load light buoys F. and G. to be laid in positions 57° 40' N. 04° 11' E. and 58° 00' N. 05° 00' E. returning to Granton in company on completion.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 081621B to N.O.I.Cs. Leith, Dundee, LOCHINVAR.)

54/Q(M) Operation "Apostle". Referring S.H.A.E.F. Forward 20883\* of 7th May. On present information considered unnecessary provide L.C.I.(L) for disembarkation personnel ships. 24 L.C.M. with crews required to be loaded on M.T. Stores ships 12 for Tromso and 12 for Trondheim.

(Movements Scofor, 081630B to A.N.C.X.F.) \*071900/5

"Apostle" Operation S.L. Paragraph 8.

R/V with trawlers No. 25 Buoy 0630 10th May, and commence sweeping and buoying A.G. Channel.

(2) Fleet minesweepers will commence Oropesa search in H. formation to a depth of 20 fathoms from position C. and will sweep through to position, G. Trawlers laying Hydrographic Beacons as detailed from A. to G.



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Operation "Apostle" (Contd.)

(3) SHANDWICK will on being relieved by ABERTAY Light Vessel at position A, return to Granton in company with PHAROS and NEWARK.

(4) Remainder of beacon pointing trawlers will remain in position of their respective beacon or light buoy until A plus 4 when auxiliary vessels will proceed through AG Channel. Trawlers will cease pointing as auxiliaries pass their buoy and will join up, proceeding in company to position G.

(5) Fleet Sweepers are to R/V with CONAN Destroyers and auxiliaries at G Buoy at 0430 on A + 5 day.

(6) TOCAGAY and TAHAY will be sailed with auxiliaries. (C. in C. Rosyth 082210B to M.S.F.16, 9, STAR OF THE WAVE, DAVID OGILVIE, SUMA, REDWOOD, ~~CASTLE~~ SHANDWICK, PICTOU.)

Your 071825B. Search completed width 2.8 miles. Negative. E.T.A. May Island 1030B/9.  
(S.O.M.S.F.16, 082243 to C. in C. Rosyth.)

German 8th S. Flotilla

8th S. Flotilla with S.195, 302, 303 and 709 arrived Stavanger at 0330/7/5.  
(German Naval Chief Command Norway 081555B to All.)

Insubordination in Bergen district

Armed units out of control since 7.05 p.m. and active in the district. Incidents in one case in Krangsving area. Urgent request that illegal formations be ordered to surrender. Otherwise armed clashes cannot be avoided. Responsibility for this does not lie with the German armed forces. (Signed) Boehme - General of Mountain Troops. (Bergen Wireless No T.O.O. to Allied High Command.)

Operations

Northern Waters

German aircraft movements

Northern Fleet report large movement of enemy aircraft from Bardufoss to Trondhjem between 0200B and 0700B Admiralty recode and pass to C. in C. Home Fleet Afloat.  
(S.B.N.O. N. Russia, 081021 to Admty.)

Convoy J.W.67

My 051219\* is amended as follows:-  
For CARYSFORT read OBDURATE throughout.  
Para. 5. Capt. (D) 17 in ONSLOW is to be in charge of operation "Timeless".  
(C. in C.H.F. 081930B to Admty.)  
\* Intend following operation. Object. Safe passage of convoy J.W.67 and R.A.67 between U.K. and N. Russia.



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refugee  
movements

(1) In consequence of the changed situation due to the capitulation all Naval and escort forces and merchant vessels must have left harbours of Courland and Hela by 0100/9/5. Ships and boats (3 groups) port of destination Kiel, Eckernfoerde, Neustadt. Owing to the development of the situation intermediate calls at Danish ports are out of the question.

(2) Warships and merchant vessels on eastward passage which cannot guarantee to have left eastern harbours again, after loading with personnel by 0100/9/5 are to turn about and put into Flensburg

(3) Send punctual reports of convoys despatched, stating numbers of personnel subdivided into service personnel, wounded and refugees.

(German Naval Chief Command Baltic, 080017 to all Ships in Baltic)  
Note: Intercepted in German P/L at 0454/8.

German Naval authorities at Kiel report that ships containing 52,000 soldiers 36,000 wounded and 53,000 refugees are arriving shortly from Swinemunde. Resources at Kiel cannot deal with these numbers. 8 Corps have been informed.

(F.O.I.C. Kiel, 081400B to A.N.C.X.F.)

31 ships up to 22,000 G.R.T. carrying about 85,000 soldiers, wounded and refugees sailed p.m. today to Flensburg Fiord. Ships in 4 convoys with small escort vessels. Speed 8 knots. Routed south through Great Belt.

(F.O.N.P.1737, 081826B to F.O. Kiel, Admiralty.)

Following message has been repeated to F.O.I.C. Denmark. Following convoy of 24 German vessels passed Elsinore into Kattegat Northbound at 2,000 this evening May 8th. 3 floating cranes, 2 motor ships each 6,000 tons, 1 motor ship 4,000 tons, 1 large tanker, 1 steamer, 5,000 tons, a number of mine sweepers and smaller vessels.

(N.A. Stockholm, 082100 to Admty.)

Operation  
"Cleaver"

2 single Ju. 88 sighted Force 5 and were chased back to Norway by fighters.

(C.S.1., 080906B to C. in C.H.F.)

Instruct M/S to return at best speed when you have finished with them. S.O. to set watch on 4,000

F/S to make position messages. He is also specifically reporting the time and his speed on passing position C.F. when returning.

(C.S.1, 081034B to BIRMINGHAM.)

My 071325. Force in para. 2 less minesweepers is proceeding Copenhagen 9th May. Remaining Force will then be returning to U.K.

(A.N.C.X.F. 081257B to 2nd T.A.F.)

Am proceeding with Force 6 and 40th M/S Flotilla in company in order to reach position CD at 0430 9th. 40th M/S Flotilla having swept Force 6 through Q.Z.X.1535 will be detached to Rosyth via Gap A while Force 6 proceeds to Scapa at 15 knots. Speed of advance by Devil's Hole to 58° 45' N. 00° 45' W. and Q.Z.S.66.

(2) Continuous A/S and Fighter cover was provided for Force 5 between positions CE and CF. Several camera gun encounters with peaceful enemy A/C. Admiralty pass to H.Q.C.C.

(C.S.1., 081932B to C. in C.H.F.)

/Intend...



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Baltic

Operation "Cleaver" (Contd.) Intend arriving Landskrona with Force 5 0700 9th later in day anchoring off Copenhagen. (BIRMINGHAM, 082053B to Admty.)

Situation at Kiel. Hoisted white ensign and my flag over German Naval H.Q. at Kiel today Tuesday 8th. N.O.I.C. established in Depot ship ORANJEFONTEIN. Intend taking over MILWAUKEE for my staff tomorrow. Report received of 140 thousand soldiers, wounded and refugees approaching from Swinemunde but only 12 Landing Craft with troops who were dissuaded from landing at Eckernforde and 1 M/S have so far been sighted. Admiral Fuchs being held on parole. Preliminary survey of Merchant Shipping shows 10 tankers including 7 over 5 thousand tons, 14 Merchant Ships over 2,000 tons, 53 smaller ships, 2 floating docks. Numerous unmarked wrecks in Approaches danger to navigation. Majority undoubtedly due to bombing. Intend R/C by German M/S on Thursday preliminary to sweep but operations are likely to be restricted by acute shortage of coal and diesel oil. Reply to my 1st Questionnaire has been received including confirming of swept channels. Captain Schultz commanding German M/S appears confident of completing this clearance but doubtful of more extensive operation. Canal pilots available. (F.O. Kiel, 082247B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Situation on Bornholm Continuous air attacks in waves since 0930. (Island Commandant Bornholm, 081025 to Commandant Danish Islands.)

Navigational

Light vessel L.93. Request arrangements be made as soon as weather permits for Light Vessel L.93 to be towed by T.H.V. BEACON to Humber Area and established in position 53° 41' 00" N. 02° 35' 00" E. Position is marked by a surveying beacon and winner buoy. (2) HALCYON detailed as escort.

(3) Surveying beacon to be weighed when light vessel has been established in position.

(4) Light to be at full brilliancy.

(C. in C. Nore, 081150B to F.O.I.C. Harwich.)

Navigational aids for German coast A.M. 051137B and A.N.C.X.F.'s 071222B. Request FOSSBECK be sailed to reach Harwich A.M. 13th May. (2) On arrival at Harwich ship is required to embark 50 Navigational Light Buoys and moorings and to be held at 24 hours' notice for onward sailing to Germany. (3) Neither telegrams to all addressees. (D.B.D., 081420B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

/Your...



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Navigational

Navigational aids for German coast (Contd.) Your 071222. Fifty navigational light buoys andmornings are being held at Harwich for this service (paragraph 4 of A.L./B.D.0519/45 of 6.4.45 and M/B.D.0234/45 of 27th April, but it is not desired to ship them unless necessary.  
 (2) In view of Cdre. Hamburg's 052320 addressed to F.O.I/C N.P. 1738 it seems probable that adequate Navigational Aids may be available and still in working order.  
 (3) Request every effort be made to verify these facts in order to avoid loading ships unnecessarily.  
 (4) Neither telegrams nor Admiralty Letter to all addressees. (Admty., 081824B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Casualties and Defects

N.Y.M.S.382 At 2145/7 when in position 50° 22' N. 03° 09' W. N.Y.M.S.382 was sunk by a heavy explosion.  
 (2) Ship was third in line with S.O. in N.Y.M.S.380 leading.  
 (3) N.Y.M.S.380, 381 and 379 hunted for half an hour while carrying out rescue work. No tracks seen, no contact obtained.  
 (4) 9 survivors have been landed, 23 missing. (5) Ships are now proceeding. (F.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 080331B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Steamships TILSINGTON COURT, DIPLODON, LEONARDOL. ROMERO, JOSE MARTI, BENJAMIN HUNTINGTON, GEORGE W. CAMPBELL, HAVRU. Regret to report that following M/Vs were damaged in collisions S.S.W. of Portland Bill between 0330B and 0500B on Tuesday 8th May. SS. TILSINGTON COURT in T.B.C.150, SS. DIPLODON, U.S. LEONARDOL. ROMERO, and U.S. JOSE MARTI in H.X.352, U.S. BENJAMIN HUNTINGTON, U.S. GEORGE W. CAMPBELL and Nor. SS. HAVRU in O.N.A.301. TILSINGTON COURT and DIPLODON are continuing with respective convoys. The remainder have reached Portland. (C. in C. Plymouth, 081451B to Admty.) The following vessels have arrived Portland having sustained damage through collision. Survey is being carried out. Further signal will be made:- Ex. Q.N.A.301 HAVRU (T) Nor., BENJAMIN HUNTINGDON (U.S.), GEORGE W. CAMPBELL (U.S.) Ex. H.X.352 JOSE MARTI (U.S.) LEONARDOL. ROMERO (U.S.). Both for Downs. (F.O.I.C. Portland, 081524B to Admty.)

Steamships JOHN H. MURPHY, STEPHEN F. AUSTIN. A.T.M.148. JOHN H. MURPHY and STEPHEN F. AUSTIN aground on Bolvanheyst Bank near N.F.12. Request tug to tow off. (VERSATILE, 081801B to C. in C. Nore.) My 081801 - ships instructed to rejoin if off by 1930B, otherwise to return Antwerp. VERSATILE rejoining. (VERSATILE, 081927B to C. in C. Nore.)



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Movements

VIDETTE,  
destroyer

VIDETTE is non-operational owing to excessive vibration in port shaft caused by "A" bracket bush being broken and loose in housing. Estimated time required in dock to make good defects is ten days and no dock will be available until about 19th May. Propose, therefore, that ship should be reduced now to category C. A.M. 180855 April refers. (C. in C. Portsmouth, 081536 to Admty., F.O.C.R.F.)

HIGHWAY  
L.S.D.

Intend to sail HIGHWAY as requisite 9th May to join O.S.127/K.M.S.101 at seaward end of Q.Z.S. 697 and proceed in company to Gibraltar for O/R in accordance with A.M. 021623\*.  
(2) HIGHWAY has L.C.G.(M) 108, 109, and 115 embarked.  
(C. in C. Plymouth, 081728B to F.O.G.M.A.)  
\* H.M.S. HIGHWAY to be sailed in K.M.S.101.



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BERMUDA, CLEOPATRA, cruisers. If Med. communication publications and necessary serial messages are held your 072145 to F.O.G.M.A. only is approved and you are to proceed direct to Malta.  
(5) On passing Carnero Point (A) detach CLEOPATRA to enter Gibraltar and comply with para. (A) of my 071050 not to all; (B) report your intended S. of A. through the Mediterranean; (C) report E.T.A. Malta. (F.O.G.M.A., 080117B to BERMUDA.)  
Arrived CLEOPATRA passed Gibraltar 0715B/8th. BERMUDA bound Malta, my 080117 (not to all). (F.O.G.M.A., 081115B to Admty.)

Movements. Intend to sail FLAMINGO (S.O.) and LA MALOUINE at 1100/9th May to Plymouth.  
(3) S. of A. 12 knots.  
(5) Destinations LA MALOUINE Plymouth, FLAMINGO Liverpool.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 081025B to Admty.)

K.M.S.100. Convoy, dispersal of. Further of my 080925 K.M.S.100 is to be dispersed at 2100B today May 8th before sailing ships to proceed independently by stragglers route.  
(2) WALLFLOWER remaining as escort to TAURUS and proceeding at best speed by convoy route to Gibraltar reporting S. of A. and E.T.A.  
(3) Group 3 return Gibraltar.  
(4) Report time and position of dispersing.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 081857B to K.M.S.100 for Cdre.)

German M.T.B. Ministry of Marine inform me German M.T.B. with crew of 12 in state of exhaustion through hunger have arrived at Santander and have been interned. R.O. Santander please investigate and report.  
(B.N.A. Madrid, 081911B to Admty. for A.N.C.X.F.)

COLOMBO. COLOMBO sailed 2000B/8 for Plymouth.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 082001B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

South Atlantic

KENYA. Route KENYA, etc. etc.  
(2) KENYA will not now be required to proceed at 26 knots unless specially ordered, A.M. 031256 not to all refers.  
(Plot., 081111B to F.O.C.W.Af., C. in C. Plymouth, etc.)



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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

L.S.Ts. (2) Owing to changed circumstances, it is now intended that L.S.T.(2) 76 and 1021 shall proceed to SE.A.C. on completion of their refit and not return to your command.  
(A.CN S.(F) 080547B to C. in C. Med.)

DUGUAY TROUIN Marine Paris orders me to use DUGUAY TROUIN to Fr. cruiser. carry from Toulon to Casablanca and Dakar and vice versa.  
A. Material and personnel going to Naval Schools in Morocco.  
B. Material and personnel returning to their original bases from Dakar and West Africa.  
C. Personnel repatriated from Dakar to North Africa and France. These movements of personnel are urgent and cannot be carried out rigidly by means of our passenger ships.  
(2) Following is intended programme for DUGUAY TROUIN, leave Toulon for Algiers on 16th May. Algiers for Casablanca about 19th, leave Casablanca for Dakar 23rd, leave Dakar about 30th to return by same route arriving Toulon about 9th June.  
(3) Request approval.  
(Almed. 081414 to C. in C. Med.)

HUNT class. A.M. 181000 April, to C. in C. Med. only.  
destroyers. It is desired that HUNTS types II and III under your command and ultimately destined for service in the Eastern Theatre should be refitted in the Mediterranean as soon as you can spare them and before returning to U.K. to adjust complements and give leave.  
(2) Your 071218 refers.  
(Vice Controller 081501B, C. in C. Med., 121136B.)

Linrep No. 754, A.F.H.Q. 081530B May to W.O.  
Occupation See Lion Copy.  
of N. Italy

Italian A.F.H.Q. 081648B to W.O.  
Theatre See Lion Copy.  
casualties.

Movement. U.S.S. KNIGHT, MURPHY, FALGOUT, F.S. LE TRIUMPHANT arrived.  
(Commob Oran 081945 to Cominch, Admty.)



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From A.F.H.Q.

*Linrep No 254  
re occupation N. Italy*

081530B/May

Date 9.5.45.

Recd. 0245

CYIPHER

To: The War Office

316936 FX 72463 Cipher 8th May.

Cite FHGOT Signed Alexander.

LINREP number 254. Summary of operation 3rd May to 6th May.

1. Ground. The first contact between troops of this theatre and those under Command of S.H.A.E.F. was made by 5th Army at 1051B hours 4th May when 88 Division met elements of 7 Army in the Vipiteno Area 7 miles south of Brenneu. The occupation of N.W. Italy proceeds without incident. In the Eighth Army Sector parties of enemy north of Gemona astride route 13 and south of Tarvisio astride route 54 refused to surrender and local negotiations are now proceeding. Elsewhere the occupation is proceeding smoothly though bad roads and blown bridges are hampering the advance into Austria.

2. Naval. Aegean. A small Greek minesweeper capsized and sank while on passage from Piraeus to Khios. Of about 115 passengers on board 33 are known saved.

Dodecanese. Covered by destroyers a successful raid has been made on Rhodes and Alinnia. Prisoners have been taken from enemy caique wrecked on passage from Rhodes to Crete.

Gulf of Genoa. After considerable delay due to bad weather minesweeping at Genoa has now commenced. It is hoped to be able to clear passage for LST and Coasters through the entrance there in 7 days once minesweeping enables lifting vessels to operate. A rough survey shows that 10 liberty and more than 3 Coaster berths are vacant and useable. Porto Maurizio and Oneglia reported practically intact and quickly clearable. As soon as minesweeping is completed LCT will be able to enter Savra and 20 ft. deep channel should be made 10 days later.

Adriatic. Troop ship NEURALIA struck a mine and sank near Taranto. Almost entire crew believed rescued. No troops on board at time. German Hospital ship FREIBURG which left Trieste and requested protection and orders has been brought into Bari. Enemy ships and vessels from Trieste and Pola sailed to surrender and were intercepted by coastal craft and escorted to Ancona. 23 craft have surrendered so far and 1321 prisoners have been taken from them. Sweeping of channel from Ancona to Trieste is proceeding satisfactorily but a Danlayer and M/L have been mined and sunk. Preliminary report from Trieste states berthing situation excellent and port virtually undamaged except from our bombing. The port of Venice and its approaches are believed heavily mined but commercial harbour is reported in very good condition.

A/.....



A midget submarine has arrived there from Pola. 2 more are believed to have been mined on passage.

3. Air. Only Balkan Air Force operated offensively throughout the period.

Para. Strategic Air Force flew escorts when requested.

Sub. para. Tactical air Force reced the surrendered areas of Italy and Austria reporting movement and ensuring adherence to surrender terms.

Coastal Air Force carried out minespotting and defensive patrols.

Balkan Air Force attacked communications barracks areas and ammo dumps in north west Yugoslavia. Greek based aircraft on 2 days bombed coastal defence guns on Milos scoring several direct hits.

NOTE by C.6. (Tels).

081530B.

Advance copy sent to Colonial  
Office for transmission to  
Achimota.

Advance copy. OPS. O.I.C.

Received in W/R at 12/1807.  
Circulated by W.O. to W.O. Depts  
and Admiralty,  
Air Ministry. And Defence Map Room

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From:- A.F.H.Q.

*Italian Theatre  
Casualties*

081648B/May

Date: 9.5.45

Recd: 0245

CIPHER

To:- The War Office  
AGWAR Washington  
Info:- ANPB

FX 72531 cipher 3 May. SECRET. 317015

CITE FHGDS.

Signed Alexander

Administrative summary number 60 for week ending  
2 May.

One. Casualty and P.O.W. figures cumulative to  
2 May. Read in three columns: formation, X Z killed and missing,  
Y wounded.

60,007. Eighth Army: British and Dominion X and Z 22,482 Y

Polish X and Z 2,339 Y 8,271  
Italian X and Z 860 Y, 2,136  
Greek X and Z 87 Y 280  
Total Eighth Army X and Z 25,768 Y 70,694.

Fifth Army: US X and Z 32,334 Y 77,967  
British and Dominion X and Z 17,516 Y 30,435  
French X and Z 6,824 Y 20,848  
Italian X and Z 808 Y 821  
Brazilian X and Z 510 Y 1,701  
Total Fifth Army X and Z 57,992 Y 131,772.

MAAF: Read in four columns: formation, X killed,  
Y wounded, Z missing.

AAF/MTO X 3,911 Y 3,468 Z 14,165  
RAF X 1,102 Y 536 Z 1,272  
Dominion X 527 Y 342 Z 844  
Other Allied X 39 Y 33 Z 135  
TOTAL MAAF X 5,579 Y 4,379 Z 16,416

Creekmil X 306 Y 1,455 Z 95

Two. Prisoners OD War (admitted into Army cages or  
dequated through medical channels):

Eighth Army: German and Austrian 20,386. Italian 1,041.  
Russian 3,762. Miscellaneous 3,066. Unclassified 625. Total  
10 April - 4 May 45 28,880.

/ Fifth Army



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Fifth Army: German and Austrian 108,891. Italian 7,431.  
 Russian 4,248. Miscellaneous 1,936. Total 10 April -- 4 May 45  
 122,506.

Greekmil: Total 42,928.

Cumulative grand total from 3 September 43 340,375.

Three. General administrative situation as follows:

(A) Road Transport resources are still severely strained. Some elements of enemy transport already in operation under Allied control.

(B) Enemy personnel surrendered after 1400B 2 May now being fed on reduced ration below PW scale. Although no (rpt. no) firm estimate can yet be made of total number involved there is no doubt that this commitment will make serious inroads on overall theatre stocks.

Four. Data regarding maintenance in Italy as follows:

(A) Most forward Railheads in operation: no change

(B) Most forward POL Pipeheads in operation: no change

(C) Forward port daily discharges for week ending 28 April averaged as follows (read in three columns: port, stores, vehicles) Ancona 4, 210, 171. Leghorn 3, 220, 17.

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East Indies

Escort  
vessels  
on E.I.  
Station.

Escort vessels are in some cases getting beyond economical repair on the station. Anticipate 1 ship every 3 weeks will become non-operational in spite of best possible maintenance.  
(2) Should useless ships be sent to U.K. or S. Africa or reduced to care and maintenance on the station? Can manage without relief until 1st September.  
(C. in C. E.I., 080351Z to Admty.)

French  
ships.

Propose F.S. DUMONT D'URVILLE should refit shortly after arrival of LA GRANDIERE on E.I. Station it would benefit her ships company if this could be done at a French port.  
(2) If approved request allocation of refitting port and propose she should transport the important cargo referred to in para. 2 of B.A.D's 192211 if she can handle it.  
(3) Request expected programme for LA GRANDIERE and CAP DES PALMES.  
(4) Your 011651 refers.  
(C. in C. E.I., 081009Z to Admty.) *see 200550Z June*

C. in C.E.I.  
(Movement).

Departed ULSTER QUEEN wearing flag of C. in C. E.I., ODZANI, TELEMACHUS, SIBYL, TORBAY.  
(N.O.I.C. Trincomalee, 081533Z to Admty.)



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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America & West Indies.

U/B surrender A.M.031340. If Germans have not then been heard to broadcast surrender orders to U-Boats it is intended to release B.A.M.S. message for transmission at 1300B today Tuesday with first part amended as under: begins -

The German High Command has been directed to give the following surrender orders to U-Boats.

A. To remain on the surface flying a large black or blue flag by day and burning navigation lights by night.

B. To make for specified ports under Allied control.

C. To report their position in plain language on 500 k/cs every 8 hours.

(D.T.D. 081124B to B.A.D.)

Transatlantic air routes. Following from Cominch begins:-  
Air transport command contemplates greatly increased employment of Transatlantic air routes beginning about 1st June. To provide air sea rescue facilities plane guard stations west of the strategic line will be manned by U.S. Naval and Brazilian vessels. Consider that within British controlled waters air routes should be covered as follows. Paris Santa Maria two stations and 1 each for Prestwick Meeks, Prestwick Stephenville, Casablanca Santa Maria, Dakar Natal and Monrovia Ascension. Ascertain whether Admiralty is willing to furnish vessels for the above." Ends.

Please advise me regarding last sentence.  
(Com. 12th Fleet 081206 to Admty.)

T.G. 60.6 Task Group 60.6 reconstituted. C.T.G. 60.6 Commander Roberts U.S.C.G. in LUDLOW, DOBLER, SMARTT, <sup>WALTER</sup> S. BROWN, <sup>KEY WEST</sup> ~~Key West~~. Escort convoy U.G.S. 93 departing New York and Hampton Roads, 17/18th May for Western Mediterranean. Escorts lay over Oran. Return U.S. escorting G.U.S. 95. When directed by C. in C. Med.  
(Cinclant 081337Z to C.T.G. 60.6)

U/B search. A.C.I. 502 (C) UBEN.  
(1) H.M.C.S. GIFFARD. (2) 0814Z of 23rd April.  
(3) 50.01 N. 42.02 W. 135° 12 knots.  
(4) Screening LORD KELVIN. (10) 3 D/C attacks one hedgehog. (14) Carried out 10 mile square search.  
(15) 0100Z of 24th April GIFFARD returned to screening cable ship U.S.S. BEAUFORT searched until 1340Z of 25th.  
(F.O.N.F. 081402Z to Admty.)

Amphibious forces for S.E. Asia Command. We now consider that Sacmed should be able to release all U.S.. amphibious forces on 15th May and that he should also be able to spare now or in the near future certain British ships and craft which are required in U.K. for preparation for service in South East Asia Command.



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America & West Indies.

Amphibious  
forces for  
S.E. Asia  
Command.  
(Contd.)

(2) You should therefore suggest to the U.S. Chiefs of Staff that the Combined Chiefs of Staff instruct Sacmed:-  
(a) to release all U.S. amphibious forces accordingly, and (b) to propose to the British Chiefs of Staff, repeated J.S.M. a programme for the release of all British amphibious forces in his theatre, many of which are urgently required in U.K. for refit before redeployment in South East Asia Command.  
(A.M.S.S.O. 081415Z to J.S.M. Washington.)  
J.S.M. 792. 8th May, 1945. Ref. C.O.S.(W)\* 854.  
U.S. Chiefs of Staff agree that you should instruct Sacmed on behalf of the Combined Chiefs of Staff, as proposed in para. 2. (J.S.M. Washington 082207Z to A.M.S.S.O.)  
\* Release of U.S. amphibious forces by Sacmed. (T.O.O. 081315).

F.S. LE  
TRIOMPHANT,  
(large  
destroyer.)

As proposed by Admiralty on request of Marine Paris Cominch as executive agent C.C.S. authorizes transfer of F.S. LE TRIOMPHANT from Mediterranean to East Indies Station.  
(Cominch and C.N.O. 081459Z to Admty.)

U/B dis-  
positions.

Estimates.  
(N.S.H.Q., 081506Z, Cominch 081555Z.)

U/B contact.

Para. D. 080045Z U.S.S. BARNEY reported contact 41.15 N. 71.39 W. B.A.D., N.M.C.J.S. have Info. by hand. Admiralty pass to H.Q.C.C.  
(Cominch 082028 to Admty. for O.I.C.)

Far East and Australia.

A.M. Engi-  
neering force  
for advanced  
bases.

Reference Memorandum handed by Chief of Staff and Appendix 1.  
(2) Ship carrying equipment listed in para. 6 of Appendix 1 has arrived Sydney. 750 Royal Marines engineers, are in Sydney and a further 750 expected 19th May, the whole form a self contained engineering force who could be used for any purpose you may wish including airfield construction. It would probably be best for men to be victualled from U.S. sources if working alongside seabees.  
(3) I am very unwilling to order the equipment to be unloaded in Australia if this party can be of use forward. Delays involved in area of reloading and subsequent move forward would be considerable.  
(4) Since I cannot hold loaded ship for long request early advice what you desire.  
(C. in C. B.P.F. 080044Z to C. in C. Pac. Adv.) See 090607.

/Greatly...







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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

S/M attack  
& sighting  
summary.

For 24 hours to 0800Z/8th May.

Para. A. (1) One ship reported sunk and one sinking in convoy E.N. 91 at 2055Z/7th May in approx. 56° 12' N. 02° 30' W. Possibly U-Boat.  
(2) N.Y.M.S. 382 sunk at 1952Z/7th in 50° 23' N. 03° 09' W. Possibly U-Boat.

Para. C. (1) A/C S/210 had H/T contact at 1240Z/7th in 61° 32' N. 01° 53' E.

(2) A/C J/202 sighted possible U-Boat and had H/T contact at 0432Z/7th in 55° 50' N. 09° 36' W.

(3) A/C N/518 sighted possible U-Boat and attacked oil patch at 1050Z/7th in 55° 55' N. 08° 39' W.

(4) Minesweepers attacked contact at 1040Z/7th in 69° 48' N. 30° 07' E.

(D.D.I.C. 081110B to Cominch, N.S.H.Q.)

U/B dis-  
positions.

Estimates.

(D.D.I.C. 081335B to A.I.G., Cominch.)



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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

North Sea.

1. (a) Dunkirk surrendered at 1055. (p. 199)
- (b) The coal situation in N.W. German ports is critical.
- (c) Wesermünde is in good condition and contains 180 merchantmen including EUROPA.
- (d) Heligoland is in a shattered condition. The civilian population has been evacuated and F.O.I.C. 1738 is evacuating the garrison of 2500 as fast as possible. They have water for 3 weeks only.
- (e) Minesweeping of Rotterdam and Cuxhaven approaches is in active progress, but PROMPT of the 11th M.S.F. was mined off N.F. 7 buoy about 5 p.m. Six ships are already discharging relief supplies in Rotterdam.
- (f) U.1194 surrendered at Cuxhaven.

Channel.

2. (a) Unconditional surrender of the Channel Islands was signed on the Quarter Deck of BULLDOG at 0715.
- (b) U.249 surfaced at 0920 60 miles south of Lands End and is being escorted to Weymouth.

West Coast France.

3. Lorient, La Rochelle and St. Nazaire have capitulated.

Western Approaches.

4. U.1105 surfaced at 0910 about 110 miles W.N.W. of St. Kilda and U.1058 at 1515 about 90 miles west of St. Kilda, both bound for Loch Eriboll.

Norway.

5. (a) Intensive minesweeping of the approaches to Norway has begun.
- (b) Oslo, which is reported as quiet at present, and Stavanger, are to be occupied as quickly as possible.
- (c) Bergen is undamaged but jumpy.
- (d) Terboven and 15 other "notabilities" have sailed from Horten in Oslo Fjord in U.874, provisioned for 3 months.
- (e) U.802 surfaced at 1106 about 100 miles N.W. by N. of Bergen and has been directed to Loch Eriboll.

Northern Waters.

6. U.826 surfaced at 1128 about 90 miles N.W. of Lerwick, and U.1009 at 1200 some 70 miles N.W., the latter was unfortunately attacked by an aircraft of coastal command but continued on her surrender course later.

/Baltic...



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Baltic.

7. (a) Lübeck port facilities are reported normal.  
(b) Kiel damage is worse than anticipated. HIPPER, EMDEN and 8 to 12 U-Boats have been sabotaged, stranded or scuttled, but the Canal is efficient except for one sunken U-Boat. Food and fuel are in short supply and there is no water. Minesweeping is expected to begin shortly. Some 93,000 refugees from the Eastern Baltic, arrived in Strander Bucht, will not be allowed to land at Kiel, but are to be passed through the Canal, probably to Hamburg.  
(c) Bornholm has capitulated to the Russians.  
(d) Of two Spitfires which circled a German convoy off Kiel, one was shot down.

Foreign Stations.

Mediterranean.

North Africa.

8. (a) Some Arab rioting took place yesterday and today in several Algerian localities. Trouble was experienced at Bone, Blida and Constantine but the situation did not get out of hand.  
(b) At Sotif about 30 Europeans were killed and 100 wounded. Order has been restored in the town and immediate vicinity by the French. At Guelina about 10 Europeans were killed. Nothing reported from Algiers and Oran.

Adriatic.

9. A small force of minesweepers has arrived at Trieste. Sweeping of Channel from Ancona continues to progress satisfactory.

Greece.

10. The German command in Milos surrendered today.



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East Indies.

Burma . . . 11.(a) A motor launch patrol was established to patrol the Sittang River Estuary to destroy escaping Japanese today.  
(b) M.Ls. 905 and 591 foundered on a tidal wave. There were 6 survivors. (131245.)

Movements. 12. QUEEN ELIZABETH (B.S.3), RICHELIEU, SUFFOLK, TROMP (Dutch cruiser,) EMPRESS, SHAH, ROYALIST (A.C. 21), HUNTER, STALKER, EMPEROR, KHEDIVE arrived Trincomalee from operations off Rangoon. AMEER arrived Colombo from Durban.

Far East and Australia.

Japan,  
T.G. 57. 13. Today in the second series of strikes on Sakishima Gunto by KING GEORGE V (B.S.1), HOWE, INDOMITABLE (A.C.1), VICTORIOUS, INDEFATIGABLE, FORMIDABLE, SWIFTSURE (C.S.4), BLACK PRINCE, EURYALUS, GAMBIA, UGANDA and 13 destroyers, Myako and Ishigaki were well bombed. Two aircraft were destroyed on the ground. About noon fleet was attacked by suiciders. Fighters shot down one. Three crashed after hitting carriers. VICTORIOUS was hit in flight deck, forward, forward lift accelerator and 10% armament put out of action. The after airpark of FORMIDABLE was set alight and two pompoms put out of action, but ship remains operational. Casualties light on both ships. Fleet now replenishing in service area and hopes to resume striking on 12th and 13th May. (100414Z.)

U-BOAT Surrenders.

14. Commencing today daily U-Boat estimates will be made in 2 paras. -  
Para. A. contains positions of U-Boats which have reported and are apparently intending to comply with surrender orders.  
Para. B. gives estimates of areas still considered to contain U-Boats which may continue to operate offensively.



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German orders to U-Boats.

The instructions transmitted in the preceding W/T message regarding continuous surface sailing are to be complied with, position, course and speed are to be transmitted on the stated frequencies according to the following zones and orders (? corrupt text)

have been firmly laid down for U-Boats which surrender.

(1) Zone (A). (a) Bounded in the west by  $26^{\circ}$  W. in the south by  $43^{\circ}$  N., in the Barents Sea by  $20^{\circ}$  E., in the approaches to the Baltic by a line from The Naze to Hanstholm, excluding the Irish Sea between  $51^{\circ} 30'$  and  $55^{\circ} 0'$  N. and the Channel between the line Lands End-Scilly Isles-Ushant and the line Dover-Calais. All U-Boats in area (A) have to approach one of the following routes at the nearest point to them and have to proceed on this route ..... "Loch Eriboll ( $58^{\circ} 33'$  N.,  $04^{\circ} 37'$  W.)" Blue route, all positions, apart from those expressly defined elsewhere, refer to the north and west.  $49^{\circ} 0'$ ,  $09^{\circ} 0'$ ;  $53^{\circ} 0'$ ,  $12^{\circ} 0'$ ;  $58^{\circ} 0'$ ,  $11^{\circ}$ ;  $59^{\circ} 0'$ ,  $05^{\circ} 30'$  and from this point to Loch Eriboll.

Red route -  $53^{\circ} 45'$  N.,  $03^{\circ} 0'$  E.;  $59^{\circ} 45'$ ,  $01^{\circ} 0'$ ;  $59^{\circ} 45'$   $03^{\circ} 0'$  and from this point to Loch Eriboll.

(c) You have to put in to Loch Eriboll between sunrise and three hours before sunset.

(2) Zone (B). (a) The Irish Sea between  $51^{\circ} 30'$  and  $55^{\circ} 0'$  N.

(b) All U-Boats in Zone (B) have to proceed to  $53^{\circ} 19'$  (?) N.  $03^{\circ} 58'$  W. and have to put in there between sunrise and three hours before sunset.

(3) Zone (C). The Channel between the line Land End-Scilly Isles-Ushant and the line Dover-Calais.

(b) All boats in Zone (C) have to put in at one of the following routes at the point nearest them. Green route position (A)  $49^{\circ} 10'$  N.  $05^{\circ} 40'$  W. Position (B)  $50^{\circ} 0'$  N.  $03^{\circ} 0'$  W. and from there under escort to Weymouth.

Orange route position (X)  $50^{\circ} 30'$  N.  $0^{\circ} 50'$  E. Position (Y)  $50^{\circ} 10'$  N.  $01^{\circ} 50'$  W. and from this point under escort to Weymouth.

(c) You have to be at position (B) or position (Y) between sunrise and three hours before sunset.

(4) Zone (D). Is bounded in the west by a line from The Naze to Hanstholm and in the east by a line from Lübeck to Trelleborg.

(b) All U-Boats in Zone (D) have to proceed to Kiel.

(5) Zone (E). (a) Approach to Mediterranean bounded in the north by  $43^{\circ}$  N. in the south by  $26^{\circ}$  N. and in the west by  $26^{\circ}$  W.

(b) You have to reach the R/V at position (A)  $36^{\circ} 0'$  N.  $11^{\circ} 0'$  W. You have to wait there for the convoy and have to inform the Admiral at Gibraltar of your E.T.A. in P/L on 500 k/cs.

(c) All U-Boats in Zone (E) have to be at position (A) between sunrise and 1200 hours G.M.T.

(6) Zone (F). The north and south Atlantic Ocean west of longitude  $26^{\circ}$  W.

(b) All U-Boats in Zone (F) have to be at the nearest of the following points between sunrise and three hours before sunset

(W)  $43^{\circ} 30'$  N.  $70^{\circ} 0'$  W. approaching from a point 15 miles east north (?)  $70^{\circ} 0'$  W. approaching from a point 15 miles due east.

(T)  $38^{\circ} 0'$  N.  $74^{\circ} 25'$  W. approaching from a point 15 miles east.

/(Y) ...



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German orders (Y) 47° 18' N., 52° 30' W. approaching from  
to U-Boats. position 47° 18' N., 51° 0' W. on a course (?)  
(Contd.) of 270°. (Z) 0° 31' N., 65° 05' W. approaching  
from position 42° 59' N., 64° 28' W. on a course  
of 320°.

(BODOU OP, No T.O.O. to all German U-Boats at sea, T.O.R.090002)

Summary of U-Boat situation. (1) Prior to destruction  
of stations about 15 days ago low frequency was normal method  
of transmission to U-Boats.

(2) Germans are now broadcasting to U-Boats on H/F and also  
on public broadcast wave lengths.

(3) Details of H/F frequencies, times of sending and call signs  
expected shortly and will be forwarded to Admiralty.

(4) Germans anticipate only small percentage of U-Boats will  
now receive signals - (a) because U-Boats are not all fitted  
for H/F reception; and (b) because U-Boats may remain submerged  
up to 93 days.

(5) For past 5 days Germans have been broadcasting instructions  
to U-Boats to return to harbour. Am informed that Germans will  
now alter instructions to comply with Annex 'A' to surrender  
terms.

(6) Germans have been permitted to issue instructions referred  
to in para. 5 in cypher as they consider U-Boats likely to  
disregard P/L signals.

(7) Anticipate this H.Q. will establish radio communications  
with OKM shortly. Admiralty will be informed.

(A.N.C.X.F., 091300B to Admty.) Note: Individual movements  
of U-Boats are given under "Enemy Intelligence".

OKM is to be allowed to use minimum German Naval tele-  
communications and German codes/cyphers to implement necessary  
surrender terms and in particular the passing of instructions  
to U-Boats. (2) Inform OKM and initiate any necessary action  
with Allied Forces.

(A.N.C.X.F., 092021B to F.O. Kiel.)

U-Boat men. After an heroic fight without parallel you  
have laid down your arms. You have unprecedented achievements to  
your credit. You must now make the hardest sacrifice of all for  
your Fatherland by obeying the following instructions uncondition-  
ally. This casts no slur on your honour but will prevent serious  
consequences for your native land. The order to proceed on  
return passage to Norway (transmitted in W/T message 88 Q, 13 F,  
34 L, 66 D and with special cypher 294, 314, 316, 319 on the  
coastal service) is cancelled. Your Gross Admiral.

(Gross Admiral, 092026 to all U-Boats.)

Post-Peace Carry out Operation "Adieu".  
U/B surrender (V.C.N.S., 090037B to all authorities.)  
procedure.

Admiralty's The following message has been sent by the  
congratu- Board of Admiralty to the Director Women's Royal  
lations. Naval Service. Begins:  
At this historic moment the Board of Admiralty  
wish to record their high appreciation of the  
part played by the Women's Royal Naval Service  
in the support of the Fleet and in the work of the Naval  
Commands throughout the war against Germany and her European  
Allies. The loyalty, zeal and efficiency with which the

/officers ...



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Admiralty's  
congratulations.  
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officers and ratings of the Women's Royal Naval Service have shared the burdens and upheld the traditions of the Naval Service through more than five and a half years of war have earned the gratitude of the Royal Navy. Ends.  
(1st Lord, 090149B to all authorities.)

For the second time since the Battle of Trafalgar sea power, relentlessly applied, has preserved and sustained our Nation and Commonwealth and led to the decisive defeat of Germany and her European associates. The Board of Admiralty congratulate all officers and men upon their share in this great victory, confident that the fortitude, skill and tenacity which have made it possible will be displayed with the same distinction and effect in the task yet to be completed in the Far East.

(1st Lord, 090416B to all authorities.)

British B.A.M.S. lettered message Q.M.

Victory message to the Merchant Navy. Lord Leathers, Minister of War Transport, has issued the following message to all officers and men of the Merchant Navy: Begins:

For more than five and a half years side by side with the Allied Merchant Navies, in the face of continual and merciless attacks by the enemy, you have maintained the ceaseless flow of sea traffic on which the life and strength of this country depend. All who have borne the strain of this grim struggle have a full share, too, in the Nation's thanks.

In this historic hour we think with special gratitude of the many merchant seamen who have fallen in the fight and whose service and sacrifice will always be a proud memory. The knowledge of their sacrifice and the thought of comrades still held captives in the Far East will spur us to further efforts as we turn to the immediate task of enabling the Allied Forces to transfer the main weight of their attack from Germany to Japan. I am confident that the Merchant Navy will continue to play its indispensable part.

The Board of Admiralty have also asked me to express on their behalf and on behalf of the Royal Navy their admiration for the great contribution made by the Merchant Navy to the common victory through all the perils and rigours of more than five and a half years of war at sea.

(D.T.D., 091331Z to British armed merchant ships in all areas.)

S.A.C's  
congratulations.

The following Victory Order of the Day has been issued by the Supreme Commander.  
"Men and women of the Allied Expeditionary Force: The crusade of which we embarked in the early summer of 1944 has reached its glorious conclusion  
It is my especial privilege, in the name of all

Nations represented in this theatre of War, to commend each of you for valiant performance of duty. Though these words are feeble they come from the bottom of a heart overflowing with pride in your loyal service and admiration for you as warriors.

Your accomplishments at sea, in the air, on the ground and in the field of supply, have astonished the world. Even before the final week of the conflict, you had put five million of the enemy permanently out of the war. You have taken in stride

/military ...



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S.A.C's  
congratu-  
lations.  
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military tasks so difficult as to be classed by many doubters as impossible. You have confused, defeated and destroyed your savagely fighting foe. On the road Allied forces, coming from the south.

Full victory in Europe has been attained.

Working and fighting together in a single and indestructible partnership you have achieved a perfection in unification of air, ground and naval power that will stand as a model in our time.

The route you have travelled through hundreds of miles is marked by the graves of former comrades. From them has been exacted the ultimate sacrifice; blood of many nations - American, British, Canadian, French, Polish and others - has helped to gain the victory. Each of the fallen died as a member of the team to which you belong, bound together by a common love of liberty and a refusal to submit to enslavement. No monument of stone, no memorial of whatever magnitude could so well express our respect and veneration for their sacrifice as would perpetuation of the spirit of comradeship in which they died. As we celebrate victory in Europe let us remind ourselves that our common problems of the immediate and distant future can be best solved in the same conception of co-operation and devotion to the cause of human freedom as have made this Expeditionary Force such a mighty engine of righteous destruction.

Let us have no part in the profitless quarrels in which other men will inevitably engage as to what country, what service, won the European War. Every man, every nation here represented has served according to his or her ability, and the efforts of each have contributed to the outcome. This we shall remember - and in doing so we shall be revering each honoured grave, and be sending comfort to the loved ones of comrades who could not live to see this day.

(Signed) Dwight D. Eisenhower".

(A.N.C.X.F., No T.O.O./9 to all F.Os. i/c and N.Os. i/c., T.O.R. 1222.)

Discretion  
in attacking  
U-Boats.

Instructions are to be given to all groups that great care is to be taken to prevent any attack on a U-Boat which is endeavouring to the best of its ability to comply with the surrender procedure.

(2) A/C should always have in mind the possibility that U-Boats have not received the full text of the surrender orders.

(3) The incident with U.1009 refers (see "Operations, Northern Waters").

(V.C.N.S., 091931B to H.Q.C.C.)

German  
orders to  
surface  
craft.

The following provisions of the capitulation conditions come into force as from 0001/9th May 1945.

(A) At sea and in coastal waters, report position forthwith in P/L to the nearest British, North American or Soviet Coastal W/T Station on frequency 500 k/cs. (= 600 metres). Steer

/for ...



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German orders to surface craft. (Contd.)

for the nearest German or Allied harbour or any other harbour decided by the Allied Representatives. Remain there pending further orders from the Allied Representatives.  
(B) By night, set lights and shine searchlight vertically upwards.  
(C) All armament is to be trained forward or aft in its lashed position. Unload torpedo tubes and remove breech mechanism from all guns.  
(German Naval War Staff, 091931 to all warships and merchantmen at sea.)

Distinguishing German war and merchant vessels required to flag for German ships on Allied business.

operate in Allied interests with German crews are to fly at the peak International Code Flag C with a triangle cut from the fly thus transforming it into a burgee.  
(2) If Allied Naval Officers are on board the appropriate Allied Ensign is also to be worn superior.  
(3) This arrangement is provisional.  
(A.N.C.X.F., 092230B to all F.Os. i/c and N.Os. i/c.)

Operations

North Sea

Situation in Wilhelmshaven Command.

(1) Further meeting with Admiral Forlaye tonight but he has been unable to produce all additional information promised. Some information and additional charts are being sent by Lieut. Harrower by air tomorrow, Wednesday.  
(2) About 12 small M/S. will be ready to start sweeping over limited areas on Thursday and I intend starting on inshore channels without further notice.  
(3) Garrison on Heligoland about 2,500 who have 2 months provisions but will soon be short of water, distilling plant was badly damaged in an air raid and cannot maintain supplies.  
(4) Coal situation here and Elbe critical and all gas installations will shortly have to close down.  
(5) Situation Emden well in hand.  
(F.O. Wilhelmshaven, 090005B to C. in C. Nore, Admty., A.N.C.X.F., N.L.O. 21st A.G.)

E-Boat desired at Chatham.

Request one E-Boat may be sent to Chatham as convenient for technical reasons without prejudice to ultimate disposal.  
(C. in C. Nore, 091029B to A.N.C.X.F.)

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Minesweeping Request you will sail 139th M.S.F. to take  
to part in Operation "Fireball" under Capt. M/S.  
Rotterdam. Force A.

(2) It is desirable that R.N.N. vessels shall  
lead along New Waterway to Rotterdam.  
(D.M.S., 091037B to C. in C. Nore.)

PROMPT mined N.F.7 Buoy 7 cables amplifying signal follows  
wireless watch 2333 k/cs.

(Capt. M/S. Force A, 091705B to C. in C. Nore.)

Admiralty's 091037B not to all. Request you will sail  
vessels of 139th M.S.F. fitted L.A.A. to Ostend as soon as  
practicable for onward passage to The Hook when required by  
Capt. M/S. Force A who is directed to arrange their operation  
in accordance with above Admiralty message.

(C. in C. Nore, 091944B to F.O.I.C. Harwich.)

Force A anchored H.K.4 M.L.250, R.M.L.546, M.M/S. 175  
and PROMPT. M.Ls. and R.M.L. in Ostend proceeding tomorrow  
according to programme.

(Capt. M/S. Force A, 092309B to C. in C. Nore.)

Surrender of "I and my brave undefeated garrison are closing  
Dunkerque. down after I have carried out the order for  
unconditional surrender. We shall bear our  
fate worthily and cherish loyal thought of our  
home".

(German Admiral Frisius, 091055B to Supreme  
Command of the German Armed Forces.)

Congestion Request following vessels may be sailed to  
in Cuxhaven. another port before arrival of Force C to  
relieve congestion in Cuxhaven.

Two destroyers, Z.33, Z.15. Eight U-Boats  
U.883, U.778, U.291, U.1198, U.1103, U.2341,  
U.2356, U.1194. Four Flak-ships.

(N.O.I.C. Cuxhaven, 091220B to N.O.I.C.  
Wilhelmshaven.)

Your 091220B. Cannot you berth these ships in Cuxhaven Roads?

(2) Your 091220B should have been made to me.

(F.O. Wilhelmshaven, 092231B to N.O.I.C. Cuxhaven.)

Burning of  
navigation  
lights in  
Dover  
Command.

My 101328B April and 161227B April and A.M.  
181231B April.

Burning of navigation lights in Dover Command  
can now be reinstituted. Request A.M.  
referred to may be amended accordingly.  
(V.A. Dover, 091307B to Admty.)

Shipping to  
be accepted  
before  
completion  
of sweeping.

Your 081455B, para. 2 concur.  
(D.M.S., 091333B to A.N.C.X.F.)



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Minesweeping Humber to Hamburg. Capt. M/S. Force C entered Cuxhaven 1400B in M.L.211. Remainder of Force C are expected to berth in Cuxhaven tonight on completion of sweep. Fleet sweepers will enter Cuxhaven as soon as channel is considered clear of ground mines.  
("T.U. 125.38", 091450 to Admty., F.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven.)

My 071913 and C. in C. Nore's memorandum 0517/61 dated 16th March para. 10B. 163rd, 170th and 209th M/S. Flotilla sailed up to strength also M.Ls. 212, 300, 915, 345, 454, 473 and 211. Trawlers PROPHET, PRONG, PROTEST and PROPERTY. (F.O. Humber, 091519B to C. in C. Nore.)

I am prepared to sail 2 destroyers to the position of P.15 Buoy at any time if they will be of use to you.  
(C. in C. Nore, 092317B to N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven.)

Surrendered ex-German M.S. 21. Your 081540B May. Request you report whether M.S.21 was of Dutch registry before transfer to German service stating former name and place of building.  
(Hd. of M.I., 091538B to V.A. Dover.)  
My 081540.

German minesweeper fitted as follows:  
(1) Magnetic sweep non-buoyant cable kept afloat by two paravanes which are not now on board and one float. Energised by 30 kilowatt diesel generator which produced 300 Amps. at 60 volts. No pulsing generator connected direct to tail, continuous current.  
(2) Acoustic sweep is of explosive type which superseded hammer box.  
(3) Written report following.  
(V.A. Dover, 091846B to Admty.)

Patrols. Patrols for night Thursday 10th May.  
23 TORRINGTON, 24 SEYMOUR.  
(2) Escorts for T.A.M.65 CATTISTOCK and GUILLEMOT. T.A.P.30 EGGESFORD. F.N.7 COWDRAY and BLENCATHRA. F.S.1 ALBRIGHTON and HOLDERNESS.  
(3) Coastal Forces from U.K.: Patrol 51, 52 and 53 - 1 M.L. each. From Ostend: XJYU 4126 - 3 M.L. Unit F.G.5.  
Two M.T.B. Units at each base in harbour at 30 minutes notice from 2200B.  
(C. in C. Nore, 091635B to Nore Command.)  
Coastal Force dispositions night 9th/10th May.  
Patrol 51 - M.L. 1458. Patrol 52 - M.L.590. Patrol 53 - M.L.585. XJYU 4126 Units at each base in U.K. at ½ hours notice from 2200B.  
(C. in C. Nore, 091757B to Admty.)

Situation on Heligoland. Heligoland. All civilian accommodation destroyed and population evacuated. Garrison of 2,500 has only 3 weeks' water. Intend to start evacuation forthwith as I can at present only

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remove 300 a day in fine weather. I also intend to occupy Heligoland for about a week with 1 Company R.M. and technical officers, taking their own water. Propose that eventually Heligoland should be mandated. (F.O.I.C. 1738, 091637B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Discharge Situation Report.

Cositintrep No. 400, part 4, section A. Discharge by sea 24 hour period ending 081600B May.

	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Stores</u>	<u>Bulk Coal</u>	<u>Bulk Pol.</u>	<u>G.F. Ammo.</u>
<u>British -</u>						
Antwerp	-	-	-	-	6,878	-
Ostend	2,420	251	2,619	-	337	693
Caen	-	-	-	1,129	-	-
Calais	5,267	98	136	239	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,687</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>2,755</b>	<b>1,368</b>	<b>7,215</b>	<b>693</b>
<u>U.S. North -</u>						
Antwerp	-	74	7,878	-	-	-
Cherbourg	-	70	2,853	1,040	13,128	-
Le Havre	5,189	9	4,199	640	203	-
Rouen	9	-	481	183	4,679	-
Ghent	-	-	5,451	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,198</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>20,862</b>	<b>1,863</b>	<b>18,010</b>	<b>-</b>
<u>U.S. South -</u>						
Marseilles	2,493	164	8,924	-	-	-
Port de Bouc	-	-	1,636	495	5,814	-
Toulon	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,493</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>10,360</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>5,814</b>	<b>-</b>

(S.H.A.E.F., 091645B to Admty. and others.)

Army Situation Report.

G.2 Summary No. 129 dated 9th May 1945 covering period 072400B to 082400B. Small party Dutch S.S. Resistance, resisting at Julphaas (E.1885) defeated by Allies after short fight. Dunkirk surrendered. Fighting ceased Lorient 7th May. La Rochelle also capitulated;

Allies in both towns. Surrender Saint Nazaire was expected 8th May, but no confirmation yet.

(S.H.A.E.F., 091700B to War Office.)

Opening of N.W. German ports.

Request you will concert and report dates on which it is expected ports in N.W. Germany can be opened for: (a) Urgent shipping. (b) Normal supply traffic. (c) Large personnel ships in order to assist logistic planning.

(2) Decision on (a) and (b) in respect of Hamburg is required urgently. It appears from information so far available to Admiralty that acceptable security would be obtained by May 12th and May 19th respectively.

(A.C.N.S.(H), 091742B to A.N.C.X.F.)

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Minesweeping in Dutch Waters. In view of P.M. mines referred to in Captain M/S. Holland's 061900 para. XXI. Request allocation to F.O. Holland of 126 foot M.M.S. with non-buoyant cable for static sweep in accordance with C.B.O. 4397 (45). (A.N.C.X.F., 091815B to Admty.)

Situation at Rotterdam. Rotterdam Sitrep preliminary recce.  
Para. 1. Harbour facilities agree with latest intelligence report.  
Para. 2. 6 ships now alongside and discharging with own gear.  
Para. 3. No power at present available for dock cranes. Understood installations in working order but no coal at present available.  
(4) Estimated tonnage capacity provided labour is available for full time work, 5,000 tons a day under present conditions, increasing to 10,000 shortly.  
(5) List of ships and craft in pool being compiled and will be forwarded as soon as possible.  
(6) German naval authorities are co-operating up to date. (N.P. 172, 092341B to F.O. Holland.)

Naval Situation Report. Terms of unconditional surrender by German Commander in the Channel Islands were signed at 0715B/9th May on the quarter deck of BULLDOG at anchor off St. Peter's Port Guernsey. British troops now starting to land Guernsey and will land in Jersey shortly.  
(2) German Naval authorities at Kiel report that ships containing 52,000 soldiers, 26,000 wounded and 53,000 refugees are arriving shortly from Swinemunde.  
(3) Holland relief. The first two coasters loaded with relief supplies have arrived at Rotterdam according to programme.  
(4) U.1194 arrived at Cuxhaven a.m./9th May.  
(5) Dutch fishing boat P.176 disintegrated by explosion off Breskens at 0630B/9th. There were no survivors.  
(6) Preliminary. Port Situation Reports.  
(a) Cuxhaven. All port installations and ships intact. Nearly 12,000 tons reserve stocks of oil fuel. No coal. German ships in harbour 7 U-Boats, 2 destroyers, 13 R-Boats, 15 M-class minesweepers, 7 A/S M/S Trawlers, 6 Sperrbrechers, 4 Flak ships, 29 harbour defence flak ships and one depot ship (SS. HELGOLAND), two coasters of about 3,000 tons, 12 Schuyts, 5 motor patrol craft.  
(b) Kiel. Damage worse than anticipated. Only warships afloat are small minesweepers, 1 E-Boat and 2 depot ships. HIPPER sabotaged in dock. EMDEN stranded and gutted, about 10 U-Boats scuttled. Kiel Canal reported efficient except for sunken U-Boat which blocks one lock but is probably easy to salve.

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Wesermünde. All harbour installations in good condition. Public utilities much restricted by lack of coal. About 180 merchant ships including EUROPA in harbour. Latter probably serviceable. One damaged destroyer in dock. Navigational aids in position. Kaiserhafen silted to 26 ft. at H.W. Locks operating,

Colombus Quay in good condition.

(d) Hamburg. 15 berthing tugs requisitioned, 60 harbour tugs in reserve, 35 docking pilots and 105 river pilots available, one pilot cutter at Cuxhaven undamaged but no fuel. One small pilot cutter at Brunsbuttel. Navigational aids reported in place and in working order.

(7) Several German minesweepers at the Minesweeping Base at Cuxhaven are capable of sweeping and are being prepared for sea. (A.N.C.X.F., 092350B to Admty.)

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Channel

Unconditional  
surrender of  
Channel  
Island  
Germans.

Following from Brigadier Snow for G.O.C. in C. Southern Command. Begins: Terms of unconditional surrender by the German Commander in the Islands were signed at 0715B/9th May on the quarterdeck of BULLDOG at anchor off St. Peter's Port Guernsey. British troops now commenced landing in Guernsey and will land in Jersey shortly.

(BULLDOG, 090730B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

From N.O.I.C. N.P.2000, begins: Sailed St. Helier, E.T.A. St. Peter's Port 2000.

(BEAGLE, 091830B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

British  
Patrols.

Establish following patrols on coastal convoy route forthwith:  
E.G.15, 1st Division Pendeen to Tintagel Head.  
E.G.15, 2nd Division Lizard to Pendeen.  
E.G.11, 1st Division Lizard to Start.  
(C. in C. Plymouth, 090908B to E.G. 15, 11.)

U-Boat  
surrender.

U.249 reported at 0922B/9 in 49° 10' N., 05° 40' W. and is proceeding to Weymouth. (D.D.I.C., 090945B to C. in C. Plymouth, H.Q.C.C.)

U.249 surfaced in position 49.10 N., 05.40 W. at 0922B/9 proceeding route Green. A.G.M. 72 AZ refers. (2) MAGPIE, AMETHYST proceed forthwith to R/V and escort through (B) 50.00 N. 03.00 W. (C) 50.30 N. 02.16 W. (D) 50.36 N. 02.24 W. thence as ordered by F.O.I.C. Portland. Report when met.

(3) Ensure that A.G.M. 72 AZ para. 1 (D) and (F) are complied with.

(4) Report your E.T.A. position (C) as soon as possible to F.O.I.C. Portland, Info. C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C. W.A.,



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U-Boat surrender. (Contd.) F.O.S/M. (5) MAGPIE acknowledge. (C. in C. Plymouth, 091000B to MAGPIE, AMETHYST.) My P.C.S. 064° Start Point 13 miles 200°, 20 knots. Proceeding to Green Route. AMETHYST in company. Your 091000 refers. (MAGPIE, 091200B to C. in C. Plymouth.)  
Boarding party on board, ammunition is being jettisoned now. E.T.A. position (C) Thursday 10th, 0630B. (MAGPIE, 091635B to F.O.I.C. Portland.) **Kock.**  
U.249. Commanding Officer Oberleut. ~~Wessing~~ At sea 40 days. Patrols areas vicinity Lizard Island. Cannot yet ascertain if any success on patrol, or whereabouts of other German U-Boats. U-Boat apparently undamaged. All ammunition now jettisoned. Torpedo pistol removed by my boarding party. C.Bs. apparently intact. Cypher machine ashore located. Crew consists of 5 officers and 43 ratings. My P.C.S. 49° 34' N., 04° 17' W., 060°, 9 knots. (MAGPIE, 091800B to C. in C. Plymouth.)  
Your 091635B adjust your E.T.A. position (C) to reach position (D) at 0930B. Further orders follow. (F.O.I.C. Portland, 091858B to MAGPIE.)

Submerged U-Boats to be attacked. Submerged U-Boats. Any submerged submarine outside the sanctuary off Beachy Head is to be regarded as hostile and attacked. (C. in C. Portsmouth, 091815B to Portsmouth Command.)

German Patrols. U.249 reported that 3 German U-Boats patrolling west Ireland (R) were diverted to Channel area one week ago. (MAGPIE, 092327B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

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West Coast France

Capitulation of St. Nazaire. The following message in German P/L was intercepted at 1337B/9/5/45.  
From: Fortress Commandant St. Nazaire.  
To: Supreme Command of the Armed Forces.  
On 8/5 signed capitulation conditions in accordance with orders. St. Nazaire will be occupied by Allied troops at 0700/11/5.  
Codetime: 091055.

Patrols. Movements Force 27.  
(a) L'AVENTURE sails Brest for area 27A 0800B/10.  
(b) BASQUE leaves patrol for Brest 0800B/10.  
(C.F.N.T.F., 091340B to C. in C. Plymouth.)



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U/B destroyed My 082221B, 5 attacks have produced further  
25 miles N.W. wreckage of German U/B. Am detaching HOTSPUR,  
of St. David's ICARUS to escort B.B.6. Intend HESPERUS, HAVE-  
Head. LOCK, ESCAPADE to hold target and investigate  
further in daylight. Intend whole Group to  
proceed as necessary to comply with your 081207B.  
(S.O. E.G.14, 090022B to C. in C. W.A.)

S.O. E.G.14 082221 and 090315 not to all addressees. No  
further positive evidence despite numerous Squid, Hedgehog  
and depth charge attacks.

(ESCAPADE, 091031B to C. in C. W.A.)

Your 091031. Cease attacking. Comply with my 081207\*  
para. 3.

(C. in C. W.A., 091222B to ESCAPADE.)

\* 14th E.G. (S.O. in HESPERUS) to detach from Force 38  
as necessary to R/V U.C.A. 67A.

"Pledge 1". Carry out "Pledge 1".  
(C. in C. W.A., 090045B to W.A. Command.)

U-Boat U.1105 reported at approx. 0910B/9th May in  
surrenders. position 55.48 N., 11.16 W.  
(D.D.I.C., 090940B to C. in C. W.A., H.Q.C.C.)  
Request you will sail 5th E.G. as soon as  
ready to Loch Alsh.

(2) On arrival 5th E.G. is to act under the orders of N.O.I.C.  
Loch Alsh in connection with the reception of surrendered U/Bs.  
(C. in C. W.A., 091114B to F.O.I.C.N.I.)

U.1058 reported in 57.44 N., 11.30 W. at 1515B/9th May,  
course 047°, speed 10 knots.

(D.D.I.C., 091540B to C. in C. W.A., H.Q.C.C.)

Patrols. As soon as ready today 9th request you will sail  
12th E.G. consisting of LOCH TARBERT (S.O.),  
BLACK SWAN and BARBADOS from Liverpool and  
MERMAID from Beaumaris.

(2) Group is to proceed via North Channel and is to patrol  
Blue Route (A.M. 081200 para. 2(B) refers) between 56° N.  
and 52° N.

(3) Object is to ensure that U-Boats understand and comply  
with instructions contained in above quoted Admiralty message.  
Codeword "Cormorant".

(C. in C. W.A., 091210B to F.O.I.C. Liverpool.)

Whole 30th E.G. patrol Blue Route between 56° and 58° W.  
Object as in my 091210.

(C. in C. W.A., 091524B to S.O. E.G.30.)



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Expedition to Norway In view of (a) the fact that there is presumably no longer any operational need for the movement of personnel from Southampton to Havre and (b) the urgent requirements for troopships elsewhere e.g. for "Apostle" request confirmation that the British troopships which have been engaged in the Southampton/Havre U.S. personnel movement can be allocated for other purposes. (D. of S.T., O90149B to S.H.A.E.F.)

"Apostle". Reference M/S operation "Planet" following ships are detailed:-

Group 1. BANGOR, BLACKPOOL, M.M.S.1045, M.M.S.1078, M.M.S.1057.  
Group 2. TENBY, M/S Trawlers STAR OF WAVE, DAVID OGILVIE, NODZU, REDWOOD. M.M.S.1085, M.M.S.1086, M.M.S. 1066.  
Group 3. RYE, M/S Trawlers SUMA, PICTON CASTLE, BEN DEARG, ROBERT STROUD, M.M.S.86, M.M.S.74, M.M.S.31.  
Group 4. TADOUSSAC, PARSBORO, DORNOCH, Danlayer TOCOGAY, M.M.S 1011, M.M.S.1037, M.M.S.1016,  
Group 5. SHIPPIGAN, ILFRACOMBE, BEAUMARIS, Danlayer TAHAY, M.M.S.1003, M.M.S.1006, M.M.S.1008, M.M.S.280.  
Fleet Sweepers and M/S Trawlers will not sail from Granton with their respective groups but will R/V at position G at H hour on A + 5 day. Captain M/S will sail in VALOROUS.

Paragraph 7. Phase 1.

Destroyer A. MACKAY, B. VICEROY, C. WOOLSTON, D. VIVACIOUS V., X. WOLSEY, E. WOLFHOUND, F. VALOROUS, G. VENOMOUS, Y. CAMPBELL, H. VEGA.

(Capt. M/S N.P.1736, O91212B to M/S Operation "Planet", LOCHINVAR, Capt. (D) Rosyth.)

