

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 - 'Griz 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 Connav, 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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SITUATION REPORT

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Air
Commands.

- 1(a) The flag of Vice-Admiral Sir ^AJ.L. St.G. Lyster as Flag Officer, Carrier Training, was struck at sunset last night, and today Commodore A.R.M. Bridge assumed the duties of Commodore Carrier Training and Administration.
(b) The flag of Vice-Admiral D.W. Boyd was hoisted at the Naval Air Station, Eastleigh, this morning as Admiral (Air) in the United Kingdom.

U-Boat
surrenders.

2. The Admiralty at 1318 ordered that the broadcast of surrender messages to U-Boats by the German Naval W/T stations should cease.

Coastal
Command.

3. Nine squadrons of Coastal Command aircraft are to be withdrawn from June 4.

Cornish
Bases.

4. Fowey, Newlyn, St. Ives, Padstow and the Scillies ceased to be operational ports from 0001B today.

North Sea.

5. Cuxhaven, Brunsbuttel, Hamburg and the Kiel Canal are open to routine shipping.
6. Sweeping of Vulcan Haven, Port of Rotterdam, is now complete, except for one mine unswept.
7. Sweeping in the Schelde (Operation "Cackle") is expected to be completed on June 9.
8. Sweeping to Rotterdam (Operation "Fireball") is expected to be completed on June 5.

Channel.

9. General Eisenhower proposes that military command of the Channel Islands should revert to the War Office as soon as practicable, and recommends that his responsibility should terminate on June 15. Operational control of the R.N. and R.A.F. elements of Force 135 passed from the military force commander to their own parent commands on May 22.

10. The cross-Channel convoys W.V.P. and V.W.P are to cease from June 4. Fast troop carriers are thenceforward to be sailed independently from Southampton to Havre.

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Norway.

11. Sixteen survivors have arrived at Bergen from U.977, which is considered sunk after stranding on an island near Bremanger, about 70 miles north of Bergen, when returning from patrol on the night of May 9-10. Admiralty have asked for their interrogation as to the cause of the alleged periscope damage, and the port to which she was returning.

Foreign Stations

Mediterranean

Levant.

12. Destroyers MUSKETEER and EXMOOR arrived today at Beirut where all is quiet.

Movement.

13. JEANNE D'ARC (French cruiser) sailed from Bizerta for Oran.

East Indies

Siam.

14. 12 Liberators dropped 26 tons of bombs on shipping at Satahib (Gulf of Siam) and sank a 2,700 ton submarine depot ship and a small merchant vessel and damaged two other small vessels. 2 Liberators also laid sea mines off Satahib.

Movement.

15. VENERABLE (A.C.11), VENGEANCE, COLOSSUS and 2 destroyers arrived at Aden from Suez.

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Far East and Australia

Japan.

16. 475 U.S. Super-Fortresses attacked Osaka urban area today dropping 2,545 tons of incendiary bombs. A general conflagration was caused.

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Policy

- Flag of Admiral (Air) in U.K. / The flag of Vice-Admiral D.W. Boyd O.B., C.B.E., D.S.C., has this day been hoisted as Admiral (Air) in the United Kingdom. (Admiral (Air, 010802 to Admty).
- Flag of F.O. Carrier Training. / The Flag of Vice-Admiral Sir A.L. St. G. Lyster, K.C.B., C.V.O., C.B.E., D.S.O. was struck at sunset 31st May, 1945. (F.O.C.T., 010913B to Admty).
Commodore A.R.M. Bridge has assumed the duties of Commodore, Carrier Training and Administration, today 1st June, 1945. (C.C.T., 011548 to Admty).
- "Colony" Class Frigate removal of Bofors Mountings. / Ref. A.M. 291832 not to F.Os. I.C. Removal of Bofors mountings from "Colony" class Frigates can be carried out by Naval Base Maintenance Staffs assisted by Civilian labour normally at the disposal of Captains (D), but will affect dates of completion of ships for Far East, rate of reduction of ships to Category C. Date of release of "Colony" Class to Category B Reserve.
2. The length in delay in completion of ships referred to above is dependent on the rate of removal of Bofors mountings. Each base is capable of removing 4 Bofors mountings per week and the effect of this would be as follows (details).
 3. Delay in release of "Colony" Class to B Reserve will be in the order of two to four weeks depending on date taken in hand, but some work on the general preparation of the ships for reserve could be progressed during this time.
 4. Request very early decision whether delays adambated are acceptable in order to expedite removal of Bofors moutings.
 5. Meantime, it is intended to proceed with such work on Bofors mountings as can be accomplished without interference with other commitments. This is expected to produce 2 mountings per base per week. Two "Colonies" will be sent from Liverpool to Belfast to take advantage of the labour now available at Belfast. (C. in C. W.A., 011035B to Admty).
- U-boat Surrender Messages. / A.M. 282245 May. Broadcast of Surrender Messages to U-boats by German Naval W/T Stations should now cease. (D.S.D., 011311B to A.N.C.X.F. (Main)).
My 282130. Broadcast of surrender orders to U-boats by German Naval W/T Stations is to cease. (A.N.C.X.F. (Main), 011702B to O.K.M. for Captain Maund).
- C.C.Squadrons Withdrawn. / A.645. 1st June. Following Squadrons are to be withdrawn from the line with effect from 4th June 1945.
Nos. 36, 120, 172, 202, 210, 228, 547, 407, (R.C.A.F.), 461, (R.A.A.F.)
(H.Q. Coastal Command, 011406B to 15, 18, 19 Groups).

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Channel Islands, military command. / This is S.C.A.F. Number 428 No. Fwd. - 23021. Para.1. On 22nd May Operational Control of Naval and Royal Air Force Elements Force 135 passed from the Military Force Commander to their own parent Commands.
2. As the operational phase of "Nestegg" is now over it is recommended that Military Command revert to the War Office as soon as practicable and that I be relieved of further responsibility for Channel Islands.
3. To allow time for Overlord craft and shipping presently serving Channel Islands to be replaced from other sources, I recommend my responsibility should terminate on 15th June, 1945.
4. If above recommendations are approved request you issue necessary instructions.
(S.H.A.E.F., 011420B to Agwar, Combined Chiefs of Staff).
Reply: 091200B.

Rosyth, Nore Commands, boundary. / A.M. 262039 and C. in C. Rosyth 292156 of May. Concur in proposed division between Rosyth and Nore Commands but observing that I am not acquainted with the wartime organisation of the Tyne Area and establishments lying within this Sub-Command. It is requested that proposals for post-war reductions may be carried out by C. in C. Rosyth and agreed before the transfer takes place.
(C. in C. Nore, 011518B to Admty).

Reductions to Reserve. / Your 311139 (being passed to F.O.I.C.Portland). 2 escort vessels can be accommodated at Portsmouth for leave and progressive reduction to category C.
2. 15 Kil Class A/S vessels can be accommodated at Portland for reduction to Category B.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 011929B to F.O.C.R.F.)

Operations

North Sea.

Return of King of Norway, (from Rosyth). / A.M. 290937. C. in C. H.F. is requested to make the necessary arrangements for the passage and sail ships accordingly. It is now desired that ships should arrive Oslo a.m. 7th June and that N.S. STORD should be included in the destroyer escort.
2. Party will travel by night train leaving London June 4th. C. in C. Rosyth is requested to arrange transport from Edinburgh. (A.C.N.S. (H), 010046B to C. in C. H.F. (Afloat), C. in C. Rosyth).
Proceed with despatch to Rosyth, calling at Scapa to collect motor dinghy, your 311300 refers. You will be required to sail from Rosyth on Tuesday 5th June. Report E.T.A. Scapa. (C. in C. H.F., 011109B to N.S. STORD).
Your 011240. Am complying with C. in C. H.F. (Afloat) 011109, calling at Scapa en route for Rosyth. Your 301820 not received.
(STORD, N.S., 011810B to N.O.I.C. Tromso).

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North Sea

- Return of King of Norway, (from Rosyth) (contd). Your 011109B. My E.T.A. Scapa 2100B June 2nd. (STORD, 012020B to C. in C. H.F.)
- Minesweepers, organisation. B.Y.M.S. 2254, 2043, 2155, 2046, 2156, 2050, 2036 and 2210 are to form the 167th M.S.F.
2. B.Y.M.S. 2279, 2280, 2256 and 2182 will be refitted and tropicalised. Sailing instructions will be signalled when refitting ports are known.
3. B.Y.M.S. 2253 is re-allocated to 159th M.S.F. vice 2055. A.M. 151531* refers. (D.M.S., 010750B to F.O. Belgium).
*Re B.Y.M.S. 2055 allocated to 169th M.S.F.
- Clearance of Q. Z. X. 1467. Intend to sail p.m. 2nd June to commence clearance of Q. Z. X. 1467 sweeping will commence at 0530/3rd one line F.S.19 followed by line B.S.23.
2. It is estimated that ships will have to return on 9th June to refuel.
3. W/T guards will be kept on NN's 2000 k/cs. and 1780 k/cs. (M/S 15, 010935B to C. in C. Nore).
- Vulcan Haven (Rotterdam) Swept. My 301540. Para. (B) Vulcan Haven now completed, one mine still unswept. (N.O.I.C. Rotterdam, 011025B to F.O.I.C. Holland).
- Schelde minesweeping. Your 311320* May. "Cackle" will be completed at approx. 9th June. (F.O.I.C. Holland, 011146 to A.N.C.X.F. (Main)).
*Requesting estimated date of completion of "Cackle".
- Antwerp, navigation. From P.S.V.O. My 101116 April and your 131810 April. Depth of water over wreck of STEEL TRAVELLER now 30 feet. To obtain greater depth will entail prolonged disposal operations. Request information whether this depth can be accepted. (N.O.I.C. Antwerp, 011156B to Admty).
- BELFAST Admiralty's 141010 April and your 311451 May not to C.S.10. Propose following revised programme for BELFAST. Leave Rosyth 11th June and proceed to Scapa. Carry out one week's preliminary practices and then proceed to Mediterranean to complete working up practices.
2. While BELFAST has been delayed concentrated drill has taken place as well as testing of gear and for this reason it is considered period at Scapa can be cut to one week unless some serious technical defect develops in newly fitted installations. (BELFAST, 011547B to C. in C. H.F.)

/Discharge...

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Discharge
Situation
Report.

Cositintrep No.423 part 4 Section S.
Discharge by Sea - 24 hour period ending 1600B/31
May.

<u>British</u>	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Stores</u>	<u>Bulk Coal</u>	<u>Bulk Pol.</u>
Antwerp	-	218	13,945	-	15,309
Ostend	1,051	111	1,478	-	600
Calais	5,755	95	69	-	-
Caen	-	-	105	1,403	-
Rotterdam	-	-	2,156	4,175	-
Total	6,806	424	17,753	5,578	15,909

U.S. North.

Antwerp	-	-	14,925	-	-
Cherbourg	-	-	738	82	13,277
Le Havre	1,247	119	3,718	-	13,002
Rouen	-	-	3,401	1,510	602
Ghent	-	-	12,590	-	-
Total	1,247	119	35,372	1,592	26,881

U.S. South

Marseilles	4,245	-	7,252	157	-
Port de Bouc	-	-	75	-	-
Total	4,245	-	7,327	157	-

Army Coal at: Morlaix 710, Dieppe 394, St. Malo, 1134.

Note: Publication of this Section will cease effective this issue.

Cumulative Totals 16 - 31 May (Inclusive).

<u>British</u>					
Antwerp	49	2,575	194,417	-	129,186
Ostend	29,535	3,038	21,962	-	9,707
Calais	81,955	863	2,735	26	-
Caen	-	-	1,108	22,404	-
Rotterdam	-	-	14,099	7,197	-
Total	111,539	6,476	234,321	29,627	138,893

/U.S....

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<u>U.S. North</u>	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Stores</u>	<u>Bulk Coal</u>	<u>Bulk Pol</u>
Antwerp	-	677	202,444	-	-
Cherbourg	3,075	313	11,521	6,626	68,862
Le Havre	29,849	1,755	60,544	1,436	31,322
Rouen	15	-	48,986	11,004	30,920
Ghent	-	-	123,578	-	1,235
Total	32,939	2,745	447,073	19,066	132,339
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<u>U.S. South</u>					
Marseilles	12,779	754	152,664	4,019	15,463
Port Du Bouc	-	-	9,178	3,416	52,283
Nice	-	-	1,033	-	-
Total	12,779	754	162,875	7,435	67,746

(S.H.A.E.F., 011720B to Admt, etc).

10th Escort Group / Vessels of 10th E.G. lent for escort of U-boats from Norway, are required at Rosyth for continuation of escort of "Apostle" convoys as follows:-

- (1) HELMSDALE for Troopship sailing June 4th.
- LOCH ECK and BAYNTUN for Convoys sailing June 5th.
- (2) Request Vessels be returned to Rosyth on arrival at Scapa.
- (C. in C. Rosyth, 012210B to C. in C. H.F.)

Sweeping by German M/S. My 291545 para. 1. (Concerning information to be signalled to A.N.C.X.F. Info. Admiralty when a mine is swept by German M/S). Add sub. para - (D) Date and time mine swept. (A.N.C.X.F. (Main), 012238B to F.Os.)

Minesweeping to Rotterdam. / Operation "Fireball". It is anticipated all sweeping required by your 0040B/8 May, and F.O.I.C. Holland, will be completed by p.m. Tuesday 5th June. Request I may be informed if any further sweeping is required. If not, intend sailing M/S

Flotilla 131 (L.A. A) Tuesday 5th June, handing over to Capt. M/S Holland Wednesday 6th and returning U.K. with remainder of Force A Thursday 7th. F.O.I.C. Holland concurs. (Capt. M/S F.A., 012255B to C. in C. Nore).

/Situation....

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Situation Report. Cositintrep No.423, Part II Naval. Cuxhaven, Brunsbuttel, Hamburg, and the Kiel Canal are open to routine shipping.
2. Hamburg. Maximum draught 24 feet. Berths available 1 draught 24 feet 2 draught 23 feet.
3. 23 U-boats with 6 escorts arrived Scapa from Norway p.m./31st (Burrough, 012355B).

Operations

Channel

Sinking of Bombardon in Hurd Deep. My 311737B.
1. Amend para. 3 (B) to read. Wednesday 6th June to carry out a search in H formation from position 50° 14' 36" N., 02° 20' W. to 003° 18 miles Casquets light then commence search in K formation. 1 mile either side of a line joining positions 003° 18' Casquets light and 003° 6' Casquets Light, sweeps to be adjusted to give a swept depth of 15 fathoms. Search in K formation to commence 0600B/6th June.
2. Cancel para. 4.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 011135B to F.O.I.C. Portland, C.M.S.F. FLEETWOOD).
My 301731 (not to S.C.P.O.) Request you will nominate one wooden drifter to act as tender during this operation. She should be available on 10th June.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 011610B to F.O.I.C. Portland).

Lizard Patrol. Sail so as to pass gate at 0900B/2nd and proceed patrol Lizard to Trevoise. S.O.E.G.17 acknowledge.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 011140B to ASCENSION, MOORSOM).

Cable Repairs. Request G.P.O. cable ship ARIEL, now lying at G.P.O. Depot, Woolwich, may be sailed as soon as possible to Dover to carry out repair of Dumpton La Panne 1930 cable interrupted approximately 9 miles from Dumpton.
2. A.C. Dover is requested to sail vessel to cable ground as soon as necessary cable has been loaded from G.P.O. Cable Depot, Dover.
(D.S.D., 011312B to C. in C. Nore, A.C. Dover).

Channel Islands. / Transfer of military command from S.H.A.E.F. to War Office.
(S.H.A.E.F., 011420B) See Policy.

Cross-Channel Convoys. Cessation.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 011722B) See Shipping and Convoys.

/Minesweeping...

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Minesweeping My 302145B. Q.Z.X.259 area EFGH swept to a
31 M/S F. depth 7 cables from Western edge. No mines.
Flotilla proceeded Falmouth. P.C. and S. at
1800B 048° 51' N., 008° 50' W. 067° 10 knots.
2. Request danlayer be allocated to relieve
LONGA for boiler cleaning this ship now has 900 boiler hours.
(S.O. M/S F, 31, 011820B to C. in C. Plymouth).
THUNDER, KENORA, CANSO, WASAGA, MINAS, BAYFIELD, ROWAN,
LONGA, ET.A. Falmouth 1200B June 2nd.
2. BAYFIELD requires diver to clear screw and has defective
M/S Winch and M/S Davit. WASAGA has leaking O.F. Heater. LONGA
has defective steering engine ROWAN has defective M/S winch
and M/S Davit. CANSO has H.P. cylinder liner loose. Request
dockyard assistance.
(S.O. M/S F. 31, 011841B to N.O.I.C. Falmouth).

Ships for F.O.C.R.F. 291155 para. 2. (Weekly signal
"C" Reserve. showing the progress of reduction of ships for
reserve Fleet Category C).
A. Portsmouth. B. VIDETTE 2nd June, GENTIAN
and WESTON both 6th June.
C. WATCHMAN, FLEETWOOD, DEPTFORD, ANCHUSA all detailed by A.M.
180855 April para. 5B but no further instructions have been
received.
(Capt. (D) Portsmouth, 011843 to C. in C. Portsmouth).

Channel Cositintrep 423. Force 135 Part 1. Period
Islands ending 1900B/1st June at St. Peter Port.
Sit. Rep. 3. (E) Alderney. 16 per cent mined charges
removed from pier. Mine and wire clearance
continues. 487 mines lifted, 247 mines destroyed.
Guernsey. Demolition of small arms position and
bunker and White Rock pier proceeding. 1492 mines cleared.
Clearance anti air landing and under water obstacles continues.
Wire defences Castle Cornet removed. Controlled minefield at -
St. Sampson blown up by Royal Navy 31st May. Unexploded bomb
and mine dump established at Montcuet 469120 and marked with
warning boards. Jersey. One German badly wounded by "S" mine
28th May. 2 Germans badly wounded by "S" mine 29th May.
4. (C) Jersey. 6 General Post Office workmen arrived 31st May,
to repair submarine cable.
(H.Q. Force 135, 011905B to Admty).

OperationWest Coast France

CAMROSE, E.T.A. Penmen Lighthouse 1830B 1st June, LUNENBURG
LUNENBURG and 3 ex German minesweepers in company.
Request Medical Officer meet ship to examine
suspected appendix case.
(CAMROSE, 010920 to Comdt. Marine Lorient).

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Force.

The following Oropesa Trawlers are re-allocated to Clyde M/S Force:- CONCERTATOR, LOCH BUIE, BRECON CASTLE, BEN URIE, LOCH PARK, SCARRON, IJUIN.

2. Accounts are to be carried in FORTITUDE.
3. A.M. 071235, not to all addressees refers. (D.M.S., 010748B to C. in C. Plymouth, etc).

Escort Group
C.7.

Intend to sail E.G. C.7 in LANARK with COPPER CLIFF, PARRY SOUND, MERRITTONIA, and HAWKESBURY for Halifax at 2100B today June 1st. Speed of advance 13.5 knots. (Route).

(M) 55° 00' N., 18° 00' W. (N) 53° 30' N., 28° 00' W. (O) 51° 55' N., 55° 00' W. (P) 49° 00' N., 44° 00' W. (Q) 45° 00' N., 53° 00' W. thence to Halifax. Admiralty is requested to divert Mails to Halifax forthwith. (F.O.I.C. Greenock, 011024B to C. in C. C.N.A.)

Sailed E.G. C.7 in LANARK with COPPER CLIFF, PARRY SOUND, MERRITTONIA and HAWKESBURY in accordance with my 011024B. (F.O.I.C. Greenock, 012113B to C. in C. C.N.A.)

Clyde
Minesweeping.

The area enclosed by lines joining the following points has been cleared 100 per cent by Oropesa Trawlers in G. Formation and it is considered that it can be freely used.

(A) 55° 40' 42" N., 05° 08' 00" W.
(B) 55° 43' 22" N., 05° 00' 24" W.
(C) 55° 37' 12" N., 04° 52' 54" W.
(D) 55° 33' 46" N., 05° 03' 30" W.

Trawlers will be using the southern portion of the area to establish overlap while extending area to the southward and it is requested, that ships may be directed to keep clear of them and any dan buoys.

(Capt. M/S, Clyde, 011052B to F.O.I.C. Greenock).

SALVIGIL.

Salvage vessel SALVIGIL sailed by N.C.S.O. Clyde at 1500B/1st June for Port Said for onward sailing to Colombo. Speed 10 knots, E.T.A. Port Said June 16th. A.M. 241359 May refers. (F.O.I.C. Greenock, 011516B as amended 011840B to Admty.)

OperationsNorwayMinesweeping,
M/S.F.9.

My 310144B. Search western side of Mercury channel completed. Width of 15 cables from centre line not absolutely reliable owing to low lying cloud obscuring Hore inner mark. Am proceeding with search of Venus channel. (S.O. M/S.F.9, 010710B to N.O.I.C. Stavanger, etc.)

/Search ...

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M/S F.9.
(contd).

Search of Mercury and Venus channel completed to width of 3 miles but see my 010710B. Field of mines just watching located 1 mile radius of 058° 50.7 minutes north 005° 47' E. 4 cut and 6 ft. drift. During this operation flotilla steamed rapidly without recovering sweep.
(S.O. M/S 9, 012206B to N.O.I.C. Stavanger, (R) F.O. Norway, C. in C. Rosyth, Admty).

Cruisers and
Destroyers
from Bergen.

Sailed from Bergen with BERWICK ZEST and ZAMBESI in company. Proceeding through the Leads to Lister Light thence by Q.Z.S. 738 E.T.A. May Island 0845 2nd June.

(C.S.10, 010800B to C. in C. Rosyth).

282218 and 302132 refer.

BIRMINGHAM, BERWICK, ZEST, ZAMBESI sailed, C.S.10's

(N.O.I.C. Bergen, 011011B to C. in C. Rosyth).

Proceed in BIRMINGHAM with ZEST to Lerwick with despatch. Fuel on arrival. Further orders will follow. BERWICK and ZAMBESI return to Rosyth.

(C. in C. H.F., 012210 to C.S.10).

Request you will instruct BIRMINGHAM to proceed to Lerwick with despatch and complete with fuel.

2. It may be necessary for ship to proceed to Tromso. A further signal will be made.

(D.O.D. (H), Approved V.C.N.S., 012227B to C. in C. H.F.)

U.4706
(defective).

N.O.I.C. Kristiansands 312325 is passed for information.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 010943B to Admty).

STORD

Intend to sail STORD 1400B today Friday 1st for Rosyth calling at Scapa. Routed through Vestfjorden and direct. E.T.A. Scapa p.m. 3rd June. Admty. 291732 and STORD 311300, neither to all, refer.

(N.O.I.C. Tromso, 011045B to F.O. Norway)

W.D. Note, - See also North Sea.U-boats,
Stavanger.

Your 311615B. All seaworthy German U-boats have now sailed. Salvaged Hull of U.673 only remains.

(N.O.I.C. Stavanger, 011105 to C. in C. Rosyth).

U-boats at
Bergen.

Your 311550. The following 13 German U-boats and their type will be sailed at 1400B 2nd June.
Type 7C. Us. 539, 778, 709, 991, 1004, 1005, 1057, 1271, 1301, 1307. Type 7D. U.218. Type 9 D. (92) U.875. Type 23. U.2328.

2. Those remaining are Us. 256, 926, 993, 437, 228 completely unserviceable and Us. 324, 1202 reduced to care and maintenance. All Type 7C.

(N.O.I.C. Bergen, 011603B to C. in C. Rosyth).

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Norway - Contd.

- U.2529. Intend to sail type 21 U-boat 2529 at 1400B/3rd June escorted by LOCH ECK to Loch Eriboll by Q.Z.S.745, 755, 738, 322, 323, 83 thence Loch Eriboll U.K. Speed of advance 13 knots. E.T.A. 25 buoy 2300B/4th June. E.T.A. entrance Loch Eriboll 0900B/5th June.
(N.O.I.C. Kristiansand, 011810B to C. in C. W.A.)
- U.977, believed sunk. 16 survivors from U.977 state German U-boat wrecked on island near Bremanger while returning from patrol with damaged periscope on night 9th/10th May. It is considered that this German U-boat was sunk.
(N.O.I.C. Bergen, 011920 to F.O. Norway).
- Enemy M/Vs. Request names and location of all enemy Merchant Vessels over 1000 tons G.R.T. now in Norwegian ports.
(N.I.D.1 for D.N.I., 012230B to A.N.C.X.F. (Main))
Reply: 021045B.

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Northern Waters

POLE STAR. Sailed N.L.V. POLE STAR for operations at Auskerry and east of Orkney Lights. Anchoring for night off Sanday and proceeding to Fair Isle and Lerwick Saturday 2nd June. POLE STAR will be working off Shetlands thence to Scrabster about 6th of June before returning Stromness.
(C. in C. H.F., 010756B to R.N.O. Kirkwall, N.O.I.C. Lerwick.)

DIADEM, Intend that DIADEM and ORIBI shall sail for ORIBI. Rosyth on Tuesday 5th June. It is not intended to relieve them. F.O. Denmark is requested to sail DIADEM and ORIBI accordingly.
(C. in C. H.F., 011103 as amended 012329 to F.O. Denmark, A.N.C.X.F., Admty.)

HELMSDALE, Cancel my 312001 May not to all. If visit of U. 3035. HELMSDALE's type XXI U-Boat confirms that call at Scapa is unnecessary, request that all subsequent type XXIs. may be routed direct to Lisahally from Norway.
(C. in C. W.A., 011556B to C. in C. H.F.(Ashore), PHILANTE, C. in C. Rosyth.)
Reply: 021710.

Icelandic / Request early decision on my 181214* May. Relief Ship. A.M. 191837* May refers.
(A.C.I.C., 011823B to Admty.)
* Icelandic Government proposal to send ship to Bergen and Copenhagen carrying relief food.

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Baltic

Message to / Your 231758 (Proposal that N.A. Stockholm should Swedish Navy. convey message of appreciation to Head of Swedish Navy from British Admiralty.) Approved.
(V.C.N.S., 010023B to N.A. Stockholm.)

ORANJEFON 'EIN. Your 312021B (Release of Dutch M.V. ORANJEFONTEIN). Concur.
(A.N.C.X.F. (Main), 011206B to F.O. Kiel.)

Kiel / Intend to sail D.2 in ZEPHYR, ZAMBESI and ZODIAC Destroyer to Kiel on Tuesday 5th June. Request you will Reliefs. sail OPPORTUNE, OBEDIENT and OFFA to Rosyth on relief.
(C. in C. H.F. (Afloat), 011219B to F.O.W.G., F.O.I.C. Kiel Command.)

N.P.1761. / N.P.1761 (Main) established Eckernford to 1 June. (F.O. Kiel Command, 012011B to A.N.C.X.F.(Main))

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Enemy Intelligence

U-Boats in
Norway
ports.

Your 311615. Three type 7C unfit for sea.
(Trondheim, 011020B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

Defective
U-Boats,
Norway.

A.M. 301732 (Number of U-Boats surrendered in
Norway may be communicated when final batch
have been sailed). When all serviceable
U-Boats have been sailed to U.K. the following
defective submarines will be remaining in
Norwegian ports.

Kristiansand - (A) U.4706 repair beyond local resources.
BMK U.985 mined and beached.

Stavanger - (A) U.673 sunk and salvaged.

Bergen (A) U-Boats 437, 228, 256, 993, 926 reported
unserviceable.

(B) U-Boats 324, 1202 estimated time for repair three months.

(G) U-Boats 778, 1002 estimated time for repair ten days.

Request policy as to the disposal of these U-Boats be
communicated as soon as possible.

(F.O. Norway, 011026B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Reply: A.N.C.X.F. 031742B.

U. 861
(ex Trondheim)

U.861 now on passage to Lisahally with 3 ships
of 30th E.G. as escorts is store carrier from
Japan. Has 110 tons of tin in keel.

(C. in C. H.F., 011121B to C. in C. W.A.)

C. in C. H.F. (ashore)'s 011121. Request dry
docking for discharge of cargo may be arranged
(C. in C. W.A., 011620B to Admty.)

Dangerous /
oil in
German M/V.

A valuable German Prize has been found to have
bunkered at Pillau just before evacuating with
creosote gas oil flash point 113 F. This oil
is not only dangerous but precipitates hard
asphalt on adding mixture with normal petroleum
bunker fuel.

(2) Believe other ships have taken similar bunkers.

(3) Recommended such oil be removed from merchant ships as
quickly as possible and all contaminated tanks steamed.

(M.W.T.R. Germany, 011542B to F.O. Kiel Command.)

U-Boat
state,
Neustadt.

Your 310856B to A.N.C.X.F. (U-Boat state at
Neustadt).

Request confirmation of U.9 afloat, as Godt
reported U.9 scuttled in Black Sea, also request
numbers of 2 type 7C reported.

(D.D.I.C., 011616B to F.O. Kiel.)

Experimental
Walther
U-Boats.

Request you will make arrangements for one of
these U-Boats to be raised.

(2) N.T.S. Sub. H.Q. (Brit.) 271800 and Capt.
Alleyne, O.K.M. 271346 refer.

(A.C.N.S.(H), 011625B to A.N.C.X.F. Main.)

/U-Boats ...

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Enemy Intelligence - Contd.

U-Boats O.K.M. Capt. Hale's 311435. Late estimate of
sunk, Kiel U-Boats sunk or scuttled in Kiel Command.
Command. Kiel 46 in Kielerhafen.
Rendsburg 3 in Kiel Canal.
Travemundee 35 to 37 in Travemunde Roads, 2 in
River Trave.
Neustadt 2 bombed and stranded.
Flensburg 27.
Eckernforde 4 in Eckernforde Buchtak.
Information regarding Commanding Officers names is being sought
and will be reported.
(F.O. Kiel, 012038B to A.N.C.X.F. (Main))

Movements

U-Boats Scapa departures PEVENSEY CASTLE, PORCHESTER
ex Bergen. CASTLE, KENILWORTH CASTLE, LAUNCESTON CASTLE,
escorting U-Boats 861, 1002, 1022, D.5, 928,
930.
(C. in C. H.F., 010648B to Com. (D) W.A., Capt.
S/M. Lisahally.)

HELMSDALE Your destination is Scapa. Acknowledge.
(with N.O.I.C. Stavanger's 311530, not to all, refers.
U.3035). (C. in C. Rosyth, 010835B to HELMSDALE.)
Your 010835B, understood. Expect to arrive
Scapa 020800B.
(HELMSDALE, 011045B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

U-Boats for E.T.A. Loch Ryan 0700B/2nd June. One 1,000
Loch Ryan. tons German U-Boat and 5 Mark 23 German U-Boat
in company.
KING SOL and LEEDS UNITED additional escort with
instructions for onward routeing after completion
of this escort duty.
LOCH MORE has no defects and requires (?no) fuel oil.
(LOCH MORE, 011001B to N.O.I.C. Stranraer.)

TANTALUS My 301658B (TANTALUS escorted by DOMETT) sailed.
(ex Pacific) Codeword "Match".
(S/M.5, 011002B to C. in C. Portsmouth.)
Detail from TANTALUS at 23 Buoy and proceed at
14 knots by searched channel to Hull. Inform
F.O.I.C. Humber of your E.T.A.
(2) TANTALUS to proceed independently to Dundee.
(3) Capt. S/M.5 301658 May, para. 4 refers.
(AMBROSE, 011603B to DOMETT.)

U-Boats ex Scapa arrival U-Boats 281, 299, 369, 712, 1163,
Kristiansand. 2321, 2325, 2335, 2337, 2350, 2353, 2354, 2361,
2363 escorted by TYLER, CAYMAN.
(C. in C. H.F., 011048B to N.O.I.C. Kristiansand)

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- U. 249,
LOCH SHIN. Request you comply with F.O. S/M's 301818 (U.249 with escort to Loch Ryan) (being passed to C. in C. Plymouth).
(2) LOCH SHIN will arrive Portland 1000B/3 as escort. On completion she is to return to Liverpool.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 011055B to F.O.I.C. Portland.)
- BASQUE. Serial 5. Destroyer BASQUE arrived 010800B.
(C.T.G. 122.2, 011103B to Premar I, C. in C. Portsmouth, C. in C. Plymouth.)
- TRILLIUM,
HEPATICA. My 311545 not to all. TRILLIUM and HEPATICA, are to omit call in Northern Ireland and proceed to Clyde for de-ammunitioning and disarming.
(C. in C. W.A., 011125B to TRILLIUM.)
- GOATHLAND. Your 311755B* May. Request information as to whether it is still intended to implement first para. of your 091147 March (GOATHLAND accepted into Reserve Category (C) by F.O.C.R.F.)
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 011155B to F.O.C.R.F.)
* No trace in W.R.
- BULOLO. A.M. 301802B April (not to all).
Proceed at 1100B/2nd to Clyde via Needles, Q.Z.S. 631, 629, 662, Route W, Q.Z.S. 688, thence by searched channels and routes in force.
(2) S. of A. 13 knots. E.T.A. Clyde Boom 0930B/4th June.
(4) Mails to Greenock.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 011239B to BULOLO.)
- NEWCASTLE. It is now understood that arrangements have been made in accordance with para. 3 of A.M. 161518B May for NEWCASTLE to proceed to the Tyne about 21st June.
My 311124B May therefore may be cancelled and arrangements will be made to receive the ship on the Tyne about 21st June.
(F.O.I.C. Tyne, 011401B to Admty.)
- LORIET. Your 231056B, para. 2 (French Tug LORIET manned by German crew is required for harbour duties in St. Peter's Port). Understand Tug LORIET is French Naval Vessel. Request you will state how long she is likely to be required in St. Peter's Port.
(A.N.C.X.F. (Cotug), 011740B to N.O.I.C. Guernsey.)
Reply: 020937B.
- JERVIS. My 311034. Sailing delayed approximately 24 hours due to defects.
(F.O.I.C.N.I., 011816 to F.O.G.M.A.)

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U. 637, E.T.A. Lough Foyle Buoy 0730B/2nd June, U.637,
U. 901, U.901, and U.1171 in company.
U.1171. (BLIGH, 011821B to Cdre. (D) W.A.)
(Ex Stavanger)

BITTERSWEET. F.O.N.F. 301246 May. Request BITTERSWEET
de-ammunition and land armament stores at
Londonderry and sail as soon as possible for
Aberdeen to complete reduction to Category (C).
(2) Anticipate destoring berth will be available about 8th
June.
(3) On completion of reduction she should sail with minimum
passage crew and stores for Rosyth for laying up in mud berth.
(F.O.C.R.F., 011823B to C. in C. W.A.)

GLOIRE. C., in C. Med. 301108 being passed. Ship can
be accepted at Cherbourg.
(A.N.C.X.F. (Main), 011827B to Admty.)

CHARLOCK. A.M. 271117 and C. in C. S.A's 311106 neither
to all.
C. in C. W.A. is requested to sail CHARLOCK
when ready about 10th June, to Portsmouth to
pay off and embark runner crew for passage to South Africa to
refit. This runner crew will subsequently take ship to India
for transfer to R.I.N. C. in C. S.A's 311110 not to all,
refers.
(2) C. in C. Portsmouth is requested to sail CHARLOCK when
ready for Freetown for onward routeing to East London.
(D.O.D.(H), 012023B to C. in C. W.A., C. in C. Portsmouth.)

U-Boats for Intend sailing LOCH FYNE, KEATS and BOMBARDIER
Loch Ryan. escorting Type 7C U-Boats Nos. 994, 1019, 1064,
1203, 483, 773, 775, 953, 978 at 0400B tomorrow
Saturday 2nd June to arrive Loch Ryan a.m./3rd
June reporting own expected time of arrival.
(2) Movements on completion - LOCH FYNE to Greenock. KEATS
and BOMBARDIER to Scapa.
(3) LOCH FYNE to embark her own armed guards, KEATS to collect
remainder.
(C. in C. H.F., 012026B to N.O.I.C. Stranraer.)

KRAKOWIAK, C. in C. Nore 251237. Sail P.S. KRAKOWIAK and
SLAZAK. P.S. SLAZAK at 1000 Sunday 3rd to Harwich.
Speed as requisite to arrive destination by
noon Monday 4th.
(2) M/S. Force C and M/S.18 are requested to
provide protection against mines from Buoy 4 to P.10 Buoy.
(F.O.W.G., 012200B to N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven.)

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- Convoy C.U. 72. At 010220Z position 48.22 N., 24.55 W. RANPHAEL SEMMES blew out main superheater steam joint. Have directed them to proceed via stragglers route. Their best speed for the next 24 hours is 10 knots after which they expect to increase to 15.
(C.T.G. 61.8, 010413 to C. in C. W.A.)
- Convoy U.L.C.1. Report forthwith whether German ships QUERSEE, KATTENTURM and SYLT have British or German crews on board. If German crews whether armed guards are on board.
(C. in C. Nore, 011014B to RETALICK.)
- Your 011014. All German crews. SYLT only has armed guard and British officer on board.
(RETALICK, 011207 to C. in C. Nore.)
On arrival H.5 Buoy escort German ships QUERSEE, KATTENTURM and SYLT by normal searched channels to Methil. Instruct remainder of Convoy to enter Humber independently.
(2) Report E.T.A. Methil to C. in C. Rosyth.
(3) C. in C. Rosyth is requested to sail RETALICK on completion of escort duties to Harwich with moderate despatch.
(C. in C. Nore, 011502B to RETALICK.)
- Convoy N.R. 1. N.R.1 speed 8 knots.
(A) 1400/3rd June, 1945. (B) Escort VERDUN.
(C) 10 ships (including L.S.T. 416, 379 and 320)
(N.C.S.O. Norway, 011529B to C. in C. Rosyth.)
SS. MANITOU PARK sailed at 1330 for inclusion in N.R.1 convoy, E.T.A. Kristiansand 0800/2.
(N.C.S.O. Oslo, 011536B to N.O.I.C. Kristiansand.)
- Cross-Channel Convoys to cease. My 232228B as amended by my 291240B. In view of A.M. 310001Z (not to all) W.V.P. and V.W.P. convoys are to cease as from 4th June 1945. Para. 2(A) of my 232228B is therefore cancelled from that date.
(2) Fast troop carriers are thence forward to be sailed independently from Southampton to Havre and return by routes at present in force for W.V.P. and V.W.P. convoys respectively.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 011722B to Portsmouth A/S Patrol and Escort Forces, C.T.G. 122.3, C.T.G. 122.2, etc.)
- BERGENSFJORD. Your 291620 (Intend to sail BERGENSFJORD escorted by VERDUN to Oslo). Arrived Oslo.
(N.O.I.C. Oslo, 011736B to N.O.I.C. Leith.)
- Convoy C.U.L.2. Reference my previous signal. UNITAS will not be ready for C.U.L. 2.
(2) Vessel must discharge dangerous bunker oil and gas free tanks which will take 4 days.
(3) UNITAS is not degaussed. Can she be accepted for C.U.L.3.
(M.W.T.R. Germany, 012052B to F.O.I.C. Kiel.)

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BELVOIR
(Hunt
destroyer)

Sail at 1400B Friday 1st June to Plymouth.
(2) Route.
(3) Speed 15 knots. E.T.A. 1400/4th.
(F.O.G.M.A., 010954 to BELVOIR.)

SS. CITY
OF NEW YORK
(No trace
in shipping
list.)

Your 311644 (N.T. in W.D.) May (to S.O. (I) Gib. only) sailed CITY OF NEW YORK to Falmouth for orders.
(2) Unless otherwise ordered by Admiralty sail all future ships for U.K. when ready as in para. (1).
(3) All trade convoys have ceased in non-combat areas and ships are to sail independently. They are not to zigzag and guns need not be manned. By night they are to burn navigation lights at full brilliancy and proceed unblacked out. They will observe international regulations for the prevention of collisions at sea.
(F.O.G.M.A., 011144B to Ship Minder Lisbon.)

Rescue
tugs
(released)

/H.M. Rescue Tugs CHARON, FRISKY, PROSPEROUS and VAGRANT are being released by C. in C. Med. for return to U.K.
(2) It is proposed to use these tugs to tow EMPIRE HAVEN and the two portions of ~~THORSHAVEN~~ to U.K.
(3) Request you will, in consultation with C. in C. Med., advise whether tows can be got ready in time to avoid undue delay to sailing of the tugs.
(4) Destinations of tows will be signalled later.
(D.O.D.(H), 011410B to F.O.G.M.A.) See 021305 from Ad. F.O.G.M.A.)
** see p. 47*

EVADNE
(A.S.Yacht)

A.M. 292013 (N.T. in W.D.) May request confirmation that EVADNE should proceed U.K. with remaining ships of G.E.F.
(F.O.G.M.A. 011510B to Admty.)

Gibraltar
reductions
in personnel
departments.

/My 211226 May was based on the following considerations.
(a) By mid June the number of escort vessels based on or visiting Gibraltar requiring docking running repairs, progressing of As. and As. will be reduced from over 40 to two escort destroyers recently refitted and three corvettes retained for temporary service.
(b) Only one Hunt destroyer has been allocated to Gibraltar in July for refit and tropicalisation with the possibility of a second in August instead of two Hunts as proposed in my 151414B May.
(3) It is also proposed that, until scheme of reduction is approved except in cases when relief in a particular trade is essential, agreement workmen with over two and a half years' service at Gibraltar should be returned to U.K. without relief.
(C.S.Gib., 011616B to C. in C. Med.)

/Reduction...

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North Atlantic

Reduction
of escorts

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. My 121734, para. 3 refers.

(b) paying off ships in order to release personnel A.L. N.13145/45 dated 8th May, 1945 and my 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 radar, W/T Asdic and similar equipment. My 180855 April and 121805 May refer. A.F.O.2758/45, also refers.

(4) It is also necessary to release ten per cent of A/S trawlers for fishing in addition to those reported in reply to my 261703 April.

(5) Request you will report names of ships that can be released. (D.O.D.(H), 012137B to F.O.G.M.A.) Amended by 021843B.

N.F.

South Atlantic

SAUMAREZ
(destroyer)
(damaged
in action)

Arrived SAUMAREZ.
(Cdre., R.N.E. Durban, 010504Z to Admty.)

VERBENA
Corvette

Unless there are reasons for VERBENA calling Durban (Your 311231 refers). Request you divert her through Mediterranean for U.K.
(C. in C.S.A., 011025 to C. in C. E.I.)

Air Sea
Rescue
Stations.

Ref. Cominch 312135 May not to all, am ordering 2 Brazilian D.Es. to arrive station 14 and 15 morning 5th June.

(Comsolant, 011407 to F.O.C.W.Af.)

Ref. Cominch 312135 and Cinclant 180316 both May. Are you prepared to man station 22, A.T.C. Div. Natal has Info.

(Comsolant, 011408 to F.O.C.W.A.)

Intend sailing COWSLIP 1200Z 3rd June to air sea rescue station 22 to arrive 0700Z 5th June. Will be relieved 15th. Cominch's 312135Z refers.

(F.O.C.W.A.F., 011904Z to Comsolant (4th Flt.))

KILs for U.K.

(1) Intend sailing KILCHATTAN, KILKHAMPTON, KILMACOLM at 1530Z 2nd June, speed 12 knots, to Plymouth orders A.M. 292231B not to all refers. (F.O.C.W.Af. 011731Z to C. in C. Plymouth.)

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Syria Your 311800. C. in C. Middle East has received developments instructions to take all measures which in his judgment are necessary to restore order in the Levant States.

If ALMED requests permission or notifies intention to sail warship you should immediately request him not to do so. In case French warship sails for Levant you are to have adequate force available in Eastern Mediterranean to interpose if so instructed by H.M.G.

H.M. Ship may be sent to Beirut in anticipation if desired. (P.A.S.(L) Approved 1st S.L., 010004B to C. in C. Med.)

N.O.I.C. Beirut reports at 1030/1st June that Beirut ships shut, town quiet and no disorder. Road communication open to Damascus. S.F.N.O. has recalled French warships on patrol at request of N.O.I.C. Algiers. C. in C. M.E. Forces with large escort of Spitfires arrived at same time as MUSKETEER and EXMOOR. (2) After dictating orders to French at Beirut C. in C. M.E. Forces was expected to proceed Damascus (in daylight?). (F.O.L.E.M. Athens, 011601B to C. in C. Med.)

Ref. A.M. 010004 not to all. Ships addressed are to be prepared until further orders to leave Malta for Eastern Med. at 4 hours' notice.

Working up is not to be interrupted meanwhile.

(C. in C. Med., 011118B to V.A. Malta, SUSSEX, BERMUDA, CLEOPATRA.) Amended by 021008B.

BEAUFORT Intend sailing BEAUFORT (D.5) to Gibraltar at (Hunt). 1600B/2nd for onward routing to U.K. (2) S. of A. 15 knots E.T.A. Gibraltar 0700/5th. (V.A.M., 011158 to F.O.G.M.A.)

WIZARD Request you will arrange completion of work up in destroyer Mediterranean for WIZARD before onward routing to B.P.F. A.M. 201230 refers. (D.O.D.(F) 011335B to C. in C. Med.)