A.N.C.X.F. O72250B.

Authorities concerned are requested to sail all vessels, craft and personnel for operation "Crosskeys" to Rosyth for Grangemouth as soon as possible reporting E.T.A.

(2) Only one L.C.I.(L) now required. Request details of tankers and store carrier.

(C. in C. Rosyth, O91340B to Cs. in C. Nore, Portsmouth, Admty., A.N.C.X.F., C.F.M.U.)

"Apostle". Appendix B Addendum 1. M/S plan Part 2. Carry out M/S operation "Planet" A day May 9th H-hour 0430.

(Capt. M/S N.P.1736, O91355 to all ships in "Planet".)  
Cositintrep 400.

Disarmament heralds arrived Oslo 1715 8th May. Report Oslo quiet, only 6 casualties night 8/9th. German command reported clash with patriots Kongsvinger area on Swedish border. Probably Milorg preparing to meet Norwegian forces from Sweden. Milorg ordered by S.F.H.Q. to avoid all clashes with Germans. No demolitions Bergen Port. Constant wireless touch with Oberkommando Wehrmacht, Norway German delegates with detailed information called for have not yet arrived. Milorg report U-boat 874 left Horten 0500 9th May carrying 16 notabilities including probably Terboven provisioned for three months. Operations. One British para company and airfield control section have flown p.m. 9th May to Gardemoen and Sola. Gardemoen already reported clear. H.Q.1 airborne division and one air landing brigade will fly 10th May to Gardemoen and made up Brigade 1 airborne Division will fly to Sola. Brigades will occupy Oslo Stavanger earliest possible. Further air lifts divisional troops S.A.S. Regiments 11 and 12 May. German Command Guarantee safe passage Norwegian Troops from 1200 hours 9th May. Norwegian district Commanders today ordered

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Expedition to Norway (Contd.) to cross frontier and move to Oslo Trondheim Navik Tromso. Reported situation Bergen requires troops. Military Joint Commander has ordered 250 uniform armed Milorg move Bergen. S.F. Officers will fly Bergen 10th May take control. S.F.H.Q. dropping more uniforms to enable more Milorg mobilise. Oslo Police Station and Palace military detachments in possession S.F. from evening 7th May. Industrial objectives in districts taken over without trouble. Quisling arrested. All information. (S.C.O.F.O.R, 091710B to Admty.)

German orders to all German ships. The following message in German P/L was intercepted at 1240/9/5/45.  
From: Admiral North Norwegian Coast.  
To: All.  
(1) All warships and merchant ships at sea in the area of Admiral North Norwegian Coast are to report their position at 1200/9/5 and their port of destination by plain language W/T message on 500 kc/s. or on the coastal wave. These messages are to be receipted by control, and those transmitted on the coastal wave are to be repeated by control on 500 kc/s.  
(2) Orders to German ships at sea transmitted on 500 kc/s. by the Allied authorities will be taken over by Admiral North Norwegian Coast and re-issued as orders by him.  
(3) With immediate effect all vessels are to be fully illuminated, they are to carry lights in accordance with the regulations for preventing collisions at sea. These lights are not to be dimmed. On encountering allied naval or air forces switch on a searchlight and direct it vertically upwards.  
Code time 091147.  
Comment: Area of command of Admiral North Norwegian Coast is thought to extend from Bodo to Aalesund.

U-boat surrenders U.802 reported in 61° 30' N. 03° 00' E. at 1106B 9th May.  
(DD.I.C., 091230B to Cs. in C. Rosyth, H.F., H.Q.C.C.  
In view of the large and increasing number of U-boats in Norwegian waters, the naval organisation as at present planned is inadequate to attend to their disarmament inspection and laying up.  
(2) The following is proposed for dealing with the situation -  
(a) All U-boats to be ordered to concentrate in ports for which N.O's. in C. are planned, i.e. Oslo, Stavanger, Bergen, Trondheim, Tromso.  
(b) The one submarine inspection party already allocated to be despatched to Bergen in reconnaissance destroyers.  
(c) Three additional British submarine inspection parties to be allocated for the Ports of Oslo, Stavanger and Trondheim and to be sent to Rosyth to embark in reconnaissance destroyers.  
(d) Norwegian Naval Authorities to be asked to provide a similar Norwegian submarine party for Tromso and North Norway and to include Narvik, to embark in STORD.

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(e) Experienced submarine Officer to be in charge of each British party to superintend disarmament and laying up under direction of N.O. I/C.

(f) All submarines in each port to be concentrated in one area in the port to be decided on in co-operation with Norwegian Naval and Port Authorities.

(g) On completion of disarmament all German U-boat personnel to be disembarked and concentrated in camps already allocated for naval personnel by Allied Military Disarmament Authorities, with exception of minimum number of shipkeepers, to be replaced as soon as possible by Norwegian watchmen.

(h) Admiralty to issue directive as to care and maintenance policy and future disposal of U-boats concentrated in Norway as result of above proposal.

(3) As all submarine parties are required at Rosyth by a.m. Saturday 12th May, request early approval.  
(C. in C. Rosyth, 091943B to Admty.)

Operation  
"Kingdom"  
to Oslo.

Request you proceed in DIADEM with DEVONSHIRE and IROQUOIS to Rosyth passing Hoxa at 2130B today 9th May.

DEVONSHIRE and IROQUOIS should draw fleet chart folio 0721 on arrival Rosyth.

(C. in C. H.F., 091231B to C.S.10.)

Operation "Apostle". Intended programme including additional operation.

(1) Minesweeping operations part I and part II according to plan.

(2) Additional operation. Intentions are:-

(a) To sail APOLLO with H.R.H. the Crown Prince and Government representatives, ARIADNE with S.H.A.E.F. Mission and H.Q. Staff of Joint Commanders escorted by DEVONSHIRE, SAVAGE, IROQUOIS and ARENDAL p.m. Friday May 11th by A - G route and Norwegian swept channel subject to confirmation after meeting German delegates. E.T.D. Rosyth 1600B 11th E.T.A. position A 2300B 11th, E.T.A. position G 1030B 12th, E.T.A. Oslo 1530B 13th.

(b) To hold 40th M.S.F. available as required.

(c) For CAMPBELL (ex. operation "Conan") with N.O.I.C. Oslo also to accompany the squadron.

(d) Codeword as in my 091759 following.

(3) It is considered that air escort should be given for the above operation and suggest:-

(a) That carrier borne aircraft be used as far as longitude 06° E.

(b) Escorts from 00° E. to Oslo be provided by R.A.F. in Denmark as arranged by A.N.C.X.F.

(4) In accordance with "Apostle" plan intend to sail:-

(a) Destroyer other vessel and tanker for operation "Conan" on May 13th.

(b) Convoy for operation "Doomsday" on May 15th or 16th.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 091758 to Admty., C. in C. H.F., A.N.C.X.F.)  
My 091759 para. 2 (d) "Kingdom".

(C. in C. Rosyth, 091759 to Admty., C. in C. H.F., A.N.C.X.F.)

Scapa Departure: C.S.10 in DIADEM with DEVONSHIRE and IROQUOIS.

(C. in C.H.F., 092122B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

/Operation...



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Operation Intend sailing S.C. operation from Shetlands.  
S.C. (1) 0730B/11th May.  
(2) 090 degs. from Sumburgh Head. 13 knots.  
(3) 2300B/9th May.  
(4) Between 2330B/11th May and 0400B/12th May.  
(5) 270 degs. to Sumburgh Head. 15 knots.  
(6) p.m. 12th May.  
(7) 090 degs. Sumburgh Head. (8) No.  
(N.O.I.C. Lerwick, 091509B to C. in C. H.F.)  
My 091509B.  
(1) 59 degs. 53' N. 05 degs. 04' E.  
(2) Ramose, Pilgrim.  
(3) Blank.  
(N.O.I.C. Lerwick, 091511B to C. in C. H.F.)

Arrivals in Following H.M. Ships arrived 1200 to-day Wednesday.  
Denmark. BIRMINGHAM, DIDO, ZEPHYR, ZEALOUS, ZEST, ZODIAC.  
(Cdre. Denmark, 091623B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Operations.Northern Waters

U-Boat U-826 reported in 61 degs. 15' N. 02.47' W. at  
surrenders. 1128B/9th May and U.1009 reported in 60 degs. 55'  
N. 03 degs. 10' W. at 1200B/9th May.  
(D.D.I.C. 091337B to Cs. in C. Rosyth, H.F. A.C.I.C.  
H.Q.C.C.)

This attack was a mistake. Orders given to prevent it happening again.

(A.C.N.S.(H), 091732Z to U.1009)

U.1009 at 1815B/9th May reported again in 60.15' N. 02.55' W.  
(D.D.I.C. 091913B to Cs. in C. H.F. Rosyth, W.A.)

Instructions are to be given to all groups that great care is to be taken to prevent any attack on a U-Boat which is endeavouring to the best of its ability to comply with the surrender procedure.

(2) A/C should always have in mind the possibility that U-Boats have not received the full text of the surrender orders.

(3) The incident with U.1009 refers.

(V.C.N.S. 091931B to H.Q.C.C.)

Convoys My 051243. Amend position to read as follows:  
J.W.67 & My positions N. & E. unless otherwise indicated -  
R.A.67. D. 66 degs. 01' 00 degs. 01'.  
E. 70 degs. 00' 09 degs. 01'.  
F. 72 degs. 30' 20 degs. 00'.  
G. 72 degs. 30' 31 degs. 30'.  
(C. in C. H.F. 091616B to Admty. C. in C. Rosyth,  
C. in C. H.F. A.C.I.C., S.B.N.O. N. Russia)



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Baltic

Situation at Kiel. Visited Kiel to-day Monday with R/C party. N.O.I.C.1742 installed. State of Kiel worse than air photographs. Interviewed General Admiral Kummetz and issued special orders including lowering Nazi flags which was done at 1600. On preliminary survey only Warships afloat seem all small mine-sweepers, one E-Boat and two depot ships. HIPPER sabotaged in dock. EMDEN stranded and gutted. At least 8 to 12 U-Boats scuttled in harbour. None afloat. Expect minesweeping to begin shortly. Kiel Canal reported efficient except sunken U-Boat blocking one lock for large ships. This should soon be salvaged. Fuel especially Diesel oil reported in short supply. Food also stated limited to 10 days supply with 100,000 displaced persons and 40,000 German prisoners in area but confirmation is awaited. No water very limited electricity. Merchant shipping report to follow. Survey of Lübeck shipping proceeding.

(F.O.I.C.1734 No. T.O.O. to A.N.C.X.F., T.O.R.090021)

Landing craft with about 4,00 soldiers and refugees from Eastern Baltic proceeded Rendsburg to unload.

The craft will return to Kiel. Further traffic stopped and will be sent Neustadt.

Disarmament of M/S proceeding smoothly 2 going out tomorrow to locate fresh unmarked wrecks.

Vehicles for parties 1734 and 1742 arrived party organizing? was ineffectively sniped. Situation fairly quiet now but I consider it likely to deteriorate as fuel and foodstuffs run out. Convoy arriving from Eastward is being investigated. Communications very slow and congested.

(F.O. Kiel, 092311 to A.N.C.X.F.)

Procedure in re-captured German ships. Herewith repetition our 311107 as requested in your 072338B. German seagoing ships captured at Lubeck are being claimed as prizes. Request instructions whether similar action should be taken at Kiel and Flensburg observing this appears to be a partial surrender on the field of battle message ends.  
(21st A.G. No T.O.O/8th, T.O.R.090433 to A.N.C.X.F. N.O.I.C. 1734)

German convoy attacked 110 miles N. of Danzig. At 0415 to-day 25 A/C turned and peeled off to attack the convoy. Range 30 miles. Thereupon we opened fire. At 0847 in 56 degs. 15' N. 18 degs. 45' E. another run-in by 20 A/C, bombs dropped ahead and astern of convoy. Opened fire on approaching A/C. No damage reported. Men wounded by barrel premature.  
(Unknown German (in P/L), 090913 to Admty. Eastern Baltic)

/German ...



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German  
 evacuees  
 from East  
 Prussia.

The transports which have arrived in Strander Bucht (on board altogether about 93,000 troops, refugees and wounded) may not be disembarked in Kiel. The English Admiral has ordered disembarkation only of seriously wounded on board. On the other hand permission has been obtained to pass Kiel Canal. This makes disembarkation

in North Sea harbours necessary. Request instructions for transport flotillas to which disembarkation harbours are to be called at and that you ensure that naval disembarkation organisation (Sea transport Staffs) and reception staffs of C. in C. North in ports of destination still to be ordered are ready. Propose Hamburg. Additional from Naval Chief Command North:

(German Naval Chief Command North, Sylt, 091550B to German Admiral the Bight)

Lübeck  
 report.

Following is a repetition N.P.A. 1741's 081318B begins.

Entrance to port of Lübeck no damage to port facilities which are normal but firings continued to bunker coal or oil to power station.

No mines or underwater defences.

(One corrupt group) channel clearing and buoying.

Travenunde - Lubeck Channel (?extended) restrictions owing to 2 ships sunk by R.A.F. Ends.

This message is passed to you for information.

(N.L.O.21 A.G. 091702B to A.N.C.X.F. (as received))

German  
 Escort  
 vessels  
 attacked  
 West of  
 Bornholm.

(1) At 1730 13 miles west of Bornholm, RUGARD was attacked by 3 Russian M.T.Bs. After firing of torpedo, fire was opened without order, whereupon M.T.Bs turned away. RUGARD is continuing passage.

(2) In the same area attack on R-Boat by Russian A/Cs with bombs and A/C armament. Damage to boat. No own defensive fire.

(3) Request clear instructions as to procedure for westbound convoy ordered.

(German Adm. Eastern Baltic, 091901B to Supreme Command)

*RUGARD.  
 Not in Foreign Warships List.  
 1358 G.T.*

Concentration  
 camp evacuees  
 to Sweden.

Most Immediate, Blitz.

On the instructions of the Allied Commission and in agreement with Supreme Command of the armed forces, SS. HOMBERG, 1200 G.R.T. is to be despatched to Malmoe at 1200/10/5 from Flensburg light-ship with concentration camp prisoners.

S.O.12th M/S Flotilla is to provide 2 boats for (ground mine) escort. The boats are to wait outside territorial waters at Malmoe after detaching the vessel and bring her back to Flensburg. For political reasons it is essential that HOMBERG be got through safely. Boats are to acknowledge receipt.

(German Naval Chief Command Baltic, 2142/9/5/45 to German 12 M/S Flotilla)

/Spitfire ...



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Spitfire shot down off Kiel. 2 Spitfires circled convoy B.1999 one Spitfire shot down. Convoy entering Kiel 2040 hours. Request action.  
(2nd T.A.F: Main, 092205B to F.O. Kiel Command)

Capitulation of Bornholm. Following message in German plain language from C. in C. Bornholm, addressed Naval Chief Command Baltic, intercepted at 1643B/9th May. Begins: "By order of the Russian Commission, the G.O.C. and Island Commandant will leave at 1730 to conclude the capitulation with the Admiral Commanding the Baltic Fleet. Russian occupation troops are on their way to Bornholm." Ends.  
(D.D.I.C.092223B to A.N.C.X.F., F.O.I.C.Denmark)

Enemy Intelligence

U-Cruiser U.874. Following information has been received. Largest type German U-Boat U.874 left Horten at 0500E/8th May. 16 men of the crew put ashore and substituted with same number of notabilities from Oslo, probably Terboven. Took in provisions for three months.

Comment: U.874 is a U-Kreuzer estimated to have been recently at Horten.  
(D.D.I.C.091221B to Cs. in C. H.F.Afloat, Rosyth, W.A., Plymouth, H.Q.C.C., A.C.I.C. Cominch, B.A.D.) [see 201640 May'45 in Norway]

U-Boat surrenders. Following reports have been received from U-Boats up to 1630B/9th May.  
U.1105 in 55.48 N. 11.16 W. at 0907.  
U.249 in 49.10 N. 05.40 W. at 0920 proceeding to Weymouth.

U.805 in 41.20 N. 39.22 W. at 0951.  
U.802 in 61.30 N. 03.00 E. at 1106 proceeding to Loch Eriboll.  
U.826 in 61.15 N. 02.47 W. at 1128.  
U.1009 in 60.55 N. 03.10 W. at 1200 course 180 degs. 10 knots.  
U.1058 in 57.44 N. 11.30 W. course 047 degs. 10 knots.  
U.1228 in 48.30 N. 36.30 W. course 264 degs. 7 knots.  
(D.D.I.C.091700B to S. and As. in Areas, A.B.C.X.Y. and Z.)

Movements

VIDETTE, destroyer. Your 081536. Approved. VIDETTE is to be prepared for reserve category "O".  
(2) Stores and complement should be reduced to the minimum required for passage and ship sailed to Grangemouth for laying up when ready.  
(D.O.D.(H), 091758B to C. in C. Ports. F.O.C.R.F.)



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JAMAICA,  
GLASGOW,  
cruisers.

JAMAICA and GLASGOW are being fitted with YE beacons to enable them to operate as Radar picket ships.  
(2) The object is to combat the practice of enemy A/C mixing with returning friendly strike A/C. The picket ships are stationed up to a distance of 60 miles from the main force. All returning A/C are homed to the picket, identified, and routed to the carriers at a stated height.  
(A.C.N.S.(F), 092133B to JAMAICA, GLASGOW)



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FOREIGN STATIONS

North Atlantic

PATHFINDER  
(destroyer)

Intend to sail PATHFINDER at 1400B/9th May to Dartmouth.  
(2) S. of A. 20 knots.  
(F.O.G.M.A.091028B to C. in C. Plymouth)

E.G.1.

Group 1 return to Harbour and remain constituted.  
(F.O.G.M.A.091036B Group 1)

Movement.

Departure 1102/9th FLAMINGO, MALOUINE for Plymouth. 1435/9th PATHFINDER for Dartmouth.  
(F.O.G.M.A.091714B to Admty.)

German crew.

Your 081911B and further to my 081920B May. Craft is a small launch not a M.T.B. Port Captain has confidentially shown me papers of the 11 members of crew and he assured me that photographs and details correspond with actual holders viz 2 petty officers and 9 naval ratings. Nevertheless photographs etc. are being taken anew just in case. Men are being held here pending instructions.  
(SANTANDER, 091715B to B.N.A. Madrid)  
(Santander,

CLEOPATRA.

Intend to sail CLEOPATRA at 1630/May 10th to Malta (M.S.C.I.5) 2A 25 knots.  
(F.O.G.M.A.091736 to V.A.M.)

S/M report.

Following just intercepted from "M.S. 345 at 1649Z in 37.00 47.00 W. Sighted S/M awash speed 15 knots. Course 270".  
(C.T.G.61.2.1, 091745 to Cominch)

KENYA.

Intend sail H.M.S. KENYA at 0900A/10 to Nore Speed 20 to arrive destination 0530A/13.  
(Commorseafon, 091909Z to Admty.)

Nazi Chiefs.

see p. 130

Cdr. Lima has to-day 9th May told me confidentially that he has information from a secret source that a U-Boat left Lorient on 4th May with high Nazi officers on board. He also informs me that his instructions are that these Nazi officers if they land in Portuguese territory or attempt to transfer to Portuguese ships will be told that the Portuguese Government refuse admission to war criminals.

(2) I have told Cdr. Lima I am passing on this information and that his name will not be involved in any way in any subsequent enquiries.

(S.B.N.O. Azores, 092100Z C.O. Gibraltar, Admiralty.)  
N.I.D.Comment: "This report has also been received from B.N.A. Madrid, vide N.A.'s 061303B. While there is no confirmatory evidence it is considered that a U-Boat might have been available at the time in Lorient".



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S/Ms. Sailed SIDON and STUBBORN 0800C/08 to Aden for onward routing to Trincomalee.  
(2) E.T.A. 0330Z/03. S. of A. 11 knots.  
(N.O.I.C.Suez, 090011C to Admty.)

South Aegean  
summary up to 0900 hours  
9th May, '45. GI.11214 cipher 9th May.  
Surrender Dodecanese arranged 8 May, 1945.  
This is final summary this series.  
(C. in C. M.E. 091115C to W.O. etc.)

BARFLEUR  
destroyer. BARFLEUR leaves Malta May 12th for B.P.F.  
(V.A. Malta, 091117 to Admty.)

6th M.S.  
Flotilla. Sailed PELORUS and IMERSAY 090900C to Aden for onward routing to E.I.S.  
(2) E.T.A. 140730C S. of A. 11 knots.  
(N.O.I.C. Suez, 091311 to Adty.)

M.T.B's 710  
and 697 (loss)  
9.4.45 and  
18.4.45  
respectively  
(mined). It is not intended to convene boards of enquiry to investigate loss of M.T.Bs 710 and 697 it is considered that no useful purpose would be served. F.O.T.A.L.I. concurs.  
(S.N.O.N.A. 091629 to Admty.)

Movement. 9th May, 1945. Departure French Cruiser, MONTCALM.  
(S.O.(I)Beirut, 091658C to Admty.)

Dodecanese  
Surrender. General Wagener Commander of the German garrison in the Dodecanese surrendered unconditionally at 081010B hours to Force 281 operating under command of G.H.Q. Mideast.  
(A.F.H.Q. 091701 to W.O.)

Crete. B.N.L.O. Crete reports that surrender is expected to be signed at 1100 tomorrow after preliminary talks in ~~the afternoon~~ this evening.  
(F.O.L.E.M. 092043B to C. in C. Med.)

Situation  
Report No.607. (1) Genoa. As result of minesweeping operations landing craft have been enabled to unload on beaches East of Town.  
(2) Trieste. A small force of minesweepers has arrived. Sweeping of Channel from Ancona continued to progress satisfactorily.  
(C. in C. Med. 092219B to F.O.L.E.M.)



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N.S.H.Q. S/M      No report since my 072336, para. C. H.M.C.S.  
Attack and      THREE RIVERS radar contact 0933/8th May in 43.05  
Sighting      N. 63.27 W. All times Z.  
Summary.      (N.S.H.Q., 090550Z to Admty., Cominch.)

U/B 805            U.805 reported in 41° 20' N. 39° 22' W. at 0951B/  
report.            9th May.  
                    (Admty. (D.D.I.C.) 091040B to S/M STORM.)

U/B dis-            1200Z/9th May commencing today estimate will be  
positions.         divided into 2 parts part A being U-Boats still  
                    potentially hostile and part B being U-Boats that  
                    have reported positions but are not yet under  
                    escort and may be dangerous. Estimate for  
1200/9 follows part A about half dozen may be anywhere in area  
TR. to CT., DH. to E.G. and within 150 miles either side of  
line PV. DH. to PL. UQ. 3000 part B one heading N.W. by W.  
in EX. UQ. 3510.  
(N.S.H.Q. 091426Z, Cominch 091547Z.)  
See U-Boat Campaign and Admiralty - 091357B.

U/B 1228.          Admiralty 021249 German U-Boat No. U.1228 at  
                    1311Z reported P.C.S. 048° 30' N. 036° 20' W.  
                    264° 7 knots.  
                    (N.S.H.Q. 091521Z to C. in C. C.N.A., Admty.)

T.G. 61.5,         C.T.G. 61.5 this date transferred Pennant and  
transfer.          Staff to MARTIN H.X.  
                    (T.U. 16.19, 091843 to T.U. 19.8.)

Flotsam.            Debris consisting of life jackets, mattresses,  
                    lumber passed in position 40.05 N. 73.21 W. One  
                    American life jacket picked up.  
                    (W.8, 091950 to C.E.S.F.)

U. 858.             U-Boat No. U.858 at 2006Z reported P.C.S. 041°  
                    58' N. 052° 47' W. 277° 8 knots.  
                    (N.S.H.Q. 092036Z to S.E. S.C. Convoy No. 175,  
                    ETRICK.)

U/B report.         Para. B. 091649Z Pan. A.M.C. 54 reports sighting  
                    submarine awash course 270 speed 15 in 37.00 N.  
                    47.00 W. Para. C. 080933Z H.M.C.S. TROIS  
                    RIVIERES Radar contact 43.05 N. 63.27 W.  
                    Admiralty action.  
                    (Cominch 092101Z to Admty. for O.I.C.)

/P.O.W...



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P.O.W. O.N. 300 <sup>GEORGE</sup> SHIRAS, <sup>WILLIAM</sup> BLOUNT, CONRAD WEISER,  
 O.N. 301 WILLIAM JACKSON, GEORGE W. CAMPBELL.  
 These vessels have prisoners of war aboard.  
 Request you direct ships return ports where P. of  
 Ws. embarked. Desire info. regarding No. U.S.  
 Army and navy personnel aboard each ship.  
 (Com. 10th C. & R. 092340Z to Admty.)

Far East and Australia.

R.M. Engi- "If Brunei Bay is to be developed as a British  
 neering Base could the construction force your 080044 not  
 force for be used there advantageously."  
 Adv. Bases, (C. in C. Pac. Adv. 090607 to C. in C. B.P.F.)  
 (Borneo.)

S/M RORQUAL Comply with para. 2 of Admiralty 071005B May.  
 for U.K. (C. in C. B.P.F. 090113Z, to S.M.4)

Digest 1203 (Extract.)  
 8.5.45. (2) Privateers from Clark Field bombed strafed  
 blockhouses trucks Hainan Island, seriously  
 damaged small coaster with direct hit Fort Bayard,  
 strafed speed barge, destroyed one small  
 coaster probably destroyed another west Jacao, sank submarine  
 chaser strafed another submarine chaser and junk N.E. Hongkong.  
 (3) Mariners from Lingayan night 7/8th May strafed small sub-  
 marine chaser, one M.T.B. 70 miles N.E. Hongkong.  
 (10) On Tarakan Island Australian forces advanced three miles  
 north Tarakan airfield.  
 (13) Four Liberators on Makassar Strait left listing single  
 small freighter transport, damaged eight schooners.  
 (14) Delayed reports covering 6th May noon 6 Liberators sank  
 small coaster Makassar Harbour, damaged two others.  
 (G.H.Q.S.W.P.A. 090157Z to Admty.)

Digest 1202 (1) Privateers from Clark Field sank 1 small  
 7.5.45. coaster, 1 submarine chaser, seriously damaged 2  
 (extract.) submarine chasers, 3 small coasters, damaged 2  
 small coasters, 4 barges Swatow area.  
 (4) Liberators from Palawan damaged lugger off  
 Borneo coast, left single small coaster sinking  
 north Lingga Archipelago, fired beached small coaster possibly  
 fuel laden off Malayan coast.  
 (12) 4 Liberators on shipping search Makassar Strait bombed 2  
 schooners N.W. Pare Pare, strafed another schooner off S.E.  
 Borneo scoring many hits, another 4 Liberators attacked shipping  
 Makassar Strait scoring direct hits single large transport  
 leaving vessel smoking, direct hit single small freighter transport

/leaving...



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*not*  
Digest 1202,  
7.5.45.  
(extract.)  
(Contd.)

leaving vessel in oil slick and smoking,  
attacked missed large sea truck, strafed 28  
schooners damaging many.  
(G.H.Q.S.W.P.A., 090820 to Admty.)

Increased  
Staff C.V.Ls.

After limited experience with staff comprised  
primarily of ships officers C.F.A. consider the  
following additions would be desirable to meet  
the requirements of your 070859 if accommodation  
in a C.V. permits,

- A. 1 Lieut. Commander (P) as S.O.O. 2 and for administrative  
duties. Fitness for full flying duties not essential.  
B. 1 Lieut. (Nav.) as F.G. Officer.  
C. 1 Lieut. (C) as staff communications officers assistant.  
D. 1 shorthand typist for Admirals office.

(2) It is assumed that the Squadron Air Co-ordinator arrived by  
A.M. 031712\* will be retained.

(3) Without knowledge of the action information layout the  
requirements for plotting ratings cannot be stated, but it is  
assumed that in a C.V. the Admiral will have a separate bridge  
which he has not got in a C.V.L.

(5) There would not be accommodation for this increased staff  
in a C.V.L.

(A.C. 11 092031B to C. in C. B.P.F.)

\* T.O.O. 031712/5. Concerns tempy. appointment with the title  
Squadron Air Co-ordinator.

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

U/B dis-  
positions.

Estimates.

This signal and subsequent daily U-Boat estimates  
will be made in 2 paras. A and B. Para. A. contains  
positions of U-Boats which have reported and  
are apparently intending to comply with surrender  
orders. Para. B gives estimates of areas still considered  
to contain U-Boats which may continue to operate offensively.  
Para. A. U.1105 in 55° 48' N. 11° 16' W. at 0907B/9th May.  
U.249 in 49° 10' N. 05° 40' W. at 0922B/9th May.  
U.805 in 41° 20' N. 39° 22' W. at 0951B/9th May.  
U.802 in 61° 30' N. 03° 00' E. at 1106B/9th May.  
U.826 in 61° 15' N. 02° 47' W. at 1128B/9th May.  
U.1009 in 60° 55' N. 03° 10' W. at 1200B/9th May.  
Para. B. (1) Area 48° 00' N. to 51° 00' N. E. of 10° 00' W.  
and including English Channel four or five.  
(2) 50° 00' N. to 53° 00' N. 10° 00' W. to 15° 00' W. half a dozen.  
(3) 53° 00' N. to 60° 00' N. 09° 00' W. to 22° 00' W. a dozen.

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positions.  
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- (4) 60° 00' N. to 65° 00' N. 20° 00' W. to 00° 00' W. half a dozen.  
(5) North Sea of which majority approaching Norwegian ports up to 10 to 20.  
(6) 40 00 N. to 50 00 N. west of 00 00 W. 10 to 15.  
(D.D.I.C. 091357B to A.I.G., Cominch.)

S/M attack  
& sighting  
summary.

- For 24 hours to 0900Z/9th May.  
Para. A. (1) U.1105 reported position in accordance with surrender terms at 0707Z/9th May in 55° 48' N. 11° 16' W.  
(2) HORACE BINNEY torpedoed or mined at 0956Z/8th in approx. 51° 21' N. 02° 37' E. (presence of U-Boat graded B.4.)  
Para. B. (1) U-Boat observed on surface at 2150Z/7th in 70° 45' N. 27° 46' E.  
(2) Explosion reported astern of ALLINGTON CASTLE at 0758Z/8th in 53° 14' N. 04° 57' W.  
(3) E.G. 14 attacked bottom contact at 2021Z/8th in 52° 01' N. 05° 47' W.  
Para. C. (1) A/C X/107 sighted oil slick with apex heading 2210° (sic) at 1853Z/8th in 50° 33' N. 03° 18' W.  
(2) GARLIES attacked bottom contact at 1710z/8th in 49° 27' N. 07° 08' W.  
(D.D.I.C. 091124B to Cominch, N.S.H.Q.)



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- North Sea. 1(a) A.N.C.X.F. asks for Allied destroyers to show the flag in Kiel, Wilhelmshaven, Bremen, Bremerhaven, Hamburg and Emden, to bring home to the enemy his defeat at sea.  
(b) M.S.F.15 has been ordered to clear a declared German minefield of August, 1942, 110 miles West of Heligoland.  
(c) M.S.F.18 has detonated a ground mine off Wilhelmshaven.  
(d) PROMPT has arrived at Ostend in tow.  
(e) In Hamburg A.N.C.X.F. is prepared to accept urgent shipping.  
(f) Bremerhaven, Wesermünde and Brunsbüttel appear to be undamaged.  
(g) For Rotterdam ships up to 3000 tons can pass the Maasluis blockships, and 6 are discharging now, but with their own gear, due to lack of coal in the port.
- Channel. 2(a) The liberation of the Channel Islands is proceeding smoothly and satisfactorily.  
(b) U.1023 surfaced off the Longships and is being escorted to Weymouth.
- West Coast France. 3(a) Ile de Re surrendered at 1030 yesterday. All military installations are intact.  
(b) At La Pallice all is intact, large quantities of supplies were found, and 41 vessels mostly in good order. This port and la Rochelle may be considered fully operational.  
(c) Lorient is in good condition.
- Western Approaches 4(a) U.825 surfaced 170 miles S.W. of the Fastnets.  
(b) U.516 150 miles W.S.W. of Ushant, and  
(c) U.541 350 miles West of Vigo - both proceeding by "Blue Route", westabout Ireland, to Loch Eriboll.  
(d) Two other U-Boats, as yet unidentified, have surfaced, one 50 miles West of Vigo, the other 100 miles S.W. of the Fastnets.
- Norway. 5(a) The general situation appears to be all quiet, with the capitulation of the German forces proceeding as smoothly as could be expected.  
(b) BIRMINGHAM, on passage to Copenhagen, cut a mine 30 miles E.S.E. of Christiansand.
- Northern Waters. 6(a) U.532 surfaced 90 miles N.N.W. of the Faeroes.  
(b) U.293 150 miles W. by N. of the Butt of Lewis.  
(c) U.1109 220 miles West of the Butt of Lewis and  
(d) U.802 30 miles west of the Shetlands, and are proceeding to Loch Eriboll.



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(e) U.1305 joined U.1009 on her passage to Loch Eriboll, where they arrived in company.  
(f) Two other U-Boats, as yet unidentified, have surfaced, one 25 miles east of Orkney, and the other 15 miles N.W. of Cape Wrath.

Baltic.

7(a) BIRMINGHAM with Force 5 has arrived at Copenhagen.  
(b) 90 midget U-Boats have been located, with personnel, equipment and transport, at Lynaes in North Zealand.  
(c) Congestion in Kiel, particularly of refugee personnel, is acute. 75,000 are now in the port and another three-quarters of a million are expected in the area shortly. 14,000 will be evacuated to Neustadt tomorrow.

Foreign Stations

Mediterranean

Adriatic.

8. Destroyer CLEVELAND and 4 M.T.Bs have arrived off Trieste.

Greece.

9. German Government forces surrendered in Crete to-day.

Movements.

10. BERMUDA arrived Malta from Gibraltar.

East Indies

Force 61.  
*operation Dukedom*

11. Force 61 consisting of QUEEN ELIZABETH (B.S.3) RICHELIEU, CUMBERLAND (C.S.5) ROYALIST (A.C.21), TROMP, SHAH, HUNTER, KHEDIVE, EMPEROR, ROTHERMAN (D.11), SAUMAREZ (D.26), VENUS, VIGILANT, VERULAM, VIRAGO, TARTAR (D.10) ESKIMO, NUBIAN left Trincomalee at 0070 F.G. to operate in Andaman Sea.



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12. N.O.I.C. assumed duty to-day at Rangoon. Naval Force Commander Burma has relieved Flag Officer Force W. All major landing craft have been withdrawn to India.



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- Summary of A.G.M. 72 AZ which contains instructions for U-Boats surrendering and which is in force is being passed to you by Admiralty. Following are principal conditions to be observed by U-Boats:
- (A) Surface and remain surfaced.  
 (B) Report position in P/L on 500 k/cs.  
 (C) Fly black flag by day and burn navigation lights by night.  
 (D) Jettison ammunition and render torpedoes safe.  
 (F) Refrain from scuttling.  
 (2) U-Boats observing these conditions are not to be attacked.  
 (3) Request you will inform all ships under your Command forthwith and direct them to report any U-Boats met.  
 (4) Further request you will pass A.G.M. 72 AZ. to ships when received.  
 (C. in C. Plymouth, 100227B to C.F.N.T.F.)
- U.S. S.Cs. C.R.506. Request advise when 12 U.S. S.Cs. now required in U.S. operating under C. in C. Portsmouth are no longer required so that arrangements may be made for their return to U.S. earliest practicable. (Comnavcu, 100911 to Admty.)
- Pool of merchant seamen for German ships. A pool of 2,000 merchant seamen has been formed in U.K. for maintenance of German merchant shipping and to prepare them for sailing.  
 (2) M.W.T. representatives should report their requirements to M.W.T. stating when these seamen are to be called forward.  
 (3) Although no instructions can yet be given on the sailing of merchant shipping it is important that these ships, especially those which can be used for transport should be ready to sail at short notice.  
 (A.N.C.X.F., 101410B to F.O.I.Cs. 1734, 1736, 1737, 1738, F.O. Holland.)
- Substitution of White Ensign for Nazi. Nazi ensign is to be lowered and White Ensign hoisted on all German warships surrendering in ports under control of the R.N.  
 (2) Parallel procedure is being adopted by U.S. and Canadian Navies.  
 (3) The above is without prejudice to the ultimate disposal of the ships concerned.  
 (V.C.N.S., 101613B to all Cs. in C.)
- Conditions precedent to termination of Combined Command. (1) The following conditions should exist before Combined Command is terminated.  
 (a) All organised opposition has ceased in Europe.  
 (b) United States, British and French Forces have been substantially redistributed into their respective national zones of occupation and the Allied Control Authority for Germany has been



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established. Latter condition desirable but is not considered essential.  
(c) Machinery must be ready to assume the functions of those organisations at present controlling, under direction of S.H.A.E.F., the allocation of certain resources in liberated countries, to include, in addition, setting up the necessary machinery to liquidate commitments and to settle accounts arising out of Combined

Command.

(2) The list(?) of agreements and/or rights, which must be continued after termination of Combined Command has been forwarded to you via air courier this date.  
(S.H.A.E.F., 101710Z to Agwar.)

Allied destroyers to shew the Flag in German Ports.

I consider it most desirable that an Allied destroyer should be despatched for a short period to each of the following ports which are given in order of priority: Kiel, Wilhelmshaven Bremerhaven, Hamburg, Bremen, Emden. Their presence would bring home to the enemy his defeat at sea and would be a great assistance to the Naval Parties in those ports,  
(2) Propose U.S. Ships BORUM and MALOY be lent temporarily to C.T.F. 126 for this purpose.  
(A.N.C.X.F., 101810B to Admty., Comnaveu.)

*Reply: 11/7/45 B.*

Proposed disposal of German ships.

Following are my proposals for disposal of German warships and merchant ships:  
(A) All German Warships, Naval Auxiliaries and Merchant ships which were in German ports, westward from Lübeck (inclusive), and in all Dutch and Danish ports at the time of the surrender to 21 Army Group, or who entered

these ports subsequently but previous to the general capitulation, should be dealt with as captured enemy ships, in accordance with F.A.C.S.113, para. 3.

(B) All enemy Warships, Naval Auxiliaries and Merchant ships which were in the ports of Norway and the Channel Islands and in German controlled French ports at the time of the general capitulation, or who enter any harbour after the capitulation, should be regarded as surrendered enemy ships. These ships should be regarded as belonging to the United Nations and detained until agreement as to their disposal has been reached between the Allied Governments.

(A.N.C.X.F., 101913B to S.H.A.E.F.)

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North Sea

Clearance of minefield 110 miles west of Heligoland.

Minefield laid by enemy extends one mile each side of line joining the following positions:  
(A) 54° 11' N., 04° 37' E. (B) 54° 32' N., 04° 52' E.  
(2) Field consisted of two lines of moored contact mines at a depth of 3½ to 5 metres, one line of static obstructions at depth of 7 metres ...



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metres and 1 line of explosive floats at 8½ metres. (3) Position of line is recorded by enemy as being correct within one mile. (4) Minefield was laid in August 1942. (5) Channel from two miles west of P.1 Buoy to three miles east of P.1 Buoy is to be cleared up to 3 miles each side of centre line as soon as possible. (6) Report proposed programme. (C. in C. Nore, 100029B to M.S. 15.)

Opening of Hook. N.O.I.C. Rotterdam reports minesweepers can enter Hook p.m. today Thursday. German vessels will be available to meet at Van Goeree Buoy and lead them up provided 6 hours notice is received. (F.O.Holland, 101000 to C. in C.Nore, A.N.C.X.F.)

Condition of Emden. Emden. Following intact and in good condition. 4 figure number indicates Map Square. 6227 Docks and all cranes except 2. 5 all 6328 Nesserland Locks. Covers 648298 Eisenbahn (6?) 4282, 65 tons crane, 4 30 ton crane swing bridge, 6427 all cranes permit docks, 6327 New Lock area flood gates, locks to water power 6326 and 6426, docks all available (crane?), turrets docks at 645305 badly bombed about 75 yards useless. Condition 2 floating cranes 292 barges 637271 not known. All above information from 3 Canadian Division. (N.L.O. 1st Canadian Army, 100936B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Minesweeping off Wilhelms-haven. Ground mine detonated in position 53° 29'21" N. 08° 01'03" E., under red pulse abreast short leg electrode 10 yards inside wing sweeper tail. Heavy explosion. Very small plume. (S.O. M.S.F.18, 101215B to C. in C. Nore.)

German Confidential Documents to C. in C.Nore. In execution of the special orders of the Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces for the German High Command with ref. to Naval Forces figure 4, Rear-Adm. Breuning will leave Flensburg by car on 10 May a.m. for Rotterdam and from there on 11 May a.m. he will proceed with a couple of

E-Boats to the agreed R/V with the English forces off South Falls in order to hand over the confidential documents as ordered. An instruction to British Stations to let Rear-Adm. Breuning pass and a report to Admty. are requested. Naval War Staff. (German Naval War Staff, 101332Z to "Senior Naval Commander at Eisenhower's Headquarters".)

Discharge Situation Report. Cositintrep No. 401, part 4, section 1. Discharge by sea - 24 hour period ending 1600B/9th May.

	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Stores</u>	<u>Bulk Coal</u>	<u>Bulk Pol.</u>	<u>G.F. Ammo.</u>
<u>British -</u>						
Antwerp	-	34	12,556	-	9,600	664
Ostend	2,303	55	125	-	-	-
Caen	-	-	-	-	-	-
Calais	4,247	57	79	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,550</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>12,760</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,600</b>	<b>664</b>

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Discharge Situation Report.	Discharge by sea - 24 hour period ending 1600B/9th May - (Contd.)					
	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Stores</u>	<u>Bulk Coal</u>	<u>Bulk Pol.</u>	<u>G.F. Ammo.</u>
<u>U.S. North -</u>						
Antwerp	-	3	7,347	-	-	-
Cherbourg	-	-	-	-	-	-
Le Havre	11,056	224	864	135	-	-
Rouen	6	-	380	-	-	-
Ghent	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,062</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>8,591</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>3,943</b>	<b>-</b>
<u>U.S. South -</u>						
Marseilles	-	-	687	-	-	-
Port de Bouc	-	-	-	-	5,814	-
Toulon	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,814</b>	<b>-</b>

Army coal at: Granville 1,651, Morlaix 655, Dieppe 58.  
(S.H.A.E.F., 101635B to Admty. and others.)

German M.S. 21. Your 091538. Only information gained is that ship was on the slips at Rotterdam when Holland was occupied. In 1942 German diesel engines were fitted and she was equipped as a minesweeper. (V.A. Dover, 101736B to Admty.)

Congestion in Cuxhaven. My 091220B. Request early decision. German Admiral has requested me to reduce these ships to care and maintenance party. It is strongly recommended ships be sailed to their destination, at the earliest moment and the crews dealt with in accordance with surrender. (N.O.I.C. Cuxhaven, 101824B to F.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven.)

Operation "Cackle", minesweeping of Schelde. Carry out Operation "Cackle" as soon as ready. (F.O. Holland, 101854 to Com. M/S. East Schelde.)

Opening of Hamburg. A.M. 091742 and C. in C. Nore 092318 and F.O. Wilhelmshaven 101137 none to all. Propose to accept: (a) Urgent shipping to Hamburg now, but it should preferably be less than 50 feet beam. (b) Normal traffic after 7 days sweeping with negative results.  
(2) Request you will inform Admiralty whether you concur. (A.N.C.X.F., 102300B to C. in C. Nore.)

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Operation  
"Fireball"  
to open  
Rotterdam.

Operation "Fireball".

(1) (A) LL/SA E.G.M.S. H.K.4 to H.K.13 one lap eastern side, 2 laps western side by 9 M.M.S. in 3 formation, Q.H.G. 2 corrupt groups 3 laps. (B) H.G. sweep by M.L. 221 from H.K.12 to Berghaven in 3 laps.

(C) Oropesa search by 5 B.Y.M.S. and 3 M.L. from H.K.12 to H.K.13 and to Hook entrance.

(2) 1 magnetic 281 $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>o</sup> north break-water light 4.3 miles.

(3) Boom at Hook moved clear of channel. Channel exists through blockships at Maassluis. Further shore data being collected. Further orders Sunday 13th.

(4) M.L. 243 and 906 to be sailed from Queenboro as soon as possible. 2 typewriters to replace 2 broken in PROMPT.

Petrol Chant at immediate notice.

(5) 6 B.Y.M.S. - H.K.13 to I.M.7 E.G.M.S. LL/SA in 2 divisions. 5 cables each side of centre line 2 actuations. H.G. LL/SA sweep by 1 M.M.S. to Rotterdam testing salinity of water on passage. 3 M.L. Oropesa search Hook to Maassluis. 6 M.M.S. LL/SA H.K.12 to I.M.1. 3 M.M.S. approaches to Hook. B.Y.M.S. and M.M.S. anchored H.K.13. M.Ls. berthed in Hook. Arrangement made to berth whole force at Hook tomorrow. Capt. M/S. visiting Rotterdam in M.L.221. Arrangement made to berth 131st M.S.F. there. My 101941, not to all addressees, refers. (Capt. M.S.F.A., 102321B to C. in C. Nore.)

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Port Situation Reports. Information given is additional to that in previous Cositintreps.

(A) Bremerhaven and Wesermünde. No quays are mined or prepared for demolitions. Names of 26 Sea Pilots and 22 River Pilots have been

furnished.

(B) Brunsbüttel. Formally surrendered 8th May. Port appears undamaged and lock gates in good condition. Ships captured include 1 destroyer, 1 flak cruiser, 1 S/M escort vessel, 4 U-Boats, 2 minesweepers, 17 gunboats, 1 R-Boat, 2 Ferry and 12 landing craft and some small merchant ships.

(C) Heligoland. All civilians accommodation destroyed.

Garrison of 2,500 has only 3 weeks water.

(D) Rotterdam. Reported only ships of 2,000 to 3,000 tons can pass blockships at Maassluis. 6 ships now alongside discharging with own gear. Lack of coal prevents use of harbour installations.

(E) Kiel. Preliminary survey of merchant ships shows 10 tankers, 14 merchant ships over 2,000 tons, 53 smaller vessels, 2 floating docks. Numerous unmarked wrecks in approaches are dangerous to navigation. Acute shortage of coal and diesel oil makes use of captured minesweepers doubtful. Canal Pilots are available.

(F) Bremen. No U-Boats afloat but 16 prefabricated on stocks of which 9 are completed but sabotaged.

(G) Copenhagen. H.M. Ships BIRMINGHAM, DIDO, ZEPHYR, ZEALOUS, ZEST and ZODIAC arrived Copenhagen 9th May.



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(2) German minesweepers arrived Dover 8th May having left Ijmuiden on her own initiative.  
(3) Auxiliary Minesweeping Force for Elbe approaches berthed Cuxhaven 9th May. Sweeping of approach channel proceeding.  
(4) One German M.T.B. reported arrived

Santander. Crew interned.

(5) U.249 arrived Weymouth.  
(6) PROMPT, H.Q. Ship for Minesweeping Force clearing Dutch Channels was mined on the 9th May 12 miles north-west of Ostend. Ship towed to Ostend with 26 casualties. 736 p. 202.  
(A.N.C.X.F., 102358B to Admty.)

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Channel

Surrender  
of U. 1023.

U.1023 reported at 0003B/10th May in 50° 04' N. 05° 45' W.  
(D.D.I.C., 100116B to Cs. in C. Plymouth, W.A., H.Q.C.C.)

INGLIS and MOUNSEY escorting surfaced U.1023 from position vicinity Longships at 0400B/10 to Weymouth through 49.40 N. 05.45 W., 49.22 N. 05.00 W. thence along Green Route.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 100331B to Admty.)

U.1023, Commanding Officer Kapitänleut. Schroetel, 4 officers, 41 ratings. On patrol for 46 days. Area Lizard Head to Start Point.

(2) Will not divulge whereabouts of other German U-Boats but claims all in vicinity have surrendered.

(3) C.Bs. and cypher machine not located.

(4) Torpedoes and ammunition were both jettisoned by German U-Boat crew.

(5) States 2 ships were torpedoed off Pendeen 22nd and 23rd April. Claims to be first C.O. to use schnorkel.

(MAGPIE, 101701B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Your orders have been carried out. U.1023 surrendered to the Royal Navy at Portland at 2124 today May 10th.

(F.O.I.C. Portland, 102152B to Admty.)

U. 249 at  
Portland.

Your orders have been carried out. U.249 surrendered to the Royal Navy at Portland at 1100 today, May 10th.  
(F.O.I.C. Portland, 101145 to Admty.)

Liberation  
of Channel  
Islands.

Secret. Following is "Cositintrep Number 401 Force 135, part 4, section (D) period ending 0100B/10 at Plymouth.

Part One. Enemy co-operative. German Comd. is Vice-Admiral Huffmeier. German O.C. Tps. Guernsey is Maj. Gen. Heine. Total str. of German Grn. 26,909.



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Part Two. Destroyer party landed Guernsey 0730B/09 and Jersey 1430B/09. 618 Regt. Bty. G.P. (Lt.-Col. Stoneman) landed Guernsey 1500/09. 620 Regt. Bty. G.P. (Lt.-Col. Robinson) landed Jersey 1700B/09. Mosquitoes and Mustangs of 11 Gp. R.A.F. flew over Channel Islands on 9th May at 1,000 feet.

Part Three. Aircraft received enthusiastic welcome troops met by delirious rejoicing. Med. Offr. reports Guernsey state of civilian nutrition fair. Destroyer party returned to Plymouth 100115B".

(Southern Command, 100615B to Admty.)

Cositintrep No. 402, Force 135. Part 4, section (D), supplement (A), period ending 1500B/10 at Plymouth.

Part I. Maj. Gen. von Schmettow (former C. in C. Channel Islands) left Islands three months ago. O.C. German troops in Jersey is Maj. Gen. Wolff. Strength of garrison: Alderney 3,202. Guernsey 11,755. Jersey 11,671. Sark 281. Bn. of Georgians 800 strong on Guernsey, Bn. of Georgians 700 strong on Jersey. These are included in the figures given above for respective islands confirmed German Battle H.Q. for Guernsey was at Les Huriaux 450054 (ref. map G.S.G.S. 4205). German defences: Controlled sea minefields off approaches to St. Helier - St. Peter Port and St. Sampson are being disconnected by Germans. Airfields on all islands entirely obstructed but strip on Lebourg airfield at Guernsey is being cleared by Germans to permit landing of light aircraft. German morale is low. Troops hungry and crop thieving reached such extent that Germans had armed guards on crops.

Part II. Bty. Gps. on Jersey and Guernsey occupied St. Helier and St. Peter Port by 2200B/9, according to plan and without opposition. Three quarters of main body Force 135 embarked Plymouth by 1500B/10.

Part III. Chief Civil Affairs Officer (Col. H.R. Power) reports from Guernsey that rehabilitation of civil population will not prove more difficult than expected. Local authorities have planned well ahead and on lines similar to those of Force 135. No unforeseen problems have arisen. Guernsey has already arranged to replace German currency with new issue of local notes, but no information on this point from Jersey yet. Stupendous enthusiasm of population in both islands continues.

(H.Q. Force 135, 101515B to Admty.)

Operation "Nestegg".

FAULKNER take GARLAND, BORUM, MALOY, DOCHET and M.L.910 under his orders, pass Gate at 1730B/11 and proceed escorting "Nestegg" convoy Group 1 in accordance with Naval Force Commander's memorandum No. 0210/107 of 6th May, 1945.

(2) Ships are to be prepared to act at once in event of enemy treachery but guns are not to be manned unless necessary.

Full A/S precautions are to be taken.

(3) Communications in accordance with Operation "Nestegg". Naval signal instructions memorandum No. 0263/121 of 7th May 1945.



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(4) Convoy Group No.1 will sail in accordance with para. 1(b) of my 091244B.

(5) On arrival of "Nestegg" convoy Group 1 at destination DOCHET and M.L.910 are to remain under the orders of N.O.I.C. N.P.2000 who is requested to detach remainder of escorts as follows:

(A) FAULKNER and GARLAND to return forthwith to Plymouth.

(B) U.S.S. BORUM and U.S.S. MALOY to return as convenient west and north of Channel Islands to Cherbourg.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 101813B to Ships concerned.)

Operation "Nestegg". ASSINIBOINE (S.O. E.G.11) take GATINEAU, SASKATCHEWAN, KOOTENAY, OLVINA and M.L.309 under his orders pass Gate at 1515B/11 and proceed escorting "Nestegg" convoy Group 2 in accordance with Naval Force Commander's memorandum No. 0210/107 of 6th May, 1945.

(2) Ships are to be prepared to act at once in event of enemy treachery but guns are not to be manned unless necessary. Full A/S precautions are to be taken.

(3) Communications in accordance with Operation "Nestegg", Naval signal instructions memorandum No. 0263/121 of 7th May, 1945.

(4) Convoy Group 2 will sail in accordance with para. 1(a) of my 091244B.

(5) On arrival of "Nestegg" convoy Group 2 at destination OLVINA and M.L. 309 remain under the orders of N.O.I.C. N.P. 2000 who is requested to detach 11th E.G. to carry out A/S patrol in vicinity of Channel Islands. S.O. E.G.11 is to signal his intentions to C. in C. Plymouth.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 101816B to Ships concerned.)

Operation "Nestegg".

U.S. P.T.456 take U.S. P.T.458, U.S. P.T.460 and U.S. P.T.461 under his orders. Pass Gate at 0220B/12 and proceed escorting "Nestegg" convoy Group 4 in accordance with Naval Force Commander's memorandum No. 0210/107 of 6th May, 1945 and "Nestegg" Naval Plan Appendix (C) Part 1.

(2) Ships are to be prepared to act at once in the event of enemy treachery but armament is not to be manned unless necessary. Full A/S precautions are to be taken.

(3) Group 3 is not to overtake Groups 1 and 2 during dark hours.

(4) Communications in accordance with Operation "Nestegg" Naval signal instructions memorandum No. 0263/121 of 7th May, 1945.

(5) Convoy Group No. 4 will sail in accordance with para. 2 of my 091244B.

(6) On arrival of "Nestegg" convoy Group 4" at destination N.O.I.C. N.P.2000 is requested to detach U.S. P.Ts. 456, 460 and 461 as convenient to return to Cherbourg.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 101820B to Ships concerned.)

K.135 in C.C.A.O. Liberation developing most satisfactorily. Our plan seems really to have catered for everything. Small supply of coke makes baking possible and electricity (confronting) small expense. Spending tomorrow in Jersey with which again in regular telephonic communication. Flag ceremony arranged 1400 hours Saturday and informal call on Bailiffe 1130 Saturday.

("Channel Isles", 101832B to Admty.)

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Operation "Nestegg" M/S. Plan B.  
Sweep as outlined for first day completed.  
Result negative.  
(S.O. M.S.F.31, 102030B to N.O.I.C. N.P.2000.)  
Following received: "C. in C. Plymouth for  
onward transmission to Force 135 from Island  
Headquarters Guernsey. Adequate port  
facilities Peter Port available. Most cranes working.  
Coasters can be received any time. First key plan B.M.A.  
will be satisfactory. Full reconnaissance of Island  
communications completed. Generating plant, water works, gas  
works all intact. Castle Cornet sealed off. Conditions bad  
but under control. Governor's house in fair condition. Sark  
visited situation now satisfactory. Please confirm place  
and time of landing of Force Commander on Saturday 12th".  
(BEAGLE, 102200B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

U.S. Naval  
Blimps.

U.S. Naval Blimps are now operating in this  
country. These lighter-than-air craft are 260  
feet long, have 2 engine and carry full  
armament. Cruising speed 50 knots, normal  
U.S. Naval markings.  
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 101240B to Portsmouth  
Command.)

Operations

West Coast France

Situation at  
La Rochelle,  
La Pallice,  
Ile de Re.

U.S. Naval Mission La Rochelle. Lt. Comdr.  
Brine and Lt. Wade entered La Rochelle with  
French Commanding Officer 082130B. 091030B  
was present at surrender of Ile de Re and  
proceeded to inspection of Island. All  
military installations including coastal  
batteries, A/A batteries, radio and radar  
installations, telephone communication systems were found in  
perfect operational state. All batteries except one A/A were  
manned by German Naval personnel. All plans and maps of  
military installations including minefield were put at the  
disposition of proper Allied Military Authorities. French  
Marine assure Armed Guard of all military installations and  
prisoners.  
At La Pallice, following exploratory inspection, were found  
within port 1 dismantled French light cruiser, 2 patrol craft  
M.254 and M.34 in perfect operating condition, 10 armed  
trawlers, 5 dismantled trawlers, one armed minesweeper, two  
barges armed with quadruple torpedo tubes, one barge in  
excellent condition, 4 medium tugs intact, one small tug in  
actual operating condition, one armed cargo vessel, three  
dismantled cargo vessels, one dismantled coaster, 1 Rhine barge  
in excellent condition, hull of one small submarine. All  
small arms put ashore and disarming of certain units now  
complete. In submarine pen at La Pallice were found one Rhine  
River tanker unarmed, one cargo ship "HENK" unarmed, one

/dismantled ...



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Situation at  
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La Pallice,  
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dismantled submarine, one barge tanker, one  
minelayer guns dismantled, five barges. In  
workshop and supply depot all machinery and  
supplies remain intact. Supplies are on hand  
in large quantities.

At La Rochelle nothing of immediate Allied  
Naval interest has yet been located.

Request instructions concerning any action to  
be taken regarding supplies and equipment in submarine pen.  
All installations are under French Marine guard. Condition  
of security not absolute due to lack of guard personnel. In  
general La Pallice and La Rochelle can be considered operation  
ports as of today, only minor disposal and clearing being  
necessary. Fullest co-operation extended by surrendering  
forces.

(Lt. Cdr. Brine, U.S.N., 101750B to A.N.C.X.F., Comnavforfrance.)

Surrender  
of Lorient.

Order for unconditional surrender is being  
carried out and Lorient fortress will be  
surrendered at 1600/10/5. I am signing off  
with my steadfast and undefeated garrison.  
Our thoughts are with our sorely-trying homeland.

Long live Germany.

German G.O.C. 25th A.C., 091917 to Supreme Command.)

The above message in German P/L was intercepted at 1930/9/5.

Established in Lorient. Occupation completed according  
to plan. No sabotage or demolition evident in any vessels  
or installations. One damaged submarine, one E-Boat in good  
condition. Submarine pens in good condition. Full report  
later. Culbert Rice.

(Marine Paris, 102017Z to Comnavforfrance.)

Operations

Western Approaches

U-Boat  
Blue Route  
patrols.

On crossing 15° W. detach from O.N.301 and  
proceed to patrol Blue Route (A.M. 081200  
refers) between 49° and 52° N.

(2) Object is to ensure that U-Boats understand  
and comply with instructions contained in above  
quoted Admiralty message.

(3) Similar patrols on Blue Route are being established by  
12th E.G. (S.O. LOCH TARBERT) between 52° and 56° N. and by  
30th E.G. between 56° and 58° N.

(4) Codewords while on above patrol: 24th E.G. - "Whelp".  
12th E.G. - "Cormorant". 30th E.G. - "Markham".

(C. in C. W.A., 100001B to S.O. E.G.24.)

Surrender  
of U.825.

U.825 reported at 0832B/10th May in 49° 30' N.,  
12° 50' W., course 095°.  
(D.D.I.C., 100930B to Cs. in C. W.A., Plymouth,  
H.Q.C.C.)

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Surrender of U.516. Over U-Boat attempting surrender 47.45 N., 08.10 W., 015, speed 10, homing.  
(A/C JSH.25B, 100935 to 15 Group.)  
U.516 stopped in position 47° 37' N., 08° 30' W.  
Intend CAPRICE to escort to Weymouth or until relieved after detaching from SS. PASTEUR at 1200B.  
(CAVENDISH, 101031B to Admt.)  
U.516. Destroyer will escort, course 050° at 14 hours.  
(A/C JSH.25B, 101100B to 15 Group.)  
Note: See 101242.  
U.516 surrendered before 1030B/10th May in 47° 37' N., 08° 30' W.  
(D.D.I.C., 101242B to C. in C. Plymouth, H.Q.C.C.)  
When U.516 is picked up she is to be escorted on to Blue Route and given orders to proceed to Loch Eriboll. When U-Boat is on route CAVENDISH and CAPRICE proceed in execution of previous orders.  
(C. in C. W.A., 101148B to CAVENDISH, CAPRICE.)  
S/M offers surrender. Position 47° 53' N., 08° 12' W., course and speed 000°, 5.  
(A/C N.461.UBO, 101245B to 15 Group.)  
A/C X.228 escorting submarine resumed convoy escort position 47° 40' N., 08° 20' W.  
(A/C N.461.UBO, 101315 to 15 Group.)  
2 cruisers have arrived to escort U-Boat 47.45 N., 08.24 W.  
(A/C X/228, 101355 to 15 Group.)  
Your 101148. U.516 escorted by CAVENDISH, CAPRICE proceeding from - all positions north and west - 47° 37', 08° 28' to position 49° 09' thence unescorted by Blue Route, present speed 13 knots. Has been given written instructions as in A.M. 081200. Quick inspection shows she has complied with para. 1 (C), (D) and (F).  
(CAVENDISH, 101526B to C. in C. W.A.)

U-Boat surrender information required. Keep me fully informed of general situations with reference to compliance with surrender terms and behaviour of German crews.  
(2) Report time of arrival of each German U-Boat prefix "Immediate".  
(C. in C. W.A., 101014B to PHILANTE (at Loch Alsh))

Surrender of U-Boat. Aircraft reports U-Boat in lat. 42.10 N., 09.30 W. at 0840/10th May. Co., speed 15 knots. Number unknown.  
(D.D.I.C., 101241B to F.O.G.M.A., H.Q.C.C.)

Surrender of U-Boat. S/M offers surrender position 50.32 N., 11.39 W. course 030, speed 12 knots. I have fuel for 10 hours remaining.  
(A/C A/110 WKG, 101314B to 15 Group.)

/Minesweeping ...



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Minesweeping Reference A.L.T.O. 2895/43 of the 6th Dec. 1944  
off Lewis. and C. in C. W.A's 091304 May it is considered  
that a force of six Oropesa minesweepers will  
be needed to carry out this operation off Lewis  
and that a good seaman will be required to take  
charge. Also that the operation should commence as soon as  
ships can be spared to take advantage of the weather. Owing  
to operations in the Clyde it will be very difficult to spare  
an officer or ships and it is therefore submitted that if  
HARLECH CASTLE pays off her Commanding Officer, Lt. Cdr.  
Eugebresteun, R.N.R. should be retained to take charge of  
this operation. Reference para. 5 of the Admiralty letter  
Lt. Cdr. Rowton has since been retired.  
(Capt. M/S. Clyde, 101145 to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)



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Norway.

Difficulties  
in Norwegian  
Situation.

The Norwegian resistance movement is threatening German Guards and demanding that they deliver up their weapons. In reply to an enquiry from C. in C. Armed Forces Norway, the Allied C. in C. (Brigadier Horton) gave the following order:

(1) Orders have been given to stop such unauthorized demands by the Resistance Movement.  
(2) Weapons are not to be surrendered until orders to this effect are given by me.

(3) In self-defence, and in this case only, are German troops authorized to use force provided that the necessary amount is not exceeded.

Addition by Naval Chief Command: This order is to be made known to all soldiers forthwith. Ensure and supervise that this is done.

(German Naval Chief Command 100024 to "all")

A Norwegian Colonel and a Major, supposedly on instructions from Crown Prince Olaf are attempting to negotiate with our Commandant. Their 12 points include the interment of German troops, the surrender of all vessels (leaving all material on board), the handing over of all weapons (except as regards officers), the prohibition of traffic on the Armed Forces Network without the permission of the Norwegian Local Commandant the handing over of vehicles, radios and alcohol, the cessation of contact with the Norwegian Civil population, etc. in return, they guarantee the safety of the German troops, their victualling on the same scale as hitherto and protection from insults. They are attempting to rush the negotiations through under threat of ill-treatment later.

(German 67th V Flotilla 101627 to 2nd Coastal Defence Unit.)  
Refuse all demands and negotiations. Indicate briefly on the basis of the instructions of the Allied Commission, that no demands are to be made and that any attempts involving the use of force will be resisted by force of arms.

(German Commandant West Lofoten 102041 to 67th V Flotilla.)  
(The above 2 messages in P/L have been intercepted.)

Situation  
report.

Cositintrep 401. No further reports from Norway. Paratroops dropped as planned. No reports from Paratroops Gardemoen a.m. trying to contact through advance parties. If no reply airborne operation may be delayed. Milorg

Sweden reports all trains carrying Norwegian troops reach frontier by 1100 hrs. 10 May Dest. Ref. Sitrep 400. For Quisling arrested read Quislings plural arrested Oslo district. (Scofor 100155B to S.H.A.E.F.)

Cositintrep 402. Intelligence situation reported quiet whole country. Isolated shooting incidents occurred but not important. Telephone system in perfect order, entirely in hands of Milorg. No damage or demolition reported at any ports or harbours. Germans compliant. Reported by Milorg that Terboven and Rediess, former Chiefs Gestapo committed suicide. Operations Comd Airborne Div and portion staff arrived Gardemoen. Majority aircraft for Gardemoen recalled owing to fog.



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Norway.

Situation Report. (Contd.) Sola lift not recalled, no definite report of arrival yet. Lift to Gardemoen will now depart 11 May. Communications good, station in Oslo manned by Norwegians working on German High Command frequencies. Milorg in occupation Trondheim.  
(Scofor 101550 to Admty.)

Operation "S.C." Intend sailing submarine chaser operating from Shetlands. (1) 0800B/11th May from Scalloway. (2) 075° from Sumburgh Head 13 knots. (3) 2300B/11th May. (4) Between 2330B/11th May and 0400B/12th May. (5) 255° to Sumburgh Head 15 knots. (6) p.m. 12th May. (7) 075° Sumburgh Head. (8) No. (N.O.I.C. Lerwick 101247B to C. in C. H.F.) My 101247B. (1) 60° 41' N. 7° 51' E. (2) Ramose Patron. (3) Blank. (N.O.I.C. Lerwick 101249B to C. in C. H.F.)