Levant GO/17759 cipher 1st June. 047184. Sitrep (1) 31st May 2000 hours G.O.C. 9th Army saw Gen. Humblot and transmitted C. in C. orders to French to cease firing. Gen. Humblot had already received orders from Feris not to oppose orders C. in C. (2) C. in C. arrives Beirut 0900 hours 1st June and is establishing his Tac. H.Q. incl. R.A.F.

L.O. at Ablah. (3) Own Tps. 1st June 3 Inf. Bde. of 1 Div. crossed frontier and complete conc. Jebel Mazar 1800 hours under command 9th Army. Elements 31 Ind. Armd. Div. already conc. Baalbek area ready to move (? mob. colns.) all arms Northwards and to Damascus. 3 H conc. Beirut area 1st June. (4) Two destroyers arrived Beirut 1st June. Cruiser ARETHUSA due 2nd June. One Squadron Spitfires remain Beirut airfield. (5) Towns. Damascus. 31st May sporadic arty. and mortar fire during daylight. French armd. C. and Tk. patrols operated. No real control in town by either side during night and some looting by French tps. reported. Fire still burning bazaar area. No

/estimate...

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Levant estimate of casualties yet but one hospital
 Sitrep admitted 145 cases 31st May.
 to 0800 (6) Hama. 31st May truce in force to collect
 hours dead and wounded. Confirmed casualties killed
 1st June. 80 incl. gendarmes 13, wounded 150. 1st June
 (Contd.) Bedouins still attacking French inbks.
 (7) Deir es Zor. 31st May air attack reported
 1045 hours. 1600 hours negotiations between
 French and Mohafez in progress.
 (8) Rest of Syria. Nothing to report.
 (9) Beirut. French armed schooner and two M.Ls. are at sea
 along coast.
 (10) OCP MGO (or MGA) and two reps. mesc. arriving Syria with
 Tac. H.Q. to assist restore OCP service.
 (C. in C. M.E. 011420C to W.O.)
 GO/17865 cipher 1st June. 047289. 1800 hrs. 1st June.
 (1) C. in C. visited Beirut and Damascus today. F.O.L.E.M.
 in cruiser ARETHUSA expected to arrive Beirut 0800 hours, 2nd June.
 (3) Towns. Damascus. British and French liaison officer
 toured city to ensure French posts returned to barracks as
 ordered. Previous non-compliance believed due to French fear
 attack by locals en route.
 (4) Homs looting by French but no serious incident. Hama
 local Sheikh arrived with (?3300) men and 25 M.Gs. He and other
 tribesmen have been warned to keep peace.
 (5) Aleppo quiet. (?OC) TFL ordered cease fire w.e.f. 2315 hrs.
 31st May and notified outlying detachments including Deir-es-Zor
 Mohafez have assurance no attack by locals.
 (6) Deir-es-Zor quiet 1000 hours. No further report. Not
 known whether orders from Aleppo have arrived.
 (7) Remainder Syria and Lebanon nothing to report.
 (C. in C. M.E. 012100C to W.O.)

C.T.G. / Intend sail PHELPS C.T.G. 60.4 embarked with
 60.4 CALCATERRA. CHAMBERS and MERRILL at 1800/1 to
 to U.S.A. U.S.A.
 (2) Speed 17 knots.
 (Comnob. Oran, 011636 to Admty.)

S/M SIRDAR is to sail escorted by WOLBOROUGH for onward
 routing to U.K. by V.A. Malta.
 (6) WOLBOROUGH's U.K. destination is Falmouth.
 (F.O.L.E.M., 011816C to SIRDAR, WOLBOROUGH.)

A.F.D.48 Intend to sail H.M.R.T. ASSIDUOUS towing A.F.D.48
 GF. BONITO at 0830B Saturday 2nd June to Port Said
 for onward routing to Massawa. A.M. 041909 April
 not to all refers.
 (F.O.T.A.L.I., 012007B to F.O.L.E.M.)

T.G.60.5 / Intend sail U.S.S. DOYLE C.T.G.60.5 embarked with
 for U.S.A. JORDAN, CARMICK, EVARTS and MICKA at 0600/2 to
 U.S.A.
 (2) Speed 15 to Gibraltar then 17, thence
 destination assigned by Cinclant.

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for U.S.A.
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(4) E.T.A. Horta 1630/5.
(Commob. Oran, 012035 to Admty., Cinclant.)

Situation
report
number
615

H.M.S. MUSKETEER and EXMOOR arrived Beirut where
all is quiet. F.O.L.E.M. is proceeding there in
ARETHUSA.
(C. in C. Med., 012044B to F.O.G.M.A. etc.)

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Headquarters
Ship.

It is understood that an ALGERINE class minesweeper is being fitted as a Minesweeping Headquarters ship, and will be allocated to the East Indies Station.

(2) Request information when this ship may arrive as a headquarters ship is required for forthcoming operations.

(C. in C. E.I., 010905Z to Admty.)

Reply: 031707B.

Beam
Installations
India.

A reply by signal to my No. 728/3107/16X dated 27th Feb., not to C. in C. E.I. concerning type 93 (S) Beam Approach is now urgently required.

(3) 729 Squadron is now based at R.N.A.S. Tambaram which has no beam facilities.

(4) Unless sufficient details can be supplied very soon to allow buildings to be sited and progressed it is possible that these installations may have to be abandoned in compliance with para. 4 of Admiralty's 221643* Dec. (N.T. in W.D.) 1944. Not to Tambaram.

(F.O. Air E.I., 010951Z to Admty.)

* Request reply to letter.

Movements.

Arrived VENERABLE (A.C.11), VENGEANCE, COLOSSUS, TYRIAN, TUSCAN, CORBRAE.

Departed ENTERPRISE, TAURUS.

(Com. Aden, 011522Z to Admty.)

LE
TRIOMPHANT,
unsuitability
of in
tropics.

Admiralty message 291940 May. Admiral Lemonnier informed me today that he doubts the gravity of the difficulties in F.S. LE TRIOMPHANT and has directed Captain of RICHELIEU to obtain further details.

(2) LE TRIOMPHANT has carried out successful service for some years, part of which was in the tropics.

(3) He added that the inexperience of unacclimatised crew may have induced Captain to make a hasty judgment.

(4) I have been promised a further report in due course.

(N.A. Paris, 011935B to Admty.)

French ships
in E.I.
(logistic
support of)

(1) Waited on Admiral Lemonnier today, Friday, and discussed with him the preliminary details concerning the logistic support of the French ships soon to be deployed with the East Indies Fleet.

(2) The Admiral informed me that he had this morning received a telegram from Admiral Fenard telling him of C.C.S. decision that matters affecting French ships thus to be deployed were, in future, to be discussed between British Admiralty and French Ministere de la Marine direct and that he had already decided in his mind to suggest discussions.

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in E.I.
(logistic
support of).
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(3) He, therefore, wished me to inform Admty. that he welcomed the proposal contained in para. 5 of A.L.M. 058964/45 of 8th May, 1945, and he would consider this proposal in detail and would let me have a reply in a day or so.

(4) I had previously discussed with Embassy the advisability of making this approach in the unfortunate political atmosphere that has arisen but in spite of this no more friendly welcome could have been given to the Admiralty proposal. It is certain that French reply concerning the proposed delegation will be in the affirmative unless political factors are superimposed. (N.A. Paris, 012046B to Admty.)

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America and West Indies

- T.F.61. Your 311556.
When escorts T.F. 61 ready, sail them to U.S.
(C. in C. Lant, 010408Z to Comnavue)
- CAPE BRETON. H.M.C.S. CAPE BRETON arrived Bermuda.
(S.B.N.O. W.A. Area, 011235Z to Admty.)
H.M.C.S. CAPE BRETON departs Point Y Bermuda 120
at 1230/2nd. Times Z. To Colon S.O.A.15
knots. C. in C. C.N.A. 271705/not to all. E.T.A.0430/7th.
(N.O.B. Bermuda, 012103 to C.M.S.F.)
/ N.T. in W.D.
- Movement. Arrivals p.m. May 31st. H.M.C.S. STRATHADAM,
ORKNEY, LA HULLOISE, THETFORD MINES, JOLIETTE
from United Kingdom.
(C.O.P. Halifax, 011257 to Admty.)
- U.Boat 1200Z/1 June. No fresh information.
dispositions. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 011327Z to S. and As.)
Enemy U-Boat estimate 1200Z/01. Nothing new.
(Cominch, 011347 to Admty.)
- Convoy Following 2 Rompers arrived New York from convoy
O.N.303 O.N.303 SS. EDWIN S. NETTLETON and SS. HENRY
(ice floes). VILLIARD 011223Z.
(P.D. New York, 011442 to Com. 10th)
Arrivals Halifax from Outbound convoy O.N.303
BURY (Rescue) EMPIRE MACCABE (M.A.C.) EMPIRE
MACMAHON (MAC) PACIFIC EXPORTER, DUNCAN ~~LA~~ CLINCH (U.S.) FORT
COLUMBIA collision damage.
(N.C.S.O. Halifax, 011910Z to Admty.)
O.N.303, FORT COLUMBIA arrived Halifax 2055Z/May 31st with
collision damage.
(N.C.S.O. Halifax, 011918Z to Admty.)
- INGONISH Departure St. Johns 1400Z/1st June. H.M.S.
(F.M/s.) INGONISH for Horta Azores.
(3) On arrival Horta request INGONISH be fuelled
and provided with onward route to Sheerness.
(F.O.N.F. 011508 to S.B.N.O. Azores)
- Transference of Air Sqdn. No.162 (Br.) Sqdn. to be prepared to move from
from Iceland Reykjavik to Sydney Nova Scotia 7th June, 1945.
to Nova etc. Operation order following.
Scotia. (R.C.A.F. Ottawa, 011545Z to E.A.C.)

/T.G.29.7...

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America and West Indies - Contd.

- T.G.29.7. On 5th June withdraw T.G.29.7 and discontinue maintaining Eastern terminus Tanker. If necessary, escorts refuel Horta or Bermuda. (C. in C. Lant, 011635Z to Comservlant)
- E.G.1. Intend sailing Group B one for Londonderry a.m. 4th June, S.O.B.1 requests groups may proceed via Azores. Request early reply may be signalled. (F.O.N.F. 011720Z to C. in C. W.A.)
- E.G's disbanded. Escort Groups 26 and 25 are disbanded as of 1st June all units these Groups to come under your administration upon arrival Halifax from U.K. (C. in C. C.N.A. 011826Z to Capt. D. Halifax)
- Movements. MISCOU^N S.O. LISCOMB, IRONBOUND, MAITOULIN, sailed St. Johns 1915Z/1st June in company to Horta Azores for fuel and onward routing to the U.K. (F.O.N.F. 011945Z to S.B.N.O. Azores)
~~(No trace in Pink list)~~
- WASKESIU H.M.C.S. WASKESIU departed Balboa 1200Z/May 31st Frigate. for Esquimalt via San Diego. E.T.A. San Diego June 9th. Speed 14 knots. (Compaseafon, 012045 to Cominch)

Far East and Australia

- CLEOPATRA. A.M.101603 can any indication please be given regarding duration of CLEOPATRA stay on E.I. Station. (C. in C. B.P.F. 010439Z to Admty.)
- 31 May Blue Summary. Ryukyus. Advancing southeast of captured Naha on Okinawa 6th Mardiv reached the mouth of the Kokuba river. Bad weather hampered Naval operations on the 30 C.V.E's continued attacks on Sakishima on 30th Anzio (C.V.E.57) Hunter Killer Group reports enemy S/M definitely sunk 400 miles southeast of Okinawa. Searches Empire Area. F.A.W. 1 planes damaged 1 small A.K. on 30th damaged 2 large transport 1 light ship 1 small A.O. 3 Picket boats off mouth of Yangtze river. F.A.W.18 planes sank 1 S.D. damaged 2 S.D.. IWO P8J damaged small unidentified ship South of Honshu.

/Empire ...

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31 May Blue
Summary.
(Contd.)

Empire. Photos of Yokohama show raid of 29 May destroyed 6.9 Square miles or 34% of built up portion of city making a total of 8.9 square miles or 44% of city now destroyed. Blue S/M reports sinking 2 coastal oilers, 1 P.C.11 Sorties. (C. in C. Pac. Adv. H.Q. 010836 to all commands etc.)

Digest
1227
31.5.1945
extract.

Searchplanes over Singapore 30th May saw 2 heavy cruisers 1 large transport Joherc Strait, 2 small freighter transports, 1 escort also 4 large Tankers, 2 escorts all heading North off South East tip Malaya with 4 large unidentified ships anchored nearby.

(2) Privateer destroyed single Seatruck off West Borneo. Delayed reports 30th state Liberator sank 2 small Coasters 1 lugger, damaged 6 luggers Pontianak, another Liberator bombed 5 Seatrucks 8 small Coasters 1 small Freighter Transport and 7 Seatrucks or small Coasters Trbngianau area Malaya destroying 1 small Freighter transport, 1 small Coaster damaging 2 Seatrucks firing shipyard boathouses damaging Radar station.

(4) 3 Nocturnal Liberators sank 1 small freighter Transport probably sank another Yangtze River mouth.

(5) Strikes to support 3rd Fleet off Formosa etc.

(9) Night 30th/31st May P.T's from Morotai mortered strafed burned ternate supply warehouse; previous night Zamboanga based boats shelled observation over Darvel Bay, destroyed beached motor launch.

(G.H.Q. S.W.P.A. 010916Z to Admty.)

U.183
sunk.

Your 310155Z to Com. 7th Fleet.
Request you will report whether any fresh information is available as to fate of U.183 or whether claim by U.S. S/M BESUGO remains only evidence received.
(D.D.I.C. 011157B to A.C.N.B.)

M/S's
loan of four
H.M.N.Z.

AROHA and WAIPU will be ready for sea 7th June. My 230245 May refers.
(N.Z.N.B. 012125Z to V.A.(Q))
Loan of H.M.N.Z. ships WAIPU and AROHA has now been approved.

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SITUATION REPORT

Home Commands

1.(a) Ninety U-boats have now arrived in the United Kingdom and seven in the U.S.A. and Canada.
(b) The last "Stipple" signal (priority of requirements for air cover for convoys instituted in ~~May~~^{April}, 1943) was issued today by H.Q., Coastal Command.

North Sea.

2. As the use of British minesweepers for protecting traffic in the Heligoland Bight area is curtailing their use for minesweeping, C. in C. Nore, suggests that German minesweepers should be considered for protecting this traffic. Wilhelmshaven reports this is already done there.

3. CYCLOP, suction dredger, picked up a fragment of a German A/A rocket while dredging silt in the entrance to Brunsbuttel docks, and the subsequent explosion put her out of commission.

4. Revised instructions were issued today by the Admiralty for the passage of captured or recovered ships to the United Kingdom from Continental ports.

Norway

5.(a) C.S.10 considers that a start should be made to evacuate the very large number of Germans at Bergen. German ships are available.
(b) Germans have so far swept 61 mines at Bergen.

Northern Waters.

6.(a) U.3035, from Stavanger, arrived at ~~Loch~~^{Scapa} ~~Eriboll~~^{See} escorted by the frigate HELMSDALE. P. 44
(b) U.637, U.901 and U.1171, from Stavanger, arrived at Lisahally, escorted by the frigate BLIGH.
(c) The six U-boats which left Scapa on May 31 (para. 11) arrived today at Loch Ryan, escorted by the frigate LOCH MORE and two trawlers.

Foreign Stations

Mediterranean.

Levant

7. MUSKETEER has proceeded to Latakia (W. Coast Syria) from Beirut. The general situation is improving everywhere except Damascus where there is some looting and reinforcement of troops was necessitated.

/Movement...

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8. ARETHUSA (F.O.L.E.M.) arrived Beirut from the Piraeus.

East Indies

Movement

9. VENERABLE (A.C.11), VENGEANCE and COLOSSUS escorted by two destroyers left Aden for Ceylon.

Far East and Australia

China

10. U.S. Mariners damaged 3 motor boats and eight junks and luggers off the Pescadores, Hainan and the South China coast.

Formosa

11. 39 U.S. Liberators dropped 128 tons on Kiirun docks today.

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Policy

Floating Docks. A.F.Ds. (B.A.)1 and (B.A.) 2 are available.
(2) C.A.F.O. 1121/43 refers. (Sectional Floating Docks Designation).
(3) Request you will state whether a use for these is foreseen, failing which it is proposed to lay them up under care and maintenance.
(4) Request reply before 15th June.
(D.C.O.M.020052B to C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C. Rosyth, C. in C. W.A.)

Ex-enemy shipping. / Instructions for passage to U.K.(D.T.D. 020156B).
See Shipping and Convoys.

End of U-Boat War Non-Combat area. The U-Boat war in the non-combat area is to be considered ended at 0001/4th June.
(2) H.M. Ships, troop convoys and Monsters in this area may then relax war-time precautions and are to burn navigation lights at full brilliancy by night. A.G.M. 818A and para. 2 of A.G.M. 817A are to be cancelled.
(3) All anti-S/M defences in bases in the non-combat area can then be removed and precautions relaxed.
(D.O.D. (H) 020337B, A.G.M. 849A)
/ Approved V.C.N.S.

"Stipple" Signals cease. / A.C.N. 872 2nd June "Stipple" for 3rd June.
(A) (1) C.U. 72 Channel Section.
(2) H.X. 358. One p.m. sortie only.
(B) Nil. (C) Nil.
(State W in each case. No further "Stipple" signals will be made. Admiralty's 301711B refers.
(H.Q.C.C. 020952B to Signals List "Stipple")

Release of Danish Personnel. / Danish Navy has raised question of release of former Danish Naval Officers and ratings now serving in the R.N. as matter of urgency. Mobilisation of national force is now in progress and they say that these men are most urgently required. If releases were approved, they would still be under my operational control, and would be used for the furtherance of Allied aims.
Future of 137 M/S Flotilla requires taking into account. Officers and men are all Danish. If release from R.N. approved it is difficult to see any other course of action than turning over ships to Danish. Request indication of Admiralty policy.
(Cdre. Denmark, 021126B to A.N.C.X.F. (Main) Info: Admty.)
Admty. asked to reply (061725B)

/Escorts ...

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- Escorts for Canada. / Request all ships of Mid-Ocean escort force returning from U.K. to Canada may be instructed to proceed initially to St. Johns N.F. Passengers for Halifax in ships arriving St. Johns will be transferred to ships proceeding Halifax.
(C.N.M.O. 021145B to F.O.I.C.Greenock)
- Escort Base Greenock. Ref. my No. W.A. 729/7529M of 23rd May and my 230006B May, anticipate escort vessel base at Greenock can be closed by 31st July, 1945 and repair and maintenance facilities at that port will then be required only for ships working up or refitting as established in A.L.
M/PD 029/45 of 10th April.
(2) Request guidance as to extent of this requirement in order that proportion of personnel and material to be retained may be established. Meanwhile reduction to thirty three per cent is being effected, but early confirmation is requested that this will satisfy requirements
(C. in C. W.A. 021320 to Admty.)
- Convoys for Norway. Policy (C. in C. Rosyth 021718B)
See Shipping and Convoys.
- F.A.W. 15. / Your 261441 May not to Air Ministry or H.Q.C.C. Concur in release of F.A.W. 15.
(A.C.N.S. (U.T.) 021726B to Comnavu, Info. Air Ministry, H.Q.C.C.)
- 31st M/S.F. to Canada. It is desirable that 31st M/S.F. should return to Canada on completion of present task for re-adjustment of complement. Confirmation is requested that they can be relinquished without relief.
(D.M.S. 021831B to A.N.C.X.F.)
Confirmed (A.N.C.X.F. 031138)

OperationsNorth Sea

- Holland Situation Report. Sitrep.
(A) Amsterdam. Demolition of blockship by heavy dispersal impracticable. Dredging to widen channel and removal of M/V DINTELFORK in section is proceeding.
(B) Dordrecht. Northern and Western approaches clear except that Spykenisse Bridge not workable.
(C) Rotterdam. Number of ships carrying relief supplies discharged or discharging 41. 53,983 tons relief supplies discharged to date.

/(D) ...

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Holland Situation Report. (Contd.) (D) Delfzyl. Berthing space at Dolphin approx. 4300 feet, 757 feet depth approx. 16 feet L.W. but could take ship of deeper draught as bottom is mud.

(E) M/S. Swept main coastal channel M.F.7. H.K. 13 IM (7). Approaches to Hook and Ijmuiden. Water way Hook to Rotterdam. Ijmuiden harbour and North Sea Canal. Anchorage off Hook. Sweeping in progress IM 7 to TX 4. Approach to Den Helder anchorages off Ijmuiden and Den Helder. Sweeping Beveland canal to Moerdyk nearly completed. Sweep Dordsche Densil and Nieuwe Merwede will be done by Germans. Main coastal channel will be widened as quickly as possible. (F) Relief. Cumulative gross tonnage handled over to Dutch. Authorities to 31st May. Food 72,149, coal 22,864, Pol. 4,215, Medicinal stores (?28) Hospital rations units 34, soap 432. (G) Fishing. Now permitted from Rotterdam Hook Scheveningen Ijmuiden subject to certain limits. Dutch fishing craft at Delfzyl will be sailed to Ijmuiden to operate there. (F.O.I.C. Holland, 020923B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Minesweeping to Rotterdam, Operation "Fireball". Capt. M/S F.A. 012255B. Request your concurrence. It is proposed to keep Force A available at Sheerness for any further operations required. (C. in C. Nore, 021052B to A.N.C.X.F.)

LUNE. Intend sailing H.M.S. LUNE at 1500/2 to Hook for O/R to Ijmuiden. LUNE anchoring overnight at Terneuzen and proceeding at 0800/3 using Q.Z.S. 722 to R/V at H.K.5 at 1230/3 with Group No.10 sailing from Ostend to Hook escorted by WILTON. Communications constant watch on 2333 K/cs. LUNE sail to comply. (N.O.I.C. Antwerp 021128B to LUNE, N.O.I.C. Hook, N.O.I.C. Ijmuiden)

ARY. From P.S.V.O. Request Wreck Dispersal Vessel ARY be stored to maximum capacity with demolition and naval stores and sailed to Ijmuiden to replenish LUNE and JACINTA. On completion request N.O.I.C. Ijmuiden sail ARY to Rotterdam for Maasluis to replenish CLYNNECastle and MARIA. (N.O.I.C. Antwerp, 021238B to C. in C. Nore for W.D.O. (X.F) Admty. D.W.D., N.O.I.C. Ijmuiden, N.O.I.C. Rotterdam)

German Light craft. It is understood that the pilot ship SIMON VON UTRECHT is at Sonderburg and the buoy tender LANGEOG at a Norwegian port. It is requested that if found they and also any other such craft as well as light vessels originally belonging to German North Sea ports or estuary's may be sent to

Wilhemshaven. (2) In the case of light vessels, towage would be arranged. (F.O.W.G. 021201B to A.N.C.X.F.)

/RETALICK ...

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(escorting
German
M/V's).

Your 021055 (N.T. in W.D.). Tug PRIZEMAN is being sent to meet you and tow QUERSEE to Methil. You are to proceed with KATTENTURM and SYLT in accordance with C. in C. Nore's 011502 when tug has taken over QUERSEE.

(F.O. Humber, 021246B to RETALICK)

Your 021246 my position H.5. Speed 6 knots am proceeding.

(RETALICK, 021515 to F.O. Humber)

Ship repairs
in German
Ports.

Ref. F.O.I.C. Kiel 302212B, 311025B May and your 011948B June, not to all.

Am prepared to undertake co-ordination ship repairs at Hamburg and other selected ports Western Germany if you (agree?) with me to do this pending transfer of your Headquarters to

Buxtehude.

(2) Representatives of Cdre. Hamburg and M.W.T.R. Germany will attend conference Kiel June 4th.

(3) Minutes of meeting already held to co-ordinate ship repairs Hamburg yards being forwarded by A.D.L.S. to-day.

(4) M.W.T.R. agrees.

(Cdre. Hamburg, 021418B to F.O.W.G.)

Concur. Grateful for assistance. (F.O.W.G. 032103 to Cdre. Hamburg.)

NORTHWAY,
barge
lifting.

Request NORTHWAY be sailed to Le Havre to continue lifting barge to Thames. Admiralty 020226 and my 181503 May, neither to all.

(A.N.C.X.F. (Main), 021510B to F.O.I.C. Tyne)

EUROPA
(Bremerhaven)

Your 311458B refers (N.T. in W.D.). Sunken barge astern EUROPA being prepared for lifting.

(?Slow) dredging now in progress. Estimate ship will enter dry dock about 11th June. Estimated time in dock 5 weeks. Estimate ready for sea

end September. Dredging necessary to get EUROPA out of harbour will take about 3 months.

(C.T.F.126, 021605B to Admty. etc.)

Use of
British
Minesweepers.

The use of British minesweeping vessels for protecting traffic in accordance with A.G.M. 786A in the Heligoland Bight area is curtailing their use for minesweeping.

(2) Request early consideration be given to employing German minesweepers for protection of traffic.

(C. in C. Nore, 021616B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Reply from N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven, 031730B, A.N.C.X.F. 032252B.

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Mine
 Protection
 for Des-
 troyers.

It is not considered necessary for Destroyers to be protected in accordance with A.G.M. 786A / in the channel between P.15 and P.10 Buoy, provided a speed of 12 knots is not exceeded.
 (2) When practicable single ships should not move unaccompanied through this area.
 (C. in C. Nore, 021618B to A.N.C.X.F.)
 / Concerns protection of Merchant Ships from British overlap mines.

Fishing
 off Germany.

F.O.W.G. 281610 May (being passed to C. in C. Nore) refers.
 (2) Ref. para. 1 request F.O.W.G. report details of security measures being taken and whether fishing is permitted by night.
 (3) Request C. in C. Nore confirm that fishing in this area is acceptable in view of great importance of obtaining foodstuffs for Germany.
 (4) Reference para. 2, request Admiralty decision.
 (A.N.C.X.F. Main, 021738B to F.O.W.G., C. in C. Nore, Admty)
 Reply from C. in C. Nore, 031652B.

BELFAST,
 for Pacific.

Cancel A.M.141010 April not to C. in C. Rosyth. C. in C. Rosyth is requested to sail BELFAST on June 11th for Scapa.
 (2) On completion of one weeks preliminary practices, C. in C. Home Fleet (Ashore) is requested to sail ship for Gibraltar.
 (3) C. in C. Mediterranean is requested to make arrangements to complete work up in his command.
 (4) On completion of work up BELFAST should be sailed for Australia via Ceylon to join British Pacific Fleet.
 (5) A.M. 110031 May not to all refers.
 (D.O.D.(H), 021739B to C. in C. Rosyth, C. in C. H.F. (Ashore), C. in C. Med.)

Hamburg
 Situation
 Report.

Sitrep No.23. "Apostle" convoy sailed for destination.
 (2) Suction Dredger CYCLOP picked up fragment of German Anti-Aircraft Rocket while dredging Silt at entrance to Brunsbuttel Docks. Subsequent explosion put ship out of commission.
 (Cdre. Hamburg, 021803B to Admty. etc.)

L.S.T's for
 Leith

Slip at 1900B Sunday 3rd June and take under your order L.S.T's 162 and 165. Proceed by swept channel route to Leith in accordance with N.O.I.C. Leith and Granton 2300B/28. W/T watch H.D. routine and port wave.
 (Cdr. Denmark, 021903B to L.S.T.239)

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10th M/S.F. Report. Daily progress report 10th M/S.F.
 (1) Continued widening S.W. side P.10 to P.15 to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ cables 4 actuations making total 13 this area.
 (2) Negative result.
 (3) 6
 (4) 5 HARE breaker defect.
 (5) Flotilla proceeding Cuxhaven 0430 tomorrow Sunday for 5 days maintenance period. All ships L.L. breakers will shortly require replacements observing each ship has made 51,600 Pulses this operation. My 021030 (1 and 2) refer to parts required. (LIBERTY, 022000B to C. in C. Nore)

18th M/S.F. Report minesweeping to Rotterdam. Minimum of 12 Actuation width 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ cables either side centre line P.10 to P.15 now completed. Also search of similar width from P.10 to P.8 and 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ cables width either side of A line 342 degs. P.11 for 10 miles. 10 M/S Flotilla commence 5 days maintenance period at Cuxhaven noon Sunday 3rd, 4 of these and FELICITY fitted with and can operate type C mark 4.
 (2) On return of COURIER with IMPREGNABLE and HALCYON about Tuesday 5th, N.O.I.C. Harwich 311645 not to all refers, consider the 2 latter ships and 10 M/S Flot. with 1 dan-layer can complete with Escort work and completion of widening of Channel P.10 to P.15 to one mile either side.
 (3) Propose ships of 18 M/S Flot. and Second dan-layer return to Harwich on arrival this area of ships named in para. 2 above leaving M.S. 10 in charge of operation. Your 281703 para. 2 not to all refers.
 ((S.O. 18th M/S.F. 022122B to C. in C. Nore) Reply: 031152B. TANGANYIKA, COCKATRICE, RATTLESNAKE, FELICITY to-day escorted "Apostle" convoy from P.15 to 5 miles North of P.11 operating Type C. RATTLESNAKE escorted L.U.C.2 from P.10 to P.15 operating type A.
 (2) All above ships operational (A?) and type C and all but FELICITY. FELICITY surrendered breaker complete to SERENE, no replacements yet available.
 (3) ONYX at Cuxhaven for maintenance until p.m. 4th. Fully operational including type C.
 (? S.O. M/S Flot. 18, 022245B to C. in C. Nore)

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Saturday.War Diary.HOME COMMANDSOperationsChannel

FLAUNT, Intended to withdraw H.M.R.T. FLAUNT on June
for Falmouth. 7th on which date you are requested to sail
her to Falmouth. Admiralty are requested
to initiate further signals in regard to her
movements.

(2) H.M.R.T. FREEDOM should be used as relief for FLAUNT, if
relief is required. Request you will signal intentions in
due course.

(A.N.C.X.F. (Cotug), 021147B to C. in C. W.A.)

BRECON, C. in C. Portsmouth is requested to sail
ZETLAND. BRECON and ZETLAND when ready about 10th June
to Mediterranean.

(2) C. in C. Med. is requested to arrange -
(a) Short work-up in the Mediterranean for

BRECON and onward routeing to B.P.F. on completion.

(b) Onward routeing of ZETLAND to Alexandria for refit.

(D.O.D.(H), 021624B to C. in C. Portsmouth, C. in C. Med.)

MOONSTONE. A/S Trawler MOONSTONE now at Falmouth is
allocated temporarily to your command.
(D.O.D.(H), 021908B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Channel / Cositintrep 424, Force 135. Period ending
Islands 1900B/2nd June.
Situation At. St. Peter's Port. (1) (A) Jersey. 272
Report. German Navy personnel left Jersey for Lorient
in minesweepers 30th May under R.N. care.
German Navy personnel remaining in Jersey - 8
officers, 234 other ranks, 24 merchant seamen.
(3) (A) Alderney. 1 Sgt. and 20 other ranks of 259 Field
Company Royal Engineers arrived from Jersey. Guernsey and
Jersey - nothing to report.
(B) Jersey. Officer reports that French realise they are not
permitted to remain on the Island. They put out lobster pots
and fish in the neighbourhood and use Island as a refuge in
storm. No claim made by French to wooden hut which only
intact building.
(E) Alderney. 534 mines lifted, 248 mines destroyed. Wire
removal continues. 20 per cent mines charges removed from
pier.
Guernsey. 1,767 mines lifted. Clearance air and underwater
obstacles continues. 8 flame throwers removed.
Jersey. Mines lifted 31st May 1,265. 1st June 1,283
mines lifted.
(H.Q. Force 135, 022002B to Admty.)

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Operations

Western Approaches

B.1, B.3
Escort
Groups.

Your 011720. As early reduction to reserve is required, request B.1 and B.3 Groups be sailed by great circle to U.K. as soon as ready.
(C. in C. W.A., 021031B to F.O.N.F.)

ATHOLL
with SS.
FAGERFJELL.

Master of SS. FAGERFJELL advises that he has no fear of break down and does not require further assistance. Request permission to detach and proceed to base. Position, course and speed 51.06 N., 12.42 W., 087, 7.5. Weather 4380 0562.
(ATHOLL, 022202B to C. in C. W.A.)

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Saturday.War Diary.HOME COMMANDSOperationsNorway

- Enemy M/Vs. A.M. 012230 (Requesting names and location of all enemy merchant vessels). F.O. Norway's No. 37421 dated 23rd May addressed to you contains information required correct to 10th May.
(A.N.C.X.F., 021045B to Admty.)
- U. 977. Request survivors be interrogated as to cause of periscope damage, and to which port was boat returning.
(D.D.I.C., 021138B to N.O.I.C. Bergen.)
W.D. Note: Apparently refers to U.977, (N.O.I.C, Bergen 011920). Reply: 041155.
- Situation / There are now over 1,000 British troops under at Bergen. Brigadier Calvert, S.A.S., and these are expected to be increased to 2,000 by next week. British troops have taken over guards at a number of German camps, and this, with the removal of German sailors no longer needed for U-Boats, has eased Norwegian anxiety.
- (2) The very large number of Germans is, however, a serious problem, and as recommended by C.S.1 eleven days ago, a start should be made to evacuate them. German ships are available for this purpose. Apart from this, German food and stores would be available for Norwegians.
- (3) Local Government is most efficient and rehabilitation is well under way, but food and fuel is short, especially the latter.
- (4) Germans have so far swept 61 mines.
- (5) Russians are responding well to considerate treatment, e.g. provision of food, clothing, improvement in quarters and the fact that someone is trying to help.
- (6) Recommend the following measures:
- (A) A start to evacuate Germans.
- (B) Evacuation of Russians and British Aid to Russia Fund encouraged to take an interest and send parcels.
- (C) M.Ls. to be provided for patrolling fiords to control German craft afloat and check transport of arms, escape of Gestapo, etc.
- (D) Flying boats for communication and quick movement of troops.
- (E) A regular mail service as proposed in C. in C. Rosyth's 161721 May.
- (F) A periodic visit of a cruiser which has a steadying effect and is able to help N.O.I.C. whose staff in my view is inadequate to deal with what was an important German Naval Base.
(C.S.10, 021255B to C. in C. H.F.)
- U.1002, Your 011026. Bergen para. (C). Gunboat
U. 778. (?U-Boat) repairs completed. U.1002 sailed
30th May. U.778 sailed 2nd June.
(N.O.I.C. Bergen, 021649 to F.O. Norway.)

/L.S.Ts. ...

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Norway - Contd.

L.S.Ts.
for Leith.

Intend to sail L.S.Ts. 239, 162, 165 at 1900 tomorrow Sunday by swept channel route to Leith. W/T guard on H.D. broadcast and port wave. (N.O.I.C. Oslo, 021901 to F.O. Norway, etc.)

Operations

Northern Waters

White Sea,
Navigation..

Following is amended route for entrance and departure White Sea.

(1) Ships entering White Sea Musa Approach position 068° 25' N., 038° 46' E. from north-west. Thence steer 130° to 068° 15' N., 039° 16' E. thence 100° until abeam of Svyatoi Nos. Thence follow Murmansk and Terski Coast to Wanilov Light keeping within seven miles of the coast. From Danilov Light shape a course to cross the parallel of Ictsi Lighthouse within 7 miles of Zimne Coast. From this position follow the Zimne Coast within 7 miles to 065° 20' N., 039° 26' E. Thence proceed direct to North Dvina. Anchor and await pilot.

(2) When leaving Archangel and Molotovsk for ? Barents Sea follow these instructions in reverse.

(3) All lighthouses and lights in the White Sea for the period of light nights are extinguished. Radio beacons are working on the same schedule as previously. Admiralty pass to all authorities concerned.

(S.B.N.O. Archangel, 021046B to S.B.N.O. North Russia.)

Call of
U-Boats
at Scapa.

C. in C. W.A's 011556 (Request type XXIs. be routed direct to Lisahally from Norway). It is considered that call of type 21 U-Boats at Scapa is unnecessary. (C. in C. H.F., 021710 to C. in C. Rosyth, C. in C. W.A.)

Your 021710B. Request LOCH ECK is relieved from escort of type 21 on arrival Pentlands about 0500B/5. My 012210 not to all refers. (C. in C. Rosyth, 022238 to C. in C. H.F.)

STORD
(to escort
King to
Norway).

Scapa arrival at 2120 STORD. (C. in C. H.F. (Ashore), 022258B to N.O.I.C. Tromso.)

Operations

Baltic

U-Boat
Salvage,
Kiel Canal.

Your 261100 May (Situation at 2100 Friday) not to all. Request serial number and type of U-Boat raised in Kiel Canal by German Salvage Company. (A.N.C.X.F.(Main), 021037B to F.O.I.C. Kiel.)

/From ...

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Saturday.HOME COMMANDSOperationsBalticU-Boat
Salvage,
Kiel Canal.
(Contd.)

From P.S.V.O. Request lifting craft 23 and 24 be sailed to Kiel for raising of one of three U-Boats sunk in Kiel Canal. Capt. Alleyne's 271346 May, Admt. 011625 June and A.N.C.X.F. (Main) 012245 June not to N.O.I.C. Flushing and Cotug refer. A.N.C.X.F. (Cotug) is requested to arrange towage from Flushing to Kiel Canal.
(N.O.I.C. Antwerp, 021440B to N.O.I.C. Flushing for S.S.V.O., A.N.C.X.F. (Cotug))

Minesweeping.

Your 291545B (Requesting information when a mine is swept by German M/S.)
(A) V/S 206. (B) 54° 29' 8" N., COMQ 10° 49' 6" E. (C) Ground. (D) 1st June COMQ 1602B.
(F.O. Kiel Command, 021151B to A.N.C.X.F.)

UNITAS.

Anticipate minesweepers will be available to sweep UNITAS 21,846 G.R.T., to Kiel from Flensburg Tuesday 5th June. No other merchant ships should be on this convoy. Observing she is not degaussed, the advisability of sweeping this most valuable ship through Canal is under consideration. M.W.T.R. Germany 012052B refers.
(F.O. Kiel Command, 021211B to N.O.I.C. Flensburg.)

DIADEM,
ORIBI.

C. in C. H.F. (Afloat) 011103. DIADEM and ORIBI will leave Copenhagen 1345B Tuesday 5th June.
(2) Routed via Swedish Territorial Waters, (42) 43, Q.Z.S. 761, 755, 738. Thence normal channels to Rosyth. E.T.A. 0800B/7th. S. of A. 17 knots.
(3) B.N.A. Stockholm is requested to arrange 2 pilots for Swedish Channels to embark at adjoining Pinhatten buoy 14(10?)B/5th June. Admiralty re-encypher and pass to Stockholm.
(Cdre. Denmark, 021753B to C. in C. Rosyth, B.N.A. Stockholm.)

NORDMARK.

German ship NORDMARK now under examination Copenhagen must be classified as warship and has naval crew. In addition to tankage this 23 knots (? ship) has storage as follows refrigerated, torpedo, armament and general. No workshops. She would be ideal for base training. Description and stowage plan follows by letter. Propose special Prize crew should be sent for her. Ready to sail in 7 days.
(F.O. Denmark, 021920B to A.N.C.X.F.)

/Kiel ...

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Baltic - Contd.

Kiel
Situation
Report.

Situation at 2100 Saturday 2nd June.
As arranged by 8th Corps., a parade was held to celebrate the birthday of H.M. King George VI, in which Naval parties and destroyers were creditably represented. Salute fired by destroyers.

Merchant ships seized in prize sailed to join convoy U.L.C.2 under armed guard, UNITAS delayed to clean tanks. U.3008 sailed for Wilhelmshaven under guard destroyer Z.39 has been delivered at Wilhelmshaven.
(F.O.I.C. Kiel, 022358B to A.N.C.X.F.)

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Enemy Intelligence

U-boat My 281239B May. Situation now as follows:-
 Situation / (a) Numbers of U-boats arrived in U.K.90, U.S.A. and Canada 7.
 (b) Numbers of U-boats reported seaworthy in occupied ports:-
 Wilhelmshaven 17, Kiel, 3, Flensburg 1, Aarhus 1, Eckerfoerde 1, Fredericia 3, Trondheim 3, Bergen 5, Kristiansand south 2, Horten 6, Horten 6.
 (N.I.D.1 for D.N.I., 021201B to N.L.O. 21st Army Group, Info. A.N.C.X.F., A.N.C.X.F. (P.H.))

Movements

BIRMINGHAM, E.T.A. 0945B today Saturday ZEST in company.
 ZEST Total fuel required 1500 tons.
 (from (C.S.10, 020006B to N.O.I.C. Lerwick.)
 Bergen). Lerwick arrivals:-
 BIRMINGHAM, ZEST.
 (N.O.I.C. Lerwick, 020958B to C. in C.H.F.)
 BIRMINGHAM will not now be required. A.M.012227
 para. 2 refers.

(D.O.D.(H), 021910 to C. in C.H.F.)
 You are not now required to proceed to Norway. Return in BIRMINGHAM with ZEST to Rosyth as convenient reporting E.T.A. (C. in C.H.F., 021915B to C.S.10.)
 Intend to sail BIRMINGHAM and ZEST from Lerwick, E.T.A. Switha 0245B tomorrow 3rd to collect Flotilla. Stores.
 BIRMINGHAM E.T.A. May Island 0930B tomorrow 3rd.
 (C.S.10, 022142B to C. in C. Rosyth, C. in C.H.F.)
 Lerwick departures. C.S.10 in BIRMINGHAM ZEST.
 (N.O.I.C. Lerwick, 022210B to C. in C.H.F.)

U.170, U.2322 U.170, U.2348, U.2345, U.2324, U.2329, U.2322.
 U.2324, U.2329 Escorted by LOCH MORE, LEEDS UNITED and KING SOL.
 U.2345 Arrived.
 (N.O.I.C. Stanraer, 020650B to C. in C.H.F.)

ONTARIO ONTARIO sailed.
 (new cruiser) (N.O.I.C. Lamlash, 020657 to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

U.637, U.901, Your 311711B May arrived.
 U.1171 for (Com. D. W.A., 020750B to C. in C.H.F.)
 Lisahally

LOCH GLENDHU Scapa arrival at 0158 LOCH GLENDHU.
 Ex U-boat (C. in C.H.F., 020803 to Com. D.W.A.)
 escort.

HELMSDALE When U-boat has entered Switha proceed to Rosyth.
 U.3035 C. in C. Rosyth's 011544 refers.
 (C. in C.H.F., 020857 to HELMSDALE.)
 Scapa arrival U.3035, and HELMSDALE proceeded at 0953 in accordance with C. in C. Rosyth's 011544B.
 (C. in C.H.F., 021128B to C. in C. Rosyth, N.O.I.C. Stavanger.)

/Arrived...

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HELMSDALE Arrived HELMSDALE .
U.3035 (C. in C. Rosyth, 022110B to C. in C.H.F.)
(Contd.)

LORIET Your 011740 tug LORIET is serving a useful purpose at St. Peter Port with German Master who has thorough knowledge of the port and environs. She can, however, be released as soon as similar type of craft is sent to relieve her.
(N.O.I.C. C.I., 020937B to A.N.C.X.F. (Cotug.))
Your 020937, no objection to holding tug LORIET. Relief will be provided when necessary. Since requirement is permanent request information regarding fuel and horse-power considered most suitable.
(A.N.C.X.F. (Cotug.), 021603B to N.O.I.C.C.I.)

BERWICK, Arrival BERWICK, ZAMBESI.
ZAMBESI (C. in C. Rosyth, 020950B to N.O.I.C. Bergen.)
(from Bergen)

U.861, U.928 Your 010648 June arrived.
U.930, U.1002 (Com. (D) W.A., 021115B to C. in C.H.F.)
U.1022, U.D.5.

QUANTOCK E.T.A. position H.0600B tomorrow Sunday.
(QUANTOCK, 021138B to N.O.I.C. Kristiansand South.)

FROBISHER, FROBISHER's 311545B is passed to Admiralty.
cadets' Intend to approve subject to concurrence of C. in
training C. H.F. and C. in C.W.A.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 021155 to Admty.)
Your 021155. Concur.
(C. in C.H.F., 021423B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

GASTON French Minesweeper GASTON RIVIER arrived Cherbourg
RIVIER 2nd June.
(C.T.G.122.2, 021505B to PREMAR I, C. in C. Portsmouth.)

PARRSBORO A.M. 011513B, not to all addressees. Request
refit PARRSBORO be sailed to Sheerness for defuelling and de-ammuniting before proceeding to Green and Silley Weir Tilbury at end June.
(2) Request PARRSBORO report to S.A.S.O. Upnor details required by A.F.O. 5160/44 para. 1(c) and (d).
(C. in C. Nore, 021553B to M/S 16)

ADVENTURE propose to sail ADVENTURE Monday 4th June.
Request destination.
(F.O.W.G., 021621B to A.N.C.X.F. (Main)).

/Your...

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ADVENTURE
(Contd.) Your 021621 being passed. Ship should be sailed to Portsmouth.
(A.N.C.X.F. Main, 021922B to F.O.W.G.)