Operation "Kingdom" to Oslo. My 091758 cancel 3A and substitute:  
3.(a) That 18 group coastal command aircraft be used as far as Long. 06° E. and A.O.C. 18 group is requested to arrange accordingly.  
(C. in C. Rosyth 101411B to Scofor, Admty.)  
I intend sailing a force of three cruisers, four destroyers and eight minesweepers through position G. 58° 00' N. 05° 00' E. and position Z. 58° 03' N. 06° (734') E. thence to Oslo. E.T.A. at position Z. 1400 G.M.T. Saturday May 12th.

(2) Six pilots capable of ensuring the safe passage of this force to Oslo are required to meet and board H.M. ships on arrival at position Z.

(3) Report - A. if these pilots can be arranged. B. If safe passage from position Z. to Oslo with pilots on board can be guaranteed without the use of minesweepers.

(C. in C. Rosyth 101721B to German Naval C. in C. Norway.)  
On arrival berth on ARIADNE at Y North where tanker will come alongside to fuel you. You will be required to sail at 1600 tomorrow 11th May to Oslo conveying H.R.H. The Crown Prince of Norway with 3 of his Ministers, 1 British Colonel L.O. 4 Junior Norwegian Officers, about 20 ratings and other ranks and personal baggage. Escort provided by H.F. Force.  
Operation orders will be given to you after arrival.

(C. in C. Rosyth 101806B to APOLLO.)

(1) Operation "Apostle". C. in C. Rosyth has requested that you provide air escort for a naval force consisting of 1 cruiser, 2 fast minelayers and 4 destroyers conveying H.R.H. The Crown Prince of Norway, Government Representatives and S.H.A.E.F. Mission from 06° E. to Oslo. Force sails from Rosyth 1600B/11th May.



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Operation "Kingdom" to Oslo. (Contd.)

(2) Request this may be arranged if possible.  
(3) C. in C. Rosyth is requested to inform 2nd T.A.F. (Main) and 83 Group R.A.F. of:-  
A. Final composition of force.  
B. Exact position and route in lats. and longs. from which air escort to Oslo is required.  
C. Speed of advance.

(4) C. in C. Rosyth is also requested to confirm that World Guard frequency and Conship procedure will be used.  
(A.N.C.X.F. 102347B to 2nd T.A.F.)

R. Nor. N. ships for Norway.

Operation "Apostle". The following is a list of Norwegian ships and ports in Norway to which they will be sailed:-  
ARENDALE, BUTTERCUP, BREVIK, DROBAK, M.T.Bs., MOSS to Oslo.  
N.Y.M.S. 379, 380, 381, 2 M.T.Bs., 2 M.F.Vs. to Kristiansund.  
SLEIPNER, NORDKAP, 2 M.F.Vs. M.Ls. 125, 213, or 573 to Stavanger.  
ACANTHUS, HORTEN, RISOR, GRIMSTAD, MANDAL, VARDO, 2 M.F.Vs., 2 M.T.Bs., M.M.S. 1085, 1086 to Bergen.  
MOLDE, BORTIND, HVAL, POLAR, SYRIAN, 2 M.T.Bs., 2 M.F.Vs. to Trondheim.  
STORD, NARVIK, NAMSOS, HNNINR, FARSUND to Tromso.  
(C. in C. Rosyth 101829B to Admty., F.O.I.C. N.P. 1736, C. in C.H.F., Nor. High Command.)

Surrenders of U-Boats.

Your 091943 para. B concur. Paras. C and D. Four additional submarine inspection parties are being arranged by F.O. S/M.  
(D.O.D.(H) 101904B to C. in C. Rosyth.)  
Admiralty's 101904 and C. in C. Rosyth's 091943 not to all.

State of inspection parties for Norway is as follows:-  
(1) First British party report Rosyth today.  
(2) Two further British parties due to report Rosyth a.m. 12th May.  
(3) Captain S.M. 9 detailing two Norwegian submarine parties to report to C. in C. Rosyth a.m. 12th May.  
(F.O. S/M 102128B to Admty.)

Mine cut 30 miles E.S.E. of Christiansand

Q.Z.X. 1537 should be extended eastward. BIRMINGHAM's paravanes cut one mine on eastern limit in approx. position 57° 48' N. 09° 01' E. dragged under the ship a dudmine or snag, which necessitated stopping and cutting away of P.V. DIDO also parted P.V. wire near this position. C. in C. H.F. 070943 and 051837 refers.  
(BIRMINGHAM 102148 to Admty.)



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of U.532.U.532 reported at 0628B/10th May in 63° 30' N.  
08° 10' W. course 210° speed 8 knots.  
(D.D.I.C. 100740B to Cs. in C. H.F., Rosyth,  
W.A., H.Q.C.C.)Submarine offers surrender. My position is 63°  
48' N. 8° W. position based on A.S.V. fix.  
(A/C MMQ 70 101048B to 18 Group.)

Proceed to Loch Eriboll via following positions.

A. 61° 00' N. 11° 00' W. B. 60° 00' N. 11° 00' W.  
then joining "Blue" route between longs. 10° 00' W. and 09° 00'  
W. Acknowledge.

(D.O.D.(H) 101445Z to U.532.)

Surrender  
of U.293.U.293 reported at 0732B/10th May in 58° 50' N.  
11° 00' W. course 180° 10 knots.(D.D.I.C. 100847B to Cs. in C. H.F., Rosyth,  
W.A., A.C.I.C., F.O. 3/M, H.Q.C.C.)U.293. Position 58.26 N. 09.33 W. course 080°  
speed 8 knots.

(A/C SZC 28 101534B to 15 Group.)

Surrender  
of U.1305.German U-Boat 1009\* and U-Boat 1305 arrived  
at 0815B today 10th May. Entirely compliant.  
(S.O. Loch Eriboll 101001B to C. in C. W.A.,  
Admty.) \* See 091337.Convoy  
J.W. 67.J.W. 67. A. 2159B/12th May E.T.A. 58° 40' N.  
05° 30' W. 1100B/14th May.

B. Escorted. C. 26 ships.

(N.C.S.O. Clyde 101005B to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

Surrender  
of U.802.Submarine offers surrender position 60° 25' N.  
2° 30' W. based on Gee fix obtained within half  
an hour of 1200 course 210° speed 12 knots.  
No number.

(A/C WQU 78 101240B to 18 Group.)

Submarine 802 going to look in position 60° 25' N. 02° 30' W.  
(A/C LCF 56 101530B to 18 Group.)Over U-Boat 802 my position is 60° 07' N. 02° 48' W.  
course 205 speed 8.

(A/C LCF 56 101610B to 18 Group.)

Over U-Boat No. 802 59° 34' N. 02° 40' W. course 260° 12  
knots, returning to base, E.T.A. 1810.

(A/C MMQ 63 101710B to 18 Group.)

Over U-Boat number 802 60° 02' N. 02° 50' W. course 220°  
speed 6 knots. Resuming patrol.

(A/C LCF 60 101805B to 18 Group.)

Surrender  
of U-boatSubmarine offers surrender in position 59.14 N.  
01.48 W. course 290° 12 knots.

(A/C KHB 75 101347B to 18 Group.)

/Surrender...



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Surrender of U-boat Over U-Boat surrender 58° 45' N. 05° 15' W. course 150° speed 4 knots. Request instructions. (A/C LCF 60 101440B to 18 Group.)

Surrender of U.1109. U.1109 reported at 2030B/10th May in lat. 58.26 N. long. 13.14 W. Course 090° speed 8.5 knots. (D.D.I.C. 102211B to Cs. in C. Rosyth, W.A., H.F., A.C.I.C., F.O. S/M, H.Q.C.C.)

Operations.

Baltic.

Air patrols between Denmark and Sweden. A.C. 989 May 10th.  
(1) Urgent request received from F.O. Denmark for air patrols to locate and report shipping movement in area bounded on south by line joining Lubeck to Ystad (Southern Sweden) and north by parallel through the Skaw.  
(2) Halifax aircraft of 58 and 502 Squadrons to commence patrols as soon as practicable and continue at regular intervals by day and by night as frequently as availability of aircraft permits.  
(3) Patrols to be designed to provide widest possible cover of the area.  
(4) All shipping under way is to be photographed and fully reported by W/T using the existing procedure.  
(5) You are to ensure all reports are passed to F.O. Denmark through Naval Signals Channels with a minimum of delay. (H.Q.C.C., 100005B to 18 Group.)

Force 5. Report time of arrival of your force at Copenhagen. (2) BIRMINGHAM pass to F.O. Denmark. (V.C.N.S. 100015B to BIRMINGHAM.) Force 5 arrived Copenhagen 0930B/9th May. A.M. 100015 refers. (BIRMINGHAM 100317B to Admty.)

U-Boat surrender instructions. Following received from 21 A.G. - The instructions to German U-Boats in accordance with Annexure I have been sent on the U-Boat wave continuously since 080521. Attention is drawn to the following discrepancy which has meanwhile been overcome: The instructions already given on 7th May to the German Broadcasting Station Flensburg to inform all U-Boats at sea as to their future conduct was broadcast several times as postscript to the news service. It did not however, correspond to the conditions laid down in Annexure I which was not yet known when the broadcasting instructions were given.



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U-Boat  
surrender  
instructions.  
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The obsolete version was again put out at 082200. A correction in the broadcasting service to comply with the Armistice conditions Annexure A is now being repeatedly broadcast to all U-Boats, so misunderstanding will be excluded. The valid frequencies for re-transmission to U-Boats will be handed to the U-Boat Ops. Department at the Naval O.S. H.Q. concerned.  
(A.N.C.X.F. 100130B to S.H.A.E.F.)

Bornholm.

There is a German report that Russian seaborne expedition has demanded surrender of their forces in Bornholm.  
(F.O. Kiel Command 101006B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Photographic  
R/C of  
Denmark.

Request photographic R/C as soon as possible of following Danish ports to determine disposition of shipping:-  
Esbjerg, Fredrikshaven, Holbaek, Aabenraa, Odense, Helsingor, Fredericia, Byborg, Copenhagen, Middelfart, Korsor, Nakshov, Aarhus, Svendborg, Gedser, Aalborg, Kalundborg, Sonderborg.  
(2) Request photographs be taken of any shipping seen at sea.  
(3) Suggested scale of photography 1 over 20,000.  
(4) First and second phase reports - usual distribution.  
(D.D.I.C. 101304B to J.P.R.C. Benson.)

Midget U/Bs  
in Zealand.

90 Midget submarines located Lynaes, North Sealand with complete personnel equipment and transport only available guard is resistance.  
(F.O. 1737, 102143B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Situation  
At Kiel.

Situation report to 2100 today Thursday. Main immediate problem concerns refugees. In addition to 9 destroyers, 1 T.B. and 2 flotillas of small M/Ss, there are now 75 ships in Kiel Harbour and Kiel Bay. About 50,000 troops are afloat in these ships and another 25,000 are expected tomorrow. In addition to these seaborne arrivals 800,000 troops and refugees are firmly expected to arrive in this area from the Russian zone on foot. By arrangement with the military authorities, destroyers and one overcrowded merchant ship are unloading tonight at Kiel. 14,000 troops and refugees are being sent to Neustadt commencing 0600 tomorrow Friday and a decision regarding the remainder will be made tomorrow. Am dealing here with Admiral Kummetz who appears to be co-operative at present. Admiral Meendsen Bohlien the C. in C. Fleet is reported to be at Flensburg. Admiral Friedeburg and Vice Admiral Heye are visiting me from Flensburg tomorrow Friday concerning Spitfire shot down. 2 officers from Ukena are under

/arrest...



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Situation  
at Kiel.  
(Contd.)

arrest and witnesses are being held.  
Investigations are proceeding. Defence likely  
to be A. absence from bridge, B. Spitfire lost  
owing to wings touching wave.  
I still only have 1/3 of my Naval parties in Kiel  
owing to cancellation of air passage from  
Brussels.  
(F.O. Kiel Command 102359B to A.N.C.X.F)

Enemy Intelligence.

Surrender  
of U.541  
and others.

*8 on May 9 (page 212)  
9 identified last May 10*

*16*

A.M. 091700. Following additional reports  
received up to 0830B/10th May.  
U.858 41° 58' N. 52° 47' W. at 2216B/9th May.  
U.1023 50° 04' N. 05° 45' W. at 0003B/10th May.  
U.541 42° 00' N. 16° 00' W. at 0311B/10th May.  
U.532 63° 30' N. 08° 10' W. at 0628B/10th May.  
U.293 58° 50' N. 11° 00' W. at 0732B/10th May.  
(D.D.I.C. 100856B to Ships and Authorities,  
areas A. B. C.)

Note: U.541 is the only one not already  
recorded in the War Diary.

A.M. 100856. Additional U-Boat surrenders received up to  
1200B/10th May.

U.825 in 49° 30' N. 12° 50' W. at 0832.

U.516 in 47° 37' N. 08° 30' W. at 1031.

U.1305 arrived Eriboll 0815 without previous report.

In addition A/C have reported unidentified U-Boats in  
61° 08' N. 01° 58' W. at 0615, and in 42° 10' N. 09° 30' W.  
at 1040, and in 63° 48' N. 08° 00' W. at 1048.

(D.D.I.D. 101411B to S. & A. Areas A.B.C.)

Note: The last mentioned is most probably U.532.

U.825, U.516 and U.1305 are already recorded in the War Diary.

Request for  
information  
on operational  
U-Boats in  
Norway and  
at sea.

Request you will ascertain from German Command  
and report as soon as possible following details  
regarding operational U-Boats:-

- A. Distinguishing numbers of all boats in each Norwegian port.
- B. Distinguishing numbers and positions of boats still at sea.

(V.C.N.S. 101310B to A.N.C.X.F.)



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Casualties & Defects.

PROMPT,  
minesweepers.

PROMPT was mined at 1700 yesterday 9th in vicinity of N.F. 7 buoy.  
(2) Vessel has been towed to Ostend. Total casualties 2 officers 36 ratings injured.  
(C. in C. Nore 101821B to Admty.)

SS. EMPIRE  
UNITY.

Your 061310B. Ministry of War Transport have arranged for owners Superintendent to be flown to Iceland on Monday 14th May to advise on repairs to EMPIRE UNITY for passage to U.K.  
(D. of S. to A.C.I.C., T.O.O. 101345B.)

SS. HORACE  
BINNEY.

HORACE BINNEY now grounded in Small Downs. Condition beyond salvage. Will probably break in two.  
Position will be reviewed at daylight. Request W.S.A. representative will full authority for disposal of ship cargo and crew as soon as possible.  
(V.A. Dover 100530B to Admty. Salvage.)

Movements.

U.1305,  
U.1009.

Intend sailing U.1305 and U.1009 escorted by BYRON to Loch Alsh at 1300 E.T.A. 2015 today Thursday.  
(S.O. Loch Eriboll 101126B to C. in C. W.A.)  
S.O. Loch Eriboll 101126 E.T.A. South Rona Light 0100/11.  
(BYRON 101815B to N.O.I.C. Lochalsh.)

COLOMBO,  
cruiser.

Reference A.G.M. 716A. Proceed at high speed and maintain A/S precautions.  
(C. in C. Plymouth.101336B to COLOMBO.)

ROYAL RUPERT,  
ex WEIACHEL,  
depot ship.

Correct my 080015 not to all addressees to read Commissioned German U-Boat Depot Ship WEIACHEL as H.M.S. ROYAL RUPERT on arrival Wilhelmshaven 1130 Sunday 6th May.  
(N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven 101410B to Admty., F.O. Wilhelmshaven, ROYAL ALBERT.)

RENOWN,  
battlecruiser

A.M. 050026, para. 2. As meetings with German delegates will take place on board RENOWN intend delaying her sailing until they are completed - estimated about 13th May - but date will be confirmed by signal when known.  
(2) Ref. para. 5. Earliest date de-ammunitioning can now be completed is 17th May.  
(C. in C. Rosyth 101801 to Admty.)



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U.1058. Arrived U.1058 at 1750B/10th May. Compliant.  
Will not be sailing daytime tomorrow.  
(S.O. Loch Eriboll 101820B to C. in C. W.A.)  
See 091540 under Western Approaches.

U.1105 Arrived U.1105 at 1830B/10th May. Compliant.  
Sailing to Lochalsh tomorrow.  
(S.O. Loch Eriboll 101951B to C. in C. W.A.)  
See 090940 under Western Approaches.

BERWICK, My 101315B\* sailed.  
cruiser. (C. in C. Rosyth 102240B to C. in C. H.F.)  
\* Intend sailing BERWICK. (101315 not held.)



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North Atlantic

U-Boat U.541 reported at 0111B/10th May in 42 degs. 00'  
541. N. 16 degs. 00' W. course 147 degs. speed 10  
knots. Will arrive at Point "A" at 1600/11th  
May.

(D.D.I.C.100416B to F.O.G.M.A.)

A.M. 011316 estimate U.541 will arrive Gibraltar p.m. Saturday  
May 12th.

(F.O.G.M.A.101037B to Admty.)

A/C report further U-Boat in position 042 degs. 10' N.  
009 degs. 30' W. at 0840B to-day May 10th southbound at 15 knots.

(2) If report correct U-Boat can reach position (A) at 0900B  
May 11th.

(3) FLAMINGO and LA MALOUINE have been ordered to investigate.

(4) MALCOLM and LOWESTOFT are to make best speed to arrive in  
position (A) as early as possible on 11th May.

(5) WELLINGTON and ENCHANTRESS are to sail at 1700B/May 10th  
routed to position (A) as in my memorandum T.S.O.0459/45 being  
passed to them. S. of A. 13 knots.

(6) Estimate ships in para. No.5 will arrive in position (A)  
at 1600B May (?11th).

(7) If 2 U-Boats encountered (a) first U-Boat is to be boarded by  
MALCOLM and escorted by MALCOLM and WELLINGTON to Gibraltar.

(b) 2nd U-Boat to be boarded by LOWESTOFT and escorted by  
LOWESTOFT and ENCHANTRESS.

(8) If only one U-Boat encountered MALCOLM and WELLINGTON  
escort to Gibraltar while LOWESTOFT and ENCHANTRESS remain in  
position (a) until further orders.

(F.O.G.M.A. 101605B to MALCOLM, LOWESTOFT, ENCHANTRESS,  
WELLINGTON.) see 121401B.

MALCOLM (S.O) and LOWESTOFT sail at 1400B/May 10th to R/V  
U.541 in position (A) 36.00 N. 11.00 W. at 1600B/May 11th.

(F.O.G.M.A.101105B to Admty.)

Your 101536B (N.T. in W.D.). Have combed probable track.  
Nothing to report. U-Boat unlikely to exceed 10 knots in  
present weather wind south force 5 sea 31.

(FLAMINGO, 101946Z to Gibraltar)

S/M TAURUS. Arrivals ex K.M.S.100 H.M.S. WALLFLOWER, TAURUS.  
(F.O.G.M.A.101915B to Admty.)

South Atlantic

Trawlers  
for U.K.

Your 251456B/April.

(2) Six trawlers referred to in your para. 1  
should be sailed to U.K. as soon as possible.

(Hd. of M. 101538B to C. in C. S.A. and 121123B)



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Mediterranean

Amphibious resources in Mediterranean for Far East. Following from Combined Chiefs of Staff. Reference Cominch signal 282103Z/April. In view recent developments culminating in unconditional surrender of German forces in Italy it is considered that further reductions in amphibious resources in Mediterranean theatre can now be made. American forces are urgently required for operations in the Pacific and many of British forces are similarly required to return to U.K. for refit before redeployment in South East Asia Command. You are therefore requested:-  
(a) To release all United States amphibious forces on 15th May.  
(b) To propose to the British Chiefs of Staff repeated J.S.M. programme for the release of all British amphibious forces now in your theatre.  
(A.M.S.S.O., 100915Z to A.F.H.Q. Italy).

Operational control S. France. Further to my 051831 and with reference to Almed's 071804 C. in C. Med. has requested S.A.C. to add the following to the proposals being put forward to the C.C.S.  
"The alteration of the eastern boundary of Almed's area to the following line - from the France Italian frontier to a position 3 miles 360° from Cap Corse light (43.02 N., 9.24 E) thence along a line 3 miles to seaward of the east coast of Corsica to Lavezzi Rock (41.19 N., 09.15 E) thence to position 41.26 N., 08.28 E. thence as for the existing boundary."  
(C. in C. Med., 101056B to Allmed amended by 171716B and 192058B)

German surrenders. Intelligence report number 175 week ending tenth May.  
A. Dodecanese all German forces surrender p.m. eighth. Allied Forces entered Rhode Island, Leros, Kos, a.m. ninth, without incident. No port demolition and enemy shipping believed intact.  
B. Crete signing of surrender arranged a.m. tenth.  
C. Milos surrendered. Effected eighth, and British forces left to occupy islands ninth.  
(S.O.(I), E Med., 101110C to N.L.O. Black Sea). *See also 101921B, p. 246*

Italian P.O.W. repatriation of. In view of conclusion of war in Europe it is considered that sufficient personnel will be available in Italy without recourse to repatriation of further Italian P.W. Consider that this project should now be abandoned. This decision has been conveyed to Allied Commission who are in agreement.  
(A.F.H.Q., 101320Z to Agwar).

CLEOPATRA and CEYLON (Cruisers). C. in C. Med. is requested to sail CLEOPATRA on completion of work up to join East Indies station as temporary relief for TROMP.  
3. CEYLON will now remain on East Indies station until the end of 1945.  
(D.O.D.(F), Approved V.C.N.S., 101603B to C. in C. Med).

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Situation report number 608. CLEVELAND with 4 M.T.Bs. has arrived off Trieste. (C. in C. Med., 101701B to F.O.L.E.M.)

ARETHUSA (Cruiser) ARETHUSA sailed Famagusta direct 1800C today 10th May E.T.A. (2 corrupt groups) 11th ready to embark troops on arrival. (Cdre. Levant Haifa, 101811C to N.O.I.C. Famagusta)

F.S. TIGRE F.S. TIGRE did not proceed in accordance with para. 1 Almed. 052340\* and is still operating in Mediterranean. (C. in C. Med., 101822B to B.A.D., Admty.)  
\* Sending of TIGRE to Gulf of Gascega for reinforcement blockage.

German Surrenders The German Command in Crete surrendered at 2230B/9 hours to troops of Land Forces Greece. In Cyclades, German garrison, 529 all ranks, on Milos surrendered 0001B/9. (A.F.H.Q., 101921B to W.O.)

N.O.I.C. Port Said, Lapse of (2) On 16th May 1945, The Senior Naval Officer Red Sea and Canal Area will transfer his Office from Ismailia to Port Said or assume as additional duties those now undertaken by N.O.I.C. Port Said, the title of N.O.I.C. Port Said will then lapse, all correspondence and signals normally addressed to the N.O.I.C. Port Said should be addressed to S.N.O.R.S.C.A. as from 16th May, 1945. (F.O.L.E.M., 101931C to Amty.)

Dodecanese Sitrep. GO/11352 cipher 10th May. (1) a.m. 9th May Force 281 surrender missions arrived Cos, Leros, and Rhodes. Delegates acclaimed and report no civil unrest. Germans show co-operative attitude and concentrating before being disarmed. (2) Intention. Phopal Inf. to Rhodes 10th May followed by Force Comd. and H.Q. 11th May. Complete disarmament Germans Rhodes by 12th May. (3) Calato airfield expected serviceable for aircraft 11th May. (C. in C.M.E., 102000C to A.F.H.Q.)

Danube open to navigation (1) Tishkin stated 8th May that Danube below Belgrade now open to navigation. Above Belgrade still dangerous. This indicates British and German mined areas between Giurgiu - Belgrade are being successfully dealt with. (2) He further stated that situation at Delta unchanged. Mines and limited depth still prevent entry sea going ships. (B.M.M. Roumania, No T.O.O. 10th, to Admty.)

/Movement...



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Movement Trieste arrival 10th VULCAN, B.Y.M.S. No. 2068, 2175, ?2209, 2012, 2031 M/Ls 170, 172, 173, 174, 176, 561, 567, 568, 581, (594?) (597?) (804?) 829 (591?).  
(Trieste, 102108 to Admty.)

JEANNE D'ARC. My 041910B, not to all refers. Marine Paris insure their orders for the movement of JEANNE D'ARC after French Government informed British Government that voyage will be made with no calling at intermediate ports between Bizerta and Beirut and vice versa.

- (2) Stay at Beirut will be reduced to minimum.
- (3) On (W.S. BLCK (sic)) JEANNE D'ARC will stop in Bizerta to effect rapid examination other shaft.
- (4) Accordingly if call in Bizerta on way to Beirut is necessary for fuelling PREMAR III will sail JEANNE D'ARC to Bizerta and Comar Bizerta will sail JEANNE D'ARC for Beirut as soon as fuelling is completed through same routes as those ordered for MONTCALM ordered by F.O.L.E.M.
- (5) If call at Bizerta unnecessary PREMAR III will sail JEANNE D'ARC direct for Beirut. T.O.O.101314. Ends.  
C. in C. Med. 102109B to Adty.)



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East Indies

SILVIO  
mined.

SILVIO mined in Rangoon River 8th May. Ship seaworthy at 8 knots.  
(C. in C. E.I., 100316Z to Admty.)

Operation  
"Dukedom".

Enemy surface forces may be leaving Singapore.  
(2) Force 61 left Trincomalee 0700FG/10th May to operate in Andaman Sea. Force 61 comprises QUEEN ELIZABETH (B.S.3), RICHELIEU, CUMBERLAND (C.S.5), ROYALIST (A.C.21), TROMP, SHAH, HUNTER, KHEDIVE, EMPEROR, ROTHERHAM (D.11), SAUMAREZ (D.26), VENUS, VIGILANT, VERULAM, VIRAGO, TARTAR (D.10), ESKIMO, NUBIAN.  
(3) PALADIN with R.F.A. EASEDALE forms Force 70 and will operate west of Nicobars.  
(4) Three submarines are on patrol in Malacca Straits.  
(5) 222 group are co-operating.  
(C. in C. E.I., 100559 to Admty.)  
Codeword for operation in my 100559 - "Dukedom".  
(C. in C. E.I., 100602Z to Admty.)

Submarines  
for E.I. &  
B.P.F.

My 050755 (N.T. in W.D.) No new construction 'S' class will be retained on E.I. Stn.  
(2) It will be necessary however for SEANYMPH and STUBBORN to join B.P.F. as Second Flotilla is now stabilised, as in A.M. 242042 para. 3 and next relief is not required until September.  
(C. in C. E.I., 100603Z to C. in C. B.P.F.)



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N.S.H.Q. S/M (C) A/C No. FR.9140 reports sighting submarine  
attack and at 1330Z/9th May in 51.00 N. 38.00 W., course  
sighting 300°.  
summary. (N.S.H.Q., 100252Z to Admty., Cominch.)

U/B 1200Z/10th May, Part A substantially same as my  
dispositions. 091426Z.  
Part B. U.858 in 42° 23' N., 55° 35' W., 277°,  
8 knots. U.1228 in 48° 12' N., 40° W., 264°, 7  
knots. U.805 probably in 43° 20' N., 43° 20' W.  
304°, 7 knots.  
(N.S.H.Q., 101344Z to S. & A. north of 40° N. etc.)

Enemy U-Boat estimate 1200Z/10.

(A) General situation continues obscure with unreported  
U-Boats in U.S. strategic area estimated as follows:  
One unlocated off East Coast possibly Hatteras area.  
One westbound area 37.00 51.00 from sighting 091649Z.  
One moving south-west area 50.30 40.00 from sighting 091330Z.  
Two Grand Banks to Flemish Cap.  
One possibly southbound general area 51.30 32.30.  
One possibly in Reykjavik area.

(B) U-Boats in U.S. strategic area reporting since Cominch  
091547Z. U.858 in 41.58 52.47 at 092005Z.

(C) 277 S. 8 and in 42.00 53.08 at 092151Z.  
(Cominch, 101555Z.)

U-Boat 889. U-Boat U.889 in position 43.55 N., 51.36 W.  
Am escorting him course to Bay of Bulls.  
Request constant air coverage and instructions.  
(S.O. W.6, 101951Z to C. in C. C.N.A.)  
Amended by 102001Z.

Reference my 101951Z for U.329 read U.889.

(S.O. W.6, 102001Z to C. in C. C.N.A.)

Your 101951. Alter course forthwith for position 42.59  
N., 64.29 W.

(2) Detail 2 escorts to remain escorting submarine to above  
position, OSHAWA and remaining escort proceed direct St. Johns.

(3) Report forthwith priority immediate P.C. and S. of submarine  
and names of escorts detailed to A.I.G. 302 repeated C. in C.  
Lant, E.G.28, C.T.F. 24.

(F.O.N.F., 102055Z to S.O. W.6.)

My 101951 and 102001. My P.C. and S. at 2100Z/10 44.07  
N., 51.39 W., course 000, 12 knots. E.T.A. 12 miles off Bay  
of Bulls 1600Z/11 approaching via Y.

(S.O. W.6, 102103Z to C. in C. C.N.A.)

F.O.N.F. 102055Z. P.C. and S. of U.889 at 2300Z/10th  
44.31 N., 51.38 W., course 261°, speed 12 knots. DUNVEGAN (S.O.)  
and ROCKCLIFFE detailed as escorts.

(S.O. W.6, 102305Z to C. in C. C.N.A.)

U-Boat. Detach two escorts forthwith best speed to  
intercept U-Boat, my 101845\* refer. Name  
ships detailed further signal follows.  
(C. in C. C.N.A., 102026Z to S.O. E.G.28.)  
\* N.T. in W.D.

/ U/B ...



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U/B report. Para. (B) 1330/9 R.C.A.F. plane sighted surfaced U-Boat 51.00 N., 38.00 W., course 300. All times Z.  
Para. (C) (1) 091630 P.B.Y. 5A reported disappearing radar contacts 38.29 N., 72.40 W.  
(2) About 1717/10 U.S. Tanker CORNELL reported probable periscope sighted 41.30 N., 63.30 W.  
(Cominch, 102033Z to Admty. for O.I.C.)

Far East and Australia

Operational report No.9. Series of operational reports 8th May. Dense low cloud strikes cancelled.  
(2) 9th May Myako and Ishigaki well bombed. Two aircraft destroyed on ground. Fleet attacked about noon by group of Suiciders. Fighters splashed one. Second steep-dived VICTORIOUS hit flight deck forward. Third shallow dived VICTORIOUS glanced deck and fell in sea. 10th enemy hard hit by gunfire. 4th shallow-dived ~~howe~~ <sup>HOWE</sup> but splashed close by gunfire. 5th struck FORMIDABLE flight deck setting after air-park alight.  
(3) Damage. VICTORIOUS hole in flight deck. Forward lift, accelerator and ten per cent armament out of action. Can operate few aircraft but at reduced handling speed. FORMIDABLE two pompoms out of action. Ship remains operational.  
(4) Casualties in both ships light.  
(5) Fleet now in service area squaring things up and replenishing 10th and 11th May. Hopes to resume striking 12th and 13th May.  
(6) TJITJALENGKA leaves Leyte a.m./10th for vicinity service area to embark casualties.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 100414Z to Admty.) See 110837Z.

LAMONT,  
L.S.I.(L). Departure of LAMONT as my 120507 April has been delayed by damage to GLENEARN. My 250700 to Admty. only refers.  
(3) Now intend LAMONT leave Sydney about 15th May for U.K. via Panama.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 100608Z to Admty.)

ARBUTUS,  
corvette. Intended that New Zealand corvette ARBUTUS should join 25th A/S M/S Flotilla in Solomons area end of May 1945.  
(2) Commander South Pacific area has now indicated that he has no requirement for her and subject to New Zealand Government approval she can be made available to you if desired as there is now no other employment for her.  
(3) She is not equipped for minesweeping.  
(4) Would appreciate your views.  
(N.Z.N.B., 102359Z to C. in C. P.B.F.) Reply: 140149Z.



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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN

S/M attack  
and sighting  
summary.

For 24 hours to 0800Z/10th May.

Para. (B) (1) A/C J/224 attacked surfaced  
U-Boat course 090° at 1335Z/9th in 60° 25' N.,  
03° 10' W.

Para. (C) (1) A/C N/407 sighted possible wake and  
swirl course 225° at 1330Z/9th May in 51° 10'  
N., 04° 22' W.

(D.D.I.C., 101213Z to Cominch, N.S.H.Q.)

U/B  
dispositions.

U-Boats estimated at 1000B/10th May.

1009 RF Arriving Eriboll after sunrise.

826 QB 59° 15' N., 03° 45' W.

1105 QR 58° 20' N., 09° 30' W.

249 VV Due Weymouth 0630/10.

805 OP 42° 45' N., 43° 45' W.

802 LE 60° 45' N., 01° 00' E.

1058 TT 58° 55' N., 06° 00' W.

1228 LZ 48° 00' N., 39° 40' W.

858 LP 42° 15' N., 55° 50' W.

1023 QA S. of Lizard proceeding to Weymouth.

541 LT 41° 00' N., 15° 15' W.

532 LI 62° 45' N., 08° 00' W.

293 RA 58° 20' N., 10° 40' W.

825 TL 49° 40' N., 12° 30' W.

Probably about a dozen between Iceland (C), Faroes and Rockall,  
another seven or eight south of Rockall to approx. lat. 50°  
00' N.

Two or three in area W. of English Channel or in Channel itself.  
One or more may still be in North Sea.

(D.D.I.C., 101215B to A.I.G. 331, Cominch.)



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1. Admiralty agree that two ships should shew the Flag at Kiel, at Wilhelmshaven, and at Emden; C. in C. H.F., offers NORFOLK with two destroyers for a Norwegian port as well.

## North Sea.

2. (a) F.O. Wilhelmshaven and one company of the Scots Guards proceeded to Heligoland in German ships flying the white ensign, and hoisted the white ensign on the Fortress, with appropriate ceremony.

(b) M.S.F. 18 is sweeping the channel into Cuxhaven, and M.S.F. 10 into Rotterdam.

(c) Wilhelmshaven dockyard is in full working order, but all U-Boats in port are scuttled. A large stock of codes, cyphers, and secret books was seized in Sengward.

(d) Emden appears to be largely intact.

(e) Rotterdam discharging is held up due to lack of coal, which is also acute at Wilhelmshaven.

(f) U.883, U.779, U.291, U.1198, U.1103, U.2341, U.2356 and U.1194 are afloat in Cuxhaven.

## Channel.

3. Force 135 has sailed for the Channel Islands.

West Coast  
France.

4. (a) The only outstanding German pocket, that at St. Nazaire, is now being occupied.

(b) The French frigates L'AVENTURE and L'DECOUVORTE are being placed at the disposal of A.N.C.X.F.

Western  
Approaches.

5. (a) U.956 80 miles W.S.W. of St. Kilda, and (b) U.1010 45 miles S.W. of the Fastnets, and are proceeding to Loch Eriboll.

(c) Five other U-Boats, as yet unidentified, have surfaced, one 120 miles W.S.W. of the Scillies, one 130 miles W.N.W. of Tory Island, one 60 miles S.E. of the Fastnets, one 20 miles west of the Blaskets and one 40 miles W. by N. of St. Kilda.

## Norway.

6. (a) Operation "Kingdom" APOLLO and ARIADNE carrying H.R.H. the Crown Prince of Norway, escorted by DEVONSHIRE, 4 destroyers and 8 minesweepers, sailed from Rosyth for Oslo.

(b) The Norwegian situation is reported as all quiet; German evacuation to reservations proceeding smoothly. Considerably stocks of diesel and high octane fuel have been found at Stavanger

Northern  
Waters.

7. (a) U.1231 surfaced about 220 miles N.W. of Cape Wrath.

(b)\* U.748 7 miles north of Cape Wrath, and

(c) U.802 20 miles west of Orkney, and are proceeding to Loch Eriboll.

\* U.293. See PHILIPPS  
11215 to C.M.C.W.A.



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Waters.  
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7. (a) Another U-Boat, as yet unidentified, surfaced 120 miles west of Butt of Lewis.

Baltic.

8. (a) Flensburg is overcrowded, ashore and afloat, with German troops and refugees. There is food for 14 days only and an acute shortage of fuel.  
(b) Kiel overcrowding continues acute.  
(c) German minesweeper M.607 sailed from Copenhagen for Rosyth.  
(d) U.3008 surfaced close east of the Skaw and has been ordered to Kiel.

Foreign Stations.

Mediterranean.

Adriatic.

9. (a) An Italian harbour vessel (probably the ROSA 246 tons) was sunk in Ancona Harbour by an underwater explosion today.  
(b) ORION sailed from Ancona and arrived at Trieste.

East Indies.

Movement.

10. NIGERIA left Addu Atoll for Trincomalee

America & West Indies.

Collision.

11. JOHN CROPPER (U.S. 7177 tons) in convoy O.N. 300 was badly damaged in collision with JACOB SLOAT FASSETT (U.S. 7198 tons) in same convoy at 8 o'clock this morning about 410' E.S.E. of Cape Race. The damaged ship is proceeding and both were detached to the stragglers route. 111112Z



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Far East and Australia.

- Borneo. 12. During yesterday and today 3 ships were sunk and others damaged by aircraft off Borneo.
- China. 13. During yesterday and today aircraft sank or set on fire 6 small ships and damaged many others in the Canton area.
- Philippines. 14. Before dawn today a small Army American supply ship was torpedoed off Davao (Mindanao.)
- New Guinea. 15. (a) Australian troops landed unopposed 9 miles east of Wewak this morning.  
(b) Troops of the 6th Division captured all but the northeast corner of the Wewak Peninsula against strong resistance.



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Policy

German communications en clair. The O.K.W. has, by open cable, ordered the cessation of hostilities on the 8th May at 0000 hours. Spoken orders and repeated cables were given and sent to all parts of the Wehrmacht up to this time only the following cases are known in which secretive cables were used. Twice U-Boats did not answer to open cables. With the sanction of Marshall Montgomery this last communication was closed. From the German Naval Authority in Tokio a secretive cable was received, but then this station too was ordered to send open messages. (J.O.D.L.110120B to S.H.A.E.F. for Eisenhower)

Release of ratings over 53. Preparations are to be made for the release in Class A of all ratings except W.R.N.S. in age and service group number one in accordance with A.F.O. 1140/45 starting on 18th June.  
(2) Owing to the size of this group releases will be spread over a few weeks and in the first instance priority in the provision of reliefs where they are essential is to be given to men aged 53 and above.  
(3) A further signal will be made with regard to starting the release of married W.R.N.S. ratings of high priority see A.F.O. 892/45 para. 5 on the same date.  
(4) Action is to be taken now on para.20 to 22,35,36 and 48 of A.F.O. 1140/45.  
(5) Officers will be dealt with separately.  
(A.C.N.P. 110641B General Message)

Allied ships to show the Flag in German ports. Concur that short visits not to exceed one week should be made to Kiel, Wilhelmshaven and Emden. It is not considered that visits to Hamburg by one destroyer would have any effect in view of vast size of port.  
(2) Request you will arrange for one cruiser and one destroyer from Copenhagen to visit Kiel and with C. in C. Nore for two Hunts to visit Wilhelmshaven and two Hunts to visit Emden.  
(3) Your 101810 refers and is being passed to C. in C. Nore and C. in C. Home Fleet.  
(V.C.N.S. 111702B to A.N.C.X.F.) *See 171816, page 435.*  
My 101810 being passed. I consider it desirable that if ships are available they should also be sent to all main Norwegian Ports.  
(A.N.C.X.F. 111938B to Admty.) *Concur. (Admty. 121440)*  
Would it help you if I sailed C.S.1 in NORFOLK with 2 destroyers to Norway on Monday 14th May for a short stay. Suggest Bergen but any other port if you wish.  
(C. in C. H.F. 112026 to A.N.C.X.F.)

Proposed disposal of German ships. Your 101913. Admiralty are in general agreement but suggest that last sentence of (B) should be so worded as not to prevent immediate use of German shipping in Norwegian waters for local purposes and for carrying supplies to Norway.  
(V.C.N.S. 111958B to A.N.C.X.F.)



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German Naval discipline. Service personnel affected by the capitulation are not prisoners of war but capitulated personnel. Units will therefore keep together in one body under their officers. Anyone leaving his unit of his own accord is guilty of absence without leave or desertion with all that this implies.

The Dutch resistance movement is handing over to the Wehrmacht German deserters who have gone underground and they will receive the punishment they deserve as traitors. My court martial on board ship continues to function as before. Make sure this is promulgated to all service personnel.

Service personnel who have not served their sentence and whose continued presence in their Flotillas is unacceptable for reasons of discipline, are to be sent to the Army (H) Special Regiment in Bennebrook near Haarlem.

(German S.O. 1st Defence Division, 2040B/11th to all Flotillas)

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Surrender of Rotterdam based E-Boats. You will probably be required to sail M.T.Bs already detailed a.m. to-day Friday to R/V at South Falls Buoy, a unit of E-Boats with German Rear Admiral Breuning on board. E-Boats will have sailed from Rotterdam.  
(2) After meeting at R/V E-Boats are to be escorted to Harwich.

(3) M.T.Bs should be disposed with one division on either beam of E-Boats with Senior Officer leading the formation.

(4) Further signal will be made as to time of R/V and number of E-Boats expected.

(C. in C. Nore, 110023B to BEEHIVE)

My 110023B. being passed to N.O.I.C. Ramsgate. Time of R/V and number of E-Boats not yet known.

(2) Sail M.T.Bs now to wait at South Falls Buoy pending further instructions.

(3) On arrival at Harwich Rear Admiral Breuning is to be landed as ordered by F.O.I.C. Harwich.

(4) After disembarkation, E-Boats are to be berthed at BEEHIVE.

(5) S.O. M.T.Bs is to keep me and F.O.I.C. Harwich informed as to developments.

(C. in C. Nore, 110802B to BEEHIVE)

Allied destroyers to show the flag in German ports.

A.N.C.X.F. 101810B refers. Assuming Admiralty will provide such relief patrols off Cherbourg as considered necessary I concur. Subject to Admiralty concurrence with the above C.T.F.122 transfer BORUM, MALOY to C.T.F.126 for temporary duty as and when directed by A.N.C.X.F. It is assumed A.N.C.X.F. will arrange to provide qualified minefield pilots and charts to insure safe passage.

(Commaveu, 111201 to A.N.C.X.F. and Admty.)



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Situation Following from Capt. Palmer B.M.W.T. for Mactier, at Wesermünde. Chief representative M.W.T/N.W.E. G-4 Mov "Preliminary survey of current shipping and port position Wesermunde follows:

Seagoing cargo ships 13 all between 2000 and 10,000 tons dead weight capacity, of which probably 5 immediately seaworthy. EUROPA relatively fair condition but silted. BREMEN total loss. Coasting vessels about 6. Miscellaneous harbour craft about 8. Barges mostly Dutch 48 powered 42 dumb. Miscellaneous tugs about 24 mostly serviceable. Trawlers about 25 mostly serviceable. Condition of port facilities including cranes, dry docks, rail connections almost normal. Many sheds intact. Stocks bunker coal and fuel almost nil. No advance base party here yet. Above information obtained from local sources and personal observation but is subject to amendment. Please pass to all concerned". Radio Paris not addressee pass to S.H.A.E.F. (Main) and A.N.C.X.F. Comnavu pass to A.N.C.X.F. (Ph) and C.T.F.124. (C.T.F.126, 112213B to S.H.A.E.F.)

Heligoland White ensign flying on Heligoland.  
again (F.O.Wilhelmshaven, 111350B to Admt, A.N.C.X.F.)  
British. I proceeded to Heligoland to-day in R.136 flying White Ensign and my flag accompanied by R.133 and escorted from R/V south of Heligoland by 5 ships of 7th German M.S.F. with one company of Scots Guards on board. I formally took over the Island and hoisted the White Ensign which was later removed to a more suitable place where it was saluted by officers of the Scots Guards and my staff who accompanied me and by detachment of the Scots Guards.

(2) There are 7 German U-Boats (one type IX C. 2 type VII C and 4 type II D) in harbour all capable of steaming to England but all urgently requiring distilled water. I believe I shall be able to accommodate them at Wilhelmshaven. Further signals will be made.

(3) Town of Heligoland completely destroyed but power station still functioning and 2 heavy guns and 2 flak batteries could still fire. They have had breech blocks removed. Some control gear W/T and telephone can still function. Disarmament control parties are remaining to inspect further and report.

(4) Garrison originally consisted of 6,000 of whom about 3,500 were evacuated after last air-raid. Present garrison 2,500 of whom about 2,200 were evacuated to-day. Remainder and a few civilians are being held to assist in maintaining light and power and providing labour for control parties. Many civilians claim to be descended from original islanders and to be at heart British and have requested permission to remain. I have ordered them to leave, details being obtained.

(5) 3 (corrupt group) German U-Boats sheltering hardly damaged. (F.O.Wilhelmshaven, 112347B to A.N.C.X.F.)

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Discharge Situation Report. Cositintrep No.402 part 4 section A. Continued.

	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Stores</u>	<u>Bulk Coal</u>	<u>Bulk Pol.</u>	<u>G.F. Ammo</u>
<u>U.S. South</u>						
Marseilles	3,264	330	4,301	-	-	-
Port De Bouc	-	-	1,138	415	-	-
Toulon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals:	<u>3,264</u>	<u>330</u>	<u>5,439</u>	<u>415</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Army coal: At Dieppe - 905.  
(S.H.A.E.F. Main G-4, 111715B)

Situation in Rotterdam. Port of Rotterdam. Discharge facilities available. 35 alongside berth including 23 berths with 24ft draught. Discharge. Up to now slow but rate is improving and ships can be discharged at agreed rate of 2,500 tons per day.

Expecting shipping to continue to arrive under truce arrangements until further orders. Coal discharge in bulk limited to 3,500 tons per day by lack of barges for the moment. Complete restoration of discharge facilities depends entirely on the receipt of coal. Once power is available to discharge facilities are far greater than the tonnage already allocated. (N.O.I.C. Rotterdam, 111945B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Situation in Hamburg. Situation report No.9 Hamburg, Security measures dock area completed evacuation non essential persons in hand. Work of P and PP parties proceeding results so far obtained are negative. Salvage operations commenced in Rosshafen using German equipment and personnel. (2) Brunsbittel. Immobilisation armament of Warships and merchant ships proceeding scuttling charges removed. Total of 14 landing craft previously reported as personnel ships arrived from Rendsburg with P.O.W's including 2 Generals. 2 M/S sailed without permission German S.N.O. stating this was done by order of German Higher Authority on instructions from (?Germany). Steps taken to prevent recurrence. (Cdre. Hamburg, 111955B to F.O.Wilhelmshaven, A.N.C.X.F. Admty)

Minesweeping Hook to Rotterdam. All Aga buoys between H.K.8 and H.K.13 in correct position. Oropesa sweep to 5 fathoms 5 cables either side of centre line completed negative result.

(2) Anchored with 7 fully effective M/S and 2 danlayers between H.K.12 and H.K.13.

(S.O.M.S.F.10, 112106B to C. in C. Nore)

Your 111527. Tomorrow, Saturday, conduct L.L/S.A. E.G.M.S. either side of the centre line H.K.13 to H.K.4 buoys.



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(2) Return to Harwich on completion reporting own E.T.A.

(3) Attention is called to Q.Z.X.1632. Area within 1.2 miles radius of position 51 degs. 23' 50" N. 02 degs. 43' 00" E. is dangerous on account of enemy ground mines.

(4) N.O.I.C.Ostend is requested to retain M.L.138 and 141 pending further orders.

(5) F.O.I.C.Harwich is requested to arrange for ships to complete with fuel and stores with despatch.  
(C. in C. Nore, 112215B to S.O.M.S.F.10)

Situation in Wilhelmshaven.

(1) Port of Wilhelmshaven and Sengwarden entered noon Sunday 6th thanks to wholehearted co-operation of Major General Cuakes 4th Canadian Armoured Div. Kontr. Admiral Her in command Ostfriesland area which includes Emden and part of Bremen Enclave interviewed Sunday afternoon and ordered to maintain his command and to supply details of information to Third Division at Aurich. He is giving full co-operation. Have shifted him and staff from Nordeney to Wilhelmshaven.

(2) Materiel. All breech (guns?) of both ships searched, shore guns under German (port?) control were (returned to?) Mariensiel ammunition depot by Tuesday night. All S.A. and ammunition have been surrendered and are being listed and stored no demolition has yet been undertaken except where affected by bomb damage. Dockyard is in full working order and number 3 entrance lock functions. All German U-Boats and K (D?) K IS/M?) have been scuttled. I.T. class T.B.D. in floating dock is ready for sea one Sperrbrecker 12 large Whaler type M/S are available for sweeps. 120 small fishing boats being prepared now by yard for fishing. One thousand tons bunker coal available quay but ship would be required to use own derricks. Maximum draft for ship 28 feet one 2,000 ton coaster is only seaworthy merchantship. Large number of small craft, barges and tugs available. Chart depots functioning and containing quantity of navigational aids. Second largest floating dock in the world with 2 smaller ones inside American one large floating dock.

(3) Large stock of codes, cyphers, cyphering machines and scramblers and secret books seized in town of Sengward. They were turned over to F.O.I.C.Wilhelmshaven. Remains of Admiralty buildings in town yielded only a few charts and books which were similarly dealt with. All secret books and charts were removed by sea from shifted depot and experimental station to Rendsburg on (Kield Canal?) on April 26th.

(4) Very minute stocks of diesel oil and hard coal grade 3 make further supplies from U.K. a most urgent necessity. Small essential services are to be maintained.  
(N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven, 112114B to F.O.I.C.Wilhelmshaven)

Surrender of U-Boat.

U-Boat reported by A/C in position 57 degs. 06 N. 03 degs. 18' E. course 090 degs. Speed 8 knots at 1847/11th.  
(C. in C. Rosyth, 112241B to all ships)

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Incomplete U-Boats at Bremen. German U-Boat situation at Vulkan Yard, Vegesack, as follows begins:  
(a) None afloat.  
(b) 3 Mark VII C German U-Boats on stocks path no., machinery and hulls incomplete. No work carried out since July, 1944. Nothing sabotaged.  
(c) 24 Prefab sections of Mark 21 German U-Boats, some complete with modern machinery.  
(d) German U-Boat shelter at Farge incomplete and had been never used.  
(Brit. S.M. Officer Bremen, 082253B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Surrender of U-Boat. A/C report U-Boat fully surfaced to-day 11th 57 degs. 08 N. 01 degs. 48' E. at 1218, and 57 degs. 06' N. 03 degs. 18' E. at 1847, course 093 degs. 8 knots.  
(C. in C. Rosyth, 112258B to DEVONSHIRE, S.O's. M.S.F.16,40)

German Naval craft in Ymuiden. 11 Minesweepers, 6 small patrol boats, 1 Torpedo transport ship, 1 small petrol TNY CWIMY 49 tons, 1 Water boat capacity 27 tons, 4 small armed harbour craft, 24 Seehunde, 3 tugs. 6 Barges loaded with sea mines of various types.  
(N.O.I.C.Ymuiden, 112315B to F.O.Holland)

Naval Situation Report. Cositintrep No.402 Part II Naval. Port Situation reports: Information given is additional to that in previous Cositintreps.  
(A) Emden, Nesserland Locks, Eisenbach Basin, swing bridge over entrance to Neuer Binnenhafen and Newlock area are all intact. Many cranes serviceable. Vicinity of Ratsdelft much damaged by bombing. Condition of two floating cranes and 292 barges in Neuer Binnenhafen not known.  
(B) Lübeck and Travemünde: No damage to port facilities. Travemünde/Lübeck channel slightly restricted by two sunken ship. Lübeck Flender Werke floating dock undamaged.  
(C) Brunsbüttel. Number of merchant ships now in port is 14 tramps 3 coasters 3 schooners 3 tenders 2 tankers dumb about 1000 tons also 3 smaller tankers and 2 Dutch Rhine barges, 11 small personnel ships with 2,500 prisoners of war expected to arrive shortly.  
(2) Rendsburg: Port is becoming very congested. Oil fuel tanks found to contain black oil some of which is Romol and some Dizol estimated amount 24,800 tons.  
(3) 90 Midget S/MS located Lynaes North Zealand complete with personnel equipment and transport.  
(4) Islands of Schouwen and Overklakkee have been evacuated by German troops. Assistance is being given to maintain Dutch troops in these islands.  
(5) White Ensign was hoisted on Heligoland to-day.  
(A.N.C.X.F. 112355B to Admty.)

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Cuxhaven Sail German U-Boats reported in your 081201B for  
U-Boats to Wilhelmshaven a.m. tomorrow Saturday. E.T.D.  
Wilhelmshaven. and E.T.A. to be signalled. Constant W/T watch  
on 500 K/cs.  
(F.O. Wilhelmshaven, 112359B to N.O.I.C. Cuxhaven)

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Liberation of Channel Islands. Cosintrep No.403, Force 135 Part 4, Section D. period ending 0001B/11 at Plymouth.  
Part I. A/C R/C afternoon 10 May reported white crosses displayed at all battery sites. St. Helier harbour reported cleared and controlled minefield safe at 1530B/10.  
Part II. Main body Force 135 completed embarkation except Force Comds. Party which will embark on L.C.H.167 at 1300B/11. German motor vessel F.K.04 under command Lt. Mortenson R.N.R. with military detachment on board and flying White Ensign sailed to Sark at 1600B/10. Confirmed that landing of vehicles will take place east end of St. Aubins Bay. R.N. Minesweepers swept approaches and anchorage to St. Helier and St. Peter Port during 10th May.  
Part III. Jersey and Guernsey are holding celebrations programmes on Saturday night. St. Helier Harbour can receive ships up to 10 feet draught at any time except low water. Ships from 10 to 18 feet draught from half flood to half ebb. Ships from 18 to 22 feet draught from two hours before to two after high water at one berth. Above is Spring tide calculation. Pilot services organised. All informed.  
(H.Q. Force 135, 110022B to Admty.)

Request early promulgation by Admiralty General Message of the limits of the N.O.I.C. Channel Islands Sub-command to be brought into force by separate signal (A.M. 261337A Sept. 1944 refers).

(2) It is proposed that the limits of the area be defined as follows:

(A) East French coast below low water mark, from Couesnon River to Cap de la Hague thence by boundary of Plymouth and Portsmouth Commands to 50 degs. 00' N.

(B) North. Parallel of 50 degs. 00' N.

(C) West. Meridian of 03 degs. 00' W.

(D) South.French coast below low water mark from 03 degs. 00' W. to Couesnon River.

(3) Eastern limit has been slightly amended to avoid encroachment into water of Portsmouth Command.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 111143B to Admty. A.N.C.X.F.)

Operation "Nestegg". BULLDOG take RUBY, PEARL and M.L.346 under his orders, pass gate at 1540B/12 and proceed escorting "Nestegg" Convoy Group 111 in accordance with Naval force Commander's memorandum No.0210/107 of 6th May, 1945, and "Nestegg" Naval Plan Appendix C. part 1.

(2) Ships are to be prepared to act at once in event of enemy treachery but guns are not to be manned unless necessary. Full A/S precautions are to be taken.



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(3) Communications in accordance with Operation "Nestegg" Naval Signal Instructions memorandum No.0263/121 of 7th May, 1945.

(4) Convoy group No.111 will sail in accordance with para. (2) of my 091244.

(5) On arrival of "Nestegg" Convoy Group 111 at destination, M.L.346 is to remain under the orders of N.O.I.C. N.P.2000 who is requested to sail BULLDOG as requisite as escort to INVICTA to Southampton and to detach RUBY and PEARL to return forthwith to Plymouth.

(6) Codeword for Group 111 is "Wrecker III".

(7) References quoted, not to all.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 111222B to BULLDOG, RUBY, PEARL, M.L.346) Operation "Nestegg".

On completion appendix D Naval plan request 31st M.S.F. be sailed to Plymouth and 142nd M.S.F. be ordered to convert to modified L sweep and commence clearance of Q.Z.X. 967.

(2) Intend M.M.S.245 to proceed with Group III to St. Peters port to join 142nd M.S.F.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 111223B to N.O.I.C. N.P.2000 in L.C.H. 167)

Cosintintrep No.404 Force 135 Part 4. Section D Supplement A. Period ending 111300B. Part One. Detention Camp at Castle Cornet, Guernsey, sealed off. Condition bad but under control. Part Two. Col. Power (C.C.A.O.) visiting Jersey to-day 11th May and will return Guernsey same evening. Motor vessel F.K.04 returned from Sark 2100/10. Situation satisfactory. Part Three. Adequate port facilities at Peter Port. Most cranes working. Coasters can be received any time. Guernsey generating plant, water works, gas works all intact. Guernsey Governors house in fair condition. Medical report states malnutrition not severe. Diet bad balance, lacks proteins, fats. Recent Diptheria epidemic only three cases remain. T.B. prevalent. V.D. fairly wide-spread. Skin diseases especially with Sepsis common. 86 German surgical cases in civilian hospital, 30 Med. German Hospital, Merton Hotel, St. Helier. Extra to Part II force completed embarkation. Sails evening 11 May.

(H.Q. Force 135, 111300B to Admty.)

My 101813B para. 5 (A). Request you will retain FAULKNER to convey important prisoners to Plymouth.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 111758B to N.O.I.C. N.P.2000)

(1) Convoy Group 2 (Jersey) and Group I (Guernsey) sailed at 1545 and 1800 to-day in accordance with the Naval plan. E.T.A. St. Helier and St. Peter's Port 0800/12.

(2) It is the intention that the Force Commander, Brigadier Snow will land in Guernsey in time to read the King's proclamation at 1400 D.B.S.T. tomorrow Saturday, subsequently proceeding in BEAGLE to Jersey to read the King's proclamation there at 1700 D.B.S.T. Jersey and Guernsey are holding celebration programmes on Saturday night.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 111945 to Admty.)

Cositintrep No.405 force 135 part 4 section D period ending 112200B.

Part 1. Situation entirely peaceful.

Part 2. Main body force 135 SEY convoy left Plymouth 111600B. Guernsey convoy left Plymouth 111800B. Colonel Power (C.C.A.O.) completed successful visit to Jersey 111900B.



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Part 3. Colonel Power reports that civil conditions in Jersey resemble those prospects Guernsey but in both cases future is extremely promising. (H.Q. Force 135, 112205B to Admty.)

Cancellation  
of all  
air patrols.

Cancel P.G.M. 58D.  
(2) No air patrols are now being flown in the Portsmouth command area.  
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 111210B to Portsmouth Command)

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West Coast France

Situation  
in Biscayan  
Ports.

(1) All Naval pockets in La Rochelle and Lorient Region are in our hands. Only pocket to watch is St. Nazaire, of which the occupation is taking place. Carry out the blockade by two ships of the F.N.T.F. and Escadrille 2 S with the help of the Brest Flotilla.

(2) I have agreed with A.N.C.X.F. to place Frigates at the disposal of C. in C. Plymouth. Keep them at Brest and hold them at 5 hours readiness.  
(Ministry Marine Paris, 111636Z to Comar Brest, C.F.N.T.F.)

Release of  
French  
Frigates to  
A.N.C.X.F.

I put at your disposal the frigates AVENTURE and LA DECOUVERTE attached to F.N.T.F. C.F.N.T.F. is ordered to keep them at Brest, where they will be held at 5 hours' readiness.  
(Marine Paris, 111638B to A.N.C.X.F.)



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- Surrender of U-boat Nr.1. S/M offers surrender 49° 30' N., 9° 25' W. (Gee 0300) I have fuel for 8 hours remaining.  
(A/C 271.W.50, 110300B to 15 Group.)
- U. 825. Submarine offers surrender 54° 18' N., 11° 39' W. (have fuel for 7 hours?).  
(A/C 916.W.10, 110613 to 15 Group)  
See 100930.
- German U-Boat 825 in position 54° 44' N., 11° 58' W. is proceeding by Blue Route at 14 knots. Weather 9070 1931.  
(S.O. E.G.12, 111035B to C. in C. W.A.)  
Escort Group left U.825 54° 57' N., 11° 39' W. U.825 has resumed course 260, speed 14 knots.  
(A/C G/172, 111102 to 15 Group.)  
Encountered U.825 in dense fog in position 57° 33' N., 11° 23' W., enemy course and speed are 000°, 14. Weather report 0920 1351.  
(S.O. E.G.30, 112230B to C. in C. W.A.)
- U. 516. U-Boat previously reported was on surface was U.516 course 090.  
(A/C B/112, 111045B to 15 Group.)  
Corvette captured German submarine No. 516 posn. 50° 30' N., 10° 04' W. Await instructions.  
(A/C B/112, 111330 to 15 Group.)  
Submarine offers surrender in position 50° 41' N., 10° 06' W.  
(A/C T/105, 111330 to 15 Group.)  
In contact with U.516 in position 50° 30' N., 10° 04' W. Aircraft 271.W.62 circling.  
(S.O. E.G.24, 111156B to C. in C. W.A.)  
U-Boat 516 boarded in position 50° 30' N., 10° 04' W. Surrender terms satisfactorily complied with. Proceeding Loch Eriboll at 10 knots at 1200B. This U-Boat had already been boarded by CAPRICE and CAVENDISH. My course and speed 154°, 8 knots. Special 4 figure weather forecast 5772 1252. Suitable.  
(S.O. E.G.24, 111301B to C. in C. W.A.)
- Surrender of U. 956. Intercepting enemy submarine in position 57° 27' N., 10° 47' W.  
(S.O. E.G.30, 111142B to C. in C. W.A.)  
Submarine underway course (020?)°. Speed 10 knots, position 57.28 N., 10.44 W. based on fix via LORAN within ½ hour of 1200.  
(A/C T/36, 111245 to 15 Group.)  
S/M offers surrender 57° 27' N., 10° 11' W. at 1130. I have fuel for 9 hours remaining.  
(A/C T/36, 111158B to 15 Group.)  
U.956 reported in 57° N., 10° 58' W. at 1130B/11th May.  
(D.D.I.C., 111245B to Cs. in C. W.A., Rosyth, F.O.S/M., H.Q.C.C.)  
German U-Boat 956 proceeding by Blue Route. Has been

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Surrender of U. 956. (Contd.) handed translation of relevant part of Admiralty message 081200. My 111142 refers. (S.O. E.G.30, 111247B to C. in C. W.A.) Have detached from U.956 in position 58° N., 11° W. Enemy course and speed 072, 7.5. S/M had destroyed aeriels before being boarded and is unable to transmit. Weather report 9182 1551. (S.O. E.G.30, 111715B to C. in C. W.A.)

U. 293. Report of number U.748 by BORAGE was incorrect. Correct number is U.293 Captain's name Klingspor. (PHILANTE, 111215 to C. in C. W.A.) See 100847, Northern Waters. also BORAGE 110725 to C. W. A. H. F. p. 273

Possible U-Boats. H.T. contact in 56° 05' N., 08° 26' W. G 13 hours. (A/C POY.23, 111305 to 15 Group.) Your 1420. Have attacked U/B with depth charge on H.T. positive result uncertain, lost contact 1434. Request instructions. (A/C POY.23, 111500 to 15 Group.)

Surrender of U.1010. Submarine offers surrender. Am over fully surfaced enemy submarine, in position 50° 53' N., 10° 05' W., course 102, speed 15. (A/C K/461, 111445 to 19 Group.) U.1010 reported by A/C in 50.52 N., 10.05 W. at 1445B steering 102°, 15 knots. Intercept and order him on to Blue Route. A/C will co-operate call sign WAK.48. (C. in C. W.A., 111620B to S.O. E.G.24.) A/C reports U.1010 in 50° 53' N., 10° 05' W., course 102°, 15 knots at 1445B/11th May. (D.D.I.C., 111633B to Cs. in C. W.A., Plymouth.) Your 111620B. Am in contact with U.1010. (S.O. E.G.24, 112050B to C. in C. W.A.) Your 111620B not to all addressees. U.1010 boarded in 50° 42' N., 09° 04' W. Surrender terms now satisfactorily complied with and proceeding at 10 knots to Blue Route on course 280° thence Loch Eriboll. This U-Boat claimed not to have received instructions contained in A.G.M. 081200. My course and speed 245°, 8 knots altering to 335° at 0400B. Suitable. (S.O. E.G.24, 112301B to C. in C. W.A.)

Surrender of U-boat Submarine offers surrender 55° 33' N., 11° 40' W. pin-point 13. I have fuel for 5 hours remaining. (A/C U/172, 111530 to 15 Group.)

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Surrender  
of U-Boat  
(Contd.)

My 1645. Lost touch with U-Boat, last seen position 56° 23' N., 11° 32' W., course 010°, speed 15.  
(A/C U/172, 111820 to 15 Group.)

Surrender  
of U-Boat

S/M stationary position 50° 44' N., 08° 43' W. message sent negative result. What port?  
(A/C K/461, 111925 to 15 Group.)  
Submarine course 270°, speed 12 knots at 1935.  
(A/C K/461, 112000 to 15 Group.)

Surrender  
of U-Boat

Submarine offers surrender position 51° 56' N., 11° 10' W., course 340°, speed 8. Result of attack on S/M.  
(A/C M/202, 112145B to 15 Group.)  
Submarine offers surrender position 52° 14' N., 11° 17' W., course 350, speed 8.  
(A/C F/304, 112345B to 15 Group.)

Surrender  
of U-Boat

S/M offers surrender position 57.55 N., 09.43 W., Co. 120, speed 10.  
(A/C LB.940, 112220B to 15 Group.)