U.249
LOCH SHIN (1) Intend sailing at 1000/3 U.249 to Loch Ryan escorted by LOCH SHIN.
(2) Routed by Q.Z.S.642, 694, route W. Q.Z.S.688, 583, 432, 668, 667, 670, route A., Q.Z.S.716 and 414:
(3) Speed 12 knots. E.T.A.0400/5.
(4) Communications.
(5) LOCH SHIN has been instructed to return to Liverpool on completion. Mails for LOCH SHIN to Liverpool.
(F.O.I.C. Portland, 021708 to N.O.I.C. Stranraer.)

U-boats
for Loch
Ryan. 9 U-boats LOCH GLENDHU, STOCKHAM passing Cape Wrath approx. 0300/3 to Loch Ryan 10. Add to my 021217 (Situation Report).
(C. in C. W.A., 021805B to Admty. etc.)

ERNE,
HART,
TURPIN,
RUBIS. C. in C. Plymouth is requested to sail ERNE and HART as escort for TURPIN and RUBIS from Plymouth to Gibraltar when all ships are ready about 10th June.
(2) F.O.S/M. is requested to sail RUBIS to arrive Plymouth by this date.
(3) A.M. 231543 May and F.O.S/M 281636 May neither to all refer.
(D.O.D.(H)021854B to C. in C. Plymouth, F.O.S/M.)

BOXER
for
S.E.A.C. F.O.I.C. Liverpool 251845 May (not to all) approved.
(2) On completion of sea trials, request you will sail BOXER to Clyde area for Radar calibration and fighter direction work-up to be carried out under F.O.C.T.
(3) BOXER is required to leave U.K. for S.E.A.C. as soon after 1st July as possible. F.O.C.T. is requested to report in due course date by which work-up will be completed.
(C.O.D.(Mov), 021902B to F.O.I.C. Liverpool, F.O.C.T.)

OAKHAM
CASTLE,
escorting
SPIRIT. Your 021650B (E.T.A. position (H) 0630B 3rd.
(OAKHAM CASTLE, 021910B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

NORFOLK
ZEPHYR
(from
Trondheim.) Arrived NORFOLK and ZEPHYR.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 022015 to N.O.I.C. Trondheim.)

U.3035 Scapa departure; LADY BERYL escorting U.3035.
(C. in C.H.F., 022058B to Com. (D) W.A.)

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Movements - Contd.

M.M.S.1030 Intend to sail by swept channels in force M.M.S. 1030 at 0500 tomorrow June 3rd from Wemeldinge to Sheerness to collect static sweep. E.T.A. Sheerness 2100 S. of A. 10 knots. Constant watch on 2333 kcs. (N.O.I.C. Antwerp, 022100B to N.O.I.C. Sheerness)

U-boats Scapa Departure. U.245, U.1272, U.1052, U.868, for Loch U.1104, U.328, U.298, U.1061 escorted by LOCH Ryan GLENDHU, STOCKHAM. (C. in C. H.F., 022141B to Capt. S/M Loch Ryan.)

Shipping and Convoys

Passage to U.K. of ex. enemy ships. Following are revised instructions for passage of captured or recovered ships to U.K. from Continental or Norwegian ports:-

(a) Ships to be sailed in groups under escort or may be included in any suitable convoy.
(b) Destinations for all ships to be Methil Roads.

(c) Germany crews may be used.
(d) Guards need not be provided for passage unless sailing authority deems this necessary for particular ships. Any such requirement must be met from local resources and preferably by personnel due to return to U.K.
(e) Whenever available an accommodation vessel is to accompany each group to receive German crews disembarked in U.K. and return them to Germany.

(2) Admiralty will advise M.W.T. of impending arrivals. After formal seizure by Admiralty Marshall M.W.T. will take over, man and service the ships which will be sailed to selected commercial ports when ready.

(3) C. in C. Rosyth is requested to arrange for:-
(a) The reception and berthing of the ships in the anchorage.
(b) The provision of Military guards for each ship from time of arrival until German crews are removed.
(c) The return of the accommodation ships in convoy or under special escort when filled.
(d) The removal and Military custody ashore of German crews when no accommodation vessel is available.

(4) Sailing telegrams should be repeated to C. in C. Rosyth and should state nationality of crews and whether accommodation vessel and/or guards are present.

(5) Non-degaussed ships are not to be sailed through Nore Command on passage to their final destinations from Methil. This does not, however, apply to the return voyages of the accommodation ships.

(6) If, for technical reasons, it is essential to retain key German personnel in any ship after seizure this fact must be reported in advance to the naval authority at the final destination port.

(D.T.D., Approved A.C.N.S., 020156B to A.N.C.X.F. etc.)
A.M. 020156 amends my 241645 May.

(2) F.O.I.Cs. should request escorts from Cs. in C. Home Commands as necessary for future sailings.
(A.N.C.X.F., 021525B to F.Os. Norway, Kiel, F.O.W.G., F.O. Denmark, C.T.F.126.)

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Shipping and Convoys - Contd.

~~ESPAN~~^{GN}E

(Mast 26). ~~GN~~^{GN}M.W.T.R. Germany's 271202B. Belgian Steamer ~~ESPAN~~^{GN}E 1759 tons sailed Kiel for Cuxhaven for onward routeing to U.K. (No T.O.O. /2 to A.N.C.X.F.)

Convoys
for
Norway

Intend to carry out following policy for escorting ships to and from Norway.

(1) R.N. and M.R. (?N.R.) convoys, including German M.V. from Norway and Denmark. Escort provided by Rosyth Escort Force.

(2) "Apostle" convoy. Escort provided by E.G.

allocated to Rosyth, C. in C. H.F. and C. in C.W.A. will be requested to assist as necessary.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 021718B to F.O. Norway.)

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Saturday.FOREIGN STATIONSNorth AtlanticAir/Sea
Rescue
Service.

Have relieved ENCHANTRESS in position 20 at 1000B/2nd June. Your 191807B May refers. (LOWESTOFT, 021005B to Admty.)

B.Y.M.S.
for U.K.

Intend to sail B.Y.M.S. 2257 (S.O.), 214Q and 2150, 2 at 1500B/2nd June to Dartmouth. (2) S. of A. 9 knots. (Gib. W/T., 021107B to Admty.)

M.K.F. 45.

M.K.F.45 sails Gibraltar 1700 June 4th. (2) Ships 11 in number. (3) Escort E.G.16 in CHARLOTTETOWN, STETTLER, ANTIGONISH, KIRKLAND LAKE and MATANE. (5) S. of A. 13 knots. (F.O.G.M.A., 021143B to Admty.)

Rescue
Tugs
(release of,
for U.K.)EMPIRE HAVEN can be docked for bottom cleaning and two portions of THORSHOVDI docked for preparing for towing at the end of June on completion of FULGOR and MICHAEL^U STONE. Time required for EMPIRE HAVEN two days, THORSHOVDI about 10 days. CHARON completes refit end of June. Admiralty 011410B June refers. (C.S. Gib., 021305B to C. in C. Med.) Note: F.O.G.M.A's 031146B refers.

NORSEMAN.

Cancel A.M. 291227 May. On completion of present operations request you will sail cable ship NORSEMAN to position 48° 29' N., 10° 08' W. to carry out repairs in the order laid down in A.M. 151157 May para. (1). (D.O.D.(H), 021846B to S.B.N.O. Azores.)

ENCHANTRESS
(sloop)
for B.P.F.

ENCHANTRESS is required for service in B.P.F. (2) Request you will: (a) Sail her for Portsmouth, as soon as practicable, to give leave and adjust complement. (b) Dock ship at Gibraltar on her passage out. (V.C.N.S., 021924B to F.O.G.M.A.)

OXFORD
CASTLE
(corvette)

Cdre. E.T.A. Europa Point 0600B/4th June. SS. CITY OF AGRA towing L.C.T.(1) 1180 and 1181 and SS. WEST POINT towing L.C.T.(5) 1228 (S.O.), L.C.T. (3) 1177 in company. (OXFORD CASTLE, 022140B to F.O.G.M.A.)

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South Atlantic

SAUMAREZ
(destroyer)
damaged
in action.

Sailed SAUMAREZ coastal to Simonstown.
(2) S. of A. 17 knots.
(3) E.T.A. 0600Z/4th June.
(N.O.I.C. Durban, 020731Z to Admty.)

MONKSHOOD
(corvette).

Sailed MONKSHOOD to Diego Suarez for fuel and
onward routeing to Colombo.
(2) S. of A. 11 knots.
(3) E.T.A. Diego Suarez 1100Z/8th June.
(Cdre. Durban, 020854Z to Admty.)

GORLESTON
(cutter).

Sailed GORLESTON to Diego Suarez for fuel and
onward routeing to Colombo.
(Cdre. Durban, 022100Z to Admty.)

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Syria. All peaceful Beirut and British extremely popular at present moment. Am sending EXMOOR to Tripoli.
(2) Am informed Senegalese now more under control. C. in C. M.E. forces in Tour, Homs and Hama. I am meeting him this evening.
(3) It does not appear that more ships will be required for present.
(F.O.L.E.M., 020755C to C. in C. Med.)

Movement. 1st June 1945 arrivals EXMOOR, MUSKETEER, Chasseur 43, Motor Launch 1164.
(S.O.(I) Beirut, 020802C to Admty.)

Release of Tugs. A.M. 011410* June. Tugs shall become available as follows:
(a) CHARON on completion of refit.
(b) VAGRANT on relief by ASPIRANT now defective and awaiting spare parts and after towing merchant ship from Taranto to Algiers.
(c) FRISKY and PROSPEROUS. On relief by CONFIDENT and BUSY respectively.
(2) Actual dates will be signalled as soon as they can be forecast.
(C. in C. Med., 020935 to F.O.G.M.A.)
* Release of H.M. Rescue Tugs CHARON, FRISKY, PROSPEROUS and VAGRANT.

Syria developments. In view of your 011755 (N.T. in W.D.) not to all, delete BERMUDA from my 011118B.
(C. in C. Med., 021008B to V.A.M.)

Work-up of destroyers at Malta. / Now that experience has been gained in working up destroyers at Malta, it is considered that the time required should be extended from 2 to 4 weeks for the following reasons:
(A) The complexity of the new gear in modern destroyers combined with the very untrained state of their ships companies.
(B) The time taken up in radar and D/F calibration.
(C) A longer period is required to assimilate the lessons learnt during practices. The present programme of a fortnight is very compressed and apart from Sundays only 2 days are spent in harbour for training at the Manoel Island destroyer base. Thus a lot of valuable lessons are wasted.
(D) It is generally the case that ships require a period in dockyard which dislocates a very tight programme.
(2) In view of the worsening summer asdic conditions at Malta, it is most desirable that ships carry out some 4 or 5 days sea A/S training at home before arriving for work-up. This period could then be deducted from the recommended 4 weeks.
(3) It is considered that the 4 week programme will also apply to A/A sloops but that a fortnight or 3 weeks will be sufficient for frigates. Admiralty message 312224 refers.
(V.A. Malta, 021123 to Admty.)

/Enemy ...

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Mediterranean - Contd.

Enemy shipping. (Seizure in prize)

Information required from para. 2(A) of A.M. 242329 May which is being passed to non (?holders), will be forwarded as soon as compiled.

(2) Fan. 463 the contents of which have been passed to F.Os. concerned in Med. 00100/22 of 4th Jan. 1945, will be applied throughout Med.

with exception of Greece for which Admiralty instructions are awaited vide 2301 Med. 45/217/4/11 dated 24th May not to all.

(3) As Crete surrendered after the general surrender and not after the tactical surrender negotiated by S.A.C.M.E.D., further instructions (from?) combined Chiefs of Staff are awaited vide para. 5 of Fan. 556 not to repeated addressees.

(4) Intend seizing in prize all enemy including Italian merchant shipping referred to in para. 2(B) of A.M. 242329 May.

(C. in C. Med., 021146B to Admty.)

See 071202B.

Area Limits (Almed).

Arrangements in 613B will be put into effect at 1200B Monday 4th June. My 291839 to Admiralty only refers.

(C. in C. Med., 021340B to Med. Stn.)

SS. URUGUAY (U.S.)

U.S.S. URUGUAY on completion embarkation is to be sailed to Cristobal for onward routing through Panama Canal to Manila.

(C. in C. Med., 021438B to N.O.I.C. Leghorn.)

12th M.S.F. (Retention of)

12th M.S.F. may be retained in the Mediterranean for mine clearance, until October. C. in C. Med. 231137 May and A.M. 191853 May not to all refer.

(D.M.S., 021521B to C. in C. Med.) *see 071925 B.Sep.*

French warships re-allocated to Almed.

All French warships currently under operational control of F.O.N.A.M. are re-allocated to Almed. as from 1200B June 4th, with exception of Tanker LA DROME and the P.Cs., F.Y.M.Ss. and L.C.V.Ps. working from Leghorn who remain under F.O.N.A.M. whilst in present employment.

(C. in C. Med., 021628B to Admty.)

F. Cruiser JEANNE D'ARC, *to go to Beirut.*

My 041910B May not to all, restricted.

(1) Marine Paris confirm their order for the movement of F.C. JEANNE D'ARC.

(2) Accordingly Comar Oran is requested to sail JEANNE D'ARC as soon as possible from Oran, to

position 300 basic eastbound thence to 337 direct or as ordered by F.O.L.E.M.

(3) Stay at Beirut will be reduced to minimum.

(4) On way back to Toulon JEANNE D'ARC will call at Bizerta.

(Almed., 021710B to C. in C. Med.)

See 031125C amended by 031248B and 031058B.

/Aircraft ...

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Aircraft for E.I. and B.P.F. A.M. 272350* and A.M. 210043/ para. 4. GLORY must lift as many serviceable and repairable Corsair and Barracudas as possible from Meditn. for Ceylon and may have to be non-operational for passage.

(2) Arrangements have been made for direct despatch of modified main planes for Barracuda Mod. 607 or 608 to arrive Australia mid-August. They cannot be shipped to arrive Ceylon in time for fitting there. Changes must be made in Australia. Modified main planes provide an increased factor of safety but do not relax present flying limitations. (A.C.N.S.(A), 021711B to C. in C. Med., C. in C. E.I., C. in C. B.P.F., A.C.11.)

See 070903Z (Far East and Australia).

* Sailings and instructions for VENERABLE, VENGEANCE, COLOSSUS and GLORY.

✓ Lifting of available aircraft for transfer to Sydney from Ceylon.

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East Indies

Re Ordering of SS.OLNA and WAVE GOVERNOR to Leyte. For the present request ships in para. 3 of your 181935 be ordered to Manus. (C. in C.E.F., 020021Z to Admty.)

Monitors for operation "Mailfist" / One or more Monitors would assist operation "Mailfist".
(2) Arrival of ABERCROMBIE in Ceylon by 1st September for acclimatisation and final working up firings would be acceptable A.M. 270230 May refers.
(3) It is very desirable that ventilation deficiencies should be made good before ship is sailed for East Indies Station, but deficiencies in other directions mentioned in V.A.Malta's 311415 May can be accepted. (C. in C. E.I., 020601Z to Admty.) See 031637 from Admty.

Cargo shipping for operation "Zipper". / First. Your 312030 May.
(2) Unlikely that in time available can bring total of ships fitted in India to more than thirty including those already available but will confirm shortly. What are prospects of fitting additional ships in Middle East observing Sacsea attaches particular importance to provision of at least sixty fitted ships.
(3) A. Consider BLAIRCLOVA, BARON CAWDOR, BARON RENFREW, EMPIRE MARLOWE useless account limited derricks.
B. Though full particulars CLAN MURRAY, MARGALAU not available consider both probably unsuitable.
C. Can you nominate substitutes for fitting in Middle East observing ships required to arrive Bombay six by 10th August balance 15 to 20 August.
(6) Will advise shortly ships ? proposed for fitting in India. Meantime as EMPIRE BEAUTY otherwise very suitable can you arrange owner convert to Lascar crew since present British crew thoroughly unsatisfactory.
(7) Earliest arrival of additional inspecting officers accordance D.S.T.O. Bombay 251037 May is of utmost importance. (P.S.T.O.I. 020854 to D.S.T..) See 031746B from P.S.T.O. Med. and D. of S.T. and 042047 B.

Submarine movements / Sailed STRONGBOW at 0830Z 2nd, to Suez for onward routing to U.K. ?M/V SHAKESPEARE passed Aden 2200Z 1st en route Suez and United Kingdom. S.O. submarines, Colombos 210544 not to all refers.
(2) E.T.A. 0500Z 7th S. of A. 11.5 kts.
(Commodore Aden 021022Z to N.O.I.C. Suez.)

Destroyers for E.I. etc. / Requirements remain at 30 escorts and 18 Hunts as in my 050539 March, para. 3 of your 312310 (N.T. in W.D.)
(2) 6 Hunts will be welcome now, para. 7 of my 231225 refers.
(C. in C. E.I., 021131Z to Admty.) See 112306B.

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East Indies

Embarkation
of troops

Approved to embark troops in unescorted M.T. Ships
on East Indies Station at your discretion. Your
251156 May refers.
(D.O.D.(F) approved V.C.N.S., 021355B to C. in C.
E.I.)

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America & West Indies

Movement H.M.C.S. CAPE BRETON departed Bermuda 021130Z for Colon.
(S.B.N.O.W.A., 021132Z to B.R.L.O. Cristobal)

U/B 1200Z/2/6. No change no further estimate will be
Dispositions. made unless there is fresh evidence of German U-boats in the area.
(N.S.H.Q., 021329Z to C.T.F.24 etc).
Situation unchanged. Enemy U-boat estimate 1200Z/2.
(Cominch, 021411Z).

O.N.303 Following four Rompers arrived New York from
(ice). convoy O.N.303 TOLTEC, ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL, HUTCHINSON I. CONE, VILLANGER, last 021432Z.
(P.D. New York, 021556Z to Com. 10th Fleet).
SS. CHARLES BRANTLEY AYCOCK arrived New York, 021602Z from convoy O.N.303.
(P.D. New York, 021926Z to Admty).
SS. PAINE WINGATE arrived New York, 022217Z from convoy O.N.303.
(P.D. New York, 022348Z to Com. 10th Fleet).

Escort Carriers. / The following communication has been received
Transport of aircraft by me today from Admiral King:-
for U.S. Begins: The present and future requirement for
Pacific Fleet. the transport of aircraft in the Pacific can not be met with the escort carriers available. At present there are three (3) British C.Vs. assigned in the U.S. Pacific Fleet employed in the transport of aircraft, the ATHELING, RAJAH and TRACKER.
The assignment of additional British C.V.E.s to duty in the U.S. Pacific Fleet for transport of aircraft, if they are available, is considered of paramount importance in the prosecution of the war against Japan. Any number that can be made available up to twelve (12) can be fully employed. The withdrawal of the three (3) British C.V.Es. presently employed in the Pacific would seriously handicap the transport of aircraft needed to prosecute the war, and it is urgently requested that they not be withdrawn from duty in the U.S. Pacific Fleet.
If the Admiralty desires to return to the United States any of the C.V.Es. now under lend-lease agreement, they could be manned with the United States Navy crews.
This matter is of such importance and urgency that I would appreciate your earliest and most serious consideration. End.
2. Request guidance on the reply I should make to this appeal. It would be of value if your reply could include a comprehensive statement of the employment intended for the future of all our C.V.E.
(B.A.D., 021601Z to Admty). Reply 112356B.

Naval Base / Advance information just received that R.C.N.
Newfoundland. hope to hand over base to Admiralty about 30 September 45. We are proposing to meet N.S.H.Q. Officers to ascertain their detailed proposals

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Naval Base Newfoundland. (contd). in regard to various part of the base. Request some early indication of Admiralty policy regarding base and O.F. depot pumps and tanks of which were supplied through lend lease also of action to be taken regarding machinery and 1800 ton timber floating dock supplied under lend lease. R.C.N. interested that O.F. depot should continue in operation. Early appointment by C.E. in C. of Custodian important. (B.A.D., 021625Z to Admty). *(Hd. of M.I., approved Civil load 281407A Request BAD Washington)*

Dispositions. I. Disposition of operational units in N. Atlantic.

(a) North Sea	DIADEM 5 Destroyers.
(b) Scapa Area	BIRMINGHAM 3 Destroyers.
(c) Rosyth area	RODNEY DEVONSHIRE DIDO BERWICK NORFOLK 4 destroyers.
(d) Clyde Area	QUEEN 3 destroyers.
(e) Plymouth Area	1 destroyer.
(f) Portsmouth Area	EREBUS 1 destroyer.

II. Mediterranean Dispositions.

Gib to 10° East.	1 Destroyer.
10° East to 20° East.	AJAX ORION AURORA SIRIUS 4 destroyers
East of 20° East.	ARETHUSA 6 Destroyers.

(D.O.D.(H), 022320B to C. in C. U.S. Fleet, B.A.D. Washington).

Far East & Australia

OLNA and WAVE GOVERNOR tankers. For the present request ships in para. 3 of your 181935 be ordered to Manus. (C. in C. B.P.F., 020021Z to Admty). Information regarding nature of operations in July makes it appear that number of tankers available will be a limiting factor.

2. Request any possible action to expedite arrival of WAVE GOVERNOR and OLNA at Manus.
3. Your 181935 and my 020021 refer. (C. in C. B.P.F., 020731Z to Admty).

/Digest...

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Far East & Australia - Contd.

Digest 1208 1st and prior dawn 3 Liberators attacked shipping
1.6.45. Shanghai area sinking 1 small freighter transport
Extract. 1 converted patrol craft and damaging 1 tug
plus another small freighter transport.
2. 4 Mariners from Lingayens, China Coast north-
wards from Hainan to Formosa Straits, strafed
22 Junks and stores, attacked concentration some 65 large Junks
mainly northbound between Hainan Strait and St. Johns Island
sinking 2 and causing 7 to be abandoned.
10.* 6 Liberators from Mindoro Indo China Coast 31st May
destroying one small engine - aft freighter 6 small coasters
damaging 3 more coasters, one large junk, all at Vcihain Tonkin
Gulf besides sinking one small coaster off Cap Padaran.
8. On Luzon approaching Cagayan Valley American forces advanced
to positions 6200 yards north of Santa Fey against slight and
scattered resistance.
10. Ground patrols operated Piso area on east coast Daybo Gulf
during day without enemy contacts. All supported by destroyer
and destroyer escort bombardment and Dauntless dive bombers,
small party United States forces landed unopposed at Luayan point
to destroy enemy garrison and radar station there.
11. On Tarakan (AIF) force captured strong enemy positions
2000 yards east of Mount (API) 31st May.
12. Night 30th May pair P.T. Boats with Warhawks covering closed
to within 100 yards of Sandakan and destroyed 1 barge besides
damaging all remaining serviceable craft present. Japanese
have apparently evacuated town where fires were still burning.
16. Australian Forces southeast Bougainville advanced another
15,000 yards Lowokbuinc Road reaching point within 2 miles
off Monoitu Mission.
(G.H.Q., S.W.P.A., 020856Z to Admty).
*As received.

EMPIRE CHARMIAN is urgently required in India
CHARMIAN A.M. 151221 March not to all refers and delay to
(Landing ship's discharge at Sydney will not now permit
ship her to undertake programme proposed in V.A.(Q)
carrier). 270049 March not to all.
2. Ship should be sailed as soon as possible to
India with 30 L.C.A. A.M. 271711 March not to
P.S.T.O. India refers.
3. EMPIRE VICEROY is due Sydney on the 13th June and will be
available to replace EMPIRE CHARMIAN for service from
Australia.
(D. of S.T., 021042B to C. in C. B.P.F., reply 060801Z).

ENCHANTRESS Your 190631 May not to F.O.G.M.A. Para. 2
(sloop). approved.
2. ENCHANTRESS completed 3 months refit at
Gibraltar mid-March and will return to U.K. for
complement adjustment before she joins your
command.
3. Owing to congestion in Home yards it is unlikely that any
dockyard work can be undertaken but ship will be docked at
Gibraltar on her passage out.
4. Request details of proposed alterations together with
information whether work can be undertaken in Australia.
(D.O.D.(F), Approved V.C.N.S., 021923B to C. in C. B.P.F.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN

U-boat
war end of.

849A. The U-boat war in the non-combat area is to be considered ended at 0001/4th June.

2. H.M. Ships, troop convoys and Monsters in this area may then relax war time precautions and are to burn navigation lights at full brilliancy by night. A.G.M. 818A and para. 2 of A.G.M. 817A are then to be cancelled.

3. All anti-submarine defences in bases in the non combat area can then be removed and precautions relaxed.
(D.O.D.(H) Approved V.C.N.S., 020337B to A.G.M. and Cominch).

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SundayWar DiarySITUATION REPORTHome Commands

- 1.(a) Capt. Hale, with O.K.M. (German control Flensburg) reports that 11 U-boats were overdue and presumed lost by June 1 - U.242, U.296, U.321, U.325, U.396, U.905, U.965, U.1001, U.1024, U.1063 and U.1106. In addition, U.977 (see June 1, para. 11) stranded at Bremanger on May 9.
(b) Lerwick Coastal Force Base is to close down forthwith. Admiralty floating dock No. XVI will no longer be required in Lerwick.

North Sea.

2. Light is now restored to the colony on Heligoland, and a preliminary survey of the island has been completed. Stores were found scattered in small dumps; their sorting and removal will be a long business.

3. B.Y.M.S. 2070 was mined forward while sweeping between Hellegat and Hellevoetsluis, but was able to proceed under her own power.

4. Brunsbüttel is considered the most convenient assembly anchorage for U.L.C. convoys. Beginning with U.L.C.3, convoys will leave there at 1000B.

Western Approaches.

5. Escort Group 18 was disbanded today.

6. The frigates DACRES and ROWLEY, from Milford Haven, are to try and locate possible U-boat bottom contacts in positions in St. George's Channel, to determine whether the evidence recovered by the *WILLOW on April 5 and 14th Escort Group on May 8 came from the same target.

Norway

7. C. in C. H.F. forwards a report from C.S.10 on the situation at Bergen, with certain recommendations.

8. Six more U-boats, U.2502, 2513, 2518, 3041, 3017, 3515, left Oslo today for Lisahally, escorted by the frigates MONTSERRAT and PAPUA.

9. U.2529 left Kristiansand today for Loch Eriboll, escorted by the frigate LOCH ECK.

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Foreign Stations

North Atlantic

U/B
scuttled.

10. Lisbon reports another U-boat was scuttled at midnight 2/3 June off Leixoes, (about 10 miles North of Oporto - Portugal). 47 officers and crew were rescued by lifeboat after distress signal had been made. U-boat had sunk before lifeboat had arrived. The C.O. refused to divulge the number of S/M. The survivors are now in Portuguese hands at Leixoes.

Mediterranean

Adriatic

11. H.D.M.L. 1237 has been mined and towed into Venice, there were no casualties.

Levant

12. A naval contingent left for Damascus this morning for a stay of 2 or 3 days to help stabilize the situation. (1.79)

Movement

13. AURORA sailed from Naples for Alexandria.

East Indies

Burma

14. Bassein was entered on 22nd May by 2 L.C.P.(I) with small armed guard by inland water route from Rangoon. A follow up party with 450 troops in L.C.Ms. arrived 4 days later.

Submarine
activities.

15. In the past fortnight 650 tons of coastal shipping and country including two landing barges carrying troops have been sunk by our submarines in Malacca Strait.

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Collision

16. The Canadian frigates LAUZON and ST.LAMBERT in E.G.C.6 escorting convoy H.X.358 were in collision this afternoon. LAUZON sustained minor damage to upper deck. ST. LAMBERT was more severely damaged but is considered capable of returning to Canada after temporary repairs.

Far East & Australia

Philippines

17. U.S. troops landed on Balut Island (south of Mindanao) today without meeting opposition.

U.183.
sunk off
Philippines.

18. Complete absence of information from any source regarding U.183 since survivor was picked up by U.S.S. BESUGO is considered to make the latter's claim indisputable.

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British Mines. (Your 171715B May (Can Germans be told that all British mines laid since August 1942 should now be dead?). No objection.
(Hd. of M. I., 030759B to A.N.C.X.F. (Main))

31st M/S.F. to Canada. A.M. 021831 passed to C.T.F. 122. Confirmed.
(A.N.C.X.F. (Main), 031138 to Admty.)

Lerwick C.F. Base to close. / A.M. 302140 (Equipment, spare gear and stores be transferred to Norwegians on loan under Mutual Aid).
Intend to close down Lerwick coastal force base forthwith.
(2) Separate signals will be made giving proposed disposal of personnel and equipment.
(N.O.I.C. Lerwick, 031545B to C. in C. H.F.)
My 031545B. Admiralty Floating Dock No. XVI will no longer be required in Lerwick.
(N.O.I.C. Lerwick, 031615B to C. in C. H.F.)

PRESCOTT, MIMICO for Canada. Intend sailing PRESCOTT and MIMICO to Greenock for onward routeing at 2000B tomorrow Monday.
(D.21, 031557B to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)
Request you sail PRESCOTT, MIMICO on release from duties to Greenock to embark service personnel and for onward routeing to Canada.
My 172010 and your 311046 both May both refer.
(C.N.M.O., 031715B to C. in C. Nore.)

Minesweeping Reports. Request weekly summaries by letter with copy to D.M.S., Admiralty of ground minesweeping operations by ships under your command for:
(A) Allied M/S. (C) German M/S.
(2) Information to include:
(A) Areas or channels swept. Width to be stated.
(B) Number of actuations given to (A) during week under review.
(C) Total number of actuations to (A) to date since surrender.
(A.N.C.X.F.(Main), 031630B to Copenhagen, F.O. Wilhelmshaven, F.O. Kiel, C.T.F. 126.)

OperationsNorth Sea

Minesweeping to Rotterdam ("Fireball"). Your 022122B, para. 3. Approved after turning over all instructions to M.S.10.
(2) 18th M.S.F. is required to carry out an Oropesa search during return journey of a channel 4 miles wide with centre joining following positions:
(A) P.6 Buoy. (B) H.R.1 pillar light and whistle buoy in position 55° 21' N., 06° 35' E.
(C. in C. Nore, 031152B to M/S.18.)

/COCKATRICE ...

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to Rotterdam
("Fireball").
(Contd.)COCKATRICE today swept P.S. KRAKOWIAK and
P.S. SLAZAK from P.10 to P.15.
(2) Operational state of ships as in my
022245 para. 2 and 3.
(M/S.18, 032219B to C. in C. Nore.)Coastal
Fishing
off
Germany.Following amendments should be made to my
281610 May and my letter 5/1/2/5 of 1st June
para. 4 (neither to all).Delete all against (F) and insert "055° 03'
N., 007° 52' E."

Add "(G) Thence 090° to the Coast".

(2) Copy of letter referred to is being

forwarded to F.O. Denmark.

(F.O.W.G., 031300B to A.N.C.X.F., Admty., etc.)

A.N.C.X.F.'s 021738, para. 3. Concur if obvious risk from
British aircraft mines can be accepted.(2) Suggest an order on lines of N. to M. 2526/1944 be issued
to German fishermen. They should also be warned not to fish
or anchor within two miles of searched channels.

(C. in C. Nore, 031652B to A.N.C.X.F. (Main))

Heligoland
Situation./ Light now restored to Colony on Heligoland and
preliminary survey made. Stores are scattered
in small dumps and their sorting and removal
will be lengthy business. Intend to run
frequent service from Heligoland to Cuxhavento evacuate stores and that stores should be turned over to
military authorities in Cuxhaven. Special arrangements are
being made to enable civilian inhabitants of Heligoland to
claim their personal property under strict supervision.(F.O.W.G., 031552 to 30 Corps., Admty., A.N.C.X.F. (Main),
A.N.C.X.F. (P.H.))Use of
German
M/S to
protect
Heligoland
Bight
Traffic/ This is the practice at this port. Your
021616B refers.
(N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven, 031730B to C. in C.
Nore.)

C. in C. Nore 021616.

(2) Request you will remark on practicability
of -(a) Using German M/S. fitted as A.G.M. 848A
(Usefulness of German GBT II) para. 3, for
protection against overlap mines in your

commands.

(b) Issuing this gear, of which it is understood there are
large stocks in your commands, to important ships or those
which it is anticipated may return to German or Danish ports.

(c) Instructing ships in (b) above in use of gear.

(A.N.C.X.F. (Main), 032252B to F.O.W.G., C.T.F. 126.)

Replies: F.O.W.G. 051042B, C.T.F.126 071927B.

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DISCOVERY II, Intend sailing T.H.V. DISCOVERY II from the
replacement Downs at 0600 tomorrow Monday to carry out
of buoys. the following programme. Re-establish Brake
Buoy, re-establish S. Goodwin No.2 Buoy in
charted position, thence re-establish Longnose
and Foreland Buoys en route to Harwich.
Request you will arrange sweeping between the swept channel
and Longnose Buoy if this is considered necessary.
(A.C. Dover, 031739B to C. in C. Nore.)

B.Y.M.S. Capt. East Schelde reports today that B.Y.M.S.
2070, 2070 was mined forward. No casualties, able
mined. to proceed under own steam. Ship was sweeping
between Hellegat and Hellevoetsluis. Further
report will follow.
(F.O.I.C. Holland, 031741B to Admty., C. in C.
Nore.)

Minesweeping, Have swept 5 laps on known mine lay north of
Belgian N.F.7 also 2 laps northern half of Q.Z.X.1619.
coast. One mine swept. My 031503 refers.
Swell recordings - zero.
Check on soundings shows sharp regular ridges
of sand 12 to 20 feet in height, 120 yards
apart which indicate a likelihood of mines in this lay being
covered in sand.
(M/S.50, 031805 to F.O. Belgium.)

Brunsbüttel. / To be assembly anchorage for U.L.C. convoys.
(Cdre. Hamburg, 031814B.) See Shipping.

Minesweeping, / Operation "Speedsball" ("Fireball" intended)
Dutch Coast. (1) Sweep Oropesa advanced I.M.7 to I.M.2
channel S.E. side 5 cables.
(2) Nil.
(3) Survey work at Den Helder and Ijmuiden
continued. (4) Nil.
(5) 3 B.Y.M.S. (Sweep Oropesa) I.M.7 to T.X.4 and return 6
M.M.S. (LL/SA) Ijmuiden anchorage area 1 M/L to Den Helder.
(Capt. M/S.F. (A), 031835B to C. in C. Nore.)

Minesweeping, / Operation "Dropkick".
Hamburg. (1) Modified L and LAA sweeping of channel from
No. 4 Buoy to Bremerhaven 1 ship SA protective
sweep with U.3009.
(2) Nil. (3) Nil. (4) Nil.
(Capt. M/S. Force C, 031907B to C. in C. Nore.)

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JASPER, German type R moored contact mine sunk by gunfire
minesweeping. in position 052° 51' N., 004° 29' E.
(JASPER, 031935B to C. in C. Nore, etc.)
Request for further information, see 040048B.

Minesweeping, Sweeping report for Sunday 3rd June.
Ostend. 3 B.Y.M.S. swept E.G.M.S. and explosive sweep of
Q.Z.Y.581 from 1 mile south of N.F.7 to 2 cables
south of N.F.9, and Q.Z.S.699 from N.F.9 to 1
mile east of position of N.F.13. 1 actuation
full width of each channel.
3 M.M.S. swept E.G.M.S. and explosive sweep of Q.Z.S.649 and
Q.Z.S.699 from 1 mile west of N.F.7 to N.F.9. 2 actuations
full width of each channel. All sweeping negative results.
(N.O.I.C. Ostend, 031948 to F.O. Belgium.)

Naval Party Situation Report 14.
1749, (1) Up to programme and gave Make and Mend
Sit. Rep. today from 0930 preceded by Divisions. Have
gone into blue from battle-dress.
(2) Commander Menzies and 2 arrived.
(3) Complicated requests to enter perimeter by
Germans for agricultural purposes. Judgment of Solomon
necessary and deciding on merit of each case but planted
ground must be harvested although inside perimeter.
(Naval Party 1749 (Main), 031953B to A.N.C.X.F., Admty., etc.)

Minesweeping, Your 291(?607)B (?291755 intended. 1st M.S.F.
North Sea. required to carry out clearance of areas Q.Z.
7593). Clearance of S.W.10 completed to
average width of 2.1 miles from southern edge.
First 1.5 miles swept depth 11 fathoms, remainder
swept depth 9 fathoms, on account of parting sweeps near North-
eastern edge area. Negative result.
(2) Intend anchoring near north-east corner of area and sailing
at 0500 tomorrow to Unst Island clearance and carry B.X. check
sweep of area. Weigh all duns on completion and anchor at
T.X.4 for the night if time permits.
(S.O. M/S.F.1, 032014B to C. in C. Nore.)

ARIEL, A.M. 011312.
cable Intend to sail cable ship ARIEL escorted by
repairs. M.L.104 at 0630/4, to carry out repair of
Dumpton - La Panne cable about 1 mile east of
Alert Wreck Buoy.
(2) ARIEL will report progress and intentions
for night by 1800 daily by signal to A.C. Dover, repeated C.
in C. Nore, N.O.I.C. Ramsgate.
(3) Communications: M.L.104 keeping constant W/T watch on
1700 k/cs.
(A.C. Dover, 032017B to Admty.)

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Minesweeping Report. Your 291545B May and 012237B June.
 (A) Sperrbrecher 199.
 (B) Centre river (clearance?) of 28 kilometres (?including) off? Rekum German future requirements 6 Admiralty folio 358.
 (C) Ground. (D) 3 June 0915 hours.
 A.N.C.X.F. pass for information Admiralty. F.O.W.G., Capt. M/S. Force C, C.T.F.126, C.T.G. 126.1 have by other means.
 (C.T.G. 125.5, 032055B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Ship Repairs in German ports. Your 021418, concur. Am grateful for your assistance.
 (F.O.W.G., 032103 to Admty. D. of S.T. (P.H.), N.O.I.C. Hamburg.)

OperationsChannel

Minesweeping, M/S. 31, Bishop Rock. Intend proceeding at 1400B June 5th with THUNDER, KENORA, CANSO, WASAGA, MINAS, BAYFIELD, ROWAN, LONGA via standard route to 180° Bishop's Rock 10 miles thence to northern end 259 to arrive by 0800B/6th June.
 (M/S.31, 031558B to F.O.I.C. Falmouth.)

Minesweeping, Le Havre. 119th M.S.F. LL/SA Q.Z.S.664 and Q.Z.S.619. 1 actuation 7 cables either side of a centre line joining A.1 Seine Light Vessel and H.D.1 Buoys. Negative result.
 (Cdr. M/S. Le Havre, 031809B to C.T.F. 122.)

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ATHOLL, FAGERFJELL. Your 022202 not to S.O. E.G. C.4. Remain in company with FAGERFJELL to vicinity of Tuskar Rock thence to Base.
 (C. in C. W.A., 030957B to ATHOLL.)

DACRES, ROWLEY, investigating old U/B contacts, St. George's Channel. Request you will sail DACRES and ROWLEY in company as soon as ready to endeavour to locate, classify, and finally obtain material evidence by attack, possible U-Boat bottom contacts in both of the following positions:
 (A) 52° 01'24" N., 05° 47'12" W.
 (B) 52° 02'56" N., 05° 46'48" W.
 (2) Object is to determine whether the evidence recovered by WILLOW on 5th April and that

/obtained ...

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DACRES,
ROWLEY,
investigating
old U/B
contacts,
St. George's
Channel.
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obtained by 14th E.G. on 8th May came from the same target and whether either or both of these targets are still in position.
(3) Ships are to report progress -
(A) As and when any evidence is obtained.
(B) Otherwise twice daily until further notice.
(C. in C. W.A., 031137B to F.O.I.C. Milford Haven.)

Minesweeping,
Line "Cairn".

Line joining positions 55° 19' N. 05° 11'12" W., 55° 17' N. 05° 07'30" W., and its extension in either direction will be called line "Cairn". Your 021906B, on completion please extend area south of line "Cairn" to join Q.Z.S.716.
(Capt. M/S. Clyde, 031410 as amended 041148B to MAENAD.)

Minesweeping,
N.Ireland.

Removal of C.M. (R.E.) field completed except following number 2 mine of M.3. This has been located but attempt to recover by sweep wire hitherto unsuccessful.
(ALCA, 031915B to Admty. for D.T.M., N.O.I.C. Londonderry.)

Minesweeping,
Firth of
Clyde.

'A' sweep to swept depth of 17 fathoms completed with negative results of area bounded by lines joining the following positions:
55° 19.7' N. 05° 11.3' W., 55° 17.0' N. 05° 06.3' W., 55° 06.1' N. 05° 24.2' W., 55° 08.9' N. 05° 29.0' W.

(2) Returning to Lamlash.

(3) Require two days in harbour for replenishment, maintenance, overhaul of sweep gear and recreation for ship's companies.
(MAENAD, 032045 to Capt. M/S. Clyde.)

Escort
Group 18.

E.G. 18 is disbanded.
(C. in C. W.A., 032347B to Capt. (D) Greenock, Info. Admty., F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

OperationsNorway

GRECIAN,
TATTOO,
ELFREDA.

Intend to sail GRECIAN, TATTOO and ELFREDA to Granton at 1400 today 3rd June, in accordance with C's. in C. instructions 1300B/25*.
(N.O.I.C. Oslo, 030945B to F.O. Norway.)
* Not identified in W.R.

/Return ...

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King to
Norway.Intend following operation.
Force 1 consisting of NORFOLK (Flag of C.S.1)
DEVONSHIRE, ONSLOW (D.17), OBDURATE, ORWELL,
N.S. STORD sail from Rosyth about 1400/5th
June to convey H.M. King Haakon to Oslo routed
by searched channels in force.(2) F.O. Norway is requested to arrange pilot to embark in
NORFOLK off Drobak a.m./7th June at time notified by C.S.1.

(3) Codeword follows.

(4) F.O. Norway pass to S.C.O.F.O.R. Main and 88 Group.
(C. in C. H.F., 031011B to Admty., etc.)

My 031011. Codeword "Indestructible".

(C. in C. H.F., 031027B.)

STORD arrived.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 031900B to C. in C. H.F.)

Situation
at Bergen.Following received from C.S.10. (Quotes
021255B to C. in C. H.F., see June 2 Diary.)
(C. in C. H.F., 031017B to Admty.)Type 21
U-Boats,
Bergen
and Oslo.C. in C. W.A's 011556 and C. in C. H.F. (ashore)
021710. Type 21 U-Boats are now required to
proceed direct to Lisahally.(2) Request Type 21 U-Boats from Bergen be
routed east of Shetlands, north of Orkneys via
Minches to Loch Foyle thence to Lisahally.

(3) U-Boats from Oslo via Q.Z.S.738 Pentland

Firth and Minches to Loch Foyle.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 031046B to N.O.I.C. Bergen, N.O.I.C. Oslo.)

MONTSERRAT,
PAPUA,
6 U-Boats
from Oslo.Intend sailing MONTSERRAT and PAPUA as escort
to German U-Boats 2502, 2513, 2518, 3041, 3017,
3515, 1900 today Sunday 3rd June by swept
channel route to Loch Eriboll. Speed of
advance 10 knots.(2) Escort keeping W/T guard on H.D. routine and
port wave and 500 k/cs German U-Boats on 500
k/cs when necessary.

(N.O.I.C. Oslo, 031201 to F.O. Norway.)

My 031201B. Sailed at 1900 today 3rd.

(N.O.I.C. Oslo, 032007B to F.O. Norway.)

N.O.I.C. Oslo 031201. Your destination is Lisahally.

Route swept channel to Pentland Firth thence via Minches and
Loch Foyle.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 032232B to MONTSERRAT.)

LOCH ECK,
U.2529.My 011810B (Intend type 21 U-Boat 2529 escorted
by LOCH ECK to Loch Eriboll). LOCH ECK and
U.2529 sailed.

(N.O.I.C. Kristiansand, 031418 to C. in C. W.A.)

/Situation ...

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Situation
at
Trondheim.

(C.S.1, 031503B to C. in C. H.F.)
W.D. Note: This is quoted in C. in C. H.F.
041007B to Admt., which was received in War
Diary first. See June 4th.

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Northern Waters

TAVY,
BAHAMAS,
BAYNTUN
(U-Boat
escort).

On arrival stop convoy east of Switha where
E.G.8 in C.T.21 will take charge of further
operations. When no longer required by E.G.8
TAVY and BAHAMAS proceed to base and BAYNTUN
to Rosyth unless they have any particular reason
to enter. Set watch on 2150 k/cs R/T when
2 hours from arrival.
(C. in C. H.F., 031029B to TAVY.)

U-Boats for
Loch Ryan,
E.G. 8
Escort.

Intend to sail 10 type 23 U-Boats, Us. 2321,
2325, 2328, 2335, 2337, 2350, 2353, 2354, 2361,
2363 at 1000B/4th June escorted by E.G.8 in
LOCH ACHRAY, LOCH MORE, GRINDALL and LOCH
SCAVAIG to arrive Loch Ryan 0900B/6th June.
(2) On completion of escort duty request you
sail LOCH ACHRAY and LOCH MORE to Greenock,
GRINDALL to Belfast and LOCH SCAVAIG to Londonderry.
(C. in C. H.F., 031137 to N.O.I.C. Stranraer.)

Operations

Baltic

Sunk
U-Boats,
Kiel.

German U-Boat raised on 26th was badly holed
and was deposited again clear of fairway.
Divers examining other 2 now. Further reports
will be made.
(F.O. Kiel Command, 031921B to A.N.C.X.F.(Main))

TASAJERA.

Your 311502 (Requesting sail TASAJERA to U.K.
via Canal after unloading and to report whether
N.P.1761 can then be released.) para. 3.
Intend to make this report after TASAJERA (?has
?arrived ?at) Eckernforde where Coastal Force is now
established.
(F.O. Kiel Command, 031951 to A.N.C.X.F.)

/Kiel ...

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Kiel
Sit. Rep.

LEO SCHLAGETER

Six more merchant ships sailed for Brunsbuttel to join convoy U.L.C.2 for U.K. Reduction in Kiel commitments is counter-balanced by influx from other ports and Denmark. Former include training ships HORST WESSEL and ALBERT and six R-Boats. Latter include T.S.7, 107, 108 and 151, with 2,400 assorted Wehrmacht, Helferinnen and refugees. Wehrmacht are simple but others are unwanted children in all north German areas. Surplus torpedo recovery vessels from Eckernforde sailed to Flensburg to be embarked in UNITAS for passage to U.K. 4 M/Ls. temporarily assigned to N.O.I.C. Lubeck to supervise fishing area authorised in Lubeck Bucht restricted to 10 knots and depths over 10 fathoms by mine risks.
(F.O.I.C. Kiel, 032358B to A.N.C.X.F.)

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Enemy Intelligence

U-Boats Presumed sunk. B.D.U. (corrupt group) S report:
 (A) Following U-Boats overdue and presumed sunk by 1st June 242, 296, 321, 325, 396, 965, 1001, 1024, 1063, 1106, 905.

(B) U.977 stranded Bremanger 9th May.
 (Capt. Hale O K M, O31010 to Admty.)

To assist tracing missing U-Boats, request serial numbers or names of C.O's of all U-Boats scuttled or afloat in Bremen or Weser waters be signalled.

(Cmdr. Mante, OKM Flensburg, O31015B to C.T.F.126, Info: C.T.F. 124, Admty, Comnaveu, Naval Division, U.S. Group CC)

German Floating Docks.

Following German floating docks discovered
 (1) Copenhagen, 2 docks lifting capacity 3500 and 1200 tons foruse with them 3 lattice which act as docks all in good condition built 1936 to 1942.

(2) Naksko (?) V one dock to lift 1000 (?) tons built 1892 condition poor.

(F.O. Denmark, O31106 to A.N.C.X.F. Admty.)

U.1405,
 U.1406,
 U.1407.

Your 291444/ refers. Desire 1 or more these U-Boats raised for delivery us.

(Cominch and C.N.O. O31640 to Comanveu)

With reasonable certainty U-Boats U.1405, U.1406, U.1407 located sunk in Kiel Canal.

Note: (by W/R). No trace of previous receipt in W/R. Copy obtained in view of Com. 12th Fleet's O71359.

W.D. Note. Received on 10.6.45.

Defective U-Boats in Norway.

Your O11026 June.

This matter is under consideration. Further signal will be made.

(A.N.C.X.F. (Main), O31742B to F.O. Norway)

Movements

ZEST
 (From Bergen)

Scapa arrival: ZEST.
 (C. in C. H.F. O30322).
 Scapa departure: ZEST.
 (C. in C. H.F. O31958)

L.S.T.65.

Your 271830B. L.S.T. 65 arrived Oslo Harbour. (N.O.I.C. Oslo, O30901B to N.O.I.C. Leith and Granton)

SPIRIT,
 OAKHAM CASTLE.

S/M SPIRIT escorted by OAKHAM CASTLE in estimated position 190 Eddystone 15 at 0830 proceeding to Portsmouth 12 knots.

(C. in C. Plymouth, O30906B to Admty. etc.)

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RUBIS. Admiralty O21854 and your 281636 May. Remaining 2 cells of main battery of RUBIS are not expected at Dundee until 5th June. Anticipate that battery work will be completed a.m. 6th. Vessel will require wiping and short engine trial and neither can be completed until battery is finished. It is hoped that RUBIS will be ready for sea p.m. 8th June but further signal will be made when a definite date is known.
(AMBROSE, 030919B to F.O.S/M)

TANTALUS (ex Pacific). TANTALUS arrived. DOMETT proceeded in accordance with my 011603B not to all.
(AMBROSE, 030921B to S/Ms)

U.249
LOCH SHIN,
to Loch
Ryan. My 011708. Sailed.
(F.O.I.C.Portland, 030945B to N.O.I.C. Stranraer)

U.281,
U.299,
U.369,
U.712,
U.1163. Intend to sail 5 type 7C U-Boats U.281, U.299, U.369, U.712, U.1163 and 2200B/3rd June escorted by LOCH TARBERT and CAYMAN E.T.A. 0900/5th June.
(2) On completion request you will sail LOCH TARBERT and CAYMAN to Liverpool.
(C. in C. H.F. 030957B, 031426B to N.O.I.C. Stranraer)
My 030957 sailed.
(C. in C. H.F. 032224)

JERVIS
to Gibraltar. My 311034 and 011816 Sailed JERVIS., Q.B.B. 515, Q.B.A. 154, Q.B. 570, Q.B.Y. 335, Q.B.H. (C series) 502.
(F.O.I.C.N.I. 031005 to F.O.G.M.A.)

ELDORADO. Your 301305B ELDORADO arrived Breskens. Estimated work will take 2 weeks.
(N.O.I.C. Antwerp, 031020B to C. in C. Plymouth)

MINNA. Admty. M. 151452B May.
A.C. Dover is requested to sail H.M.S. MINNA from Dover to Rotterdam on Wednesday 6th June subsequently returning to Dover.
(D.D.O.D.(I), 031043B to A.C. Dover, F.O. Holland)

FARNDALE
to Malta. Departure Sheerness 0808B/3rd June FARNDALE.
(2) Mails to Malta.
(C. in C. Nore, 031046B to F.O.G.M.A.)

ADVENTURE,
from Cuxhaven. Sail ADVENTURE as convenient Monday 4th to Portsmouth.
(F.O.W.G. 031104B to N.O.I.C.Cuxhaven)

/Intend ...

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ADVENTURE Intend to sail ADVENTURE at 1400B/4th June by
from Cuxhaven. searched channel and latest Q.Z. messages in
(Contd.) force to Humber for onward routeing to
Portsmouth.
(2) Capt. M/S. Force C. is requested to detail on
M.M/S to provide protective sweep to P.15 buoy
thence ADVENTURE independently (?indicated) destination direct.
(3) Constant W/T watch on C.N. Broadcast and appropriate port
waves shifting to The Nore wave on crossing 005 degs. E.
(4) F.O.W.G. 021621B and A.N.C.X.F. (Main) 021922 neither to all
refer
(N.O.I.C. Cuxhaven, 031451B to N.O.I.C. Humber, Capt. M/S Force
C. M/S. 18)

ARMERIA Sail at 1500 to-day Sunday to Harwich to complete
for Reserve. reduction to category C.
(2) Report E.T.A. to C. in C. Nore before
sailing.
(3) Communications V/S watch only.
(D.21, 031111B to ARMERIA)

Harwich 3rd June. Arrival ARMERIA.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich, 031854B)

COLDSTREAMER, Intend to sail COLDSTREAMER at 0400B/4th to R/V
LOCH ECK, with LOCH ECK escorting 1 type 21 U-Boat at 25
U-Boat for buoy about 2000B/4th June.
Lisahally. (2) On relief LOCH ECK will proceed to Rosyth and
COLDSTREAMER will escort U-Boat to Lisahally.
(3) W/T watch in COLDSTREAMER on appropriate port
wave and loud speaker an 2410 K/cs R/T from 1200/4
June until R/V is affected.
(C. in C. H.F. 031130 to C. in C. Rosyth)
As amended 031421B.

BIRMINGHAM, Your 022142 arrived.
from Bergen. (C. in C. Rosyth, 031132B to C.S.10)

U.2321, Intend to sail 10 type 23 U-Boats U's 2321, 2325,
U.2325, 2328, 2335, 2337, 2350, 2353, 2361, 2363, 2354 at
U.2328, 1000B/4th June, escorted by E.G.8 in LOCH ACHRAY,
U.1335, LOCH MORE, GRINDALL and LOCH SCAVAIG to arrive
U.2337, Loch Ryan 0900B/6th June.
U.2350, (2) On completion of escort duty request you sail
U.2353, LOCH ACHRAY and LOCH MORE to Greenock, GRINDALL
U.2354, to Belfast and LOCH SCAVAIG to Londonderry.
U.2361, (C. in C. H.D. 031137 to N.O.I.C. Stranraer)
U.2363.
(ex-Kristian-
sand and
Bergen).

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U.483,
U.773,U.775,
U.953,U.978,
U.994,U.1019,
U.1064,U.1203.
ex Trondheim.

U-Boats 994, 1019, 1064, 1203, 483, 773, 775, 953, 978, escorted by LOCH FYNE, KEATS and BOMBARDIER arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Stranraer, 031151B to C. in C. H.F.)

CAVALIER,
CARRON
refits.

A.M. 020337 and 021531. Request CAVALIER and CARRON may be sailed to Scapa before proceeding to respective ports for refit, to discuss defects and A. and A's with Com. (D) Home Fleet.
(C. in C. H.F. 031401 to C. in C. W.A.)

NABOB,
berthing.

Passed Admiralty for information.
Your 011304B May placing NABOB in mud berth would strain the temporary shell placing patch which was fitted at Rosyth yard some months ago.

This patch was not designed to withstand grounding stresses and strains and damage occurring in this vicinity is liable to bring about extensive flooding at the end of the vessel. In these circumstances the proposal to place the ship in a mud berth is considered inadvisable.

(A.S. Rosyth, 031401B to C. in C. Rosyth)
W.R. Note: 041734 refers.

VIMY.

Humber 3rd June. Arrival at 1630 VIMY.
F.O.C.R.F.'s 241915B refers.
(F.O. Humber, 031648B to Cdre. Sheerness)

U.3008.

Amend my 021801B (N.T. in W.R.) to read: U.3008 sailed from Kiel to Wilhelmshaven 0900B Saturday.
F.O.W. Germany 200011 not to all refers.
(F.O. Kiel, 031711B to A.N.C.X.F. etc.)

U.3008 arrived. F.O. Kiels 021801 refers (N.T. in W.R.)
(N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven, 031722B to N.O.I.C. Brunsbuttel)

BORAGE,
CLOVER
Corvettes.

A.M. 041944/Feb. para. (b) R.N.P.S. crews to commission BORAGE and CLOVER will be available at any time after 1st June.

(2) Present crews are to be discharged to depot on relief by R.N.P.S. personnel. In the case of CLOVER, however, the senior E.R. rating

now borne is to remain.

(Head of M.11, 031812B to C. in C's Portsmouth, Plymouth, W.A. and others)

BICESTER,
refit.

Admiralty's 020516B.

Power worked pom-pom has been fitted.

(2) Confirmed that improvement to ventilation of engine room, gearing room, galleys and living spaces has been satisfactorily completed though

probably not in accordance with D.N.C. Drawings which were not available at the time.

(3) Date of leaving Chatham is expected to be 30th June.

(BICESTER, 031835B to Admty.)

/LUNE...

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LUNE. Your 021128. / Arrived 1930 to-day Sunday.
(N.O.I.C. Ijmuiden, 032001 to N.O.I.C. Antwerp)
/ Intend sailing H.M.S. LUNE.

Trawlers Humber 3rd June arrivals ANDRADITE and GEORGE
for ADGELL at 1830. Admiralty's 302139 May refers.
Conversion. Mails for ANDRADITE to Hull. GEORGE ADGELL
to Aberdeen.
(F.O. Humber, 032010B to A.C. Dover)

HESPERUS, E.T.A. Bar 1630B/4th June. HAVELOCK and SS.
HAVELOCK, ANDES in company.
ANDES, (HESPERUS, 032035B to F.O.I.C. Liverpool)
from Oslo.

Shipping and Convoys

U.L.C. / My 261712B/5 as amended by my 311150B/5.
convoys, Commencing with U.L.C. 3 convoys will leave
Brunsbüttel. Brunsbüttel anchorage at 1000B.
(2) Convoy conference will be held Brunsbüttel
p.m. day before sailing.
(Com. Hamburg, 031807 to C. in C. Nore, Admty.
A.N.C.X.F. etc.)

The most convenient assembly anchorage for U.L.C. convoys is
Brunsbüttel. Request you amend your 251847B/5 accordingly.
(Com. Hamburg, 031814B to C. in C. Nore.)

"Apostle" Cancel my 291920 May, not to all.
Convoys. (2) "Apostle" 5. HOTSPUR S.O. ESCAPADE are to
arrive Kirkwall June 6th to escort convoy thence
to Trondheim and Tromso.
(3) "Apostle" 6. ICARUS is to arrive Greenock
June 7th to escort EASTERN PRINCE thence to Tromso and Trondheim.
(4) C. in C. Rosyth's 292315 May not to all refers.
(C. in C. W.A. 032348B to F.O.I.C. Liverpool, F.O.I.C. Greenock
R.N.O. Kirkwall)

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Rescue.

JONQUIL sails 1600B June 4th to relieve LOWESTOFT in position 20. A.M. 182352 refers.
2. E.T.A. position 20 is 1200B June 6th.
(F.O.G.M.A., 031032B to Admty).

U-boat
scuttled.

In early hours this morning (3rd) German submarine appeared off coast about 4 miles North of Leixoes harbour and was scuttled. Crew 47 in hands of Capt. of Port who states number of vessel has not been disclosed.
(R.O. Oporto, 031054B to S.O.(I) Gib).

Another German U-boat scuttled at 2359 2nd, 3 to 4 miles North of Leixoes. Distress signal made, 47 officers and crew rescued by life boat. S/M had sunk by time life boat arrived. Name of C.O. Stever who refused to divulge number of S/M. Survivors now held by Portuguese Naval Authorities at Leixoes.
(N.A. Lisbon, 031150B to Admty).
My 031150.

1. Portuguese Naval authorities intend sailing Portuguese Destroyer DAO from Lisbon at 0900 tomorrow Monday June 4th in order transfer survivors to Lisbon.
2. Request recovering ship be sent to arrive off Alcantra Dock a.m. Tuesday June 5th to transfer P.O.Ws. direct from DAO.
3. Request most immediate reply for information Portuguese Naval Authorities if these arrangements can be made.
(N.A. Lisbon, 032250B to Admty) See 040300B.

Movements

Arrivals: WHADDON from Malta. ENCHANTRESS from West.
(F.O.G.M.A., 032154B to Admty).

South AtlanticTrawlers
for U.K.

Intend sailing INKPEN, YESTOR 1600Z/4th June.
(2) Request ships be on routed to Falmouth.
(F.O.C.W.A.F., 031247Z).

Air Sea
Rescue

Have been relieved on station 21 P.C. and S. 033° 12 knots.
(AMARANTHUS, 031615Z to F.O.C.W.A.F.)
Have relieved H.M.S. AMARANTHUS on Station 21.
(DITTANY, 031618Z to F.O.C.W.A.F.)

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- Syria.
1. General situation improving everywhere except Damascus where some looting by crowd, of French property necessitated reinforcement of troops.
 2. Have sent MUSKETEER to Latakia.
 3. Naval contingent at request of army leave for Damascus 0720 today 3rd June for stay of 2 or 3 days to show flag and help stabilise situation.
 4. I am going to Damascus with C. in C. M.E.F. to be present when naval party arrives and visit H.B.M. minister and president of Syria.
 5. It is probable present naval forces will be required on this coast for approx. 1 week and some naval forces namely 1 cruiser and 1 destroyer or 2 destroyers should remain until end of discussions and final settlement.
 6. I intend to return to Alex. on or about 5th June leaving ARETHUSA here.
 7. Military expect further trouble between French and local population later and when present initial calming effect of British arrival has worn off.
- (F.O.L.E.M.(Afloat) 030023C to C. in C. Med.

JEANNE D'ARC Your 021710. Request you will not sail JEANNE D'ARC for the present.

(C. in C. Med., 030828B to Almed, See 040958B).

Following has been made to Almed begins:

Your 021710, request you will not sail JEANNE D'ARC for the present 030828 Ends.

(C. in C. Med., 030836Z to Admty).

2nd June 1945. Arrival - ARETHUSA. Departures EXMOOR, MUSKETEER.

(S.O.(I) Beirut, 030908C to Admty).

Request you will sail H.M.S. AURORA as quickly as possible to Alex adjusting speed to arrive before dark June 5th.

(C. in C. Med., 031048B to F.O.N.A.M.)

I am sailing H.M.S. AURORA to Alexandria. Almed's 021710 is relevant. My 031048.

(C. in C. Med., 031058B to Admty).

Reference Almed's 021710 not to Admty. This can not be accepted and any further landing would be prevented.

(F.O.L.E.M. Athens, 031125C to C. in C. Med.) See 031756(C)

Depart Naples 1600B/3 for Alexandria C. in C. Med's 031048 not to all. E.T.A. 1300B/5.

(F.O.N.A.M., 031137B to AURORA).

Amend My 021710B* para. 2 to read (2) Commandant, U.S.

Naval Operating Base Oran is requested to sail French Cruiser JEANNE D'ARC to Beirut 3rd June through most direct route unless different routes are ordered by V.A.M. or F.O.L.E.M.

(C.M. Comar Algiers, 031248B to C. in C. Med).

*?021710 intended from Almed. Order for movement of F.C.

JEANNE D'ARC.

For your information following situation has arisen.

Almed informed C. in C. Med. p.m. yesterday that Marine Paris had ordered JEANNE D'ARC to Beirut.

2. C. in C. Med. this morning requested Almed not to sail JEANNE D'ARC for the present.

3. H.M.G. are informing French Government that JEANNE D'ARC must not visit Beirut and this fact is being communicated to Almed.

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JEANNE D'ARC (contd). 4. H.M.G's policy is that force is not to be used without their express instructions. (D.O.D.(F) Approved A.C.N.S.(F), 031520B to N.A. Paris).

Your 030828B to Almed. and F.O.L.E.M. (Athens) 031125C. H.M.G. are informing French Government in Paris that JEANNE D'ARC must not visit Beirut. Almed should be informed. Your request to Almed is confirmed but force should not be used until express instructions are received. A.M. 010004B June refers.

(H. of M. Branch I, Approved V.C.N.S., 031658B to C. in C. Med., F.O.L.E.M. (Afloat)).

My 031125C should have red after conference with Minister and C. in C. (corrupt group) Middle East reference Almed's 021710B.

(F.O.L.E.M. (Afloat), 031756C to C. in C. Med).

1. ARETHUSA's landing party received great ovation in Damascus and much welcomed by military. Damage in centre of city very considerable - French troops are being moved out by night.

2. With C. in C. Middle East visited President who appeared intensely grateful and confident but determined that Roget should be treated as war criminal.

3. Minister and C. in C. Middle East consider arrival of further reinforcements will cause Lebanon to explode. My 031125C passed by telephone from Beirut should have made this clear.

4. My intentions should this ship arrive follow as separate signal.

(F.O.L.E.M. (Afloat), 031814C to C. in C. Med., (R) F.O.L.E.M. Admty).

H.M. Government are informing French Government in Paris that French Cruiser JEANNE D'ARC must not visit Beirut. My 030828. Admiralty pass to Naval Attache Paris.

(C. in C. Med., 031838B).

I went today to Damascus with Admiral Tennant who took salute at march past of party of 200 sailors and marines from ARETHUSA. Party received enthusiastic welcome during march through town. Looting has been stopped and large quantities of goods looted by Sengalese have been recovered from French barracks also M.T. requisitioned by French from Gendarmerie. Removal of French troops from Damascus and Hama began today and General Beynet agrees on urgent necessity for this. It will also be necessary to evacuate families of Troupes Speciales who will otherwise be molested. General Beynet informed General Pilleau today that if any harm came to families of Troupes Speciales reprisals will be taken against Syrians living in France. I received report today that grave containing bodies of 19 Gendarmeries has been found in French camp at Mezze near Damascus. It was reported earlier to me that the French had shot 19 Gendarmeries whom they had captured. Bodies are being exhumed and photographed. There have been no incidents today in Syria or the Lebanon.

(Tac. Middle East, 032000C to W.O.)

Ref. A.M. 031658. If ship arrives in spite of Government orders the following are my intentions. To delay the ship entering harbour and to go on board with C. in C. M.E.F. and order ship to refrain from landing troops.

2. If nevertheless troops are landed it would be object of military commander to resist and round up on landing, in this I would take no part providing ship takes no offensive action.

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JEANNE D'ARC If however, ship opened fire in support of the landing I request I may be free to engage him until he desists.

4. 2 more cruisers here on her arrival which I estimate may be p.m. 5th might ensure sanity. Sanity was notable by its absence on part of French in Damascus last week. If therefore ship sails request AURORA and another cruiser be sailed to Beirut forthwith.

5. Shortly before this ship arrives it will be desirable to occupy and render innocuous French ships in harbour namely L'AJACCIENNE, 2 Chasseurs and 2 M.Ls.

6. Consider it possible ship may disembark at Tripoli. No resistance could then take place until after landing. (F.O.L.E.M. Afloat, 032331C to C. in C. Med., reply: see 041155B)

Air Clearance of Mines in Med. Following received from C. in C. Med begins:-
(1) It is understood that Air Ministry have issued instructions for 624 mine-spotting Squadron to be disbanded in June. In view of lengthy minesweeping commitments remaining in the Med. request immediate steps to be taken to have this decision reversed. Ends.

(2) Minesweeping commitments in the Med. require co-operation of 624 mine-spotting squadron for next twelve months at least.

(3) This squadron is now fully trained and experienced in the necessary technique and its removal at this stage would involve serious set-back to essential clearance operations.

(4) It is therefore requested that Squadron be maintained.

(5) Air Ministry letter No. C.S.23781/S.6 dated 5th October, 1944 refers.

(Hd. of M. (II) Approved V.C.N.S., 030228B to Air Ministry).

Cargo shipping Operation "Zipper" E.I. P.S.T.O. India's 020854 and P.S.T.O. M.E's 011310. In order to assist am prepared to release FORT ANNE, SAMSKERN, FORT CHESTERFIELD and FORT FRONTENAC all now in or due Middle East CARLTON and FRANK A. VANDERLIP could also be made available in Middle East about 14th and 16th June respectively. All these are operationally

ballasted and flatted and have appropriate Derrick capacity. Request you indicate immediately if for reasons unknown to me and if above unsuitable for contemplated operations. This presupposes P.S.T.O. M.E's ability to fit in time required.

2. In replacement of above would accept the six vessels mentioned in para. three of P.S.T.O. India's 020854 for temporary Mediterranean service. P.S.T.O. Middle East requested to confirm that these replacements could be conveniently phased into his maintenance programme for C.M.F. bearing in mind that no delay to shipment of reserve rations for which FORT FRONTENAC already set up can be accepted.

3. If above approved I shall be short of six ballasted and flatted vessels with heavy Derricks which will be required from July onwards for movement of heavy vehicles. Essential therefore that suitable replacements are eventually made available to me. Although could possibly arrange ballasting all my suitable flattening material has already been sent to Middle East.

(P.S.T.O. Med., 031746B to D. of D.T.)

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Mediterranean. - Contd.

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report No.
616.

1. Syria. ARETHUSA is now at Beirut Bay, EXMOOR at Levant and (?MUSKETEER) at Latakia. General situation is reported as improving everywhere except Damascus where Naval contingent has been sent to show flag and help stabilise situation.
2. Adriatic. H.D.M.L. 1237 has been mined and towed into Venice. No Casualties.
(C. in C. Med., 031903B to F.O.L.E.M.)

Levant
Sitrep to
0900 hours
3 June.

1. Own tps. Brit. Tps. ARR Aleppo 1230 hrs. 2 June and took over from French. KDG less one Sqn. move by 4 June to Khalde (7 miles south Beirut).
2. Naval. 3 June. ARETHUSA Beirut destroyers EXMOOR, Tripoli, MUSKETEER, Latakia.
3. Towns. Damascus. 2 June atmosphere still ugly and revengeful. Two Senegalese who broke bks. shot dead by locals. One French offr. also shot dead. Curfew 1300 hrs. had calming effect. Curfew lifted 1600 hrs. but reimposed 2000 hrs. Cas report 150 inmates of citadel prison killed during bombardment. Gendarmes killed 4 wounded 30.
4. Rest and Syria and Lebanon N.R.T.
5. Rly Sitrep. Aleppo-Homs three day trains each direction under Brit. Mil escort. Tripoli-Homs Homs-Rayak sections normal day and night services.
(C. in C. ME., 031915 C to W.O.)

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East Indies

Situation Report No. 16. Para. 1. Andaman Sea. Patrol of East Coast Andamans and of Tenasserim Coast continued. (1) Sitrep. No.15 refers. CEYLON relieved PHOEBE 1st June. Few aircraft possibly acting as transport vicinity 10° Channel, otherwise no enemy activity. (2) Rangoon. One additional berth available alongside week-ending 28th May. 20 transports entered port. Discharged 5,420 personnel, 17,000 tons stores, 1,039 vehicles, 6,931 personnel embarked and left. (3) Burma operations. Bassein was entered 22nd May by 2 L.C.P.(L) with small armed guard by inland water route from Rangoon. Received royal welcome. Follow-up party with 450 troops in L.C.Ms. arrived 4 days later. M.L. patrols established Irrawaddy Delta as far north as Henzoda. All main waterways south of line Bassein Rangoon investigated, no enemy craft seen. Investigation being repeated by 8 M.Ls., with 4 platoons and Civil Affairs Representative embarked in order to clear Pockets Japanese or Dacoits, establish Civil Authority, and show the flag. (5) Cocos Air Strip completed to medium bomber standard 1st May, will probably reach heavy bomber standard 15th June. (6) Submarines in the past fortnight. 650 tons coastal shipping and country craft, including two landing barges carrying troops have been sunk by our submarines in Malacca Strait. (C. in C. E.I., 030418 to S.C.S.S.E.A, C. in C. S.A., etc.)

LE TRIUMPHANT unsuitability of, in Tropics. Your 280557 May* was passed to N.A. Paris by A.M. 291940 May in which N.A. Paris was asked to enquire from Marine Paris. (a) what steps are being or can be taken to alleviate these conditions in other ships of class before proceeding to East Indies Station. (b) whether it is desired to return F.S. LE

TRIUMPHANT to France. (2) Following has now been received from N.A. Paris: (Begins) Admiralty message 291940 May. Admiral Lemonnier informed me today that he doubts the gravity of the difficulties in F.S. LE TRIUMPHANT and has directed Captain of RICHELIEU to obtain further details. (2) LE TRIUMPHANT has carried out successful service for some years part of which was in the tropics. (3) He added that the inexperience of unacclimatized crew may have induced the Captain to make a hasty judgment. (4) I have been promised a further report in due course. 011935. (Ends). (A.C.N.S.(F), 031118B to C. in C. E.I.) * Use of LE TRIUMPHANT and her type of ship in tropical waters is complete failure.

Monitors for Opn. "Mailfist". In early May it was stated by S.E.A.C. Planners that monitors might be invaluable for "Zipper". Request you confirm the implication in your 020601 that no monitor is required before "Mailfist". (A.C.N.S.(F), 031637B to C. in C. E.I.) Reply: 061220Z.

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ALGERINE
class
Minesweeper.

NIGER is due to complete in Sept. and should arrive on East Indies Station by end of Nov. Your 010905 refers.
(2) Ship is fitted with Oropesa sweep and asdic. Extra office accommodation is provided. No ground sweep is fitted.
(D.M.S., 031707B to C. in C. E.I.)

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America and West Indies

French ships / French Naval Mission in Washington requests approval for the transfer of the battleship LORRAINE and the destroyer escort HOVA from Brest to Toulon in the early part of June the intention is to employ LORRAINE as gunnery school ship in Toulon, and the HOVA is noted as one of the six D.Es. earmarked for the East Indies Fleet. Admiral Fenard states that this proposal has also been submitted to Allied Authorities in Paris by the French Admiralty.
 (2) Cominch is being informed, and any comments he may have will be signalled.
 (B.A.D., Washington, 030015 to Admty.)

E.G.11 E.G.11 P.C.S. at 1200Z 3rd June, 051° 03' N. 038° 30' W. 243° 15 knots.
 (S.O.E.G.11, 031300Z to C. in C.N.A.)

U-boat dispositions Enemy U-boat Estimate 1200Z/3rd.
 No change since Cominch, 021411Z.
 (Cominch, 031350Z to Admty.)

Convoy This is a re-encipherment of my 031604 "Convoy
 O.N.303 O.N.303. 33 ships arrived New York. First
 (ice floe) 030129, last 1257".
 (P.D. New York, 031824Z to Com. 10th Fleet.)
 O.N.303. Arrivals New York June 2nd.

HANLEY ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL, HUTCHINSON I CONE, TOLTEK, VILLANGER, N. F. BROWN, CHAS. RAYCOCK, HENRY VILLARD, ANNA KNUDSEN, ARTHUR J. TYRER, BELGIAN GULF, DIPLONDON, GEO. POPHAM, G. HARRISON SMITH, ELONA, EDWIN NETTLETON, HOEGH HOOD, JOHN B. HOOD, JOHN HENRY, JOHN H. MURPHY, JONATHAN TRUMBULL, LEVI WOODBURY, MARY BALL MIAOULIS, MIJDRECHT, PSARA, RICHARD BASSETT, RICHARD UPJOHN, PAINE WINGATE, PATRICK S. MAHONEY, NAIRNBANK, SAMPFORD, SAMTHAR, SAMWYE, STEPHEN W. KEARNY, TOBIAS STANSBURY, SKOTAAS, WALTER M. CHRISTIANSEN, WEYBANK, WM. MULHOLLAND, W. PENDER, Total 40 ships
 (B.R.L.O., New York, 031836Z to Admty.)

Incident Some driftwood and empty boxes in area but no evidence of aircraft wreckage.
 (KOKANEE, 032310Z to C. in C. C.N.A.)

Far East and Australia

U.183 Your 011157.
 sunk? Complete absence of information from any source regarding U.183 since survivor was picked up by U.S.S. BESUGO is considered to make latter's claim indisputable.
 (A.C.N.B., 030201Z to Admty.) See 061719B.

/Blue...

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Blue summary 2nd. Ryukyus. 6th. 7th Inf. Div. occupied Ogusuku 2 miles S. of Yonabaru and pushed lines 2,000 yards S.E. into Chinen Peninsula. C.V.E. planes continued neutralization Sakishima Gunto. Dumbo picked up 5 men from 3 ditched planes. Searches Empire area. F.A.W. 1, planes sank 1 S.D. N.W. of Shanghai.

Empire. P.B.J.S. damaged 1 mincraft, 1 unidentified vessel off Honshu. Other T.F. 38 planes Okinawa based P.47's attacked Kyushu on first. B.29s Osaka strike on first dropped 3,000 tons of incendiaries. Strike photos show fires throughout dock area between Shin-Yrdo and Kizu rivers. S.W. Wind blowing smoke over city prevented assessment of damage.

Blue subs. rescued 12 more airmen N. of Iwo. Sank 2 small A.K.1 Schooner.

(C. in C. Pac. Adv. H.Q., 030623 to All commands.)

CAP DES PALMES F.S. CAP DES PALMES arrived Melbourne 0115Z 3rd June to effect engine repair. E.T.D. Thursday 7th June.

(N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne, 030630Z to Cdr.)

Digest 1229 2.6.45 Extract. (2) Mariners from Lingayen night 1st - 2nd June hit three motor boats eight junks and luggers Pescadores Hainan and China coast.

(4) Venturas from Palawan 1st June fired one of four small coasters Pontianak.

(7) American Forces Luzon continued Northward drive along Highway Five against scattered resistance, forward elements reaching Point 7,000 yards North-Northeast Santa Fe; East of Manila 38th division reported limited gains against strong resistance on Mount Hamanona Banoy.

(10) On Tarakan Island Australian Forces captured strong enemy hill positions East and West sides last remaining enemy stronghold in centre of Island.

On Makassar Strait, 4 Liberators strafed, damaged 2 small coasters, 1 schooner (?Tairro) Strait.

(13) Delayed report states P.Ts. night 31st May - 1st June supported landing Labjin Western Shore Davao Gulf, wrecked one motor launch, 4 barges: exploded 1 large, 1 small fuel dump.

(G.H.Q.S.W.P.A., 030841Z to Admty.)

Movement RORQUAL sailed 3rd June for Trincomalee and U.K. (S/M 4, 030947 to Admty.)

Weekly report 4th and 8th Submarine Flotillas. (1) (read in three columns. Submarine Area, Departs Area.) TRUMP and TIPTOE, Flores Sea, 6th June. TUDOR, Flores Sea, 3rd June. TRENCHANT and TACITURN, East Coast Malaya, 14th June. THOROUGH, East Coast Malaya, 16th June. THULE, southeast Malaya, about 2nd June.

(2) On passage (a) to Paxcol STYGIAN, SPARK, 0.24 (b) to Subic SEASCOUT. (c) to Fremantle SIDON, STUBBORN. (d) at Trinco. SPEARHEAD, SEANYMPH. (e) to Trincomalee RORQUAL. (f) at Fremantle ZWAARDVISCH, TERRAPIN 0.19, 0.21 TRADEWIND. (g) at Subic, SOLENT, SLEUTH, SUPREME, SELENE.

(S.M.(4) 031122Z to Admty.)

/M.O.N. ...

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M.O.N.
R.A.Ds.

V.A.(Q) 290439Z/March, 070701Z April and
A.M. 051103B May, not to R.N.Z.N. or H.C.N.Z.
refer.

(1) N.Z. Type M.E.1 mobile radar set (modified)
is considered most suitable set. R.N.Z.N. has
agreed to supply with spares (Navy numbers 608 and 685 to
Admiralty only).

(2) In view of manning difficulties and existing commitments,
you are requested to signal early confirmation of requirement
and to include necessary ratings in next periodical requirements
signal.

(3) A suggested complement for each M.O.N.R.A.D. in tropical
conditions is as follows. (Details).
(D. of M., 032132B to C. in C. B.P.F.) Confirmed by 070531Z.

NEWFOUNDLAND

Having completed docking and stiffening as
requisite NEWFOUNDLAND departed Auckland for
Manus Island, expected time arrival 0030Z/10th
July.
(N.Z.N.B., 032135Z to Admty.)

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SITUATION REPORT

Home Commands

1. It is proposed to reduce Dover to the status of a sub-command of the Nore Command on Tuesday July 10th.
2. In view of representations by A.N.C.X.F., the Admiralty are asking C. in C. H.F. to provide two destroyers for the Kiel-Flensburg area and one ship for Wilhelmshaven; they should be withdrawn as soon as possible.
- 2(a) The Air Ministry ask for the use of Heligoland as a bombing range for the R.A.F.

North Sea.

3. C. in C. Nore would appreciate if an exception could be made for U.776 to visit Grimsby and Hull.
4. Capt. (D) 2, with ZEPHYR, ZEST, ZODIAC and Polish CONRAD, is to leave Rosyth tomorrow for a short visit to west German ports.
5. The corvettes PRESCOTT and MIMICO left Sheerness at 2010B for Canada.
6. Comnaveu asks A.N.C.X.F. if one or more of the Walther type U-Boats, U.1405-7, can be raised for delivery to the United States. (They were last reported sunk or scuttled in the Denmark area).
7. The American COLIN P. KELLY, 7,176 tons, in Convoy T.A.M.89, was mined off Ostend 306° 14 miles but remained afloat. (She was towed to Southend at 1114 on June 5th).
8. The FRANKLIN sailed for Brunsbüttel to carry out a survey of the lock entrances.
- 8(a) The 15th M/S. Flotilla (FRASERBURGH, WORTHING, BOOTLE, POOLE and DUNBAR) left the Humber to clear Q.Z.X.1467.

Channel.

9. Eleven M.F.Vs. with the SS. EMPIRE HEATHLAND, ~~left~~ ^{are to leave} Falmouth for Gibraltar, escorted by the corvette MIGNONETTE and A/S M/S. trawler GWEAL. (See 11.6.45, Pages 267 + 274)

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10. The frigates DACRES and ROWLEY left Milford Haven to investigate old U-Boat bottom contacts (para. 6, June 3rd.)

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- Western Approaches. (Contd.) / 11. Fourteen "Castle" class corvettes allocated for air/sea rescue duties are to have complements of six officers (including medical officer), full engine room complement, and 60 per cent remainder of complement.
- / 12. The Canadian destroyers IROQUOIS, HAIDA, and HURON left the Clyde for St. Johns, N.F., and Halifax.
- Norway. / 13. C.S.1 reports the situation at Trondheim satisfactory. Good order ashore, with the departure of the U-Boats and arrival of the British Army, has done much to establish confidence. A further visit by a cruiser is not considered necessary.
14. F.O. Norway, and M.W.T. Representative strongly deprecate moving any German vessels away until local requirements are clearer, as negotiations are now proceeding with the Russian delegation in Oslo for repatriation of about 80,000 Russians prisoners of war.
- Baltic. 15. Sperrbrecher No.11, on passage from Kiel to Flensburg, was damaged by a mine in Flensburg Fiord. She is afloat but immobile.

Foreign StationsMediterranean

- Adriatic. 16. ARCTURUS (minesweeper) was damaged internally by a near miss from a mine in position 45° 20' 15" N., 12° 29' 50" E. at 1037 this morning. Arrangements are being made to tow her to Ancona.
- Re-allocation of French warships. / 17. All French warships under operational control of F.O.N.A.M. are re-allocated to Almed. as from 1200B today.

/SS. NEW ...

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SS. NEW BERN
VICTORY
mined.

18. NEW BERN VICTORY (Am. 7,607 tons) struck a drifting mine at 1400 today in Odessa Channel during a heavy squall. Vessel was damaged and returned to Odessa. There were no casualties.

Movement.

19. GLOIRE (French cruiser) left Oran for Casablanca.

East Indies

Andaman.

20. While on Tenasserim coastal patrol H. I. M. S. KISTINA intercepted small native boat containing three native convicts. They had been driven by bad weather from Port Blair where they were fishing. They stated that there were 3,000 to 5,000 Japanese still in South Andaman Islands.

Far East and Australia

China.

21. U.S. aircraft attacked and destroyed a submarine chaser off Macao and sank a lugger in the Hainan Straits.

U-Boat Campaign

U-Boat war
ended.

22. The U-Boat war in the non-combat area is considered at an end from 0001 today. All H.M. ships, troop convoys and Monsters in this area may relax wartime precautions and burn navigation lights at full brilliancy. All anti-submarine defences can be removed and precautions relaxed.

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- F.O. Holland responsibility for coastal channel / C. in Cs. Nore letter of 11th April reference 525/5/45 suggested that F.O.I.C. Holland would only be responsible for maintenance of the main Coastal Channel North of H.K.7, not from H.K.5.
It would be preferred if this could be allowed to stand.
(F.O.I.C. Holland, 041006B to A.N.C.X.F.(Main)).
- Destroyers for Canada / Intend to sail H.M.C.S. IROQUOIS, HAIDA and HURON passing Clyde Gate at 1800B today June 4th to St. Johns, Newfoundland for onward routeing to Halifax proceeding at economical speed of 13 knots. (Route)
Admiralty is requested to divert mails to Halifax forthwith.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 041034B to F.O.N.F., C. in C. C.N.A.)
Sailed IROQUOIS (S.O.), HAIDA and HURON. S. of A. 20 knots
My 041034B refers.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 041804B to F.O.N.F.)
- Dover Command Reduction / A.M. 230126A December and A.L.M. 0515/45 of 26th February 1945 it is proposed to reduce Dover to the status of a sub-command of Nore on Tuesday 10th July. C. in C. Nore concurs.
(A.C. Dover, 041115B to Admty.) Reply: Admty. 072121B.
- Escort Group C.9. for Canada / Intend to sail Escort Group C.9 PENETANG (S.O.) FERGUS, THORLOCK, FREDERICTON, HALIFAX plus CHILLIWACK from Lough Foyle at 1000B 5th June to Greenock to embark Canadian service personnel, and for onward routeing to Canada.
Request mails be diverted accordingly.
S.O.C.9 to indicate E.T.A. Greenock direct.
(Cdre. (D) W.A. 041128B to F.O.I.C. Greenock, C.N.C. Wim.)
- U.776 proposed visit to Humber. / A.M. 012241, para. 6. It would be appreciated if a similar exception could be made in case of visit of U.776, to Humber where F.O.I.C. considers it most desirable that both Grimsby and Hull should be visited.
(C. in C. Nore, 041258B to F.O.S.M.)
Reply by Admty to C. in C. Nore, 070332B.
- Dispositions, German Waters / It is intended that the policy in A.M. 260103 should stand but in view of representations in your 311239, C. in C. H.F. will be directed to provide two destroyers for Kiel-Flensburg area and one ship for Wilhelmshaven.
(2) It is desired that they should be withdrawn as soon as possible. Request you will report accordingly.
(D.O.D.(H) Approved V.C.N.S., 041401 to A.N.C.X.F.)

/Air...

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- Air/Sea Rescue duties** / The following ships are allocated for Air/Sea Rescue duties:- PEVENSEY CASTLE, KENILWORTH CASTLE, LAUNCESTON CASTLE, CAISTOR CASTLE, PORCHESTER CASTLE, BERKELEY CASTLE, DUMBARTON CASTLE, CARISBROOKE CASTLE, LANCASTER CASTLE, HADLEIGH CASTLE, AMBERLEY CASTLE, KNARESBOROUGH CASTLE, LEEDS CASTLE and RUSHEN CASTLE.
 (2) Complements of these ships are to be adjusted to: 6 Officers including Medical Officer; Full original engine complement. 60% of remainder of complement.
 (3) Request you will nominate 4 of the above ships for service with F.O.G.M.A. and 4 for service with F.O.C.W.Af.
 (4) A.M. 190007 not to F.O.C.R.F. refers.
 (D.O.D.(H) 041404B to C. in C.W.A.)
- Submarines in non-combat zones** / British and Allied submarines may now be encountered unescorted in the non-combat zone.
 (2) When on ocean passage they will normally proceed on the surface but may dive for short periods for exercise.
 (3) Normal training both on the surface and submerged will also be carried out in the vicinity of submarine bases.
 (4) When on the surface submarines will fly their national ensign by day and will burn navigation lights by night.
 (5) Ex German U-boats flying an Allied ensign may also be encountered on the surface unescorted in British Coastal waters.
 (6) Authorities concerned pass to N.C.S.Os.
 (D.O.D.(H), Approved V.C.N.S., 041406B to A.G.M. 862A, B.1.)
- Heligoland as R.A.F. Bombing range** / A.269 4th June 45. Air Ministry request Island of Heligoland be earmarked for use as R.A.F. bombing range. Please notify this headquarters if you concur to this giving approximate date of when you will be evacuating the island.
 (Air Staff S.H.A.E.F. Forward, 041630B to A.N.C.X.F.)
- Showing the Flag, German ports** Intend to sail Capt. (D) 2 in ZEPHYR with Zest, ZODIAC and O.R.P. CONRAD in company on Tuesday 5th June for short visit to West German Ports. A.M. 1523/4 refers.
 (2) On reaching P.14 buoy Q.Z.S.732 D.2 in ZEPHYR with O.R.P. CONRAD proceed to Wilhelmshaven and ZEST with ZODIAC proceed to Kiel.
 (3) F.O. Western Germany is requested to sail OPPORTUNE, OBEDIENT, & OFFA on relief. Cancel my 011219 June, not to all. (C. in C.H.F., 041631B to Admty.)
 D.2 in ZEPHYR take ZEST, ZODIAC and O.R.P. CONRAD under your orders and proceed as in my 041631 passing Oxcars at 1630B tomorrow 5th June and thence by standard east coast route to Humber and by Q.Z.S.727 and searched channels in force.
 (2) N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven and N.O.I.C. Cuxhaven are requested to arrange pilots to board ZEPHYR and ZEST respectively at P.14 Buoy at time notified by D.2.

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Showing the Flag, German Ports (Contd.) (3) Admiralty divert mails.
(4) N.O.I.C. Cuxhaven and Wilhelmshaven decypher my 041637 transmitted as S.N.898.
(C. in C. H.F., 042227 to D.2.)

Refits of French Warships, Tyne. Your 282007 May. Ships have been visited and position discussed with ship's officers. A complete survey hull machinery and electrical of each ship is the only way of determining the present state of the ship. Each ship will require docking for this purpose and labour will be required in the survey.

If the ships are to be surveyed it is recommended that they should be in order (1) LA FLORE. (2) L'INCOMPRISE.

(3) LA MELPOMENE.

From this preliminary discussion it is obvious that considerable labour and expense will be involved in putting these ships into a seagoing condition and capacity for this work is not available in this area in the near future.

No undertaking has been given to carry out a survey of any work pending further instructions.

(F.O.I.C. Tyne, 041750B to Admt.)

P.511, P.555, P.556 disposal In order to release personnel still required for their physical custody, request information regarding early disposal of U.S. submarines P.511, P.555, P.556.