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- Operation "Kingdom" to Oslo.
- Operation "Kingdom". All times B.
- (1) Object: The safe passage of H.R.H. the Crown Prince of Norway together with Government representatives, S.H.A.E.F. Mission and Headquarters Staff of Joint Commanders in H.M. Ships APOLLO and ARIADNE from Rosyth to Oslo.
- (2) Escorting Forces: IROQUOIS, SAVAGE, CAMPBELL, ARENDAL will comprise surface escort. The Commanding Officer DEVONSHIRE will be in command of the whole Force which will be known as Force 7.
- (3) The Force will leave Rosyth at 1600 Friday 11th May as ordered by DEVONSHIRE.
- (4) Route is given in Appendix I to "Apostle" Plan.
- (5) Minesweeping: The 16th and 9th Minesweeping Flotillas (M/S.16 Senior Officer) are at sea sweeping and buoying the route from positions (A) to (G). It is intended to sail the 40th M/S. Flotilla a.m. Friday 11th, to arrive in position (G), sweep Force 7 to position (Z) and accompany Force 7 to Oslo if required. If 40th M/S. Flotilla is delayed, DEVONSHIRE will order the 16th Flotilla to carry out this duty.
- (6) Pilots. The German Authorities have been ordered to provide 6 pilots to meet the Force at position (Z) (58° 03' N. 6° 34' E.)
- (7) Norwegian Swept Channels. It is expected that information regarding swept channels along Norwegian Coast will have been received from the German Naval Authorities before the Force sails: if not, information will be signalled to the Force at sea.
- (8) If pilots are not met at position (Z), either Force will return or Force will proceed with minesweepers sweeping ahead along presumed searched channel route to Oslo. Decision as to which course is to be adopted will be made by Commander in Chief, Rosyth.
- (9) Timetable. Force 7. E.T.A. position (G) 1000/12th May. If minesweeping is not necessary from position (Z), Force 7 E.T.A. Oslo 0900/13th May. If minesweeping is necessary from position (Z) Force 7 E.T.A. Oslo 1630/13th May.
- (10) Charts: All ships of Force 7 are to hold chart folio 0721.
- (11) Berth on arrival. If this information is not available before the Force sails, it will be signalled to Force at sea.
- (12) Air cover. Air cover will be provided for Force 7 as follows: By 88 Group Coastal Command as far as 6° E., thence to Oslo by 2nd Tactical Air Force in Denmark. Catalinas, Beaufighters and Mosquitoes will be provided by 18 Group, fighters by 2nd Tactical Air Force, Denmark.
- (13) (Communications).
- (14) Ceremonial. Gun salutes will not be given or returned. Jacks will not be worn when ships are ordered to dress with masthead flags. All ships will require Norwegian ensigns before sailing.
- (C. in C. Rosyth, 110057 to Admty., S.H.A.E.F., A.N.C.X.F., Nor. N.H.Q. London.)
- Six pilots can be arranged. Safe passage from position "Z" to Oslo, without the use of minesweepers is guaranteed by German Naval authorities subject suitable weather.
- (Cdre. Askim, 110455B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

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Operation "Kingdom". Amend operation orders as follows:

Para. 6. New position (Z) 58° 01' N., 06° 40' E.

Para. 9. Add E.T.A. position (Z) 1600B/12, S. of A. from (Z) 16 knots unless sweeping is required.

Para. 12. For "6° E." read "position (Z)".

(C. in C. Rosyth, 111502 to Admty. and previous addressees.)

Expect squadron of 15 ships to arrive Oslo noon May 13th. Please arrange harbour pilots to meet and suitable anchor berths.

<u>Ship</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Draught</u>
1 large cruiser	10,000	630	22
2 small cruisers	3,000	420	16
4 destroyers	2,000	360	15
8 minesweepers	1,000	225	11

(C. in C. Rosyth, 111701B to Cdre. Askim.)

Operation "Kingdom", Force 7 sailed.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 111837 to Admty., A.N.C.X.F., S.C.O.F.O.R.)

Following received from Admiral, Skagerrak.

German minesweeper left Aarhus 2345 May 10th with 3 officers and 3 pilots for position 56° 47' N., 01° 13' E. to be picked up by British Naval Forces and will be proceeding by the following route: 55.58 N. 11.09 E., 56.06 N. 11.09 E., 56.50 N. 11.12 E., 56.51 N. 10.48 E., 57.25 N. 10.36 E., 57.50 N. 10.46 E., 57.42 N. 09.12.5 E., 57.17 N. 09.17 E., 57.08 N. 08.27 E., 56.12 N. 08.01 E., 55.00 N. 06.25 E. S. of A. 13 knots, E.T.A. 0500B. Request British Admiralty be informed.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 112220B to Admty., C. in C. H.F.)

Operation  
"Conan" to  
Norwegian  
ports.

"Apostle" - Operation "Conan".

Following is intended programme subject to vessels named being ready to sail by May 13th. Any vessels not ready by this date will be sailed with Operation "Doomsday" about 15th May or later if necessary.

To Tromso: (A) From Rosyth - STORD (calling

Lerwick), HEIMDAL.

(B) From Lerwick: STORD, NARVIK, NAMSOS, HONNINGSVAAG, SVOLVAR, FARSUND, VESTFJORD, FRITHJOF, WIESE, 2 Norwegian M.T.B. (to be confirmed), M.F.Vs. DREGGEN, STATAVET.

To Trondheim: (A) From Rosyth - MACKAY, VICEROY, Tanker TEAKWOOD, Y Tanker No. 25.

(B) From Lerwick - MOLDE, 2 Norwegian M.T.Bs., 2 M.F.V.

To Bergen: (A) From Rosyth - WOOLSTON, VIVACIOUS, ACANTHUS.

(B) From Aberdeen - RISOR, 2 M.F.V. for Aalesund, Horten.

(C) From Lerwick - 2 Norwegian M.T.Bs.

To Stavanger: (A) From Rosyth - WOLSEY, WOLFHOUD, SLEIPNER, Y Tanker No.38, Collier (to be confirmed), Norwegian M.L.125, 213, Tanker PRESIDENT DE VOGUE.

(B) From Aberdeen - 2 M.F.V.

(C) From Lerwick - NORDKAPP, 2 Norwegian M.T.B. (to be confirmed).

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To Kristiansand South: (A) From Rosyth - VALOROUS, VENOMOUS, N.Y.M.S. 379, 380, 381.  
(B) From Dundee - MOSS.  
(C) From Aberdeen - (2 M.F.V. for Kristiansand south), (2 M.F.V. for Horten).  
(D) From Lerwick - 2 Norwegian M.T.B.  
To Oslo: (A) From Rosyth - VEGA, BUTTERCUP.  
(B) From Lerwick - 2 Norwegian M.T.B.  
(2) Norwegian minesweepers on completion of minesweeping operations to ports as in my 101829B.  
(3) Sailing instructions will be signalled to authorities and vessels concerned.  
(C. in C. Rosyth, 110112B to Admty., C. in C. H.F., C.S.10, C.S.1, and ships and N.O.I.Cs. concerned.) Amended by 111617.

Situation in Norway. Cositintrep 403. Secret. Intelligence Reports. Continues quiet all districts. Operations, airborne lift Gardemoen 22 loads landed incl. Norwegian paratroops. One aircraft crash landed 3 missing. Sola all loads delivered. Owing to weather conditions airborne lift 11th May postponed 4 hours. First train Norwegian bns. arrived Oslo 1330 hours 10th May. No incidents. (S.C.O.F.O.R., 110155B to Admty.)

Telephone following to Scottish Command for wireless transmission to Oslo. Arrived 0330 hours. Evacuation Tromso will be completed Saturday. German Army Headquarters Nord Norge have received all orders. Evacuation to reservations now proceeding. Very little Navy excepting coastal gunners in Tromso. All coastal batteries and A/A have been withdrawn within 48 hours. Hope to establish contact direct Oslo today. "Hogmanay" in Tromso going well. From Lt.-Col. Horn, 31 M.D.U. Tromso.

(S.B.N.O. N.Russia, 110945 to Admty.)

Cositintrep 404. Intelligence.

Nine German representatives not above the rank of major arrive Edinburgh by air 1600B/11.

Germans informed Norwegian Commander Trondheim willing to carry out surrender terms and would not oppose entry police troops but would resist disarmament by them.

German M.T.B. berthed Egersund loading provisions.

Germans Bergen area reported selling military stores. Milorg attempting to check this.

Germans Stavanger area quiet. Milorg due to take over 1200B/11 and protective guards mounted. Allied Commander Stavanger ordered seven dispersed U-Boats to assemble Hillevaag anchorage and proposes inspect tomorrow. 12 A/S corvettes and trawlers, 11 M.S.R. Boats also present all ammunition off-loaded. All A/S craft ordered to outer anchorages leaving only minesweepers alongside and at immediate notice. Considerable stocks diesel and high Octane fuel available Stavanger.

Operations: One airborne division main body leaving East Anglia p.m.

Communications railway telephone from Storlien to Trondheim working and civil telephone Sweden to Trondheim expected soon.

Telephone Stavanger to Oslo working.

(S.C.O.F.O.R., 111530B to Admty.)

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Situation in Norway. (Contd.) Add to Cositintrep 404. Three hundred of 1 air landing brigade reached Gardermoen 10th May. Detachment Norwegian Para. Coy. and British Infantry entered Oslo that evening. Occupation Stavanger complete. All V.P.S. found guarded by Milorg. (S.C.O.F.O.R., 111706B to Admty.)

Operation S.C. Ramose Pilgrim. Sailed HESSA at 0800B/11th May. (2) Air escort not especially required on return journey. (N.O.I.C. Lerwick, 110801B to C. in C. H.F.)

Ramose Patron. Sailed HITRA (S.O.) and VIGRA at 0800B/11 May. (2) Air escort not especially required on return journey. (N.O.I.C. Lerwick, 110803B to C. in C. H.F.)

Forward H.Q. in Oslo May 13th. GO.395 Secret. Commanders Joint Allied Forces Norway intend open small forward H.Q. Oslo probably 13th May. Time of opening will be notified later urgent communications requiring decisions by joint force Commanders will be addressed S.C.O.F.O.R. Fwd. repeated C. in C. Rosyth, S.C.O.F.O.R. Main, 88 Group Main. (S.C.O.F.O.R., 111225B to S.H.A.E.F.)

Force 134. Operation "Apostle". (1) Proposals in 21 Army Group Rear Q.M/6364 10 May (not to all) that Units required from 21 Army Group for Force 134 should move direct from Germany to Norway are provisionally approved subject to confirmation by A.N.C.X.F. that sea movement involved can be undertaken. (2) Force 134 is requested to - (a) Despatch a small planning staff immediately to 21 Army Group for this purpose of preparing quickly the following for S.H.A.E.F. approval (i) Outline plan for mounting and movement of forces from Germany to Norway by sea and air. (ii) Estimate of requirements for L.S.T. M/T ships and air lift to cover this movement. (b) Prepared a new plan for the movement of the stores and balance of forces requiring to be lifted from the U.K. to Norway in conjunction with War Office and Scottish Command. An estimate of the revised requirements for personnel ships and M.T. stores ships to cover this portion of the operation should be submitted to S.H.A.E.F. as early as possible. (3) 21 Army Group is requested to - (a) Advise the minimum number of L.S.T. and M.T. ships that will be required to meet essential cross Channel movement during the period that "Apostle" vehicle movement is taking place. (b) Arrange in connection with Force 134 for the necessary co-ordination in planning and execution of the movement from Germany to Norway with the appropriate Naval and Air



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organisations including reconnaissance of airfields.

(4) A.N.C.X.F. is requested to confirm that the port of Hamburg and suitable swept channels from Hamburg to Norway will be available to enable this movement to commence by 1 June. (S.H.A.E.F., 111835B to A.N.C.X.F., 21 A.G., Force 134.)

Expedition  
(in STORD)  
to Bear Is.

Norwegian Naval Command in consultation with the Norwegian High Command, propose that H. Nor. M.S. STORD, after having called at Tromso with Admiral Danielsen's party, should proceed to Bjornoya to put ashore a small landing party with sufficient equipment for a stay there for

sometime, and with a wireless set to enable them to communicate with Admiral Danielsen in Tromso.

(2) Admiralty approval is requested and is requested to inform STORD before she leaves U.K.

(3) Admiral Danielsen will be informed direct by the Norwegian Naval Command.

(C. in C. R.Nor.N., 111840 to Admty.)

German  
minefields.

Ref. Chart folio 0721 and Operation "Kingdom". Following information from Vice-Admiral Ruge, German Navy.

(A) Amend route 42A to run direct from position 58° 20' N., 08° 55' E. to position 59° N., 10° 34' E.

(B) Amend Route "W" to run from position X.8 to position "W" 57° 59' N., 06° 31' E. thence to position W.1 58° 23' N., 05° 30' E.

(C) Shallow minefields exist as follows:

(1) No. 18A from 57° 41' N., 03° 33' E., to 57° 56' N., 03° 11' E.

(2) No. 17B from 57° 18' N., 03° 37' E. to 57° 36' N., 03° 24' E.

(3) To northward of 18A and south-eastwards of 17B.

(4) Southwards from 2½ miles south of centre line of Routes "X" and 42 within Q.Z.X. 1537.

(D) No German mines in fiords to Oslo, Kristiansund South and Stavanger.

(E) Channels one mile wide.

(F) BRIDMINGHAM's 102148 eastern limit of 1537X is as shown on Chart M. 06594.

(2) Owing to recent failure of German communications, Vice-Admiral Ruge cannot guarantee that last minute fouling has not taken place but considers it most unlikely in Norway.

(A.N.C.X.F., 111930 to Admty., Cs. in C. H.F., Rosyth.)

My 111743B\*. MOK NORD 3 states only remaining copies of charts showing minefields along Norwegian Coast are in hands of German Naval Command in Norway. None in this area.

(30 A.U., 112115B to Admty., A.N.C.X.F.)

\* Complete details recovered of German minefields in North Sea.



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Northern Waters

Surrender of U.1231. Proceed to Loch Eriboll via following positions:  
(a) 61° 00' N., 11° 00' W. (b) 60° 00' N., 11° 00' W. then joining Blue Route between longitudes 10° 00' W. and 09° 00' W. Acknowledge.  
(D.D.I.C., 110651Z to U.1231.)

U.1231 reported at 0555B/11th May in 61° 20' N., 09° 50' W., course 175°, speed 10 knots.  
(D.D.I.C., 110816B to Cs. in C. H.F., Rosyth, W.A., F.O.S/M., H.Q.C.C.)

Surrender of U. Submarine offers surrender. Position 58° 20' N., 10° 18' W., course 085°, 6 knots, remaining in position until 0900.  
(A/C L.59, 110720B to 15 Group.)

Surrender of U. 748. Encountered surrendered German U-Boat. Intend escorting to Loch Eriboll. My position is 000° Cape Wrath 7 miles. Number German U-Boat 748.<sup>293</sup>  
(BORAGE, 110725 to C. in C. H.F.)

Handed over U. 748 to WALLNOR CASTLE. Proceeding in accordance with previous orders.  
(BORAGE, 110849 to C. in C. H.F.) See PHILANTE 11125 to C. in C. W. A. (p.266)

U. 802. S/M U.802 offers surrender in position 59° 08' N., 3° 54' W., course 225, speed 6 knots.  
(A/C WBY.53, 110740B to 18 Group) See 101240 Northern Waters.

Convoy J.W. 67. J.W.67. Delete CALDER from close escort.  
(C. in C. W.A., 111903B to F.O.I.C. Greenock, C. in C. H.F., Admty.)

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Baltic

Kiel area artillery. Have approved reassembly with skeleton staff of the artillery inspection administering all German Naval arsenals but not to operate until we can supervise adequately. Please inform me when you require representative for inspection.  
(F.O.I.C. Kiel, 111123 to N.P. 1738.)

Surrender of U.3008. One U-Boat on surface position 57.55 N., 10.40 E., course 090, speed 5 knots, cannot read number.  
(A/C NAJ.11, 111145B to 18 Group.)

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Surrender  
of U.3008.  
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Following received at 1509B/11th May from U.3008  
"When do I get an escort to Kiel".

(2) Request you will take necessary action.  
(D.O.D.(H), 111629B to F.O.I.C. N.P.1734,  
A.N.C.X.F.)

A.M. 111629B. U.3008 was in 57.47 N., 10.45 E.  
at 1115B/11th May. U-Boat was instructed by Admiralty at  
1600B to remain stopped until he receives instructions from  
you.

(D.O.D.(H), 111720B to F.O.I.C. N.P.1734.)

U.3008 reported in 57.47 N., 10.45 E. at 1115B/11th May  
has been ordered to proceed to Kiel.

(F.O.I.C. N.P.1734, 111754B to N.O.I.C. 1742.)

Your 111629B. German authorities have been ordered to  
inform U.3008 that no escort is required and Allied authorities  
informed.

(F.O.I.C. Kiel, 111801B to Admty.)

Our mines  
in Baltic.

Soviet Naval Staff inform me that their Naval  
Units are operating in the Bay of Koenigsberg  
Frischeschaffen in area of Stettin and Stettin  
Harbour.

(2) They request details of numbers, types, time  
and position of mines laid in the above areas, also in Swinemünde  
and the Straits and Canals connecting Pomeranian Bay with  
Stettin and Lake Dammischer Zee.

(Adm. Archer, 111311B to Admty.)

Midget  
U-Boats in  
Zealand.

Your 102143. Resistance considered adequate  
if properly instructed.

(A.N.C.X.F., 112125B to F.O. Denmark.)

Situation at  
Flensburg  
and Kiel.

Sitrep. N.O.I.C. Flensburg arrived a.m.  
Thursday 10th. Reports vicinity extremely  
overcrowded with German troops and displaced  
persons. In Fiord as far as visible about 150  
ships all types with troops wounded and refugees  
on board. Naval Academy and many other

buildings now hospitals. German Naval Authorities state food  
for only 10 to 14 days only available. Great shortages of  
fuel afloat and ashore.

At Kiel during night 10 destroyers and one T.B. arrived with  
average 1,600 troops and refugees on board each ship. They  
were berthed in Tirpitz Harbour under R.M. after discharging  
troops on East Side. Consider this highest satisfactory  
operation by N.O.I.C. Kiel. One destroyer prevented from  
scuttling by prompt action by R.M., officer concerned is under  
arrest pending trial by Military Government Court. Total  
destroyers now in Kiel 11 and one T.B. Crews in WIK barracks.  
Estimate total of 20,000 soldiers and 60,000 Naval personnel  
have been landed at 1200 today. Approximately 40,000 troops  
afloat in Bay, another 40,000 approaching in craft of all types.  
10,000 typhus contacts in overcrowded cruiser HANSA. Intend

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sending ships with 7,000 persons daily to Neustadt. Admiral Friederburg visited me today to discuss situation. I authorised him to address German officers in WIK barracks to prevent outbreak by hotheads. British officer attended. Am much handicapped by breakdown of arrangements for getting main parties forward. (F.O. Kiel Command, 112205B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Situation  
around  
Lübeck.

Following received. F.O.I.C. Kiel from N.P. 1741. Fehmarn Island Situation Report.

At Fehmarn Island the German Naval Command is functioning. At Orth ~~Kapitän~~ zur See Bormann and Rigaver. At Puttgarten ~~Korvetten Kapitän~~ Blohme. At Bugstaken ~~Korvetten Kapitän~~ Stroock.

Minesweepers present six in number, Acoustic and Magnetic only, ready and available for duty with three days food and water only. Small craft ten naval cutters, twenty-seven smoke layers, three Air/Sea rescue launches, one coastal tanker of 300 tons, one water police boat. Many fishing boats immobile for lack of oil at Buttgarten. Prisoner of War Camp at Oldfradar Training Establishment containing 25,000 naval personnel. At Neustadt map reference 0216 there is an anti-vibration and noise in submarines Research Establishment. Vice-Admiral Weichold ex Berlin is a guest at the island. He is being sent to Kiel tomorrow if possible for interrogation. 102235 ends. (F.O. Kiel, 112309B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Enemy Intelligence

U-Boats in  
German  
ports.

Following gives all information at present received on U-Boats in Continental ports:

(A) Cuxhaven - afloat U.883, U.778, U.291, U.1198, U.1103, U.2341, U.2356, U.1194.

(B) Kiel - 1 sunk in canal, 8 to 12 scuttled in harbour. Identity numbers unknown. Types 14

and 23.

(C) Hamburg - 14 type 21 (sabotaged), 5 type 27, 2 type 78, 3 type MZ. All under construction.

(2) N.O.I.C. Cuxhaven 091220, F.O.I.C. Flensburg 081734, 2nd British Army 071123, Com. Hamburg 042323 to Admty. all refer. (A.N.C.X.F., 110005B to Admty.)

U-Boats'  
summary.

Surrendered U-Boats Plot for 1800B/11th May.

826 arrived Eriboll 0645B/11th May.

293 off Eriboll.

802 off Eriboll.

532 58° 45' N., 10° 10' W.

1231 59° 50' N., 10° 45' W.

1109 58° 40' N., 07° 25' W.

956 58° 05' N., 10° 50' W.

825 57° 00' N., 11° 15' W.



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U-Boats'	516	51°	30'	N.,	10°	50'	W.
summary.	1010	51°	20'	N.,	10°	35'	W.
(Contd.)	541	36°	00'	N.,	11°	00'	W.
	873	35°	50'	N.,	45°	00'	W.
	190	42°	40'	N.,	44°	30'	W.
	805	43°	45'	N.,	50°	30'	W.
	1228	47°	40'	N.,	46°	20'	W.
	889	47°	15'	N.,	52°	00'	W.
	858	41°	40'	N.,	61°	00'	W.
	3008	57°	45'	N.,	10°	50'	E.

(D.D.I.C., 111806B to S. & A. Areas A, B, & C.)

Movements

RENOWN,  
battle-  
cruiser.

No delay in departure of RENOWN from Rosyth can be accepted and ship should be sailed for Portsmouth on 12th May.  
(2) De-ammunitioning is to be completed at Portsmouth.  
(3) C. in C. H.F. is requested to provide 2 destroyers as escort.  
(4) C. in C. Rosyth 101801 and A.M. 050026 refer. (V.C.N.S., 110048B to Cs. in C. Rosyth, H.F.)  
A.M. 110048. Intend sailing RENOWN p.m./12th May by S/C routes north and west about by short normal route to Portsmouth, E.T.D. May Island at 1445/12th. S. of A. 20 knots. E.T.A. Portsmouth 1745/14th.  
(2) C. in C. H.F. is requested to arrange for two destroyers to R/V off May Island at 1445 thence as escort for RENOWN to Portsmouth.  
(3) Request mails for RENOWN be diverted to Portsmouth as from first delivery 12th May.  
(C. in C. Rosyth, 111335 to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

APOLLO,  
fast  
minelayer.

Your 100643B arrived.  
(C. in C. Rosyth, 110625B to F.O.I.C. Milford Haven.)

BERWICK,  
cruiser.

Scapa arrival BERWICK.  
(C. in C. H.F., 110720B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

U.1105,  
U.1058,  
U-Boats.

Sailed U.1105 and U.1058 escorted by RUPERT for Loch Alsh E.T.A. 1500B.  
(S.O. Loch Eriboll, 110730B to N.O.I.C. Loch Alsh.)

U. 826,  
U-Boat.

U.826 arrived at 0645B/11th May. Compliant.  
(S.O. Loch Eriboll, 110755B to C. in C. W.A.)

U.1305,  
U.1009,  
U-Boats.

Your 101126. Arrived BYRON escorting U.1305 and U.1009.  
(N.O.I.C. Loch Alsh, 110831 to S.O. Loch Eriboll.)



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U. 293,  
U-Boat. U.293 arrived at 0830B/11th May. Compliant.  
(S.O. Loch Eriboll, 110939B to C. in C. W.A.)

Small craft for Gibraltar and onward. My 011615B May not to all addressees sailed amended as follows:  
B.Y.M.S. 2080 (S.O.), M.F.Vs. 1525, 1026, 1059, 1090, 1109, 1111, 1117, 1123, 1129, 1140, 1141, 1147, 1170 to Gibraltar onward routeing to India.  
U.S./S.T. 515, 516, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 713. U.S/L.T. 788 to Gibraltar onward routeing to Marseilles.  
HOPPER, EMPIRE DOWNLAND to Gibraltar onward routeing to Colombo escorted by PORCHER (S.O.), CALGARY, NARCISSUS.  
(2) F.O.G.M.A. is requested to relieve escorts in vicinity of 43° N. CALGARY detaching for Horta. PORCHER and NARCISSUS returning to Plymouth on relief unless otherwise ordered.  
(3) Request diversion of mail as requisite.  
(4) F.O.G.M.A. is requested to transmit weather reports on B.A.M.S. routines at 1000Z and 2200Z daily when convoy crosses 43° N.  
(5) My 011615 May, para. 3(D) add - M.F.V. 1140 - QJGM, 1141 - QJGN, 1170 - QJJT.  
(F.O.I.C. Falmouth, 111136B to F.O.G.M.A., Admty.)  
My 111015B May not to all addressees.  
Sailed "Appian" Flight J as follows:  
L.C.Q. 389 (S.O. Landing Craft), L.C.Ts. 1292, 1361, 1243, 1358, 1336, 1216, 1360, 1357, 1145, 1291, 1244, 7026, 497, 499, 7005, 7021, 7004, 7028, 496, 498, 7003, 7027, 7029 escorted by AMBERLEY CASTLE (S.O.), H.M.Ts. CAPE PORTLAND, NORTHERN GIFT, HOMEGUARD to Gibraltar.  
(2) L.C.T.745 did not sail owing to defects.  
(3) My 111015B, para. 6 amend latest Q.B.H. message held to read 1481 (C.471).  
(4) Request diversion of mail for landing craft as requisite.  
(F.O.I.C. Falmouth, 111645B to F.O.G.M.A.)

A.F.D. 68,  
floating dock. When relieved by H.M.R.T. ENCORE, A.N.C.X.F. (Cotug) 101015 not to all refers, request H.M.R.T. ENCHANTER be sailed with despatch to Bromboro for towage of A.F.D. 68 to Falmouth or as otherwise directed by C. in C. Plymouth.  
A.M. 080014 not to all refers.  
(D.O.D.(H), 111149B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

EREBUS,  
ROBERTS,  
monitors;  
ADVENTURE,  
minelayer. (1) (a) EREBUS and ROBERTS can be released from "Overlord" now.  
(b) ADVENTURE can be released as soon as stores have been landed and repair party is established at Cuxhaven. F.O. Wilhelmshaven is requested to expedite after arrival.  
(2) Programme for release of Force T by units will be signalled in near future.  
(A.N.C.X.F., 111225B to Admty.)



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Movements - Contd.

U. 802,  
U-Boat. Arrived U.802 at 1300B today Friday. Compliant.  
Will not be sailed today.  
(S.O. Loch Eriboll, 111527B to C. in C. W.A.)

German  
M.607,  
minesweeper. In execution of terms of surrender German  
minesweeper M.607 left Aarhus at 0001/11th  
May for Rosyth speed of advance 13 knots.  
(Cdre. Copenhagen, 111800B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

GLORY,  
aircraft  
carrier. (1) HOTSPUR (S.O.), ESCAPADE, ICARUS are  
detailed as escort to GLORY from Greenock to  
Gibraltar.  
(2) Escort is to arrive Greenock p.m. May 13th.  
(3) F.O.G.M.A. is requested to sail ships to  
Liverpool on completion of duty.  
(C. in C. W.A., 111852B to S.O. E.G.14, F.O.I.C.  
Greenock, F.O.G.M.A.)

LOCUST,  
H.Q. ship. LOCUST is available as Headquarters Ship.  
Report when she is required to be sailed and  
if ship can be berthed.  
(C. in C. Nore, 112359B to Capt. M/S. F.A.)

Shipping and Convoys

Convoys at  
Rotterdam. Last convoy arrived Rotterdam 8th. One was  
due today no notification of its arrival was  
received by N.O.I.C. Rotterdam by 1000 today.  
(F.O. Holland, 111800B to C. in C. Nore.)

German  
shipping  
to British. Many of the German merchant ships now in German  
ports are fit to be sailed to U.K. Request I  
may be informed how many British crews can be  
made available to go and collect them and when  
these crews can be made available.  
(A.N.C.X.F., 112212B to D. of S.T.)



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North Atlantic

U-boat report U.R.R. 16 now reports U-boat P.C.S. 37°52' N. 10° 14' W. 200 15. My P.C.S. 36° 16' N. 10° 54' W. 016 14.5. ENCHANTRESS in company. (LOWESTOFT, 111630 to F.O.G.M.A.)

German auxiliary vessel and submarine According to broadcast by Spanish European Service at 1730 May 10th German auxiliary vessel and a submarine entered Vigo damaged and have been siezed by authorities. Please report details and action taken. (N.I.D.(3), 111642B to B.N.A. Madrid.) See 121807 and 122037B.

U-boat A.C.23 May 11th Secret. U-boat (number unknown) reported in position 3500 (3800\* north, 1000 west at 1410Z, co. 218, speed 15 K by transit aircraft description 500 ton old type flying German flag. (Gibraltar, 111928 to H.Q. Coastal Command.)

Movement Departure 2000B/11th, H.M. Submarine TAURUS for Malta. (F.O.G.M.A., 112210B to V.A.M.)

Convoy K.M.F.44 arrived H.M.C.S. CHARLOTTETOWN, ANTIGONISH CARPLACE, KIRKLANDLAKE, STETTLER. (F.O.G.M.A., 112226B to Admty.)

U-boat 485 My P.C.S. 37.11 N., 10.32 W. 110° 13 knots. ENCHANTRESS and U.485 in company. (2) NQV.51 searching round 37.16 N. 10.12 W. to (corrupt group) or other orders. (LOWESTOFT, 112301B to F.O.G.M.A.)

U-boat search Am detaching CYCLAMEN to search in position 037° 04' N. 010° 02' W. (WILLOWHERB, 112355B to F.O.G.M.A.)

South Atlantic

FERNMOOR Arrived and sailed 11th May for Port Said.  
(Boom FERNMOOR departed 0840 L.S.T.380, departed 1400.  
Carrier) (F.O.G.M.A. 112218B to F.O.L.E.M.)



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Mediterranean

**BELFAST**  
(Cruiser)      A.M. 141010 April.  
BELFAST is delayed 4 to 6 weeks owing to boiler defects.  
(D.O.D.(F), 110031B to C. in C. Mediterranean.)

**M.S.I.5.**      M.S.C.I.5 at 1200 11th May to Colombo via Malta.  
(2) 22 Knots.  
(4) E.T.A. Malta 1730 12th May.  
(Com. Algiers, 111022Z to F.S.LE TRIOMPHANT.)

**BARFLEUR**  
Destroyer      Sail at 2000/12 May. S. of A. 23 knots to Alexandria.  
(V.A. Malta, 111705 to BARFLEUR)

**Situation report**  
No. 609      (1) Aegean. German Government forces surrendered in Dodecanese on 8th, Milos on 9th and Crete on 10th, May.  
(2) Adriatic. Reference number 603 para. (5) It is now confirmed that about 25 enemy craft beached at mouth of Taglimento River.  
(C. in C. Med., 112045 to F.O.L.E.M.)

**Repatriates**      French Government have specially asked that a French ship should be employed on round voyage between Marseilles and Odessa with repatriates.  
(2) Request you make every reasonable endeavour to arrange accordingly.  
(D.S.T., 112110B to P.S.T.O. Med.)

**Trieste**      Arrivals ORION, LAUDERDALE.  
Departures WELFARE, SYLVIA, B.Y.M.S. 2024, 2026, 2068, 2209, 2031, 2175, M.M.S. 32 M.Ls. 580, 459, 505, 567, 568, 581.  
(Trieste, 112201B to Admty.)



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East Indies

NIGERIA Arrived NIGERIA, 0145Z 11th May and sailed.  
(Cruiser) (N.O.I.C. Addu Atoll, 110200Z to Admty.)

Movements My 070619. N.T. in W.D.  
of Service (1) Statement of long term personnel ship  
Personnel requirements will be forwarded shortly in agree-  
from Burma ment with S.A.C.S.E.A. but now established that  
in June and July will need in Bay of Bengal in  
addition to ships listed in my 070619 a lift of up  
to 10,000. Towards this I propose retain

STAFFORDSHIRE on arrival Bombay early June.

What can you offer in addition?

(2) Understand that by August service personnel for movement  
from Burma to U.K. will amount to not less than 3,000 monthly  
for which I presume you will arrange K.M.F. shipping to load in  
Rangoon direct for U.K. Request confirmation.  
(P.S.T.O.(1) 111040Z to D. of S.T.)

A.F.Ds. Following arrived A.F.D.55 in tow of H.M.R.T.  
55 and 39 EMPHATIC escorted by ROSEBAY. A.F.D.39 in tow of  
VERBENA escorted by LOCHY. ROCKET. departs  
H.M.S.PRINS ALBERT, H.M.S. VISIGOTH.  
(N.O.I.C. Trincomalee, 111527Z to Admty.)

Convoy W.O.5 Convoy W.O.5 arrived escorted by ROCKET.  
(C.O.M.O.C. Trincomalee, 110831Z to Admty.)

L.S.D. and H.M.S. HIGHWAY (L.S.D.) sailed in K.M.S.101 with  
L.C.Gs. for L.C.G.(M) 108, 109 and 115 of 340th L.C.G.(M)  
E.I. Flotilla embarked.  
(Admty., 111918B to C. in C.E.I.)



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- U/B 805. U.805 by D/F within 45 miles on a line 44.30 N. 45.00 W. to 46.00 N. 41.00 W. Reports will arrive May 13th in position 47.18 N. 51.30 W. (N.S.H.Q., 110007Z to Ships escorting O.N. 300 etc.)
- U.858. PILLSBURY, POPE have taken over U.858 from C.T.G. 22.13. Departed 42.03 N. 56.01 W. at 101710Q direct for 38.20 N. 74.25 W. Speed 13 E.T.A. 131300Q. Sweeps A and B ALLANT (sic) 20 accomplished. Approx. one half crew removed. Captain and 3 officers removed one retained aboard. Captains name Thilo Bode. 750 ton type. Enter (east) Sea Fron at 120510Q. (C.T.U. 22.7.1, 110015 to Cominch.)
- E.G. W. 6. E.T.A. St. Johns 1415Z/11 SASKATOON in company. My P.C.S. at 0100Z/11 44.46 north 51.50 west, 349, 13 knots. (S.O. W. 6, 110105Z to F.O.N.F.)
- U.889. My 102026 S.O. W. 6 101951 and F.O.N.F. 102055. R/V effected relieve H.M.C. ships DUNVEGAN, ROCKCLIFFE, S.O. W. 6 102305 and escort U.889 to Shelburne N.S. Refer A.M. 012000 para. 7Z.  
(2) Boarding party is to be put on board U.889 if weather conditions permit and all possible precautions are to be taken to prevent scuttling.  
(3) Report P.C.S.  
(C. in C. C. N.A. 110310Z to BUCKINGHAM, INCH ARRAN.)  
My P.C.S. at 2200Z 043° 53' 057° 11' 261° 11 knots.  
Escorting U.889 not boarded. Weather unsuitable.  
(BUCKINGHAM 112203Z to C. in C. C.N.A.) See 120259, 130305.
- S/M Attack & sighting summary. Para. C. U.S. Tanker CORNELL sighted periscope about 1717/10th May in 41.30 N. 63.30 W. (N.S.H.Q., 110551Z to Admty., Cominch.)
- ~~JOHN~~ <sup>Jacob SLOAT</sup> JOHN CROPPER, collision. ~~J.S.~~ FASSETT pendant VD. 143 and JOHN CROPPER pendant VD. 145 in collision in position 44° 23' N. 043° 35' W. (X). JOHN CROPPER badly damaged and crew on board FASSETT who is standing by escorted by H.M.C.S. FERGUS. Further report will be made when damage can be surveyed in daylight. W.9 Group in company.  
(S.O. Group C. 9, 110600Z to A.I.G. 302.)
- J.S. FASSETT proceeding stragglers route speed 11 knots. JOHN CROPPER now steaming will report earliest possible if tug required. In no immediate danger of sinking. H.M.C.S. FERGUS standing by <sup>JAMES</sup> FENIMORE COOPER, CARL OFTEDAL, WALTER HINES, <sup>PAGE</sup> JOHN HATHORN have joined. O.N. 300 P.C.S. 043° 48' N. 044° 52' W. (S) 239° 9.  
(S.O. Group C. 9, 111112Z to C. in C. C.N.A.)



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~~9-3~~. JOHN  
CROPPER,  
collision.  
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S.O.C. 9 110600 report situation forthwith and if rescue tug required.

(F.O.N.F. 111303Z to FERGUS.)

JACOB S<sup>LeAr</sup> FASSETT proceeding by stragglers route at 11 knots, slightly damaged bow.

JOHN CROPPER holed starboard side aft. Tug not required.

My P.C.S. 44.26 N. 43.51 W. 235, 10.  
CROPPER in company.

(FERGUS 111450Z to F.O. Newfoundland.)

My 111450. JOHN CROPPER rammed starboard side aft forward of gun deck number 5 compartment flooded. Hole 12 ft. wide 16 ft. deep extends three inboard at deck level. Ship about eight down astern no list. Master reports able to maintain 10 knots under moderate weather conditions. Request weather forecast.

(FERGUS 11220Z to F.O.N.F.)

U.190.

S.C. 175. Following has been read, begins:

All ships - from German U-Boat 190 position 42.35 N. 43.05 W. He is trying to contact Cape Race radio station, ends.

Liberator in company dispatched to investigate. My P.C.S. 42.05 N. 47.40 W. 090, 8 knots.

(S.O.C. 2111001 to F.O.N.F.)

S.O.C. 9 detach two units C.9 forthwith to proceed best speed to intercept U.190 reported in 42.35 N. 43.05 W. about 1000Z/11th. Report names units detached.

(C. in C. C.N.A. 111205Z to Escorts O.N. 300.)

Request following be broadcast to U.190. "Steer for 47.18 N. 52.30 W. report P.C.S."

(C. in C. C.N.A. 111315Z to Cape Race Radio.)

Your 111205 complied with H.M.C.S. VICTORIAVILLE (S.O.) and H.M.C.S. THORLOCK detailed.

(S.O. C. 9, 111349Z to C. in C. C.N.A.)

U.190 P.C.S. 1500Z/11 43.30 N. 41.35 W. 300° 8.5 knots.

Junction and escort to Bay Bulls. Boarding party to be put on board U.190 if weather permits, and all possible precautions are to be taken to prevent scuttling.

(C. in C. C.N.A. 111805Z to VICTORIAVILLE.)

U.190 contacted in position 043° 54' N. 043° 07' W. carried out instructions as in your 111805Z.

(VICTORIAVILLE 112320Z and 122037Z.)

U/B dis-  
positions.

1200Z/11th May para. A. up to 3 within 400 miles south or southeast of Newfoundland are possibly about 45° W. 49° N. para. B. U.190 in 42.30 N. 42.30 W. at 1134Z/11th U.805 in 44.20 N. 45.40 W. 304° 6 knots. U.1228 in 47.55 N. 43.05 W. 264° 7 knots.

(N.S.H.Q., 111410Z.)

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positions.  
(Contd.)

A. Situation still obscure as to several unreported U-Boats estimated in U.S. Strategic Area as follows:-  
One unfixed off East Coast. One Grand Banks to Flemish Cap. One possibly southbound general area 50.45 33.15. One possibly in Reykjavik area.

B. U-Boats which have reported in U.S. Strategic Area estimated 1200Z/11th as follows:-

U.805 area 45.15 47.00 estimated course 305 and speed 8.

U.1228 in 48.00 42.00 C. 264, S. 7.

U.190 in 42.35 43.05 at 1123Z/11th.

The following are under escort.

U.858 in 41.15 60.15 C. 255, S. 13.

U.889 in 44.00 55.15 C. 261, S. 12.

U.873 in 35.30 44.00 C. 276, S. 10.

(Cominch 111555Z to Admty.) amended by 111755Z.

U.873. Alter course forthwith to intercept U.873 who reported himself at 110423Z in 35.35 N. 42.31 W. course 284, 10 knots.

(C. in C. C.N.A. 111446Z to H.M.C.S. FRONTENAC, INCONISH.)

Cancel my 111446, U.873 has been intercepted already.  
(C. in C. C.N.A. 111906Z.)

U.1228, SUTTON, U.S.S. SCOTT escorting U.1228 in area  
U.805. between 047° 46' 045° 52' 266° 8. to Bay Bulls

O.N. 300 C. 9. W. 9. 042° 57' 046° 43' 238°

9. altering to 270° in 047° 30' W.

Special tanker convoy ETRICK, H.M.C.S.

STRATHRAY 040° 05' 052° 52' 099° 7.

U.S. MILLEDGEVILLE 046° 26' 052° 55' 074° 13.

H.M.C.S. DUNVEGAN, ROCKCLIFFE 044° 22' 055° 30' 12 to St.

Johns N.F. OTTER, VARIAN 046° 29' 054° 16' 133° 12 altering to 090 in 054° 09' W. and to 042° in 052° 40' W. to intercept U.805.

(C. in C. C.N.A. 111638Z to S. & A., N.S.H.Q.)

Amended 112333Z.

U-Boats  
805 and 190.

OTTER and VARIAN (N.T. in W.D.) proceeding intercept U.805 accordance my 110324Z if you desire will be glad to have one of these take over U.190 and escort to U.S. port. Your 111205Z refers.

(Cinclant 111639Z to C. in C. C.N.A.)

S/M STORM.

STORM 1500Z P.C.S. 038° 24' N. 051° 35' W. 244° 9, alter 270° 2000Z.

(H.M.C.S. HUNTSVILLE 111730Z to C.E.S.F.)

Controls -  
Censorship,  
Jap. War.

J.S.M. Washington 111810Z.  
See Lion Copy.



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111810Z/May.

To:- J.S.M. Washington.

DATE: 11.5.45.

CYPHER

*Controls for shipping etc. -  
Japanese War*

From: A.M.S.S.O.

IMPORTANT

COS (W) 863

OZ 3016

11th May 1945.

Following from Chiefs of Staff.

Reference JSM 737/.

1. The views of U.S. Chiefs of Staff (CCS 735/2) have been considered at a meeting at which representatives of the Admiralty, War Office, Air Ministry, Foreign Office, Economic Advisory Branch, General Post Office and Security Service were present. The need for adequate controls for purpose of intelligence, blockade or security in relation to the Japanese war were fully appreciated.

2. The U.S. Chiefs of Staff appear to consider that the problem of control depends on the navicert system alone whereas other factors must be taken into account such as movements of aircraft, passengers and telecommunications, all of which would have to be controlled.

3. The political and practical considerations involved if complete control of all these means of communication is to be obtained, are summarised in paragraphs 4 and 5 below.

4. Political

- (i) Doubtful if belligerent rights, under which sanction for interception and seizure of vessels evading navicert control is exercised, can be maintained beyond three months after Cease Fire (Europe). After that period it is probable that the sanction behind navicert control would be the withholding or withdrawal of a ship warrant and thus facilities for insurance, bunkering ships stores, etc. Under this sanction, however, it would be practically impossible to divert shipping in order to ascertain whether mails and/or passengers were being carried in contravention of the navicert.

(ii)...../



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- (ii) Under navicert system delays to mails of five to six weeks will continue to be incurred over a route which normally takes two or three weeks. Complaints would almost certainly be made on behalf of foreign postal administrations if mails continued to be subject to delay after the German war.
- (iii) San Juan Agreement negotiated by the State Department with Brazil, as a result of which no air mail is at present being carried direct between Latin America and Europe, could probably not be enforced indefinitely, particularly if Pan American did not remain under military control. Moreover any new air lines would have to be subject to mail control at British and United States Censorship Stations which might raise considerable difficulties.
- (iv) Strict control of passengers would result in friction with neutral countries if maintained for any length of time.

5. Practical

- (i) Intermediary traffic would arise and in consequence it would be necessary to control all forms of traffic to and from European neutrals to and from all points of origin and destination.
- (ii) Censorship control on above scale is out of the question from point of view of the staff in that it would involve a large increase of linguistically qualified staff at a time when communications are largely increasing and British Censorship staff will be depleted by the transfers of examiners to Civil Censorship in Germany and Austria.
- (iii) If communications between Europe and Latin America continue to be closely controlled alternative routes, e.g. via Russia, would probably be used.
- (iv) Communications would in any event be sent by means of diplomatic bags.

6. Security authorities here have no information which suggests that there is any special danger in mails passing between Europe and Latin America. It would be appreciated if United States Chiefs of Staff would provide information concerning specific dangers to be expected in this connection.

7/20/41



7. We should be glad if the United States Chiefs of Staff would also weigh the difficulties referred to in paragraphs 4 and 5 above against any advantage that might be gained before the United Kingdom authorities are asked to reverse their general censorship policy, approval of which has been obtained on War Cabinet level.

8. It should be added that the above arguments apply also in respect of "safe haven" problems, the solution of which primarily depends on the development of strict control over all communications entering and leaving Germany and Austria.

111810Z *see 161541Z JULY.*

/ 241605/April.

1st Lord  
1st S.L.(3)  
D.F.S.L.  
4th S.L.  
V.C.N.S.  
A.C.N.S.(H)  
A.C.N.S.(F)  
A.C.N.S.(UT) (2)  
Sec.  
P.A.S.(L)  
D.N.I.(4)  
D.of P.(2)  
D.of P.(Q) (3)  
Head of M.(2)  
D.T.D.(2)  
D.E.W.D.  
D.D.I.C.(2)  
W.D.  
Ad.Blake.

Received in War Registry p.m./12th May  
Circulated by A.M.S.S.O. to  
Defence Office, Foreign Office,  
First Sea Lord, War Office,  
A.M.C.S.(C), Sir E.Herbert.

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DUNVEGAN Relieved by H.M.C.S. BUCKINGHAM and INCH, ARRAN  
corvette. (sic) in 44.00 N. 56.32 W. course 261, speed 11.5  
My course 044 13 knots to St. Johns N.F. and  
ROCKCLIFFE in company.  
(DUNVEGAN 111810Z to C. in C. C.N.A.)

U.S. escorts My 111638 add OTTER, VARIAN 046° 29' 054° 16' 133°  
on U/B 12 altering to 090° in (054°?) 09' W. and to 042°  
search. in 052° 40' W. to intercept U.805. SHAMROCK BAY  
depart Argentia 2130Z/11th 215° 15' altering to  
107° in 046° 40' W. and 58' to west (031°?)  
in 052°.

COVINGTON departed Argentia 2030Z/11th 230° 15 altering to  
116° in 054° 47' W. and to 034° in 052° 38' W. SHREVEPORT de-  
parted Argentia 2100Z/11th 216° 14 altering to 131° in 046°  
38' N. GREENSBORO departed Argentia 2000Z/11th 217° 14 altering  
to 108° in 054° 49' W.  
(C. in C. C.N.A. 112333Z to S. & A.)

Far East and Australia.

Fleet Train My 232337 March and A.M. 041050 April  
Sub-Command experience gained to date and the uncertainty  
B. P. F. and consequent delay in establishing British  
shore (authorities?) forward have made it  
necessary again to review the organisation for  
control of air logistics.

(2) It is now intended (a) to form a Sub-Command of the Fleet  
Train known as the Air Train in which would be grouped all  
ships employed in the forward area on air logistics.  
(b) To place this group under Commodore Air Train (short title  
Comat) who would act as Subordinate Commander to R.A.F.T. and  
would be responsible for carrying out the air logistic policy  
of Fonap. in the Forward Area.

(3) Commodore Air Train would hoist his broad pennant in one of  
the aircraft repair ships. This organisation should come into  
force on completion of the present operational period when it  
is proposed that Captain Murry-Smith should be appointed Cmdre.

(4) It is further proposed in the altered circumstances that the  
broad pennant of A.C. 30 should remain flying until I have had  
the opportunity of further consultation with officers from the  
forward area.

(5) The question of staff for Comat is now being studied in the  
light of A.M. 051653.  
(C. in C. B.P.F. 110539 to Admty.) *app 20520 14/3 June.*

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia - Contd.

Operational Report No. 9. My 100414. Own aircraft losses in combat one Corsair bomb damage destroyed ten Corsairs, damaged probably beyond repair seven Corsairs one Avenger.  
(C. in C. B.P.F. 110837Z to Admty.)

Floating Transit Storage B.P.F. Your 130826 April. Ministry of War Transport are being pressed to provide a suitable vessel for this purpose. For your information our Fleet Train requirements are being raised again to a high level. Accordingly unless you have strong objections it is proposed to defer a decision on the MARUDU until the outcome of these approaches is known.  
(Controller 112228B to C. in C. B.P.F.)  
See 221010Z.

N.Z. Trawlers New Zealand Government approval is being sought to loan of New Zealand CASTLE type trawlers WAIPU and ABOCHA. Your 030739 (N.T. in W.D.) refers.

(2) Royal Navy crews will be required except than New Zealand officers can be lent if desired.  
(3) Trawlers should be available at Wellington 28th May if manned wholly by Royal Navy and 4th June if New Zealand officers are provided.  
(N.Z.N.B. 112315Z to V.A.Q.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

U/B surrender. Estimates. Para. A. (a) Following have arrived in U.K. ports, U.1305, U.1009, U. 1058, U.1105, U.249, U.1023. (b) Estimated positions 1000B/11th May, U.1231 in 60° 40' N. 09° 40' W.  
U.532, 59° 55' N. 10° 55' W. U. 1109, 58° 30' N. 09° 40' W.  
U.293, 15' N. of Cape Wrath. U.826 due Eriboll sunrise 11th May.  
U.802 due Eriboll a.m. 11th May. U.825 55° 10' N. 11° 25' W.  
U.516 50° 30' N. 10° 10' W. U.541 37° N. 11° 30' W. U.873 35° 40' N. 43° 20' W. U.889 46° 10' N. 52° 10' W. U.858 41° N. 58° 45' W. U.803 43° 40' N. 48° 30' W. U.1228 47° 40' N. 45° W.  
Para. B. There may still be one or more U-Boats in English Channel and North Sea.  
Up to 20 others W. of U.K. as far as long. 20° W.  
(D.D.I.C. 111220B to A.I.G., Cominch.)



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SITUATION REPORT

Home Commands

North Sea

- 1.(a) U.232 surfaced about 90 miles S.W. of the Naze and is proceeding to Loch Eriboll.
- (b) M.S.F.10 is joining M.S.F.18 in Operation "Dropkick" to clear the approaches to the Elbe and Weser.
- (c) Bremerhaven can handle 20 Liberty ships, Bremen 8, Brake and Nordenham 4 each.
- (d) Two mines were detonated in the East Schelde.

Western Approaches

- 2.(a) U.244 surfaced about 170 miles S.W. of the Fastnets and E.G.24 is proceeding to intercept her.
- (b) Two others, as yet unidentified, have surfaced, one 40 miles N.W. of the Blaskets and the other 65 miles W.S.W. of the Fastnets.

Norway

3. Everything is reported as quiet. The German Naval Surrender delegates, reporting at Rosyth, report that Oslo, Christiansund, Bergen, Trondheim, Stavanger and Tromso are intact and access-free, navigational aids in Inner Leads in place. Mine-sweeping charts handed over.

Northern Waters

4. Two U-boats, unidentified, are reported 40 miles W.N.W. of the Butt of Lewis, on Blue Route, at 1630.

Baltic

- 5.(a) German war and merchant ships in Swedish ports are being ordered by the German Admiralty to proceed to Kiel or such other port as A.N.C.X.F. may designate.
- (b) Kiel shipyards are devastated and there is hardly a house intact. 8,000 refugees landed today and 7,000 were evacuated to Neustadt. F.O.I.C. Kiel hopes to increase this latter figure to 20,000 a day.
- (c) The shortage of fuel at Copenhagen is critical.

Foreign Stations

North Atlantic

U-boat  
surrenders

6. U.541 and 485 arrived at Gibraltar p.m. today.



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East Indies

Movements

7. BEGUM sailed from Colombo for Manus.  
NIGERIA arrived at Trincomalee from Addu Atoll.

America and West Indies

SS ESSO  
PITTSBURGH

8. ESSO PITTSBURGH (U.S. Tanker 11,236 tons) in convoy H.X.355 reported badly damaged in heavy weather today in 42° 16' N. 61°-42' N. Tugs have been requested and she is returning to Halifax with QUESNEL (corvette) standing by.

Far East and Australia

Japan

9(a) Aircraft from B.P.F. today dropped 98 tons of bombs on four airfields in the Sakishima Gunto area. Two aircraft were destroyed on the ground.  
(b) An American submarine recovered 2 officers and one aircrewman from one of INDOMITABLE's aircraft.

New Guinea

10. A cruiser and a destroyer bombarded enemy positions near Wewak in support of ground operations.



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Policy

Policy in re surrendered German Ships      Am I correct in assuming that policy is to concentrate surrendered German destroyers, German U-boats, E. and R. Boats in German harbours until further orders.  
(F.O. Wilhelmshaven 120013B to A.N.C.X.F.)  
Your 120013.      Yes.  
(A.N.C.X.F., 121245B to F.O. Wilhelmshaven.)

It is essential that all captured enemy merchant shipping required by D. of S.T. be sailed to U.K. ports at an early date arrangements are in hand to provide crews.

- (2) Fuel and water will be provided as soon as approximate estimate of immediate requirements are known.
- (3) Request all Flag Officers in conjunction with M.W.T. representatives signal minimum quantities necessary for passage of ships which can be made ready to sail in near future with estimates of subsequent requirements and dates.
- (4) Tankers and colliers may only be held for minimum time necessary to complete discharge.  
(A.N.C.X.F. 121545B to Admty., F.O.I.Cs. Kiel, Wilhelmshaven, Cdre. Denmark, C.T.F.126.)

Danish fishing vessels for Denmark      Subject to concurrence of Commodore (Denmark), F.O.I.C. Humber is requested to fuel and sail Danish fishing vessels for Esbjerg as convenient.  
(2) No further security measures are necessary regarding crews of vessels now in Humber, but any further arrivals should be interrogated by S.C.O. before being allowed to sail.  
(D.O.D.(H), 120210B to F.O.I.C. Humber, Cdre. Denmark.)

Release of officers and ratings      The instructions for release and dispersal from the Navy under the Government's Plan for the re-allocation of Manpower (A.F.Os. 1140, 1808, 2223, 2245, 2246 and 2545/45) will be brought into force on 18th June, 1945.  
(2) As from 8th May, 1945, Class A. benefits and conditions are applicable to Officers and ratings who leave the Service for any reason other than (a) misconduct, (b) compassionate grounds, (c) industrial grounds, (d) S.N.L.R. In certain circumstances the Admiralty will direct that Class A. benefits will be paid to ratings discharged S.N.L.R. C.A.F.O. 394/45 is brought into force from 8th May (W.R.N.S. only).  
(3) Pay and allowances during Class A. release leave will be at the rates laid down in A.F.O. 2223/45. The rank in which officers will be paid during this leave if different from the rank held in dispersal will be indicated by the Admiralty when release is authorised.  
(4) Arrangements for the issue of civilian clothing benefit to Officers are under consideration.  
(5) War gratuity will be paid later.  
(6) The present regulations for the indefinite release of Officers and ratings on industrial grounds will continue in force until 18th June, after which no further indefinite industrial releases will be authorised. Persons whose release on industrial grounds under the present regulations is not effected before 18th June will receive Class B. benefits.  
(Head of C.W.I., 120229B to A Message 742A.)

/Reference...



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Release of officers and ratings (Contd.)

Reference Admiralty General Message 742A of 12th May para. 2 the Class A benefits referred to are 56 days' leave civilian clothing benefit and foreign service leave for personnel returning from abroad for release. Scale of F.S.I. as in A.F.O. 1808/45 para. 47.

(2) Indefinite releases on compassionate grounds will receive civilian clothing benefit and F.S.I. but not the 56 days' leave.

(3) Ref. para. 4 male officers released at home and entitled to civilian clothing will receive from the Admiralty in due course a warrant enabling them to draw civilian clothing in kind. Officers released abroad will be dealt with separately.

(4) Existing procedure for ratings will continue for the time being.

(5) Women officers and ratings are to receive civilian clothing benefit as laid down for W.R.N.S. ratings in A.F.O. 6144/44.

(6) A.G.M.742A applies to personnel on T.124 agreements and variants including commissioned Cable Ship agreement except that (a) war gratuity and post war credits (b) civilian clothing benefit are not applicable.

(Head of C.W.I. 121949B to A Message 746A.)

Allied ships to shew the flag in (late) German ports

Thank you for your 112026. C. in C. Rosyth is requested to arrange port to be visited. My 111938. (A.N.C.X.F. 121302B to C. in C.H.F.) Request you will report when ship can be accepted ref. A.M. 111702. (A.N.C.X.F., 121435B to F.Os. Kiel, Wilhelmshaven). Concur in A.N.C.X.F.'s 111938.

(2) Request C. in C. Home Fleet will arrange in conjunction with C. in C. Rosyth for short visits by ships of Home Fleet.

(3) DEVONSHIRE pass to N.P.1736.

(D.O.D.(H) 121440 to Cs. in C.H.F. Rosyth, A.N.C.X.F.)

Proposed disposal of German ships

Amend last sentence of my 101913 to read:- "These ships should be regarded as belonging to the United Nations and detained in the European Theatre until agreement as to their disposal has been reached between the Allied Governments." (A.N.C.X.F. 121430 to S.H.A.E.F.)

Proposals for disposal of German Warships and Merchant Ships. Your 101913B dated 10th May, 1945 concurred in. (S.H.A.E.F. 121630 to A.N.C.X.F.)

Refits of Escort Vessels

C. in C. Portsmouth's letter 1960/S/8825/3/3 dated 19th March to Admiralty only. The policy as regards refits of Escort Vessels is that no further Escort Vessels should be taken in hand for refit for the time being, except for such vessels as are needed for the Far Eastern War.

(2) Refits of Escort Vessels now in hand should be dealt with on the following general lines, A.M. 180855 April not to all addressees paragraphs 4 and 5 refer:-

/(a)...



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Refits of Escort Vessels (Contd.) (a) Escort Vessels required by Commanders in Chief as part of their temporary strength and those to reduce to Reserve Category B - work to be reduced to a minimum and refits terminated as soon as possible.  
(b) Escort Vessels to reduce to Reserve Category C - to be made ready for steaming or towing to paying off berth.  
(D. of D., 121805B to All Authorities.)

Operations

North Sea

Opening of Hamburg Concur A.N.C.X.F. (Main) 102300.\* Subject to satisfactory local pilotage from P.15 buoy.  
(C. in C. Nore, 120013B to Admty., A.N.C.X.F.)  
C. in C. Nore, 120013. Request early information.  
(a) Whether ships can be piloted or led in from

P.15 Buoy.  
(b) What sized ships can make passage from Cuxhaven to Hamburg.  
(c) How many ships and of what size can now be berthed at Hamburg and how many of these can be worked at one time.  
(A.N.C.X.F. 121613B to F.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven.)\*Shipping details for Hamburg can be sailed to position of P.15 Buoy.

Sweeping of German declared minefield Proceed from Granton at 0900/12th May with TAHAY and TOCOGAY as Dan Layers by AG channel and carry out single Oropesa clearance sweep in G formation of area enclosed by following positions.  
57° 24' 10" N. 03° 28' 30" E. 57° 26' N. 03° 3' 30" E. 57° 24' N. 03° 35' 30" E. 57° 22' N. 03° 30' E. TAHAY and TOCOGAY sail to comply. On completion of operation return to Granton.  
(C. in C. Rosyth, 120146B to M.S.F.11.)

Surrender of U.232 S/M offers surrender 56° 56' N. 5° 50' E. stationary. I have fuel for 8 hours remaining.  
(A/C JXS.82, 120615B to 18 Group.)  
U-boat stationary Number U.232.  
(A/C JXS.82 120709B to 18 Group.)

Nr. 8 Ops. completed am returning 11 hours submarine type 22.57.03 N. 05.40 E. course 280° 12 knots.  
(A/C JXS 82, 121115B to 18 Group.)

Nr. 7. U-boat 56.43 N. 05.31 E. Course 270. Speed 6.  
Crew on deck.  
(A/C UNJ 39, 121300B to 18 Group.)  
Submarine offers surrender 56° 43' N. 5° 35' E. based on Gee fix course 274° speed 12 knots.  
(A/C NCU 81, 121307B to 18 Group.)

Minesweeping to Hamburg (operation Dropkick) Request you will sail available ships of 10th M.S.F. and SHILLAY with ONYX and SURSAY in company, tomorrow, Sunday, to join M/S 18.  
(2) M/S 10 to operate under the orders of M/S 18 and to report expected time of arrival at P.10 and P.15 buoys.



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Minesweeping to Hamburg (Operation 'Dropkick') (Contd.) 10th M.S.F. will be required to sweep Modified L. (C. in C. Nore, 121110B to F.O.I.C Harwich, M.S.F.10, 18.)  
Sitrep Number 10 Secret Hamburg.  
First British Minesweepers of 163 M/S Flotilla entered port. Port now ready to receive ships mentioned in my 101515 and para. 4 of F.O. Wilhelmshaven Command Letter 20/2/1 of 24th March.  
Salvage work in Rosshaven continues.  
(2) Brunsbüttel demilitarisation and de-ammunitioning of ships continued.  
(Cdre. Hamburg, 121915B to F.O. Wilhelmshaven, Admty., A.N.C.X.F.)

Cuxhaven U-boats to Wilhelmshaven Reference your 112359B. Owing to minor defects unable to comply until a.m. tomorrow Sunday. Further signal will be made.  
(N.O.I.C. Cuxhaven, 121151B to F.O. Wilhelmshaven.)  
7 German U-boats referred to in my 112347B not to all addressees are to be sailed for Wilhelmshaven a.m. Sunday 13th May to arrive not later than 1300.

(2) N.O.I.C. Cuxhaven pass to Heligoland.  
(F.O. Wilhelmshaven, 121810B to N.O.I.C. Cuxhaven.)  
The following U-boats U.883, 779, 291, 1198, \*1105, 2341, 2356 and 1194 now at Cuxhaven will be sailed at 0700 tomorrow Sunday to Wilhelmshaven by standard route. Speed of Advance 7 knots. R.boats 1225 and 1267 with 154\* are to act as escorts until U-boats enter Schillig Roads and are then to return to Cuxhaven. Continuous wireless watch on 500 kc/s is to be kept by escorts as well as U-boats.  
(N.O.I.C. Cuxhaven, 122007B to A.N.C.X.F.) \* Sperbrecher.

\* See 10<sup>th</sup> p. 243.

F.O. Holland F.O. Holland (Main) H.Q. will close down at 0900 on 13th May. From that time signals and correspondence for F.O. Holland should be routed to the Hague. Hague W/T keeps watch on Circuit L, 3100 Nore operational wave and broadcast NN, Flag Officers signal publications held.  
(F.O. Holland, 121520B to Admty.)

Discharge situation report Cositintrep No. 403 part 4 section A. Discharge by sea - 24 hour period ending 1600B 11th May.

	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Stores</u>	<u>Bulk Coal</u>	<u>Bulk Pol.</u>	<u>G.F. Ammo.</u>
<u>British</u>						
Antwerp	-	121	16528	-	8353	233
Ostend	2227	261	3357	-	-	697
Caen	-	-	-	774	-	-
Calais	6004	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>8231</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>19885</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>8353</b>	<b>930</b>



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Discharge Situation Report	Cositintrep No. 403. Part 4. Section A. (Continued)					
	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Stores</u>	<u>Bulk Coal</u>	<u>Bulk Pol.</u>	<u>G.F. Ammo.</u>
<u>U.S. North</u>						
Antwerp	-	83	10099	-	-	-
Cherbourg	50	-	533	751	-	-
Le Havre	118	268	1933	225	243	-
Rouen	-	-	4337	2998	755	-
Ghent	-	-	8272	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>25174</b>	<b>3974</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>-</b>
<u>U.S. South</u>						
Marseilles	3071	564	9548	-	-	-
Port de Bouc	-	-	1783	500	-	280
<b>Total</b>	<b>3071</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>11331</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>280</b>

Army Coal at: Granville 609, Morlaix 760, St. Malo 260.  
(S.H.A.E.F. 121600B to Admty., and others.)

Situation  
Reports

Summary No. 132 dated 12th May, 1945 covering period 102400B to 112400B.

Para. 1 Operations. Nazi political records including Geo-political files on U.S., Austria and Russia reported captured Neumarkt. (Z.5384).

German emissaries informed Norwegian Commander Trondheim willing abide by surrender terms and would not oppose entry of police troops but would resist disarmament by them. Germans Stavanger area quiet; Allied occupation complete. Evening 10th May British and Norwegian forces entered Oslo.

(S.H.A.E.F., 121650 to Admty. and others.)

Port Situation Reports. Cositintrep No. 403 Part II Naval. Information given is additional to that given in previous Cositintreps.

(a) Hamburg.

Security measures in Dock area completed. Evacuation of non-essential persons in hand. Salvage operations begun in Russhafen using German personnel and equipment. All merchant ships disarmed and scuttling charges removed.

(b) Brunsbüttel.

Immobilisation of armament of warships and merchant ships proceeding. Scuttling charges removed. Total of 14 landing craft previously reported as personnel ships arrived from Rendsburg with P. of W.

(c) Bremerhaven and Wesermünde.

Preliminary survey of shipping shows 13 cargo ships all between 2000 and 10,000 tons dead weight of which only 5 immediately seaworthy. Europa relatively fair condition but silted in. Bremen total loss coasters about 6. Miscellaneous harbour craft about 8. Barges mostly Dutch, 48 powered, 42 dumb. Miscellaneous tugs about 24, mostly serviceable. Trawlers about 25 mostly serviceable.



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Situation Reconnaissance of Brake and Nordenham shows port facilities in good condition. Brake reported can handle 4 Liberties, Nordenham 4 Liberties and 3 large trawlers, Bremerhaven 20 Liberties, Bremen 8 Liberties.  
 Reports (Contd.) (d) Heligoland.