Admiralty docket M.012028/44 and Admiralty message 250132 April (250123 intended.) refer.

(2) Understood that work on preparing P.555 as

a bottom target has been suspended.

(F.O.S.M., 041858B to Admt.)

Corvettes for Canada

Sheerness departures 2010B 4th June PRESCOTT and MIMICO.

(2) Mails to Greenock.

(C. in C. Nore, 042325B to F.O.I.C. Greenock)

W.D. Note; C. in C. Nore 311046B May refers.

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Mine sunk by JASPER 3/6.

Your 031935B being passed to Captain M/S F.A. and M.S.1. Report if you are certain that mine was moored and not drifting.

(C. in C. Nore, 040048B to JASPER.)

U.1405
U.1406
U.1407

Request you make necessary arrangements for raising one or more U-boats 1405 - 7 for delivery to United States. Advice.

(Commaveu, 040937B to A.N.C.X.F.)

W.D. Note: Probably sunk or scuttled in Denmark area. See May 22nd, page 556.

/COLIN P. KELLY...

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KELLY
mined

COLIN P. KELLY K.K.G.I. from 9 K.D.I.
(undecypherable - am making) necessary signal.
Please give me bearing and distance from N.F.6
Buoy where you struck mine.
(Humber Radio, 040945 to F.O. Humber) See also
042310B, Sitrep.

Convoy
L.U.C.3
DIADEM,
ORIBI

Intend to sail following ships in L.U.C.3 leaving
Humber at 2230 today Monday 4th June in accordance
with C. in C. Nore's 261321 and 251847 May.
(2) L.C.T.428, LUCERNA Tanker 6556 tons. FORT
GIBRALTAR 7134 tons.
(3) E.T.A. P.10 buoy 1100 Wednesday 6th June.
(4) Escort TORRINGTON, communications as in

C. in C. Nore's 261321.

(5) Cdre. and Staff in FORT GIBRALTAR.

(6) Admty. divert mails for L.C.T.428 to Emden.

(F.O.I.C. Humber, 041109B to F.O.I.C. W.G., Admty.)

Your 041109B. Subject to concurrence of C. in C. Home
Fleet request you will arrange escort by DIADEM and ORIBI until
relieved by Rosyth escort.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 042147B to F.O. Denmark.) (See page 94)

LARGS BAY,
HELMSDALE
to Norway

Intend sailing at 0400 tomorrow Tuesday 5th June.
LARGS BAY escorted by HELMSDALE by A-G Channel
to position H 58° 03' N. 06° 34' E. thence by
swept channel to Stavanger. S.O.A.14 knots,
E.T.A. position H 0600/6th.

(2) From Stavanger LARGS BAY escorted by

HELMSDALE will proceed to Kristiansand (S) thence Oslo.

(3) Communications.

(4) HELMSDALE and LARGS BAY sail to comply.

(N.O.I.C. Leith, 041110 to F.O. Norway, N.Os. I.C. Stavanger,
Kristiansand, Oslo.)FERNIE,
MEYNELL
for
Wilhelmshaven

Request you will sail FERNIE and MEYNELL as
requisite to arrive Wilhelmshaven on Wednesday
6th June.

(2) Ships are to sail from Wilhelmshaven to
arrive back in Sheerness on Tuesday 12th June.(3) N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven is requested to provide
pilots. F.O. Western Germany 191716B and my

021618B being passed to D.21, MEYNELL and FERNIE refers.

(C. in C. Nore, 041121B to D.21.)

Take MEYNELL under your orders and sail as required by

C. in C. Nore's 041121B June.

(D.21, 041121B to FERNIE).

WARDEN,
buoy
replacement

Intend to sail T.H.V. WARDEN from Southend a.m.
Wednesday 5th June to re-establish South Edinburgh
3 Buoy. E.T.A. 0800 and to recover present buoy
reported out of position by boat.

(C.S.T.H. Harwich, 041245 to C. in C. Nore.)

/Fishing...

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Fishing, My 3014113 May. In view of the latest
Dover information received regarding German minefields,
Command. amend para. 3 (b) to read:-
(a) Cap D'Alprech Light.
(b) 50° 44' 00" N. 01° 21' 00" E.
(c) 50° 14' 00" N. 00° 54' 30" E.
(d) 50° 05' 00" N. 00° 59' 00" E. thence along the northern
edge of Q.Z.S.576 and Q.Z.S.605 to Le Treport.
(A.C. Dover, 041255B to Admty.)

German F.O. Denmark 021920. In view of shortage of
ship tankers propose vessel be sailed U.K. under escort
NORDMARK, with minimum German naval steaming party.
DIADEM (A.N.C.X.F.(Main), 041302B to Admty.)
and ORIBI Cancel my 041302 not to all. Admty. requires
to escort. NORDMARK sailed to Rosyth as soon as possible with
R.N. crew provided by DIADEM and ORIBI. Two
further destroyers are being sent to Copenhagen.
Report when NORDMARK can be sailed to U.K.
(A.N.C.X.F. Main, 041810B to F.O., Denmark.)

My 041810. If difficulty is experienced in providing
R.N. crew ship may be sailed with German crew, but guard and
escort should then be provided.

(A.N.C.X.F.(Main), 041945B to F.O. Denmark.)

A.N.C.X.F.041870 and 041945 not to all. DIADEM and ORIBI
are to escort NORDMARK as arranged by you. Cancel my 011103.

(2) Two further Destroyers will not be sent.

(3) F.O. Denmark pass A.N.C.X.F.'s 041810 and 041945 to DIADEM
and ORIBI.

(C. in C. H.F., 042332B to F.O. Denmark.)

C. in C. Rosyth's 042147. Concur provided ships can be
sailed in company with NORDMARK. My 042332 refers.

(C. in C.H.F., 042343B to F.O. Denmark.)

German Ref. A.N.C.X.F. 012148B. Following German M/S
minesweepers, vessels are available for disposal, Rictor 1268,
Cuxhaven 1229, 1216, 1213, 1215, 1217; Sperrbrecher 154,
970 tons, Sperrbrecher 153, 1078 tons.
(C.T.F., 126, 041503 to N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven.)

Clearance of /Humber 4th June departure at 1520 M/S 15 in
minefield FRASERBURGH with WORTHING, BOOTLE, POOLE and
Q.Z.X.1467 DUNBAR in company.
Your 311315 May refers. (15th M.S.F. is required
to clear Q.Z.X.1467 - N.T. in W.D.)
(F.O. Humber, 041555B to C. in C. Nore.)

B.Y.M.S. Ref. my 031741B June regarding mining accident
2070 (mined request information if standard SA/4G sweep is
3/6) considered to be effective against a 4 S.T. without
unreasonably endangering ships.
(F.O.I.C. Holland, 041757B to Admty.)

/Hamburg...

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Sitrep No. 24.

Second outward bound convoy of 16 ships consisting of tanker MACTRA, collier ERICUS, 5 recovered ships, 2 French oilers, one Dutch, one Norwegian and one Belgium, and 9 ex-German ships sailed for U.K.

H.M.S. FRANKLIN sailed for Brunsbüttel to carry out survey of lock entrances.
(Cdre. Hamburg, 041806B to F.O.W.G., A.N.C.X.F., Admty., D.S.T.)Situation
Report

Cositintrep No. 426, Part II Naval.

SS. COLIN P. KELLY mined 306° Ostend 14 miles a.m. 4th, still afloat.

(2) U-boat 2328 arrived Scapa a.m. 4th escorted by LOCH SCAVAIG.

(3) Sperrbrecher No. 11 on passage from Kiel to Flensburg damaged by mine in Flensburg Fiord. Ship afloat but immobile. Further report awaited.
(Borough, 042310B)Operations - ChannelM.F.Vs.
for
Gibraltar

Weather permitting, intend sailing at 1430B 4th June, M.F.V. 1138 (S.O.) 1055, 1107, 1108, 1125, 1130, 1131, 1137, 1511, 1526, 1548 SS. EMPIRE HEATHLAND, escorted by H.M.S. GWEAL and H.M.S. MIGNONETTE to Gibraltar.

(2) Routed by Q.Z.S. 689, to D.III Buoy thence to 180° Lizard 8 miles and as in A.M. 302320A March and A.M. 141215B April.

(3) and (4) Communications.

(5) Codeword "Westview" Radio Distinguishing Group IE.

(6) S. of A. 7½ knots in fine weather.

(7) F.O.G.M.A. is requested to sail escorts in company to Plymouth on completion of escort duty.

(F.O.I.C. Falmouth, 041030B to F.O.G.M.A.)

Royal visit
to Channel
Islands

H.M. The King will visit Channel Islands by air on June 6th. Royal Party will leave Northolt at 0930B in two Dakotas accompanied by two additional Dakotas with fighter escort.

(2) (a) Route. (b) Programme.

(3) Coastal Command will provide air/sea Rescue

launches and aircraft as in Coastal Command Operation Order No. 2 dated 31st May copies of which have been forwarded to Naval Authorities addressed.

(4) C. in C. Portsmouth is requested to provide a destroyer or frigate as additional air/sea rescue ship in the following positions:-

(X) 50° 20' N., 01° 51' W. (Y) 49° 50' N., 01° 56' W.

(5) C. in C. Plymouth is requested to provide a destroyer to cover the routes between Cap de la Hague, Jersey and Guernsey.

(6) Cs. in C. Portsmouth and Plymouth are requested to exercise general control of air/sea Rescue vessels within their respective Commands.

(D.O.D.(H), V.C.N.S., 041210 to C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C. Portsmouth N.O.I.C. Channel Islands.)

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Royal visit
to Channel
Islands.
(Contd.)

FAULKNOR take COSBY under his orders, pass Gate at 1400B tomorrow 5th June and proceed to St. Peter Port, Guernsey.
(2) On arrival FAULKNOR and COSBY are to act under the orders of N.O.I.C. Channel Islands for duties in connection with visit of The King on 6th June as follows:-

- (a) FAULKNOR to be ready to embark Royal Party from Jersey to Guernsey, and from Guernsey to Portland or Portsmouth, in the event of flying becoming impracticable. Ship to arrive St. Helier by 1000B on 6th June, and to move to St. Peter Port at about 1430/6th after aircraft with Royal Party have left Jersey.
- (b) COSBY to carry out Air/Sea rescue duties on reinforcement of R.A.F. Air/Sea Rescue Craft in the Channel Islands area as follows:-
 - (1) On route I (See Coastal Command Operation Order No. 2 - copy to Ships) in vicinity of position (d) from 1000B/6th till aircraft with Royal Party have landed in Jersey.
 - II On route 2. From 1400 till aircraft have landed in Guernsey.
 - III On route 3. In position 235 Cap de la Hague 10 from 1730 until aircraft have passed Cap de la Hague Northbound.
 - IV In the event of Royal party embarking in FAULKNOR, COSBY is to join and escort FAULKNOR.
- (3) N.O.I.C. Channel Islands is requested to issue necessary orders to FAULKNOR and COSBY to comply, and to order ships to Plymouth on completion of duties.
- (4) Communications:- Constant watch on Broadcast C.N. - appropriate Port Wave II Group Guard 2 (6950 kcs.).
(C. in C. Plymouth, 041450B to FAULKNOR, COSBY, N.O.I.C. Channel Islands.)
My 041450B. FAULKNOR and COSBY are to exchange the duties laid down in para. 2, FAULKNOR carrying out A/SR duties ordered in para. 2(b) and COSBY the orders laid down in paragraph 2(a).
- (2) Ref. para. 4, FAULKNOR only will keep watch on 11 group guard 2.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 041813B to FAULKNOR, COSBY, N.O.I.C. Channel Islands.)

Channel
Islands
Situation
Report

Cositintrep 426. Force 135.
Period ending 1900B 4th June at St. Peter Port.
Para. 3. Sub. para. B. Jersey and Guernsey.
Full dress rehearsals held for Royal visit.
Sub. para. D. Jersey. 1132 mines lifted 3rd June. Port construction and repair continue clearing harbour buildings and quays of salvage at rate of 20 times 3 ton loads per day.
(H.Q. Force 135 No T.O.O./4)(Later copy received with T.O.O. 052320B.)

ROSELYS
for Cherbourg

Marine Paris would appreciate presence of French Corvette **ROSELYS** at Cherbourg in view of her participation in commemoration festivals at Arromanches on June 6th. Request you sail her a.m. June 5th to Cherbourg.
F.N.G.B. London, 041554B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

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West Coast France

Disposal of German Ships, St. Nazaire (1) Ref. your Mast 764.
(2) St. Nazaire. Tanker CORYDA, about 9000 tons, propellor damaged.
MUCHEN, Hospital Ship, condition good.
BORDSEK, 1478 tons, coaster, condition good.
ROCHELLE, ST. GILDAS, ST. BEVIS, ferries.
NEFTOR, ex. Dutch, and FAUNA, minesweepers;
CORNELIA, Patrol Boat. Two new building tankers, OSTERWIK finished and STORDALSFJORD not finished. Nine tugs of which two big 2000 H.P. five net tenders.
(3) No details other ports but no important tonnage reported.
(4) A.N.C.X.F. waiting L decision of C.C.S. see A.N.C.X.F. 151305B May as amplified by his 162242B May.
(M.W.T., France, 041735B to M.W.T. London, A.S. Mast 152 for D. of S.T.)

Operations

Western Approaches

DACRES, ROWLEY, investing Old U-boat contacts C. in C. W.A.'s 031137. Sailed DACRES and ROWLEY accordingly.
(F.O.I.C. Milford Haven, 040715 to C. in C.W.A.)

Minesweeping Line "Cairn". My 031410B June should read "line joining positions 55° 19' N. 05° 11' 12" W. 55° 17' N. 05° 07' 30" W. and its extension".
(Capt. M/S Clyde, 041148B to MAENAD.)
(Amendment made).

Air/Sea Rescue Duties Allocation of "Castle" class corvettes.
(Admty. 041440B) See Policy.

ALCA, RINGDOVE, BLACKBIRD, mine Recovery. When ALCA has recovered controlled mines at Londonderry, request you will sail ALCA, RINGDOVE and BLACKBIRD to Lerwick for recovery of the controlled minefield.
(D.T.M., 041959B to F.O.I.C.N.I.)

Operations

Norway

Return of King to Norway Scapa Departures. ONSLOW and OBDURATE.
(C. in C.H.F., 040501B to C. in C. Rosyth.)
Your 031711 (ORWELL) arrived.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 041121B to C. in C. Nore.)
The flag of C.S.I. will be transferred from NORFOLK to DEVONSHIRE at 1200B Tuesday 5th June.
(C. in C.H.F., 041215 to Home Fleet, at Rosyth.)

/My...

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of King
to Norway
(Contd.)

My 041215. Flag will be transferred at 1130 tomorrow Tuesday and rehoisted in NORFOLK after at destination.

(2) Signals and correspondence should continue to be sent to NORFOLK.

(C. in C.H.F., 041727 to H.F. at Rosyth.)

C. in C.H.F. (Afloat) 031011. Operation

"Indestructible". Request pilot for NORFOLK embark Drobak at 0830 Thursday 7th June. E.T.A. Oslo 1100.
(C.S.1, 041220B to F.O. Norway.)

Your 031011. Request E.T.A. at position H. in Q.Z.S.738 and S. of A. so that necessary sweeping may be arranged.

(Captain M/S Norway, 041308B to C. in C.H.F.)

Your 041308 to C. in C.H.F. (Afloat). E.T.A. position H.1830 6th June. Average S. of A. 13 knots. Request you will carry out any sweeping considered necessary before the arrival of Force 1.

(C.S.1, 042300B to Capt. M/S Norway.)

Your 040501 (ONSLOW and OBDURATE) arrived.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 041720B to C. in C.H.F.)

Situation
Trondheim

Following received from C.S.1 addressed C. in C. H.F. (Afloat) (R) C. in C. Rosyth, C.S.10.

(Begins). Situation at Trondheim is satisfactory and British Authorities have it well in hand.

Germans of all services and Russian and Jugo-Slav ex. P.O.Ws. are now almost completely dispersed to their own camps in the area. Disarming of Germans has commenced.

(2) Good order established ashore together with the departure of U-boats and arrival of British Army has done much to establish confidence. German discipline remains high but as recommended in my 221146 May for Bergen it is very desirable that withdrawal of the considerable German forces and Allied P.O.Ws. in the area should start as soon as possible.

(3) It is not considered that a further visit by a cruiser is necessary at present but occasional visits to this and other ports may be of value if return to normal conditions is delayed.

T.O.O. 031503B (Ends.)

(C. in C. C.H.F., 041007B to Admty.)

VALSE,
convoy
escort

Request you sail H.M.T. VALSE to R/V with convoy of eight German M/Vs in position 270° Paternoster Light 5 miles at time indicated by Cdre. Denmark thence escort to Kristiansand. My 032148B and Cdre. Denmark's 030956 (neither to all addressees) refers.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 041152B to N.O.I.C. Oslo.)

My 041152 and F.O. Denmark's 041109. Request you sail VALSE to Copenhagen as early as possible.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 041622B to N.O.I.C. Oslo.)

U.977
(wrecked
May 9th.)

Your 021138. From statements of prisoners, periscope was damaged by excessive vibration caused by quick diving with periscope raised. No position of incident is known. U.977 was returning to Bergen.

(N.O.I.C. Bergen, 041155B to Admty.)

/Disposal...

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Norway - Contd.

Disposal of German Merchant ships

For M.W.T. Mast 21. German Merchant Ships in Norway. Reference signal 012230 from Admiralty to A.N.C.X.F. (R) F.O. Norway.

(1) Pro-forma list was despatched by air 24th May by F.O. Norway to Admiralty and by M.W.T. R.T. London 26th May.

(2) Subsequent reports are now coming in from outlying areas but reliable details cannot be given until Marine Superintendent to M.W.T. completes his report.

(3) Report covering Oslo Fjord area should be ready about 6th June.

(4) Thereafter he will report on Kristiansand S.B. about 10th June and proceed bound to Stavanger, Bergen and Trondheim.

(5) Meantime strongly deprecate moving any German vessels away until local requirements are clearer as negotiations are now proceeding with Russian delegation in Oslo over repatriation of about 80,000 Russian prisoners of war in various parts of Norway.

(6) Further-more evacuation of some 500,000 Germans of all categories in Norway will call for shipping but progress here depends upon availability of ports in Germany to accept.

(7) Some German ships have part of fuel cargoes on board which will probably be discharged by civil affairs in conjunction with Royal Norwegian Govt. If material is required in Norway.

(8) Pass to A.N.C.X.F. (P.H.)

(9) Agreed F.O. Norway.

(F.O. Norway, 041236B to Admty.)

U-boats from Bergen

Request I may be informed of expected time of departure of 3 type 21 U-boats from Bergen. (C. in C. Rosyth, 041357B to N.O.I.C. Bergen.)

Sweeping by German M/S

Your 291545.

(a) M.O.1.

(b) 059° 25.2' N., 010° 30' E.

(c) Combined navigation (magnetic acoustic).

(d) May 25th.

(a) M.74.

(b) 059° 24' N. 010° 39' E.

(c) Combined ground (magnetic acoustic).

(d) May 28th.

(a) M. 252 and M.35.

(b) 059° 08.5' N., 005° 40.2' E.

(c) 25 Norwegian moored contacts.

(d) 31st May.

(F.O. Norway, 041646B to A.N.C.X.F.)

BERGENSFJORD PIORUN

Slip at 0250? 5th June and escort BERGENSFJORD to Tromso. C. in C. Rosyth's 301616 refers. (N.O.I.C. Bergen, 041659B to PIORUN)

Minesweeping operation "Planet".

During search of Venus and Mercury Channels (Operation "Planet") by M/F 9, 4 watching mines were cut 1.5 miles westward of centre line between

/position...

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Norway

Minesweeping,
operation
"Planet"
(Contd.)

position Z.7 and Z.8 clearance sweep this area has since been carried out and the adjacent section of German Minefields is being cleared Q.Z.S.686 (?) both channels have been requested in my 040055B (?) (Not identified in W.R.) (Capt. M/S Norway, 041752B to Admty. D.M.S.)

Operations

Northern Waters

Kola
Inlet,
Navigation

From N.C.S.O. Russian Naval Authorities advise that all ships bound Kola Inlet should keep close to port of a line 036° from eastern edge of Toros Island to latitude 69° 45' N. (S.B.N.O. Murmansk, 040915B to Admty.)

Lerwick

Recovery of controlled minefield (Admty. 041959B). See Western Approaches.

White Sea
Navigation

Pass to F.Os. I.C., N.Os. I.C. and N.C.S.Os. concerned.

Following has been received from S.B.N.O. Archangel (begins):

Following is amended route for entrance and departure White Sea.
(1) Ships entering White Sea must approach position 068° 25' N. 038° 46' E. from North West. Thence steer 130° to 068° 15' N. 039° 16' E. thence 100° until abeam of Svyatoi Nos. Thence following Murmansk and Terski Coast to Danilov Light keeping within seven miles of the coast. From Danilov Light shape a course to cross the parallel of Intsi Lighthouse within 7 miles of Zimme Coast. From this position follow the Zimme Coast within 7 miles to 065° 20' N. 039° 26' E. Thence proceed direct to North Dvina. Anchor and await Pilot.
(2) When leaving Archangel and Molotovsk for (?Barents) Sea follow these instructions in reverse.
(3) All Lighthouse and Lights in the White Sea for the period of light nights are extinguished. Radio beacons are working on the same schedule as previously.
Admiralty pass to all authorities concerned. T.O.O.021046B (Ends.) (D.T.D., 042024B to C. in C.H.F., C. in C. Rosyth, C. in C.W.A.)

Operations

Baltic

Kiel
Sitrep.

Situation at 2100 Monday 4th June:-
FRANKLIN expected from Brunsbüttel.
4 T.L.Cs. sailed to Eckernförde to collect surplus naval personnel for disposal in Kiel.
Marshal of the R.A.F. Lord Trenchard visited Kiel.
While disappointed with Friedrichsart he found state of southern part of harbour extremely satisfactory.

/Hoped...

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Operations

Baltic

Kiel
Sitrep.
(Contd.)

Hoped to complete repairs to damaged Sperrbrecher
in Flensburg within a week, subject to
obtaining spares from Hamburg.
(F.O.I.C. Kiel, 042358B to A.N.C.X.F.)

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Enemy Intelligence

U-boats sunk or scuttled, Kiel Command. Your 012038B to A.N.C.X.F. (Main). Would you please determine and forward U-boat numbers of boats reported sunk or scuttled in your command. (D.D.I.C., 041145B to F.O. Kiel) Reply: 060847, 081334.

Scuttling of U-boats. Following for Lieut. Cdr. Beesly. It is understood that Kapt. Zur See Schellong formerly F.D.U. Ost and now in Keil-Wik barracks can provide all information on scuttling of U-boats. (D.D.I.C., 041809B to O.K.M. for Capt. Maund) Reply, 051156B.

U-boats State, Neustadt Your 011616B. My 310856B to A.N.C.X.F. reported U.3 T. Serial numbers of two type 7 C will be ascertained. (F.O.I.C. Kiel, 041846B to Admiralty).

Movements

ADVENTURE, Cuxhaven to Portsmouth. N.O.I.C. Cuxhaven's 031451B. Consider protective sweepers should be provided as far as P.10 Buoy and escort as far as P.4 Buoy. If no other escort is available M.S.18 is requested to provide a Fleet Minesweeper for this duty as well as arranging for protective sweeping between

P.15 and P.10 Buoys.

M.S. 18 acknowledge.

(C. in C. Nore, 040038B to N.O.I.C. Cuxhaven, F.O. W.G.)
Cuxhaven Departure, ADVENTURE at 1400. My 031451 refers.
(N.O.I.C. Cuxhaven, 041419B to N.O.I.C. Humber).

ZEST, ZEBRA (from Bergen). ZEST arrived. (C. in C. Rosyth, 040727B to Com. (D) H.F.) Scapa departure. ZEBRA in accordance with Com. (D) H.F.'s 031118 para. 2. (C. in C. H.F., 040831 to C. in C. Rosyth). Your 040831 Arrived. (C. in C. Rosyth, 041901B to C. in C. H.F.)

8 U-boats Loch Ryan, ex Bergen. Us. 245, 1104, 1272, 328, 1052, 298, 868 and 1061 arrived with escorts LOCH GLENDHU and STOCKHAM. (N.O.I.C. Stranraer, 040907B to C. in C. H.F.)

U.2328 ex-Bergen. Scapa arrival 0810. LOCH SCAVAIG escorting U-boat 2328. (C. in C. H.F., 040916 to N.O.I.C. Bergen)

/U-boats...

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U-boats ex-Bergen Scapa arrivals U-boats 1301, 778, 1271, 1004,* 218, 991, 1005, 1307, 1057, 539, 875, 907. TAVY, BAHAMAS proceeded to base and BAYNTON to Rosyth. (C. in C.H.F., 040936 to N.O.I.C. Bergen).
*W.D.Note: U.1004 was reported arrived at Scapa at 1630 May 31. (C. in C.H.F., 311731B).

U-boats, Scapa to Loch Ryan (ex Kristiansand) Scapa departures:- LOCH ACHRAY, LOCH MORE, GRINDALL, LOCH SCAVAIG, escorting U-boats 2321, 2325, 2328, 2335, 2337, 2350, 2353, 2354, 2361 and 2363.
(C. in C. H.F., 041051 to Capt. S/M Loch Ryan.)

UPSTART for Portsmouth, U.776 for Southampton Your 310952B May. Request UPSTART escorted by RISKATO on passage to Portsmouth may be routed by Q.Z.S. 762, 277, 402, 753 and 754 to 39 Buoy where LOOSESTRIFE will take over escort, thence proceeding in company by Q.Z.S.285 to B.1 buoy where U.776 will R/V for onward passage in company to Portsmouth for Southampton.
(2) F.O.I.C. London is requested to sail U.776 as requisite to R/V with UPSTART and LOOSESTRIFE at B.1 buoy at 1730B 6th June. F.O.I.C. London's 031220B, not to all refers.
(3) (Route). Speed weather permitting 9 knots. (4) LOOSESTRIFE is requested to signal any change in R/V time at B.1 buoy direct to U.776. (5) Communications.
(6) RISKATO return to Tyne on relief by LOOSESTRIFE.
(C. in C. Nore, 041254B to S/M 6).

WINDSOR, VIVACIOUS Your 261719B May. Request WINDSOR and VIVACIOUS may be reduced to Category "C" in Firth of Forth Area when they will be laid up in mud berths.
(F.O.C.R.F., 041257B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

BELVOIR (ex Malta) Arrived BELVOIR.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 041429B to F.O.G.M.A.)

U.2334 (repairs) at Dundee Intend to sail U.2334 escorted by H.M.T.CASTLENAU by standard route to Scapa at 1700 today, Monday. E.T.A. 1900/5. Escort communications PORO wave continuous W/T and R/T.
(F.O.I.C. Dundee, 041459B to C. in C. Rosyth.)
My 041459B sailed.
(N.O.I.C. Dundee, 041811B).

MAYFLOWER MAYFLOWER accepted into reserve Fleet category "C" on 31st May, 1945
(F.O.C.R.F., 041507B to Admty.)

SHEFFIELD (ex Boston U.S.A.) Your 041626* acknowledged. Have following passengers (A) 32 school boys for repatriation. (B) 6 ladies and 2 small children.
(2) Request boat transport to land (B) if ship is not proceeding up harbour until Wednesday. SHEFFIELD has no power boat working.
(SHEFFIELD, 041610Z to C. in C. Portsmouth).
* Position SHEFFIELD.

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- SHEFFIELD
(ex Boston
U.S.A.)
(contd). On arrival anchor in area 25 Berth 5 position
204° Fort Gilkicker S S 5 9 cables, at 4 hours
notice for steam. Proceed up harbour as
instructed by K.H.M.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 041626B to SHEFFIELD).
- CAMPION
for Reserve. F.O.C.R.F's 221711 May.
Intend to sail CAMPION 2200B/5th June to Milford
Haven speed 12 knots. E.T.A. 1400B/6th June.
Mails as directed by Admiralty.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 041730B to F.O.I.C. Milford
Haven).
- NABOB
for Reserve. A.S. Rosyth 031401B June is passed for information
reference A.M. 311632 May. Request instructions.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 041734 to Admty).
- ANCHUSA
for Reserve. A.M. 180855B April para. 6. (Disposal of
Escort Vessels, Corvettes, upon defeat of Germany)
(1) DEPTFORD, ANCHUSA. (2) Portsmouth, Devonport.
(3) 7th June.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 041747 to F.O.C.R.F.
Admty. (D. of M)).
- U-boats for
Loch Ryan Intend to sail E.G.5 in AYLMER with TYLER, BLIGH
(ex Bergen). escorting 5 type VIIC U-boats:- U.1057, U.1037,*
U.991, U.1271, U.1301 to Loch Ryan at 2000 5th
June, E.T.A. 0900 7th June. AYLMER and BLIGH
will part company off Loch Ryan and proceed
Belfast. TYLER will embark all armed guards and
then proceed Belfast.
(C. in C. H.F., 042042 to N.O.I.C. Stranraer)
*?1307 intended.
- U.875
(ex Bergen). Intend to sail KEATS escorting 1200 ton U-boat U.
875 at 2100 5th June for Moville passing Lough
Foyle buoy 0730 7th June thence KEATS to Belfast.
Request arrangements may be made to transport
KEATS armed guards to Belfast by train.
(C. in C. H.F., 042106, to Com. (D) W.A.)
- U.1023
for Brixham. U.1023 escorted by AZUR^{II} sails Plymouth 0930/5 to
Brixham. E.T.A. 1500/5. Speed 10 kts.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 042111B to Admty. etc).

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North Atlantic

Scuttled
U-Boat
(prisoners)

N.A. Lisbon's 032250 being passed. Request you will divert JERVIS to collect survivors then proceeding to Gibraltar.
(Admty., 040300B to C. in C. Plymouth.)
Proceed to Lisbon with dispatch. If fuel permits you should arrive before noon 5th June. Orders follow.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 040748B to JERVIS.)
Your 040748B. E.T.A. Lisbon 1000 tomorrow Tuesday 5th June.
(JERVIS, 040911B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

B.N.A., Lisbon 031150B and 032250B being passed to JERVIS and my 040748B.

JERVIS is to comply with para. 2 of B.N.A. Lisbon 032250B subject to my 040748B.

(2) After having taken on board survivors of scuttled U-Boat from Portuguese destroyer DAO, JERVIS is to proceed to Gibraltar.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 040922B.)

JERVIS is proceeding to Lisbon and reports her E.T.A. as 1000 tomorrow 5th June. Your 032250B.

(F.O.G.M.A., 041123B to B.N.A. Lisbon.)

My 032250. Portuguese destroyer DAO sailed 0945.

(2) Request E.T.A. of JERVIS off Alcantara Dock.

(N.A. Lisbon, 041125B to Admty.)

BEAUFORT
(destroyer)

Being in all respects ready for sea, slip at 1700B/June 5th and proceed to Devonport.

(3) S. of A. 15 knots.

(F.O.G.M.A., 041017B to BEAUFORT.)

KILDWICK
(A/S
vessel)

Being in all respects ready for sea KILDWICK is to slip at 1600B June 5th and proceed to U.K.

(F.O.G.M.A., 041033B to Admty., KILDWICK.)

See 061756B.

ARCTURUS
mined.

ARCTURUS near miss at 1037 by mine detonating approx. 40 feet astern in position 045° 20' 15" N., 012° 29' 50" E.

No visible structural damage although engine room making slight water and main circulator

badly damaged and unable to steam.

Request tug to tow to Ancona subject to return further instructions.

(ARIES, 041240B to S.N.O.N.A.)

Movements.

Arrivals ex K.M.S.105, OXFORD CASTLE and L.C.T. 1180, 1181 ex tow of SS. CITY OF AGRA. Passed Gibraltar 0525B/4th bound Port Said, SS. WEST POINT towing L.C.T. 1228, 1177.

(F.O.G.M.A., 041347B to Admty.)

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North Atlantic - Contd.

B.Y.M.Ss. Request B.Y.M.S. 2010 and 2025 may be towed
for U.K. to U.K. by vessels returning in accordance with
A.M. 292012 May and A.M. 292231 May being
passed.
(D.M.S., 041528B to F.O.G.M.A.)

SS. Vessel Intend to sail TARANA (S.O.) and KINGSTON
& Trawler. CYANITE at 1600B June 5th to Falmouth.
(F.O.G.M.A., 041641B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Boom Carrier LAOMEDON sailed at 1645B June 4th. Routed etc.
for U.K. (2) Speed 10 knots.
(F.O.G.M.A., 041715B to Admty.)

Escort. Sailed H.M.C.S. CHARLOTTETOWN, STETTLER,
ANTIGONISH, KIRKLAND LAKE, MATANE escorting
M.K.F.45.
(F.O.G.M.A., 041847B to Admty.)

South Atlantic

Movement. Simonstown arrival 4th June Capt. (D) 26 in
SAUMAREZ.
(C. in C. S.A., 040921B to Admty.)

Trawlers DUNKERY, BUTSER intend sailing 1700Z June 6th,
for U.K. speed 8.5, E.T.A. Dakar 0800Z June 9th.
On completing with fuel and water request ships
be on routed to Falmouth via Gibraltar.
(F.O.C.W.Af., 041243Z to Comar Dakar.)
See 091825.

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Mediterranean

JEANNE
D'ARC
Syrian
Troubles.

F.S. JEANNE D'ARC was ordered to sail from Oran at 031730Z for Beirut speed 17 knots wearing flag of Rear Admiral D'Auboyneau. Admiralty pass to Naval Attache Paris. (C. in C. Med. 040620B to Admty.)
Regret that owing to a serious communication error 030828 was not passed to Almed until 040307 after ship had sailed.
(C. in C. Med. 040958B to Admty. Amended by 041059B.)
Pending further instructions from Marine Paris I feel that I am unable to take action on your 030828.
(Almed., 041130B to C. in C. Med.)

Troops
in JEANNE
D'ARC.

Personal for B.N.L.O. Oran.
Report numbers and formation of troops embarked in F.S. JEANNE D'ARC.
Undesirable that French should be aware of this enquiry or of your reply.
(C. in C. Med. 041138B to B.N.L.O. Oran)
Note: Message passed to Admiralty by C. in C. Mediterranean for information.

From best information at least 4 companies Moroccan troops of 75 men each plus 100 miscellaneous troops all in full kit embarked in great haste. Your 041138B. Further details to follow if obtained.

(B.N.L.O. Oran, 041820B to C. in C. Med. (R) F.O.L.E.M.)
Further information received indicates approx. total of 800 troops in 4 companies embarked. My 041820B refers.
(B.N.L.O. Oran, 041950 to C. in C. Med.)

Re measures
to be taken
in view of
arrival of
JEANNE D'ARC
at Beirut.

In the unlikely event of this ship's arrival without consent of H.M. Government para. 1 and 2 of your 032331 are approved. Para. 3 is not approved vide Admiralty message 031658 until express instructions are received from H.M. Government. Para. 5 is not approved. Para. 4 action is being taken to implement E.T.A. being p.m. 7th June. Para. 6 noted.
(C. in C. Med. 041155B to F.O.L.E.M. (Afloat))

U.S.S.
Movement.
(Auxiliary
minelayer)

Intend sail U.S.S. BARRICADE at 051200 to Bermuda for O/R U.S.A. destination assigned by Cinclant.
(2) Speed 10 knots.
(Com. N.O.B. Oran, 041000Z to Admty.)

Syria
Reinforcements.

Join me at Beirut. Arriving before dark Wednesday 6th June.
(F.O.L.E.M. (Afloat), 041041C to AURORA)
SUSSEX is to be sailed at 12COB/5th June with S. of A. 20 knots to Beirut to come under orders of F.O.L.E.M. on entering his area.
Request you will give SUSSEX copies of 021710 and 031000, Comnob, Oran, 031542 and my 041002 being passed to you.
(C. in C. Med. 041148B to V.A.M.) Cancelled by 050945B.

/Request ...

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Mediterranean

Syria re- / Request you will sail MILNE as soon as practicable
inforcements. with moderate despatch to Beirut to come under
orders of F.O.L.E.M. on entering his area. R/V
with SUSSEX should be effected on passage if this
proves practicable without delaying SUSSEX.

Latest information received up to 1700/4 is being passed to
Capt. (D) 3 by hand before sailing.

(C. in C. Med. 041648B to F.O.N.A.M.)

Sail at 1200B/5th S. of A. (720) knots to Beirut.

(3) C. in C. Mediterranean's 041148 refers.

(V.A. Malta, 041840B to SUSSEX)

Sail in MILNE from Naples at 2359B/4th for Beirut.

C. in C. Med. 041648 not to N.O.I.C. Naples refers.

Speed 18 knots E.T.A. 1800B/7th.

(F.O.N.A.M. 042003B to Capt. D. 3rd (D.F.))

Situation (1) Thank you for your reinforcements. I have
in Syria. now sufficient to achieve a peaceful settlement
I hope. My only anxiety remains as in para. 3
of my 032331.

(2) My 032331 para. 5. This was stressed as
desirable only. Depth charges are too easily wheeled about
Quays for comfort. Nevertheless adequate steps will be taken.
(3) I saw Beynet this morning and C. in C. M.E. Forces did later.
We both felt he had received orders from Paris to show a
stiffer front. He talked to-day of limits of concession be-
yond which he could not go. With Minister we both go and see
him tomorrow Tuesday.

(4) Relations with French are badly strained and French and
British community have no intercourse.

(5) Your 041155 and Admty. 041140 noted.

(F.O.L.E.M. (Afloat) 042312C to C. in C. Med.)

~~U.S.S. Intend sail U.S.S. BARRICADE at 051200 to
BARRICADE, Bermuda for O/R U.S.A. destination assigned by
(Auxiliary Cinelant.~~

~~mine-layer)~~

~~(2) Speed 10 knots.~~

~~(Com. N.O.B. Gran, 041000Z to Admty.)~~

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Movements of / Marine Paris has been informed by C.C.S. that
French crui- all movements of French cruisers transporting
sers to E.I. troops to Indian Ocean should be arranged
directly between Marine Paris and Admiralty.

(2) F.N.G.B. has therefore been instructed to
obtain Admiralty approval for programme of

F.S. SUFFREN as follows: Leave Toulon for Colombo or
Trincomalee about 14th June calling at Bizerta Port Said,
Djibouti, Aden, Diego Suarez. Return journey to Toulon calling
at Aden Suez, Beyrout, Bizerta.

(3) Ship transports personnel and material for F.S. RICHELIEU
and for Naval Stations to Djibouti and Madagascar.

(Almed, 041138B to C. in C. Med.)

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EXMOOR
destroyer
for U.K.

V.A. Malta is requested to sail METEOR as soon as possible with all despatch to Beirut or as desired by F.O.L.E.M. to relieve EXMOOR who is required to return to U.K.

(2) F.O.L.E.M. is requested to arrange for LIDDESDALE to R/V with EXMOOR when Capt. (D) 22 and C.O. of LIDDESDALE are to exchange ships.

(3) EXMOOR is then to be sailed to Gib. for onward routing to Sheerness.

(C. in C. Med. 041158B to V.A. Malta)

Roumanian Naval Forces. (1) From Head Naval Section. During recent conversation with Roumanian Rear Admiral Roman he told me

(a) Naval strength August, 1944 was Officers 858, Petty Officers 1,517, men 18,741. In June 1945 respectively 556, 744, 4,328. Details from 1936 obtained since follow by bag.

(b) Roumanians now fitting Junkers 52 with circular magnetic bands for minesweeping Danube.

(c) German S/Ms in Roumanian waters numbered 6 of approx. 250 tons also 5 Italian (small about ten metres long). He believed all destroyed or sunk by Germans during retreat.

(2) Head of Naval Section during visits to Constanta has seen one German S/M salvaged and under repair in small dry dock.

(3) Russian colleague has been asked several times for details of Trophy ships taken under Article 7 Armistice Terms also similar list vessels sunk or captured. Latest answer is he will apply to Senior Officer for permission to supply this information.

(B.M.M. Roumania, 041215B to Admty.)

Escorts.

Ships may now be sailed unescorted to Marseilles and Toulon. Attention is drawn to Q.B.Y. 344,

(2) Ships proceeding to Port Bouc and Sete will be escorted from Marseilles.

(C. in C. Med. 041245B to Med. Station)

Movement of L.Cs. from Med. to U.K.

For information there will be a movement of landing craft from Mediterranean to United Kingdom probable extent 5 L.S.T. loaded to capacity with minor landing craft 6 L.C.G.(L) 17 LC.T. (R) KEL- and 24 L L.C.I.(L) composition and number of flights not yet determined.

(2) First flight should leave Messina about 15th June unescorted to Gibraltar but escort from Gibraltar to U.K. will be required. All must have sufficient endurance to reach U.K. from Gibraltar without staging.

(C. in C. Med. 041606B to F.O.G.M.A.) see 111048B.

SS. MARS
(burnt out)

SS. MARS struck a mine and immediately caught fire.

Chief Officer, A.B. Pronk, Servant Anton, Gunner White, Trimmer Ahmed Motalab are uninjured.

Capt. Chief Cook, 2nd Mate, 3rd Mate, Boatswain in hospital with burn wounds. Please confirm reception c/o S.T.O. Patras.

(Master SS. MARS, 041645B to Merships, London)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean - Contd.

Movements.

U.S.S. BARRICADE, H.M.M.F.V. 1140 French Chasseur 95 arrived.

U.S.S. KEY WEST, DOBLER, SMARTY, GUSTAFSON, WALTER S. BROWN? U.S. L.ST. 603, A.T.A. 172

H.M. M.F.V. 1140 F/S GLOIRE left.
(CombobOran, 041815 to Admty.)

CLEOPATRA
(cruiser).

Sail on completion of exercises about 1800B/5th June S. of A. 22 knots for Alexandria adjusting speed so as to arrive off bombardment range Gulf of Kanayis daylight Thursday 7th for bombardment practices during this day.

E.T.A. Alexandria daylight 8th.

(3) My 041231 not to all and 241732 May refers.
(V.A. Malta, 041845B to CLEOPATRA)

T.G. 60.6.

Intend sail U.S.S. KEY WEST, C.T.G. 60.6 embarked with DOBLER, SMARTY, GUSTAFSON, WALTER S. BROWN at 1600/4th to U.S.A.

(2) Speed 16 knots.

(Com. N.O.B. Oran, 041900 to Admty. etc.)

Minesweeping
Med.

Situation report - Malamocco Approaches 4th June 1945. Channel has been widened to 1½ miles south of a line joining position P and R as given in my 032232B.

(2) 4 G.M. and 1 Italian A/S mine cut and one ground mine detonated by ARCTURUS in 045 degs. 20' 15" N. 012 degs. 29' 50" E.

(3) Owing to damage to ARCTURUS it is not intended to sweep any further to northward than limit stated in my 032232B para. 3. owing to presence of ground mines. This northern line is marked by a line of dans wearing F and H flags.

(4) It is intended to widen channel to 2 miles to southward of line joining P and R. etc.

(ARIES, 042333B to S.N.O.N.A.)

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East Indies

Close support of landing, etc.

Consider Landing Craft flak-mounting Bofors and Oerlikons would be very useful for close support of landings and for static defence of anchorages against small surface craft.

(2) Request information whether any such L.C. flak, understood to be available shortly in Med. and U.C., could be sent to E.I.S. as soon

as weather conditions permit passage from Aden to Bombay about October.

(3) If there is a shortage of Royal Marines to man them, F.O.W. is prepared to dispense with L.C.S.(M)s. which are thought to be of little value in combined operations.

(C. in C. E.I., 041007Z to Admty.)

KITE (sloop?)

Sailed KITE to Port Elizabeth. S. of A. 11 knots, E.T.A. 1000Z/13th.
(N.O.I.C. Seychelles, 041400Z to C. in C. S.A.)

Cargo shipping for Operation "Zipper".

Your 020854.

(2) We note you may only be able to fit 30 ships and we await further information.

(3) In view of dates given in your para. 3C we are endeavouring to fit six ships in the U. Kingdom for sailing end of June. These vessels should arrive early August and be in time if given priority for discharge. Will nominate

these ships later.

(4) Your para. 3B. MARGALAU not ideal M/T ship but current difficulty of replacement makes it essential she is utilized in initial stage and can be replaced later.

(5) Question of remaining unsuitable ships you nominate is dealt with in a separate signal.

(6) FORT ORLEANS replaces BARON CAWDOR my 012154 refers.

(7) Your para. 6. Matter is in hand.

(8) Request earliest advise regarding mule ships, my 010215 to India only refers.

(D. of S.T., 042047B to P.S.T.O. India.)

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Collision. LAUZON, ST. LAMBERT in collision p.m./3rd June sustained damage as follows:
LAUZON minor upper deck items.
ST. LAMBERT port side frames six to nineteen bent and six in number broken. Side and deck plates buckled. Forepeak and chain locker leaking. One foot per hour. Small split in side plates between frames 7 and 8 well above waterline. Commanding Officer estimates lengthy lay-over to make good damage but considers ship seaworthy and capable of returning to Canada with C.6 Group after temporary repairs.
(2) Reports from both ships and forms S.232 will be forwarded on arrival.
(S.O. C.6, 041112B to Com. (D) W.A.)

Ships surplus to Canadian requirements. Your 181620 May. The Admiralty have no requirement for these vessels. It is assumed that none of these vessels are H.M. Ships on loan to R.C.N. or manned by R.C.N. for R.N. (A.C.N.S.(H), 041146B to N.S.H.Q.)

Ships for U.K. for paying off. B.1 CHELMER (S.O.), INMAN, TINTAGEL CASTLE, POPPY, LOTUS sailed St. Johns 1230Z/4th June, to Londonderry routed.
(2) Speed 12 knots, E.T.A. HH a.m./13th.
(F.O.N.F., 041318Z to C. in C. W.A.)

U/B dispositions. This is the last Cominch U-Boat Estimate. No fresh information.
(Cominch, 041630Z to Admty.)

Report from Chinese Theatre of War. (B.A.S. Washington, 041800 and 041820Q June.)
See Lion Copy.

Fleet destroyers, B.P.F. Concur that ALGONQUIN, SIOUX, IROQUOIS, HURON, HAIDA and MICMAC should be attached to 28th D.F. on joining B.P.F.
(2) Propose Commander (D) R.C.N. be supplied initially in one of the above ships to be superseded by Capt. (D) R.C.N. at a later date when sufficient crescents become available to bring the Flotilla to full strength.
(3) Present planning envisages a maximum of 11 R.C.N. destroyers on Station in B.P.F. at any one time. Therefore a second Capt. (D) would only be required if -
(A) it is found possible to increase total number of R.C.N. destroyers in B.P.F., or
(B) C. in C. B.P.F. would prefer to have two Flotillas at reduced strength instead of one Flotilla over strength.
(4) Your 311312 May refers.
(N.S.H.Q., 041953Z to Admty.)

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China war reports
041800Q/June

Date 5.6.45

From B.A.S. Washington.

Recd.1230

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Addressed The War Office.

IMPORTANT

048250. I/556 cipher 4 June.

For M.I.2.

Following from China theatre 2 June '45.

1. North Central. According to 14 Air Force report Siangtze (110 degs. 56 mins. - 34 degs. 30 mins.) being defended by 3000 Japs with 600 at Chowmiao (111 degs. 04 mins. - 34 degs. 30 mins.) plus 700 two miles to N.W. of town. Chinese Combat Command reports fortification of hills along Road nine miles S.E. of Hsihsiakou. These rated C2. (U. States China theatre comment. These reports emphasise importance to Japs of area Shansien. It is likely line here will remain static while Chinese concentrate on Hsihsiakou Sector).
2. South Central. Situation Paoching described by Chinese Combat Command in reports rated C2. Enemy advanced West three miles area Tanshih (112 degs. 19 mins. - 27 degs. 45 mins.). Approx. 1000 Japs who were pushed S.E. of Chukowpu (111 degs. 16 mins. - 27 degs. 23 mins.) are now on front stretching from seven miles N.W. Paoching to six miles South of Chukowpu. The Tzu River has been crossed nine miles S.W. of Paoching by 2000 Japs going East. (U States China theatre comment. Enemy line of defence Chukowpu-Tantow has been turned pivoting on a point N.E. of Tantow and the Chinese Forces are now disposed parallel with the river Tzu with their West flank within seven miles of Paoching. Jap troops who are reported to have crossed River Tzu are likely to be remains of Japs from Tachwaping Area and if no stand is made on East Bank of river it may be that the defence of Paoching will not be strong). Chinese Combat Command announces arrival at Pinglo (110 degs. 28 mins. 24 degs. 35 mins.) 29 May of 6000 enemy who on 18 May had left Liuchow. Defences are being made East and South of Tatang (109 degs. 00 mins. - 24 degs. 10 mins.) by about 1000 Japs. According to 14 Air Force enemy retreating S.W. from Nanning have been contacted at Ssulo (107 degs. 32 mins. - 22 degs. 11 mins.) Reports rated C2. (U. States China theatre comment. It is not indicated that Liuchow is to be defended, Chinese are advancing on the town and holding force at Tatang is to allow Japs at Liuchow either to evacuate or defend the area).

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3. Coastal areas. B2 report from U.S.N. states movements from N.E. of Island of Amoy of Troops and equipment indicate possible evacuation. Two enemy officers stated according to Naval agents that Japs are to evacuate province of Kwangsi and go to area Hankow.

041800Q

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From B.A.S. Washington.

Date 5.6.45.

Rec'd 1230

CIPHER

To: The War Office.

IMPORTANT

048252.

I/557 cipher 4th June.

For M.I.2.

Following from China Theatre 3rd June.

1. North Central China. No changes to report in lines South Shanhsien (111 degs. 05 mins. - 34 degs. 45 mins.) or in Hsihsiakou area. 800 Nips moved to Shanhsien from Chowmiao (111 degs. 04 mins. - 34 degs. 30 mins.) and 500 enemy moved north after crossing Yellow River at Shanhsien. (Rate C3) (U.S. China Theatre comment. At present Chinese are exerting little pressure on Japs in this sector and there have been no indications of Jap withdrawal from Shanhsien area. These moves probably refer to evacuation of Jap wounded to rear areas).

2. South Central China. In area Paoching Jap force which seized Tanshih (112 degs. 19 mins. - 27 degs. 45 mins.) continued advance west and is now 12 miles east Lowti (111 degs. 59 mins. - 27 degs. 48 mins.). Japs evacuated Yenkowpu 2 June and Chinese secured this town and Tantow (111 degs. 14 mins. - 27 degs. 16 mins.) and Chukowpu (111 degs. 16 mins. - 27 degs. 23 mins.) (Rate C3). (U.S. China Theatre comment. Enemy drive towards Lowti is probably diversionary attack with dual object of relieving pressure on their forces west of Paoching and safeguarding west flank of railway corridor. 1500 Japs were originally reported to be making this attack but further units may have been subsequently added). B2 report states an unidentified formation of 10,000 Nips moved north to Tajungkiang from Kweilin on 27th May. (U.S. China Theatre comment. These troops are presumably part of general northward movement through corridor. Strong Chinese patrols operating North and West Liuchow in direction Kweilin from the S.W. are not making contact with Japs. This may indicate Japs will possibly also withdraw from Kweilin).

3. Coastal area. The following movements to Luichow Peninsula from Hainan Island are reported. 800 Japs 22-23 May. 1600 Nips with 5 guns 24 May. 500 troops 26th May. 12000 Japs in 300 junks are stated to have sailed to Fort Bayard (110 degs. 23 mins - 21 degs. 11 mins.) (Rated C2). (U.S. China Theatre comment. According to report through Chinese Liaison GOC 23 IMB on 25 May held farewell party and then left Hainan for the Ft Bayard Airfd. Trend of recent reports tends to confirm belief that comparatively few Japs now remain on island and indicate that Luichow Peninsula may also be evacuated.

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R.C.N. ships for Pacific (work-up). Your 211354 May. It is confirmed that R.C.N. destroyers and escort ships proceeding to the Pacific from East Coast ports will work-up at Bermuda commencing about mid-July. 2 U class submarines will be required at Somers Isles and two at Cornwallis where A/S training will continue to be carried out. Admiralty's 020100B June (N.T. in W.D.) not to all also refers. (N.S.H.Q., 042142Z to S.B.N.O.W.At.)

FLOWER class corvettes.

Navy Department have informed us verbally that they no longer require 10 FLOWER class corvettes transferred to them under reciprocal aid in 1942 and have asked us for disposal instructions. Understood 5 of these vessels will become available at Boston in next 2 or 3 weeks. Request very early instructions. (B.A.D. Washington, 042317Z to Admty.)

Far East and AustraliaS/M
TERRAPIN.

Propose TERRAPIN sails for U.K. on 14th June. (S/M.4, 040732Z to C. in C. B.P.F.) See 081719B.

Blue
Summary 3rd.

Ryukyus. R.C.T.8 from 2nd Mardiv landed Iheya Shima unopposed at 0945 1 (-9) advanced 1,000 yards, securing beachhead. Marines advanced up to 1,000 yards south of Kokuba River, Okinawa on right flank. 7th Inf. Div. driving across Chinen Peninsula reached south-east coastal plain cutting off tip of peninsula. Minesweeping and hydrographic work preparatory to establishing unloading facilities initiated at Yonabaru Wan, Baten Ko and Naha Harbour. C.V.Es. continued Sakishima strikes on 2nd. 2 Dumbos and transport effected rescue of T.B.M. crew down since 29th. C.T.F.31 reports since 11th May total of 435 enemy planes including Suiciders destroyed by T.F.31 and 10th Army guns and planes. Total for these forces from 23rd Mar. through 2nd June is 1,442 enemy planes destroyed. Empire Area. F.A.W.1 planes destroyed 2 float-planes south of Korea. F.A.W.18 planes sank 1 SD off Kii Suido. Sank 1 FTC, damaged 1 picket boat south of Mamamatsu. Sank 1 small AK damaged 2 small craft off Shikoku, sank 1 FTD north-east of Tokyo. (C. in C. Pac. Adv. H.Q., 040834Z to all Commands.)

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Far East and Australia - Contd.

Digest
1230,
3rd June.

- (1) Search planes from Clark Field damaged single small motor launch north-west Formosa. Chinese report graded C.2 states 12,000 Japanese in 300 junks secretly departed Vainan Island for Fort Bayard.
- (2) Delayed report for 2nd June states seven planes from Clark Field sank four river boats Canton River, destroyed four of six oil laden landing craft beached 30 miles east-north-east Yoochow.
- (5) During daylight 39 Liberators dropped 144 tons Kiirun warehouses and dock facilities causing huge explosions and fires, two Mitchells bombed strafed alcohol plant hitting factory.
- (7) On Mindanao 24th Division mopped up behind recent gains, landed on Balut Island (off south-east coast Sarangani Bay) without meeting opposition.
- (8) On 2nd June 16 Liberators withover 38 tons supported Australian and Dutch forces Tarakan Island.
- (9) Four Liberators shipping search Makassar Strait missed one unidentified ship south-west Bandjermasin, hit Barito shipyards, probably sank one small sea truck, two small coasters, damaged one gunboat Kendari area, damaged six schooners near Makassar.
- (10) Four Bostons, five Lightnings supported Australian forces Wewak area hitting camps and enemy occupied villages.
(G.H.Q.S.W.P.A., 040940Z to Admty.)

Movements.

Arrivals 3rd Melbourne F.S. CAP DES PALMES,
Langemak ~~LANGEMAK~~, H.M.A.S. COLAC, H.M.A.S. LITHGOW.
Departure 2nd Sydney (N.S.W.) SHROPSHIRE for
Manus, Melbourne, → H.M.A.S. GASCOYNE for
Sydney (N.S.W.) 3rd Biak Island H.M.A.S. MILDURA for
Morotaament, H.M.A.S. STUART for Sydney (N.S.W.), H.M.A.S.
COOLEBAR paid off at Sydney (N.S.W.)
(N.B. Melbourne, 041856Z to Admty.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

- / 1. C. in C. Home Fleet, intends to close down the base at the Faroes and asks for a decision as to the disposal of the oil tanks.
- / 2. Submarines need no longer be escorted in the non-combat zone.
- / 3. Flag Officer, Submarines, proposes to discontinue his nightly submarine situation report.
- / 4. Cs. in C. Home Commands, are to reduce the escort strength of their commands to the levels indicated on April 18. Rosyth Escort Force is to be retained for the present for the maintenance of port parties in Norway and to escort convoys there.
- / 5. Requirements for X.T. craft in the Nore Command are lapsing and their base is closing down.
- / 6. The corvette PETUNIA, now at Plymouth, is to be handed over on loan to the Chinese Navy.
- / 7. Certain destroyers and frigates in the Nore and Western Approaches Command are allocated for F.A.A. target duties, and existing target vessels are to be disposed of.

North Sea.

- / 8. Capt. (D) 2 in the ZEPHYR, with ZEST, ZODIAC and Polish CONRAD left Rosyth this evening for West German ports.
- / 9. Six minesweepers from Rosyth are to leave on June 7 for an Oropesa clearance sweep of the East Coast mine barrier northward from Gap A.

Channel.

10. Admiralty Floating Dock 69 is to be sailed from Plymouth to Port Said in tow of the tug MARAUDER, which also will be allocated to the Mediterranean on completing the tow.

Norway.

- / 11. The King of Norway left Rosyth at 1630 in the NORFOLK, accompanied by the DEVONSHIRE and four destroyers, for Oslo.
- / 12. A.N.C.X.F. intends to begin repatriation of 80,000 Germans from Norway as soon as possible in German ships now in Norwegian ports.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands - Contd.

Western
Approaches.

13. The new South African frigates GOOD HOPE and NATAL will leave the Clyde tomorrow afternoon for Freetown and Capetown.

14. The submarines SCOTSMAN and SPUR will be ready to leave Holy Loch on June 10 for the Far East.

15. U.861 (a store carrier from Japan) will be ready to leave Lisahally with a combined British and German steaming party on June 10 for Pembroke Dock, to discharge her cargo of tin.

Northern
Waters.

16. From tomorrow, gate vessels at Hoxa Boom, Nevi Skerry Boom and Hoy Boom will be replaced by light buoys, and on Saturday, June 9, Switha gate vessels will be similarly replaced.

Baltic.

17. Sperrbrecher No. 23 was sunk by a mine at 1327B in a position about 11 miles northeast of Kiel, with 25 casualties, all German.

18. Kiel Canal is open to shipping with a max. draught not exceeding 27½ feet.

19. All ports, approaches and channels in the Kiel Command are clear of German mines, but large numbers of British mines are still in the vicinity of the channels, if not actually in swept waters.

Foreign Stations.

North Atlantic.

Scuttled
U-Boat
prisoners.

20. JERVIS left Lisbon for Gibraltar this afternoon with 4 officers and 43 ratings from the U-Boat scuttled off Leixoes.

Movement.

21. GLOIRE (French cruiser) arrived Casablanca from Oran.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Mediterranean.

Movements.

22. (a) JEANNE D'ARC (French cruiser) arrived Bizerta,
(b) AURORA arrived Alexandria from Naples and sailed again for Beirut.

after steps had been taken to stop her going to Beirut

(page 136)

Far East and Australia.

Philippines.

23. (a) Supported by naval gunfire elements of 41st U.S. Division landed at Cape San Augusten (S.E. tip of Mindanao Island) without opposition destroying enemy radio station and supply dumps.
(b) 4 P.Ts. from Zamboanga raided Kudat Harbour (Borneo) destroying 2 motor launches, 4 small craft, shelling Kudat city starting 2 fires and raided fish cannery on Baguly Island.

Japan.

24. 494 U.S. Super Fortresses dropped approx. 2,757 tons of incendiaries on the urban district of Kobe and caused a general conflagration. Moderate fighter opposition, and there was considerable A.A. fire.

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Policy

- S/M escorts. / A.G.M. 862 4th June.
S/Ms need no longer be escorted in non-combat zone.
(F.O.S/M. 051032B to Capts. (S/M at Home, AMBROSE.)
- S/M Situation Reports discontinued. / A.G.M. 862A/4th June. Propose to discontinue F.O. S/M nightly S/M situations report to Admiralty. Request authorities in U.K. be informed accordingly by AZ message and promulgation of a message instructing S/Ms on Ocean passage outside combat area to report position daily to C. in C. of area repeated in Home Waters to F.O.S/M and Capt. S/M concerned.
(F.O.S/M, 051106B to Admty)
- Faroes Base, closing. / N.O.I.C. Faroes 271642/.
As no further requirement is seen for Faroes intend to close down this Base.
(2) Request decision as to disposal of oil tanks and whether intention in para. 6 is approved and acceptable to the War Office.
(3) W/T Station will be retained for communications until Naval Party have left.
(C. in C. H.F. 051126 to Admty)
/ Para. 6. Intend to transfer duties of Fortress Commander to O.C. Troops.
- Warships for German and Danish ports. C. in C. Nore has been added to the Information addressees of A.M. 260103/(being passed to C. in C. Nore).
(D.O.D.(H), 051522 to A.N.C.X.F.)
/ Not generally intended to provide cruiser and destroyers for duties in German and Danish ports after 7th June.
- Buckley's Hard, Reduction. Consequent on the proposal in A.M. 222102 May to Mud-berth elsewhere in the Command a further 170 major landing craft it is considered that the continued retention will no longer be necessary of (A) The laying-up facilities at MASTODON, vide Admiralty letter M/COD, 0169/45 of 20th March.
(B) The workshops at Buckley's Hard, MASTODON, vide my 051000 April, 1945.
(2) Intend therefore to lift landing craft moorings in Beaulieu River and to derequisition workshop premises at Buckley's Hard, thus releasing care and maintenance personnel.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 051647B to Admty.)

/Showing ...

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Policy - Contd.

- Showing the flag, German Ports. / Departure D.2 in ZEPHYR with ZEST, ZODIAC and O.R.P. CONRAD.. (C. in C. Rosyth, 051715B to F.O.W.G. F.O.I.C. Kiel)
- Surplus Floating Docks. A.M. 020052. No use for either of A.F.D. (B.A.) 1 or 2 at Rosyth can be foreseen. (C. in C. Rosyth, 051813B to Admty.)
- Ships for F.A.A. Target Duties. / The following ships have been allocated for F.A.A. Target duties in Home Waters and are to be transferred as soon as practicable and as arranged between C. in C's and R.A.N.A.S.(N).
(A) HAVELOCK, HESPERUS, HIGHLANDER and 7 Captain Class Frigates from Western Approaches Command.
(B) 7 Type 1 Hunts and 2 Captain Class Frigates from Nore Command.
(2) Existing target vessels, with the exception of ANTHONY, are to be disposed of as follows, preference being given to ships in (A) below:
(A) Destroyers and ROSEMARY to be reduced to Reserve Category "C" immediately on relief.
(B) Yachts to be returned to Ministry of War Transport.
(3) The armament of ships allocated should be removed at the first opportunity and complements reduced to the minimum required for target ships duties on release from present Commands, pending the issue of new schemes of complement.
(4) F.A.A. Target ship requirements will again be reviewed in early July.
(D.O.D.(H) Approved V.C.N.S. 051935B to C. in C. W.A. and others)
- Release of W.R.N.S. Personnel. / Pass to all establishments in your command. It is desired to draw the attention of all W.R.N.S. Officers and ratings to paras. 1 and 2 and 5 of A.G.M. 756A of 13th May now re-issued as A.F.O. 2659/45 which are generally applicable to them.
(2) As married women in particular will largely be concerned in the reduction of establishments and bases referred to in para. 2 of this A.G.M. and A.F.O. it must be emphasised that although every effort will be made to release those of high priority as soon as practicable after 18th June, the requirements of the Service will not generally permit of such release until reliefs are available.
(D.P.S. 052001B to A.I.G.12) (/ Approved by 2nd S.L.)
- Reduction of Escort Forces. / A.M. 020337. Cs. in C. should now reduce the escort strength of their Commands to the levels indicated in A.M. 180855 April para. 4 and A.M. 181000/April para. 3. C. in C. Nore is requested to transfer Hunts when they can be released.

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Policy

Reduction of Escort Forces. (Contd.) (2) The Rosyth Escort Force may be retained for the present for the maintenance of port parties in Norway and to escort "Apostle", R.N. and M.R. convoys including German M.V. from Norway and Denmark. A.M. 052003B also refers.

(3) C. in C. H.F. is requested to assist C. in C. Rosyth in providing any additional escorts required for "Apostle" Convoys.

(4) C. in C. Nore is requested to state the number of additional escorts required to meet the temporary commitments referred to in A.M. 250230/May para. 1 and retain them from forces now in his Command.*

(D. O.D. (H), Approved A.C.N.S. (H), 052002B to Cs. in C.)

(page 626, May W.D.)
 * Reply of C. in C. Nore, 061029B, page 146.

Destroyers, Frigates and Corvettes for Rosyth. The following ships are to be transferred temporarily to Rosyth Command in order that an equivalent number of Rosyth Escort Force may be paid off into Reserve Category "C".

(A) From W.A. FAME, FORESTER, HOTSPUR, HELMSDALE, 4 Loch Class Frigates and 4 Castle Class corvettes.

(B) From Nore. 2 Captain Class Frigates.

(D.O.D. (H), Approved A.C.N.S. (H), 052003B to

C. in C. W.A., C. in C. Rosyth, C. in C. Nore.)

The following transfers are to be arranged as soon as practicable:

(A) ICARUS and 1 Castle Class Corvette from Western Approaches to relieve SHIKARI and BRIDGEWATER for duty with F.O.S/M.

(B) ESCAPADE from Western Approaches to relieve AMBUSCADE for duty with A/S Training Flotilla.

(C) BRILLIANT from Portsmouth to relieve SARDONYX for duty with F.O.S/M.

(2) Ships transferring are to be reduced to the minimum complement required for their new service pending the issue of a revised scheme in complement. Ratings in the early age and service groups should be retained and number reported.

(3) Ships relieved are to pay off into Reserve Category "C".

(D.O.D. (H), Approved A.C.N.S. (H), 052004B to O. in C. W.A., C. in C. Portsmouth and 061255B)

X.T. Craft Requirement for X.T. craft in Nore Command now lapsing. As present base is closing down request disposal instructions.

(C. in C. Nore, 052101B to Admty.)

Corvette PETUNIA for Chinese Navy. PETUNIA is to be taken over on loan in U.K. after refit by Chinese Navy. Further signal will be made nominating a yard. In meantime ship should be reduced to 3/5 complement.

(D.O.D. (H), Approved. on M.056501/45, 052330B to C. in C. Plymouth)

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CONRAD (for Wilhelmshaven) Scapa departure CONRAD.
(C. in C. H.F. 050052B to C. in C. Rosyth)
Your 041720 arrived.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 051045B to Com. (D) H.F.)

BEACON replacement of Buoys. Intend to sail T.H.V. BEACON unescorted at 0600 tomorrow Wednesday 6th June via inshore route to establish A.S.V. buoy in position 53.18 00" N. 00.28 00" E. and to service Humber light vessel. Noon position Blackeney Overfalls light buoy night anchorage Humber. Leave Humber 0600 Thursday 7th June to service H.7, Fowberry Tower, Igham and Boxhill light buoys and to adjust the positions of Stylianos, Chandros and No.62A light buoys. Noon position to be signalled. Night anchorage Humber leave Humber 0600 Friday 8th June. Service light buoys in Humber area and return to Yarmouth via inshore route.
(F.O.I.C.Gt. Yarmouth, 051040B to F.O.I.C.Humber)
My 051040B. Amend logitude to read 00 degs. 28' 00" E.
F.O.I.C.Humber is requested to provide escort to R/V at 0600 at Humber anchorage for Thursday's programme.
(F.O.I.C.Gt. Yarmouth, 051731B)

German M/S to protect Heligoland Bight Traffic. Your 032252.
(A) This is already being successfully carried out in Wilhelmshaven approaches and being extended as suitable German M/S craft become available.
(B) Being investigated with a view to certain ships on regular runs to Western Germany being so fitted.
(C) There should be no difficulty over this. Gear is extremely simple.
(F.O.W.G. 051042B to A.N.C.X.F. (Main))

B.Y.M.S. 2070 mined 3/6. My 031741 being passed to A.N.C.X.F. (Main).
(F.O.I.C.Holland, 051248B to Admty.)

Minesweeping Heligoland Bight. Operation "Dropkick".
Duty of S.O. Fleet Minesweeping Flotilla operating in Heligoland Bight handed over to M/S.10.
(S.O.M/S.F. 18, 051400B to C. in C. Nore.)

Minesweeping Terneuzen. Sweeping report for Tuesday 5th June. 2 M.M.S. swept L.L/S.A. E.G.M.S. from Terneuzen to Hanswoert thence line ahead to Bat and back to Terneuzen. 2 M.F.V. swept L.A.A/S.A. from Antwerp to Bat. Both sweeps negative results.
(C.M.S. Terneuzen, 051441B to F.O. Belgium)

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Minesweeping Report, Granton. M/S. Report No.5 is rendered in accordance with C.B. 04031.
 (1) 1126B/5th June, 1945. (2) P. formation standard LL/SA, M.M.S. 1007 (S.O.), M.M.S. 1010. (3) Yes. (4) 1.5 cables. (5) M.M.S. 1010 56° 00' 32" N., 03° 07' 45" W., N. 78° W. (Mag.) (6) Red 165° 125 yards. (7) On pulse. Blue to port. (8) Three seconds. (9) Probably November 1940 or May 1941. (10) None. (11) Two. (12) 1 - 0. (13) C.O. of M.M.S. 1007 reports medium disturbance of water for 20 yards radius with greyish - white plume about 45 feet. Depth of water at this position 11 fathoms. Mud bottom. (14) Sweepers engaged on clearance of area with dans laid. Mine was detonated on first run over the lap. (Com. M/S. Granton, 051630B to Admty.)

Minesweeping, Dutch Ports. Operation "Fireball".
 (1) (a) LL/SA 6 M.M.S. Ijmuiden Anchorage (?Area).
 (b) Oropesa 3 B,Y.M.S. widening channel I.M.7 to T.X.4 completed.
 (2) Nil.
 (3) Survey work at Ijmuiden. Motor launch and H.D.M.L. returned from Den Helder carrying out A/S search wrecks on passage.
 (4) Nil.
 (5) 5 M.M.S. LL/SA to complete Anchorage Area. 5 M.M.S. L/SA Ijmuiden Anchorage.
 (Capt. M/S.F. A., 051715B to C. in C. Nore.)

Clearance of East Coast Mine Barrier. Intend to sail CATHERINE, GAZELLE, STEADFAST, CYNTHIA with danlayers CHANCE and WALNUT at 0500/7th June to carry out Oropesa clearance sweep of East Coast Mine Barrier northward from Gap A.
 (C. in C. Rosyth, 051722B to Admty.)
 Take GAZELLE, CYNTHIA, STEADFAST and danlayers CHANCE and WALNUT under your orders and proceed at 0500/7th June to carry out clearance Oropesa sweep in G formation of an area enclosed by following positions - 056° 43' 30" N. 002° 01' W., 057° 20' N. 001° 33' W., 057° 11' N. 000° 40' W., 056° 58' N. 000° 50' W. Loat wire 7 fathoms. N.O.I.C. Aberdeen is requested to detail four trawlers to sail as required by M/S. 40 on the 8th June to act as mine destruction ships. During this operation ships will be berthed at Aberdeen.
 (C. in C. Rosyth, 051751B to M/S. 40.) Amended by 061219B, Q.V.

WARDEN, buoy replacement. Departure T.H.V. WARDEN to anchor vicinity of Knob Buoy for the night thence to re-establish south Edinburgh No.3 Buoy in accordance with C.S.T.H. Harwich 041245A (not to London). WARDEN returning Sheerness on completion.
 (Cdre. i/c. Southend, 051802B to C. in C. Nore.)

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Minesweeping Bishop Rock area. My 031558VB not to CANSO and WASAGA. CANSO and WASAGA delayed by defects. If defects are completed in sufficient time F.O.I.C.Falmouth is requested to sail CANSO and WASAGA to R/V with M/S 31 in 48.43 N. 09.31 W. It is anticipated flotilla will return to Falmouth by June 11th. (M/S.31, 050940B to F.O.I.C.Falmouth)

M/S 31's 031558B and 050940B. Sailed. (F.O.I.C. Falmouth, 051427 to C. in C. Plymouth)

F.D. 69. Weather permitting intend sailing p.m. 6th June for Gibraltar. H.M.R.T. MARAUDER towing F.D. 69, escorted by H.M.T. PROSPECT to Gibraltar for onward routing. (2) Routed as in C. in C. Plymouth's 041747B. (3) Communications: (4) Codeword "Escalator"

Radio distinguishing group O.D. (5) S. of A. 5½ knots in fine weather. (6) F.O.G.M.A. is requested to sail H.M.T. PROSPECT to Plymouth on completion of escort duty. (F.O.I.C.Falmouth, 051145B to F.O.G.M.A.)

Arromanches Memorial Service 6/6. A.N.C.X.F's 021604 (British Memorial Service at Arromanches 6th June at 1400). Intend sailing KINGSMILL and L.C.I.(L) 164 to Arromanches to arrive by 0900B/6th. (4) KINGSMILL and L.C.I.(L) 164 will return to Portsmouth by route ZK East when Naval Guard has been re-embarked. (C. in C. Portsmouth, 051320B to A.N.C.X.F., C.T.F.122)

ROSELYS for Cherbourg (Memorial Service). Sailed ROSELYS. My 050934 as amended by my 051112 refers. (2) Mails to remain at Plymouth. (C. in C. Plymouth, 051322B to C.T.G.122.2)

Transfer of CARDIFF (Clyde) to South. Request your early remarks on EXCELLENT's No.096/8 of 31st May, 1945. (C. in C. Portsmouth, 051546B to C.O.A.F.E. H.M.S. TURTLE, F.O.I.C. Greenock) Reply from F.O.I.C. Greenock, 111857B.

Air/Sea Rescue Service during Royal Visit to Channel Islands. A.M. 041210B para. 6 not to all. N.O.I.C. Channel Islands is requested to exercise general control of air/sea rescue vessels concerned while operating within the Channel Islands Sub Command keeping C. in C. Plymouth informed. (2) FAULKNER is to act as guard for N.O.I.C. Channel Islands on 11 Group guard 2 R/T (6590 K/cs). (3) FAULKNER is to inform N.O.I.C. Channel Islands when A/SR stations ordered in my 041450B para. 2 (B) as amended by my 041813B have been taken up.

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Service
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(4) H.Q. 11 Group is requested to arrange that R.A.F. A/S.R. craft occupying positions (D) (E) and (F) report by W/T to N.O.I.C. Channel Islands repeated C. in C. Plymouth when these A/SR stations have been taken up also when subsequent stations laid down have been assumed.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 051634B to N.O.I.C. Channel Island, FAULKNER, COSBY, 16 Group)

Possible
German
minefield.

Information received of possible German minefield in Northern position of Anse De Vauville south of Cap De La Hague.
(2) When on patrol, the area North of 49 degs. 35' N and East of 2 degs. 00' W. is not to be entered except in emergency.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 051644B to FAULKNER)

Sinking of
Bombardon,
Hurd Deep.

My 301731 May being passed to Cotug. It is understood that tug JUSTICE, can be made available by Cotug for Bombardon Operation, and it is requested that she may arrive Portland by noon Friday 8th June. Intend also to use Tug ST. MELLONS. Both Tugs will be available for rescue work when not actually on passage from Portland to sinking position.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 051825B to Admty)

Channel
Islands
Situation
Reports.

Cositintrep 427 Force 135, period ending 1900B/5 June at St. Peter Port.
3(e) Alderney 781 mines lifted, 350 mines destroyed. 22% mined charges removed from pier. Guernsey. 1358 mines cleared. One 500 pound bomb found in minefield and defused.
(H.Q. Force 135, 051940B to Admty.)

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West Coast France

Clearance of
Gironde.

C.T.F. 122's 121550 May and my 151055 May. Request progress report on Gironde clearance and anticipated date M.L's can be released.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 051544B to A.N.C.X.F.)
Reply from C.T.F.122 081530Z)

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RINGDOVE, Lerwick mine clearance. A.M. 041959B propose that RINGDOVE be sailed to Lerwick p.m. Friday 8th June and that she carry out boiler cleaning on arrival. (ALCA, 050935B to Admty.)

GOOD HOPE, NATAL, for Capetown. Intend to sail H.M.S.A.S. GOOD HOPE (S.O) and NATAL passing Clyde Boom 1300B/6th June for Free-town for onward routeing Capetown. S. of A. 14½ knots, in accordance with C. in C. W.A's. 301827 May and F.O.G.M.A's. 310958 May. A.M. 191445 May refers. Admty. is requested to divert mails as requisite. (F.O.I.C. Greenock, 051104B to F.O.C.W.Af., C. in C. S.A.)

SCOTSMAN, SPUR for Far East. A.M. 021854 not to C. in C. W.A. As SCOTSMAN and SPUR will be ready to leave Holy Loch 10th June for Far East propose they should be sailed to Plymouth to leave Plymouth 12th June in company with TURPIN and RUBIS escorted by ERNE and HART to Gibraltar. (2) This will allow more time for completion of defects in TURPIN and RUBIS. (3) A.M. 041406. Understand the above S/Ms are to be escorted in this special case. (F.O.S/M, 051123B to Admty.)

Air/Sea Rescue ships. A.M. 201519 May. Call Signs Q.3X and Q5V are cancelled NNWS and NSWS will be used as collective call signs for Air/Sea rescue ships North and South respectively of 15 degs. N. (2) Action addressees inform ships accordingly. (D.S.D.051810B to C. in C. W.A., F.O.G.M.A., F.O.C.W.Af.)

Operations - Norway

U.3514, U.2511, U.2506. Your 041357. Intend to sail U.3514 escorted by KEMPTHORNE at 0900/6th June. CAISTOR CASTLE is being retained to escort U.2511 and U.2506 on 14th June. (N.O.I.C.Bergen, 051001 to C. in C.Rosyth)

Party for Spitzbergen. H.N.M.S.HEJNDAL (?HEIMDAL intended) sailing with party to Spitzbergen p.m. 5th June? Spitzbergen W/T to ? HEJNDAL is to keep single operator watch on 4205 K/Cs. Request that Spitzbergen may transmit for 3 minutes on 500 K/Cs at 2 hourly periods from 061000 if this is possible. Admty. is requested to pass to Spitzbergen. (N.O.I.C.Tromrose (sic ?Tromso), 051148B to Admty.)

Return of King to Norway. Your 042300 Oropesa searches carry on A.M. Q.Z.S. 775 and 761 to 009 degs. 30' 00" E. completing at 2100 June 6th. (Cdre. Norway, 051255B to C.S.1) STORD should return to Rosyth in company with Force 1 for boiler cleaning and defects. /N.O.I.C....

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Norway

Return of King to Norway. (Contd.) N.O.I.C. Tromso's 160052 May not to C.S.1 refers. (D.O.D.(H), 051507B to C.S.1) "Indestructable" sailed. (2) F.O. Norway pass to Scofor Main. (C. in C. Rosyth, 051630 to F.O. Norway, N.O.I.C.Oslo.)

Sweeping by German M/S. Your 291545.
A. M.252 and M.35.
B. 2 (5) 2 point 5 cables Radius of 58.06.42 N. 05.35.48 E.
C. Seven Norwegian moored contact.
D. May (29) (A) M 252 and M.35.
E. MNA line 048 degs. half a mile each side of position 59.08.24 No.5.40.21 E. (C) Eleven Norwegian moored contact.
(D) May 30.
(F.O.Norway, 051312 to Rosyth pass to A.N.C.X.F.)

16th M/S. F Recalled. 16th M.S.F. are required to leave Norway by 12th June for an operation in Nore Command. Request they may be sailed accordingly. (D.M.S. 051631B to A.N.C.X.F.)

M.M.S. for Copenhagen. Intend to sail M.M.S.1042 and 1044 at 1600B tomorrow 6th June to Copenhagen by inner way 40A, 42 and 43 to position 9 thence direct to Paternoster. B.N.A. Stockholm is requested arrange pilots and onward routing to Copenhagen. S.of A. 10 knots.

E.T.A. Paternoster 0500B/7th June.
(N.O.I.C. Kristiansand, 051701B to Cdre. Denmark)

German Repatriation. / Intend to commence repatriation of 80,000 German personnel from Norway as soon as possible in German ships now in Norwegian Ports. Each ship will be provisioned for 21 days.
(2) Proposed to arrange shipment according to geographical position of last competent recruiting office as follows:
(A) Schlewig Holstein.
(B) Remainder of British Zone.
(C) U.S. Zone.
(D) Russian Zone.
(3) If you concur, request you inform me of most convenient ports for reception of these groups, or for any other groups which you may consider desirable, and earliest date when this personnel may be received.
(A.N.C.X.F. (Main), 052121B to 21 A.G. Main)

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Northern Waters

CASSANDRA. Request date it is anticipated CASSANDRA will be ready to sail for U.K. Your 071719 May refers. (D.O.D.(H), 050400B to S.B.N.O. North Russia) Your 0504000.

CASSANDRA successfully completed trials to-day and intend' she sail for U.K. on Sunday 10th June subject to (completion?) of turning over of LARK by that date.

(2) Request I may be informed of destination of CASSANDRA. She must be berthed alongside on arrival. (S.B.N.O. North Russia, 051904B to Admty.)

Faroes. Closing down of base (C. in C. H.F. 051126) See Policy.

Icelandic Relief Ship for Norway and Denmark. My 181214 May and my 011823/. Icelandic Government now propose to arrange separate sailings to Copenhagen and Norway. M/V ESJA 1347 g.t. has been detailed for voyage to Copenhagen and will be loaded with relief cargo of foodstuff and clothing and Red Cross relief parcels from private individuals here for distribution through Danish Red Cross to individuals in

Denmark. She will carry passengers to Copenhagen and return with Icelandic passengers.

ESJA will be ready to leave Reykjavik on or about 12th June. Request very early approval and routeing instructions. Proposals for voyage to Norway will be signalled when known. (A.C.I.C.051231B to Admty).

✓ Icelandic Government proposal to send ships to Bergen and Copenhagen carrying relief food.

Kola Inlet Navigation. In view of S.B.N.O Murmansk's 040915 do you wish 705 Q.Z.S. cancelled or amended? (D.M.S. 051638B to S.B.N.O. N. Russia) Reply 071823)

Gate Vessels, Orkneys, replaced. C. in C. H.F.'s 031104 not to Admiralty. As from Wednesday 6th June, Gate Vessels at Hoxa Boom, Nevi Skerry Boom and Hoy Boom will be replaced by light buoys as follows:
 Hoxa East Side, flashing white every 5 secs.
 Hoxa West Side, flashing red every 4 secs.
 Navi Skerry East Side, flashing white every second,

Nevi West Side, flashing red every second,
 Hoy South West, flashing white every second,
 Hoy North East, flashing red every second,
 Hoxa West and Hoxa East light buoys will be withdrawn from the positions given in Fleet Notice to Mariners 5278 of 9th Sept. 1944 and placed in position of Hoxa Gate Vessels as above. On Saturday 9th June Switha Gate Vessels will be replaced by light buoys on North East side flashing white every second and on South West side flashing red every second. These pairs of buoys will be moved outwards away from each other as the work of removing nets proceeds. (F.O.Orkney, 051842 to General)

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Baltic

German
Ports,
Kiel
Command,
Situation.

(1) Your 101610B May Para. 1 and 2. All ports, approaches and channels in Kiel Command are clear of German mines. Para. 3. Only amendment to date is as in my 191435B May, not to all (Kiel Fiord). Para. 4. All these routes and approaches have been in continuous use for many months with particularly heavy traffic from the East during the first week after capitulation. Para. 5. All routes are buoyed with large light buoys at turning points, between these are spar buoys at two mile intervals. All channels are considered adequately marked for navigation by Allied Shipping, subject to restrictions in my 201310B due to present narrowness of channels and German sweeping methods, which do not permit sweeps being towed nearer than fifty yards from the buoys, thereby leaving a dangerous space approx. one hundred yards broad on the centre line throughout the length of searched channels.

(2) The light buoys at turning points can be maintained from local resources, but spar buoys at two mile intervals have battery lighting and, failing supply of dry batteries from Frankfurt, these will shortly be extinguished.

(3) It must be emphasised that the German method of passing convoys is to send one or more Sperrbrecher according to number of ships in convoy. Little effort has been made at mine clearance and it is known that large numbers of British mines are still in the vicinity of the channels if not actually in the swept waters. Amplifying reports will be made as details of lighting, buoyage and sweeping progress become available.

(4) Ships are using freely the harbours of Kiel, Lübeck, Eckernförde and Flensburg with apparent safety, Sperrbrecher being provided for important units. Approaches to Flensburg are an exception. ~~KARL PETERS~~ sunk and Sperrbrecher 11 damaged in Geltinger Bucht which is receiving attention. Check sweep from Kiel Light Vessel through main deep water channel to Holtenu Locks has been carried out so far as shipping congestion allows, with negative results.

(F.O.I.C.Kiel, 050948B to A.N.C.X.F.)

DIADEM,
ORIBI.

Cancel my 021753B.
Sailing delayed. Admiralty pass to B.N.A. Stockholm.
(Cdre. Denmark, 051131B, 052321B to C. in C. Rosyth, B.N.A. Stockholm)

Enemy
Material
from Kiel.

SAN MATEO, COR PERNAMBUCO already sailed for (?U.K.) C.3 with small quantity torpedoes and stores on board. Some other vessel urgently required by M.W.T. may also have sailed without clearing all war material. Difficulty of unloading and finding storage may make this desirable in other instances. Request approval. Your 261538 refers.
(F.O.Kiel Command, 051446E to A.N.C.X.F.)
Reply 061530B.

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Sperrbrecher 23 sunk by mine. Sperrbrecker No.23 sunk by mine. Position 089 degs. (sic 54 degs. intended) 28' 54" N. 010 degs. 16' 06" E. at 1327B to-day Tuesday.

Wreck visible. Casualty of injured-all German. (F.O. Kiel Command, 051520 to A.N.C.X.F.)

Kiel Canal, navigation. Cositintrep No.427 part II Naval. Kiel Canal (open to shipping). Maximum draught for ships using canal at present 27½ feet. Following quays in Brunsbuttel area are available for colliers and tankers:
A. Brunsbuttel coal quay (north) draught 27 feet
B. Brunsbuttel coal quay (south) draught 25 feet
C. Ostermore Oil Jetty (Canal kilometre 4.5) draught 27 feet.
D. Schafstedt oil Jetty (canal kilometre 24) draught 27 feet.
(Burrough, 052344)

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Minesweepers Building at Emden. Signed S.C.A.E.F. cite S.H.G.D.S. Fwd. 23552. Ref. your 311910B May. Present policy permits Supreme Commander to use enemy naval equipment when required for his own forces. However, the necessity for construction of these minesweepers is not understood. Clarification is desired.
(S.H.A.E.F., 050830B to A.N.C.X.F. (Main.)).

Enemy Shipping, Kristiansand. Following enemy merchant vessels over 1000 tons now at Kristiansand:
RUDAU ~~3482~~, SPREE 2867, MULHEIM RUHR 5350, KERKPLEIN 5085, SIMON VON UTRECHT 4949, ERPEL 1771, FALKENBERG 1570, ~~FRANZ H. FISSER~~ 1128, PALMYRA 3007, SIGURD FAULBAUM 3256, AHRENSBURG 2988. No ship at port between Flekkefjord and Risor.
(N.O.I.C. Kristiansand, 051100B to Admty).

Scuttling of U-boats. Your 311711B May. Cdr. Firth now en route for London has all information at present available IN O.K.M. If more information becomes available it will be signalled. A.M.'s 041809 also refers.
(Capt. Hale O.K.M., 051156B to Admty).

Casualties & Defects.

COLIN P. KELLY (mined 4/6). Towing casualty U.S. COLIN P. KELLY JR. with Tugs EMPIRE JANE and LADY BRASSEY, engine and boiler room flooded, being held by pumps. E.T.A. Southend 0930. Vessel has full cargo. Draft 31 aft and 26 feet forward.
(S.O. LINCOLN SALVOR, 050625B to C. in C. Nore).
Arrive Southend towing casualty U.S. COLIN P. KELLY JR., with tugs EMPIRE JANE (sic) and LADY BRASSEY. Vessel has full general cargo. Engine room and stoke hold flooded, being held by four pumps. Hand over to P.L.A. KING LEAR S.O. Must wait for pumps as P.L.A. have none available at present. Request instructions.
(S.O. LINCOLN SALVOR, 051114 to C. in C. Nore).

Movements.

U.249, from Weymouth. LOCH SHIN escorting U.249 arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Stranraer, 050456B to F.O.I.C. Portland)

GRECIAN, TATTOO, ELFREDA. Your 030945 arrived.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 050815B to N.O.I.C. Oslo).

/U.281...

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U.281,
U.299,
U.369,
U.712,
U.1163
(ex
Kristiansand)

U-boats 281, 299, 369, 712 and 1163 with escorts
LOCH TARBERT and CAYMAN arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Stranraer, 050852B to C. in C. H.F.)

BORUM,
MALOY,
P.Cs.

Sailed BORUM and MALOY and 13 P.Cs. to pass off
Omaha Beach 0945/6th June. Route via Channel
in which check sweep has been made.
(C.T.F.122, 050924 to C.T.G.122.3).

U.539,
U.1005,
U.907,
U.218,
U.1004,
U.778.

Intend to sail U.539 (Type 4D) U.1005, U.907,
U.218, U.1004, U.778 (Type 7C) escorted by
BALFOUR and STOCKHAM at 2000B 6th June. E.T.A.
Loch Ryan 0900B/8th June.
2. After embarking armed guard request you will
sail BALFOUR and STOCKHAM to Belfast.
(C. in C. H.F., 051056B to N.O.I.C. Stranraer).

DEPTFORD,
ANCHUSA.