Island formally taken over on the 11th May. 7 German U-boats intact in harbour. Power station functioning. Town completely destroyed. 3 U-boat pens hardly damaged. All inhabitants evacuated except about 300 German soldiers and a few civilians.  
 (e) Lorient. Occupation completed 10th May. No sabotage or demolition evident in any vessels or installations. One damaged U-boat, one E-boat in good condition.  
 (A.N.C.X.F., 122350B to Admt.)

Minesweeping in East Schelde. Sweeping report for today 12th May. Proceeded on survey from Wemeldinge to Flakk number 3 buoy with 2 B.Y.M.S. sweeping SA/X. 1 acoustic mine detonated 090° Stoof Polder 30 ft. light 1 cable. Mine detonated 1½ cables ahead of leading ship at end of grenade berth.  
 (2) Buoyage of Channel adequate for sweeping.  
 (3) Cross tide in places will make sweeping awkward.  
 (4) Tomorrow intend dividing surveyed area into 3 Sections and sweeping with 2 M.M.S. on each.  
 (Com. M/S East Schelde, 122051B to F.O. Holland.)

Congratulations to bombardment squadron On your release from "Overlord" I wish to congratulate you on the results of your operations since D-day. The recent lack of targets is a measure of your former success. Good luck to you all.  
 (A.N.C.X.F. 122152B to EREBUS, ROBERTS, 26 Sqd. R.A.F.)

OperationsChannel

Liberation of Channel Is. Cositintrep No. 406. Period ending 121300B at St. Peter Port Guernsey.  
 Part I. Some Germans idle but German discipline good and all is quiet in their evacuation area. Castle Cornet was a German detention barracks for their own troops. Guards had been brutal. Prisoners suspected to be starving. Vice Admiral Huffmeier and Major General Wolff are being evacuated in FAULKNER tonight to Plymouth. Major General Hende is still ill.  
 Part 2. Initial landings commenced 0830B. Tac. H.Q. Guernsey established Crown Hotel St. Peter port, at 0945B. Everything going according to plan. Lanresse Bay, Guernsey clear for vehicle landing. Beach group left St. Peter port for Lanresse Bay 1130B. Four L.S.T. will be beached at Lanresse Bay 2 will land at St. Peter port. Guernsey airfield clear and own A/C have already used it. German battle H.Q. at Les Huriaux

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Liberation of Channel Is. (Contd.)  
Guernsey occupied. Force Commander landed St. Peter Port 1100B and paid official visit to Bailiff. Proclamation at Guernsey arranged for 1400B. Force Commander, Naval Commander and R.A.F. Commander will travel to Jersey in BEAGLE where proclamation arranged for 1800B. Party will return to Guernsey morning 13th May. Naval Despatch Boat service is being set up between Guernsey and Plymouth to carry press messages and urgent correspondence. Service will be operated by 3 M.Ls. of 4 M.L. Flotilla. Part 3. Cold storage in Jersey as follows. Total 2,000 square feet. Refrigeration by direct expansion 800 square feet by air circulation. All in working order. Powered by electricity. Electric works functioning. Supplies ammonia and calcium available for 1 month. Tremendous enthusiasm of population continues. All informed.  
(Force, 135, 121330 to Admty.)

Cositintrep number 407 period ends 2300B/12 at St. Peter port, Guernsey. Part 1. Surrender terms being carried out satisfactorily. FAULKNER with Huffmeier and Wolff aboard sailed for Plymouth 1800B. German military records and documents contravene destroyed instantly much miscellaneous material for examination. Civilians state Germans treated them correctly but left them short of bread and took potato crops away. Syphilis reported most prevalent V.D. St. Peter's Port Harbour installation O.K. less number 4 Beach Head New Jetty blocked by sunken ships. St. Sampson available for loading coal oil petrol from half to high tide. Power Station and gas works at St. Sampson are O.K.  
(H.Q. Force 135, 122315B to Admty.)

U-1195 off Nab tower  
Wreck of U1195 is located on the bottom lying on its side in position 175° Nab Tower 6.75 miles.  
(2) As opportunity offers all craft fitted with Asdics or Echo sounding equipment are to make runs over this wreck to exercise A/S teams in classification and also to obtain typical Asdic and Echo-sounder traces of a bottomed U-boat.  
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 121745B to Portsmouth Command.)

OperationsWest Coast France

Minesweeping of Gironde  
4 M.Ls. are required for Gironde clearance and units of 31st M.S.F. may have to be employed. Request date by which each will be available be signalled.  
(C.T.F.122, 121550 to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Release of L'AVENTURE and LA DECOUVERTE  
In absence of urgent contrary instructions intend sailing L'AVENTURE and LA DECOUVERTE to Plymouth 132200B.  
(C.F.N.T.F., 122218B to C. in C. Plymouth.)



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Surrender  
of U.244

U.244 reported in 49° 35' N. 13° 10' W. at 0448B  
12th May.  
(D.D.I.C., 120613B to Cs. in C.W.A., Plymouth,  
F.O.S.M., H.Q.C.C.)  
Am proceeding to intercept U.244.  
(S.O.E.G.24, 120941B to C. in C. W.A.)

U.516

Over U-boat 516 53° 13' N. 11° 55' W. Request  
instructions.  
(A/C L.172 120700 to 15 Group.) See 100935.

U-boats  
at  
Lochalsh

Following U-boats present here 0900 today  
Saturday. U.1305, U.1009, U.1105, U.1058, U.826,  
U.293.  
(N.O.I.C. Lochalsh, 120904B to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)  
Pledge 1, Para. 10. Sub.para. VII H.  
Following U-boats available to sail for Lisahally  
p.m. 13th May.

U.1305, U.1009, U.1105, U.1058, U.826, U.293. Two others may  
also be ready.

(2) Owing to requirements at Lochalsh only 2 escorts are  
available.

(3) 3 Officers and 12 men in each U-boat as steaming party.

(4) Approximately 16 officers and 236 men will be disposed of as  
prisoners of war p.m. 14th May.

(N.O.I.C. Lochalsh, 121201 to C. in C.W.A.)

U-boat  
Surrender

Submarine offers surrender position 52° 25' N.  
11° 17' W. I have fuel for 6 hours remaining.  
(A/C J.103 121005B to 15 Group.)

Surrender  
of U-boat

S/M offers surrender position 51° 08' N. 11° 08' W.  
I have fuel for 7 hours remaining.  
(A/C N.C.B.65, 121648B to 15 Group.)



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"Kingdom"  
to Oslo.

Force 7 position A.B. course 098° 21 knots.  
(DEVONSHIRE, 120005B to C. in C. Rosyth).  
Following amended time and position has been  
passed to German Naval C. in C. Norway for R.V.  
1800 G.M.T. 12th in position 58° 03' N., 06° 34.4'  
E.  
(C. in C. Rosyth, 120051 to DEVONSHIRE).

Force 7 position E.F. course 053° 10 knots, M/S F. 40 in  
company. No mines swept.

(DEVONSHIRE, 120900B to C. in C. Rosyth).

From position Z proceed by route X taking care not to get  
to the southward of this line. Delegates stated that normal  
passage between position X.4 on route X and position 1 at junc-  
tion of way 40A and way 42 is by Inner Leads and Kristiansand  
South. Germans do not guarantee direct route between above  
positions but they believe it to be safe. If pilots advocate  
this route sweepers should sweep ahead of Force between these  
positions.

2. Germans state that position 1 on way 42A may be omitted and  
that direct route between position at junction of ways 42, 42A,  
43 and position 2 on way 42A may be taken.

3. In Oslo Fiord normal deep water route is used and between  
Saasungene and Gaasoen and through Vestre Lob between Dyna and  
Kobbernablen. Southernmost entrance to Oslo is not used and  
probably dangerous south of Santangen.

4. My 111701B (not to all) refers to harbour pilots and anchor  
berths. Harbour pilots normally land at Lillefaerder.

5. Navigational lights are believed to be functioning normally.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 121616B to Force 7).

Force 7 and M/S 40 in position X (8) embarking pilots.  
Have passed 17 drifting mines in latitude 57° 57' N., between  
06° E. and 06° 23' E.

(DEVONSHIRE, 121920B to C. in C. Rosyth).

Cositintrep 405.

Situation  
Reports.

General. Everything quiet and Germans moving to  
Conc. areas.

Stavanger. Civil situation normal. Removal of  
Amn. from all German Naval vessels completed and  
these now moored off shore under skeleton crews.  
Operations. Nil.

(S.C.O.F.O.R., 120115 to Admty).

Cositintrep 406. German representatives report strengths  
in Norway Army 195,000, S.S. and Police 5,400, Airforce 56,000.  
Guaranteed declaration that action being taken in conformity  
our orders. Germans north Norway evacuating to reservations.  
Tromso quiet. All coastal batteries A.A. withdrawn within 48  
hours. Milorg reports acute food shortage creating difficulties  
with Russian prisoners Bodo area. Authority given for despatch  
of arms from Sweden subject to guarantee use by Milorg only.  
Area Kristiansand quiet. Operations. 2nd Air Lifts Oslo and  
3rd Lift Stavanger going in today. Crown Prince and Commander  
Allied Land Forces due Oslo by sea 131200B.

(S.C.O.F.O.R., 121510B to Admty).

/German...



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Norway

Situation  
Reports.  
(contd).

German Naval Delegates arrived by air last night Friday 11th May 1945 and meeting was held on board RENOWN. Delegates consisted 2 Captains, 3 Junior N. Officers and 4 Pilots, all representing C. in C. Norway. Duplicate sets of Mine field Charts were brought. Disposition of all German U-boats and details of their orders were not brought and information was given that these had been supplied to A.N.C.X.F. Little information available about North Norwegian Ports as officers all came from south ports. No information obtained re D.G. facilities except that several stations existed and had been left intact. Naval W/T station, radio station, telephones, telegraph and T/P links between ports all reported working and in order when delegates left. General state of service morale in Navy and Army reported good, and that intention was to carry out surrender terms. Ports of Oslo, Kristiansand, Bergen, Trondhjem, Stavanger, and Tromso all reported intact with free access and harbour facilities stated to be in Norwegian hands. S.O. states charts produced sufficient to ensure safe navigation, corrected to date, and swept channels safe and as used by German shipping. Some discussion about proceeding through Leads or by outer route but established inner route considered safest and recently swept. As far as known all navigational aids on inner route in place. At Stavanger loading facilities for merchant shipping reported 100% intact Naval cable between Oslo and German Admiralty working efficiently up to 10th May 1945. Sufficient food for Navy afloat for 5 to 6 months but not for as long ashore.

Co-operation afforded by delegates was good and endeavours definitely made to answer all questions asked. Minutes of meeting being forwarded. 3 Pilots being retained for duty with destroyers. Remainder of delegates including 2 captains who reported to C. in C. H.F. today, will be flown back to Oslo in plane they came in probably tomorrow Sunday 13th. One set of M/S charts retained at Rosyth and one set supplied to C. in C. H.F.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 121826 to Admty).

Cositintrep 407. General Brig Hilton decided to order all German guards at P.W. Camps remain on duty for present. Disquieting reports re freed Russian P.Ws. Narvik. Small number Germans taken to woods with arms Stavanger area. Troops in control all quiet. Position Fredrikstad satisfactory harbour installations intact.

Operations. Today's Airlift 217 aircraft. Further airlifts tomorrow. Oslo and Stavanger.

(S.C.O.F.O.R., 122345 to Admty).

STORD's  
expedition  
to Bear Is.

C. in C. Royal Norwegian Navy 111840 passed to C. in C. Rosyth and C. in C. Home Fleet is approved.

2. C. in C. Rosyth is requested to make the necessary arrangements.  
(V.C.N.S., 120221B to Cs. in C. R. Nor. Navy, Rosyth).



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Operation  
"Doomsday"  
Force 134 to  
Norway.

Urgently required to retain L.S.T. 315 to compete with naval bids for inclusion in "Doomsday".

(2) "Doomsday" L.S.Ts. already fully loaded and this extra L.S.T. will solve urgent naval problem.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 120905B to Admty).

Operation  
"Planet"  
minesweeping  
to Norway.

Reference M/S operation "Planet" amend Coastal and Approach routes as follows:-

Channel Jupiter. Cancel positions X.6 and X.7 and substitute new positions.

X.6 58.03.00 N., 07.56.42 E.

X.7 58.04.18 N., 07.57.33 E. and add new positions

X.8 58.05.00 N., 07.59.02 E.

X.9 58.06.53 N., 08.01.38 E.

Channel Mars. Delete position O.N. V.3 cancel positions 06 and 07 and substitute new positions 06, 59.50.14 N., 10.34.48 E.

07. 59.53.27 N., 10.41.27 E.

Channel Venus. Cancel positions Q.2, B.6 and B.7. Substitute new position, Q.2 59.18.15 N., 04.39.00 E.

After B.5 add thence through new positions:

B.6 60.15.48 N., 05.09.30 E.

B.7 60.17.15 N., 05.11.46 E. thence by pecked lines indicated on Chart through the positions B.8, B.9, B.10, B.11.

(Capt. M/S N.P. 1736, 121059B to MACKAY, VICEROY, WOOLSTON, VIVACIOUS, WOLSEY, WOLFHOUD, VALOROUS, VENOMOUS, VEGA, BANGOR, BLACKPOOL, TENBY, RYE, TADOUSSAC, PARSBORO, DORNOCH, SHIPPIGAN, ILFRACOMBE, BEAUMARIS, TOCOGAY, TAHAY, M.M.S. 1045, 1078, 1057, 1085, 1086, 1066, M.M.S. 86, 74, 31, 1011, 1037, 1016, 1003, M.M.S. 1006, 1008, 280, Trawlers STAR OF WAVE, DAVID OGILVIE, NODZU, REDWOOD, SUMA, PICTON CASTLE, BEN DEARS, ROBERT STROUD).

My 121059. Alternative route for Group 5 is as follows and is to be used unless otherwise ordered. From X.5 through positions:-

L. 58.01.4 N., 07.56.0 E. M. 58.02.0 N., 08.01.4 E.

P. 58.02.0 N., 08.05.3 E. thence to V.1.

(Capt. M/S N.P. 1736, 121135B to VEGA, M.M.S. 1003, 1006, 1008, 280).

Request you sail to R/V at 25 buoy at 2200/12th May, Norge Whalers, RISOR (S.O.), HORTEN from Aberdeen, MOSS from Dundee and M/S trawlers ROBERT STROUD, BEN DEARS, GRIMSTAD, VARDO, M.M.S. 1037 (S.O.), 1045, 1057, 1048, 1085, 1086, 1066, 86, 74, 31, 1010, 1016, 1003, 1006, 1008, 280 from Granton. From 25 buoy to proceed in company escorted by I/S whalers at speed of advance  $8\frac{1}{2}$  knots to pass through positions (A)  $56^{\circ} 47' N.$ ,  $01^{\circ} 13' W.$  (C)  $56^{\circ} 38' 36" N.$ ,  $51^{\circ} 26' 30" E.$  to position (G)  $58^{\circ} 00' N.$ ,  $05^{\circ} 00' E.$ , where they are to R/V with destroyers at 0430/14 May.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 121247 to N.O.I.Cs. Aberdeen, Dundee, Leith).

Relief of  
BIRMINGHAM  
from  
Copenhagen  
by  
DEVONSHIRE.

It is desired to relieve BIRMINGHAM, DIDO, ZEPHYR, ZEALOUS, ZEST and ZODIAC in Western Baltic by 2 other cruisers and 4 other Home Fleet destroyers towards end of week ending 19th May if convenient to you.

I would propose that DEVONSHIRE, IROQUOIS and /SAVAGE...



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Relief of  
BIRMINGHAM  
from  
Copenhagen  
by  
DEVONSHIRE.  
(contd).

SAVAGE should proceed from Oslo to Copenhagen and that DIADEM and 2 destroyers proceed from U.K. for this purpose.

2. BIRMINGHAM, pass to F.O. Denmark.  
(C. in C. H.F., 121349 to A.N.C.X.F.)

Lerwick  
M.T.Bs. to  
Norway.

Operation "Apostle".

M.T.Bs. at Lerwick to be formed into three groups - mixed Norwegian and British as arranged by you.

(2) Orders for groups will be signalled later. But probable areas for operations will be between

Kristiansund North and Kirstiansund South.

(3) Be prepared to sail a.m. Monday 14th.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 121116B to N.O.I.C. Lerwick).

Operation  
"Conan"  
Norwegians to  
Norway.

Request you will proceed in STORD escorting two tankers to Lerwick reporting your expected time of arrival when confirmed.

2. On arrival request you will arrange with N.O.I.C. Lerwick for onward routeing of all Norwegian vessels allocated to Tromso and also give orders concerning small Military party now at Lerwick.

3. Request you will comply as necessary to implement "Apostle" and "Conan" operations in your area reporting any necessary changes in plan.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 121426B to Adm. Danielsen in STORD).

"Apostle" - Operation "Conan".

Intend sailing BUTTERCUP (S.O.), ACANTHUS, a.m. 13th May to proceed by searched channel route at speed of advance 13 knots to 25 buoy thence to pass through positions:-

{a) 56° 47' N., 01° 13' W.

{c) 56° 38' 36" N., 01° 26' 30" E. to position

{g) 58° 00' N., 05° 00' E. where they will R/V with VEGA and

WOOLSTON at 0430/14th May.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 121912B to Admty. C. in C. H.F., F.O.N.P. 1736).

"Apostle" operation "Conan". Additional movement.

Intend to sail BROADWAY with STORD tomorrow May 13th to Lerwick for fuel and Tromso, conveying British Military civil Affairs Unit, 8 Officers 15 O.F's BROADWAY will return via Lerwick on completion of disembarking Unit and after receiving a situation report from N.O.I.C. Tromso.

Civil Affairs Stores for Tromso and British Unit Rations and Heavy Stores will be conveyed in STORD.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 122321B to Admty. A.N.C.X.F., C. in C. H.F.)

"Apostle" operation "Conan".

Intend to sail MACKAY (Capt. D. R.E.F.) VICEROY, WOOLSTON, VIVACIOUS, WOLSEY, VEGA, WOLFHOUD, VALOROUS, VENOMOUS at 1000B May 13th proceeding by A - G channel to R/V at position G with vessels and M/S groups thence destroyers vessels and M/S groups for Stavanger, Bergen, Trondheim by the Leads. E.T.A. 1630/14

/daylight...



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Operation "Conan" Norwegians to Norway. (contd). daylight 15th and a.m. 17th respectively. Destroyers vessels and M/S groups for Christian-sund (South) and Oslo by S/C route E.T.A.2300/14 and 1900/15 respectively. On arrival at respective ports N.Os. I.C. in MACKAY, WOOLSTON, WOLSEY, VALOROUS will assume control of future movements on Norwegian coast. CAMPBELL with N.O.I.C. Oslo will have arrived in Operation "Kingdom".  
(C. in C. Rosyth, 122324B to Admty., C. in C. H.F., A.N.C.X.F.)

Operation S.C. Ramose Patron, HITRA and VIGRA returned at 1715B/12th May.  
2. Operation successful.  
(N.O.I.C. Lerwick, 121717B to C. in C. H.F.)  
Ramosé Pilgrim, HESSA returned at 1750B/12th May.  
2. Operation successful.  
(N.O.I.C. Lerwick, 121759B to C. in C. H.F.)

Operations

Northern Waters.

U.1109 Submarine offers surrender PN = 58° 48' N. 4° 55' W. 160 8.  
(N.C.U.76 121104B to 18 Group (see 102211 Northern Waters).  
N.R.2. Over U-boat 1109 58.43 N., 05.02 W. course 160° Speed 8. Await instructions.  
(A/C N.C.U.76, 121140B to 18 Group).  
Arrived U.1109 at 1500B today Saturday. Compliant.  
(S.O. Loch Eriboll, 121612B to C. in C. W.A.)  
Sailed U.1109 and CANN to Loch Alsh at 2300B today 12th E.T.A. 1400B tomorrow.  
(S.O. Loch Eriboll, 122341B to N.O.I.C. Loch Alsh).

Surrender of U-boat Am over surrendered U-boat position 58.35 N., 07.47 W. 1600 S.E. course 305° speed 5 knots. Request instructions.  
(A/C L.H.F. 61, 121620B to 15 Group)  
Submarine previously reported, now steering 070° after joining another U-boat in position 58.39 N., 07.50 W. both proceeding 070° speed 6 knots cannot obtain number of U-boats.  
(A/C L.H.F. 61, 121645 to 15 Group).

Operations.

Baltic.

German ships in Swedish ports. Request early report of any warships or merchant ships which have surrendered in Swedish ports. Orders issued by German Admiralty at the direction of Allied Naval Authorities require all shipping to proceed to Allied or German ports,



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Baltic.

German ships  
in Swedish  
ports.  
(contd).

so that by taking refuge in Swedish ports they  
commit a breach of the act of military surrender.  
You should therefore request Swedish Government so  
to inform Commanding Officers and Masters of any  
such ship west of the line Lübeck - Trelleborg,  
and to pass to them instructions from Allied  
Naval Authorities to sail to Kiel or other  
port designated by A.N.C.X.F.  
(V.C.N.S., 120130B to N.A. Stockholm).

Critical  
need for fuel  
in Copenhagen.

3 large hospital ships in port overcrowded,  
estimated additional 10,000 wounded from Eastern  
Front ashore in port area Copenhagen. Essential  
for these ships to make 2 or 3 trips to German  
Baltic ports. Essential for Allies to supply  
fuel for these and also to bunker large number  
serviceable ships sufficient to reach U.K. Danish Railways,  
ferries and coastal shipping as well as utilities fuel stocks  
practically exhausted.  
Request maximum possible bunker and diesel oil may be included  
in Crosskey or early follow up arranged.  
(F.O.N.P. 1737, 122045B to Admty).

Kiel  
situation  
report.

Situation at 2100 today Saturday. Over 250  
ships and craft now in Kiel Fiord.  
Immediate problem of troops and refugees absorbing  
limited staff available. Eight thousand landed  
in Kiel today, seven thousand sailed to  
Neustadt. Seven thousand being sailed to  
Heiligenhafen tomorrow Sunday in landing craft. Hope to increase  
this rate to twenty thousand a day if Eighth Corps can accept  
them. Our reconnaissance shows 34 tramp steamers and 120 smaller  
craft lying in Kiel Canal up to Albersdorf. Lack of staff so  
far prevents examination. Water lights and sewage in Kiel are  
negligible. Over eighty wrecks counted in harbour south of  
Tirpitzhafen. All shipyards devastated. Hardly one house in  
Kiel undamaged. Report on warships afloat and wrecked submarine  
follows. Sixth Guards Armoured Brigade report captured U-boat  
out of fuel west of Heiligenhafen. Arranging to tow into Kiel.  
No communication obtainable with Flensburg today where only  
N.O.I.C. and small advance party have arrived. 1734 and 1742  
main parties expected tomorrow a.m.  
(F.O.I.C. Kiel, 122216 to A.N.C.X.F., Admty).

Enemy Intelligence.

Corrupt  
message  
anent  
U-boats.

Following message received in clear on 2320 k/cs  
at 111845B May:  
To Admiral Coddin, General Eisenhower's Head-  
quarters.  
1. Ship's reports on 10 58 (10/5?) U.1231  
(Wicke) A.E.9754 course 175° 10 knots. U.516  
(Petran) B.F. 1837 U.805 (Bernard Elli), U.1228  
(Marnfeld) (are going to?) Punky (?Punkt R) (point R?), U.1109  
(Riesen) to Loch Eriboll, U.1272 (Scatteburg), U.245 (Schumann)  
into Bergen.



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Corrupt message anent U-boats. (contd).  
2?. U.320 (Emmerich) on 9/5 was lost off the Norwegian coast by air attack. A small part of the crew landed by rubber boat. As attack (?took place) after capitulation was in force, further indication is requested that (a) (Bonnicht possibly Boote Nicht?) i.e. boats will not reach the F.T. Serhalnn harbour with certainty.  
(b) Owing to fuel situation boats cannot be certain of holding the courses prescribed by the English (text very corrupt).  
(c) A boat having been once attacked after the cease fire cannot be relied upon to obey the prescribed regulations, since it will expect an attack the next time it surfaces.  
3. (?Rugby) up to now (?) still no communication to boats(?) further requests for them to put themselves at our disposal necessary. (Signed C. in C. U-boats. (B.D.U.) (Text very corrupt) (S.H.A.E.F., 120920B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Disposition of German ships. German naval emissaries give the following information of disposition of surface units as known at 8th May. This list includes all surface vessels excepting M/S vessels which have been promulgated separately.

(A) Copenhagen, PRINZ EUGEN, NÜRNBERG.

Apenrade LEEPZIG, Korsor HELA. Murwik GAZELLE. At sea HANSA.  
(B) Destroyers and Torpedo Boats, Oslo Z.30, RICHARD BEITZEN, T.20, Copenhagen Tender JAGD. Brunsbüttel Z.31, Z.33, T.4, T.11, T.12. Wesermünde S.29. Cuxhaven ERICH STEINBRINCK, Wilhelmshaven T.14. Flensburg PAUL JACOBI. Kiel T.8, T.9. At sea (Baltic Sea from Kurland) T.17, T.19, T.23, T.28, T.33, T.35, KARL GALSTER, FRIEDRICH IHN, HANS LODY, THEODORE RIEDEL, Z.25, Z.34, Z.38, Z.39.

E-boats. Rotterdam 4th, 6th and 9th Flotillas (17 boats).  
DenHelder 2nd and 8th Flotillas (4 boats).  
Tönning 2nd Flotilla (2 boats).  
Stavanger 8th Flotilla (5 boats).  
Megersund 1st Training Flotilla (5 boats).  
Sonderburg - Flensburg 3rd to 10th Flotilla (23 boats).

E-boat Depot Ships:-

C KARL PETERS, TANGA, WISSMAN, BUEA.  
Eastern Baltic, 1st, 5th and 2nd Training Flotillas (24 boats).  
E-boat Depot Ship STSINGTAU.  
(A.N.C.X.F., 121535B to Admty).

U-boats' summary. Surrendered U-boat Plot for 1800B/12th May.  
U.541 estimated to have arrived in Gibraltar.  
U.485 estimated to have arrived in Gibraltar.  
U.858 39° 30' N., 66° 30' W.  
U.889 43° 30' N., 61° 20' W.

U.805 estimated to have arrived in St. Johns.  
U.1228 47° 20' N., 50° 00' W.  
U.190 45° 00' N., 45° 30' W.  
U.873 36° 20' N., 49° 30' W.  
U. 234 49° 45' N., 31° 30' W.  
U.3008 estimated to be southbound in Kattegat.  
U.2326 57° 00' N., 04° 00' E.  
U.1109 estimated to have arrived in Eriboll.  
U.956 estimated to have arrived in Eriboll.  
U.825 10 miles north of Cape Wrath.



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U-boats' summary. (contd).  
U.532 59° 00' N., 06° 00' W.  
U.1231 58° 50' N., 06° 50' W.  
U.516 55° 15' N., 11° 35' W.  
U.1010 53° 50' N., 11° 50' W.  
U.244 51° 00' N., 11° 30' W.  
(D.D.I.C., 121836B to S. and A. Areas A, B, C).

Casualties & Defects.

PROMPT minesweeper  
PROMPT will be ready for towage on Tuesday 15th May. Request repair yard may be allocated and tug provided. Hull damage not extensive. (N.O.I.C. Ostend, 122220 to Admiralty).

SS. CEDARWOOD.  
CEDARWOOD refloated 0800 today Saturday 12th May.  
2. Mean draught 16 feet 6 inches owing to considerable silt.  
3. Estimated date of completion of temporary repairs, 26th May.  
4. Request dry dock be allocated. (N.O.I.C. Ostend, 122144 to Admty).

MELBREAK, destroyer.  
MELBREAK. Preliminary examination in dock reveals following principal grounding damage:-  
1. A/S dome and raft torn away truck and seating probably displaced.  
2. Flat keelplate pierced and badly distorted between dome and magazine. Vertical keel damaged.  
3. Insulation, fittings, etc., in A/S and refrigerating compartments damaged by flooding.  
For permanent repairs about five weeks required at high priority with vessel in dock and cannot be undertaken at Sheerness unless refit of Captain Class Frigate is cancelled or deferred. Admiralty's 052202 refers. To enable ship to proceed to another port bottom could be made watertight in about five days. Reference D.21's 111107 MELBREAK could be taken in hand for permanent repairs modernisation or armament and tropicalisation in lieu of but not in addition to refit of Captain Class Frigate. Approximate time required ten weeks. This re-arrangement of programme would be preferred. Request early decision. (Cdre. Sheerness, 111921B to Admty).

Movements.

AIRE, DART, EVENLODE, frigates.  
The following River class frigates are to be sailed to Chatham forthwith to give 14 days leave in one watch and to be taken in hand concurrently for boiler cleaning, docking, defects and such A's and A's particularly tropicalisation as are possible in the time: AIRE, DART, EVENLODE.  
2. They will be required to sail as soon as ready for the East Indies via Suez. C. in C. Nore is requested to report anticipated date of readiness. (V.C.N.S., 120030 to C. in C. W.A.)

/AMETHYST...



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BLACK SWAN,  
ERNE, HART,  
MAGPIE,  
MERMAID,  
Sloops.

The following A/A sloops are to be sailed to home ports forthwith to give 14 days leave in one watch and to be taken in hand concurrently for boiler cleaning, docking, defects and such A's. &amp; A's. particularly tropicalisation as are possible in the time:

Devonport - AMETHYST, BLACK SWAN, ERNE, HART.  
Portsmouth - MAGPIE, MERMAID.

(2) MAGPIE and MERMAID require fitting of 2 twin Bofors each - this work is to be progressed as far as possible.

(3) Ships will be required to sail as soon as ready for the Pacific via Suez. Commanders-in-Chief are requested to report anticipated date of readiness.

(V.C.N.S., 120050 to Cs. in C. W.A., Portsmouth, Plymouth.)

U. 802,  
U-Boat.

Sailed U.802 escorted by DEANE to Loch Alsh at 0700B today Saturday. Expected time of arrival 1600B.

(S.O. Loch Eriboll, 120835B to N.O.I.C. Loch Alsh.)

GLORY,  
Aircraft  
Carrier.

Route GLORY, A.M. 092247.

Standard southbound route lettered (L) to (P) thence (Q) 35.51 N., 06.10 W. and Mediterranean basic eastbound route lettered (GH) to (GZ) and (BA) to (BJ).

(Plot. (O.D.), 121142B to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

A.F.D. 69,  
Floating  
Dock.

A.M. 281344B not to MARAUDER or S.I.D.G. Intend to sail A.F.D.69 in tow of MARAUDER, E.T.A. Tilbury 1030/14th May where dock requires D.G. treatment. Thence to Southend for onward routeing to Falmouth.

(F.O.I.C. London, 121220B to C. in C. Nore.)

RENOWN,  
Battle-  
cruiser.

My 111335B, sailed.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 121340B to C. in C. Portsmouth)

BLEASDALE,  
BRISSENDEN,  
CHIDDINGFOLD,  
COWDRAY,  
ALBRIGHTON,  
EASTON,  
MELBREAK,  
TALYBONT,  
TANATSIDE,  
BLANKNEY,  
LAMERTON,  
MIDDLETON,  
WILTON,  
destroyers.

Following is intended programme for preparation of HUNT class destroyers now in Home Waters for service in the Eastern Theatre, refitting yards to be nominated later.

(2) BLEASDALE, BRISSENDEN, CHIDDINGFOLD, COWDRAY to be taken in hand for docking, defects and essential A's. and A's. particularly those affecting ventilation, time in hand not to exceed that required for giving leave and adjusting complement, normally 4 weeks.

(3) ALBRIGHTON, EASTON, MELBREAK, TALYBONT, TANATSIDE for Pacific, BLANKNEY, LAMERTON, MIDDLETON, WILTON for East Indies to be taken in hand for improvement to ventilation as

/rapidly ...



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Destroyers.  
(Contd.) rapidly as availability of fans and of refitting berths permits. Up to 4 of these vessels may be allocated to South African yards in which case they will have to have complements adjusted before sailing.  
(V.C.N.S., 121735B to Cs. in C. Nore, Plymouth, Portsmouth.)

U-Boats  
to ~~Loch~~ Lough  
Foyle. Eight U-Boats are to be sailed from Loch Alsh northabout Skye to Lisahally Lough Foyle. Sailing is to be adjusted so that U-Boats pass Foyle Buoy at 1300B/14th May.  
(2) The escort under the command of Commander R.A. Currie, D.S.C., R.N. (S.O. 14th E.G. in HESPERUS) is to consist of HESPERUS, HAVELOCK, U.S.S. <sup>Robt</sup> PAYNE, H.M.C.S. THETFORD MINES, F.S. COMMANDANT DROGOU, 5 ships of 31st E.G., BENTLEY, 1 ship of 5th E.G. (name to be reported), A/S Trawler GUARDSMAN and Rescue ship GOODWIN.  
(3) Aircraft will co-operate for photographic purposes.  
(4) From time of passing Foyle Buoy Cdre. (D) W.A. is requested to take control of movements and to arrange pilotage and berthing of all vessels.  
(5) Movements of escorts on completion will be signalled separately.  
(6) Codeword "Commonwealth".  
(C. in C. W.A., 121852B to N.O.I.C. Loch Alsh, S.O. E.G.14, Com. (D) W.A.)

Shipping and Convoys

F.N. & F.S.  
Convoys. My 071210B. Commencing with F.N.10 and F.S.3 tomorrow Sunday 13th May only one escort is required on the F.N. and F.S. convoys.  
(C. in C. Nore, 121040B to Admty., Nore Command.)

Colliers  
for Bruns-  
büttel. Following received from N.O.I.C. Hamburg, begins: In view of large merchant ship commitments now arising at Brunsbüttel request two in number 4,000 ton colliers may be sailed to that place. This is in addition to collier already asked for for Hamburg. D.T.G. 101515. Ends.  
(A.N.C.X.F., 121229 to D. of S.T.)

Fuel and  
stores to  
Cuxhaven. Request you will sail ships enumerated in para. 2 at 2000B tomorrow 13th for Cuxhaven.  
(2) (A) Y.24, Y.50 and Y.85 loaded with 87 Octane.  
(B) Y.73 and fuelling trawlers NEW COMET, RAETIA, KING EMPEROR, RETURNO and OUTPOST loaded with diesel.

/(C) ...



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Shipping and Convoys

Fuel and  
stores to  
Cuxhaven.  
(Contd.)

(C) SAN UBALDO 5,999 tons draught 25 feet 6 inches loaded 5,600 tons furnace oil and 2,000 tons diesel.

(D) TOLSTA HEAD with coal and SUMMITY with stores.

(3) Escort TALYBONT to P.15 Buoy.

(4) Speed  $7\frac{1}{2}$  knots.

(5) Route searched channels in force and Q.Z.S.727 to P.10 Buoy thence to P.15 Buoy. Route P.10 to P.15 will be signalled later. F.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven is requested to arrange onward routing.

(6) Report E.T.A. P.15 Buoy before sailing to F.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven, repeated C. in C. Nore. TALYBONT is to be ordered to report if unable to adhere to this E.T.A.

(7) Above fuel and stores are for Force C, M.S.18 is to fuel from SAN UBALDO and not return Harwich, M.S.18's 112350B not to all addressees refers.

(8) Navigation lights are to be burnt at full brilliancy.  
(C. in C. Nore, 121651B to F.O.I.C. Humber.)



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North Atlantic

QUEEN EMMA,  
 L.S.I. (M). A.M. 272041B. QUEEN EMMA sailed Gibraltar  
 2315B/11th.  
 (2) S. of A. 18 knots. E.T.A. Port Said 1240C/16.  
 (F.O.G.M.A.120021B to V.A.M.)

U.541 and 485. U.541 and U.485 boarded in position (A) and being  
 escorted to Gibraltar E.T.A's 1445B and 2000B/12  
 May respectively.  
 (2) Further signal will be made when all  
 information available.  
 (3) My 101605 and 101105 refer, ends.  
 (Gibraltar, C.C.O. 121410B to Admty.)  
 U.541 and U.485 are now in harbour at Gibraltar.  
 (F.O.G.M.A. 121921B to Admty, Info C. in C. Med.)  
 Arrived German U-Boat U.541 escorted by MALCOLM, WELLINGTON,  
 German U-Boat U.485 escorted by LOWESTOFT, ENCHANTRESS.  
 (F.O.G.M.A.121941B to Admty.)

German auxiliary vessel. Your 111642. No German Vessels have arrived  
 Vigo. Report doubtless refers to German Ship  
 BESSEL and interned S/M crews of which have  
 been disembarked and interned.  
 (R.O. Vigo, 121807 to Admty for D.N.I.)  
 Your 111642. This refers to U-Boats interned  
 since September 1943 and German tanker BESSEL which entered Vigo  
 in early days. My 081348 has already reported removing of all  
 crews from all German Warships, auxiliaries and merchant ships  
 in Spanish waters.  
 (B.N.A.Madrid, 122037B to D.N.I.)  
 / Report details of German vessel and S/M seized at Vigo.

South Atlantic

Trawlers for U.K. A.M.101538 to C. in C. S.A. only.  
 Para. 4 approx. programme ST. ZENO and LADY  
 ROSEMARY my 301411 April and 100945.

Place	Arrive	Leave
Gibraltar	12th June	14th
U.K.	19th June.	

(2) ST. LOMAN, VIVIANA, INDIAN STAR, NORTHERN CHIEF, leave  
 Capetown 19th May by same route.  
 (3) NORTHERN DUKE was included with above trawlers in (Para?)  
 4 of my 251456 April but is now being retained at Durban for D/F  
 calibration duties.  
 (C. in C. S.A. 121123B to Admty.)  
 Six trawlers to be sailed to U.K. as soon as possible.

/ WEAR ...



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South Atlantic - Contd.

WEAR  
(Frigate).

(1) Intend sailing WEAR at 1700/16th May speed 14 knots. Route etc. to Bermuda E.T.A. 1000/26. (F.O.C.W.Af. 121140Z to S.B.N.O. W.At.)  
(1) Intend sailing H.M.S. WEAR at 1700/16th May speed 14 knots route etc. thence Bermuda E.T.A. 1000/26th. (F.O.C.W.Af. 121140Z to S.B.N.O. W.At.)

CONFIDENT.

Tug CONFIDENT towing BUSY arrived Dakar to-day with towing cable defects further signal will be made when E.T.S. is known. (Comar Dakar, 122247Z to F.O.C.W.Af.)



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Mediterranean.

AVONVALE. In view of altered situation request confirmation, destroyer. that AVONVALE is still required to return to U.K. vide A.M. 232310 March and 101256 May not to V.A.M. (C. in C. Med., 121124B to Admty.)

HUNT A.M. 081501\*. destroyers. Delays in production of engine and gear room ventilation fans for HUNT class destroyers will result in one only being available before July, 1945, apart from those already allocated to

HAYDON, OAKLEY and ZETLAND. Following revision of programme is necessary:-

(2) Remaining fan to be flown to Taranto for fitting in WHEATLAND.

(3) Refits of LEDBURY and TETCOTT to be deferred, and ships sailed to U.K. to give leave and adjust complement. Vessels will return to Mediterranean subsequently, to be taken in hand when fans can be made available.

(4) Remaining 5 HUNTS types II and III will return to U.K. in due course to give leave and adjust complement, their moves being phased with the availability of ventilating fans and other equipment for installation on return to the Mediterranean. (V.C.N.S. 121136B to C. in C. Med.)

\* HUNTS types II and III to be refitted in the Med. before returning to U.K.

Cositintrep Arab rioting took place May 8 and 9 in several No. 670. Algerian localities. Some trouble was experienced at Bone, Blida and Constantine, but the situation did not get out of hand.

At Setif, about 30 Europeans were killed and 100 wounded. Order has been restored in the town and immediate vicinity by French military forces, but rioters are still holding out in the mountains.

At Guelma, about 10 Europeans were killed, but the situation was brought under control and the rioters are now confined in the mountains south of the town. Nothing reported from Algiers and Oran.

Some ringleaders of the popular party of Algeria (P.P.A) and of the Amis du Manifeste party have been arrested. (A.F.H.Q., 121757B to W.O.)

French Admiralty 011254 and my 021659 neither to Submarines. F.O.C.W.Af. VESTALE and NARVAL have left Dakar for Toulon and Casablanca respectively. ARCHIMEDE and ARETHUSE have left Dakar for Toulon and Casablanca respectively. ARCHIMEDE and ARETHUSE are thus available for F.O.C.W.Af. Area.

(2) Almed. asks that VESTALE should not return to West Africa after recommissioning as F.O.C.W.Af. only requires one submarine at each of Dakar and Freetown.

(3) Under present C.C.S. directive French are liable to provide a total of three A/S training submarines for British use. At least one becomes available for service elsewhere.

(4) Request F.O.C.W.Af. will remark and that Admiralty policy may then be stated.

(C. in C. Med., 121812B to Admty.) (See 131240Z from F.O.C.W.Af.)

/Hoisting...



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Mediterranean - Contd.

Hoisting of White Ensign. Admiralty directs that Nazi Ensign is to be lowered and white ensign hoisted on all German warships surrendering in ports under control of R.N.

(2) The above is without prejudice to ultimate disposal of ships concerned.

(3) Comply where applicable.

(F.O.L.E.M. 121830C to S.B.N.O. Greece.)

Situation Report No. 610. (1) Trieste. ORION and LAUDERDALE have arrived. (2) Dodecanese. It is anticipated harbour at Rhodes where food shortage is acute will be opened by 13th May.

(3) Aegean. Situation reported uneasy at Mitylene where return of internees has caused ill feeling and clashes have occurred between E.A.M. and local authorities.

(C. in C. Med., 121945B to F.O.L.E.M., etc.)

Special G.2 Summary. A. S.E. Austria. South of Danube Russian troops claim to have occupied Waidhoten south of Amstetten and St. Michael southwest of Bruck on Mur. Boundary arranged between British and Russian troops west of Graz leaving Kotlach in

British hands and Voitsberg in Russian hands. Two brigades and tank unit of 14 Yugoslav Division which reached Volkermarkt withdrew early 11 May towards Yugoslavia with reported intention of returning in great force.

B. Venezia Giulia. Most villages east of Isonzo reported garrisoned by Yugoslav troops up to one company in strength. Main concentrations appear to be Monfalcone area where some 5000 troops estimated including elements 26 and 43 Yugoslav Divisions and Gorizia area where 13 Division reported strength 8000 men. Other formations believed in area are 30 and 31

Divisions area Trieste strength reported 3000 each and elements armoured brigade. West of Isonzo in area Udine-Cividale-Gemona elements Yugoslav 9 Corps reported to number some 14 to 18 thousand men. Incidents reported include following -

(1) Small Yugoslav parties turned away from Monfalcone coast defence guns by British guards.

(2) British officers turned away from equipment stores Monfalcone by Yugoslavs.

(3) Yugoslav officer prevented demolition road blocks at approaches Trieste by British engineers though later work allowed to continue.

C. General. Withdrawal German troops from Yugoslavia into southeastern Austria has continued under Yugoslav auspices including remnants of 97 Corps which surrendered to Yugoslavs northwest of Fiume.

(A.F.H.Q., 122027B to W.O., etc.)

LE TRIOMPHANT Fr. destroyer Sail at 2130/12 S.O.A. 22 knots to Port Said for onward routing to East Indies Fleet. Comar Algiers 111022.

(V.A. Malta 122029 to F.S. LE TRIOMPHANT.)



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East Indies.

Situation From distant sighting report evening 10th May  
1200 F.G. it was estimated that one NACHI class cruiser  
12th May. and one destroyer would be northbound in  
proximity of 007° N. - 097° E. at 1200 F.G.  
11th May, and would have reached lat. 011° N.  
by 1200 F.G. 12th May.

(2) Air and surface R/C have failed to sight enemy force to  
northward of 007° N.

(3) Estimate that enemy have retired temporarily into Malacca  
Strait, as a result of sighting of unit of East Indies Fleet  
west of Nicobar Islands by Japanese aircraft morning 11th May.  
(C. in C. E. I. Stn. 120606Z to S. & A. E. I. Stn.) See 130629Z.

Molcabs. Number 4 Molcab. A.M. 212027 and my 241215 March  
refers.

(2) Owing to changed plan and inability of Cochin  
accommodate more than 2 Molcab cannot accept No.  
4 Molcab until 15th September.  
(C. in C. E. I. 120617Z to Admty.)

U-Boat  
Surrenders.  
Japanese  
waters.

The following message has been passed to the  
German Admiralty, begins:-  
The German Naval High Command is to order all  
German U-Boats in or based on Japanese controlled  
harbours to leave such harbours. They are  
to proceed in the manner which the Commanding  
Officer sees fit until they are over 300 miles  
distant from such harbours, when they are to surface, fly a  
black flag or pennant, report their position in plain language  
to the nearest British, U.S. or Soviet coast W/T station  
and proceed to the nearest Allied port, or such port as Allied  
representatives may direct, and remain there pending further  
directions from Allied representatives.

(2) At night they are to show lights.  
(A.N.C.X.F. (Main) 121150B to Admty.)



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*Report on Rangoon*

12091 OFG/May.

From. Adv. ALFSEA.

Date. 12.5.45.

Recd. 1140.

C Y P H E R.

To. SACSEA. War Office. C. in C. India. Main ALFSEA.

MOST IMMEDIATE.

040721. 1063/MGA cipher 12 May.

Special Adm. Sitrep number 8 on Rangoon.

(A) C. in C. MGA and DCCAO(B) visited Rangoon 10 and 11 May. Following are impressions gained based on personal observations and contact with service commanders and staff now Rangoon.

(B) Population.

Very glad British have returned. Only apparent food shortage is sugar and on 10th May 9 municipal markets operating.

(C) Number 1 Area.

Established Jubilee Hall and combined R.N. Army R.A.F. and CAS(B) staffs assembling satisfactorily. Number 1 Area Recce party which moved by road in rear 14 Army began arriving 10th May having travelled 1700 miles by road from Siliguri in 21 days. Control Rangoon Port taken over by N.O.I.C. 10 May with skeleton staff. Port party (?ship) expected 12 May.

(D) Damage.

Areas adjacent main quays extensively damaged own bombing also certain other areas but apart from above damage not serious. Main quays and transit sheds look derelict but in short time will be put in good condition. Damage from enemy action negligible.

(E) Port.

On 10th May three ships working alongside Latta Street Wharf with Min 23ft. Expect by 13 May open two further alongside berths with Min 18 to 19 ft and further two or three later on. Hope get total 8 alongside berths for stores MT and personnel. Until Stanza convoys D plus 17 and D plus 24 fully unloaded bottle neck will be road transport for clearance. As more tpt RE and Labour units become available port capacity will increase rapidly and hope reach 5000 T/D by last half June.

(F)



(F) Sewage. Anticipated serious medical problem if compressed air sewage system irreparably damaged. Compressor station intact. On tenth May station working on reduced scale and will improve steadily as adequate fuel made available.

(G) Health. Satisfactory and One State Hospital functioning. No cases plague and no epidemic of any sort at present. Drugs and hygiene stores scarce.

(H) Water supply. Out of action since 22 March. Expect have supply restarted by 17 May. Meantime 600 T/D being produced from Solomons tube well and many surface wells.

(J) Electric supply. Out of action and power station severely damaged. This major project and awaiting more detailed Recce.

(K) Rice. Preliminary survey reports about 2000 tons located with possibility considerably more. Large quantities damaged by fire and rain. Civil Affairs instructed notify population all districts cultivate maximum rice crops in knowledge we will purchase surplus crop. No details to hand on rice mills but expect put several in operation early.

(L) Covered accommodation.

(1). Personnel. Buildings not damaged by own air action generally intact though furniture removed and fittings destroyed. Anticipate no major difficulty housing all troops likely be located in Rangoon area.

(2). Stores. Plenty large warehouses and stores sheds many damaged but repairable. Should find adequate cover for stores.

(M) Cranes. Three steam cranes in working order and expect find others which can be repaired.

(N) Port craft. Considerable numbers Dumb lighters both steel and wood construction. Several power type craft exist but without engines which we should be able provide. Many country boats on river.

(O) Mingaladon Airfield. Closed until 13 May for repairs when suitable for fighters light aircraft and limited Dakota traffic. Loading Bithess for sealing and 3,000 tons PSP in port area awaiting discharge all for conversion to AW standard.

(P) Railways. Rangoon railway station and neighbourhood extensively damaged but track in good condition and no enemy demolitions. Line from wharves to Insein already in operation on light scale. Marshalling yards at Mahlwagon can be quickly

repaired/



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repaired. Only damage to track turnouts etcetera is result own bombing. Six locos in running order also some rolling stock. Expect recess now in hand will disclose more especially rolling stock.

(Q) Bulk oil storage. Oil tankage area Syrian shapeless mess. Two tanks estimated capacity one million gallons each repairable Kyaukchaung and three bases usable but first Naval survey indicates 26 ft draft only. 10 inch pipeline under Pegu river believed repeat believed intact.

(R) Hospital area. Area of University buildings (?very) suitable both in extent and overall condition of buildings and will be developed as major medical area.

(S) Burma currency being introduced and about 40 Lakhs should be in by D plus 24.

(T) Roads. First class everywhere. Certain amount of road cratering from own bombing but no major repair problem. City road bridges intact. This godsend as will permit free use during heaviest rains.

(U) Stanza convoys. D plus 12 contains elements Stanza Unit and D plus 17 and D plus 24 convoys entirely Stanza. With arrival these convoys and gradual phasing in of transport RE units and Labour units scheduled arrive from 14 army development should go ahead fast.

(V) Have every reason be pleased with present state Rangoon port city and adjacent areas. Damage could have been far more extensive. See no reason why port should not handle 7500 T/D by mid August and in all respects adequately meet our requirements for mounting of Zipper follow up formations. Major problems under Mcnsoon conditions will be

- (1) Construction of AW airfields to scale required.
- (2) Rehabilitation of railways north to Mandalay and Prome.
- (3) Development of signal land lines.

120910FG

Received by hand from War Office at 1500/25.  
Circulated in view of AM 171855 and C. in C. E.I. 220622 re docking etc. situation at Rangoon.

Circulation over/



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- U.889. Your 112203 not to all. Speed is to be adjusted to arrive surrender position not before 1000Z/13th May. Keep clear to northward of H.X. 355.  
(C. in C. C.N.A., 120259Z to BUCKINGHAM.)
- SS. ESSO  
PITTSBURGH  
(tanker)  
damaged. Master of ESSO PITTSBURGH requests tug forthwith. QUESNEL standing by in estimated position 42.14 N., 61.17 W.  
My 120320\* refers  
(S.O. W.8, 120815Z to C. in C. C.N.A.)  
\* Pendants 83 ESSO PITTSBURGH breaking up crates - N.T. in W.D.
- W.8's 120320\* at earliest opportunity state cause of damage, condition of ship and whether assistance required.  
(C. in C. C.N.A., 120820Z to H.M.C.S. QUESNEL.)  
\* Not identified in War Registry.  
C. in C. C.N.A. 120820. Hove to in position 42.16 N., 61.42 W. proceeding to Halifax when weather moderates. Heavy weather cause of damage, several plates cracked more cracking, master thinks ship may break up, tugs have been requested.  
(QUESNEL, 121055Z to C. in C. C.N.A.) See 130302.  
S.O. W.8 120815 Tug FOUNDATION FRANKLIN sailed Halifax 122Z 12 to assist ESSO PITTSBURGH speed 10 knots.  
(3) QUESNEL remain with casualty and provide escort to Halifax.  
(C. in C. C.N.A., 121254Z to QUESNEL.)
- U-Boat. This recodes CAILIFF's 120950\* addressed as above. Intend to return to position (Y) off Bay Bulls to await German U-Boat.  
(Nfld. C.C.O., 121151Z to F.O.N.F.)  
\* Not identified.  
Following a recode of CAILIFF 121545Z addressed as above. H.M.C.S. DIGBY in company. Am now carrying out box patrol around position (Y) off Bay Bulls.  
(Nfld. C.C.O., 121739Z to F.O.N.F.)
- U. 234. U.234 was in lat. 50° 00' N., long. 30° 00' W., course 260°, 8 knots at 0825B/12th May.  
(D.D.I.C., 121005B to S. & A. Areas B and D.)  
Detach two frigates forthwith to intercept U.234 who reported himself at 0623Z/12th in 50.02 N., 30.00 W., course 260°, speed 8 knots. Acknowledge.  
(C. in C. C.N.A., 121236Z to S.O. C.6.) See 140352B.  
Your 121236Z acknowledge. WASKESIU and LAUZON detailed.  
(2) O.N.301 P.C. and S. 47.44 N., 26.37 W., 268°, 9.5 knots.  
(S.O. C.6, 121530Z to C. in C. C.N.A.)  
P.C. and S. at 201000Z/12th 47.57 N., 28.15 W., 286, 15 knots. Intercept U.234 in accordance C. in C. N.A. 121236.  
(WASKESIU, 122031 to C. in C. C.N.A.)

/Enemy ...



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America and West Indies - Contd.

Enemy U-Boat estimate 1200Z/12. (A) Several unreported U-Boats may still be in U.S. strategic area and are indefinitely estimated in following general areas. One off East Coast. One Grand Banks to Flemish Cap. Possibly one of Reykjavik. (B) U-Boats which have reported in U.S. strategic area are estimated 1200Z/12 as follows:  
U.234 in 49.45, 31.00, C. 260, S. 8.  
Following under escort - U.858 in 39.45, 67.00, C. 255, S. 13.  
U.805 area 46.45, 52.00 estimated course 225 and speed 10.  
U.190 in 43.45, 45.15, C. 305, S. 8.  
U.1228 in 46.00, 47.45, C. 230, S. 8.  
U.873 in 35.45, 48.45, C. 276, S. 10.  
U.889 in 43.15, 61.30, C. 261, S. 10.  
(Cominch, 121530Z to Admty.)

U. 190. Your 120233 not to all. If E.T.A. Bay Bulls 2100Z/13th cannot be made good adjust speed as necessary to arrive first light 14th May report intentions and new E.T.A. Bay Bulls as soon known.  
(2) As soon as possible report number of torpedoes in tubes and if they can be hauled back.  
(F.O.N.F., 122037Z to VICTORIAVILLE.)

Escorts. O.N.S.49. W.6, OSHAWA (S.O.), ROCKCLIFFE both H.F/D.F., DUNVEGAN, SASKATOON left St. Johns 1400Z/13th May to relieve you in Westomp 43.25 N., 50.32 W., at 1600Z/14th.  
(2) On relief C.4 proceed direct St. Johns two escorts being detailed to escort KELMSCOTT, EMPIRE RAZORBILL and GERMA to St. Johns making daylight E.T.A.  
(F.O.N.F., 122040Z to S.E. O.N.S. 49.)

Far East and Australia

Organisation A/C, B.P.F. The proposals for the provision of reserve carrier air groups in A.M. 181953 April are agreed with generally except that the reduction in Corsair I.E. in ILLUSTRIOUS class can only be accepted as a temporary measure, the full I.E. being restored as soon as possible.  
(2) F.O.N.A.S.(A) is requested to indicate the main logistic requirements necessary to support this policy. V.A.(Q) is requested to make arrangements to meet these requirements in so far as they affect this area.



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Saturday.FOREIGN STATIONSFar East and AustraliaOrganisation  
A/C, B.P.F.  
(Contd.)

(3) Information is requested on the proposed rate and method of expansion in order that facilities may be planned accordingly.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 120714Z to Admty.)  
Reply: 172337B. - *see 071553B/June (with copy) 4 230 336Z June.*

Fast mine-  
layers for  
B.P.F.

Reference my 300330 Dec., para. 13 and my 160653 Jan. it is requested that the three fast minelayers may be sent to join the B.P.F. as early as possible in order that they may take part in minelaying operations now being considered by C. in C. Pacific.

(2) Initially the nearest mine depot will be in Australia and the limiting factor will be the transport of mines between Australia and the operating area. By using PROME, GURNA and BUNGAREE it is estimated that the three fast minelayers could operate for about two months laying approximately 2,800 mines from an advanced anchorage before being obliged to withdraw to Australia and fill up once more with mines.

(3) Later this scale of operation could be improved by either or both of the following -

(A) Establishment of mobile mine depot ashore at the advanced anchorage.

(B) Use of freight ships between Australia and the advanced anchorage using the mine issue ships purely for the preparation of mines.

(4) It is requested that Admiralty will -

(A) Inform me of the earliest date on which the three fast minelayers and PROME and GURNA could reach Australia.

(B) Consider providing A.C.N.B. with a relief for BUNGAREE A.M. 162147, para. 1 refers.

(C) Inform me whether additional freightage referred to in para. 3B above would be available.

(D) Alter loading of PROME and GURNA, A.M. 142042 March so that submarine mines are not embarked.

(E) To build up Australian stocks of mines at first opportunity. These have been depleted by shipment (A.C.N.B. 260626 April not to C. in C. East Indies refers). Initial stocks necessary for operation will be 2,000 contact and 1,000 non-contact mines. (C. in C. B.P.F., 120843Z to Admty., V.A.(Q))

Digest  
1207,  
11th May.

Covering 11th May except where another date given.

(1) Planes from Clark Field left single small sea truck enveloped in flames, damaged small coaster, one lugger south-west Macao, sank single small freighter transport, left 3 barges burning Canton area.

(2) Search planes 10th May left burning one small coaster, one small freighter transport Toseki, damaged 3 luggers, sank 2 large junks east Hainan.

(3) On 10th May Liberators from Mindoro damaged one small coaster, destroyed several luggers Tourane. Next day Mindoro search planes attacked group small vessels including sea trucks, small coasters, luggers and barges off Tourane destroying one small coaster, firing 2 barges, damaging 3 small coasters, 5 luggers several barges.



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Far East and Australia

Digest (4) Mariner from Tawi destroyed one sea truck  
1207, one lugger, previously damaged 2 motor boats,  
11th May. one barge north-east Borneo.  
(Contd.) (11) Night 9th/10th May small American Naval  
Units destroyed large motor launch several  
barges off east coast Luzon.  
(13) Australian and Netherlands East Indies  
Forces on Tarakan advanced 1½ miles north, one mile east  
Djoesta oil fields, continued reduction strong enemy positions  
in centre of island. 3 Mitchells supported ground troops.  
(14) 16 Mitchells on Borneo shipping sweep destroyed two small  
coasters, 12 barges, damaged 4 barges.  
(15) Australian troops of 6th Division captured all but  
north-east corner Wewak Peninsula against strong resistance.  
(G.H.Q.S.W.P.A., 120900 to Admty.)

FORT Following received from V.A.(Q) B.P.F. begins:  
LANGLEY Request date of sailing and destination of  
(issuing FORT LANGLEY if she has not already left.  
ship). Consider she should be sent direct to Manus.  
T.O.O. 110416. Ends.  
(2) Ships will not now be available for storing  
until 21st May. All possible effort being  
made to expedite departure but no firm E.T.A. can be given  
at present.  
(3) Presume Admiralty will communicate destination.  
(B.A.D., 122137Z to Admty.)

U BOAT CAMPAIGN

U-Boat Para. (A). (a) Further arrivals in U.K. ports:  
Surrender U.802, U.293, U.826.  
Report. (b) Estimated positions 1000B/12th May:  
U.3008 off Skaw proceeding to Kiel.  
U.2326 57° 03' N., 05° 28' E. ordered to Eriboll.  
U.1109 due Eriboll a.m./12th.  
U. 532 58° 35' N., 07° 45' W. U. 956 58° 50' N., 06° W.  
U.1231 58° 20' N., 09° 10' W. U. 825 58° 45' N., 07° 15' W.  
U. 516 53° 50' N., 11° 50' W. U.1010 52° 45' N., 11° 50' W.  
U. 244 50° N., 12° W. U. 541 36° N., 07° 45' E. due Gibraltar  
p.m./12th. U. 485 36° N., 08° W. to Gibraltar.  
U. 858 40° N., 65° W. U. 889 43° 30' N., 59° 45' W.  
U. 805 off Bay of Bulls. U.1228 47° 15' N., 48° 55' W.  
U. 190 44° 30' N., 44° 30' W. U. 873 36° 10' N., 48° 15' W.  
U. 234 49° 55' N., 30° 15' W., course 260°.  
Para. (B) No material change since A.M. 111220B.  
(D.D.I.C., 121204B to A.I.G. 331, Cominch.)



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Home Commands

- North Sea. 1(a) U.2126 (72326) surfaced about 100 miles S.E. of Kinnaird Head and is making for Dundee.  
(b) Wilhelmshaven can accept ships up to 28 ft. draught.  
(c) The Elbe buoyage and leading marks are intact.  
(d) German Naval craft at Den Helder are to be sailed, with P.O.Ws. to Emden: F.O.Holland would like to evacuate the rest of the German army in medium-sized merchant ships, German if possible, from the Hook, Helder and IJmuiden, beginning about May 20th.  
(e) One mine was detonated 9 cables from the Hook North Breakwater Light.
- West Coast France. 2. La Pallice has 1200 ft. of clear quay space and the large drydock is intact.
- Norway. 3(a) Destroyers, minesweepers and other craft have sailed from Rosyth for Tromso, Trondheim, Bergen, Stavanger, Kristiansand and Oslo, on Operation "Conan".  
(b) DEVONSHIRE and Force 7 arrived Oslo at 1401. H.R.H. the Crown Prince of Norway landed at 1600.  
(c) Norwegian roads, bridges, railways and tele-phones are reported in good order and working. The situation is quiet practically everywhere. The Germans are to clear their minefields.  
(d) "R.N.-N.R" convoys are to be instituted between Methil and Stavanger.  
(e) U.36 has surfaced off Kristiansand and is steering towards Oslo.
- Northern Waters. 4(a) U.901 surfaced 60 miles W.N.W. from the Butt of Lewis.  
(b) U.764 70 miles N.N.E. of the Shetlands, and are proceeding for Loch Eriboll.  
(c) U.532, on arrival at Loch Eriboll, was found to be a store-carrier from Japan with 600 tons of rubber, 100 tons of tin, 8 of Wolfram and 5 of molybdenum.  
(d) Convoy J.W.67, of 26 ships, has sailed from the Clyde for North Russia.
- Baltic. 5(a) The officers in BIRMINGHAM and DIDO are proving so useful on surrender committees that F.O. Denmark begs for retention of the ships at Copenhagen for another 10 days.  
(b) Kiel situation is easing somewhat.  
(c) Flensburg situation is still confused.  
(d) One unidentified U-Boat has surfaced off Neudorf and U.3008 off Laeso Is.



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America and West Indies

SS. ESSO  
ROANOKE  
aground.

6. ESSO ROANOKE (tanker U.S. 10,296 tons)  
reported ashore 10 miles from Cape Rojo (Mexico).

Far East and Australia

Gulf of  
Siam.

7. It is reported that a British S/M (believed  
to be SUPREME) has sunk a tanker in the Gulf of  
Siam.

Eastern  
Archipelago.

8. 6 Lightnings swept the Makassar Straits  
to-day damaging 2 seatrucks - 1 gunboat and 22  
schooners.

Japan.

9. A/C from B.P.F. (T.G.57) to-day continued  
their strike in Sakishima Gunto group.  
70 tons of bombs were dropped on airfields and  
Hirara Town (Myako Shima) also on dumps. A  
good oil fire and smaller fires were started.  
There was no airborne opposition either to-day  
or yesterday, our losses were 2 avengers and one  
Hellcat.



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Policy.

Release of W.R.N.S. With reference to A.M. 110641 preparations are to be made for the release of all married W.R.N.S. ratings with high priority (vide A.F.O. 892/45, para. 5) to start on 18th June.

(2) Owing to the size of this group, releases will be spread over a few weeks and any ratings who were awarded high priority but are now, owing to altered circumstances, able to take release in age and service groups, should be invited to do so bearing in mind that they can afterwards apply for release at any time.  
(A.C.N.P. 130443B, General Message.)

Release of officers and ratings. With reference to the release and re-allocation plan the following information as to how it will operate is promulgated:-

(1) Firstly Their Lordships wish to remind officers and ratings in the higher age and service groups who are most closely concerned with the plan that the Navy still has a heavy task to perform and that the problem of redeployment to bring the max. possible force to bear against the Japanese is much greater than that confronting the other two services. The Navy also has heavy commitments in connection with Mine Clearance and the disarmament of the German Navy.

(2) Consequently the rate of release of Naval personnel can bear no relation to the rate of release in the other two services, and it is inevitable that, age and service group for age and service group, the Navy will tend to lag behind, at any rate at first, while reductions in ships, bases and services are being effected. The quicker these reductions can take place the quicker will officers and men become available for release and it is expected that later on as the release process proceeds the rate of release in the Navy for certain categories of ratings will catch up the rate of release in the Army and may overtake it.

(3) A further point affecting the comparative rate of release in the three services is the fact that in the Navy, age and service group No. 1 is relatively much larger particularly in officers. Age and service group No. 1 amounts to some 6,000 officers and about 10,000 ratings.

(4) As the rate of release must be geared to requirements it is inevitable that these groups will take some time to release and in the case of officers the process may require several months. It will be appreciated that the essence of the plan is that age and service group No. 1 in any particular branch or category must be worked off before the release of succeeding groups can start and it is intended to adhere to this as far as possible within the limitations described in para. 5, though within group No. 1 it will not always be possible to ensure that the correct order of release by age is maintained.

(5) Within the Navy it must be appreciated that, owing mainly to the nature of the war in the east, the release process cannot proceed at an even rate in the various Branches of officers or categories of ratings. For instance, there are heavy requirements for Engineer Officers, for Warrant Officers and Temporary Warrant



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Policy.

Release of  
officers and  
ratings.  
(Contd.)