Your 041747 and 041748.
Request DEPTFORD and ANCHUSA be sailed as soon
as possible to Milford Haven to land ammunition
and armament stores and thence to Cardiff for
completion of reduction to category "C" at either
Cardiff or Penarth as arranged by F.O.I.C. Cardiff.
2. On completion of reduction both ships should be sailed to
Milford Haven for laying up in mud berths minimum crews and
passage stores being retained.
Ships should not embark more fuel than is necessary for this
programme.
(F.O.C.R.F., 051305B to C. in C. Portsmouth).

STOCKHAM

Scapa arrival STOCKHAM.
(C. in C. H.F., 051357 to N.O.I.C. Stranraer).

U.2334
(from Dundee
ex
Kristiansand).

Scapa arrival CASTLENAU escorting U.2334.
(C. in C. H.F., 051400B to N.O.I.C. Dundee).

LOCH SHIN,
from Loch
Ryan.

Arrived LOCH SHIN.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 051517 to N.O.I.C. Stranraer).

/BARCROFT...

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(B.D.V.)
for
Gibraltar.

BARCROFT (GGDT) proceed to pass Clyde Boom at 1200B/6th June to Gibraltar. S. of A. 8 knots. A.M. 211416B May not to BARCROFT refers. 2. Route. C. in C. W.A.'s 301824B not to all refers. Request Admiralty divert mails as requisite. (F.O.I.C. Greenock, 051519B to F.O.G.M.A., BARCROFT).

BIGGAL,
A/S M/S
trawler.

BIGGAL completes work up p.m. tomorrow Wednesday 6th June after which time she will be attached to Rosyth Escort Force operating from Granton under the orders of S.O.A.S. (LOCHINVAR, 051521 to C. in C. Rosyth).

U.532,
for Loch
Ryan.

Intend to sail GARDINER escorting U.532 at 0945 Thursday 7th June. Speed 9 knots. E.T.A. Loch Ryan 0530B Friday 8th June. Route South about Isle of Man. W/T Port Wave BN and 2410 k/cs. (R.N.O. Barrow, 051524B to N.O.I.C. Stranraer).

U.776 for
Southampton.

My signal 031220B not to S.M.6 (N.T. in W.D.) Para. 1 should be amended to read: "Intend to sail at 1230/6th June U.776 E.T.A. B.1. Buoy 2000/6th June for Southampton. S.M.6 signal 041701B refers". (F.O.I.C. London, 051530B to C. in C. Nore, N.C.S. London).

A/S Trawlers
for
Reconversion.

My 011821 June. (A/S Trawlers now ready for sailing to re-conversion ports), add NORTHERN FOAM, PORTIA, LADY MADELEINE, CAPE COMORIN. Request consideration be given to allocate some of these Trawlers for reconversion in Liverpool sub-command before sending any more Trawlers from other commands. (F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 051627B to Admty).

U.861
(store
carrier from
Japan).

My 011620B and my 031615B neither to all. U.861 will be ready to leave Lisahally with a combined British and German steaming party on 10th June. 2. It is understood that drydock will be available* at Pembroke then and it would be much appreciated if this dock could be allocated for the discharge of cargo of tin from the keel of this 1200 ton U-boat. (C. in C. W.A., 051649B to Admty). *Confirmed (F.O.I.C. Milford Haven, 061027B).

TANATSIDE,
TALYBONT,
(to refit in
Mediterranean)

A.M. 021536. Intend TANATSIDE and TALYBONT to give leave until p.m. Friday 22nd June. Request that adjustment of complement may be completed by p.m. Saturday 23rd. Anticipate ships will be ready to sail a.m. Tuesday, 26th. (Capt. (D) Portsmouth, 051719B to C. in C. Portsmouth, Combrax, Portsmouth). /A.F.D.69...

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Movements - Contd.

- A.F.D.69 When ready A.F.D.69 is to be sailed to Port Said in tow of H.M.R.T. MARAUDER.
2. On completion of tow MARAUDER is allocated to C. in C. Med. A.M. 261804 April not to all refers. (D.O.D. (H), 051750B to C. in C. Plymouth).
- CURIE, Request you sail F.S. CURIE in company with
RUBIS, F.S. RUBIS to Plymouth.
French S/Ms. (F.N.G.B., 051830B to F.O. S/M)
- U.2529 E.T.A. Lough Foyle Buoy 1300B/6th. U.2529 in
(ex company.
Kristiansand) (COLDSTREAMER, 052100B to Cdre. (D) W.A.)
- JAMAICA, Gun trials satisfactorily completed. Propose
trials. proceeding to Portland for radar calibration on
completion of swinging compasses Wednesday 13th
June.
2. Owing to reduced complement it is requested
that the ship may berth at a buoy at Portland.
(JAMAICA, 052101B to C. in C. Portsmouth).
- U.875 My 042106 (KEATS escorting 1200 ton U-boat U.875)
(ex sailed.
Bergen). (C. in C. H.F., 052115B to Com. D.W.A.)
- CAMPION My 041730B June, sailed CAMPION.
for Reserve. (F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 052200B to F.O.I.C. Milford
Haven).
- U.2502 Position at 2200B 056° 45' 00" N., 001° 29' 30" W.
(ex Oslo). German U-boat 2502 has a steering defect and it
may be necessary to detach to Dundee escorted
by PAPUA.
(S.O. E.G. 23, 052205B to C. in C. Rosyth).

Shipping & Convoys

- "Apostle" 4 / "Apostle" 4 (9 knots) sailing 1800/5th 13 ships,
escorts BAYNTUN, FOLEY. E.T.A. position H
1200/7th June.
(N.O.I.C. Methil, 051014B to N.O.I.Cs. Kristiansand
(S) Stavanger, Oslo, Bergen).
Arrived Oslo (081439B).
- L.U.C. My 251847B para. 2, for Cuxhaven read Brunsbüttel.
U.L.C. 2. F.O.I.C. Humber is requested to instruct
Convoys L.U.C. convoys to form into two columns between
P.10 and P.15 buoys.
3. M/S 18's 032132B and Com. Hamburg's 031807B
neither to all refer.
(C. in C. Nore, 052244B to Admty. etc).

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ENCHANTRESS (Sloop) Sailed at 1900B 6th to Portsmouth 2 Route.
(3) S. of A. 15 knots.
(F.O.G.M.A. 050942B to ENCHANTRESS)

Corvette for U.K., OXFORD CASTLE. * OXFORD CASTLE sail at 1800B today Tuesday to United Kingdom.
(3) S. of A. 14 knots.
(F.O.G.M.A. 050950B to OXFORD CASTLE.)

VAMPIRE (A/S Training Submarine) It is considered that VAMPIRE can now be released.
(2) Subject to concurrence of C. in C. Med. propose sailing VAMPIRE in company with HYDERABAD p.m. 10th to Portsmouth.
(F.O.G.M.A., 051130B to C. in C. Med., Admty.)
Approved 071216B.

German Submarine prisoners M.K.F.45 sailed.
(c) M.I. Royal Navy S/Lt. Gibb R.N.V.R. transferred from EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND, ORION German submarine Prisoners of War Officers 15, Ratings 111.
(S.S.T.O. Gib., 051217B to D. of S.T. London.)

NORSEMAN (Cables ship) Sailed from Horta at 0929/5th cable ship NORSEMAN for position 48.29 N. 10.08 W. S. of A. 10 knots, E.T.A. 1200Z/9th.
(S.B.N.O. Azores, 051413Z to Gib.)

M.M.S for U.K. C. in C. C.N.A., 280926 M.M.S.1058, 1059, 1067 expected to be ready to sail 7th June.
(2) Request route to U.K.
(S.B.N.O. Azores, 051444Z to F.O.G.M.A.)

Scuttled U-boat (Prisoners) C. in C. Plymouth's 041039. JERVIS arrived 1000 hours and sailed for Gibraltar at 1420 hours 5th with 4 Officers and 43 ratings from scuttled U-boat (N.A. Lisbon, 051517B to Admty.)
E.T.A. breakwater 0800B tomorrow Wednesday. Have on board following Germans - 4 Officers, 12 P.O., and 31 ratings.
(Capt. (D) 14, 051544B to F.O.G.M.A.)

F.S. GLOIRE Warships 05 June. Arrived F.S. GLOIRE.
(C.M.S.F., 052050A to F.O.G.M.A.)

Sitrep no longer required You should report any matters arising which may be of interest to War Office.
(W.O. 052100B to Govt., C. in C. Gib.)

* See (F.O.G.M.A., 052108B to Admty) see P.135.

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South Atlantic

Re East
London
Graving
dock
planning
etc.

An early reply to my 271050 April would be appreciated by the Union authorities.
(C. in C.S.A., 051025 to Admty.)

"Kils"
for U.K.

(1) Intend sailing KILCHRENAN, KILDARY, KIEHAM, KILKENZIE to U.K. via St. Vincent at 1400Z 7th June B.T.A. Bishop Rock 0600Z 18th.
(F.O.W.Africa, 051247Z to British Consul St.Vincent C. in C. Plymouth.)

Air/Sea
Rescue
Stations

✓ Stations 14 and 15 now manned.
(Comsolant, 051257 to Cinclant.)
Arrived A.S.R. Station 22 at 051545.
(COWSLIP, 051600Z to F.O.C.W.Af.)

Escort base
ship.
(Escort Force
Administration
of)

✓ Intend to sail PHILOCTETES on Friday June 15 to Dakar for dock and thence to U.K. Administration of escort force remaining on station will be undertaken by Commodore in Charge Freetown.
(F.O.C.W.Af., 051627 to Adm.) See 131225.

North Atlantic

Movements
to U.K.

Departures 5th. 1600 TARANA, 1830 KINGSTON
CYANITE both for Falmouth. 1605 KILDWICK for
U.K. 1700 BEAUFORT for Devonport. 1820 OXFORD
CASTLE for U.K. My 041641, 041033, 041017,
150950 not to all refer.
(F.O.G.M.A., 052108B to Admty.)

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Mediterranean

JEANNE D'ARC. Personal to be decyphered by Officer specially detailed.
We have been given to understand in highest confidence that instructions are being given to divert JEANNE D'ARC to port at present unknown but believed not to be in Levant.
(V.C.N.S., 050100B to C. in C. Med.)
Comob. Oran 031542 refers French cruiser JEANNE D'ARC stopped Bizerta.
(Almed., 050914B to C. in C. Med.)
N.B. Message passed Admiralty for information.
ANSON, SUSSEX, CLEOPATRA are to leave Malta forthwith and await possible further orders to intercept JEANNE D'ARC.
(2) No action to be taken to intercept until such orders are received.
(3) ANSON is included to produce overwhelming strength in order to satisfy French honour if interception is ordered. Cancel my 041148 not to all.
(C. in C. Med., 050945B to V.A. Malta.)
French cruiser JEANNE D'ARC has stopped at Bizerta.
(2) Force A negative CLEOPATRA proceed Malta and may revert to usual notice.
(3) CLEOPATRA proceed as in V.A.M. 041231*.
(4) Cancel air search my 051438 neither to all.
(C. in C. Med., 051718B to ANSON, SUSSEX, CLEOPATRA, MILNE.)
See 082256, 092345B and 101719B.
* Not yet identified.
My P.C. and S. 035° 47' N., 017° 03' E., 104°, 26 knots, MILNE in company.
(2) Intend to reduce to 18 knots at 0100B/6th June.
(S.O. Force A, 052201B to C. in C. Med.)

Transfer to Russians of H.M. ships. Parliament has been pressing for information concerning transfer of British warships to the Russians.
You should be aware that in answer to Parliamentary question tomorrow, 5th June, the Prime Minister may make statement revealing agreement of H.M.G. and U.S.G. to Russian claim to Italian ships. Statement, of course, takes due account of Italian susceptibilities.
(V.C.N.S., 050555B to C. in C. Med.)

EXMOOR for U.K. On arrival of relief at Tripoli my 050902C not to all refers, sail for Alexandria speed 18 knots.
(2) As soon as equipment in EXMOOR, 041840C not to all, has been embarked F.O.L.E.M. is requested to sail her in accordance with C. in C. Med. 041158B, para. 2 and 3 not to all.
(F.O.L.E.M. (Afloat), 050939C to EXMOOR.)

/ANEMONE ...

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(corvette)

ANEMONE has extensive defects would take about three months to repair intend to sail her to U.K. at five knots. Request destination. (C. in C. Med., 051109B to Admty.) See 072340B.

Summary 64
for week-
ending 31st
May.

(1) No appreciable change in casualty or P.W. figures. Administrative position generally unchanged excepting craft and coasters entered Venice a.m./29th May and coasters are discharging alongside in Venice port.
(2) In view of termination of hostilities will you please say whether you still require a weekly administrative summary from this theatre. (A.F.H.Q., 051123B to W.O.)

French ships
for Meditn.

Permission to sail the LORRAINE and HOVA from Brest to the Mediterranean granted. Your 301333 refers. Admiralty 032106B* not to all also refers. (C.T.F. 122, 051323 to Marine Paris.)
* Moving LORRAINE to Toulon.

Possible
landing
of French
troops from
JEANNE D'ARC.

Joint telegram has been sent to Troopers from the Minister, the General and myself for Chiefs of Staff (corrupt group) S.
"In connection with the forthcoming arrival of French cruiser at Beirut carrying 800 R.F.T.S. (corrupt group) 0330 hours 8th June. Admiral Tennant has received his instructions indicating he is not to open fire except by direct orders from H.M. Govt. at home. General Paget has not received any military instructions. We regard it as essential that the actions we should take to deal with this landing should be co-ordinated as any action we may * on arrival of this cruiser must be a combined operation. We maintain that the best solution is for the cruiser if carrying troops to be diverted and troops disembarked. To save French face shipping with no troops could then proceed Beirut and might be used for evacuation of families if French authorities so desire. Request your instructions".
(F.O.L.E.M., 051329C to C. in C. Med.)
* ? "take" omitted.

Levant
Sitrep,
0900/5th.

(1) Own troops. Changes locations will be sent separately in future.
(2) Naval. French. Cruiser JEANNE D'ARC with 800 fully equipped Moroccan troops on board, E.T.A. (A) Beirut 0630C hours 8th June.
(3) Air Forces. A.H.Q. Levant establishing Adv. H.Q. alongside H.Q. Ninth Army. One squadron Spitfires Ramat David available. Ninth Army at immediate call.
(4) Towns. Damascus reopening, quiet. Gendarmerie reorganising to resume full duty.

/Aleppo ...

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Mediterranean

Levant Aleppo, quiet. Attempts reopening prevented by students expected reopen 5th June.
Sitrep, (5) Homs, quiet closed. Restiveness among 0900/5th. large proportion T.S. who desire discharge (Contd.) to obtain leave in order to look after own families. Franco-British discussions on subject in progress.
(6) Palmyra. French patrols still circulating in area and French troops are in town out of barracks. Situation uneasy.
(7) Lattakia. French continue occupy northern end hill dominating town and are controlling civic traffic at approaches to town.
(8) Qneitra. Gendarmerie in charge T.S. barracks.
(9) Deir-es-Zor. Quiet. No incidents since cease fire. Franco-British liaison satisfactory.
(10) East Syria. Tribes. No significant change reported. Tribal locations. Report of clash between Baggara and Shammar Zor but no details yet available.
(11) Rest of Syria and Lebanon - N.T.R.
(C. in C. M.E., 051350C to W.O.)

Situation Black Sea reference number 614.
Report GLENBANK has reached Constanza.
No. 617. (2) Adriatic. ARCTURUS near missed by mine in Venice approaches. No visible structural damage but ship unable to steam. A small tug has been mined and sunk north-east of Corsini with loss of (?4) Italian lives.
(C. in C. Med., 051719B to F.O.L.E.M., etc.)

TIGRE Marine Paris requests concurrence of Admiralty escort for as executive agents of C.C.S. for the destroyer Sultan of TIGRE to escort F.S. GLOIRE whilst Sultan of Morocco is aboard. Almed's 281832 May para. 2(A) and (C) refers.
(2) This includes fort TIGRE (A) temporary change of theatre. (B) a short stay at Cherbourg.
(3) Marine Paris understands that C. in C. Med. may have already asked approval for this programme but I cannot confirm.
(B.N.A. Paris, 051918B to Admty.)

BERMUDA Your 041231 intend to sail in BERMUDA at 1000 (cruiser) tomorrow Wednesday 6th June for Ras-el-Kanayas thence to Alexandria. It is confirmed that programme in V.A.M. 291828 will be adhered to for BERMUDA.
(C.S.2, 052005 to V.A.M.)

C.S.2 in Request you proceed in BERMUDA on completion of BERMUDA. exercises about 1700B/6th of June. S. of A. 20 knots for Alex.
(2) Adjust speed to arrive off Bombardment Range Gulf of Kanayis at daylight 8th for practices.
E.T.A. Alex. last light 8th.
(V.A.M., 052135 to C.S.2.)

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East Indies

VERBENA
(corvette)

Intend to sail VERBENA from Colombo p.m./9th June to Aden for onward routeing to U.K. (C. in C. E. I., 050509Z to N.O.I.C. Aden.)

SILVIO
L.S.I.(L).

Consider it would not be advisable to risk engine manoeuvres which stopping at Aden would necessitate. Therefore intend to proceed direct Suez. E.T. passing Aden 072300Z. (SILVIO, 051330Z to N.O.I.C. Aden.)

Escorts
for E.I.

Your 231225*, to Admty. only. The following reinforcements are nominated:

Hunts	Type II	19
Frigates	Rivers	6
	Lochs	15
	S.A.N.F. Lochs	3
	Captains	3
French	Rivers	6
	Colonial sloops	2
	<u>Total</u>	<u>54</u>

- (2) The Rivers include TAY, now completing refit in U.K.
- (3) The three Captains arriving in Sept. are being equipped as Coastal Force Control ships.
- (4) The build up of reinforcements is expected to be:

Total reinforcements available on station	Hunts	Frigates	Total
by:-			
Mid-July	1	2	3
1st August	4	9	13
Mid-August	7	16	23
Early September	8	22	30
Early October	9	27	36
Early November	14	27	41
Early December	19	27	46

(5) The table in para. 4 does not include French escorts. Of these three Rivers may be expected by the end of 1945, the remainder early in 1946. The Colonial sloops are SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA and LA GRANDIERE, expected to arrive after refit about mid-August and October respectively? DUMONT D'URVILLE then being released.

(6) It may be necessary to exchange 6 Lochs for an equivalent number of Hunts in order to meet C. in C. B.P.F. requirement for Squid fitted ships. This is not expected materially to affect the rate of build-up.

(7) As arrival of reinforcements permits release of existing escorts:

(a) It is under consideration to transfer 11 frigates to R.I.M. Further signal will be made.

(b) 22 slow escorts - all R.N. corvettes, cutters, and A/S sloops are to return to U.K. and pay off into Reserve Category C.

(8) By end of 1945 East Indies Escorts will then (subject to the provision in para. 6) total Hunts 20, Frigates 30, French 5, plus 3 not expected to join until early in 1946.

(9) Your 021131 also refers.

(V.C.N.S., 051532B to C. in C. E.I., C. in C. B.P.F.)

See 101354B July

Requirements for 30 R.N. escorts and 18 Hunts is confirmed.

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A.F.D. 49,
etc.

Arrivals A.F.D.49 towed by H.M.R.T. FLARE,
SNOWFLAKE, VIGOROUS.
Departures CLYDE, HUNTER, Capt. (D) 10th in
TARTAR, NUBIAN, ESKIMO, PENN, PALADIN.
(N.O.I.C. Trincomalee, 051533Z to Admty.)

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America & West Indies

Submarine
TERRAPIN. Intend to sail TERRAPIN 14th June for Aden and United Kingdom. Then as directed by C. in C. E.I.S. Speed of advance 11.5. TERRAPIN is unable to dive. Has no forward hydroplanes or periscopes and hull severely damaged. Request onward route.
(C.T.F.71, 050213 to Comsub 7th Fleet).

U.S.
Operations
Philippines.
4.6.45.
extract. For M.I.2. Cypher 4 June. 1. Luzon. U. States Sixth Army.
D. Total Japanese casualties to 3 June 150,348 killed, 2,425 Ps.W.
2. Mindanao. U. States Eighth Army.
A X Corps. 31 Div. thrust 100 yds. S.E. along Kibawe-Taloma trail just east Pulangi River breaking enemy opposition and consolidating posns. east of Highway 3. Unopposed landing made on Balut Island (35 miles S.E. Sarangani Bay).
B Total Jap. casualties to 3 June 5054 killed 61 Ps.W.
(B.A.S. Washington, 051235Q to W.O.)

Allocation of local forces etc. West A. Your 241235/5 and 292232/5. As principal function of frigates on West Atlantic Station will be to show the flag and deal with incidents, I presume special war equipment such as (A) depth charges and depth charge throwers, (B) Hedgehog, (C) Extra Oerlikons, (D) Minesweeping gear will be removed eventually from WEAR and BALLINDERRY.
I intend to go afloat with small staff as necessary and consider one or both frigates should have accommodation provided accordingly, also that they should each carry an additional motor boat.
2. As WEAR has already been taken in hand for refit at Bermuda, request very early statement of policy on above if approved to remove special war equipment should it be landed at Bermuda or in U.K.
(S.B.N.O. W.A., 051506Z to Admty., C.S. Bermuda, see 081306B).

Dispositions in Pacific Cominch 051923Z to Admty. See Lion Copy.

French Light Vessels - transfer from Med. of P.Cs. etc, for. French Naval Mission has requested approval for the transfer of 12 P.Cs. 16 S.Cs. and six harbour motor launches from the Mediterranean to the French Western Approaches to be based on Brest and Cherbourg as it is considered that the present distribution of French Light Vessels is no longer in keeping with conditions created by the end of the European War. This request has also been put forward by the French Admiralty to Allied authority in Paris.
2. Cominch has been informed and any Navy Department comments will be signalled as soon as received.
Admty. pass to N.A. Paris.
(B.A.D. Washington, 052001Z to Admty. See 111835Z and 121528).

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America & West Indies - Contd.

MANDATE
(Fleet Mine-
sweeper for
U.K.)

Departure Halifax 2100Z/5th June, MANDATE independently to Horta Azores. E.T.A. 1500Z/11th. On arrival Horta request MANDATE be fuelled and sailed to U.K. as directed by Admiralty. (C. in C. C.N.A., 052126 to S.B.N.O. Azores).

French
Minesweeper.

French Naval Mission has requested that French Minesweeper D.301 (ex Y.M.S.169) be released from present duty in the Caribbean Sea Frontier and ordered to France for Minesweeping operations on the Western French Coast.

2. Cominch has no objection to the transfer of this vessel and confirms that she can be released from her present duty at once; Admiralty approval is accordingly requested for conveyance to Admiral Fenard.
(B.A.D., 052247Z to Admty., See 081939Z)

Far East & Australia

Digest 1231,
4.6.45.
Extract.

1. Planes from Clark Field destroyed 1 probable sub-chaser off Macao, Sank 1 lugger Hainan Strait.
2. Mariners from Lingayen night 3rd/4th June straffed 35 Junks and Luggers off China Coast between Hainan and Hong Kong another 30 Junks Hainan Strait, hitting total 35.
3. Liberators sank medium freighter, missed lightship, bombed airfield, all Shanghai Area. 3rd June. 30 Liberator dropped 3 tons incendiaries Keirut Harbour starting 5 large fires.
4. 39 Liberators dropped 188 tons Takao railroad yards switches roundhouse.
5. Delayed reports 3rd June. 18 Mustangs swept Canton straffing 1 patrol craft, 3 personnel laden barges, damaging 5 small coasters Hong Kong.
11. 4 Liberators on Makassar Strait shipping search left 200 foot vessel sinking Bandjermasin, destroyed buildings missed several sea trucks and small coasters in harbour; 2 other Liberators bombed straffed 9 Schooners Southern Celebes, hit (Dongala) Floatplane Base.
13. Australian Forces Bougainville supported by tanks continued South Easterly drive down Buin Road, 2000 yards west Monoitu Mission.
(G.H.Q., S.W.P.A., 051030Z to Admty).

Fleet Train
Sub Command
B.P.F.
(Comat)

Your 110539 May. paras. 2 and 3 approved, appointment to be as Commodore Second Class. Request name of vessel in which Comat's broad pennant will be hoisted.
2. Proposal in your para. 4 is approved temporarily pending final decision after receipt of your report of your further consultations.
(Hd. of M.II Appd. 1st Lord, 052014B to C. in C. B.P.F.)

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From: COMINCH

051923Z June

Date: 6.6.45

Recd: 0237

CCM (F.O.S.) by W/T

Addressed: Admiralty,
repeated: COMNAVEU

Pacific Summary Number 16.

Operational naval units Southeast Pacific.

RALEIGH, ANTIETAM 4 DD's.

Pacific Coast. RANGER, COMMENCEMENT BAY, SIBOTEY, KULA GULF, THETIS BAY, KADASHAN BAY, TAKANIS BAY, SITKOH BAY 13 DD's.
Enroute U.S. KALININ BAY, 1 D.D. Enroute Pearl. PETROF BAY, MUNDA CAPE, ESPERANCE, BARNES, NASSAU, ATHELING, RAJAH, ST. PAUL, BOSTON 5 DD's.

North Pacific. CONCORD, RICHMOND, TRENTON 5 DD's.

Central Pacific. ARKANSAS, NEW YORK, MISSISSIPPI, WEST VIRGINIA, IDAHO, MASSACHUSETTS, INDIANA, IOWA, WISCONSIN, CALIFORNIA, TENNESSEE, MISSOURI, KING GEORGE 5, ALASKA, GUAN, HORNET, BENNINGTON, YORKTOWN, SHANGRI-LA TICONDEROGA RANDOLPH BON HOMME, RICHARD BELLEAU, WOOD, SAN JACINTO, INDEPENDENCE, SARGENT BAY, MAKIN ISLAND, LUNGA POINT, WAKE ISLAND, ANZIO, JOFMA BAY, TULAGI, SUWANEE, CHENANGO, SANTEE, WHITE PLAINS, MAKASSAR STRAIT, ATTA MANILA BAY, STEAMER BAY, BUXTON, WINDHAM BAY, GILBERT ISLANDS, HOGGATT BAY, SALAMAUA, SHAMROCK BAY, NEHENTA BAY, PUGAINVILLE, ADMIRALTY ISLANDS, SAN FRANCISCO, PORTLAND, NEW ORLEANS, TUSCALOOSA, LOUISVILLE, BALTIMORE, PITTSBURGH, QUIBAY, VINCENNES, VICKSBURG, ATLANTA, SAN JUAN, FLINT, SAN DIEGO, DETROIT, DULUTH, TOPEKA, OKLAHOMA CITY, 143 DD's.

At Pearl. NEVADA, SARATOGA, COWPENS, LEXINGTON, COPAHEE, RUDYARD BAY, TRIPOLI, KAXAN BAY RIO ALTAMAHA, CORREGIDOR CAPE GLOUCESTER, BLOCK ISLAND, CHICAGO, CHESTER, COLUMBIA, AMSTERDAM, TUCSON DAYTOT 21 D.D's.

South Pacific. One D.D.

South West Pacific. TEXAS, COLORADO, WASHINGTON, ALABAMA, SOUTH DAKOTA, HOWE, ESSEX, INDOMITABLE, INDEFATIGABLE, FORMIDABLE, VICTORIOUS, IMPLACABLE, BATAAN, MONTEREY, FANSHAW BAY, KWAJALEIN, SPEAKER, RULER, CHASER, STRIKEN, SLINGER, ARBITER, FENCER, SALT LAKE CITY. WICHITA, SHROPSHIRE, SWIFTSURE,

EURYALUS

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EURYALUS, UGANDA, ACHILLES, NEWFOUNDLAND, ADELAIDE,
DENVER, MONTPELIER, NASHVILLE, CLEVELAND, PHOENIX,
BOISE, MOBILE, ST. LOUIS, OAKLAND, PASADENA, SPRINGFIELD,
ASTORIA, WILKES-BARRE, HOBART, GAMBIA, BLACK PRINCE, 81 DD's.

Not operational at sea. Enroute Pearl. 2 DD's enroute U.S.
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Home Commands.

1. The Admiralty, War Office and Air Ministry have agreed upon instructions to be brought into force from 0001 G.M.T. June 15, in which in certain defined non-combat sea and land areas recognition signals are abolished, ships are not to engage aircraft and vice versa, and the use of I.F.F. (identification signal by friendly aircraft) is abolished.
2. Proposals are forwarded from the Nore, Portsmouth Plymouth and Western Approaches for the reduction of their escort forces (June 5.)
3. It is under consideration to utilise the cruisers BERWICK and DEVONSHIRE for trooping duties to the East.
4. The number of U-Boats which have arrived in the U.K. is now 104, and in the U.S.A. and Canada, 7. Another 41 are reported afloat in occupied ports.

North Sea.

5. An outline of the policy for the control, reduction, and eventual dissolution of O.K.M., subject to the approval of the Control Council, after the termination of S.C.A.E.F.'s responsibility, is forwarded by A.N.C.X.F.
6. A.N.C.X.F. defines his policy for the reduction of Heligoland and the destruction of enemy naval war material in liberated countries.
7. Six Oropesa trawlers are re-allocated by the Admiralty from Great Yarmouth to operate under the F.O.I.C. Milford Haven.

8. The Dutch submarines O.9 and O.10 are to be sailed shortly to Rotterdam to provide electrical power.

Channel.

9. The Royal visit to the Channel Islands was postponed for 24 hours owing to the weather, and instead of flying the King and Queen embarked in the cruiser JAMAICA at Portsmouth late this evening.

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10. The minesweeping base at Dartmouth has been closed. That at Falmouth will close on June 9.

Western Approaches.

11. (a) Escort Groups 30 and 31 are disbanded.
(b) Escort Group C.9 left Greenock for Canada.

12. Seven more mines have been cut and sunk in Q.Z.K. 1577, Bristol Channel area, without loss of gear. Sweeping is delayed by weather.

13. A list of the 14 CASTLE class ^{CORVETTES} frigates for air/sea rescue duties (see June 4) is forwarded by C. in C. W.A..

14. Twelve destroyers and frigates are allocated temporarily from Western Approaches to the Rosyth Command so that an equivalent number from the Rosyth Escort Force may be paid off into C Reserve.

15. Three destroyers and seven frigates from Western Approaches are allocated for F.A.A. target duties in home waters.

Northern Waters.

16. A fire at No. 2 mine, Spitzbergen, is reported as serious but not hopeless.

Baltic.

17. About 178 naval and merchant ships are reported sunk in the Kiel area, including about 39 U-Boats. At Lubeck and the River Trave, there are 8 wrecks, and between 30 and 35 U-Boats are sunk in the Bay off Trave.

Foreign Stations.

Mediterranean.

Italy.
(Northern area to be abolished.)

18. F.O.N.A.M. Naples will strike his flag at sunset on Saturday June 9th and the northern area will be abolished. In consequence of this from noon 9th F.O.T.A.L.I. will assume responsibility for operations in extended areas. S.N.O. Western Italy (S.N.O.W.It.) based at Naples will be responsible to F.O.T.A.L.I. for all operations in the extended areas.

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19. BERMUDA and CLEOPATRA sailed from Malta to Alexandria.

America & West Indies.

Escort Group
11 (dis-
bandment.)

20. E.G. 11 is disbanded from today.

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Reduction of Escort Forces. (1) Nore. / Your 052002B. Total number of escorts required in Nore Command 27.
 (2) Intend to retain -
 (A) 15 Type 1 "Hunts" at present in Nore Command.
 (B) CURZON, CUBITT and RIOU.
 (C) BASSETT, TURQUOISE, NEAVE, SAPPHIRE, SCALPAY, TEXADA, STEEPHOLM, HERSCHELL, CALDY.
 (3) Intend to transfer TORRINGTON and SEYMOUR to C. in C. Rosyth. A.M. 052003B not to all, refers.
 (4) Intend to transfer RETALICK and STAYNER to F.A.A. duties. A.M. 051935B refers.
 (5) Following ships now available to pay off - SUNFLOWER, GODETIA, CLEMATIS, STATICE and LOOSESTRIFE.
 (6) QUANTOCK and BROCKLESBY are due for Foreign Service leave and it is therefore requested to grant this leave to ships' companies whilst Polish destroyer KRAKOWIAK and SLAZAK are available in Nore Command to carry out QUANTOCK's and BROCKLESBY's duties.
 (C. in C. Nore, 061029B to Admty.)
 Para. 6 approved. (Admty., 071242B.)
 Your 061029, para. 2.
 Intend to sail SEYMOUR approximately Sunday 10th June and TORRINGTON Wednesday 13th June for Rosyth.
 (D.16, 061650B to C. in C. Nore.)
 Your 061039 (061029B intended).
 Request CLEMATIS and LOOSESTRIFE may be sailed to Aberdeen and SUNFLOWER, GODETIA and STATICE to Harwich for reduction to Category (C).
 (2) CLEMATIS and LOOSESTRIFE will be laid up in mud berths in the Firth of Forth. SUNFLOWER, GODETIA and STATICE in mud berths at Harwich.
 (3) On completion of reduction at Aberdeen ships should retain minimum passage crew and stores for passage to laying up berths.
 (4) It is requested that ships should only embark sufficient fuel for passage and for auxiliary purposes till next spring tides.
 (F.O.C.R.F., 061935B to C. in C. Nore.)

Reduction of Escort Forces. (2) Ports-mouth. / A.M. 052002. Request port be allocated for WALDEGRAVE to reduce to Category (B). Anticipate ship will be ready to sail on Tuesday 12th June.
 (2) Disposal of DEPTFORD and ANCHUSA as in F.O.C.R.F. 051305 both ships sailing Thursday 7th June.
 (3) Disposal of BRILLIANT as in A.M. 052004 para. 1(C). Date of release will be signalled later. My 021121 refers.
 (4) Request that WATCHMAN and FLEETWOOD be retained in service as in my 021435.
 (5) Instructions are requested regarding disposal of IMPULSIVE. (Capt. (D) Portsmouth, 061200B to C. in C. Portsmouth, F.O.C.R.F.)

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Reduction of Escort Forces. A.M. 052002.
Escorts in Plymouth Command not previously reported available for reduction are:

(3) Plymouth. NARBOROUGH, HOLMES, COSBY, NASTURTIUM, MIGNONETTE, FAULKNOR, BENEBCULA, DOCHET, PROSPECT, LONGA, MINALTO, ORONSAY, PORCHER, ROSEVEAN, ROWAN, VATERSAY, GWEAL and ULVA.

(2) Intend to retain NARBOROUGH, HOLMES and COSBY in accordance with para. 4 of A.M. 180855B April.

(3) Duties in Channel Islands and communications therewith by daily despatch trips from Plymouth carrying authorised personnel require service of two corvettes. Intend, therefore, to retain MIGNONETTE and NASTURTIUM until arrival of two "Hunt" class destroyers (A.M. 181000B April refers) or lapse of Channel Island commitments, whichever is the earlier.

(4) Intend to retain 12 M/S A/S trawlers for escort to "Appian" and M.F.V. convoys and for local sweeping.

(5) FAULKNOR will be available from operations on completion of duty in connection with King's visit to Channel Islands 8th June approx.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 061751B to Admty.)

Reduction of Escort Forces. Admiralty 052002 not to all.
Following ships are nominated for release to reserve:

(4) Western Approaches. Category B - ANGUILLA, ANTIGUA, ASCENSION, MOORSOM, REDMILL.
Category C - BRIDLINGTON, BRIDPORT, KEPPEL, WESTCOTT.
(C. in C. W.A., 062046B to F.O.C.R.F., Admty. D. of M.)
Amended by 081511, q.v.

My 252323 May. Delete L FADA, L DUNVEGAN, OAKHAM C, MORPETH C, FLINT C, TINTAGEL C, OXFORD C. My 062039, 062043 refer.
(C. in C. W.A., 062048B to F.O.C.R.F., Admty. D. of M., Cdre. (D) W.A., Capt. (D) Liverpool.)

Reduction of Escort Forces. FAULKNOR and IMPULSIVE should be reduced to Reserve Category 'B' on release. A.M. 052002 refers.
(D.O.D.(H), 062250B to C. in C. Portsmouth, C. in C. Plymouth.)

Heligoland demilitarisation. Your No. 11/1/1/18 dated 23rd May, para. 2 not to other addressees, S.H.A.E.F. Forward 221715* Exfor. Main 291415/. Following is intended policy, subject to your remarks, for short term demilitarisation of Heligoland:

(A) Neutralize all armament.

(B) Dump in sea or destroy all small explosive stores and ammunition below 4 inch for reasons of military security.

(C) Stow remaining ammunition in magazines which are to be locked and ex-sealed.

(2) Island is then to be completely evacuated and periodically visited for inspection of magazines.

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(3) Disposal of heavy ammunition will be arranged when policy for long term demilitarisation has been decided.
(A.N.C.X.F., 061040B to F.O.W.G.)
Reply: F.O.W.G. 090926B.
* Enquiring if Exfor Main requires Heligoland as concentration area.
/ No trace in W.R.

Air/Sea Rescue Duties.

Admiralty 041404, not to all.
(1) Following ships are allocated to Air/Sea rescue duties:
(A) Western Approaches - AMBERLEY C, BERKELEY C, CARISBROOKE C, DUMBARTON C, LEEDS C, RUSHEN C.
(B) F.O.G.M.A. - CAISTOR C, HADLEIGH C, KNARES-

BOROUGH C, LANCASTER C.

(C) F.O.C.W.Af. - KENILWORTH C, LAUNCESTON C, PEVENSEY C, PORCHESTER C.

(2) Complements of these ships are to be adjusted to 6 officers including medical officer, full original engine room complement; 60 per cent of remainder of complement.

(3) Ships joining commands of F.O.G.M.A. and F.O.C.W.Af. are to give 14 days foreign service leave in one watch forthwith or immediately on next arrival in harbour. C. and M. parties to be provided from complement not required for A.S.R. duties.

(4) Ships are to be sailed as follows:

(A) AMBERLEY C, LEEDS C, RUSHEN C, June 14th to relieve LANCASTER C, CARISBROOKE C, DUMBARTON C respectively in positions 16, 17 and 18.

(B) HADLEIGH C, KNARESBOROUGH C. to Gibraltar June 22nd.

(C) LAUNCESTON C, PORCHESTER C. to Freetown June 22nd.

(D) KENILWORTH C, PEVENSEY C to Freetown June 28th.

(E) CAISTOR C, LANCASTER C. to Gibraltar July 2nd.

(F) BERKELEY C, DUMBARTON C, CARISBROOKE C. July 2nd to relieve AMBERLEY C, LEEDS C, RUSHEN C. respectively in positions 16, 17 and 18.

(5) (A) F.O.G.M.A. is requested to provide temporary relief for BERKELEY C. in position 19 on June 15th.

(B) BERLEKEY C. will be ordered to Greenock on relief.

(C. in C. W.A., 061134B to F.O.G.M.A., F.O.C.W.Af., F.O.I.C. Greenock, F.O.I.C. Liverpool, Cdre. (D) W.A., etc.)

My 252323 (List of ships nominated for release to reserve)
Delete AMBERLEY CASTLE, KNARESBOROUGH CASTLE, LEEDS CASTLE, RUSHEN CASTLE. My 061134 refers.

(C. in C. W.A., 061158B to F.O.C.R.F., Admty. D. of M.)

Disposal of X.T. craft.

A.L.M. 058872/45 of 30th May 1945 to F.O.S/M. and S/M.5 only approved all 6 X.T. craft and 3 X.20 craft being brought to produce. Request early instructions where these craft should be sent for the above purpose.
(F.O.S/M., 061243B to Admty.)

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Release of Danish Personnel. Request you will reply to F.O. Denmark's 021126. (A.N.C.X.F., 061725B to Admty.)

Dissolution of O.K.M. / Following is a policy for the control reduction and eventual complete dissolution of O.K.M. in three phases, subject to approval of Control Council after termination of S.C.A.E.F's responsibility.

Phase 1. Present Status Quo.

O.K.M. to be retained with its present organisation and subject to reduction of redundant personnel only until the following programme has been completed:

- (A) O.K.M. 1 T.U. has concluded its investigations and the Russians have been provided with the operational intelligence which they require for the Eastern Baltic.
- (B) The majority of German Naval personnel have been transferred to concentration areas under the Army authorities with the exception of frozen personnel retained for minesweeping and for other duties in German and liberated ports.
- (C) Decisions have been reached on the sailing of all important German warships and merchant vessels to U.K. or other Allied port.
- (D) Preliminary arrangements have been completed for such repair facilities in German Naval dockyards as are required for own purposes.

During this period all orders issued by O.K.M. will be carefully scrutinised by the Naval control party operating under A.N.C.X.F. and in addition will be prefixed where appropriate with heading "By order of the Allied Naval Commander in Chief".

Phase 2. Disbandment of all departments save those required for administration of German Force operating under Allied Control.

On completion of the programme outlined in Phase 1 above it is my intention to disband the operational side of O.K.M. completely and reduce the administrative side to four or five departments, each controlled by a Captain Zue Zee, under the direction of a Rear-Admiral. This reduced organisation will be constituted to deal with maintenance and administrative matters pertaining to the German Naval Forces and Naval dockyards, but will be under my immediate direction. It will be appreciated that it is essential to select carefully the Rear-Admiral and Captains required for this organisation, and the Phase 1 period should be long enough to enable the Controlling Officers to obtain sufficient knowledge of the Officers in the present organisation, to make the necessary selection.

Phase 3. Complete dissolution of O.K.M.

After some months, the situation should permit of the transfer of German Minesweeping Forces, being operated by the Allies, to civilian agency for the international mine clearance purposes. O.K.M. and the remaining naval forces will then be finally disbanded, and the demilitarisation of the German Naval dockyards commenced. Archives will be retained intact at O.K.M. with a small Allied staff in charge and German Archive staff as necessary.

(A.N.C.X.F., 061815B to O.K.M. for Capt. Maund.)

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M/S. Bases, / M/S. Base at Dartmouth has been closed and it
Dartmouth, is intended to close M/S. Base at Falmouth on
Falmouth. Saturday June 9th.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 061816 to Admty.)

Enemy / Policy for destruction of enemy naval war
Naval War material in liberated countries, exclusive of
Material, ships and craft, floating docks and floating
Destruction. cranes.
(2) Demolitions:
(A) Destruction of major installations erected
by the Germans will be effected by the national
authority of the territory in which the installations are
situated after agreement has been reached through diplomatic
channels, technical and material assistance being given by an
inter-service delegation responsible to the War Office.
(B) Equipment recovered from installations will be disposed of
in accordance with current instructions for the disposal of
war material.
(3) War material. Steps are to be taken to render permanently
unserviceable all enemy war material classified as Category
"C" in administrative memorandum No.5 for which no civil use
exists and which is surplus to:
(A) Technical intelligence requirements.
(B) Requirements of the Supreme Commander.
(C) Requirements for other theatres.
After this has been effected the material rendered unserviceable
will be treated as scrap.
(4) Category "C" material is all enemy war material in your
command other than material produced or constructed in the
country by order of the enemy, or material acquired by the
enemy for national authorities or individuals.
(A.N.C.X.F. (Main), 061834B to F.O. Norway, F.O. Denmark, F.O.
Holland, F.O. Belgium, C.T.F. 122.)

Unservice- / Following is policy regarding unserviceable
able German German warships now in ports in liberated
warships, territory and not required for experiment and
disposal. research or other purposes.
(A) Warships which can be made seaworthy within
14 days by minor repairs effected by local
resources are to be put in hand and date of
completion reported.
(B) Remaining unserviceable warships are to be laid up until
further instructions are issued.
(A.N.C.X.F., 061838B to F.O. Norway, F.O. Denmark, F.O. Holland,
F.O. Belgium, C.T.F. 122.)

M/S Trawlers / The following Oropesa trawlers are re-allocated
from to operate under F.O.I.C. Milford Haven:
Yarmouth to SOLON, SATA, MAPLE, EPINE, CLOTHILDE, STAR OF
West Coast. ORKNEY. Accounts are to transferred to
SKIRMISHER.
(2) Vessels should be sailed as convenient,
spare otterboards and other spares being carried
on board. F.O.I.C. Milford Haven should be informed of
expected time of arrival.
(D.M.S., 061850B to F.O.I.C. Gt. Yarmouth, WATCHFUL.)

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- Non-Combat Areas, relaxation of orders. 99480 cipher (MO7) 6th June. In agreement with Admiralty and Air Ministry propose following instructions be brought into force as from 0001 hours G.M.T. 15th June. (Begins):
- (1) In non-combat sea and land areas defined in para. 2 below.
 - (a) Recognition signals for warships and aircraft are abolished except as required for training purposes.
 - (b) Warships, merchant ships and ground forces are not to engage aircraft.
 - (c) Aircraft are not to engaged warships and merchant ships.
 - (d) Use of I.F.F. by warships and aircraft is abolished except as required for training purposes and for purposes of distress and Air/Sea rescue.
 - (e) Holders of recognition signal publications are to retain them.
 - (a) Non-combat sea areas are North Atlantic including Caribbean Sea and Gulf of Mexico, Arctic Ocean, Baltic and North Sea, Mediterranean, Black and Red Seas, South Atlantic Ocean east of 74° W. to longitude of Capetown, North and South Pacific, east of 82° W.
 - (b) Non-combat land areas are United Kingdom, European Theatre, West Africa and Mediterranean Theatre west of 45° E. (Ends).
 - (2) Admiralty and War Office are seeking concurrence of U.S. Navy and War Departments in these proposals.
 - (3) Request you co-ordinate as necessary with French and other Allied Forces in your theatres.
 - (4) Request your comments by signal by 10th June in order to leave sufficient time for promulgation if approved by those concerned with effect 15th June.
- (W.O., 061930B to S.H.A.E.F., and others.)