Officers of several branches, and for maintenance and certain specialist ratings and these are generally older than the average of naval personnel. For both these reasons it is inevitable that release in these branches and categories will be slower than the average. Measures have been in train for some time to reduce this difference as far as possible by increased entries and these are continuing. (6) It is provided in the release and re-allocation plan that there shall be no relaxation of the present rules for release on compassionate grounds whether for business or other reasons. This is essential to the smooth working of the plan for if an increased number of such releases were to be granted the effect would be to reduce the number of class A releases by age and service groups and this would seriously upset the plan. (7) Although most of the above implications of the plan are already set out in the release and re-allocation booklet which has been issued and in A.F.O.504/45 Their Lordships consider it desirable to draw the attention of officers and men concerned to them by this signal.

(2nd S.L., 131133B, General Message.)

A.G.M. 131133. It is the Admiralty's intention to start to apply the release and re-allocation plan on 18th June.

(2) It is not possible nor indeed desirable at present to give any exact predictions either of the number of officers and men who will be affected by the plan or how many age and service groups or when each group or part of a group will be released, but it is hoped to release by the end of 1945 many of the rating groups in age and service groups 1 to 20 and some officer groups 1 to 7 though there are likely to be exceptions as explained in para. 5. The reason for the apparent disparity between officers and men is principally the average higher age of the officers.

(3) There is no objection to the communication of the contents of the A.G.M. to officers and men generally provided that the outlining of the anticipated release programme (para. 2 above) is not divulged. The 18th June (referred to also in A.M. 110641B May) as the probable commencing date for releases should not be communicated to the press. Reference to the 18th June in the press and to possibly Army release group programmes are unauthorised. Further communications will be made as soon as this information may be made public.

(2nd S.L., 131235B, General Message.)

Allied ships  
to shew the  
flag in  
(late)  
German ports.

Request you sail from Scapa in NORFOLK with ZAMBESI and OBEDIENT p.m. Monday 14 May and proceed passing east of Shetlands and north of Q.Z.X. 1535 to arrive at entrance to Korsfjord at 1400B/15th May where pilot is being arranged.

(2) After embarking pilot proceed to Bergen passing through Korsfjord and Byfjord by route given in S.N.I.P. (G.H.) 40/45 paras. 5, 3 and 4.

(3) Do not enter Byfjord without pilot.

(4) Mining information being passed to you.

(C. in C. H.F., 131444 to C.S. 1.)

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Allied ships to shew the flag in (late) German ports. (Contd.) A.M. 111702 and F.O. Kile 121110 (neither to all.) F.O. Denmark is requested to sail two destroyers to Kiel making arrangements with F.O. Kiel for their passage by latest German routes in force. If satisfactory arrangements cannot be made other destroyers can probably be sailed via Canal. (A.N.C.X.F., 131845B to F.Os. Kiel, Denmark.)

Merchant ship precautions against A. Air Attack, B.U-Boats. Pass to F.Os. i/c N.Os. i/c N.C.S.Os., B.R.L.Os. and reporting officers. Merchantships in B.A.M.S. areas 1A, 2A, 3A, 9A, 1B, 2B and 9B have been instructed by B.A.M.S. message that precautions against air attack in these areas may now be relaxed, but that precautions against U-Boats must be maintained until all U-Boats have been accounted for, when further signal will be made. (2) Masters of merchant ships are to be informed. (D.T.D. 131503B to all authorities.)

A.E.F. entry into Denmark. (1) Personnel of the Allied Expeditionary Force will not enter Denmark whether on duty or not, without first obtaining the permission of either Supreme Headquarters, A.E.F., Headquarters, 21 Army Group, or S.H.A.E.F. Mission, (Denmark.) (2) Unless directed by Supreme H.Q. A.E.F., no facilities or installations for use by elements of the Allied Expeditionary Force will be set up in Denmark without prior approval of H.Q., 21 Army Group. All informed. (S.H.A.E.F., 131630B to S.H.A.E.F. Mission Norway.)

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North Sea.

Surrender of E-Boats. Sail M.T.Bs. to comply with my 100802. Two E-Boats E.T.A. South Falls 1400 today. (C. in C. Nore, 130756B to BEEHIVE.) My 110802B and my 130756B not to Com. R.N.B. Request you will arrange transport to R.N. Barracks Chatham for Rear Admiral Bruening and any other officers who have knowledge of E-Boat minelaying activity. (2) The E-Boats are to be taken over at BEEHIVE and German crews are to be removed. (3) Except for Key Officers and ratings who would be required for subsequent technical investigation the removed crews will be repatriated in due course. Request you will arrange for their accommodation pending further instruction on this subject. (C. in C. Nore, 131140B to F.O.I.C. Harwich.) 2 E-Boats flying surrender flag bound South Falls position 090° N.F. 6 buoy 6 miles at 1140. E.T.A. South Falls 1330. (SHEARWATER 131148B to C. in C. Nore.) Harwich 13th May. Arrivals M.T.Bs. 5010, 693, 677, 745, 458, 387, 489, 501, 452, 486. 2 German E-Boats. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 131656B to C. in C. Nore.)

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Surrender  
of U. 2126  
(U. 2326.)

Sighted U. 2126 in position 56° 47' N. 00° 28' W.  
bound for Loch Eriboll.  
(VIVIEN-130842B to C. in C. Rosyth.)  
See 131857 in Enemy Intelligence "U. 2326".)

German Naval  
craft at  
Den Helder.

German Naval craft about (?40) in number should  
be evacuated from Den Helder. They should embark  
the Marine Artillery. They are an embarrassment  
in this small port which is already congested and  
which will be required to evacuate Germany Army.  
Also port party is a small Dutch one, German  
troops are accumulating and our local Military force is weak.

(2) Canadian army agree as to necessity of above step.  
(3) Would it be convenient to send the German ships to Emden.  
The route is free of mines and it is convenient to the Army for  
onward land transport.

(4) Request early reply.  
(F.O. Holland, 131105B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Your 131105. Suitable craft, other than minesweepers, should  
be used for evacuation. Minesweepers and remaining craft should,  
subject to concurrence of F.O. Wilhelmshaven, be sailed to Emden  
carrying P.O.Ws.

(2) Numbers of each type of craft are to be signalled.  
(A.N.C.X.F., 132325B to F.O. Holland.)

German  
Fishing craft.

Request areas may be defined in which German  
trawlers and coastal fishing vessels may fish.  
(2) It is assumed coastal fishing vessels will  
have to anchor between the hours of sunset and  
sunrise in concentration area, while trawling  
may possibly be carried out during hours of darkness under  
supervision of a patrol vessel. Request ruling may be given  
and necessary provisional instructions issued as to the agreed  
security arrangements to be imposed on fishing vessels operating  
from Danish frontier to Cuxhaven.

(Care. Hamburg 131200B to F.O. Wilhelmshaven.)

Evacuation  
of German  
Army from  
Holland.

Reference 111130. It is considered now far  
preferable to use merchant ships, German if  
possible, than landing craft for evacuating  
German Army, because Harlingen is not entirely  
suitable from the Naval side and difficult for  
onward land transport. These ships are not  
available in Holland.

(2) It is proposed therefore to evacuate from Hook, IJmuiden and  
Helder in medium sized merchant ships which should be able to  
carry about 3,000 men each on each trip from those ports to  
Emden using 3 ships at a time at each port. Troops would carry  
no stores or vehicles and could therefore be stowed tightly.



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Evacuation of German Army from Holland. (Contd.) (3) Ships required to arrive at above ports 20th May if possible.  
 (4) This has been discussed with Canadian Commander Western Holland who entirely agrees with proposal.  
 (F.O. Holland 131237B to A.N.C.X.F.)

VIVIEN's mission. Sweeper met am proceeding. Details follow.  
 (VIVIEN 131237B to C. in C. Rosyth.)  
 My P.C.S. at 1300 56° 49' N. 00° 52' E. 270° 15 knots. Delegates on board sweeper as follows  
 Capt. Pahl. Lieuts. Broeker, Siebold, Carstensen and 3 pilots.  
 (VIVIEN 131336B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

Sailing of merchantmen from Hamburg and Brunsbüttel. In order to be prepared to sail all possible merchant ships at Hamburg and Brunsbüttel to U.K. as soon as authority is given for this to be done, following fuel requirements must be met.  
 2 in number 3000 self trimming colliers fitted for winch discharging for Hamburg plus 2 4000 colliers for Brunsbüttel. 1 tanker with approx. 5000 fuel oil 2000 diesel drawing max. 24 feet on arrival.  
 (2) These are comprehensive requirements for sole purpose of getting merchant ships sailed and cancel all demands made in previous signals.  
 (3) M.W.T.R. agrees that provision at this stage of above mentioned requirements is an Admiralty responsibility. Request colliers and tankers may be sailed as early as possible.  
 (4) Intend to use German crews for passage to U.K. none other being available. Subject to approval consider armed guard on board not required provided ships are escorted in groups.  
 (5) Request destination for German and Allied recovered ships may be communicated.  
 (N.O.I.C. Hamburg 131243B to Admt.)

Discharge Situation Report.	Cositintrep No. 404 part 4 section A. Discharge by sea 24 hour period ending 1600B/12 May. British.					
	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Stores</u>	<u>Bulk Coal</u>	<u>Bulk Pol.</u>	<u>G.F. Ammo</u>
Antwerp	-	62	18,572	-	5,130	546
Ostend	1,327	238	2,275	-	-	-
Caen	-	-	-	1,746	-	-
Calais	4,483	41	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,812</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>20,847</b>	<b>1,746</b>	<b>5,130</b>	<b>546</b>



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 Situation  
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U.S.A. North.

	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Stores</u>	<u>Bulk Coal</u>	<u>Bulk Pol.</u>	<u>G.F. Ammo</u>
Antwerp	-	109	13,159	-	-	-
Cherbourg	155	-	936	1,465	-	-
Le Havre	1,749	188	3,919	550	1,461	-
Rouen	-	7	4,380	1,453	1,358	-
Ghent	-	-	8,946	-	-	-
<u>Total</u>	<u>1,904</u>	<u>304</u>	<u>31,340</u>	<u>3,468</u>	<u>2,809</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>U.S.A. South.</u>						
Marseilles	2,049	89	8,629	204	-	-
Port de Bouc	-	-	1,681	150	6,395	175
<u>Total</u>	<u>2,049</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>10,310</u>	<u>354</u>	<u>6,395</u>	<u>175</u>

Army Coal at Morlaix 900 St. Malo 1,150 Granville 1,121,  
 Dieppe 2,070.  
 (S.H.A.E.F. 131415B to Admty., and others.)

Situation reports. Allied R/C elements made contact with Russians Hieflau (W.2614) on 11 May. At Russian approach unrest developed in 2 SS. Panzer Corps area vicinity Tragwein (W.0993). German vehicles reported bumper to bumper on roads area L.6045-Q.4893.

In Ruhr loaded v weapon train near Schwerte (A.8816) under Allied guard. Pending investigation mass grave at B.664633 reported to contain 100,100 Russians and Poles. Heligoland formally taken over 11 May 7 submarines intact, 3 pens slightly damaged. Two destroyed. German emissaries report strength in Norway as follows: Army 195,000, SS. and Police 5400, Air Force 56,000. Conformity to Allied orders guaranteed. Germans north Norway evacuating to reservations. Quiet Tromso. All coastal batteries and anti-aircraft to be withdrawn immediately. Occupation Channel Islands proceeding without incident. Occupation Lorient completed 10 May, no sabotage or demolition evident.  
 (S.H.A.E.F. 131515B to War Office.)

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Situation reports. (Contd.) Cositintrep No. 404 part 2 Naval. Information given is additional to that given in previous Cositintreps.  
A. Wilhelmshaven was entered noon Sunday 6th. Except where affected by bomb damage dockyard is in full working order. No. 3 entrance lock functions. All German U-Boats scuttled. One T-class destroyer in floating dock ready for sea. One Sperrbrecher, 12 large whaler type M/S available for sweeping. 120 small fishing craft now being reconverted from M/S to fishing. Only merchant ship seaworthy is one 2000 ton coaster. Large numbers of small craft, barges and tugs, 1000 tons bunker coal available. Max. acceptable draught 28 feet, 2 large and 2 small floating docks. Chart depot functioning.  
B. La Pallice. Availability of port as follows:-  
Mole d'Escale 600 feet with a reported depth of 33 feet. Avant Port North Quay partly obstructed by sunken 10000 ton passenger ship has 590 ft. clear for berthing, least depth 16 feet. Avant Port North East Quay badly damaged by bombing but usable. Dries at/L.W. Avant Port South Quay no dredging since 1941. Could probably take coasters. Lock between Avant Port and Basin partially blocked by bomb damage for length of 30 feet. Gates workable. Large dry dock intact. Small dry dock has gates damaged.  
C. Fehmarn Island. At Burgstaaken 6 minesweepers (acoustic and magnetic only) ready for service, 10 naval cutters, 27 smoke layers, 3 A.S.R. launches, 1 coastal tanker of 300 tons, one water police boat, many fishing boats immobile for lack of oil.  
(A.N.C.X.F. 132327B to Admty.)

Navigation lights to revert to full brilliancy. My 091307. Propose navigation lights be shown at full brilliancy in Dover Command. Request A.M. 111018 be amended accordingly. (V.A. Dover 131741B to Admty.)

Operation "Fireball" to open Rotterdam. Operation "Fireball".  
(1) LL/SA. (a) 4 B.Y.M.S., E.G.M.S. H.K. 13 to I.M. 7 2½ cables each side of centre line 2 actuations.  
(b) 6 M.M.S., E.G.M.S. H.K. 12 to I.M. 1 whole width of channel 4 actuations.  
(c) 2 M.M.S. Hook entrance (dan buoy to breakwater) 15 actuations. Sketch of area follows by letter. Oropesa 2 M.Ls. Maas Sluis blockships to Parkhaven and back.  
(2) 1 magnetic 270° north breakwater light 9 cables.  
(3) Sending in B.Y.M.S. 2034.  
(5) 1 B.Y.M.S. to Sheerness 0600, 4 B.Y.M.S., H.K. 13 to I.M. 7, 6 M.M.S. H.K. 12 to I.M. 1, 3 M.M.S. Hook entrance to Maas Sluis. (Capt. M/S F.A. 131842B to C. in C. Nore.)



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German warships at Rotterdam.

Your 100900 German warships at Rotterdam are 3 R-Boats 1 F.X.N/S H.Q. ship for R-Boats, 6 auxiliary M/S 1st class, trawler H.Q. ship for M/S, 4 artillery carriers, 2 Sosbil ferries. (N.O.I.C. Rotterdam 131928B to F.O. Holland.)

Approach Channel to Elbe and Weser.

"Eclipse" Memo. App. S. 15(6)(3) German staff informs me that Mark Vessel can be moored in position 54.20 N. 06.30 E. but that second position is in German mined zone. Approaches to this position will require sweeping before Mark boat can be placed. Further details are being obtained. (F.O. Wilhelmshaven 132017B to C. in C. Nore.)

Situation at Hamburg and Brunsbüttel.

Sitrep No. 11. Hamburg. 163 M/S Flot. sailed to carry out further sweeping All merchant ships capable of moving have been concentrated. (2) Brunsbüttel. German warships inclusive of those already reported are now as follows. In outer anchorage one flak-cruiser immobile. Alongside in port - one submarine depot ship, one destroyer damaged but fit for sea passage, one submarine partly completed, 4 large T.B. similar in size to Holland Class destroyer one of which is damaged, 3 large M/S, 2 E-Boats. 50 landing craft of various description including Siebel ferries. (N.O.I.C. Hamburg 132250B to F.O. Wilhelmshaven.)

Buoyage of Elbe.

Your 121415B not to Cmdre, Hamburg and N.O.I.C. Hamburg. Buoyage of River Elbe is in position and leading marks undamaged, Necessary (weighing) is being carried out by German authorities who have surveying ship at their disposal. (2) In these circumstances FRANKLIN and H.D.M.L. 1001 and 1053 are not required. (F.O. Wilhelmshaven 132317B to C. in C. Nore.)

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Channel.

Channel Is. Situation Reports.

Cositintrep No. 408, period ends 1400 hours 13th May at St. Peter's Port. Part 1. Minquiers Garrison, one officer and 7 arrives St. Helier 1900B/12. Artillery Colonel Ziegler now O.C. Troops Jersey. Part 2. Unloading of stores both islands ahead of schedule. Dakotas can now use Guernsey Air port. (H.Q. Force 135 131438B to Admty.)

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Channel Is. Civil Affairs report on Guernsey.  
 Situation Civil administration working satisfactorily.  
 Reports. Police Force strength - Inspector, one deputy  
 (Contd.) Inspector, one Detective Sergeant, 6 Sergeants,  
 2 Corporals, 44 Constables plus approximately  
 200 unpaid special constables, majority of  
 police recruits since German occupation number  
 of police officers including Chief Police dismissed by Germans  
 shortly after occupation and sent to Germany. 200 registered  
 aliens mostly French, 15 German all residents before war.  
 Collaborators, not large, some cases being investigated, no  
 underground movements, no serious crimes, law and order good,  
 no epidemics. Red Cross parcels helped enormously but civil  
 affairs supplies will be needed.  
 (H.Q. Force 135, 131440B to Admty.)

Clothing all type special foot wear needed water supply  
 precarious until diesel oil available for pump at present  
 available 2 hour daily. Electric light and power satisfactory.  
 Fuel nil wood used for cooking.

Finance. State during occupation printed own notes secretly.  
 On 9th, 10th, 11th May, State arranged complete withdrawal of  
 Reich Mark (RM). Any R.M. now in possession of islanders  
 valueless and must present to State for decision as to  
 exchange. Rate of exchange applied was 10 R.M. to one  
 Guernsey pound.

G.P.O. Officials have G.H.Q. (only) island G.P.O. report  
 satisfactory. Telephone system almost normal, supply coasters  
 arrived both islands morning 13th May.

(H.Q. Force 135, 131445B to Admty.)

All parts have been circulated separately with T.O.O.  
 131438, 131440, 131445.

Cositintrep No. 409. Period ending 2300B/13th at St.  
 Peter Port, Guernsey.

Part 1. Enemy order of Battle.

Part 2. Unloading and storing 12 hours ahead schedule. All  
 vehs. stores unloaded L.S.T. both islands. Expect complete  
 removal to permanent depots by midnight. All coasters  
 berthed. Coal coaster starting unloading Guernsey.

Remainder commence a.m./14th May. INVICTA sails from Jersey  
 2300B/14 with 500 P.W. Naval despatch boat service commenced  
 Devonport-Guernsey 2130B/13, twice daily at 0930 and 2130  
 returning same times. Force comd. visited Sark 13th May.

Re report of Guernsey airfd. mined which have been marked.  
 No mines or booby traps found on roads or verges or buildings  
 so far. Anti-air ldg. obstacles Lanresse Common, Guernsey  
 have on top booby trap charges or mines actuated by wire.

Part III. Civil Affairs Guernsey report drugs needed. No  
 public tpt. Motor and cycle tyres needed. Water supply  
 now 24 hours service but in short supply. Electric light  
 only available 0700-2400 hrs. daily. Gas will not be  
 available for approx. one month. Cold storage working.  
 Home Secretary is visiting Guernsey 14th May, Jersey 15th May.

(H.Q. Force 135, 132315B to Admty.)

Patrols.

LONDONDERRY and THORNBOROUGH pass Gate at  
 2200B today 13th May and proceed to R/V with

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HOLMES and PETUNIA at seaward end of Q.Z.S.697 at 2359B. HOLMES and PETUNIA are to leave patrol ordered in my 131304B to comply.  
(2) On joining HOLMES take ships addressed under his orders to form Force 28, proceed to R/V 11th E.G. in position 205° Les Hanois Light 5 at 0700B/14 and take over A/S patrol in vicinity of Channel Islands until required by N.O.I.C. N.P.2000 for escort duties. N.O.I.C. N.P.2000 is requested to take Force 28 under his orders from 0700B/14.  
(3) ASSINIBOINE is to inform HOLMES of general intentions for patrol.  
(4) Orders for 11th E.G. after relief by Force 28 will follow.  
(C. in C. Plymouth, 131729B to HOLMES, LONDONDERRY, THORNBOROUGH PETUNIA.)

FAULKNOR take COSBY under his orders and pass Gate at 0600B/14th to establish A/S patrol along coastal convoy route between Lizard and Start. On relief by E.G.11 at about 1300B/14th FAULKNOR, COSBY return to Plymouth.  
(C. in C. Plymouth, 131746B to FAULKNOR, COSBY.)

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U.1010 and U.516. 2 U-Boats 56° 48' N., 11° 15' W. based on fix by LORAN within  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour of 0700 course 010 speed 12 knots numbers 1010 and 516.  
(A/C RON.55, 130644B to 15 Group.)  
(See 111445 and 100935, Western Approaches.)

Two U-Boats on surface position 57.50 N., 10.14 W., course 060, speed 10 knots, usual contact impossible, request instructions, P.L.E. 5.  
(A/C X/120, 131520B to 15 Group.)

U. 244. Submarine offers surrender in position 56° 16' N., 12° 47' W. LORAN 19 course 360°, speed 10. I have fuel for 5 hours remaining.  
(A/C M/423, 131915B to 15 Group.)  
(See 120613, Western Approaches.)

U.244 in position 56° 36' N., 12° 33' W. proceeding 030°, 12 knots. Surrender instructions understood. Weather unsuitable for boarding. W.R. 0955 9556.  
(S.O. E.G.12, 132140B to C. in C. W.A.)  
Endeavour intercept U-Boat reported 1915 in 56° 16', 12° 47', course north, speed 10. Report number of U-Boat.  
(C. in C. W.A., 132216B to S.O. E.G.12.)  
Your 2216, complied. My 2140, refers.  
(S.O. E.G.12, 132335B to C. in C. W.A.)



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Operation "Conan" (Norwegians to Norway). My 121116B (which has been passed to all addressees). "Apostle" - Operation "Conan". Group 1 should be sailed to arrive in Leads at Molde at 1800B/16 to cover passage of Trondheim Flotilla. S.O. in MACKAY. Group II to arrive in Leads at Bergen daylight 15th to cover arrival of Bergen Flotilla, S.O.

WOOLSTON.

Group III to arrive Stavanger noon 14th to cover arrival Stavanger Flotilla, S.O. WOLSEY.

(2) Object reconnaissance in approaches.

(3) Essential M.T.Bs. reserve sufficient fuel for return to Lerwick.

With this limitation S.O. of Groups to assist S.O. of Flotillas as required then return to base.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 130012 to N.O.I.C. Lerwick.)

"Apostle" - Operation "Conan". C. in C. Rosyth 130012B May. Intend to sail M.T.B. 717 (S.O.), 716, 723, 704, 2011, 2012, 2013 at 1000B tomorrow 14th May to position 60.10 N., 05.00 E. to arrive Bergen a.m./15th May. Unit to return to Lerwick when released by WOOLSTON.

(N.O.I.C. Lerwick, 131301 to C. in C. Rosyth.)

"Apostle" - Operation "Conan". C. in C. Rosyth 130012B. Intend to sail M.T.B. 713 (S.O.), 709, 715, 762 at 1700B/15th May, for position 62.20 N., 05.00 E. to arrive Molde by 1800B/16th May. Unit to return to Lerwick when released by MACKAY.

(N.O.I.C. Lerwick, 131303 to C. in C. Rosyth.)

My 131303B.

(1) Amend time of sailing to read 0330B/15th May to pass through position 62.20 N., 05.00 E. at 1930B/15th May thence to sweep northwards towards Molde.

(2) Delete to arrive Molde by 1800B/16th May.

(N.O.I.C. Lerwick, 131801B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

"Apostle" - Operation "Conan".

C. in C. Rosyth 130012B May. Intend to sail at 2130/14th May M.T.B. 711 (S.O.), 719, 722, 764, 5020 for position 61.10 N., 04.30 E. to arrive there by 1930/15th May and to sweep northwards in leads towards Stadtlandet. Unit to return to Lerwick when released by MACKAY.

(N.O.I.C. Lerwick, 131806B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

"Apostle" - Operation "Conan".

My 122324B. Following have sailed and E.T.A. as follows:  
Lerwick p.m./15th - STORD, BROADWAY, Tankers TEAKWOOD, FORTOL.  
Tromso May 17th - STORD, BROADWAY.

Trondheim a.m./17th - MACKAY, VICEROY, BANGOR, BLACKPOOL, M.M/S 1057, 1048. May 20th - NARVIK, Tanker TEAKWOOD.

Bergen a.m./15th - WOOLSTON, VIVACIOUS, ACANTHUS, RISOR, HORTEN, TENBY, STAR OF WAVE, DAVID OGILVIE, NODZU, REDWOOD, M.M/S 1085, 1086, 1066. M.F.V. SIGLAS HERRAND (for Aalesund).

Stavanger p.m./14th - WOLSEY, WOLFHOUND, RYE, SUMA, BEN DEARG, ROBERT STROUD, PICTON CASTLE, M.M/S 86, 74, 31, M.F.V. DROTT.

Kristiansand (S) p.m./14th - VALOROUS, VENOMOUS, TADOUSSAC, PARRSBORO, DORNOCH, TOCOGAY, MOSS, M.M/S 1011, 1037, 1016, M.V. SPOREG, VIOLA (for Horten).

Oslo p.m./13th - CAMPBELL. p.m./15th - VEGA, BUTTERCUP, ILFRACOMBE, TAHAY, M.M/S 1003, 1006, 1008, 280.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 131843B to Admtv., C in C. H.F., C.S.10, C.S.1, S.C.O.F.O.R., F.O. Norway.)

/Surrender ...



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Surrender of U. 36. S/M offers surrender 58.03 N., 08.07 E., course 050, 12 knots.  
(A/C NRZ.54, 130600B to 18 Group.)  
Nr.3. Submarine No.36 course 047° 58.08 N., 08.18 E.  
(NRZ.54, 130700B to 18 Group.)

Abbreviated addresses in Norway. S.87888. Abbreviated addresses is subject. Cite SHSIG Signed Eisenhower. Referring your G.0394, D.T.G. 111220B and SX. 1063, D.T.G. 122130B not to all addressees. Authorisation granted for use of following abbreviated titles for Joint Force Commanders,

Allied Liberation Force, Norway -  
Commander Allied Naval Force, Norway - Flag Officer, Norway;  
Commander Allied Land Force, Norway - S.C.O.F.O.R. Forward.  
Commander Allied Air Force, Norway - 88 Group Forward.  
Following abbreviated titles are being used until main headquarters leaves Scotland, Naval - Flag Officer N.P.1736 Rear, 88 Group R.A.F. - 88 Group Main, Allied Land Force Norway (formerly Force 134) - S.C.O.F.O.R. Main. These titles are effective forthwith.  
(Main Supreme H.Q. A.E.F., 131115B to S.C.O.F.O.R., S.H.A.E.F, Etousa, Admty., War Office, Air Ministry, C.S.Os. 21st, 12th, 6th A.Gs., 1 Airborne Corps.)

Force 134: Hamburg to Norway. S.H.A.E.F. Forward 111835 para. 4 being passed C. in C. Nore. As this is an urgent requirement request you will:  
(A) Give route from P.15 Buoy to a convenient point on Norwegian coastal channel. It is desirable that this route should be direct

if possible.  
(B) Carry out any exploratory sweeping considered necessary at same priority as for Operation "Apostle" (my 081445 para. 1C).  
(C) Confirm that as far as you can foresee movement will be possible by 1st June.  
(A.N.C.X.F., 131335B to Cs. in C. Nore, Rosyth.)

Operation "Kingdom". Arrived Oslo Force 7 and M/S.40.  
(DEVONSHIRE, 131401B to Admty.)  
Your 131515 anchored 1401B. H.R.H. landed at 1600B.  
(DEVONSHIRE, 131732 to C. in C. Rosyth.)

Situation Report. Cositintrep 408. Intelligence. Arranged for Germans to clear minefields. Large number black list persons detained. Norwegian Commander arrived Narvik. Isolated incidents in town by Germans.

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Situation Report. (Contd.) Germans Bergen area now quiet and withdrawn from town but Russian P.W. difficult. 1,200 police troops present. Haugesund quiet. Milorg in command Frederikstad and Moss, Germans withdrawn.

Operations. One battalion police troops arrived Trondheim. 17 German delegates left U.K. by air for Stavanger 1130B/13th. Airborne division 30 aircraft Stavanger 65 Oslo due p.m./13th May.

Communications. Norwegian Roads Dept. report no road or bridge demolitions. Railways in good order and operating. Phone working western Norway and Bergen to Oslo and to Trondheim.  
(S.C.O.F.O.R., 131510B to Admty.)

Operation S.C. Intend sailing S/M Chaser 822 from Shetlands. (1) 2000/14th May from Scalloway. (2) 095° from Sumburgh Head 14 knots. (3) 0900B/15th May. (4) Between 1600B/15th May and 1100B/16th May. (5) 275° to Sumburgh Head 15 knots. (6) 17th May. (7) 095° Sumburgh Head. (8) No. (N.O.I.C. Lerwick, 131835B to C. in C. H.F.) My 131835B. 60° 08' N., 05° 00' E. (2) Ramose Diploma. (3) Blank. (N.O.I.C. Lerwick, 131836B to C. in C. H.F.) Intend to sail S/M Chaser operation from Shetlands. (1) 2000B/14th May from Scalloway. (2) 064° from Muckle Flugga 14 knots. (3) 1400B/15th May. (4) Between 1600B/15th May and 1600B/16th May. (5) 244° to Muckle Flugga 15 knots. (6) 17th May. (7) 064° Muckle Flugga. (8) No. (N.O.I.C. Lerwick, 131839B to C. in C. H.F.) My 131839B. (1) 62° 20' N., 05° 17' E. (2) Ramose Overdraft. (3) Blank. (N.O.I.C. Lerwick, 131841B to C. in C. H.F.)

Operation "Doomsday" (occupation of southern Norway). "Apostle" - Operation "Doomsday". Intend to sail first "Doomsday" convoy at 1600B on May 15th from Leith by A-G swept channel to position (H) 58° 03' N., 06° 34' E., speed 9 knots, E.T.A. position (H) 0800B/17th. (2) Convoy consists of 12 L.S.T. and BANFORA personnel ship escorted by LOCH GORM, PAPUA, N.Y.M.S. 380, 379, 381 with GOLDEN FLEECE as navigational leader. Commodore in L.S.T. 315, Vice-Cdre. L.S.T. 65. S.O. escort LOCH GORM. (3) On arrival position (H) pilots as arranged by N.O.I.C. Stavanger will board GOLDEN FLEECE, LOCH GORM, L.S.T. 315, L.S.T. 65 and BANFORA. (4) The following will enter Stavanger, L.S.T. 214, 165 and BANFORA with PAPUA.

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(5) Remainder will continue having received route orders from N.O.I.C. Stavanger by hand of pilots to Oslo, the following entering Kristiansund (S) L.S.T.3019, N.Y.M.S. 380, 379, 381. N.O.I.C. Kristiansund (S) to arrange entry.

(6) On completion of discharge at Stavanger L.S.T. 165 and BANFORA are to be sailed to Kristiansund to discharge then Oslo, escort throughout PAPUA.  
(7) L.S.T.214 and L.S.T.3019 on completion of discharge at Stavanger and Kristiansund (S) respectively are to be sailed to Leith.

(8) N.Os. 1/c. at three ports concerned are requested to expedite return of L.S.T. to Leith particularly L.S.T. 315.  
(C. in C. Rosyth, 132341 to S.O. Norway, N.Os. 1/c. Stavanger, Oslo, S.C.O.F.O.R.)



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Convoy J.W.67  
J.W.67 (A) 2359B/12th May.  
(B) ONSLOW, OBDURATE, BENTINCK, BYARD, BAZELY, DRURY, PASLEY, LOCH ALVIE, MONNOW, MATANE, NENE, ST. PIERRE.  
(C) 26 Ships.  
(D) Cdre. F.E. Sutcliffe, R.N.R. in EMPIRE PROWESS.  
(E) Vice Cdre. of convoy SS. FORT HIGHFIELD.  
(F) Cdre. Master SS. ADOLPH S. OCHS. All ships and escorts hold Outcon 103.  
(N.C.S.O. Clyde, 130001B to Admty., A.C.I.C., C. in C.H.F., S.B.N.O. N. Russia.)  
J.W.67 EMPIRE PROWESS, BRITISH PROMISE (T) EMPIRE EMERALD (T) ADOLPH S. OCHS. RATHLIN.  
U.S.S. JOSHUA W. ALEXANDER, JOHN IRELAND, FORT HIGHFIELD, PHILIP F. THOMAS, ALANSON B. HOUGHTON, THOMAS SIM LEE, GEORGE H. PENDLETON, BERNARD N. BAKER, JULIAN POYDRAS, CAESAR RODNEY, BARBARA FRIETCHIE, HENRY WYNKOOP, EDWARD N. HURLEY, CHARLES BULLFINCH, GEORGE WEEMS, CARDINAL GIBBONS, ROBERT J. COLLIER, SAMUEL MACINTYRE, EGERO (Norwegian) IVARAN (Norwegian) ROALD AMUNDSEN (Norwegian) all ships hold Outcon 103 SP 2272 (35) (36).  
(N.C.S.O. Clyde, 130005B to Admty., C. in C.W.A., C. in C.H.F.)  
Sailed Capt. (D) 17th D.F. in ONSLOW, OBDURATE, BENTINCK, BYARD, BAZELY, DRURY, PASLEY, LOCH ALVIE, MONNOW, MATANE, NENE and ST. PIERRE escorting J.W. 67.  
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 130014 to Admty., A.C.I.C., C. in C.H.F., S.B.N.O. N. Russia.)  
J.W.67.

Ship	Bunker	Daily Consumption
EMPIRE PROWESS	Coal (tonne) 1400	30 tons
FORT HIGHFIELD	2450	38 tons
RATHLIN	520	24
ADOLPH S. OCHS	Fuel Oil (tons) 1810 tons	25 tons
EMPIRE EMERALD	1500	23
ROALD AMUNDSEN	1800	26
BRITISH PROMISE	Diesel Oil (tons) 920	11
EGERTON	10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	
IVARAN	2400	12
ALANSON B HOUGHTON	Fuel Oil (barrels) 12,500	150
BARBARA FRIETCHIE	11,960	160
BERNARD N. BAKER	Fuel Oil (barrels) 12,000	160
CAESAR RODNEY	11,000	160
CARDINAL GIBBONS	12,000	150
CHARLES BULLFINCH	11,800	240
EDWARD M. HURLEY	12,000	150-160
GEORGE H. PENDLETON	12,000	120
GEORGE WEEMS	12,000	145
HENRY WYNKOOP	12,000	170
JOHN IRELAND	12,000	150
JOSHUA W. ALEXANDER	12,000	155
JULIAN POYDRAS	11,000	150
PHILIP F. THOMAS	11,600	165
ROBERT J. COLLIER	12,900	240
SAMUEL MACINTYRE	12,200	198
THOMAS SIM LEE	12,000	160

(N.C.S.O. Clyde, 130915B to S.B.N.O. N. Russia.)



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J.W.67 (1) My 051219\* passed to you. QUEEN is to take  
(Contd.) part in Operation "Timeless".  
(2) Leave Scapa passing Hoxa at 1800B Monday 14th  
May and proceed escorted by ORIBI and OFFA to  
overtake and join convoy J.W.67 a.m. 15th May on  
Red route.  
(3) On joining convoy detach ORIBI and OFFA to return Scapa.  
(C. in C.H.F., 131454B to QUEEN.)

U.825 U.825 and U.956 arrived at 0730B today 13th.  
U.956 Compliant.  
at (S.O. Loch Eriboll, 130847B to C. in C. W.A.)  
Eriboll. See 100930 and 111142, Western Approaches.

U.1231 Submarine offers surrender position 58° 59', 5°  
35' W. based on Gee Fix obtained within half an  
hour of 0900.  
(A/C L.C.W.39, 130930B to 18 Group.)  
See 110657 Northern Waters.

My 0930B. U-boat number 1231 on course 110 await  
instructions.  
(A/C LCW 39 130955B to 18 Group.)  
Submarine offers surrender 59° 00' N. 5° 33' W., position  
based on Gee Fix obtained within half an hour of 1000, course 175°  
speed 10 knots, U.1231.  
(A/C LCW 46 131020B to 18 Group.)  
Submarine offers surrender in position 58° 51' N. 5° 10' W.  
based on A.S.V. fix obtained with half an hour of 1143, course  
147.  
(A/C WBP 41, 131143B to 18 Group.)  
U.1231 reported in 58° 56' N. 05° 52' W. at 1130B 13th May  
requested onward route and has been ordered to proceed through  
59° 00' N. 05° 30' W. to Loch Eriboll.  
(D.O.D.(H), 131226B to Cs. in C.W.A. Rosyth, H.F., F.O.S.M.,  
H.Q.C.C.)

Surrender S/M offers surrender in position 61° 50' N. 00°  
of U.764 26' W. position based on Gee Fix obtained within  
½ an hour of 1200 course 238 true speed 10 knots.  
Fog on sea. Visibility 50 yards. Request  
instructions.

(A/C LCW 46, 131243B to 18 Group.)  
Request of German P/L text of para. 1 (b) of A.M. 020211.  
Acknowledge. Report your position course and speed at 1600Z 13th  
May.

(Admty., 131310Z to U.764)  
Aircraft reports U.764 surrendered in 61° 50' N. 00° 26' W.  
course 238°, 10 knots, at 1243B/13th May. Has been ordered to  
join Red route.

(Admty., 131530B to S. and A. Area A.)  
On arrival of U.764 ascertain and report reason for delay in  
surrendering.

(C. in C.W.A., 131955B to PHILANTE.)  
Left U-boat position 61° 34' N. 1° 09' W. course 235, speed  
6 knots. My fuel short.

(A/C LCW 46, 131607B to 18 Group.)



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Surrender of U.764 (Contd) No contact made with U.764 from Wick Radio. (C. in C.H.F., 132130A to Admty.)

U.1231 and U.532 at Eriboll Arrived U.532 at 1300B and U.1231 at 1430B today Sunday. Compliant. (S.O. Loch Eriboll, 131459B to C. in C.W.A.) See 110657 and 100740, Northern Waters. My 131459. U.532 is store carrier from Japan with no torpedoes but with 110 tons tin (corrupt group) 601 tons rubber 8 tons wolfram half ton quinine, 5 tons Molybdenum. Any documents found will be flown to Liverpool tonight. Are any special arrangements required. (S.O. Loch Eriboll, 131553B to C. in C.W.A.) Your 131553B U.532 is to be sailed to Lochalsh, further orders will follow. (C. in C.W.A. 131957B to S.O. Loch Eriboll.)

Surrender of U.901 U.901 reported in 59° 00' N. 08° 00' W. at 1927B 13th May course north, speed 15 knots. (Admty., 132030B to S. and A. Areas A. and B.)

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U-boat off Neudorf One U-boat position 54.23 N. 10.37 E., stationary. (A/C KBS 33 131045B to 18 Group.)

U-3008 off Laeso Is. One U-boat stationary 57.26 N. 10.37 E. (A/C RNQ 55, 131220B to 18 Group.) See 151316 Baltic.

German warships disarmed Following German major warships have entered Kiel and been disarmed. Destroyers Z.25, Z.34, Z.38, Z.39, HANS LODY, THEODOR RIEDEL, FREDERICH INN. Torpedo boats T.28, T.23, T.33, T.35. (F.O. Kiel 131241B to B.N.S.C., A.N.C.X.F., Admty.)

Release of BIRMINGHAM and DIDO from Copenhagen C. in C.H.F. 122349 (N.F. in W.R.). <sup>121349 intended p. 299.</sup> Officers in BIRMINGHAM and DIDO are doing such excellent work on various surrender committees, mainly under Capt. of DIDO who is a German interpreter, that I would be grateful if the change could be postponed 10 days by which time it is hoped that remainder my staff will have arrived by road. (F.O. Denmark, 131714B to A.N.C.X.F.)

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Situation at Kiel                      Situation at 2100 today Sunday.  
Estimated about 250 ships and craft in Kiel Fiord contain 15,000 people largely Wermacht. Estimated 3,500 sick and wounded. SS. KURLAND being taken up as hospital ship. Discharge of troops proceeding at Kiel, Heiligenhafen and Neustadt. N.O.I.C. Kiel reports situation easier. U.1102 brought in intact. Main parties Kiel and F.O.I.C. arrived having been nine days en route from Ostend. At Flensburg all but two out of 157 ships and craft are immobilised by fuel shortage. They include cable ships NEPTUNE and NORTHNEY. About 20,000 Naval personnel here and considerable numbers of troops ashore. Ships contain 2,200 wounded and 1,000 refugees but negligible Wehrmacht. Situation ashore confused. Advanced Naval Party arrived but not installed owing congestion in town no W.T. communication yet. Germans state warships include one destroyer, one torpedo-boat, 25 minesweepers, 20 R/Boats unknown E-boats possibly 3 U-boats. Condition of latter not yet ascertained. Eckernförde Main Party arrived p.m. Minesweeper 431 sailed for Kiel.  
(F.O. Kiel, 132303 to A.N.C.X.F., Admty.)

U-3008                              My 111801B, not to A.N.C.X.F. (Main). U.3008 was  
U-1102                              ordered to Kiel proceeding by day only and to report E.T.A. but has not replied. Am taking this up with Admiral Kummetz. U.1102 surrendered to 6th Guards Armoured Brigade west of Heiligenhafen and was brought in intact today, Sunday.  
(F.O. Kiel, 132315B to Admty.)  
See 111145 and 122216, Baltic.

Enemy Intelligence

Surrendered U-boats              Surrendered U-boat Plot for 1800 13th May. Arrivals now total 16. Present whereabouts as follows:- Loch Alsh. U.1009, U.1305, U.1105, U.1058, U.826, U.293, U.802, U.1109, U.825, U.956. Loch Eriboll. U.532, U.1231.  
Weymouth. U.249, U.1023. Gibraltar. U.485, U.541.  
Kiel. U.3008 probably arrived.  
Area West of longitude 50° 00' W. proceeding to America or Canada:- U.858, U.889, U.873, U.190, U.1228, U.805.  
U.234 49° 00' N. 36° 00' W. U.244 55° 00' N. 11° 40' W.  
U.1010 58° 15' N. 10° 00' W. U.516 58° 15' N. 10° 00' W.  
Unknown 58° 25' N. 08° 45' W. U.764 61° 20' N. 01° 30' W.  
U.2326 56° 45' N. 01° 25' W. making for Dundee.  
Unknown southbound in Kattegat for Kiel.  
(D.D.I.C. 131857B to S. and A. Areas A.B. and C.)

Casualties and Defects

SS.                                      Request detailed despatch report of damage sustained  
TAMAHA                              by Tanker TAMAHA describing:  
(a) Time and place of accident.  
(b) Reason for accident.

//(c)...



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SS. (c) Nature and extend of damage.  
 TAMAHA (d) Volume of cargo lost.  
 (Contd.) (e) Ability to discharge remainder of cargo.  
 (f) Whether vessel can be sailed to Devonport  
 immediate after cargo discharge, or if repairs  
 necessary at Brest before sailing.  
 (g) Estimated time vessel will remain in Brest.  
 (C.T.F.122, 130900 to Comar Brest.)  
 12th May at full tide SS. TAMAHA struck wreck on left side  
 of pass to Rad Abrd. Cause drift of current. Tanks 5, 6, 7  
 holed. Breach about 30 feet long and from one to three feet  
 wide.  
 (Comar Brest, 131125B to C.T.F.122.)

H.M.T. Regret to report H.M.T. ROSEVEAN was in collision  
 ROSEVEAN due to steering defect with SS. MOELFRE ROSE  
 V. SS. (631 G.R.T.) near Eddystone at about 1700B on  
 MOELFRE Saturday 12th May.  
 ROSE. (2) MOELFRE ROSE continued in convoy to St.Peter  
 Port Guernsey, damage not ascertained.  
 (3) ROSEVEAN returned to Plymouth with above  
 water damage.

(4) No casualties.  
 (C. in C. Plymouth, 131135B to Admty.)

SS. PRINCESS Regret Advise that PRINCESS MAUD when leaving  
 MAUD Calais Harbour this evening grounded at Extremity  
 Quai Maritime.  
 It is anticipated vessel will be refloated at  
 about 0100 14th bottom damage is not suspected and  
 if confirmed vessel will be sailed at 0630 tomorrow 14th for  
 Folkestone with today's lift of personnel and, thereafter carry  
 out arranged programme.  
 (S.S.T.O., French Chamel Ports, 132146B to D.S.T.O.)

Movements

U.883, 779, My 122007B. Sailed at 0710/13.  
 291, 1198, (N.O.I.C. Cuxhaven, 130940 to A.N.C.X.F., Admty.,  
 1103, 2341, F.O. Wilhelmshaven.)  
 2356, 1194,  
 U-boats

U.825, Sailed U.825 and U.956 escorted by BYRON to Loch  
 U.956, Alsh E.T.A. 0700B tomorrow Monday. U.825 has  
 U-boats 10 torpedoes. U.956 Nil.  
 (S.O. Loch Eriboll, 131245B to N.O.I.C. Loch Alsh.)

U.1305, 1009 Following U-boats at Loch Alsh 0900 today. U.1105,  
 1105, 1058, U.1305, U.1009, U.1058, U.826, U.293, U.802, U.1109.  
 826, 293, All U-boats type V.11 C except U.802 which is  
 802, 1109. type IX C.  
 (N.O.I.C. Loch Alsh, 131250 to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)



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RENOWN battle cruiser To clear A.M. QZX 1600 proceed from 270° Longships 4 miles through.  
(S) 230° Wolf Rock 4 miles and (T) 49° 40' N. 05° 11' W. thence to rejoin route "E" in position 180° Start Point 14 miles.  
(2) RENOWN pass to ships in company.  
(C. in C. Plymouth, 131429B to RENOWN.)

HAWKINS cruiser Intend to sail HAWKINS passing Clyde Gate at 0800B 14th May to Loch Nakeal Isle of Mull via Sound of Islay. S. of A. 20 knots, E.T.A. 1730B 14th. Admty. 112117B, para. 2 refers.  
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 131434A to C. in C.W.A.)

U.293, 826, 802, 1058, 1105, 1305, 1009, 1109. Sailed 14th E.G. in HESPERUS with HAVELOCK, BERKELEY CASTLE, DUMBARTON CASTLE, LANCASTER CASTLE, HADLEIGH CASTLE, THETFORD MINES, BENTLEY, COMMANDANT DROGOU, GUARDSMAN and GOODWIN escorting U.293, U.826, U.802, U.1058, U.1105, U.1305, U.1009 North-about Skye to Lisahally, E.T.A. Lough Foyle Buoy 1300/14. U.S.S. PAYNE and FOWEY expected to R/V on passage.  
(N.O.I.C. Loch Alsh, 131550B to Com. D.W.A.)  
Add to my 131550. KEATS sailed at 1700 escorting U.1109, Northabout Skye to join E.G.14. Only press representative embarked in Loch Alsh is S/Lt. Williams in U.293.  
(N.O.I.C. Loch Alsh, 131705B to Com. D.W.A.)

U.532 and U.1231 Sailed U.532 and U.1231 escorted by ROCKCLIFFE\* to Loch Alsh expected time of arrival 1100B tomorrow Monday.  
(S.O. Loch Eriboll, 132304B to N.O.I.C. Loch Alsh.)

R.N. - N.R. Convoys Intend to institute Convoy system between U.K. Norway and Denmark as from Tuesday May 15th.  
(2) Besides "Apostle" operational convoys normal convoys will be formed as and when necessary under code letters R.N. - N.R.  
(3) All ships for Norway or Denmark will assemble at Methil for routeing by a Q.Z.H. which is being promulgated to position H., Lat. 58° 03' 00" N. Long. 06° 34' 24" E.  
(4) N.O.I.C. Stavanger will arrange pilotage at position H. and arranged onward routeing of all ships and convoys arriving and leaving.  
(5) All N.R. routeing to be to Methil.  
(C. in C. Rosyth, 131647 to Admty.)

\* Actually RUPERT  
see p. 367 and  
AoP 21st E.G.



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North Atlantic

E. Groups. Group I consisting of WILLOWHERB (S.O.), CYCLAMEN and SPIRAEA parts company with M.K.S. 100 as requisite to R/V convoy of small craft in position 042° 48' N., 010° 00' W. at 0800B/14th and act as escort to Gibraltar.  
(2) On Group I taking over escort of convoy (A) PORCHER and NARCISSUS proceed to Plymouth by reverse of outward route unless otherwise ordered by C. in C. Plymouth. (B) H.M.C.S. CALGARY proceed to Horta, reporting P.C. and S. of A. (F.O.G.M.A., 130948B to PORCHER, Group I.)

U/Bs. 541 and 485. (1) U.541 type 9C 740-tons and U.485 type 7C 500-tons the latter with rubber covered casing and pressure hull are in good mechanical condition. Both have electrical and Gnat torpedoes on board. To maintain material condition it has been necessary to retain 6 key German ratings for each boat and one English speaking officer from U.541 to work under C.O. of VAMPIRE and assist VAMPIRE crew.  
(2) This results in VAMPIRE being immobilised and it is obviously desirable for security reasons to disembark the Germans as soon as possible.  
(3) To overcome difficulties in para. 2 above request the following submarine personnel may be flown out - 1 Petty Officer L.T.O., 3 L.T.Os., 1 electrical artificer, 1 C.E.R.A., 3 E.R.As., 1 leading stoker, 3 stokers. The above should be able to maintain present state of machinery and form nucleus of steaming party for both submarines should one be required. (F.O.G.M.A., 131252B to Admty.) See 141237.

South Atlantic

French submarines. Your 121812. Pending removal of Escort Force from West Africa Station it is considered that 2 S/Ms. are still required for training. (F.O.C.W.Af., 131240Z to C. in C. Med.)



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Mediterranean

Action to be taken when U-Boats surrender. A.C.592, 13th May, Secret. Reference my A.964 dated 1st May there appears to be some confusion regarding reporting of surrendering U.Bs. A.P.1927 may be supplemented by plain language when appropriate groups does not exist. (H.Q.C.C., 130940 to All Coastal Command Operational Stations Gib., etc.)

Release of rescue tugs. Now that hostilities have ceased two further rescue tugs can be released from this station for service elsewhere. Most convenient alternatives would be (A) BUSY and CONFIDENT or (B) FAVOURITE and VAGRANT. (A) would be preferred as great difficulty is being found in providing officers and men for these two tugs. (A) could be released forthwith but (B) not until about 1st June. (C. in C. Med., 131150B to Admty.)

Levant (troubles). C. in C. Middle East Forces has informed Med. War Office that he considers serious trouble likely in Levant on arrival of French reinforcements. In the event of trouble he intends reinforcing British troops in South Lebanon with one Infantry Brigade. (2) He believes it possible that troubles in Levant may well spread to other areas of Middle East. In that case he will require reinforcements of one British Infantry Division. (3) I consider I have sufficient Naval forces to meet any immediate requirements but if disturbances develop seriously I would appreciate at least one more cruiser in Levant. (F.O.L.E.M., 131257 to C. in C. Med.)

AVONVALE, destroyer. When ready AVONVALE is to proceed to Devonport to give leave and readjust complement. C. in C. Med., 121124 refers. (D.O.D.(F), 131905B to C. in C. Med.)

Situation Report No. 611. (1) U.485 and U.541 are now in harbour at Gibraltar. (2) A small harbour tanker has been mined and sunk at Ancona. (C. in C. Med., 132006B to F.O.L.E.M.)

Dodecanese Sitrep. 041163. GO/12102 cipher 13 May. To 131800C. (1) Moves and disarmament enemy Grns. proceeding smoothly. (2) Rhodes. Anti-Italian feeling manifest and reported some incidents. B.M.A. Police in control. Italian Carabinieri confined to Bks. R.A.F. Adv. party arrived Calato airfield. Disarming Grn. expected complete 13. Ref. previous Sitrep. Do not anticipate harbour can be opened 13th May.



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Sitrep.  
(Contd.)

(3) Kos. H.Q. Alwar Inf. plus two Coys.  
arrived 130800B. Situation satisfactory.  
Disarming and conc. of Grn. expected complete  
131000B.

(4) Leros. Majority initial G.S.R. Grn. now  
relieved by Brit. and Ind. Tps.  
(C. in C. M.E., 132015C to A.F.H.Q.)

Movement.

Trieste arrival BRYONY, Motor Launch (?282),  
581, L.C.T.S's 849, 560, 592, 620, 619, 587.  
(Trieste, 132102B to Admty.)



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Situation My (120606?) refers. Own S/M sighting report 1200FG/13th. confirms 1 NACHI class cruiser and 1 destroyer returned south of 1 fathom bank. Enemy are aware of presence of trawler and bound to reinforce local A/S patrol with sub? chasers.

(2) Probably only few units eastbound E.I. Fleet were sighted morning 11th May. Provided no further sightings have been made estimate enemy? will attempt to sortie now having passed through S/M Area 3.

(3) Estimate enemy will economize his destroyer fuel and will not reach lat. 011° N. before 1200FG/14th May.  
(C. in C. E.I., 130629Z to S. & A. E.I. Stn.)

Burma Capt. D.C. Hill, R.N. has assumed duty as  
Commands. Naval Force Commander, Burma, in command of operational force in the Rangoon area in succession to F.O. Force W. His H.Q. are in BARRACUDA.

Capt. <sup>H</sup>J. Murphy, R.N. has assumed duties of N.O.I.C. Rangoon with his H.Q. in NITH. Shipping control will be carried out under N.O.I.C. Rangoon by S.O. Assault Group W.2 in WAVENEY.  
(C. in C. E.I.Stn., 130904Z to Admty.)

Sitrep. (1) Andaman Sea. Force in para. 3 of Sitrep  
No. 13. No.12 attacked Port Blair 6th May. After bombardment A/A defences aircraft from EMPRESS and SHAH straffed shipping 2 100-foot ships, 1 tug, 1 junk, 1 jetty on fire. 1 Hellcat lost. Hellcats destroyed 4 dummy aircraft Car Nicobar airfield 7th May and straffed buildings, vehicles and personnel. Only 1 bogey appeared during 8 days operations by this force.

(2) A.C.21 in ROYALIST with HUNTER, STALKER, KHEDIVE, EMPEROR on release from Rangoon operations made air strikes between Mergui and Victoria Point 5th and 6th May. 5 barges sunk, 2 junks believed carrying oil left in flames. Mergui jetties and warehouses bombed and straffed.

(3) Malacca Straits. Submarines stationed as in Sitrep No.12 reported 1 NACHI class cruiser proceeding to north-westward p.m./10th May and returning to south-eastward a.m./12th May escorted by 1 destroyer and several submarine chasers. Retirement probably due to sighting of units of E.I. Fleet west of Nicobars by Japanese aircraft morning 11th May.

(4) Rangoon. SILVIO mined in River 8th May but seaworthy at 8 knots. N.O.I.C. assumed duty 10th May. Naval Force Commander Burma has relieved Flag Officer Force W. All major landing craft have been withdrawn to India.

(5) Motor launches established patrol Sittang River estuary 9th May to destroy escaping Japanese. M.Ls. 905 and 591 foundered in Tidal wave 6 survivors.  
(C. in C. E.I., 131245 to Admty.)

/Operation ...



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Operation  
"Dukedom".

My 100559 not to all.  
Approximate positions of forces at 0600FG/14th  
May.

(2) Force 61, 07° 00' N., 95° 00' E.

(3) Force 70 and ESKIMO 05° 10' N., 90° 10' E.

(4) Force 62, NIGERIA, ROEBUCK, RACEHORSE, REDOUBT, ROCKET  
06° 50' N., 85° 10' E. proceeding towards 03° 00' N., 93° 00' E.

(5) Force 67, PENN, R.F.A. OLWEN 09° 15' N., 82° 55' E.  
proceeding towards 12° 00' N., 90° 00' E.

(6) 222 Group searching to north-westward from position 7°  
30' N., 97° 00' E. first light 14th May.

(C. in C. E.I., 131351Z to Admty.)

S/Ms.

Arrived SIDON, STUBBORN.  
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 131532Z to Admty.)



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- SS. ESSO  
PITTSBURGH  
(tanker  
damaged). Position 42.55 N. 62.24 W. course 334 speed 4½  
knots tug standing by have 17 members of pts. 83  
aboard situation unchanged weather report 9070,  
1093.  
(QUESNEL, 130302 to C. in C. C.N.A.)
- U.889. Your 130145 my P.C.S. 43.14 N. 61.43 W. 263 degs.  
10.5 knots. My 122315 refers. Do not intend  
boarding. Your 110310 and 112.45 refer.  
E.T.A. position 043.31 N. 065.05 W. 1800Z to-day  
Sunday.  
(BUCKINGHAM, 130305 to C. in C. C.N.A.)
- SS. ESSO  
ROANOKE. Aground in Mona Passage 115 degs. 10 miles Cape  
Rojo need assistance.  
(ESSO ROANOKE, 130940Z to Comeastseafon)
- S/M STORM. H.M.S. STORM P.C.S. at 1340Z 038 degs. 13' N.  
060 degs. 03' W. 268 degs. 11.25 knots.  
(HUNTSVILLE, 131430Z to C.E.S.F.)
- U-Boat report. B. U-Boats which have reported in U.S. Strategic  
area are estimated 1200Z/13th as follows.  
U.234 in 49.15 35.45 C. 260 S.8. Following under  
escort.  
U.190 in 45.30 48.45 C 305 S.8.  
U.1228 in 44.45 50.15 C 232 S.8.  
U.873 in 37.00 53.00 C 276 S.10.  
U.805 in 44.00 58.30 C 249 S 12.  
U.858 in 39.30 68.30 C. 255 S.9.  
U.889 probably has arrived at Shelburne Nova Scotia.  
(Cominch, 131515Z to Admty). (Amended by 131550)
- U-Boat. INCHARRAN in contact with S/M submerged in  
position 043 degs. 16' N. 064 degs. 52' W.  
(BUCKINGHAM, 131610Z to C. in C. C.N.A.)
- U-Boats  
non-reception  
of surrender  
signals. It is considered that there may be U-Boats in  
Western Atlantic which have not yet responded to  
the surrender messages. This may be due to non-  
reception of this traffic as borne out by  
consistently poor reception of Station JXA by  
Canadian Y Stations, and statement of U-805  
concerning traffic missed. It is suggested that  
surrender of U-Boats may be expedited by using U.K. Stations to  
broadcast surrender messages on U-Boat frequencies in lieu of  
J.X.A. and that these stations also maintain listening watch for  
U-Boat transmissions on these frequencies. It is also suggested  
that instructions to U-Boats to report every 8 hours, apparently  
omitted from surrender messages, be inserted in subsequent broad-  
casts of this traffic.  
(N.S.H.Q. 131807Z to Admty, Cominch and 151331B)

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- U.889. Arrival H.M.C.S. BUCKINGHAM, INCHARRAN escorting German S/M U.889C.  
(N.O.I.C. Shelbourne, 131934Z to C. in C. N.A.)
- Contact. Para. C. 131650Z U.S.S. ALEXANDRIA attacked sound contact 43.30 N. 69.59 W.  
(Cominch, 132107Z to Admty for O.I.C.)
- U.234. P.C.S. at 2300Z/13th 48.56 N. 37.20 W. 260 12 knots. LAUXON and U.S.S. FORSYTH in company sweeping in line abreast 7 miles apart in search of U.234.  
(WASKESIU, 132337Z to C. in C. W.A.)

Far East and Australia

- RORQUAL S/M. A/L referred to in my 060426 received 10th May trial not carried out. Modified sinkers not available locally. RORQUAL will shortly be sailing for U.K. in accordance with C. in C. B.P.F. 090113.  
(S/M.4, 130719Z to Admty.)
- Blue Summary 12. Ryukuyus. Tori Shima secured 0715 no opposition. Okinawa advances continued limited. Estimated enemy casualties 11,2400 I KIA 41154 P.O.W. 628.  
Further on air attacks 11th. <sup>HUGH W.</sup> HADLEY (DD.774) took bomb and suicider after shooting down 19 planes is in danger of sinking. (on 3rd May she fought off 32 air attacks). EVANS (DD.522) suffered extensive damage and flooding when hit by suicide plane. Mer ship TJSADANE suffered light damage from hit forward. L.C.S.88 made Kerama under own power despite loss of fantail. PANAMINT (AGC.13) eluded 2 torpedoes by applying ahead full speed with full right rudder which spun her around anchor chain. On 12th NEW MEXICO (BB.40) damaged by suicide plane hit. Admiral Spruance and Chief of Staff the Commanding and Executive Officers not injured. C.T.F.51 reports total enemy A/C destroyed by Cap. ships A/A Shore A/A and suicide from 18th April through 11th May, 465 (excluding T.F.58 counts. T.F.58. On 11th planes shot down 58 enemy A/C destroyed 4 on ground. Ships A/A got 2. 2 suicides hit BUNKER HILL C.V.17 simultaneously doing extensive damage to flight and hangar decks elevators galley and communication facilities. F.A.W.1 planes sank 1 S.D. damaged 1 medium A.K. 1 medium AO. off Korea.



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Blue S/MS. Blue S/M which shelled airfield on  
 Summary 12. Ishigaki 6th May yesterday recovered 2 officers  
 (Contd.) 1 aircrewman from INDOMITABLE. British S/M  
 sank tanker in Gulf of Siam.  
 S.W.P.A. 11th sorties against Formosa targets  
 limited by bad weather to 24 tons bombs on  
 installations Takao Tako Kato Koshun Toshien. Search planes  
 Brunei Bay area destroyed 13 barges, 3 sea trucks.  
 Norpac. 15 B.25's attacked shipping Kataoka Harbour, Shimushu.  
 Report by Compaseafron German S/M may be off Coast of Chile  
 seeking to surrender.  
 (CinCpac, 130734 to all commands etc.)

Digest 1208 (1) 3 Liberators attacked small ships off Shanghai  
 12.5.45 damaging one coaster and 1 S/M chaser.  
 Extract. (2) 3 Liberators searching from Mindora strafed  
 1 medium freighter transport, 3 coasters many small  
 craft anchored near Tourane leaving 4 small Junks  
 burning.  
 (7) Small U.S. Army supply ship sunk by torpedo off Davao prior  
 dawn 11th. Course of torpedo uncertain.  
 (10) 4 Liberators, 3 Privateers from Palawan individually searched  
 Makassar Strait and South China Sea 11th May: 1 coaster sunk 12  
 others strafed vicinity Pontianak, 1 patrol craft sunk 3 small  
 craft left burning central northeast coast Malaya. Next day  
 similar offensive patrols conducted with following results: -  
 1 coaster sunk off Samarinda, 1 barge sunk another damaged Natuna  
 Island, 2 coasters sunk off Cape Intan (West Borneo), 1 motor launch  
 fired off central northeast coast Malaya.  
 (11) These 12 Liberators with 3 more patrol Liberators also  
 attacked shipping south western Celebes sinking 1 small freighter  
 Paye Pare.  
 (17) Wewak Peninsula cleared of enemy as Australian Troops continue  
 eastward advance. Supported by cruiser destroyer gunfire and  
 aerial bombing whereof details not yet available, Australian  
 Troops landed unopposed 9 miles east of Wewak forenoon 11th.  
 (G.H.Q.S.W.P.A. 131144 to Admty.)

U-Boat Surrender

Para. A. (a) Additional arrivals in port.  
 U.485, U.541, U.1109, U.532.  
 (b) Estimated positions 1000B/13th May.  
 U.3008 probably arrived Kiel.  
 U.1231 58 degs. 50' N. 5 degs. 30' W. U.956 Due Loch Eriboll.  
 U.825 Due Loch Eriboll. U.805 Due St. Johns. U.1228 Due

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St. Johns. U.889 Due Cape Sable.  
U.516 57 degs. 20' N. 11 degs. 10' W.  
U.1010 57 degs. 20' N. 11 degs. 10' W.  
U. 2326 57 degs. 5' N, 00 degs. 25' E.  
U-Boat number unknown 58 degs. 10' N. 10 degs. 40' W.  
U.244 53 degs. 50' N. 11 degs. 50' W.  
U. 234 49 degs. 15' N. 34 degs. 45' W.  
U.190 46 degs. 00' N. 49 degs. 25' W.  
U.873 36 degs. 45' N. 53 degs. 30' W.  
U.858 38 degs. 30' N. 70 degs. 45' W.  
Para. B. No material change since 111220B.  
(D.D.I.C.131127B to A.I.G. to Cominch)



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- 1(a) F.O. Holland desires destroyers in Den Helder, Amsterdam and Rotterdam to cheer and be cheered by the Dutch.  
 (b) NORFOLK with ZAMBESI and OBEDIENT, has sailed on an analogous mission to Bergen.  
 (c) BERWICK, with HURON and HAIDA for Trondheim.  
*16<sup>th</sup> (see p. 351)*
2. American escort ships are being released as required by the Americans.
3. Fighter aircraft and A.A. guns, with raid reporting and control organisations, in the U.K., are now to be at 3 hours' notice.

North Sea.

- 4.(a) "After seven months of strenuous and gallant service" Force "T" will now be disbanded  
 (b) Routine minesweeping of the Thames Estuary channels is being discontinued.  
 (c) The German Rhine Flotilla surrendered today at Sluys.  
 (d) U.2326 has arrived at Dundee, - probably the U-boat previously reported as 2126.  
 (e) U.1110 surfaced off Sylt and has been directed to Loch Eriboll.  
 (f) U.1230, U.368, U.720, U.143, U.145, U.149, and U.150 from Heligoland, are now berthed in Wilhelmshaven as well as those enumerated in Situation Report of 11/5/45, paragraph 2 (f).

Channel

5. The Channel Islands liberation is proceeding smoothly; harbour mines are being cleared.

Western Approaches.

6. (a) U.776 surfaced 95 miles S.W. of the Fastnets, and  
 (b) U.255 150 miles west of the same point, and were directed to Loch Eriboll.  
 (c) Another as yet unidentified U-boat surfaced 80 miles S.W. of Ushant.

Norway

7. The situation is quiet except for sporadic trouble with prisoners of war, chiefly Russian. Food and clothing are being flown in from Sweden.

Baltic.

- 8 (a) The German Surrender Delegates at Rosyth have produced all the Baltic mine charts and navigational data, and co-operated helpfully.  
 (b) U.3593 is reported as having sunk whilst on passage in tow from Vinga for Gothenburg for internment. Sabotage is presumed.  
 (c) U-boats in the Baltic west of 14° E. are reported as U.2512 at Eckenförde, \*U.2357 at Flensburg, U.806 at Aarhus, and U.1233, U.155 and U.580 at Fredericia, and will sail for Kiel as ordered. U.3008 had anchored in Frederikshaven Roads but has now been ordered to Kiel.

\*? U. 2351

\*? U. 680

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Foreign Stations

Mediterranean

Movement

9. NEWCASTLE arrived Suez from Colombo escorting EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND.

America & West Indies

U-boat  
surrenders.

10 (a) U. 889 and 190 have arrived in Canadian ports.  
(b) U. 858 is arriving off Delaware Bay.  
(c) U. 1228, 190, 873 and 805 are reported west of 50° West.

Far East & Australia

Philippines

11. At daylight today P.Ts. and landing craft gunboats in operation in Davao Gulf attacked enemy motor torpedo boat base destroying 6 boats, one barge and 4 ammunition and fuel dump and marine railway. 160910Z.

Japan

12. 12 Super-fortresses mined the Shimonoseki Straits and Niigata harbour yesterday and today.



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HOME COMMANDS

Policy

Shipping captured before surrender of Germany. F.A.C.S.221 F.A.N. 556 IZ 5071.  
From: Combined Chiefs of Staff.  
To: Eisenhower. Info: Alexander, British Chiefs of Staff.  
(1) Unless otherwise directed para. 3 of F.A.C.S. 113 and F.A.N. 463 is to be applied to all German shipping captured by forces under your command in German ports before the surrender or declaration of defeat of Germany.  
(2) Accordingly, shipping not required within your theatre is to be sailed as soon as possible to the United Kingdom. Arrangements for providing necessary crews should be made in consultation with representatives in Germany of Ministry of War Transport and War Shipping Administration.  
(3) Captured shipping is to be seized in prize with the exception of: (a) Shipping required for local service with German crews. (b) Fishing vessels. (c) Inland water craft.  
(4) Seizure in prize should be effected by the Naval authorities in control of ports where ships are captured, i.e. Bremen and Bremerhaven by U.S. Navy, and other ports by Royal Navy. Seizure in prize is required for technical reasons and will not in any way fetter exercise of your rights under para.3(a) of F.A.C.S.113 and F.A.N. 463; neither will it affect disposal by Combined Shipping Adjustment Board nor ultimate title.  
(5) You will receive further instructions regarding the treatment of shipping falling into your hands upon surrender or declaration of defeat.  
(6) It is undesirable that vessels excepted from seizure under para. 3 above should fly the Nazi flag. They should therefore be instructed to fly from the peak the international code flag C with a triangle out from the end to form a burgee.  
(7) Warships should be disarmed, their flag lowered and reference made to Combined Chiefs of Staff in accordance with para. 3 (c) of F.A.C.S. 113 and F.A.N. 463.  
(A.G.W.A. No T.O.O.14/5 to S.H.A.E.F. Reims)

Destroyer desired for Den Helder, Rotterdam and Amsterdam. I consider a destroyer showing the flag at Den Helder would have good local effect in this area where German ships and troops are concentrated. Draught of ship used not to exceed 4½ metres. A destroyer or two constantly at Rotterdam and later at Amsterdam would give intense pleasure to the Dutch who need cheering and something to cheer.  
(F.O. Holland, 141003B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Withdrawal of Canadian ships. My 171710 April and Admiralty message 021807 neither to all. It is desired that first R.C.N. Escort vessels to be withdrawn from U.K. should be frigates so that they may be prepared as soon as possible for the Pacific.  
(2) Request we may be advised of dates when escort groups 9,16,25 and 26 can be released. Ships will be returned to Canada, with exception of H.M.C.S.LOCH ALVIE, MONNOW, NENE and RIBBLE, which it is intended to return to R.N.  
(C.N.M.O. 141330B to Admty)

/ My ...



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Withdrawal  
of Canadian  
ships.  
(Contd.)

My 171710 April and Admiralty message 021807  
neither to all. Request we may be advised of  
dates when IROQUOIS, HAIDA and HURON can be  
released by C. in C. H.F. for return to Canada.  
(2) Early release is requested in order that  
ships may be prepared as soon as possible for the  
Pacific.  
(C.N.M.O. 141334 to Admty.)

NORFOLK  
to show  
the flag in  
Bergen.

Scapa departure C.S.1 in NORFOLK with ZAMBESI and  
OBEDIENT.  
(C. in C. H.F. 141847 to F.O.Norway, N.O.I.C.  
Bergen.)

BERWICK  
to Trondheim.

(1) BERWICK take HURON and HAIDA under your orders  
and proceed passing Hoxa at 0900B Wednesday 16th,  
passing E. of Shetlands N. and W. of 1535 Q.Z.H.  
through 62 degs. 45' N. 03 degs. 30' E. 63 degs.  
33' N. 07 degs. 26' E. by Gripholen and Edo Fjord  
to Trondheim.  
(2) Adjust speed to be off Grip light at 0900B and arrive Trondheim  
1600B Thursday 17th May.  
(3) F.O.Norway is requested to arrange pilot to embark off Grip  
light.  
(4) Mining information being passed to BERWICK.  
(C. in C. H.F. 141855B to BERWICK, F.O.Norway)

Release of  
American  
ships.

Your 091432. T.G.120.1 can be withdrawn as soon  
as required by you.  
(A.C.N.S.(H), 141833B to Comnavu)  
Your 100911. The 12 U.S.S.C's can be released  
whenever you require them. We would be grateful  
if they can be retained meanwhile until convoy  
escorts are no longer required.  
(A.C.N.S(H), 141905B to Comnavu)

Defence of United Kingdom

Fighter A/C  
and A/A gun  
readiness  
in U.K.

A.X.466 May 14th.  
Following signal to Fighter Command is repeated  
for information. Begins.  
(1) A.X. 378 May 12th. Reference your A.794  
May 11th and our conversation this morning.  
The state of operational readiness of Fighter and  
A/A Gun defence should be maintained for the time  
being in No.13 Group area on 24 hour basis in conformity with  
raid reporting and control system.  
(2) In the remainder of Great Britain it is agreed that the pre-  
sent state of operational readiness of fighter and A/A gun  
defences may now be relaxed but these defences together  
with the raid reporting and control system in these areas are to  
capable of resuming operational standard at 3 hours notice if  
required.  
(3) No movements of A/A guns should be made until final post-  
war dispositions received approval of Chiefs of Staff. Ends.  
(Air Ministry 141915B to Admty. W.O.)



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U.2326. German S/M escorted by H.S.L.2553 arrived.  
(N.O.I.C.Dundee, 140213B to C. in C. Rosyth)  
(see 131857, Enemy Intelligence)

German minefield W. of Heligoland. Weather unsuitable for further "A" sweepings and deteriorating. In view of Admiralty gale warning intend return to Humber E.T.A. 2300/14.  
CHALCEDONY in company.  
(S.O.M.S.F.15, 140545B to C. in C. Nore, N.O.I.C. Humber)

Approach channel to Elbe and Weser. Your 132017B. Channel has been buoyed and it is not considered that these mark vessels are now required.  
(C. in C. Nore, 141006B to F.O.Wilhelmshaven)

Evacuation of German Army from Holland. Your 131237. German Merchant ships can not be made available. You can demand from A.N.C.X.F. (Buco) up to two Flotillas of L.C.T.(4) in addition to L Squadron.  
No other landing craft can be provided. (My 121832 not to all)  
(A.N.C.X.F. 141158B to F.O.Holland)

Discharge Situation Report. Cositintrep No.405 part 4 section A.  
Discharge by sea - 24 hour period ending 1600B/13 May.

	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Stores</u>	<u>Bulk Coal</u>	<u>Bulk Pol.</u>	<u>G.F. Ammo.</u>
<u>British</u>						
Antwerp	-	363	17,521	-	1,193	884
Ostend	1,502	-	2,600	-	1,027	-
Caen	-	-	-	1,766	-	-
Calais	5,979	29	74	-	-	-
Totals:	7,481	392	20,195	1,766	2,220	884
<u>U.S. North</u>						
Antwerp	-	25	14,884	-	-	464
Cherbourg	29	56	873	1,610	-	-
Le Havre.	908	77	4,689	500	-	-
Rouen	-	-	3,688	1,565	568	-
Ghent	-	-	8,467	-	-	-
Totals:	937	158	32,601	3,675	568	464
<u>U.S. South</u>						
Marseilles	-	120	10,295	1,129	-	-
Port De Bouc	-	-	1,723	-	12,209	-
Totals:	-	120	12,018	1,129	12,209	-

Army Coal at: Dieppe 2,001. Granville 301. Morlaix 880.  
Brest 390.  
(S.H.A.E.F.141500B to Admty. and others)



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Release of  
Force T.

After Seven months of strenuous and gallant service, Force T can now be disbanded.

(2) The support Squadron, Eastern Flank, was released by my 121830 amended by my 131715. The release of the remainder of the force is the subject of this signal.

(3) L.C.T.51st and 59th Flotillas were placed at the disposal of A.N.C.X.F. (Buco) by my 121832. Of the rest of N. Squadron.

(A) 20th and 22nd Flotillas can now be released.

(B) 4th Flotilla L.C.T. 345, 354 and 422 will be released when the whole force has returned to England L.C.F. 33 and L.C.T. 471 will be attached to an L.C.T.(4) Flotilla of N. Squadron and will accompany the first units of the Squadron to proceed to Holland L.C.T.477 will remain at the disposal of C. in C. Nore, L.C.T. 428 can be released now.

(C) 104th Flotilla will be released when no longer required for transfer of Force T. to U.K.

(4) L.C.H.187 is required as H.Q. ship for Squadron Command E L.C.T. Squadron to which she should be attached.

(5) L.C.I.(S) 201st Flotilla can be released now.

(6) L.C.I.(L) 263rd Flotilla is required to be transferred. Permanently to the Shuttle Service - my 121832 refers.

(7) L.C.M.(3) 660th and 662nd Flotilla are now en route for Rosyth to take part in "Apostle". Admiralty is requested to re-allocate them to a suitable base. 661st Flotilla can be released now.

(8) L.C.A. 508th, 509th,550th,552nd,506th Flotillas can be released now. 510th Flotilla can be released on completion of present duty with Netherlands District, about 26th May.

(9) L.C.V.(P) 821st Flotilla can be released now. 823rd Flotilla can be released on completion of present duty with 1st Canadian Army about 24th May.

822nd Flotilla is required for duty at Hamburg.

Admiralty is requested to re-allocate it to N.O.I.C.Hamburg

(10) L.C.S.(M) 902nd Flotilla can be released now.

(11) L.C.P.(L) 705th Flotilla can be released now.

(12) Landing Barges, Force T Barge Unit can be released now.

(13) L.C.R.U.5, 6 and 8 can be released now.

L.C.R.U.7 can be released with 823rd build up Flotilla.

(14) M.L.R.U. No.4 M.L.R.U. cannot be released yet.

(15) M.O.L.C.A.B. 3 and M.B.M.U. 6 with R.N. Crane Party can be released when all minor landing craft being released have left the continent.

(16) M.B.C.U. will be released before the end of May.

(17) M. Beach Commando and No.2 B.S.S. were released by my 111508.

(18) Minor Landing Craft and Barges will be lifted to Southampton in L.S.T. beginning Friday, May 18th.

(19) L.C.R.U. will return in L.C.T. of 104th Flotilla. Other units and parties will be returned to U.K. by arrangements with Buco.

(20) It is hoped that except for some small retard parties the whole of Force T will be back in U.K. by the end of May.



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Release of Force T. (Contd.) (21) Admiralty is requested to take appropriate action in the cases of L.C.F. 53, L.C.T. 471, L.C.H. 187, 263rd L.C.I.(L) Flotilla, 660th and 662nd L.C.M. Flotilla and 822nd L.C.V.(P) Flotilla. (A.N.C.X.F. 141530B to Admty.) My 141530. Cancel para. 4 L.C.H. 187 can be released now.

(2) Para. 7 660th L.C.M.(3) Flotilla is now not required for "Apostle" and can be released. It has been diverted in NORTHWAY to Southampton. (A.N.C.X.F. 181104B to Admty.)

Surrender of U.1110. 1 U-Boat Number 1110 position 55 degs. 01' N. 08 degs. 27' E. Stationary. (A.C. M.N.P.51, 141539B to 18 Group) See 151136 Baltic. Proceed to Loch Eriboll if you have sufficient fuel. Acknowledge this signal forthwith to G.Z.Z. 10 reporting your intentions. Further instructions will then follow. (D.O.D.(H), 141643Z to U.1110)

Minesweeping in Thames Estuary. Routine daily sweeping of searched channels in the Sheerness area of the Thames Estuary may be discontinued. Minesweepers not required for Far Shore should carry out occasional sweeps of these channels and should otherwise commence clearance sweeps of the remainder of the area where the depth of water is sufficient for the safety of the sweepers. Reports and tracing required. (C. in C. Nore, 141645B to Capt. M/S Sheerness)

U-Boats in Wilhelmshaven. Following S/Ms are now berthed in Wilhelmshaven 8 from Cuxhaven - numbers 883, 779, 291, 1198, 1103, 2341, 2356, 1194 and 7 from Heligoland - numbers 1230, 368, 720, 143, 145, 149, 150. (F.O. Wilhelmshaven, 141750B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Situation Reports. Summary No,134 dated 14 May 1945 covering period 2400B/12 to 2400B/13. (1) Operations. Continued reports of isolated fire fights by small groups and sabotage acts along whole front. Many instances of wire-cutting with sections as long as 200 yards being removed. Munich area radio previously operated and Allied Division found booby-trapped. Sugar found in fuel tanks. Two German women carrying forged U.S. Military Government Travel permits apprehended 12 May: claimed bought in book store Alsch (O.1789) Estimated that movement of Sixth German Army to assembly area be completed afternoon 13 May.

/Condition ...



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Condition all military installations including batteries and communications systems on Ile de Re which surrendered 1030B/9 found perfect. Condition La Pallice and La Rochelle excellent; both ports operational. Garrisons completely co-operative.

(2) Order of Battle.

(3) Miscellaneous. Following reported captured: General Heinz Guderian former chief of German Army General Staff. Major General Berg former C.G. Division Berg.

(4) General. O.K.H. now amalgamated with O.K.W. O.K.L. and O.K.M. still distinct and under O.K.W. Keitel until dismissed was chief of staff of O.K.W. and C. in C. Army. Jodl is chief of Wehrmacht ~~Puehrungs~~ Stab and chief staff of Army. Jodl now reinstated as chief of staff O.K.W. vice Keitel.

Combined O.K.H. is now split in two parts North and South as is O.K.L. Most branches strongly represented in North and less strongly, if at all in South. Following are however mainly or solely in South: Chef des Transport - Wesens; Wirt schaftsamt; Chef der Wehrmacht Ruestung including Waffenamt; the Waffen Generale (Inspectors of arms of the service) excluding Panzer Troops; Wehrmacht Zentralabteilung.

O.K.M. and O.K.L. (Northern echelons) are at Flensburg.

(S.H.A.E.F. 141800B to War Office)

Cositintrep No.405 Part II. Naval.

Port situation reports. Information is additional to that given in previous Cositintreps.

(A) St. Nazaire. French Naval Forces occupied the port at noon on 11th May. No apparent demolition of installations or ships. Following vessels in harbour: 1 U-Boat, 1 tanker of 9,000 tons, one cargo vessel, 1500 tons, 1 Hospital ship 3600 tons, 2 minelayers 1600 tons, 12 minesweepers, 12 tugs and 15 patrol craft all of various types. *[This report superseded by 406, page 387]*

(B) Bayonne. Minimum depth in river Adour entrance is 12 foot 4 inches above chart datum. Channel to port is 164 feet wide, limiting dimensions for ships 4000 to 5000 tons length 328 feet draught 18 feet at Neaps and 21 feet 3 inches at high water Springs.

There are 15 available quayside berths with depths between 11 foot 4 inches and 22 foot 9 inches at low water Springs.

(C) Rotterdam. German warships in port are - 3 R-Boats, 1 H.Q. ship for R-Boats, 6 auxiliary minesweepers, trawlers H.Q. ship for minesweepers, 4 artillery carriers, 2 Siebel ferries.

(D) Kiel. Over 250 ships and craft now in Fjord mostly loaded with troops and refugees. Hoped to disperse these persons at rate of 20,000 a day. 34 tramps and 120 smaller craft so far counted in Kiel.

Canal. In Kiel water lights and sewage negligible all shipyards devastated. Hardly one house undamaged. Over 80 wrecks counted south of Tirpitzhafen.

(2) First British minesweepers of 163rd Minesweeping Flotilla entered Hamburg 12th May.

(A.N.C.X.F. 142345B to Admty.)

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Buoyage  
of Elbe.

Reference your 132317 to C. in C. Nore, Hydro-  
grapher is anxious to obtain accurate information  
for correction of Admiralty charts of N. German  
ports and approaches and considers that our own  
survey units should, if possible, check the  
reliability of any available data as was done on the coasts of  
France and Holland. In the circumstances can you reconsider  
para. 2 of your signal.

(Admty. 142041B to F.O. Wilhelmshaven)

*?Hellevoet-Sluis*

Surrender  
of German  
Rhine  
Flotilla.

To-day Monday 14th May have accepted the  
surrender of the German Rhine Flotilla. Frigate  
Captain A. Nettelrodt Band at Rellevoel - Sluis,  
the strength is approx. 700 officers and men and  
64 craft.

(2) I have ordered the Rhine Flotilla to proceed  
to Rotterdam at noon tomorrow Tuesday preparatory  
to evacuating the crews to the concentration  
camps.

(Rotterdam W/T (sic) 142335B to F.O.I.C. Holland)

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Channel

Minesweeping  
of Q.Z.X. 336.

Intend proceeding p.m. May 20th with THUNDER and  
one Dan Layer to arrive off Bishop Rock at first  
light, May 21st thence proceeding to northern  
limit Q.Z.S. 336 to lay Ormonde Beacon.

Remaining five sweepers and two Dan layers to sail  
from Plymouth a.m. May 21st to arrive Q.Z.X. 336 first light  
May 22nd. Commencing clearance Q.Z.X. 336 from N.W. Edge.

Flotilla refuelling at Falmouth as necessary.

(2) Request two Isles Class Dan layers and two in number Ormonde  
Beacons be allocated to 31st M/S Flotilla by May 20th.

(M/S.31, 141655B to C. in C. Plymouth)

French  
Frigates'  
Future.

A.M.091443 March and my 161653 Feb. (neither to  
C. in C. Plymouth). In view of A.M. 121734 and  
121805 request information as to future employment  
of French Frigates.

(C. in C. Portsmouth, 141937B to Admty.)

Channel  
Is. Situa-  
tion Report.

3,357 Germans evacuated from Guernsey 14 May.  
Discharge of supplies begun Guernsey. Minefield  
lifting in area Guernsey airfield begun with  
P.W. labour. Jersey airfield all mines and  
obstacles cleared. St. Helier Harbour quays  
cleared and cranes working. 2 mined charges

N. Albert and Victoria Piers made safe but will be needed in  
harbour but is operative. Minor repairs and provision of flood  
lighting being undertaken. Water is available for vessels.  
At Jersey St. Aubins Bay cleared of mines. Clearance of mines  
from St. Ouens Bay and Grouville Bay proceeding.

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Channel

Channel Is. Guernsey. Power Station will work normally  
Situation for one month on present stock fuel. Normal  
Report. consumption 8 tons diesel oil weekly.  
(Contd.) Waterworks working normally but dependant on  
electricity. Gas Works has sufficient fuel for  
warming up and then needs 140 tons gas coke  
weekly. Gas distribution can begin one month  
from receipt fuel. Jersey. Power Station will work normally  
till 16 May when fuel will be exhausted. 30 tons diesel oil  
required weekly. Waterworks normal but dependant on electricity.  
Gas Works require 50 tons coke for warming up then 350 tons gas  
coal weekly. Can distribute gas one month after receipt fuel.  
Sewage system operative.  
(H.Q. Force 135, 142340B to Admty.)

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West Coast France.

Occupation Friday noon (presumably May 11th) St. Nazaire  
of St. Nazaire. French Navy occupied areas and installations marked  
on overlays previously furnished Clun Kriegs Marine  
Depot. All installations and ships appar-  
ently not damaged by Germans and no apparent  
destructive measures taken except logs of ships burned.  
Vessels in port are as follows:  
One S/M, one tanker 9,000 tons: one cargo 1500 tons: one hos-  
pital ship 3600 tons: two minelayers Jube Type 1600 tons: twelve  
minesweepers various types: twelve tugs all types: fifteen patrol  
various types.  
Materiel inventory in progress. Small amount of fuel in vessels.  
(Comar Nantes No D.T.O. to C.T.F.120)  
After occupation of St. Nazaire the 2 ships of Force 27 an-  
chored Sables d'Oloone. Assistance of A/C of Coastal Command  
in these patrols seems henceforth unnecessary.  
(C.F.N.T.F. 142200B to C. in C. Plymouth)

Operations

Western Approaches

Surrender of U.776. U.776 reported 50 degs. 20' N. 11 degs. 20' at  
0823B/14th May.  
(D.D.I.C. 140910B to S. and A. Area B. F.O.S.M.  
H.Q.C.C.) See also 151030 Ch.

Surrender of U.255. U.255 reported in 51 degs. 15' N. 13 degs. 17'  
W. at 0800B/14th May course 350 degs. 9 knots  
and has been given usual orders.  
(D.D.I.C. 141049B to S. & A. Area B, F.O.S.M.  
H.Q.C.C.) See 151230 W.A.

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Blue Route Patrols. On relief by Plymouth escorts (FAULKNOR S.O.) in 07 W. 1st E.G. proceed to patrol Blue route (A.M. 081200) between 49 degs. and 51 degs. N. Codeword "Liner".  
(2) On crossing 15 degs. W. if not in contact 2nd E.G. detach from U.C. 67B and patrol Blue route between 51 degs. and 53 degs. N. codeword "Sherrington".  
(3) Groups now patrolling Blue Route if not in contact shift patrol forthwith between following limits.  
(A) 24th E.G. 53 degs. to 56 degs. N. codeword "Whelp".  
(B) 12th E.G. 56 degs. to 58 degs. N. codeword "Cormorant".  
(C) 30th E.G. 06 degs to 11 degs. W. North of 58 degs. N. codeword "Markham".  
(4) Object of Blue patrol is to ensure that U-Boats understand and comply with instructions contained in A.M. 081200.  
(C. in C. W.A. 141252B to all A/S Support Groups at Sea in W.A.)

Surrender of U-Boat. Unknown U-Boat reported at 2230B in 47 degs. 30' N. 06 degs. 25' W. course 035 degs. speed unknown. Search and, if located, divert on to Blue route.  
(C. in C. W.A. 14231B to S.O.E.G.1)



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Norway.

Situation reports. Cositintrep 409 secret. Situation continues quiet. G.5 Div. reports banks open and other services working satisfactorily. Crown Prince Olaf and Joint Commanders disembarked Oslo 1600B hours. All informed. (S.C.O.F.O.R., 140040B to Admty.)

Re-numbered Cositintrep No. 404. Period ending 14/1500 May. Intelligence. Orderly compliance of surrender terms reported generally. P.W. situation still troublesome. Broadcast to civilians explaining P.W. and disarmament difficulties proposed. Trondheim. Germans ordered to round up by peaceful means Russian P.W. at large. Germans withdrawn from town. No great shortages, except Pol. and coal. Bergen. Norwegian district commander arrived.

Reference Cositintrep 406 food and clothes but not arms being flown in from Sweden. (S.C.O.F.O.R., 141535B to S.H.A.E.F.)

STORD's visit to Bear Is. Personal, Top Secret. C. in C. Royal Norwegian Navy's 111840 and Admiralty Message 120221. You should not inform Russians of visit to Bear Island pending further instructions. Operational need to inform C. in C. Northern Fleet before arrival of STORD in vicinity of Bear Island is being represented to Norwegian Government. (V.C.N.S. 140120B to S.B.N.O. N. Russia.)

No action has been taken on C. in C. Royal Norwegian Navy's 111840. Attention is drawn to my 050920 reporting possible Russian moves taken in that area. (S.B.N.O. N. Russia 140937B to Admty.)

New orders for P.O.W. camps. (1) Contrary to "T.B." Central Norway's T/P QU. 117/45 of 11/5, on the orders of the Allied military C. in C. the guarding of all P.O.W. camps is to be resumed forthwith until they are handed over to Allied troops. By means of persuasive speeches, get the P.O.W. to remain in their camps of their own free will until officers of their own nationality arrive. Refusals and offences are to be reported by T/P or W/T immediately to Oberst Canitz, the Staff Officer for matters affecting P.O.W. at H.Q.

(2) Guard are only to use weapons for the purpose of self defence and then only in cases of extreme necessity.

(3) The camp leader is solely responsible for the maintenance of peace and order in his camp and guards are to assist him in the execution of his duties.

(4) Medical supplies and fuel are to be included in the monthly supplies.

(5) Improve clothing by issuing from stocks which can be obtained from the clothing stores at Opdal or Mosjoen, subject to previous enquiry.

(6) Decoration of the camp with the national flags of the P.O.W. is to be permitted.

(German Adm. N. Norwegian Coast No T.O.O/14th May to Sea Defence Commandant's Molde, Trondheim, Sandnessjoen.)

The above message in German P/L was intercepted at 0444/14/5.

/F.O. Norway...



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F.O. Norway. The flag of Flag Officer, Norway, Rear Admiral J.S.M. Ritchie, (retired) was hoisted at Oslo at 0800 today Monday 14th May, 1945. (F.O. Norway 140802B to Admty.)

N.P. 2463, W/T, D/F mission. N.P. 2463 comprising Commander L.H. Cox, R.N.V.R., 2 officers, and 6 ratings with 4 W/T trucks are proceeding Stavanger in L.S.T. 315 with first "Doomsday" convoy.  
(2) They have been instructed by Admiralty to examine and remove certain equipment and documents from German W/T and D/F stations at Stavanger and Finsnes.  
(3) Request N.Os. i/c concerned will grant all facilities. Mission is of great importance.  
(4) Party is self supporting but will require authority to draw rations in Norway.  
(5) Addressees pass to Allied Land Forces in Norway.  
(C. in C. Rosyth 141624B to F.O. Norway, all N.Os. i/c in Norway)

German surrender at Tromso. Following from Admiral Danielsen begins:-  
Request you contact the Fylkesman in Tromso and inform him of STORD's E.T.A. 1800B/16th May and request that he and the Ordforer meet on board immediately I arrive, to inform me of general situation.  
(2) That the Overlos Tromso be requested, either direct or through the Fylkesman, to have pilot ready from 0800/16th at Tranoy Pilot Station for passage to Tromso.  
(3) That the Senior German N.O.I.C. (Executive) Tromso be informed of my arrival and ordered to have a German naval officer embarked with pilot at Tranoy. He is also to select up to 3 naval officers, including himself or another S.O. authorised to put into effect unconditional surrender, to be prepared to meet in STORD at short notice after my arrival. Ends.  
(STORD 141830B to F.O. Norway.)

Operation "S.C." American-type submarine chasers on S.F.H.Q. duties flying Norwegian flag leave Lerwick at 2000B/14th May as follows.  
(1) Submarine chaser VIGRA and HITRA for Korsfjord (60° 08' N. 05° 00' E.) E.T.A. 0900B/15th and leaving again for Lerwick by 1100B/16th.  
(2) Submarine chaser HESSA for position 62° 20' N. 05° 17' E. E.T.A. 1400B/15th leaving again for Lerwick by 1600B/16th May.  
(C. in C. H.F., 141841 to F.O. Norway, C.S. 1, N.O.I.C. Bergen in WOOLSTON, N.O.I.C. Trondheim in MACKAY.)  
Ramosé Overdraft sailed HESSA at 2015B/14th May.  
(2) Air escort not especially required on return journey.  
(N.O.I.C. Lerwick 142019B to C. in C. H.F.)

/Ramosé...



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Operation "S.C." (Contd.) Ramose Diploma. Sailed HITRA (S.O.) and VIGRA at 2030B/14th May, 22.  
(2) Air escort not especially required on return journey.  
(N.O.I.C. Lerwick 142033B to C. in C. H.F.)

Operation "Conan" (Norwegians to Norway.) My 131806B delayed owing to weather. Further signal will be made.  
(N.O.I.C. Lerwick 142131B to C. in C. Rosyth.)  
My 131303B. Intend to sail H. Nor. M. M.T.B. 713 (S.O.), 709, 715 and H.M. M.T.B. 758, 762 for position 62° 20' N. 05° 00' E. at 1200B/15th May. Then to sweep Leads northwards towards Molde.  
(2) Unit will remain in Norway until p.m. 18th May then return to Lerwick weather permitting.  
(N.O.I.C. Lerwick 142354B to C.S. 1, C. in C. Rosyth.)

Operations.

Northern Waters.

Convoy J.W. 67. N.C.S.O. Clyde 130005. Request destination of IVARAN and AMUNDSEN. Presume EGERO is for fuelling escort and is to return in R.A. 67.  
(S.B.N.O. Polyarnoe 140951B to Admty.)

U.1010 and U. 516. Arrived U.1010 and U.516 at 1345B today 14th May. Compliant.  
(S.O. Loch Eriboll 141445B to C. in C. W.A.)

U. 764 and U. 244. Submarine offers surrender 58° 52' N. 6° 41' W. course 090, 10 knots Request instructions.  
(A/C RYM 97 141420B to 15 Group.)  
U-Boat's number 244.  
(A/C RYM 97 141450B to 15 Group.)

U-Boat 764 on the surface position 58° 43' N. 04° 13' W. A/C now circling intend taking U-Boat to Loch Eriboll.  
(ALACRITY 141755B to C. in C. H.F.)

Arrived U.764 and U.244 at 2030B today 14th May.  
Compliant.

(S.O. Loch Eriboll 142044 to C. in C. W.A.)

Withdrawal of Norwegians from Iceland. Request following be passed to Senior Norwegian Naval Officer Iceland from Admiral Danielsen in (H. Nor. M.S.) STORD. Begins:  
A.M. 072344B May. Embark yourself and your staff except personnel ordered to stay behind by S.O.K. and proceed to Tromso by Vestfjorden and Inner Leads unless otherwise ordered. I shall provide pilots off Tranoy.



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of Norwegians  
from Norway.  
(Contd.)

On your passage through Vestfjorden keep to the centre of the Fjord. Take all necessary anti-submarine steps according to information of U-Boats. Report time of departure and E.T.A. in the entrance of Vestfjorden.  
(N.O.I.C. Lerwick 142304B to A.C.I.C.)

Operations.

Baltic.

U.3593.

Reported by N.A. Stockholm that German U-Boat 3593 proceeding Gothenburg for internment, sank in 15 metres owing internal explosion, while being towed from Vinga to port Gothenburg.

German crew reported under guard and salvage operation in progress.  
(D.N.I. 141243B to A.N.C.X.F.)

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Co-ordination  
of Inter-  
rogation and  
Technical  
Units.

(1) Ref. F.O. Kiel's 131405 para. 6 (not to all addressees), all reports show that O.K.M. in the Flensburg/Kiel area possess and are willing to provide virtually all outstanding requirements of Naval Technical information.

(2) To avoid duplication and superfluous effort by the many interrogators, investigators, teams and units at present in the field, it is proposed that a Naval Interrogation and Technical Unit should now be formed on a joint U.S./Br. basis and attached to S.H.A.E.F Mission, as the sole Naval Investigating Authority with the O.K.M.

(3) This unit should consist of the minimum numbers of technical experts, interrogators or interpreters, and should be fully briefed on the outstanding short-term requirements of naval technical information. Long-term research is not included. This unit should be empowered to call forward additional technical experts as and when required.

(4) Request that this may be treated as a matter of urgency before target is spoiled by unco-ordinated efforts.

(5) Personnel of R.N.F.I.U. 30 A.U. NAVTECHMISEU and GOLDCUP parties might be attached to unit as desirable.

(6) Request comments be addressed Admiralty repeated A.N.C.X.F. and that Admiralty take co-ordinating action.

(A.N.C.X.F., 141515B to Admty., Comaveu.)

Relief of  
BIRMINGHAM  
and DIDO at  
Copenhagen.

Your 121349. It would be appreciated if relief could if possible be deferred as in F.O. Denmark 131714.

(A.N.C.X.F., 141518B to C. in C. H.F.)

F.O. Denmark's 131714. I wish to relieve BIRMINGHAM about the end of this week as C.S. 10 has already been separated from his office for

some four weeks owing to his duties in Russian convoys. I have no objection to DIDO remaining temporarily as requested by F.O. Denmark.

(C. in C. H.F., 141931 to A.N.C.X.F.) *Concur. (ANCF 151120B)*



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Relief of  
BIRMINGHAM  
and DIDO at  
Copenhagen  
(Contd.)

Request you will sail DEVONSHIRE; IROQUOIS and SAVAGE from Oslo to arrive Copenhagen Saturday 19th May to relieve BIRMINGHAM and two H.F. Destroyers. On relief BIRMINGHAM is to transfer as much fuel as practicable to DIDO and then return to Rosyth.  
(C. in C.H.F., 141935 to F.O. Norway, F.O. Denmark)

U.3008

1 U-boat position 57.27 N. 10.36 E. number 3008 E. stationary.  
(A/C S.D.W.48, 141600B to 18 Group.)  
See 111145 in Baltic.

U.3008 is anchored in Frederikshaven Roads. Have instructed her to remain there and await further orders. Amend-ment to Eclipse memorandum to Appendix D giving detailed instructions for U-boats at sea has not yet been received.  
(Cdre. Denmark, 141805B to A.N.C.X.F.) See 142357.

German  
minefield  
charts and  
data

Meeting with German Naval Delegates consisting of 2 Captains, six officers, seven pilots representing Admiral Skagerrak was held on board BELFAST this morning Monday 14th May. All mine charts and navigational data as laid down in surrender terms were handed over at meeting except for Kiel Bay which was not available in

time.

- (2) Copies of all charts and documents are being sent to C. in C.H.F. and other copy will be handed to S.O.O. F.O.I.C. Denmark who is shortly proceeding to Copenhagen in "Crosskeys".  
(3) Some German Officers and Pilots who will proceed in "Crosskeys" and German M/S 607 will convey remainder of delegates back to Aarhus. Anticipate sailing M/S a.m. Wednesday 16th May.  
(4) Helpful co-operation was afforded by German Delegates throughout.  
(C. in C. Rosyth, 142110 to Admty.)

Details of  
British  
mines in  
Baltic

Your 111311B. Following are details of unsterilized British mines.  
(a) In Konisber Canal. Admiralty Chart, 2369. Date, April, 1944. Magnetic, 10. Acoustic, 4. Combined circuits, 5. Total, 19.  
(b) In Frische Haff. Admiralty Chart 2369.  
Nil.

- (c) In Stettin and Stettin Harbour. Admiralty Chart 185. Nil.  
(d) In approaches to Swinemünde. Admiralty Chart 2366. Area 1. bounded as follows:  
On the North by 54° 20' N. On the east by a line joining position  
(a) 54° 20' N. 14° 14' 30" E.  
(b) 54° 07' N. 14° 25' E.  
(c) 53° 55' 20" N. 14° 25' E. On the south and west by the coast excluding Greifswald Bay.

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Details of British mines in Baltic (Contd.)	Date	Mag-netic	Acoustic	Combined Circuits	Total
	Sept. '41	12	-	-	12
	May '42	28	-	-	28
	June '42	32	-	-	32
	Aug. '42	44	-	-	44
	Sept. '42	11	20	-	31
	Oct. '42	9	-	-	9
	Nov. '42	3	-	-	3
	Mar. '43	6	2	-	8
	Jan. '44	4	4	12	20
	Apr. '44	54	19	116	189
	Total	203	45	128	376

The majority of mines laid in this area lie between longitudes 14° 12' E. and 14° 25' E. south of latitude 54° 07' N. The remainder were laid in a north-westerly direction from position 54° 07' N. 14° 12' E. to cover the probable German searched channel.

(e) In approaches to Swinemünde. Admiralty Chart 2366. Area 2. Bounded as follows:-

On the north by a line joining positions

(a) 54° 07' N. 14° 25' E.

(b) 54° 15' N. 14° 45' E.

On the east by longitude 14° 45' E.

On the south by the Coast.

On the west by longitude 14° 25' E.

Date	Magnetic	Acoustic	Combined Circuits	Total
Jan. '44	2	-	3	5
Apr. '44	20	4	11	35
Total	22	4	14	40

(f) In Swinemünde to Stettin. Admiralty Chart, 185.

Effective lives of all mines laid in the Groszes Haff have now expired.

(2) The effective lives of all sterilized mines laid in any of the above areas have now expired.

(Head of M., 142143B to Adm. Archer.)

ZEALOUS and ZODIAC to Kiel

ZEALOUS S.O. and ZODIAC sailing at 0600 15th for Kiel by route North of Zealand and Little Belt. Speed 9 to 11 knots, anchoring for night if necessary. German Sperrbrecher will lead. F.O. Kiel acknowledge. (Cdre. Denmark 142145B to F.O. Kiel.)

Situation in Schleswig-Holstein.

Situation at 2100 today Monday. G.O.C. 8th Corps and I met Admiral Von Friedeburg this forenoon to hear situation in Schleswig-Holstein. General conclusion was that food and fuel situation demands adjustment. It was clear that in measure O.K.M. has lost control owing to many recent changes and failure of communications.



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Situation  
in  
Schleswig-  
Holstein  
(Contd.)

S.O. M/S Capt. Schultz is very co-ordinative. Have commenced instructions regarding wrecks preliminary to mine-sweeping, but only limited sweep can take place till fuel state improves. Visited Heiligenhafen this afternoon where temporary base opened for landing for Oldenburg concentration area. N.O.I.C. Kiel's principal efforts still directs towards disposal of personnel afloat. Small craft cleared, except for crew, into holding ships in anchorage. Hospital ship FRANKFURT in canal being cleared and ordered to Kiel to meet present emergency. Discharge of sick and wounded proceeds satisfactorily. (Act?) of landing remainder largely governed by difficulty of acceptance in overcrowded area. Both battalions Marines fully committed Flensburg main party due later p.m. (F.O. Kiel, 142246B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Surrender  
of U.2512,  
U.2351, U.806,  
U.1233, U.155,  
U.680.

Following translation of document supplied by Kapitän zur See Pahl, Senior Officer of Delegation from German Admiral, Skagerrak, with regard to disposition of U-boats in Skagerrak area, is passed for information. Begins ) "According to telephoned advice by Admiral U-boats and confirmation by the 8th Defence Division, the following U-boats are disposed in the area Skagerrak, Kattegat. The Belts, The Sound, Kiel Bight and Baltic Waters west of 14° E. Read in 3 columns.

<u>Place</u>	<u>No. of U-boat</u>	<u>Type of U-boat</u>
Eckernförde	U-2512	Type 21
Flensburg	U-2351, 2351	Type 23
Aarhus	U-806	Type 9C
Fredericia	U-1233	Type 9C
	U-155	Type 9C
	U-680	Type 7C

Reference above. Boats are ready to sail. When permission is forthcoming the boats should return to Kiel. Signed. Becker, for 8th Defence Division." Ends. (C. in C. Rosyth, 142331 to Admty.)

U.1102,  
U.3008

(Preliminary) Report on German U-boats stated in Kiel on 14th May. U.1102 could be ready for sea in one month. One type 7 afloat but (?aft) hull split and engine room damaged by bombing. Not worth repair. Approximately 46 in number sunk or scuttled within Kieler Hafen. German authorities directed to take further action to recall U.3008. (F.O. Kiel, 142357B to A.N.C.X.F.) See 132303 and 141600 Baltic.



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U-boat information My 121912.  
Following supplementary information based on reports from U-boats at sea has been forwarded by O.K.M. in response to requests by German Emissaries at my H.Q. (Captain's names in brackets):

(a) As of 11th May reported 14th May.  
U-1228 (Marienfeld) under escort to point Y (St. Johns)  
U-244 (Mackeprang) in position B.E.3565 (R) B.E.3565 (German Grid)  
U-3008 (Manseck) in area D apparently received area limits from British transmitter with orders to proceed to Kiel. U-boat anchored and requested escort but on orders from British Naval H.W. Kiel later continued voyage without escort.  
U-532(Junker) on homeward trip sank a 7000 ton M/V and a 12,000 ton tanker.  
U-344 (Pietsch) requested route Blue. *Sunk by A/C from YINDEX 22/5/45*

(b) Second report 14th May.  
U-1010 (Strauch) in position 52° 12' N. 11° 25' W.  
U-234 (Fehler) in position 50° N. 30° W. proceeding St. Johns.  
U-2324 (Rappart) U-218 (Stock) and U-1005 (Lauth) arrived Bergen. Did not receive surrender radio messages.  
The following boats are in Loch Eriboll by (?) dead reckoning:-  
U-1023, U-293, U-802, U-1109, U-532, U-1009, U-1231.  
In St. Johns:- U-858, U-1055, U-249.  
U-2359 (Bischoff) proceeding in company with U-2334 from Kiel now overdue, presumed sunk by air attack off Kristiansand.

(c) U-boats now in Japan.  
U-181, (Freiwald), U-183, (Schneewind), U-219, (Burghagen), U-195, (Steinfeld), U-862, (Timm), plus two Italian submarines. (A.N.C.X.F., 141716B to Admty.)  
U-boat positions 1800B/14th May 1945.  
U-190 arrived Bay of Bulls, a.m. 14th May.  
U-3008 previously estimated arrived Kiel, now reported in 57° 27' N. 10° 36' E. at 1600B 14th May.  
U-1010 arrived Loch Eriboll 1345B 14th May, and U.516.  
Total arrivals 21.  
U-858 off Delaware River.  
U-234 48° 20' N. 41° 30' W.  
U-1228 43° 00' N. 55° 45' W.  
U-873 37° 45' N. 59° 20' W.  
U-805 43° 00' N. 66° 45' W.  
U-244 58° 40' N. 07° 15' W.  
U-255 52° 50' N. 13° 00' W.  
U-776 51° 20' N. 11° 20' W.  
U-1110 in Sylt anchorage.  
Estimated to have arrived Loch Eriboll - U-901, U-764. (D.D.I.C., 141833B to S. and A. Areas A.B.C., X.Y.Z.)

Navigational

Lighthouse inspection in Channel Islands.

A.M. 111653B not to all. T.H.V. VESTAL is under repair until first week in June and T.H.V. ANDRE BLONDEL the only other T.H.V. in this district is unsuitable.

(2) LEITH is available on Wednesday 16th to convey Deputy Master and staff to Channel Islands for visit of inspection of T.H. Lighthouses.

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Lighthouse Inspection in Channel Islands (Contd.) (3) Understood party will consist of Deputy Master and 2 or 3 other gentlemen, also accompanied by Captain Barber, Supt. T.H. Cowes, and a Channel Island pilot.  
(4) The Commanding Officer H.M.S. LEITH is requested to arrange accommodation as necessary. Visit is expected to last about three days.  
(5) Party is requested to report about mid-day Wednesday, 16th, to office of Captain (D) in Tactical School, Portsmouth Dockyard. Captain (D) is requested to arrange embarkation. It would be appreciated if the Deputy Master would indicate what train party will be travelling by so that car transport at Portsmouth Harbour Station can be arranged. (C. in C. Portsmouth, 141643B to Admty.)

Casualties and Defects

SS. PRINCESS MAUD My 131936\* PRINCESS MAUD was refloated at 0030 and is now alongside. Engineers report states that PRINCESS MAUD is still seaworthy.  
(2) Intend sailing PRINCESS MAUD to Folkestone at 0630/14, E.T.A. 0800.  
(N.O.I.C. Calais, 140440 to V.A. Dover.)  
\* Reported PRINCESS MAUD ran aground in harbour 1815. Efforts to refloat unsuccessful. All troops disembarked.

Movements

U-825, 956 Following U-boats in harbour 0900 today U.825, U.956.  
(N.O.I.C. Loch Alsh, 140925 to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

HAWKINS, Cruiser My 131434 delayed owing to weather. Further signal will be made.  
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 140944B to C. in C.W.A.)

U-532, U-1231 Arrived U.532 and U.1231 escorted by RUPERT.  
(N.O.I.C. Loch Alsh, 141036 to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

RENOWN battle cruiser On arrival anchor in area 25 X 02 which is in position 248½° Gilkicker SS. 12.4 cables. Proceed up harbour passing O.S.B. at 1615 tomorrow Tuesday May 15th.  
(2) Gilkicker now displays a fixed green light.  
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 141040B to RENOWN.)

KENYA cruiser Sheerness arrival May 13th.  
KENYA.  
(C. in C. Nore, 141102B to F.O.C. West Africa.)  
Proceed as requisite so as to arrive North Lock Chatham 1530 tomorrow Tuesday 15th May. Tugs and Pilot will be sent.  
(Cdre. Sheerness, 141141B to KENYA.)

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WILLEM VAN  
DER ZAAAN  
Minelayer

A.M. 111145B May to C. in C. Portsmouth.  
It is requested that WILLEM VAN DER ZAAAN may be put at my disposal as soon as possible.  
(2) After that I would appreciate if you would sail her, as soon as health conditions in Western Holland permit, to Rotterdam, where she will remain under the control of C.Z.M. (Neth.)  
(B.D.Z., 141214B to Admty.)

GLORY  
escort  
carrier

Sailed GLORY escorted by HOTSPUR, ESCAPADE and ICARUS to Gibraltar. S. of A. 16 knots, E.T.A. Gibraltar 1600B/18th May route in accordance with A.M. 121142B/May.  
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 141744B to Admty., C. in C.W.A., F.O.G.M. A.)

U-532

Your 141735 passed to F.O.I.C. Liverpool.  
U-532 is to be sailed under escort to Liverpool to arrive not earlier than 16th May.  
(2) Request:

- (a) Confirmation that cargo includes 601 tons rubber. S.O. Loch Eriboll's 131553 not to all refers.
- (b) Length, Beam and estimated draught on arrival Liverpool.
- (c) Dimensions and weight of greatest lift when discharging cargo.

(C. in C.W.A. 141931B to N.O.I.C. Loch Alsh.)

Your 141931. Intend to sail U.532, escorted by GRINDALL at 0700 tomorrow, Tuesday, northabout Skye to arrive Liverpool a.m. 16th. GRINDALL to make own E.T.A. direct.

(2) Reply to para. (2)a, (b) and (c) will be made separately.  
(N.O.I.C. Loch Alsh, 142146B to C. in C.W.A.)

U-825,  
U-956.

Intend to sail U-825 and U-956, escorted by BLIGH, at 1400 tomorrow, Tuesday, north-about SKYE to arrive Foyle Buoy 0900/16th. BLIGH to make own E.T.A. direct.  
(N.O.I.C. Loch Alsh, 142148B to Com. D.W.A.)

U-1010

Sailing U-1010 escorted by FITZROY, to Lochalsh, E.T.A. 0800B tomorrow, Tuesday.  
(S.O. Loch Eriboll, 142150B to N.O.I.C. Loch Alsh)

Shipping and Convoys

Convoy  
R.N.1.

Request you will form convoy R.N.I. on Thursday May, 17th and sail a.m. 18th in order to arrive position H early a.m. 20th. (2) Composition.

- (a) All available coasters vide A.M. 121912B.
- (b) "Apostle" Tanker PRESIDENT de VOGUE and

Collier LAKELAND both for Stavanger.

(c) Norwegian Whalers VARDO, BREVIK, to Stavanger for O/R Bergen and Oslo respectively.

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- Convoy (d) Any other suitable vessels ready to sail.  
R.N.1 (3) Escort, MONSERRAT (S.O.), LOCH SCAVAIG,  
(Contd.) M/S MAENAD (Navigation Leader).  
These vessels will be sailed to Methil as  
required for C.O. to attend conference.  
(4) Communications. Escort to keep between  
them. Area Broadcast HD. Port Wave 1570 kcs. Guard on  
500 Kcs. This organisation will hold good for future convoys.  
(5) WB target date for R.N.2 May 20th - 21st to comprise.  
(a) Coasters - A.M. 121912B.  
(b) H.M.N.S. HEIMDAL Stavanger for Tromso.  
(c) Any other vessels available.  
(C. in C. Rosyth, 142016B to N.O.I.C. Methil.)



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North Atlantic

E.G. 2.                   Ships addressed form Group 2 as from 0800B  
May 15th.   WOODRUFF (S.O.)  
(F.O.G.M.A., 141041B to WOODRUFF, COLTSFOOT,  
HYDERABAD.)

U/Bs. 485,  
and 541.                   Ratings requested in para. 3 of F.O.G.M.A's  
131252\* could only be provided at expense of  
other submarine commitments.  
(2) It had been assumed that these two U-Boats  
would be steamed to U.K. with reduced German  
crews under armed guard and with an escort.  
(3) Such an armed guard could well be general service ratings,  
but if submarine ratings are required to augment guard, it  
is proposed they should be provided from TANTALUS and SPITEFUL  
when these submarines call at Gibraltar on homeward passage.  
(F.O.S/M., 141237B to Admty.)

\* Submarine personnel for German U-Boats.

HIGHWAY,  
L.S.D.                   HIGHWAY sailed at 1940B for Port Said.  
(2) (A) S. of A. 15 knots.  
(C) E.T.A. Port Said 0600B/19th.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 141947B to V.A.M.)

South Atlantic

GORLESTON,  
cutter.                   Sailed GORLESTON to Mauritius.  
(2) S. of A. 12½.  
(3) E.T.A. Port Louis 0800Z/20th May.  
(Cdre. i/c R.N. Establishment Durban, 141651  
to Admty.)



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Mediterranean

LOOKOUT, destroyer. Sail on completion of swinging of compasses and measured miles about 1400/16th to Naples.  
(2) S. of A. 15 knots, E.T.A. 1200/17th.  
(3) Commissioner of Police embarked for passage on urgent special duty.  
(V.A.M., 141020 to LOOKOUT.)

TETCOTT, ("Hunt"). Intend to sail TETCOTT at 1200/15th May to Gibraltar for onward routing to U.K. in accordance with C. in C. Med's 131112.  
(2) S. of A. 15 knots, E.T.A. 0700/19th.  
(V.A. Malta, 141052Z to F.O.G.M.A.)

Operational control of France. Reference A.N.C.X.F. Main 241312B April and Med. 051831B May.  
(2) Alternative (b) of first quoted signal is unacceptable because -  
(a) When proposal was made to transfer Western Mediterranean Command to Almed we insisted upon ports of the south coast of France being placed under Almed and C. in C. Med.  
(b) It is desirable that C. in C. Med. should retain control of refits and repair facilities in French ports as long as his authority as Allied Naval Commander in Chief continues.  
(c) Problems of re-deployment are primarily administrative and requirements should be adequately met by appropriate liaison arrangements.  
(3) Sacmed in his N.A.F.962 repeated to S.H.A.E.F. Forward recommended to C.C.S. -  
(a) The immediate transfer of operational control of south coast of France from Flag Officer Northern Area Med. to Almed.  
(b) The retention of an Anglo-U.S. Naval liaison organisation in southern France responsible to C. in C. Med. direct.  
If these recommendations with which Admiralty agree are approved S.H.A.E.F. will deal direct with French Naval authorities, Almed. and Prefet Maritime III using organisation in 3(b) for liaison.  
(Hd. of M. Br. I, 141218B to C. in C. Med.)

M.L. 558, loss. My 051926. Amend position to read 45° 17'24" N., 13° 26'48" E. and delete words "and abandoned". Motor Launch 558 towed into San Giovanni Bay and beached by Fleet Salvage Officer but written off as total loss. Gun parts and many fittings recovered.  
(Cdr. M/S. Adriatic, 141621 to F.O.T.A.L.I.)  
Position etc. of M.L.558 mined and abandoned.

/Administrative ...



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Administrative (1) Casualty figures cumulative to 9th May.  
summary  
9.5.1945.

<u>Formation</u>	<u>X and Z Killed and Missing.</u>	<u>Y Wounded</u>
<u>8th Army.</u>		
(British and Dominion).	22,649	60,330
Polish	2,338	8,270
Italian	861	2,135
Greek	87	280
Total 8th Army	25,935	71,015
<u>5th Army.</u>		
U.S.	32,623	78,362
British and Dominion	17,515	30,466
French	6,824	20,848
Italian	808	823
Brazilian	516	1,743
Total 5th Army	58,286	132,242

<u>M.A.A.F. Formation</u>	<u>X Killed</u>	<u>Y Wounded</u>	<u>Z Missing</u>
A.A.F./M.T.O.	3,936	3,474	14,053
R.A.F.	1,120	539	1,252
Dominion	532	344	832
Other Allied	39	34	135
Total M.A.A.F.	5,627	4,391	16,272
Greek Mil.	306	1,455	95

(2) Prisoners of War (admitted into Army cages or evacuated through medical channels):-

8th Army. German and Austrian 26,372; Italian 1,109; Russian 5,151; Miscellaneous 3,584; unclassified 625. Total 10th April to 9th May 1945 - 36,841.

5th Army. German and Austrian 136,459; Italian 7,907; Russian 4,793; Miscellaneous 2,516. Total 10th April to 9th May 1945 - 151,675. Greek Mil. total 42,928, cumulative grand total from 3rd Sept. 1943 - 345,569.

(3) General administrative position same remarks as in para. 3 of administrative summary number 60 apply.

(4) Data regarding maintenance as follows:

(A) Most forward railheads in operation: 8th Army - no change. 5th Army - (between Florence and Bologna) alternative route Leghorn-Florence via Serravalle tunnel Pistoia-Prato opened 9th May.

(B) Preliminary report shows railways in Trieste Port and City area undamaged and lines to Udine open except for Isonxo bridges. Possibility resumption electric rail working being investigated. Much depends on clarification political situation route Udine-Tarvisio has several large bridges damaged. Beyond damaged bridges line is open to Klagenfurt.

(C) Railways to and from Genoa Docks in order with access to Alessandria, Milan and Turin some locomotives and rolling stock available. Electric power limited and little coal on hand.

(D) Most forward Pol. pipeheads in operations: 8th Army 1-4 inch line Castel Sugar Pietro, 1-4 inch line S. Maria Maddelena, 5th Army 2-4 inch lines Bologna, 1-4 inch line Loiano.

/(E) ...



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Administrative (E) Forward port daily discharges for week-  
summary. ending 5th May averaged as follows:

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	Ancona	4,110	16.7
	Leghorn	5,550	

Included in  
stores tonnage.

Landing Craft are now being discharged across  
beaches at Genoa.

(F) German and Czech railway troops are being used to repair  
rail routes in northern Italy.

(A.F.H.Q., 141821 to W.O.)

Movement. Arrival NEWCASTLE.  
(N.O.I.C. Suez, 142003C to Admty.)

Dodecanese GO/12454 cipher 14th May.  
Sitrep. As at 141800C.  
(1) Rhodes. Disarmament German Grn. completed.  
Disarmament Italian concs. progressing.  
First shipment 1,200 Ps. W. incl. Gen. Wagener  
sailing for Mideast evening 14th May.  
(2) Kos. Situation satisfactory.  
(C. in C. M.E., 142005C to A.F.H.Q.)

Movement. Trieste arrivals: PENTSTEMON, VETCH, L.S.T.(1)  
35, L.C.I.(L) 257, B.Y.M.S. 2014, M.L.568,  
L.C.T. 594, 538, 563, 633, 579, H.D.M.Ls.  
1222, 1302.  
(Trieste, 142135 to Admty.)

Haifa Unless it is desired to do any work in Mine  
Mine Depot. Depot at Haifa for Far East propose Depot be  
reduced to care and maintenance basis with  
nucleus maintenance staff only.  
(C. in C. Med., 142150B to Admty.)



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East Indies

Situation  
1200FG/14th  
May.

No information that our forces have been sighted.  
(2) No report from S/Ms. of northward movement  
of enemy fighters.  
(C. in C. E.I., 140649Z to S. & A. E.I. Stn.)  
See 160309.

Controlled  
Minelayers.

Intend (A) Sail SANDMARTIN to U.K. on completion  
of refit end May, A.M. 071652 refers.  
(B) Use DABCHICK after refit to clear minefield  
at Addu Atoll, Mauritius, when monsoon permits  
in (?about) November subsequently at Ceylon.  
(2) No other requirements for controlled minelayers.  
Propose therefore REDSHANK sail to U.K. for disposal.  
(C. in C. E.I.S., 140916Z to Admty.)

RORQUAL.

No requirement for RORQUAL on East Indies  
Station. A.M. 071005 refers.  
(C. in C. E.I., 141017Z to Admty.)



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America and West Indies

U. 234. Join search to locate U.234. My 121322Z. Report your P.C.S., FORSYTH, SUTTON also searching for this U-Boat.  
(C. in C. Lant, 140352B to MILLEDGEVILLE.)  
SUTTON, MILLEDGEVILLE report by despatch to FORSYTH who will thereafter co-ordinate search for U.234.  
(C. in C. Lant, 141341 to MILLEDGEVILLE, SUTTON, FORSYTH.)  
U.234 reported at 141210Z. No position given. Two parallel bearings about lat. 49.00 N.  
(Cominch, 141352Z to C. in C. Lant.)  
Your 132337 and Cinclant 141341 being passed WASKESIU and LAUZON search independently in company in compliance my 121236. Air co-operation will be supplied when weather permits.  
(C. in C. C.N.A., 141554 to WASKESIU, LAUZON.)  
E.G.28, ST. THERESE (S.O.), FORT ERIE sailed St. Johns 1630Z/14th May to intercept U.234, routed (Y) 47.18 N., 52.30 W. (C) 47.18 N., 51.30 W. thence on a course of 079° at 15 knots, commencing zig-zag search at 1630Z/15th May at 12 knots, mean line of advance 079°.  
(2) WASKESIU and LAUZON will later be ordered to R/V with E.G. 28.  
(F.O.N.F., 141642Z to C. in C. C.N.A.)  
Unidentified U-Boat heard at 1610Z on 5970 k/cs. giving his P.C. and S. as 47.23 N., 40.25 W., 255°, 7 knots. My position at 1630Z 48.10 N., 40.33 W. Proceeding to investigate.  
(WASKESIU, 141706Z to C. in C. W.A.)  
U.234 reported at 1711 position, course and speed 47.18 N., 41.15 W., 255°, 7 knots.  
(N.S.H.Q., 141728Z to WASKESIU, LAUZON.)  
N.S.H.Q.'s 141728, not to all, being passed. Alter course and proceed at best speed to intercept U.234.  
(F.O.N.F., 141828Z to ST. THERESE, FORT ERIE.)  
Your 141828Z\* have altered course to intercept. My P.C. and S. 47.18 N., 51.48 W., 099, 15 knots.  
(S.O. E.G.28, 142000Z to F.O.N.F.)  
\* Proceed to intercept U.234.

N.S.H.Q. S/M No report since my 110551.  
attack and Para. (C) E.G.27 heard hydrophone effect  
sighting classified fast, about 1655/13th May in 44.27  
summary. N., 63.14 W.  
(N.S.H.Q., 140441Z to Admty., Cominch.)

U.S. Mine- Soviet Naval Staff inform me that twelve B.M.C.  
sweepers minesweepers recently taken over in the United  
for Russia. States will proceed to the Black Sea. They ask  
that these may refuel at a southern British  
port.  
(2) Six of these minesweepers leave U.S.A. on  
20th May for U.K. via St. Johns, thence Gibraltar.  
(3) Soviet Naval Staff state escort unnecessary and request  
information on refuelling port in England.  
(Admiral Archer, 141336B to Admty.)



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- U/B  
surrender. Cominch sends enemy U-Boat estimate 1200Z/14th.  
(A) No fresh information since Cominch 131515Z.  
(B) U-Boats which have reported in U.S. strategic area are estimated 1200Z/14th as follows:  
U.234 in 48.45, 40.30, C. 260, S. 8. Following under escort  
U.873 in 38.30, 57.30, C. 295, S.10. U.805 in 42.45, 63.00,  
C. 258, S.12. U.1228 in 43.15, 54.00, C. 270, S.8. U.858  
arriving off Delaware Bay. U.190 and U.889 have arrived  
Canadian ports.  
(Cominch, 141547Z to Admty.)
- U. 190  
surrender. U.190 surrendered to H.M.C. Ships VICTORIAVILLE  
and THORLOCK on 12th May, 1945. Deed of  
Unconditional surrender signed by Oberleutnant  
zur See und Kommandant Hans Reitz. U.190  
arrived Bay Bulls 0900Z/14th May and is under  
guard of Royal Canadian Navy.  
(F.O.N.F., 141555Z to N.S.H.Q.) (See below)
- German  
weather  
reporters. Following German P/L message from Tromso  
to Greenland intercepted at 0011B/13th May  
begins:  
"From Naval Chief Command Norway (Tromso).  
Intended to fetch you by surface vessel  
September 1945 O.K.? T.O.O. 131308". Ends.  
Comment: Presumably intended for German weather reporting  
party in Greenland.  
(D.D.I.C., 141850B to Cominch.)
- Re employ-  
ment of  
LA GRANDIERE,  
and CAP DES  
PALMES on  
E.I. Stn. (1) I am not yet replying to Cominch on basis  
of A.M. 011651 in view of C. in C. E.I. 081000  
(just received).  
(2) Request early decision on sequence of  
refits and of which ship shall undertake task  
referred to in para. 2(A) of my 192211 April.  
(B.A.D., 142001Z to Admty.)
- U/B  
contact. Para. (C) (1) 2330Z/13 P.B.M. disappearing radar  
contact 34.30 N., 66.20 W.  
(2) About 1655Z/13 E.G.27 heard hydrophone  
effect classified fast 44.27 N., 63.14 W.  
Para. (D) 132000Z U.S.S. MILLEDGEVILLE attacked  
sonar contact 49.05 N., 39.00 W.  
(Cominch, 152026Z to Admty.)
- U. 190. H.M.C.S. PRESTONIAN sailed Bay Bulls for  
Halifax 1430Z today 14th May. Embarked from  
U.190 including Commanding Officer Oberleutnant  
Hans Dasz Edwin Reitz with 57 prisoners of war.  
(2) Personal gear forwarded with prisoners other intelligence  
material being forwarded by confidential mail.  
(F.O.N.F., 142052Z to N.S.H.Q.) (see above)



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Far East and Australia

ARBUTUS  
for 25th  
A/S M/S  
Flotilla.

ARBUTUS would be most welcome.  
(2) Subject New Zealand Government approval, request ships be sailed when ready for Sydney.  
(3) Your 102359\* being passed to V.A.(Q) B.P.F. and R.A.F.T. refers.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 140149Z to N.Z.N.B.)  
Approved 160316.  
\* New Zealand corvette ARBUTUS should join 25th A/S M/S Flotilla in Solomons area end of May 1945.

Operational  
Report  
No. 10,  
12th May.

Sakishima 78 tons bombs on four airfields found serviceable 2 aircraft destroyed on ground, airfield installations rocketted and strafed, oil fires started.  
(2) 13th May. 70 tons bombs on airfields and Hirara Town also on dumps one good oil fire, other smaller fires camouflaged buildings, M.T. parks, and nest of barges strafed and rocketted.  
(3) No airborne opposition either day. Own losses by flak 2 Avengers, one Hellcat.  
(4) T.F.57 replenishing in service area 14th/15th May, striking 16th/17th May.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 140200Z to Admty.)

Digest 1209,  
13th May.  
(Extract).

(1) Navy search planes over China Coast and Formosa destroyed one tug, one small coaster, one river boat, one small patrol craft, one small landing craft, damaged one tug, 2 river boats, one lugger.  
(2) Mariners from Tawi destroyed or damaged 6 small craft, hit warehouses around Borneo. On 12th May similar planes destroyed one sea truck, one lugger, damaged one motor boat off Borneo coast.  
(3) Total enemy casualties Luzon to date number 137,507 killed, 1,800 captured.  
(7) Australian forces advancing east along New Guinea coast reached eastern end Wewak strip, reached point within 6 miles of Units of XXX Corp. which landed 9 miles east Wewak.  
(10) 5 Lightnings swept Makassar damaging 2 sea trucks, 1 gunboat, 22 schooners: 1 Lightning lost.  
(G.H.Q.S.W.P.A., 141038Z to Admty.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN

U-Boat  
surrender.

Para. (A) (a) Total arrivals now nineteen, including U.3008 assumed to have arrived Kiel. U.2326 arrived Dundee and U.889 arrived Halifax.

/(b) ...



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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN

U-Boat  
surrender.  
(Contd.)

(b) Estimated positions 1000B/14th May:  
One unknown approaching Kiel from the Belts.  
U. 764 59° 10' N., 04° 00' W.  
U. 901 10 miles off Loch Eriboll.  
U.1010 and U.516 25 miles north-west of Cape  
Wrath.

U. 244 58° 15' N., 09° 40' W.

U. 234 48° 30' N., 39° 00' W.

U. 776 50° 30' N., 11° 20' W.

West of 50° W. Probably still at sea, but one or more may  
have reached Canada or U.S.A. - U.1228, U.190, U.873, U.805  
and U.858.

Para. (B) Up to Thirteen W. of U.K. as far as long. 20° W.  
(D.D.I.C., 141102B to A.I.G. 331, Cominch.)



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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

1. The reduced U-Boat threat is considered to justify a 10% reduction in escort strength in U.K. waters.
2. The German pockets in Western France having now all surrendered, A.N.C.X.F. would like the French blockading squadron to be released to "Marine Paris" to shew the flag in French ports. C. in C. Plymouth, however, prefers to keep them in Brest.
3. The Home Fleet Base is to be moved from Scapa to Rosyth.
4. The dismantling of the defences of Derry, Lerwick and Skaalefjord in the Faroes, is to start forthwith.

North Sea.

5. (a) British minesweepers are now operating from Cuxhaven.
- (b) Emden's port facilities are unimpaired, but clearance is hampered by bad roads.
- (c) Twenty three of the Wilhelmshaven scuttled U-Boats are in a lock which can be pumped out.
- (d) U.739 has surrendered at Emden.
- (e) One mine was detonated off P.15 buoy.
- (f) Two mines were detonated in the East Schelde.

Chanel.

6. Three mines have been swept in Q.Z.X. 967.

West Coast France.

7. (a) Lorient and Le Verdon are completely destroyed, as are the port facilities at Pauillac.
- (b) Bordeaux port facilities are 80% intact, but blockships limit entry to ships under 380 ft. long or 18 ft. draught.
- (c) St. Nazaire can accept coasters up to 1500 tons and has "several cranes intact."

Western Approaches.

8. U.225 surfaced 150 miles west of Tory Is. and offered her surrender to an A/C of 15 Group.

Norway.

9. (a) The Norwegian Government have asked for the return to them of about 1000 ships, taken by or working for the Germans.
- (b) NORFOLK, ZAMBESI and OBEDIENT have arrived at Bergen, and the first "Doomsday" convoy has sailed from Rosyth for Stavanger, Kristiansund and Oslo.
- (c) U.901, who surfaced on the 13th west of the Butt of Lewis, has re-surfaced off Ekersund "owing to lack of fuel for Loch Eriboll." She has been ordered to Stavanger and to explain.



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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands - Contd.

Baltic.

10. U.2336 arrived in Kiel today to surrender.

Foreign Stations.

Mediterranean.

Dodecanese.

11. The Regent of Greece landed from Greek warship, <sup>Giora</sup> AVEROFF this morning, and, at Rhodes was met by C. in C. Commanding Forces.

East Indies.

Operations -  
Malacca St.

12. A Japanese 8" cruiser of the NACHI class (10,000 tons) and one destroyer were sighted by aircraft of the 851 Squadron from SHAH at 10.50 a.m. local time today in position 006° 55' N. 96° 50' E. (north of the Malacca Straits) steering S.E. One small merchant ship and a submarine chaser were also in the vicinity. At 3 p.m. an Avenger scored one probable hit and one near miss with bombs. (160309.)

America & West Indies.

SS. MOYRA  
(loss.)

13. SS. MOYRA (Br. 1396 tons) Montreal to St. Johns Newfoundland, reported as having put back to Quebec on 13th May on fire. Now beached and a total loss.



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Far East and Australia.

China,  
E. Archipelago.

14. During the last three days aircraft have sunk 12 small ships and damaged over a dozen others off Borneo, China coast and Makassar.

Philippines.

15. A destroyer and two destroyer escorts of 7th Fleet bombarded Pisa Point motor torpedo boat base (Davao Gulf, Mindanao) today firing 264 rounds thoroughly covering the area.

Japan.

16. (a) Japanese forces attempted a landing on Okinawa today but it was broken up by naval gunfire.

(b) American submarines sank a large merchant ship and a minelayer and probably sank a medium sized cargo ship, 4 coastal trawlers and 2 small craft today.

New Guinea.

17. Australian troops attacked strong enemy positions at Wiriu Mission key to Wewak defences. Sloop and corvette of R.A.N. bombarded shore positions in support of ground troops.



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Reduction  
in strength  
of escort  
ships.

Reduced U-boat threat now permits a reduction of approximately ten per cent of escort strength in the United Kingdom.

2. It is desired to effect this by:-

(a) releasing certain ships for refit before proceeding on foreign service. A further signal is being made giving the yards available. A.M.

121734, para. 3, refers.

(b) paying off ships in order to release personnel. A.L. N.13145/45 dated 8th May, 1945 and A.M. 180855/April para. 6 refer.

3. In order to expedite final reduction, all ships released from operational duty and reducing to Category "C" are to commence dismantling and packing all radar, W/T, Asdic and similar equipment. A.M. 180855 April and 121805 May refer.

4. It is also necessary to release ten per cent of A/S trawlers for fishing in addition to those reported in reply to A.M. 261703 April.

5. Request you will report names of ships that can be released. (A.C.N.S.(H), 150200B to Cs. in C. W.A., Nore, Plymouth, Portsmouth).

A.M.150200\* is being passed to you for information.

2. Request you will conform with para. 4 regarding release of A/S trawlers. \*Reduced U-boat threat.

(A.C.N.S.(H), 151459B to C. in C. H.F., C. in C. Rosyth).  
A.M.150200.

(A) para. 2A. ERNE A.M.120050 refers. INVER A.M.121734 para. 3(B) refers.

(B) Para. 2B. VIDETTE preparing to reduce to category C A.M.091758 refers.

SNOWBERRY and MAYFLOWER which are manned by Canadian crews. If latter are not required CAMPANULA and GLOXINIA can be released instead. Request early decision in order that para. 3 can be complied with.

(C) Para. 4 NOTRE DAME DE FRANCE.

2. References quoted are not to all.

(C. in C. Portsmouth 151825B to Admty).

My 171710\* April and Admiralty's 021807/ not to all. As soon as they are no longer required for present duties it is intended to return to R.N. following R.N. ships at present manned by R.C.N. Loch frigates LOCH ACHANALT, LOCH ALVIE, LOCH MORLICH. River Frigates ANNAN, MONNOW, NENE, RIBBLE.

Flower Corvettes, ARROWHEAD, BITTERSWEET, EYEBRIGHT, FENNEL, HEPATICA, MAYFLOWER, SNOWBERRY, TRILLIUM.

Bangor Minesweepers BAYFIELD, CANSO, CARAQUET, INCONISH, LOCKEPORT

2. It is also intended to return following R.N. manned ships at present on loan to R.C.N., WESTERN ISLES/Trawlers ANTICOSTI, BAFFIN, CAILIFF, IRONBOUND, LISCOMB, MAGDALEN, MANITOULIN, MISCOU (C.N.M.O., 151750 to Admty).

\*Requests plans to be made for reduction of R.C.N. Services in U.K. following defeat of Germany.

/Admiralty concurs in C.N.M.O's 171710/4.

Ships to  
show the  
Flag in  
European  
Ports.

F.O. Holland, 141003, concur.  
(A.N.C.X.F., 151122B to Admty).

Now that all pockets have surrendered the blockade can be lifted.

(2) It is therefore proposed that subject to C. in C. Plymouth having no other requirement for them, DUQUESNE, L'ALCYON, BASQUE, HOVA and LE FORTUNE should show the flag in French ports as /required...



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Policy

Ships to show the Flag in European Ports. (contd). required by Marine Paris. (A.N.C.X.F., 151238B to Admty, C. in C. Plymouth) Your 151238B. Until it is clear that the U-boats are no longer active it is preferred that the French destroyers and HOVA remain at Brest at 4 hours notice as in my 151820B. (C. in C. Plymouth, 151830B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Disposal of German ships. The following policy will be adopted for the disposal of German Warships and merchant ships in the Supreme Commander's area of responsibility- (A) All German warships, naval auxiliaries and merchant ships which were in German ports, westward from Lübeck (inclusive) and in all Dutch and Danish ports at the time of the surrender to 21 Army Group, or who entered these ports subsequently but previous to the general capitulation, should be dealt with as captured enemy ships. Early arrangements will be made for sailing all the above to U.K. or Allied continental ports as ordered. (B) All enemy warships, naval auxiliaries and merchant ships which were in the ports of Norway and the Channel Islands and in German controlled French ports at the time of the general capitulation, or who enter any harbour after the capitulation, should be regarded as surrendered enemy ships, belonging to the United Nations and detained in the European Theatre until agreement as to their disposal has been reached between the Allied Governments. Merchant ships may be employed in the service of the Supreme Commander, but warships and naval auxiliaries will be detained in suitable Continental ports pending further instructions. (A.N.C.X.F., 151305B to F.Os. I.C. and N.Os.I.C. designate for or in Germany and Denmark, C.T.F.122, F.Os. Holland, Norway, N.O.I.C. Channel Islands).

In Praise of German destroyers. Preliminary inspection of surrendered German destroyers show many points from which useful lessons in design can be learnt. In spite of amount and complication of gear fitted, deck space is large. Particulars noticeable are loading arrangements for torpedoes, built in boat crane, large bridge and flag deck. Very good upper deck stowage is provided, mess decks are well arranged and equipped. Consider every effort should be made for selected specimens of NARVIK and ELBING Classes to be sailed to United Kingdom at the earliest opportunity for inspection and trial. (F.O. Kiel, 151400B to Admiralty).

Reduction of Scapa and RODNEY. Intend to carry out following programme to implement A.M. 121345\* not to all addressees. A. In anticipation that enemy air threat has ceased by then to sail CAMPANIA and PREMIER to Clyde on Sunday 20th May to come under administration of F.O.C.T. and Adm. Largs. QUEEN to proceed Clyde on return of R.A.67. B. Proceed in RODNEY on Tuesday 22nd May to arrive Rosyth a.m. Wednesday 23rd May. RODNEY to continue reducing in accordance with A.M. 050020\*not to all.

/C...



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Scapa and  
RODNEY.  
(contd).

C. Remaining ships of H.F. except ships shaking down to be based on Rosyth for the time being using Scapa as necessary for exercise. Agreed as soon as Fleet Base has been moved reduction of Scapa can be expedited.

3. Information referred to in para. 2 of A.M. 121345 is urgently required particularly what maintenance facilities are to be retained in the dockyard. (C. in C. H.F.; 151549B to Admt).

\*Approved policy for Scapa until defeat of Japan.  
/Re desire to reduce RODNEY's complement.Orders to  
German Naval  
Forces.

The following orders will come into force forthwith in the A.E.F. area:-

- A. Operational control of the German Naval Forces will be exercised by the British, U.S. or French Flag Officer in Command of the area in which the German Naval Forces are situated.
- B. O.K.M. will continue to be responsible for the administration of the German Naval Forces and will be given such facilities by the Allied Flag Officers as are deemed appropriate.
- C. If O.K.M. wish to move German Naval Forces for administrative reasons, they should apply to the Allied Naval Commander-in-Chief Expeditionary Force. Similarly local German authorities should apply to the local Allied Flag Officers.
- D. In all cases German Naval Officers and officials and their subordinates will obey all orders and instructions issued by the Allied Flag Officers and by their representatives. (A.N.C.X.F., 151705B to O.K.M.)

Following policy is to be adopted for control of O.K.M. by S.H.A.E.F. Ministerial Control Party:-

- (A) Captain Alleyne will be my representative in all dealings between O.K.M. and this headquarters. He will be the channel of communication for all messages and correspondence.
- (B) Any orders promulgated to O.K.M. on my behalf will be issued by Captain Alleyne in conjunction with the Senior Officer of the U.S. Ministerial Control Party with whom he will maintain close Liaison.
- (C) No measures will be taken for the closing down of any department of O.K.M. until the arrival of the Russian Ministerial Control Party and then only by Tripartite agreement. Any such proposals are to be forwarded to me for approval before action is taken.
- (D) Any orders to O.K.M. to implement paragraph (C) or any orders affecting Germany as a whole must be issued jointly by the Senior Officers of the U.S. British and Russian Ministerial Control Parties.
- (E) Attention is called to my 151705.

(A.N.C.X.F., 151717B to S.H.A.E.F., Control Party O.K.W. for Capt. Maund).

The Allied Control Commission has ascertained that special orders to naval vessels have not been everywhere executed. All ships movements in so far as they are not approved by Allied representatives are to be stopped at once. All guns to be trained fore and aft torpedo tubes to be unloaded, gun breech blocks to be removed. War and merchant vessels must at once discharge ammunition, explosive charges and explosives and store them on land. Mobile arms not fixed firmly must be disembarked. An exception is made for M/S and salvage vessels

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Orders to German Naval Forces. (contd). in respect to the armament and/or explosives needed for execution of their special service. In the event of further infringements those responsible will be held strictly to account. (German Naval War Staff, 1st Division, 151737 to All).

Mine-clearage of French coasts. NR.11380. I propose that a meeting be called as soon as possible with the object of carrying out preliminary study of the minesweeping organisation for the French Channel and Atlantic Coast. The Agenda would be: (A) consideration of the minesweeping material at our disposal relative to the urgent work to be carried out. (B) Distribution of minesweepers. (C) Determination of the Authorities responsible for the sweeping. It would be desirable that A.N.C.X.F. should be represented. (Marine Paris, 151900Z to C.T.F.122).

Defence of United Kingdom.

Dismantling of Lerwick defences. A.L.M.03475/45 of 3rd May 1945. Intend that removal of Boom Defences and controlled mining installation at Lerwick should be commenced forthwith. (C. in C. H.F., 151155 to Admty).

Dismantling of Derry defences. Request that ALCA on completion at Greenock, also RINGDOVE and BLACKBIRD, may be sailed to Londonderry, to weigh the controlled minefields. 2. C.M.2353 dated 20th November, 1944, refers. (D.T.M., 151855B to F.O.I.C. Greenock).

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Situation Reports. M. Sitrep Amsterdam received from C.Z.M. (Neth). 2 Blockships between Hamburg and Zeehaven Saandam leaving passage of 27 feet at 1 side with average depth of 9 feet. Petroleumhaven and Conhaven including tanks demolished. All other faculties intact except the cranes which are mostly demolished and partly blown into the water. Naval Yard in working order, dry docks of Netherland Dock Company require about 6 weeks work to put in order. 3 Ships ex IJSSEL Flotilla in harbour. All Germans withdrawn out of dock area and concentrated in the Ford Harbour. 50,000 tons Inland Water Craft available from 1,000 tons per ship upwards. Available stocks diesel oil 35 tons, boiler oil 160 tons, Paraffin 23 tons, Coal 800 tons, Radio Equipment Stores and Supplies ex German Training Centre captured and being checked up.

(F.O. Holland, 151145 to A.N.C.X.F.)

G.2 Summary No.134 dated 15 May, covering period 2400B/13 to 2400B/14.

1. General. On Allied orders Field Marshal Keitel arrested and Colonel General Jodl now his successor. Jodl appears co-operative...



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Situation operative. "Government" anxious to retain a central German authority. O.K.W. appear to intend to carry out capitulation to the letter in order to avoid chaos and to enable country to settle down. Doenitz denies knowledge of whereabouts Himmler and Warlimont is not at O.K.W.

or apparently in neighbourhood.

Field Marshal Kesselring, C. in C. West, placed under arrest.

2. Operations. In south, round up continued. 100 S.S. troops reported woods vicinity Pröllerburg (U.7159) and 50 vicinity Kolmburg (U.7463) all in civilian clothes. Being investigated. Surrender of undetermined number trained saboteurs including paratroops, swimmers and naval personnel, reported vicinity Bad Aussee (V.5408). Enemy reported terrorising civilians Schalchen (V.0672); investigation netted 6 stragglers. Allied communication wires cut vicinity Silberbach (P.1679).

In Norway, general compliance with terms reported orderly. (S.H.A.E.F., 151830B to War Office)

Situation Report Number 13.

Regular Service oil barges established between Hamburg and Schafsumdt near Brunsbüttel on Kiel Canal so that fuel supply for Hamburg power Stations should be assured.

2. Crews of Warships at Brunsbüttel except small care and maintenance parties, also Naval gunners on board merchant ships amounting to total approximate 3,000 personnel, will be disembarked tomorrow and placed in billet West of Canal. All Naval and Military Personnel at present living south of canal will also be moved to same billet as other personnel. Steps being taken to remove refugees from Magdalen Is. Above measure should considerably ease situation.

3. Details of Landing Craft at Brunsbüttel as follows.

26 Tank Landing Barges No Ramps.

10 L.C.T. Type 1.

3 Siebel Ferry River and lake crossing only.

8 L.C.I.(S) medium size.

(Cdre. Hamburg, 152110B to F.O. Wilhelmshaven).

Sitrep No. one Cuxhaven.

Preliminary visit to armament dumps in area indicate large stocks of projectiles, charges, automatic weapons, and S.A. ammunition. One large dump of 7500 tons explosives in Nordholz area mostly stowed underground. Mines in store approximately 4,000 all types. Coastal defence gun crews have been evacuated and immobilisation of armament will be completed in 2 days time.

Screening of M/S crews and other essential personnel has commenced. De-ammunitioning of destroyers has been ordered and crews will be reduced to steaming parties on completion.

British M/S flotillas are now operating from the port. Evacuation of Heligoland has commenced and 4000 will have been landed by tonight. Work has been hampered by lack of personnel and transport. It is anticipated that all necessary running

repairs and maintenance can be carried out on arrival of H.M.S. ADVENTURE. A daily despatch boat runs to Heligoland leaving Cuxhaven at 0900.

ISLAND OF NEUWERK for passage to U.K. Monday 14th May and all guns immobilised. Personnel being reduced to care and maintenance basis.

4 of the oil tanks in Nordholz area contain large quantities of valuable war material particularly electrical motors and alternators diesel and petrol marine engines, W/T and Radar equipment.

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Screening and documentation of German naval personnel continues. 2 destroyers will be reduced to steaming parties Wednesday 16th May. Daily ferry service to Heligoland in operation. Large quantity of various naval stores being taken over by B.S.O. for safe custody from fishing sheds which are required by military for storage of foodstuff.

(N.O.I.C. Cuxhaven, 152251B to F.O. Wilhelmshaven)

Cositintrep No.406 Part II Naval.

Port Situation Reports.

Information is additional to that given in previous Cositintreps.

(A) The Gironde River Ports.

1. Le Verdon is completely destroyed.
  2. Blaye at present 390 feet of quayside available for 1 vessel drawing 23 feet. Anticipated 900 feet will be available by 30th June.
  3. Bec d'anbes has storage for 30,000 cub. metres of liquid fuel. Mooring buoys being laid, expected to complete by 1st June. Berth then available for 1 ship draught 23 feet.
  4. Pauillac. Port facilities destroyed.
  5. Trompeloup. Subject to completion of minesweeping, dredging and laying of moorings, ships drawing up to 28 feet will be accepted about 15th June.
  6. Le Marquis. Repairs are in hand but will take many months.
  7. Bordeaux. Blockships limit ships to length 320 feet draught 18 feet. Port facilities 80% intact. Total of about 15,000 feet of quayside available. 6,000 feet on left bank has depth of 16 feet at L.W. At Quai D Queyries there is 2,400 feet with 13 to 19 feet at L.W. At Quai D Bassens 60,000 feet with 18 to 19 feet at L.W. Dredging is urgently required. There are 136 cranes ranging up to 250 tons, 2 floating cranes (1 60 tons, the other 15 tons), 10 tugs of 500 h.p. each. 3 dry docks, 1 of 450 feet and 2 smaller. The largest is blocked by a sunken destroyer, but is being cleared.
- (B) Lorient. City completely destroyed. Port considered no immediate value to shipping. Railway lines and bridges destroyed 15 miles inland. Reported South Pass mined, harbour and west Pass unmined. Principal quay walls intact. Gate to Bassin a Flot destroyed. 3 dry docks appear in good condition. S/M pens intact. Ships in Port, 1 old type U-boat, 1 damaged U-boat, 13 M/S good condition, 1 M/S damaged in dock, 15 tugs (3 operational) undetermined number of barges and lighters, 1 dredger in poor condition.
- (C) Saint Nazaire. Avant Port East Wall suitable for coasters of 1,000 to 1,500 tons. Depth 16 feet at L.W. Partly obstructed by sunken floating crane. Avant Port West Wall unusable owing to sunken vessels. Bassin St. Nazaire. Depth 15 feet L.W. Bassin de Penhoet. Depth 18 feet. Several cranes intact. Quay wall damaged in places. Vessels afloat 1 tanker (8,900 tons), 1 Merchant Ship (3,000 tons), 1 Armed Merchant Ship (4,000 tons), 4 coasters, 3 floating cranes, 1 dredger, 8 tugs, 1 hospital ship, 17 minesweepers (1 damaged), 10 barges, 4 Armed Whalers, 4 Armed Trawlers, 2 Floating Docks, 8 Fishing vessels, 3 French M.T.B., Variety of small craft. This report supersedes that in Cositintrep No.405.
- (D) Emden. All port facilities available for ships of 25 feet draught cargo handling capacity of port is limited only by clearance facilities at present restricted by poor roads.

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Situation (E) Flensburg. Of 157 ships and craft present, Reports. all but 2 immobilised by lack of fuel. Cable (contd). \*<sup>NORDERNEY</sup> ships NEPTUN and \*<sup>NORDERNEY</sup> in port. About 20,000 German Naval Personnel and considerable number of troops ashore. Ships contain 2,200 wounded and 1,000 Refugees. German reports state: 1 destroyer 1 torpedo boat, 25 Minesweepers, 20 R-boats, possibly 3 U-boats, unknown number of E-boats in port.  
(F) Copenhagen. Reported there are now 8,891 refugees, 4,793 wounded (of which 2196 serious) and 8,640 unwounded troops in ships in alongside berths. Unknown number in ships in roads.  
(G) Brunsbüttel. German warships now in harbour: 1 flak cruiser immobile, 1 S/M Depot ship, 1 destroyer, 1 U-boat partly completed, 4 barge torpedo boats of which 1 is damaged, 3 minesweepers, 2 E-boats, 50 various landing craft including Siebel Ferries.  
(H) IJmuiden Harbour entrance soundings show 23 feet at L.W. in clear channel. Road bridge over Zuiderluis slightly damaged.  
(A.N.C.X.F., 152345B to Admt).

Surrender of U.739 arrived Emden 1500 13th May. Commanding Officer Olt. Kusnik. Type <sup>VII</sup>C. SCHICHAU, DANZIG. 13th Flotilla S.O. Ruggeburg.  
2. 9 patrols. Last patrol left Narvik first April. Operational area Scapa Flow.  
3. Torpedoes 10 (6.L [?] and 4 T.5)  
4. Attacked 4 craft unsuccessfully. All torpedoes expended before surrender.  
(N.O.I.C. Emden, 151811B to Admt).

Scuttled My 141602B. In addition to those so far at U-boats Wilhelmshaven, following scuttled German U-boats at Wilhelmshaven. are in harbour.  
(a) 4 type <sup>VI</sup> (?). (b) 3 type <sup>II</sup> <sup>E</sup>. (c) 6 type <sup>VII</sup> <sup>F</sup>.  
(?c) all of which had previously been paid off into reserve.  
(B) 9 type <sup>III</sup> <sup>D</sup>, 2 type <sup>XXI</sup> <sup>ZI</sup> these 11 were in service either training or working up till time of scuttling.  
All above 24 U-boats except one type <sup>ZD</sup> are in lock which can be pumped out.  
(D) Sabotage except in one type <sup>VII</sup> <sup>C</sup> was confined to secret apparatus in U-boats.  
(E) A further 2 types <sup>VII</sup> <sup>C</sup> and one type <sup>XXI</sup> <sup>ZI</sup> were sunk in harbour by air attack on 29th April 1945.  
(N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven, 151835B to F.O. Wilhelmshaven)

Operation "Dropkick".  
"Dropkick" minesweeping to Hamburg. 1. Semi-static sweep with modified L and L.A.A. in vicinity boom gate Cuxhaven and Altenbruch Road. Modified L sweep from boom to 12 fathoms line completing a minimum of 12 actuations of 6 cables channel, also widening of 6 cables channel from 12 fathom line to 15. Oropesa check sweep between boom and 12 fathom line.  
2. 1 ground mine 095° P.15 buoy 9 miles. 3. Nil. 4. Nil.  
(S.O. M.S.F. 18, 151907B to C. in C. Nore). /"Dropkick"...



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Operation "Dropkick" minesweeping to Hamburg. (contd).

"Dropkick" para. 33 (A) 1.  
1. Sea conditions permitted weighing at 1100 when swept one actuation width 3 cables either side of centre line from P.10 to P.15 plus one regular additional actuation from P.13 to P.14. Explosive sweep operated for 2 laps from P.10 to P.15.  
2. One ground mine detonated as in my 151846.  
3. Total actuation now as follows, all widths 3 cables either side centre line. P.10 to P.13 one actuation P.13 to P.15 11 actuation with the exception of a buoy to North East of centre line between P.14 and German can buoy to North West of P.14. Before convoy passes tomorrow Thursday one more actuation should be added to above.  
(S.O.M.S.F., 18, 152302B to C. in C. Nore).

Wilhelmshaven fuel requirements. After careful investigation fuel sub. committee (Chairmanship of very experienced engineer Capt. R.N.) of Port Executive Committee estimate that there is now an immediate requirement for 3 thousand tons coal and 5 hundred tons diesel oil here. My 112114B not to all addressees also refers.  
(N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven, 152042B to F. O. Wilhelmshaven).

Minesweeping of East Schelde. Sweeping report for today Tuesday.  
(1) 4 M.M.S. swept LL/SA 8 actuations from 10 buoy south of Zieriksee to eastern end of Keeten. HG used on first and last laps only. One red magnetic mine detonated 158° Zieriksee church one point eight miles.  
(2) 2 B.Y.M.S. continued shallow water sweep of Zijpe minefield. 1 Acoustic mine detonated 082° Stoofpolder light 1.75 cables.  
3. Tomorrow intend to continue sweep as in (1) and (2) above.  
(Com. M/S East Schelde, 152132B to F.O. Holland).

Operation "Fireball" minesweeping to Rotterdam. Operation "Fireball".  
1. LL/SA E.G.M.S.(A) 4 B.Y.M.S. H.K.13 - I.M.7 outer edges of channel. Total 6 actuations to date whole width. (B) 6 M.M.S. H.K. 12 - I.M.1 now completed 15 actuations. (C) 3 M.M.S. single lines in new waterway.  
LAA (Gear?) and operate static pulsing in Rotterdam area.  
2. Rotterdam.  
3. Navigational data follow by letter.  
4. Request remainder 101st M/S Flotilla be sailed as soon as possible for sweeping approaches to Ijmuiden.  
5. B.Y.M.S. 2034, M.L. 906, to Sheerness, 0800 M.L. 236 and 243 to Ostend 0900. 3 B.Y.M.S. H.K.13 to I.M.7. 6 M.M.S. H.K.12 to I.M.1. 3 M.M.S. in New Waterway M.L. 221 2 sweep into Ijmuiden, B.Y.M.S. 2076 and H.D.M.L. in company exploratorys and returning p.m. to Hook.  
(Capt. M/S F.A., 152315B to C. in C. Nore).



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Unexplained Explosion off Lizard. Unexplained explosion in position 172° Lizard Head 12 miles am investigating SS. NARANIO overtaking H.X.A.353 at best speed. (CAMROSE, 150405B to C. in C. Plymouth). Join CAMROSE forthwith investigating unexplained explosion 172° Lizard 12 miles at 0403. (C. in C. Plymouth 150517B to TOBAGO, WILD GOOSE).

Suspected U-boat activity in position 172° Lizard 12 miles at 0403B/15th. (C. in C. Plymouth 151104B to Admty. C. in C. Portsmouth Plymouth Command).  
2nd E.G. and CAMROSE continue hunt until further orders. (C. in C. Plymouth 151156B to S.O.E.G.2, CAMROSE).

Channel Islands sub-command. The Channel Islands will become a sub-command in the Plymouth Command on a date to be promulgated in the near future.  
2. The limits of the sub-command will be:-  
Western Limit Meridian of 03° 00' W.  
Northern Limit parallel of 50° 00' N., between 03° W. and 02° 08' W.

Eastern and Southern Limits. From 50° 00' N., 02.08 W. to Cap de la Hague, thence round the line of the French Coast below low water mark to 03° W.  
(A.C.N.S.(H), 150443B A Message 89 AZ).

S.N.O.B.O.P.(F) In view of impending move of A.N.C.X.F. intend to come under that at an early date S.N.O.B.O.P.(F) shall become responsible to C.T.F.122 instead of direct to A.N.C.X.F. for operational control of Calais and for liaison at Boulogne and Dieppe. Other existing arrangements are not affected.  
O.T.F.122. 2. C.T.F.122 is requested to arrange a conference direct with S.N.O.B.O.P.(F) to discuss details and provide relevant information.  
3. C.T.F.122 is further requested to propose a date for the transfer to take effect.  
(A.N.C.X.F., 151044B to C.T.F.122, S.N.O.B.O.P.[F]).  
Request you attend conference here Monday 1100 bring full data for discussion including port situations and organisation, minesweepers, salvage, copies of directives and reports now being made. Date of transfer suggest 1 June. A.N.C.X.F. (Main's) 151044B refers.  
(C.T.F.122, 151445Z to S.N.O.B.O.P.[F]).

U.776 Have altered course to intercept U-boat reported in 19 Gp.'s 0952. Expected time of arrival 1215.  
Should this U-boat be turned back to Blue route or escorted along Green.  
(BALFOUR, 151030B to F.O.I.C. Milford Haven, C. in C. W.A.) (See 140910B, Western Approaches).  
1 A/C in area circling over U-boat. Returning to base. My position 48.58 N., 06.02 W. U-boat previously reported course 070° speed 12 knots when first sighted.  
(A/C PKC66 151100 to 19 Group).

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U.776 boarded in position 49° 03.5' N., 05° 25' W. at 1235B understand orders.

2. U-boat has only 20 tons of oil fuel and states 2 days is his maximum endurance. Have ordered him to Weymouth on Green route, GARLIES and GORE escorting until relieved.

3. Am closing position of J.A.B.11's 1030B report which I consider to be this U-boat.  
(S.O.E.G.1, 151255B to C. in C. W.A.)  
S.O. 1st E.G's 151255, not to C. in C. Portsmouth.  
GARLIES, GORE escort U.776 to Weymouth.

2. Immediately on arrival F.O.I.C. Portland is requested to sail escorts to rejoin Group at best speed in vicinity 50° N. 10° W.

3. S.O. 1st E.G. arrange rendezvous.  
(C. in C. W.A., 151536B to GARLIES, GORE, F.O.I.C. Portland, see 140910 W.A.)  
Acknowledge. Your 151<sup>5</sup>36B. Please adjust your E.T.A. position C to 0900B. After leaving this position and shaping course for position D you will meet two H.D.M.Ls. in vicinity for position D who will take over the S/M from this position and lead her to a trawler at anchor one mile inshore of position D. Instruct S/M that she is to follow the M.Ls. and secure alongside the trawler. Escorts are to cover this operation until S/M is secured, after which escorts are to comply with C. in C. W.A.'s 151536B.  
(F.O.I.C. Portland, 151940B to GARLIES).

Frigates for the Channel Islands. HOLMES take THORNBOROUGH under his orders pass gate at 1500B today 15th May and proceed to St. Peter Port to act under orders of N.O.I.C. N.P. 2000 from 1800B today for A/S patrol duties and for escort of L.S.I.(L) and L.S.Ts.  
(C. in C. Plymouth, 151341B to HOLMES, THORNBOROUGH N.P.2000).

Minesweeping Three mines detonated in Q.Z.X.967 up to 1200/14th (C. in C. Plymouth, 151809B to Admty).

Channel Islands Situation Report. 1. L.S.T. evacuated 3750 P.O.W. from Guernsey and 2400 from Jersey today. There remain for evacuation Guernsey 4650 Jersey 7900 Alderney 3200 Sark (280?).

2. Discharge of Coasters progresses with arrival Shoreham.

3. Home Secretary and party left Jersey for Portsmouth in IMPULSIVE after most enthusiastic reception of his visit.

4. Re-occupation of Alderney commencing tomorrow 16th.  
(N.O.I.C. Channel Islands, 152300B to Admty).



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West Coast France.

Minesweeping of Gironde. Your 121550\* 5 M/S M.Ls. are expected to be ready to sail p.m./19th May.  
2. M/S and other spares, with maintenance staff will be carried in these M.Ls. Fuel, water and provisions will be required during M/S operations.  
3. In addition to the 5 M.Ls. above, 2 M.Ls. will be held available in reserve at Plymouth.  
4. Request destination to which M.Ls. should be sailed. (C. in C. Plymouth, 151055B, to C.T.F.122).  
\*4 M.Ls. are required for ~~GIRONDE~~ clearance and units of 31st M.S.F. may have to be employed. Requesting date by which each will be available.  
Your 151055B. M/S M.Ls. should R/V with AMIRAL MOUCHEZ in Gironde Estuary.  
(C.T.F.122, 151410Z to C. in C. Plymouth).

Extension of fishing area. Request extension of fishing area in Bay of Biscay suggested in my 041720 April may now be reconsidered as requirement is still urgent. Your 201831 April and A.M. 081036 also refer. (A.N.C.X.F., 151245B to C. in C. Plymouth).

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Surrender of U.225. S/M offers surrender position 55° 03' N., 12° 36'

U.255 Am in contact with U.255.  
(S.O.E.G.24, 151230B to C. in C. W.A.)  
(and see 141049 W.A.)  
U.255. Weather unsuitable for boarding. C.O. reports no torpedoes or mines on board and all ammunition jettisoned. He has now been given instructions and is proceeding E.G.12 is in contact in position 55° 58' N., 12° 02' W.  
(S.O.E.G.24, 151501B to C. in C. W.A.)



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Norwegian ships to Tromso. My 101930B (not to N.O.I.C.Tromso) if not already sailed to Lerwick FARSUND, WESTFJORD, HONIG-SVAAG, NAMSOS, SVOLVAER should be sailed direct to Tromso.

(2) My 131926B para. 1 (not to A.C.I.C.) for Trondheim read Tromso.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 150003B to A.C.I.C., N.O.I.C. Lerwick)

Intend to sail at 1100B/15th May H. Nor. M.S. MOLDE direct to Vestfjorden and thence to Tromso, E.T.A. entrance to Vestfjorden 1500B/17th May.

(N.O.I.C.Lerwick, 150110B to C. in C. Rosyth)

My 150110B sailed.

(N.O.I.C. Lerwick, 151200B to C. in C. Rosyth)

U.901 (chercher la femme). Nr. 2 S/M offers surrender position 58.17 N. 5.47 E. course 130 degs. speed 8 knots. (A/C MAX 23, 151037B to 18 Group.) See 132030 N.Wat.)

U.901 was reported by A/C A/224 at 1037B/15th May in 58.17 N. 05.47 E. U-Boat stated to A/C that fuel available was insufficient to make Loch Eriboll. A/C has been directed to order U.901 to enter Stavanger. Further signal will follow about investigations which may be required.

(D.O.D.(H), 151231B to N.O.I.C.Stavanger, C. in C. Rosyth, F.O.S.M. H.Q.C.C.)

My 1235B. PLE reached position 58.12 N. 5.41 E. V.12 U-Boat steering 330. Speed 12 knots.

(A/C MAX 23, 151302B to 18 Group)

Nr.4. Left U-Boat 1505B position 58.36 N. 5.13 E. course 320 speed 11 knots.

(A/C JGY.44 151509B to 18 Group)

Nr.1. Your 1409B U-Boat 901 reached 58.38 N. 05.00 E. course 330 speed 10 escorting to Stavanger PLE 0630.

(A/C WDY 47 151605B to 18 Group)

A.M. 151231B. U-Boat 901 addressed a signal T.O.O. 1632B/13 to Whitehall giving unreadable position and was ordered by A.M. 132346B to proceed to Loch Eriboll. Two further signals received from U-Boat 901 at 1927B/13 and 0110B/14 both reporting position 59 degs. N. 08 degs. W. course north speed 15 knots. Only portion read of further signal 1921B/14 from U-Boat 901 quoted Loch Eriboll and was received by Canada only. Request investigation by N.O.I.C. Stavanger to verify reasons for U-Boat 901's non-compliance with instructions.

(Admty. 152222B to A.N.C.X.F., N.O.I.C.Stavanger)

Arrival U.901.

(N.O.I.C.Stavanger 152345B to Admty. C. in C. Rosyth, F.O. Oslo.)

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A thousand Norwegian merchantmen for return to the Norwegians.

The Norwegian Naval authorities have requested that about 1,000 Norwegian ships which have been working for the Germans may be returned to the Norwegian Government. All these ships are still in the Norwegian register, the Germans having made no attempt to change their registration. 350-400 are still under the German flag and German crews on board.

Of 1000 ships, 800-900 are small coasters, colliers etc. Details cannot be provided by Norwegian Naval Authorities but will be obtained as soon as possible when the situation clarifies. It is intended to authorise return of these ships to Norwegian Government subject to my requirements as S.H.A.E.F. Naval representative in accordance with the directive contained in Military occupation handbook para. 428. (F.O.Norway, 151101B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Alleged minefields and explosive motor-boats in SogneFjord.

Preliminary unreliable report indicated that mines have been laid in Sogne Fjord. Explosive M/B sre reported as exercising in inland waters but are not considered to be a menace. (N.O.I.C. Bergen, 151125B to C.S.1)

Bergen arrivals.

Following ships arrived Bergen: WOOLSTON, VIVACIOUS, ACANTHUS, TENBY, NODZU, REDWOOD, RISOR Motor M/S 1085, 1086, 1066. (N.O.I.C.Bergen, 151315B to C. in C. Rosyth) Arrived NORFOLK, ZAMBESI, OBEDIENT. (N.O.I.C.Bergen, 151631B to F.O. Norway)

Operation "Doomsday" to Stavanger, Kristiansund, Oslo.

"Apostle" "Doomsday". My 132341B.  
(1) Convoy sails 1900B to-day 15th. S. of A. 9½ knots. E.T.A. position H. 0900B/17.  
(2) Following changes in destinations.  
(A) 320, 315 Stavanger Oslo.  
3019 Stavanger Kristiansund. 214 Stavanger, 239 Stavanger.  
(B) 65, 200, 161, 162, 180, 3014, 165 for Oslo from position H direct with LOCH GORM, LOCH GORM may be used as a return escort but should not be delayed more than 48 hours.  
(C) GOLDEN FLEECE on arrival position H is to return to Rosyth. Pilot to embark in PAPUA in lieu.  
(3) Communications:  
(4) Priority unloading required for L.S.T.315, 3014, 3019 and BANFORA, and their return to Rosyth to be expedited.  
(5) L.S.T's if possible to return independently on completion of unloading.  
(6) Add M.M/S 1045 Stavanger for Trondheim.  
(C. in C. Rosyth, 151335 to N.O.I.C.Stavanger, LOCH GORM, PAPUA, GOLDEN FLEECE, L.S.T's 315, 65, BANFORA.)

/E.G.23 ...



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Operation "Doomsday" to Stavanger, Kristiansund, Oslo. (Contd.)

E.G.23 is providing escorts for first "Doomsday" convoy and R.N.1 convoy. LOCH GORM and PAPUA will complete first duty and will sail for W.A. about May 21st. MONSERRAT and LOCH SBAVAIG will complete second duty and will sail for W.A. about May 23rd. (C. in C. Rosyth, 151747B to C. in C. W.A.)

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"Doomsday". My 151335B LOCH GORM defective returned to Harbour. PAPUA assumed S.O.Escort. In view of Capt. M/S Norway 150910B provision of M/S no other escort necessary for L.S.T. from H to Oslo.

GOLDEN FLEECE should return as arranged. (C. in C. Rosyth, 152216B to N.O.I.C.Stavanger, PAPUA, GOLDEN FLEECE, L.S.T's 315, 65.)

My 132341. "Apostle" Operation "Doomsday" sailed. (C. in C. Rosyth, 152217 to N.O.I.C.Stavanger)

Situation Reports. Cositintrep No.405 supplement A period ending 15/1500 May. Intelligence. German guards ordered to leave P.W. camps Tromso. German withdrawals from towns to concentration areas satisfactory and disarmament

Lofoten Islands beginning. Pol very short. Trondheim. Moves to concentration areas and arrivals P.W. causing road congestion.

Stavanger. Russian P.W. camps in order. Concentration of Germans satisfactory. Detachments German Navy reported troublesome. Removal ordered.

Operations. Commander Allied Land Forces proceeding Kristiansund and Stavanger by road 15th May. First "Doomsday" sea lift with advance force signals three Squadrons R.A.F. Regt. Norwegian R/C Squadron Auxiliary units and Adm. dets. and 15 days supply essential stores leaving 151600B May by sea for Stavanger Kristiansund, Oslo. 1 and 2 S.A.S. Regts. air lifts to Stavanger effected 15th May. Stavanger, 1 Arty. Bdr. despatched road R/C. Birkedal and Tonstad (70 K.M.S. S.E. Stavanger) R/C Squadron Farsund 1830 hours 13th May. (S.C.O.F.O.R. 151530B to Admty.)

Port can handle about 3,000 tons stores and 2,000 tons coal daily with civilian labour.

- (2) Cargo handling gear adequate.
- (3) 1 STD/B/257 appendix 1 mainly correct height of quay should read 6 feet above high water.
- (4) Warehouses congested with German stores.
- (5) No serious difficulty anticipated.
- (6) Report by letter follows.

(S.T.O.I.C.Oslo, 152111B to D. of S.T.)

Cositintrep No.406. Period ending 16/0100 May.

Intelligence. Minelifting in progress by Germans in Stavanger area. National Press broadcasting in full swing. Operations. All WRIS Links now ready to open incl. high speed link to War Office.

(S.C.O.F.O.R. 152355B to Admty.)



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Norway - Contd.

U-Boats in Norway to be reported. It is of great importance that all U-Boats should be definitely located. It is requested that you will arrange for the numbers in each Norwegian Port to be reported.

(2) In particular the distinguishing numbers of all U-Boats found in or arriving at Norwegian ports and anchorages are required as soon as possible.

(3) Reports from German sources are not always correct and need confirmation.

(V.C.N.S. 152249B to A.N.C.X.F.)

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Northern Waters

U.764. Your 131955. U.764 after being attacked with 3 pattern depth charges 5 miles west Pentland Firth at 1300/5th May worked slowly to westward and bottomed throughout 7th May 20 miles S.S.W. Cape

Wrath. W/T coded messages reporting end of warfare but no instructions received night of 7th/8th.

Night 9th/10th. Further indefinite instructions.

Night 12th/13th. P/L version with clear instructions received. Number of signals missed considered due to extreme caution in exposing Snort and receiving aerial.

(S.O.Loch Eriboll, 150125B to C. in C. W.A.)

Dismantling of Skaalefjord, Faeroes. Request you will proceed with removal of all remaining baffles at entrance to Skaalefjord. (C. in C. H.F. 151120B to B.D.O. Scapa)

Convoy J.W.67. J.W.67. Norwegian ships ROALD AMUNDSEN and IVARAN carrying Military and civil relief stores have been sailed to Kola Inlet for onward routing to Kirkenes. Details of EGERO (T) in A.M. 141703B(not to all addressees). Your 140951B refers. D.T.D. 151248B to S.B.N.O. North Russia)

Operations

Baltic

ZEALOUS and ZODIAC to Kiel. My 142145B. Sailed. (F.O.Denmark, 151017B to F.O.Kiel) Anchored in position 54.59.30" N. 01.01.12 E. E.T.A. Kiel 1230B/16th. (ZEALOUS, 152250B to F.O's Denmark, Kiel)

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BIRMINGHAM  
and DIDO  
at Copenhagen.

Your 141931 concur.  
(A.N.C.X.F. 151120B to C. in C. H.F.)

U.1110.

A.M. 141651. U.1110 has not acknowledged orders to proceed to Loch Eriboll transmitted by Admiralty since 1643Z/14 on all frequencies prescribed by surrender terms.  
(D.D.I.C.151136B to F.O.I.C.N.P.1734 Kiel)  
See 141539 North Sea.

U.3008.

U.3008 reported stationary on surface at 1600B/14th May in 57.27 N. 10.36 E. S/M has been ordered to Kiel but German Naval Authorities believe she does not possess recent charts of swept channels and awaits escort. Could you provide chart or escort if O.K.M. confirms necessity.  
(F.O.Kiel, 151316B to F.O. Denmark.)  
see 131220 Baltic.

Your 142357 U.3008 has been reported in Frederickshaven Roads. F.O. Denmark 141805 not to all.  
(A.N.C.X.F. 152215B to F.O.Kiel)

Surrender  
of U.2336.

U.2336 arrived Kiel to-day Tuesday.  
(N.O.I.C. Kiel, 151321B to Admty.)

Surrenders of  
German  
warships  
at Kiel.

My 131241B add Destroyer KARL GALSTER. Torpedo boats T.8, T.9, T.13, T.17 and T.19 numbers of latter are being confirmed.  
(F.O. Kiel, 151359B to A.N.C.X.F., Admty.)

Situation at  
Kiel.

Situation at 2100 to-day Tuesday,  
Discharge of surgical and wounded proceeding.  
Expect considerable increase in rate during next 48 hours. Acceptance of refugees ashore still limiting factor. No recent arrivals from Eastward.

U.2336 arrived Kiel to-day.

Supply of coal and diesel oil becoming increasingly necessary for all activities. One Type 23, German U-Boat reported afloat at Flensburg. Preliminary survey of ammunition dumps at Wahlstedt Trappenkamp carried out. Pressure on transport likely to delay disposal of such dispersed stores.  
Approx. 50 Merchant vessels in area disarmed, searched and cleared of scuttling charge.  
(F.O.Kiel, 152245B to A.N.C.X.F.)



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German minefields. Result of preliminary study of minefield and swept channel information from German Naval High Command is as follows.

Ref. Snips and Chart Folio 0721.

(A) Routes confirmed as in force until surrender  
Ways 1 (Position 1 to 11), 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 25, 26, 27.  
(Positions 5 to 12,) 28, 28C, 28D, 32, 32A, 34, 35, 35A, 36, 38,  
39, 42, 43, 48, 48A, routes A, B, D, G, (Emergency only) J.K.L.  
and intersect C.

(B) Amendments. Way 2, delete positions 2, 4 and 5 and add 2A  
54.29.6 11.58.2.

Way 9 position 5 to read 54.28.1 09.55.1.

Way 27, position 8 to read 55.52.1 10.28.3.

Way 39, delete positions 6 and 7.

Way 48, position 3 to read 56.45.0 12.00.0.

Position 4 to read 56.51.0 11.48.0.

Way 48, position 5 to read 57.22.3 11.33.5.

Position 6 to read 57.32.0 11.21.6.

Position 7 to read 57.45.0 11.16.6.

Delete positions 8 and 9.

Way 48A. Position 2 should read 56.50.8 12.10.4.

Position 3 should read 56.13.1 12.09.6.

Position 4 should read 57.00.0 12.07.3.

Delete position 1A.

Add position 5 to read 57.14.5 11.52.1.

Position 6 to read 57.17.5 11.45.2.

Position 7 to read 57.22.3 11.33.5.

Route K delete Point L.

(2) Routes in Baltic are very narrow and closely buoyed.  
Detailed information is essential for their use and is contained  
in German Secret Publication Zwangswege in Ostsee-Bereich.

(3) Information in Snips and Folio 0721 as amended by para. 1 (B)  
above appears adequate for use of Routes in North Sea.

(4) German minefields confirmed: Ref. Folio 0721.

(A) Field 11 (northward of 58.5 N.) on M.O.6594.

(B) Field 7 on M.O.6594 (shallow moored and moored non-contact).

(C) Field 2 (moored at 12 meters) on M.O.6595.

(D) Field 4 (Ground) on M.O.6595.

(E) Field 9 (ground) on M.O.6593.

(F) Katie mines.

(5) Additional minefields:

(A) From 53.48 N. 53.40 N. to 6.2 E. 5.55 E.

(B) From 53.45 N. 53.33 N. to 5.17 E. 4.56 E.

(C) In Heligoland North Road (ground).

(D) In Ems and probably Weser.

(E) As reported in Captain M/S Holland 061900 not to all.

(6) No German minefields other than in para. 4 and 5 above are  
shown on German charts supplied.

(A) In North Sea area - East of 6.00 E. and South of 58.00 N.

(B) In Skagerrak.

(C) In Baltic west of 13.30 E.

(7) British overlap mines may still be active in German swept  
routes through British mined area. C.B. 4063 para. 1034 and 1035  
refers. German acoustic sweeps G.B.G. and G.B.T. two, are  
suitable for this purpose.

(A.N.C.X.F. 151835B to F.O. Holland, Norway, Denmark, Kiel,  
Wilhelmshaven, N.O.I.C. Cuxhavan, C.T.F.126)

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U-Boat movements. No fresh arrivals reported, on the contrary U.901 thought to have arrived Loch Eriboll was sighted near Stavanger and ordered to enter this port. U.3008 ordered to make for Kiel has anchored in Frederickshaven Roads.

U.1110 Apparently still in Sylt.

U.776 49.35 N. 04.20 W. making for Weymouth. GARLIES and GORE escorting until relieved.

U.255 56.10 N. 11.40 W.

U. 234 46.20 N. 45.00 W.

U.1228 43.15 N. 60.50 W.

U.873 38.30 N. 65.20 W.

U.805, U.858 - Assumed to have arrived in U.S.A.  
(D.D.I.C. 151850B to S. and A. Areas, A.B.C.X.Y. & Z.)

Casualties and Defects

PROMPT, minesweeper. PROMPT can be taken in hand for damage repair at Messrs. Consolidated Fisheries at Grimsby forthwith. Towage is being arranged accordingly. Your 122220/May (not to all) refers.  
(D.M.S.152318B to N.O.I.C.Ostend)

Movements

U.516, U.764, U.244. Intend to sail U.516, U.764 and U.244 escorted by H.M.S. DEANE at 0600B to-day Tuesday. E.T.A. Loch Alsh 1630B.  
(2) Number of torpedoes 4 Nil 10.  
(S.O.Loch Eriboll, 150010B to N.O.I.C.Loch Alsh)  
Arrived U.516, U.764 and U.244 escorted by DEANE.  
(N.O.I.C.Loch Alsh, 152110B to F.O.I.C.Greenock)

U.532. My 142146B sailed.  
(N.O.I.C.Loch Alsh, 150700 to F.O.I.C.Liverpool.)  
Intend following arrangements under General Control of Capt. (D) Liverpool, on arrival of U.532 and

GRINDALL: (A) Berth at West wall, Gladstone Dock, Liverpool.  
(B) Internal cargo unloaded by German crew and taken over on jetty by S.N.S.O. Mersey, who will arrange for its removal and storage.  
(C) Only authorised persons to approach the vessel during (A) and (B).  
(B). Capt. (D) Liverpool, to arrange for necessary barricades and shore guards.  
(D) Vessel will then be available for docking by Cammell Lairds on Birkenhead side of the river and for unloading of external cargo which will be similarly handed over to S.N.S.O. Mersey.  
(E) Vessel to be kept in condition for ultimate passage under her own power. If Capt. (D) Liverpool requires assistance in this connection, he is to apply to the Senior Executive Officer, Cammell Lairds for loan of necessary experts from the crews of S/Ms building.  
(F) Further instructions will be issued when received concerning such matters as final disposal of crew, exhibition of vessel to the public and subsequent movements.  
(F.O.I.C.Liverpool, 151211B to C. in C. W.A. Capt. D. Liverpool)

/U.1010...



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U.1010. Arrived U.1010 escorted by FITZROY.  
(N.O.I.C.Loch Alsh, 150730B to F.O.I.C.Greenock)

U.825,  
U.956,  
U.1231,  
U.1010. Following U-Boats in harbour 0900 to-day Tuesday.  
U.825, U.956, U.1231, U.1010.  
(N.O.I.C.Loch Alsh, 150918B to F.O.I.C. Greenock)  
Intend to sail U.1010 and U.1231 escorted by  
KEMPTHORNE 1600 to-day Tuesday northabout Skye  
to arrive Lough Foyle buoy 1300/17.  
KEMPTHORNE to make own E.T.A. direct.  
(N.O.I.C.Loch Alsh, 151240B to Com. D. W.A.)

My 142148B/ sailed.  
(N.O.I.C.Loch Alsh, 151400 to Com. D. W.A.).  
/ Sailing of U.825 and U.956 escorted by BLIGH.

A.F.D.69,  
Floating Dock. Intend to sail 1400B/15 May from Thames Gate  
MARAUDER towing A.F.D.69 to Falmouth. KINGSTON  
OLIVINE acting as escort to F buoy whence C. in C.  
Portsmouth is requested to supply relief escort and  
return KINGSTON OLIVINE to Sheerness as soon as  
possible.

(2) Time-Table:

Dumpton	1815B/15th May.
Sandhead	1942B/15
Dungeness Buoy	2340B/15
C.2A Buoy	0550B/16
F Buoy	1315B/16
Portland	2315B/16
Start Point	0745B/17
Falmouth	1800B/17

(3) Speed 6 knots.  
(Cdre. Southend, 151231B to C's. in C. Nore, Portsmouth, Plymouth,  
F.O.I.C.Falmouth)



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North Atlantic

Destroyers Request destination for LEDBURY, TETCOTT.  
Your 121523 refers.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 150910B to Admty.) Reply 162139B.

NORSEMAN A.M. 211902 April.  
In view of changed conditions, Cable Ship  
NORSEMAN is required, on completion of present  
operations in Azores area, to carry out following  
cable repair programme:-  
(a) Porthcurno - Fayal No. 1.  
(b) Porthcurno - Gibraltar.  
(c) Porthcurno - Fayal No. 2.  
(2) Programme of repairs to Porthcurno - Carcavellos No. 1  
cable.  
(3) Vessel expects to complete Azores programme in approximately  
10 days and she should then be sailed to Plymouth or direct to  
cable ground as conditions permit.  
(D.S.D., 151157B to F.O.G.M.A.)

U-boats Your 131252 not to C. in C. W.A. or Cdre. (D)  
541, W.A. Regret no submarine personnel available.  
485 Request you will sail U.541 and U.485 under  
escort to Londonderry with armed guard and  
reduced German crew. If submarine personnel are  
necessary these should be provided from TANTALUS  
and SPITEFUL when calling at Gibraltar on homeward passage.  
(A.C.N.S.(U.T.), 151647B to F.O.G.M.A.) See 161547B.

Movements (1) Arrivals L.S.T.347. 383 with minor defects  
and CORBRAE.  
(2) Dep. 1945B 15th. SQUIRREL for Port Said  
via Malta.  
(3) Passed Gibraltar 1710B/15 eastbound SS. CLAN MURRAY towing  
L.C.T. 744, 908, SS. OCEAN VERITY towing L.C.T.917, 1155.  
(4) L.C.Q.495 arrived and sailed to R/V CLAN MURRAY and OCEAN  
VERITY and proceed in Company to Port Said.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 152046B to V.A. Malta.)

Submarines Departure 2000B/15 H.M. Submarines TOTEM, TAPIR,  
for Malta.  
F.O.G.M.A., 152054B to V.A.M.)



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Mediterranean

Transfer of Western Meditn. Command. A.N.C.X.F. is requested to take action on Admiralty 141218B May. On Bet Alf of this headquarters. (S.H.A.E.F. Forward, 151940B to A.N.C.X.F. Main.)

Dodecanese Sitrep as at 1800C/15th. GO/12736 cipher 15th May. (1) Rhodes. Archbishop Regent of Greece arrived on visit a.m./15th May. Island continues quiet. Relief food for civilians arrived 13th. Faralli, Italian Vice Governor removed from office and sent with family to Scarpanto on ground of public security. (3) Calino. Enemy Grn. conc. and disarmed. (C. in C. M.E., 152000C to A.F.H.Q.)

Trieste. Your 121714. Party from ORION arrived by land p.m./13th, May returning p.m. next day, and found 21 Battalion 2 N.Z.E.F. had sentries placed.

(2) Amongst 12 salvable craft were six F lighters containing mobile guns and motor transport, two small store ships containing some medical stores and also minelayer FASANA. To salvage any of these craft very shallow draught vessels would be required. Engines of majority of craft had been immobilised by removing electric wiring. (3) It appeared that all craft had been superficially looted but it is doubtful whether any (corrupt group) (?valuable) equipment such as radar had ever been installed in ae(corrupt group). Guns and ammunition in all craft were (intact?) and undamaged. (4) Reference para. 4 of S.O. Party C.100959 no books or wireless telegraphy gear of value were found. (C.S.15, 152007B to F.O.T.A.L.I.)

French responsibility for ports to A.N.C.X.F. in lieu of to C. in C. Med. My 241312\* April. In view Naval disadvantages to alternative (B) intend to give instructions on line of alternative (A) as amended by authorities concerned. (2) I am satisfied that this arrangement will meet S.H.A.E.F. and C.L.M. Z. requirements in full. (A.N.C.X.F.(Main), 152050B to S.H.A.E.F. Fwd.) Concur - 161700B.

\* French to become responsible to A.N.C.X.F. instead to C. in C. Med. for control of ports, etc.

My 241312 April and my 152050 neither to all. Arrangements should be made at once.

(2) C.T.F.122 is therefore authorised to communicate direct with F.O.N.A.M. and in due course Almed, and Premar 3 in all matters connected with the re-deployment of troops which concern their ports and shipping, keeping the C. in C. Med. and A.N.C.X.F. informed and also subject to concurrence of Comnaveu with C.T.F. 125 when the U.S. Navy is involved.

(3) Matters of policy will continue to be dealt with by A.N.C.X.F. and C. in C. Med.)

(A.N.C.X.F. Main, 152055B to C.T.F. 122.)

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Special G.2 summary. (Extract). (A) South-east Austria. (1) Voelkermarkt now reported under Yugoslav control. Yugoslav 14 division disposed as follows etc. Total strength not believed to exceed 6,000 men. (2) British troops Lavamund 14th May prevent movement of Yugoslav troops southwards towards Dravograd where strength reported by Tito troops against Croats and Ustasi. (4) Strong units 3 Yugoslav Army previously located northern Slavonia between Drave and are north of Zagreb reported moving northwards towards Austrian frontier to area Dravograd-Crna (rd 66). (5) Agreement with Russians on boundary west of Voitsberg scrupulously kept and area quiet. Area Judenburg temporary military boundary arranged giving British road Koflach (B.55) - Judenburg and Russian road Judenburg - Rottenmann (V.90). Judenburg remains under British control. (6) Yugoslav Chief of Staff stated 12th May 2 divs. 4 Yugoslav Army ordered into Austria and forward elements reached St. Jakob south-east of Villedach. British troops identified transport 26 division previously area Monfalcone - Trieste moving into Klagenfurt 12th May. (B) Venezia Giulia. (1) Command 4 Yugoslav Army promised 14th May to withdraw all troops now west of Isonzo. (2) Elements 4 Zone reported Caporetto. (3) Reinforcement Gorizia continues. Some 15 to 1,600 troops seen moving into the town 12th and 13th May. (4) Yugoslavs Gorizia established road block and interfered with movement British troops and U.S. troops evening 13th May but desisted after firm attitude adopted by our garrison. (A.F.H.Q., 152105B to W.O.)

Rescue Tug CHARON. F.O.N.A.M. is requested to sail CHARON to arrive Gibraltar 23rd May for refit and F.O.G.M.A. to sail her on completion to U.K. to destination. (C. in C. Med., 152144B to F.O.N.A.M.)

BARFLEUR, destroyer. Sailed BARFLEUR 152110C by standard Red Sea route to Aden. (2) E.T.A. 180300Z, S. of A. 23 knots. (N.O.I.C. Suez, 152221C to Admty.)

Tugs. Your 131150. Regret BUSY and CONFIDENT are not suitable for long and heavy towages envisaged in A.M. 211924. It would be appreciated if PROSPEROUS the only remaining ASSURANCE class tug remaining on station after return of the four named in A.M. 211924 could be one of the two further Rescue Tugs to be released. (Admty., 152318B to C. in C. Med.)



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East Indies.

Mine issue  
ships.

C. in C. B.P.F. message 012314\* request information as to future employment of M.I.S. PROME and GURNA. If M.I.S. are not now required in the Pacific strongly recommend that ships be retained on East Indies Station and utilised as A.S.I.S. in view of deterioration of existing A.S.I.S. being revealed on surveys.

(C. in C. E.I. 150831Z to Admty.)

Cancelled by 170436.

\* Minelaying by British submarines.

BLINJOE  
base ship.

BLINJOE base ship for Bengal auxiliary flotilla A.N. 101108 August, 1944 and A.M. 251437 July, 1944 not to all refers, the discipline, manning, accommodation and conditions of service in the ship have been shown upon recent investigation to be unsatisfactory.

(2) Ship is now refitting in Calcutta and reports she will be unable to make more than 3 knots in face of southwest monsoon. She is unsuitable therefore for future intended operations.

(4) Intend to release BLINJOE from naval service as soon as this can be managed. The function previously carried out by SS. BLINJOE will be fulfilled for the present with existing East Indies Fleet resources.

(C. in C. E.I.S., 151047Z to Admty.) *See 061725B June -*

Submarines.

Arrived SIRDAR. Departed SIDON, STUBBORN.  
(Com. Aden 151559 to Admty.)



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U-234 U.234 now under American escort return direct St. Johns.  
(F.O.N.F., 150506 to FORT ERIE.)  
U.S.S. SUTTON reports she has intercepted U.234 Rejoin convoy.  
(C. in C.N.A., 150530Z to H.M.C. Ships, WASKESIU, LAUZON.)  
Your 150506Z acknowledged my P.C.S. 46.53 N. 48.00 W. 283° 15 knots, E.T.A. St. Johns, 1900Z/15.  
(S.O.E.G., 150615Z to F.O.N.F.)

A/S Patrol With FORT ERIE in company alter course forthwith and proceed to take up A/S patrol vicinity of Flemish Cap until further orders.  
(2) Report when in vicinity of Flemish Cap.  
(F.O.N.F., 151316Z to S.O.E.G.28.)

U-boats non-reception surrender signals Your 131807. Orders have been given to Germans to improve transmissions from JXA. Latter is not one W/T station but call sign used by several stations. Surrender instructions to U-boats also being broadcast by Rugby on 16 kcs. twice daily after the time signal.  
Confirm instructions to report every 8 hours was omitted by Germans and steps being taken to rectify this.  
(Sec. to A.C.N.S.(U.T.), 151331B to Cominch, N.S.H.Q.)

U-boat dispositions Estimates.  
(N.S.H.Q., 151347Z)

SS. MOYRA (loss) SS. MOYFA (sic) (MOYRA?) en route Montreal to St. Johns, Newfoundland, put back Quebec 13th May with fire, now beached and total loss.  
(N.S.H.Q., 151844 to Admty.)

Task Group 61.7. Reconstituted Comtaskgroup 61.7 captain Glick in PETTIT Comcoartdiv. 20 in MARCHAND, HURST, CAMP CROW, RICKETTS. Escort convoy C.U.71, departing New York and Boston 20/21 May for U.K. and continent. Return escorting U.C.71 when Admiralty directs.  
(Cinclant, 152122 to Comtask 61.7.)

Fr. Submarine ARCHIMEDE for Dakar Cominch has no objection to the assignment of ARCHIMEDE as proposed in your 241502 April.  
(B.A.D. 152345Z to C. in C. Med.)



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FOREIGN STATIONS

Far East and Australia

LAMONT  
(L.S.I.L)

Departed Sydney 0226Z 15th May LAMONT for Papeete  
E.T.A. 0800W 25th May. S. of A. 13.5 knots.  
(F.O.I.C. Sydney, 150240Z to C. in C.B.P.F.)  
LAMONT sailing Sydney 15th May for Panama is not  
fitted with C.C.M. Class 2 U.S. strip cyphers  
only are held.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 142348Z to C.S.W.P.S.F.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN

U-boat  
Surrender

Para. A.

(a) Total arrivals now 24 including 764, 244,  
1010, 516, 190. 901 is estimated to have  
arrived.

(b) Estimated positions 1000B/15th May.

U.234 46° 45' N. 43° 45' W. U.1228 43° 15' N. 59° 30' W.  
U.873 Due Portland. U.858 Due Delaware. U.776 49° 10' N.  
06° 30' W. U.255 55° 30' N. 11° 30' W. U.1110 Sylt.  
U.3008 Kattegat.

Para. (b) No change during last 24 hours.  
(D.D.I.C., 151128B to A.I.G. Cominch.)



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

HOME COMMANDS.  
(Classification by subjects where inclusion in an operational area is impracticable).

- Policy
- Defence of United Kingdom
- Operations
  - North Sea (from 58° N. to Dungeness - Gris Nez)
  - Channel (between Dungeness - Gris Nez, 48° 30' N. and 6° W.)
  - West Coast France (to 48° 30' N., and 5° W).
  - Western Approaches (west of above between 40° and 58° N. to 30° W).
  - Norway (to 80 miles off shore between 58° and 70° N).
  - Northern Waters (north of 58° N. outside "Norway").
  - Baltic (eastward of the Skaw).
- Enemy Intelligence.
- Navigational
- Port Facilities
- Casualties
- Movements (of H.M. Ships)
- Shipping and Convoys.

FOREIGN STATIONS  
(Classification by stations).

- North Atlantic
- South Atlantic
- Mediterranean
- East Indies
- America and West Indies
- Australia and New Zealand
- U-boat Campaign

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) (23rd February 1940).
- (b) Western Approaches (daily) Situation Reports (1st September 1943).
- (c) Dispositions and Movements (Foreign Stations) (1st September 1943).
- (d) Convoy Returns (Positions of convoys and composition of escorts, positions of independent ships and H.M. ships: from Combined Plot) (1st March 1941).
- (e) Daily Convoy Summary (Report made by Admiralty to Comnav, giving arrivals and departures, with composition of convoy) (21st June 1943).
- (f) Air Staff Operational Summary (prepared by Air Ministry War Room) (1st July 1941, No.222)
- (g) Daily Operations Report for First Lord (prepared by Operations Division, Naval Staff) (15th September 1939).
- (h) List of abbreviations.
- (i) List of Convoy letters.