Destroyers, Frigates & Corvettes for Rosyth. Admiralty 052003, not to all.

(1) Following ships are allocated temporarily to C. in C. Rosyth. Dates show approximate days ships will be ready to sail:

HELMSDALE	To be retained by C. in C. Rosyth
HOTSPUR	
FORESTER	June 10th
FAME	On completion of refit at Leith
L. FADA	June 7th
L. DUNVEGAN	June 9th
L. KILLIN	
L. SHIN	June 14th
OAKHAM C.	June 13th
FLINT C.	June 20th
OXFORD C.	-
TINTAGEL C.	-

- (2) Allowance has been made for cleaning boilers before sailing.
 - (3) Authorities are requested to sail ships when ready to Rosyth unless otherwise required by C. in C. Rosyth.
 - (4) C. in C. Rosyth is requested if considered necessary to arrange work-up for FORESTER and FAME who have recommissioned during refits.
- (C. in C. W.A., 062039B to C. in C. Rosyth, F.O.I.C. Greenock, F.O.I.C. Liverpool, Cdre. (D) W.A.)

/Ships ...

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Ships for F.A.A. Target Duties. / Admty. 051935.
(1) Following ships are allocated for F.A.A. target duties in Home Waters. Dates shown are those on which ships can be released.

BYRON	Now
CONN	"
BALFOUR	June 9th
BENTINCK	"
AYLMER	June 17th
BLIGH	"
BURGES	"
HAVELOCK	June 12th
HESPERUS	"
HIGHLANDER	On completion of repairs.

(2) R.A.N.A.S.(N) is requested to signal destinations.
(C. in C. W.A., 062041B to R.A.N.A.S.(N), (D) Liverpool, (D) Belfast, (D) Greenock.)

Transfers from Western Approaches. / Admty. 052004 not to all.
(1) ICARUS and MORPETH CASTLE are allocated to F.O.S/M.
(2) ESCAPADE is allocated to A/S training flotilla.
(3) All three ships will be released about 16th June. Authorities concerned are requested to signal destinations.
(C. in C. W.A., 062043B to F.O.S/M., N.O.I.C. Campbeltown, Capt. (D) Liverpool.)

BERWICK, DEVONSHIRE, trooping. / It is under consideration to utilise BERWICK and DEVONSHIRE for trooping duties to the East.
(2) Ships should be capable of prolonged steaming at 20 knots. One 8-inch turret and half the close range armament only will require to be manned.
(3) Request you will report any defects which will have to be made good to enable ships to carry out the above duties.
(D.O.D.(H), 062255B to C. in C. H.F.)

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Aberdeen Minesweeping. / Your 300957B May (Aberdeen trawlers to carry out sweeping clearance). Operation completed. 4 dummy mines swept and recovered. Report follows.
(N.O.I.C. Aberdeen, 061005B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

Clearance of E.Coast Mine Barrier. / My 051751B postponed 24 hours due to defects.
(2) For CHANCE read TRODDAY.
(3) Copy of my 051751 to TRODDAY.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 061219B to M.S.40.)

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Harbour Craft, German Ports. Following signal passed at request of F.O.S/M. Com. Campbell. Only additional harbour craft required for Germany are 3 M.F.Vs. for Brunsbuttel and 6 M.F.Vs., 1 45 foot F.M.B., 2 N.A.Bs. for Hamburg and 1 M.S.B. for F.O. Kiel.
(2) Accordingly request M.F.Vs. JEANNE MARIE, ROI LEOPOLD and CONFIANCE may be fully stored and sailed to Brunsbuttel and that M.F.Vs. ANGEL ROUGE, GOOD LUCK, PROCYON, 717, 170, 128 may be stored and sailed to Hamburg. In addition F.M.B. 4378 and 2 N.A.B. should be shipped to Hamburg. 1 M.S.P.B. should be shipped to Kiel.
(Com. Hamburg, 061258B to A.N.C.X.F., C. in C. Nore.)

Dutch S/Ms. for Rotterdam. It is intended to sail Neth. submarines O.9 and O.10 to Rotterdam shortly to provide electrical power. Further information will follow soonest.
(B.D.Z., 061536B to Admty.)

Salvage, Enemy Ports. Progress.
(Com. Hamburg, 061700B.)
See Enemy Intelligence.

Minesweeping, Dutch Ports. My 012255B (Operation "Fireball"). Intend to sail with Force A to U.K. tomorrow Thursday by H.K. and N.F. channels. LOCUST, 157th Flotilla (B.Y.M.S. 2230, 2038, 2141), 19th M.L. Flotilla (M.L. 921, 236, 217, 906, 919), M.L.221, 489, R.M.L. 522, 546, H.D.M.L. 1393, 1387 to Sheerness arriving p.m. tomorrow Thursday.
(2) 102nd M/S. Flotilla (M.M.S. 113, 69, 1083, 57, 44, 40).
117th M.S. Flotilla (M.M.S. 19, 265, 1084).
101st M.S. Flotilla (17, 182, 219, 14, 189).
B.Y.M.S. 2221 and WARDOUR to anchor Margate Roads tomorrow Thursday night, proceeding to Sheerness a.m. Friday 8th June.
(Capt. M/S.F. A, 061723B to C. in C. Nore.)
Operation "Fireball".
(1) (A) LL/SA 5 M.M.S. Ijmuiden anchorage area completed.
(B) Modified L/SA 5 M.M.S. over Ijmuiden anchorage area.
(2) Nil.
(3) Survey work in Ijmuiden approaches completed.
(4) Nil.
(5) Freight landing ship WARDOUR, 4 B.Y.M.S., 14 M.M.S., 9 M.L., 2 H.D.M.L. to U.K.
(6) Operation "Fireball" modified by your 080040 May completed, my 012255 refers.
(Capt. M/S.F. A, 061741B to C. in C. Nore.)

Shipping Requirements for Continent. For June.
(S.H.A.E.F., 061830B.)
See Shipping.

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Clearance of Q.Z.X. 1467. C. in C. Nore 311315B (15th M.S.F. required to clear Q.Z.X.1467). Clearance of areas B.S.19 completed in G formation negative result. Clearance of areas B.S.33 completed in G formation to a depth of 0.5 miles from western edge negative result. Intend to continue clearance of B.S.33 tomorrow Thursday 7th. Ships anchor 3 miles north of D.5 Buoy. (S.O.M/S.F.15, 062043B to C. in C. Nore.)

Minesweeping, Schelde. Sweeping report for today Wednesday. (A) 1 M.M.S. swept inshore water from Ziezikzee Canal entrance to Van Ouwkerk. All water deeper than one fathom swept 12 actuations. LL/SA negative result. (B) 2 M.M.S. swept post-static sweep of Zype and Keeten mine-field negative result. (C) Attempt to reover static sweep with B.Y.M.S. failed due to excessive load on windlass. (Com. M/S. East Schelde, 062047 to F.O. Holland.)

Situation Report. Cositintrep No.428, Part II, Naval. Hamburg. Cancel para. 2 of Cositintrep No.423. Berths now available 1 draught 28 feet, 3 draught 27 feet 6 inches, 1 draught 25 feet 6 inches, 11 draught 24 feet, 2 draught 23 feet. (2) Sperrbrecher No.23 struck by mine position 54° 28'54" N., 01° 16'06" E., p.m./5th. Wreck visible. 25 Germans injured. (Burrough, 062250B.)

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Channel

Sweeping of Q.Z.X. 259. 31st M/S. Flot. anchored Crowsound, Scilly Isles. SCOTT is requested to report when position of beacons for Q.Z.X.259 have been checked (this is my 052230B.) (S.O. M/S. Flot. 31, 060500B to SCOTT.) Intend proceeding from Crowsound at 1600B to arrive northern end Q.Z.X. 259 at 0700B June 7th. (S.O. M/S. Flot. 31, 061050B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Arromanches Memorial Service, 6th June. ROSELYS arrived Cherbourg 2312B/5. (C.T.G. 122,2, 060531B to Cs. in C. Plymouth and Portsmouth.) * QUENTIN ROOSEVELT arrived Cherbourg 060620B. (C.T.G. 122.2, 060903B to C. in C. Portsmouth, S.N.O.B.O.P.(F))

* Quentin Roosevelt

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Royal Visit to Channel Islands. / A.C. 241 6th June. Special Flight Command 204 conveying Royal party to Channel Islands is postponed 24 hours owing to adverse weather. (H.Qs. Transport Command, 060816Z to various.) Visit postponed 24 hours, return to Portsmouth. (C. in C. Portsmouth, 060955 to IMPULSIVE, BRILLIANT.)

Discontinue exercises forthwith. CAESAR is to proceed to Portsmouth with dispatch. UNRIVALLED returns to harbour.

(2) CAESAR acknowledge and pass to UNRIVALLED.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 061111B to CAESAR.)

Request you will sail FAULKNER forthwith with despatch to Portsmouth.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 061131B to N.O.I.C. Channel Islands.)

King will proceed to Channel Islands in JAMAICA escorted by (D) 6 in CAESAR with FAULKNER, BRILLIANT and IMPULSIVE.

(2) Party will arrived Portsmouth by train at 2230B/6th June and JAMAICA is to sail for Jersey as soon as they have embarked.

(3) Subject to weather, speed on passage is to be adjusted to that H.M. may land by M.L. at St. Helier at 1100B/7th June.

(4) If weather permits passage from Jersey to Guernsey and return to U.K. will be by air. In this case, JAMAICA is to return to Portsmouth and escorts are to act as air/sea rescue ships, BRILLIANT and IMPULSIVE in Portsmouth Command, CAESAR and FAULKNER in Plymouth Command. Stations as ordered by respective Cs. in C.

(5) If conditions remain unsuitable for flying, Royal Party will proceed from Jersey to Guernsey and return to Portsmouth in JAMAICA with escort as in para. 1.

Leave Jersey - 1430, arrive Guernsey - 1600, depart Guernsey - 1930.

(D.O.D.(H), 061330B to Cs. in C. Portsmouth, Plymouth, N.O.I.C. Channel Islands.)

Having embarked Royal party take Capt. (D) 6 in CAESAR, FAULKNER, BRILLIANT, IMPULSIVE under your orders and proceed passing Gate 2315B/6th to comply with A.M. 061330B (not to F.O.I.C. Portland).

(2) (Route). (3) (Communications).

(4) Dockyard pilot is to remain on board throughout.

(C. in C. Portsmouth, 061540B to JAMAICA.)

Amend my 061540B.

Proceed via west Solent and Needles Channel thence Q.Z.S.631, 629, 662 thence by route ordered from seaward end of Q.Z.S.662.

(2) Returning to Portsmouth use your discretion as to entering via Needles on reverse of above route or by route signalled in para. 2 (III) of my 061540B.

(C. in C. Portsmouth, 061730B to JAMAICA.)

A.R.114 6th June 1945. Following received from

Admiralty (quotes 061330B).

(6) This H.Q. operations orders No.2 31st May 1945. All flights postponed 24 hours. Cancel instructions for Route 1. Orders and timing for Route 2 and 3 stand. Air/Sea rescue surface craft are to be at R/V positions at 1400B with exception of L.R.R.C. referred to in 9(D) which will proceed direct to position as in para. 10.

(H.Q.C.C., 061700B to Admty., etc.)

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A.M. 061330B, para. 4.

If passage from Jersey onwards is made by air:
(A) D.6 in CAESAR with FAULKNER is to carry out
air/sea rescue duties on Route 2 and Route 3
from times previously ordered in my 041450B
and 041813B. When on Route 3 CAESAR is to
patrol in position 238 Cap de la Hague 18 and

FAULKNER as previously arranged.

(B) N.O.I.C. Channel Islands is requested to sail R.A.F. A/S.R.
craft now at St. Peter Port to take up stations laid down.(2) C. in C. Portsmouth is requested to furnish D.6 with
copies of Coastal Command operation order No.2, dated 31st
May. A.M. 041210B and C. in C. Portsmouth's 042005B.(3) FAULKNER is to pass my 041450, 041813, 051634 and 051644B
and other relevant information to D.6 who has no formers
regarding Royal visit and to obtain copy of A.M. 061330B from
D.6.

(4) Reference quoted not to all.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 061722B to Capt. (D) 6, FAULKNER, N.O.I.C.
Channel Islands.)

A.M. 061330, para. 4 not to all (being passed to ships).

If return passage to U.K. is made by air you are to take up
air/sea rescue positions. IMPULSIVE position X, BRILLIANT
position Y as in my 051418 and A.M. 041210.(2) N.O.I.C. Channel Islands is requested to issue instructions
as necessary.

(C. in C. Portsmouth, 061900B to IMPULSIVE, BRILLIANT.)

U.S.S.
HERMITAGE
for New
York.C.R. No.351. Upon completion of reloading
and when ready for sea return U.S.S. HERMITAGE
to New York. C.N.O. 211645 May* not to all
as modified by S.D.G. 7A/ is reference.

(Com. 12th Fleet, 061102 to Comnavforfrance.)

* Comnav return HERMITAGE in convoy New York.

/ No further troopships convoys after 0001Z/4th
June.F.D. 69 for
Gibraltar.My 051145B June postponed owing to weather.
(F.O.I.C. Falmouth, 061650B to F.O.G.M.A.)Channel
Islands
Sit. Rep.Cosintrep 428. Force 135. Period ending
1900B/6th June at St. Peter Port.(3) (E) Alderney. 235 mines lifted 6th June.
45 mines destroyed. Removal air landing
obstacles from airfield continues. 40 per
cent mined charges removed from pier.Guernsey. 2,069 mines lifted. Other clearance and repairs
continue.Jersey. Repairs to sea wall St. Ouens Bay begun by port
constructions and repair unit. Removal of stakes and beach
obstacles continues.

(H.Q. Force 135, 061930B to Admt.)

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Jersey-Pirov Cable repairs. (1) My 051540 (N.T. in W.D.) Repairs Jersey end of the Jersey-Pirov Nos. 2 and 3 cables now completed and both cables test good up to the faults on the beach at Pirov. Consider beach repairs at Pirov not a practicable propositions from the ship and that these repairs should be done by a working party on French Coast.
(2) Ship now requires boiler cleaning having steamed for 820 hours, also fuel and stores. Request orders.
(BULLHEAD, 062013B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

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Western Approaches

RUPERT, patrol. Arrived RUPERT.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 060745B to C. in C. W.A., etc.)
Intend to sail RUPERT 1800B/6th June to comply with C. in C. W.A.'s 052330 (not to all) S. of A. to patrol area 20 knots. Broadcast BN and constant L/S watch on 1740 k/cs until passing 7° W.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 061233B to C. in C. W.A.)
My 061233. Sailed RUPERT.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 061908B.)

LAVENDER. Your 050909.
Leave area at P.L.E. and proceed to Liverpool.
(2) RUPERT leaves Liverpool today 6th to take over your duties.
(C. in C. W.A., 060958B to LAVENDER.)
Your 060958B. Intend to leave area at 0800Z/7th June (?June) and to continue reporting until crossed 11° W. My position course and speed 048° 51' N., 021° 03' W., 034°, 4.5.
Weather report 4782 9863.
(LAVENDER, 061359Z to C. in C. W.A.)

Air/Sea Rescue duties. Ships allocated for Air/Sea rescue.
(C. in C. W.A., 061134B.)
See Policy.

Escort Groups Disbanded. E.Gs. 30 and 31 are disbanded.
(C. in C. W.A., 061156B to Cdre. (D) W.A., Capt. (D) Greenock.)

Escort Group C.9 for Canada. Sailed S.O. C.9 Group in H.M.C.S. PENETANG with H.M.C.S. FERGUS, THORLOCK, FREDERICTON, HALIFAX and CHILLIWACK at 1800B/6th June routed in accordance with C. in C. W.A. 271310 May not to all Halifax. Speed 13 knots.
(2) Admiralty is requested to divert mails to Halifax forthwith.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 061824B to F.O.N.F., C. in C. C.N.A.)

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Bristol
Channel
Minesweeping.

Add to my 312040B May.
7 additional mines cut and sunk in Q.Z.K.1577
line 5 no loss of gear.
Sweeping delayed due to weather.
(Com. M/S. Bristol Channel, 061900B to F.O.I.C.
Milford Haven.)

Operations

Norway

16th M/S.F.
recalled.

A.M. 051631 (16th M.S.F. required to leave Norway
by 12th June for an operation in Nore Command).
Request you will comply.
(A.N.C.X.F., 061045B to F.O. Norway.)

VIVACIOUS.

Intend to sail VIVACIOUS at 0900 tomorrow
Thursday 7th June for Stavanger, E.T.A. 1600.
15 military embark for passage and 2 tons of
urgent medical stores. On completion, request
she be sailed direct Rosyth.
(N.O.I.C. Bergen, 061724B to N.O.I.C. Stavanger.)

Situation
at Bergen
and
Trondheim.

C.S.10's 021255B (Situation at Bergen) and
C.S.1's 031503 (Situation at Trondheim).
Passed to you for information.
(C. in C. H.F., 061833B to Admty.)

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Northern Waters

Spitzbergen
Fires.

Following for C. in C. Royal Norwegian Forces
repeated Admiral Danielsen, Tromso. (Begins).
Regarding fire at mine number 2. Fires broke
out both in D and F. Situation serious but
not hopeless. (Ends).
("Ploughshare", 061045Z to Admty.)

BERWICK,
DEVONSHIRE.

Possible use for trooping to East.
(Admty., 062255B.)
See Policy.

Operations

Baltic

DIADEM,
ORIBI,
escorting
NORDMARK.

Sailed. My 051559B (refers (NORDMARK escorted
by DIADEM and ORIBI). NORDMARK has armed guard
from DIADEM, ORIBI on board.
(2) Admty. pass to B.N.A. Stockholm.
(Cdre. Denmark, 061249 to C. in C. Rosyth.)

/Kiel ...

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Kiel Sit. Rep. Situation at 2100 Tuesday 5th June, 1945. Sperrbrecher 23 sunk by mine 2 miles south of Kiel Light Vessel. Ship was 400 yards from centre of searched channel. Sailing of UNITAS from Flensburg postponed pending sweeping. Minesweeping proceeding Flensburg and Eckernforde fjorde. SS. NAUTIK quarantined for suspected typhus. Hospital ship DER DEUTSCHE refloated yesterday was detained to await minesweepers. FRANKLIN arrived. P.S.V.O. paid preliminary visit to Kiel. Salvage of U-Boats in Canal proceeding. Belsen film extracted from British News Films has now been showing three nights to Naval personnel Wik Barracks, this being first propaganda film shown this area. It has made definite impression and it is apparent some were in real ignorance of extent of atrocities. (F.O. Kiel, 061528B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Enemy material from Kiel. F.O. Kiel's 051446. You may sail such stores, at your discretion, in exceptional cases when policy laid down in my 261538 May is impracticable. (A.N.C.X.F., 061530B to F.O. Kiel.)

Minesweeping by German ships. Your 291545. (A) M.204. (B) 54° 32.5' N., 11° 12' ?W. (C) Ground. (D) 6th June 0619. (F.O. Kiel Command, 061851B to A.N.C.X.F., Admty.)

Kiel Situation Report. Further examination of Sperrbrecher II's engines shows four fractured castings. Repair now estimated at six weeks. OPPORTUNE arrived from Flensburg, H.D.M.L. 1001 from U.K. Hospital ship DER DEUTSCHE saved near Fehmarn, arrived with minesweepers in attendance. One or possibly two mines detonated without damage. Three ships sailed to join convoy U.L.C.3 for U.K. Others delayed by various difficulties which are being cleared. My 061849B* (not to all) reports latest information on U-Boats sunk in Kiel Canal. (F.O.I.C. Kiel, 062358B to A.N.C.X.F.)
* See Enemy Intelligence.

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U-boats Sunk or Scuttled, Kiel. Your 041145B. Following U-boats are believed sunk in Kiel. Name of Commanding Officer is included when known:-
U.48, U.52, U.237 (Menard), U.351 (Strehl), U.474, U.475 (Stoeffler), U.749 (Huisgen), U.922 (Kaeselau), U.975 (Koch), U.1192, U.1221, U.1204 (Jestel), U.1227, U.1231 (Ackerman), U.1275, U.2330 (Beckmann), U.2516, U.2519 (Cremar), U.2520 (Schendel), U.2539 (Jewinski), U.2542 (Huebschen), U.2543 (Drews), U.2545 (V. Buelow), U.2548 (Utischill), U.2551 (Schaar), U.2552 (Rudolph), U.3003 (Kregelín), U.3022 (Weber), U.3028 (Christofferson), U.3031 (Bach), U.3034, U.3039 (Rupertí), U.3505 (Willner), U.3509 (Nitsche or Schultz), U.3512 (Kloewenkern), U.3518 (Bruening), U.3531, U.3533, U.3534, U.4708, U.4711 (Endler), U.4712 (Fleige), U.4713 (Kaeding) and one type 25 not yet completed number not known.
The following U-boats have scuttling charges, blown on floating dock:-
U.2354, U.4704 (Francesch), U.4705 (Hain), U.4706 (Schneider), U.4707 (Leder), U.4709 (Berksmann).
U.795 (Selle) is on dockside with Walter unit blown out.
U.1027 and U.1030 are afloat but without machinery.
Further signals will be made when details of other ports in Kiel Command are known.
(F.O.I.C. Kiel, 060847B to Admty).

Information of German Naval Forces. From Gracbart signed Clay. Three copies of information supplied by O.K.M. in accordance "special orders by S.H.A.E.F. to German High Command relating to Naval Forces" sent to Admty. Two of above copies via A.N.C.X.F. information in paras. 3D and 9 affirm through E inclusive urgently required by Naval Division U.S.G.C.C. Request above information be obtained and forwarded to Naval Division U.S.G.C.C. and steps taken to retain on Continent other administrative records necessary to Naval Division. (U.S.G.C.C. 061000B to CC 12567 action C.T.F.124, Info. Comnaveu, Admty. A.N.C.X.F.)

Situation of U-boats. My 021201 June. Situation now as follows:
A. Number of U-boats arrived in U.K. 104, U.S.A. and Canada 7.
B. Number of U-boats reported afloat in occupied ports: Wilhelmshaven 19, Kiel 2, Aarhus 1, Echernfoerde 1, Neustadt 1, Fredericia 3, St. Nazaire 1, Trondheim 3, Bergen 4, Horten 6.
(N.I.D. 1 for D.N.I., 061516B to N.L.O. 21st Army Group, Info. A.N.C.X.F., A.N.C.X.F. (P.H.))

Salvage Progress, Dutch and German Ports. (1) From P.S.V.O. in Hamburg. Holland. Salvage at Rotterdam, Maasluis, Nieuwe Merwede, Kiel and Amsterdam in progress using all available local resources supplemented by Admiralty salvage vessels and equipment as necessary. Progress generally satisfactory. (2) Hamburg. Available local resources sufficient for all immediate local requirements. 4 local

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Salvage Progress, Dutch and German Ports. (contd). salvage firms employed on clearance of berths for military requirements. Following quay berths cleared of obstructions. Baakenhaven 1800 feet. Rosshaven 3000 feet. Oderhaven 900 feet. Indiahaven 2100 feet. Other Dolphin berths available. Six stranded or damaged vessels in Elbe re-floated. (3) Kiel approximately 178 Naval and merchant ships reported sunk in Kiel area including about 39 U-boats. German Naval salvage resources known to be considerable are being co-ordinated. 2 350 ton floating cranes capable of lifting U-boats available and working. British wreck dispersal vessels are also available. (4) Lubeck and River Trave. 8 wrecks in river, 30 to 35 U-boats sunk in bay, off Trave, none obstructing channel. Lubeck can be considered working port. Steamer GERTRUDE FRITZEN containing 3500 tons of iron pyrites and SPERRBRECHER No.27 are considered easily salvageable. German firm with ample resources at work. Intend visiting Flensburg tomorrow 7th June. Survey in all ports indicated continued. Further reports will be made. (Com. Hamburg, 061700B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Sunken U-boats, Kiel Area, U.748, U.428, etc. O.K.Ms. 301820 not to all. (Not identified in War Registry). Further investigation has revealed the following. At Kilometre 71 type VIIC U.748 is sunk. At Kilometre 67 2 in number U-boats probably Walther type sunk which divers report are both holed. At Kilometre 64 in Obereider type VIIC U.428 is sunk with conning tower visible. It has been sighted and is definitely type VIIC. This information has been obtained from Canal Company in conjunction with Kapitan Zurseer Schellong who states that there are no other U-boats sunk in the Canals. Salvage of U-boats in kilometre 67 is proceeding and confirmation by divers will be obtained that U-boat at kilometre 71 is in fact type VIIC. (F.O. Kiel Command, 061849B to A.N.C.X.F.)

*HM Drifter BROADLAND abandoned in heavy weather 1535/6 in 61° 44' N 15° 48' W
Sunk. Crew taken off HMT. STORA. N.L. 11379/45*

Movements

LOCKEPORT Pass the Gate at 0700B/6th June and proceed to Sheerness in accordance with previous orders. Routed as in my 011636B. (C. in C. Plymouth, 060110B to LOCKEPORT). Sailed LOCKEPORT in accordance with my 060110. Request mails to Sheerness forthwith. (C. in C. Plymouth 061011B).

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CHEBOGUE (at Port Talbot) for Reserve
Following is C.N.M.O.'s 021354 requested in your 052056 (begins):
To: NIOBE.
Info. CHEBOGUE, F.O.I.C. Cardiff, F.O.C.R.F., F.O.I.C. Milford Haven.
My 141702 May. It is most desirable that CHEBOGUE be reduced to Category C. by 15th June.
My 141744 May to CHEBOGUE and NIOBE only was apparently not received by CHEBOGUE and should be implemented without delay.
021354B (Ends.)
(C.N.M.O., 060945B to Admty.)

U.2502, U.3515, (ex Oslo)
U.2502 detached to Scapa with defect escorted by PAPUA. U.3515 will be detached to Scapa in Pentland Firth with defect.
(S.O. E.G.23, 061025B to C. in C. Rosyth.)
Scapa arrival 1445 with defects U.2502, U.3515 escorted by PAPUA.
(C. in C.H.F., 061531 to N.O.I.C. Oslo.)

U.861 (store carrier from Japan)
C. in C.W.A.'s 051649B June. It is confirmed that U.861 can be docked at Pembroke Dock without delay on completion of LOCH LOMOND and LOCH FYNE.
(F.O.I.C. Milford Haven, 061027B to Admty.)
My 061027B, for "without delay on completion" read "Without delaying completion".
(F.O.I.C. Milford Haven, 061605)

Your 051649 not to Capt. Supt. Pembroke Dock.
U.861 can be docked at Pembroke Dock.
(2) Requested that Docking Plan, if available, may be forwarded to Capt. Supt. Pembroke Dock prior to ship's arrival.
(D.O.D.(H), 061740B to C. in C.W.A.)

DOMINICA
F.O.C.R.F.'s 271256 (Request ships be sailed for reduction to Category B.). Intend to sail DOMINICA 1000B/7th June to Hartlepool. S. of A. 14 knots. E.T.A. 1900B/9. Mails to Hartlepool.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 061031B to F.O.I.C. Tyne, N.O.I.C. Tees.)

UBENA
In view of Com. Hamburg's 041830* intend UBENA shall be used as accommodation ship at Methil.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 061034B to M.W.T.)

U.2321, U.2325, U.2321, 2325, 2335, 2337, 2350, 2353, 2354, 2361, U.2328, U.2335, and 2363 with escorts LOCH ACHRAY, LOCH MORE, U.2337, U.2350, GRINDALL and LOCH SCAVAIG arrived.
U.2353, U.2354, (N.O.I.C. Stanraer, 061035B to C. in C.H.F.)
U.2361, U.2363.

NARVIK
Lerwick departure H. Nor. M.S. NARVIK (LOTA) Bergen 0900 7th June.
(N.O.I.C. Lerwick, 061101B to N.O.I.C. Bergen.)

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for Reserve

In view of fact that relief for AMAZON may arrive by the time that present repairs are completed propose that work be stopped and ship paid off into category C forthwith.
Admty. 051935B. June refers.
(R.A.N.A.S.(N), 061201B to Admty.)
Approved: Admty. 071241B.

WESTON

Intend sailing WESTON to Rosyth passing Spithead Gate 2130B/7th.
(2) Route. Speed 12 knots, E.T.A. 1900B/9th.
(3) Communications.
(4) Mails to Rosyth.
(5) Cs. in C. pass to Sub. Commands concerned.
(6) WESTON acknowledge and sail to comply.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 061212B to C. in C. Rosyth, C. in C. Nore, S.O.R.F. Forth, WESTON.)

WREN

Intend to sail WREN 1200B/7th June to Rosyth. Speed of Advance 14 knots. E.T.A. 1200B/9. Mails to Rosyth.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 061232B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

CARRON,
CAVALIER

Scapa arrival.
(C. in C.H.F., 061233B to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

ARROWHEAD,
EYEBRIGHT

F.O.C.R.F.'s 311652 May para. 2.
Intend to sail ARROWHEAD and EYEBRIGHT at 2230B June 6th to Liverpool and Preston. E.T.A. Bar L/V and Nelson Buoy 0900B June 7th respectively.
(F.O.I.C. Northern Ireland, 061246 to F.O.I.C. Liverpool, S.O.R.F. Preston.)
My 061246. Sailed. Ammunition and armament removed, navigational fireworks only retained on board. C. in C.W.A. 010937 refers.
(F.O.I.C.N.I., 062201 to F.O.I.C. Liverpool.)

GOOD HOPE,
NATAL
(for Capetown)

Sailed H.M.S.A.S. GOODHOPE (S.O.) and H.M.S.A.S. NATAL. My 051104B refers.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 061306B to F.O.C. West Africa, C. in C. South Atlantic.)

U.2529

Your 031130 June. Arrived U.2529.
(Cdre. (D) W.A., 061350B to C. in C.H.F.)

HOTSPUR,
ESCAPADE

Scapa arrival.
(C. in C.H.F., 061404 to F.O.I.C. Liverpool.)
Kirkwall arrival ESCAPADE and HOTSPUR at 1945.
(R.N.O. Kirkwall, 062140B to F.O.I.C. Liverpool.)

/VIVIEN...

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VIVIEN VIVIEN arrived.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 061415B to N.O.I.C. Stavangar)

COLTSFOOT A.M. 012132B and your 051242B, neither to all.
(from COLTSFOOT is expected to arrive Sheerness 0800
Gibraltar) tomorrow 7th June. Request ship may be received
at Chatham Locks on arrival.
(2) COLTSFOOT is to discharge two fifths ship's
company on arrival and grant 7 days' leave to
remainder in two watches from 7th June. Paras. 2(a) and (b) of
A.M. 012132B refer.
(C. in C. Nore, 061527B to A.S. Chatham)

DEPTFORD, Intend DEPTFORD and ANCHUSA to sail to Milford
ANCHUSA Haven 1130B 7th from Needles, F.O.C.R.F.'s
051305B not to all refers.
(2) Speed 15 knots.
(3) Route.
(4) Communications).
(5) E.T.A. 1230B 8th.
(6) Request diversion of mails.
(7) DEPTFORD and ANCHUSA acknowledge and sail to comply.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 061543B to F.O.I.C. Milford Haven,
DEPTFORD, ANCHUSA).

FOULNESS, A.M. 281745 May (not to all).
FLINT, Intend sailing FOULNESS, S.O. FLINT and GATESHEAD
GATESHEAD to Ostend passing Spithead Gate 1830B 7th.
(2) Route. E.T.A. 1600B/8th. Speed 9 knots.
(3) (Communications).
(4) Mails to Ostend.
(5) Ships addressed acknowledge and sail to
comply.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 061642B to N.O.I.C. Ostend,
M/S 50, FOULNESS, FLINT, GATESHEAD.)

U.3514 Sailing Bergen with U.3514 (Type XXI) in company.
E.T.A. Lough Foyle buoy 0900 8th June.
(KEMPTHORNE, 061646B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

GENTIAN My 051136B (Intend sailing GENTIAN to Rosyth
1630/6th) sailed.
(2) Negative watch on broadcast CM.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 061709B to C. in C. Rosyth).

VEGREVILLE VEGREVILLE accepted into reserve fleet category
(minesweeper) C. on 5th June, 1945.
(F.O.C.R.F., 061727B to Admty.)

U.539 etc. My 051056 (U.539 etc. escorted by BALFOUR and
See p.131. STOCKHAM, ~~N.T.~~ in W.D.) sailed at 1730.
(C. in C.H.F. 061742 to N.O.I.C. Stranraer.)

/FERNIE...

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FERNIE,
MEYNELL
(from Nore) FERNIE and MEYNELL arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven, 061800B to C. in C. Nore)

LOCH FADA Intend to sail LOCH FADA 1100B 7th June to Rosyth.
S. of A. 15 knots. E.T.A. 0800B 9th. Mails
to Rosyth.
(F.O.I.C., 061809 to C. in C. Rosyth.)

VANITY,
WOLSEY Admiralty 180855B April (disposal of Escort
Vessels)
(a) VANITY, WOLSEY.
(b) Chatham, Chatham.
(c) 9th June, 13th June.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 061810B to Admt. D. of M.)

LOCH ACHRAY,
LOCH MORE Arrived Greenock. S.O.E.G.8 in LOCH ACHRAY with
LOCH MORE.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 061819B to N.O.I.C. Greenock.)

SALTBURN Proceed from St. Helens Roads at 0700B 7th to
Barrow.
(2) (Route). Speed, 12 knots. E.T.A. 0700B/9th.
(3) (Communications).
(4) Mails to Barrow.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 061826B to SALTBURN.)

LAOMEDON F.O.G.M.A.'s 041715 not to all. Destination
LAOMEDON Falmouth. Request you will provide
onward route from position (f).
(D.O.D.(H), 061900B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

U.875,
KEATS E.T.A. Lough Foyle Buoy 0730B tomorrow, Thursday
7th June. U.875 in company. Thence my E.T.A.
Pile Light Belfast 1130B (?same) day.
(KEATS, 062142B to F.O.I.C.N.I.)

TOWY
(for Reserve) Departure Sheerness 6th June TOWY. •
(2) Mails to Dartmouth.
(C. in C. Nore, 062301B to N.O.I.C. Dartmouth.)

NEW GLASGOW Arrived Greenock, H.M.C.S. NEW GLASGOW.
(ex refit) (062023B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

TURPIN,
SCOTSMAN,
SPUR,
RUBIS,
ERNE,
HART. Cancel A.M. 021854 not to all.
C. in C. Plymouth is requested to sail ships as
follows:-
(2) TURPIN, SCOTSMAN and SPUR in company
unescorted to Gibraltar on 12th June. *Abbian*
(3) French S/M RUBIS from Falmouth with *APPIAN*
Flight K. on about 14th June to Gibraltar for

/onward...

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TURPIN, onward routeing to Oran.
 SCOTSMAN, (4) ERNE and HART in company to Gibraltar as
 SPUR, RUBIS, soon as ready.
 ERNE, HART, (5) F.O.S/M is requested to sail SCOTSMAN and
 (Contd.) SPUR to Plymouth and RUBIS to Falmouth to arrive
 by dates required.
 (6) F.O. S/M 051123 not to all refers.
 (D.O.D.(H), Approved A.C.N.S.(H) 062355B to C. in
 C. Plymouth.)

Shipping and Convoys

Continental shipping requirements, June. / Signed Eisenhower. This is S.H.A.E.F.440 Nr. Fwd. 23789.
 (1) Following are cross-Channel shipping requirements for June as compared with May. These have been agreed with Combined Shipping Authorities who are providing on this basis.
 Coasters for June 500,000 D.W. tons; for May 500,000 D.W. tons. Ocean going stores ships for June, 64; for May, 108; M.T. ships for June 26; for May 10.
 (2) In addition "Apostle" June requirements are 10 M.T/Storey ships and four fitted M.T. ships also provided for by the Combined Shipping Authorities.
 (3) Increase in M.T. ship requirement due to withdrawal of L.S.T. and landing craft. Bids for cross channel vehicle movement remaining owing to replacement and maintenance needs of armies of occupation and U.N.R.R.A. National Civil Vehicles included in Military shipment programme.
 (S.H.A.E.F. Fwd. 061830B to A.G.W.A.R. for Combined Chiefs of Staff.)

"Apostle" Revised programme:
 convoys

<u>Date</u>	<u>Depart- ure Port</u>	<u>Ships</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Apostle Convoy Number</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
7th June	Clyde	EASTERN PRINCE	Tromso	6	Personnel
7th	Leith	BANFORA	Trondheim	7	Personnel
8th June	Methil	SAM HORN	Stavanger Bergen Trondheim Tromso	8	Cased Petrol
		EMPIRE RAIN	Oslo Kristiansand	(S)	R.N. Convoy
12th June	Leith	LARGS BAY	Bergen Trondheim	.9	Personnel
14th June	Leith	BERGEM SJORD	Stavanger Oslo	10	Personnel
1st July	Methil	6 M.T. Ships	All ports	11	M.T. & Stores

Note:
 12 Coasters with C.A. Stores will be ready to sail in R.N. about 11th June to all ports.
 F.O. Norway pass to Scofar (Main) and 88 Group (Main).
 (C. in C. Rosyth, 062236B to F.O. Norway etc.)

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North Atlantic.

Movement
(prisoners
of war.)

Arrival JERVIS.
(F.O.G.M.A., 061001B to Admty.)

JERVIS
(D.14.)

Intend to sail Captain D.S. 14 in JERVIS at 1000B
June 7th to Malta. (2) 20 knots.
(F.O.G.M.A., 061131B to V.A. Malta.)

Air-Sea
Rescue Stn.

Your 191807B May. Have been relieved by JONQUIL
in position 20 at 1200B/6th June.
(LOWESTOFT 061220B to Admiralty.)

KILS
for U.K.

Request KILDWICK and other KILS sailing from Gib.
to U.K. be routed to Plymouth for onward routing.
Your 041033 and A.M. 012132 refer.
(D.O.D.(F) 061756B to F.O.G.M.A.)

ENCHANTRESS.

ENCHANTRESS for Portsmouth.
(F.O.G.M.A., 061949B to Admiralty.)

HUNT
destroyer.

Arrival FARNDALE.
(F.O.G.M.A., 062009B to Admty.)

Aircraft
returning to
U.S. Opn.
"Green"
support.

Eighth Air Force will despatch 24 B.17s tomorrow
7th June 1945, on operation "Green" support.
(Duty Captain 062200B to F.O.G.M.A.)
Cancelled by 070747B.

South Atlantic.

BANFF
(cutter.)

Sailed BANFF coastal to Port Elizabeth to refit.
(3) E.T.A. 1500Z/7th June.
(N.O.I.C. Durban 061034Z to Admty.)

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Beirut I have no knowledge as yet whether hunt is postponed or cancelled.
 (2) You will in any case have BERMUDA and CLEOPATRA in your area up to June 12th and (?H.M.S. SUSSEX) will be available to reinforce you until June 22nd. Para. 2. your 052246 refers.
 (3) In view of V.A. Malta's 051145 I am holding MILNE available for you at Malta. My 051728 refers. None to all.
 (C. in C. Med. 060958B to F.O.L.E.M. (Afloat)) See 082310C.
 (1) Your 060958 the situation continues, to improve here.
 (2) Intend to transfer to AURORA and sail for Alexandria at 1700 tomorrow Thursday 7th.
 (3) AURORA will be sailed for Malta as soon as I have disembarked your 051728 refers. Her torpedo tubes are already embarked.
 (4) Hope to release KELVIN from Tripoli without relief 9th June when she will return Alexandria to complete defects and clean boilers. (5) C. in C. M.E. Forces concur with above.
 (6) If French cruiser persists and comes here intend to return in CLEOPATRA or by air. My 052246 still holds good.
 (7) Destroyer is still essential at Latakia. Should be grateful for MILNE as British destroyers are still required in Dodecanese and Suda Bay in addition and those there will require relief shortly, your 060958 refers. None of above reference to all.
 (F.O.L.E.M., 062333C to C. in C. Med.)

Shipping C. in C. Med., 061059 to Admty.
 Mediterranean See Lion Copy.
 Agents etc.
 Return to
 Peacetime
 Practices

F.S. GLOIRE No objection by C. in C. Med. to employment of
 (Sultan of TIGRE to escort GLOIRE N.A. Paris 051918 not to
 Morocco) Almed.
 (C. in C. Med., 061149B to Admty.)
 My 281832B* May not to all refers.
 (1) Marine Paris request F.S. GLOIRE should be escorted by F.S. TIGRE on her trip from Casablanca to Cherbourg on account of the official character of this voyage.
 (2) Request approval to sail TIGRE as soon as possible for Algiers to Casablanca.
 (3) TIGRE will return to the Mediterranean with GLOIRE.
 (Almed., 061218B to C. in C. Med.) See 091000A from Commorsea from
 * F.S. GLOIRE to be sailed direct to Casablanca.

Situation C. in C. Persia, 061245Z C. in C. M.E.
 in Persia See Lion Copy. Page 169A.
 etc.

Levant (1) British Naval. Destroyer EXMOOR leaves
 Sitrep. Levant 6th June.
 to 0900 hrs. (2) French. Naval. Cruiser JEANE D'ARC now
 6th June. Bizerta.

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*Shipping Meds.
Agents etc.
Return to Peacetime practices?*

From C. in C. Med. 061059/June.
Date: 7.6.45.
Recd: 1314.

NAVAL CODE 'X' BY W/T

To: Admiralty.

The introduction of S.D.G.6 and the relaxation of security measures has caused M.W.T.R. Mediterranean to raise question of return to normal peacetime practice of ship's agents being appointed by owners or operators of vessels and being permitted to communicate with these owners or operators direct and being advised of the impending arrival of shipping at various ports. If this were permitted considerable savings in official personnel presently engaged in these tasks would be effected.

2. If this is done agents are likely to pass back to owners in U.K. and U.S.A. via such commercial channels as are available to them particulars about arrivals and departures. The commercial channels available are in the majority of cases the same communication. Systems as are used by Naval Authorities and duplication is inevitable. A possible method of obviating this would be to institute a parallel interchange of information in London and Washington whereby owners of both countries were provided with detail of the movements of their shipping and agents abroad were also kept informed through the local M.W.T. representative or Naval Authority.

3. The question is one of world-wide significance affecting the whole non-combat area and Admiralty directions are therefore requested. AL M/NID 02776/45 of 9th April 1945 para.4 (B) (11) is revelant.

4. In the case of the Mediterranean special arrangements might be desirable for ships proceeding to the Middle East ports for onward routeing to the Far East in view of the security aspect. No question at this stage of any relaxation of control of merchant shipping in the Mediterranean by the Commander in Chief who must continue to be fully aware of the movements of shipping on the station.

061059

1st Lord.	P.A.S.(S)	D.S.D.(2)
1st S.L.(3)	D. of P.(3)	N.I.D.10(3)
D.F.S.L.	O.D.(6)	N.
2. S.L.	D.N.I.(5)	A.C.N.P.(4)
4th S.L.	M.(2) for action.	D.T.S.D.
V.C.N.S.	D.T.S.(4)	W.D.
A.C.N.S.(H)	D.T.D.(C)	Ad. Blake.(4)
DR. A.C.N.S.(F)	D. of S.T.(15)	
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Levant (3) Towns. Raqqa. Reported locals attacked
Sitrep. French barracks night 4/5 June and French replied
to 0900 hrs. with mortar fire.
6th June. (4) Tribal. Confirmed inter Tribal fighting
(Contd.) broken out N.E. Syria between Baggara and Shammar.
Considered tribes taking advantage of present
situation to pay off old scores.
(5) Elsewhere Syria and Lebanon quiet N.T.R.
(6) Palestine general situation. Jews quiet during last week
but apprehensive results British intervention Syria. Arabs shown
great sympathy for Syrians but no action beyond minor
demonstrations and attempt open recruiting bureau. No confirmed
reports any organised movement into Syria.
(C. in C.M.E., 061255C to W.O.)

A.F.D.48 Times C.
etc. (1) CLEOPATRA Malta Alexandria basic at 341 at
1800/6th 20.
(4) ASSIDUOUS towing (?A.F.D.) 48 escorted by
BONITO Taranto Port Said through 35° 45' N. 16°
27' E. at 0100 6th.
(F.O.L.E.M., 061758C to Admty.)

F.O.N.A.M. F.O.N.A.M. Naples will strike his flag at sunset
(abolished) Saturday 9th June, and the Northern Sub-area will
Extension be abolished.
of F.O.T.A.L.I. (2) From 1200B 9th June, in addition to his
present area, F.O.T.A.L.I. will assume responsibility for all operations in the areas between the
following limits. From (a) The Franco-Italian
Frontier to (b) Position 3 miles 360° from Cape Corse light thence
along a line 3 miles to seaward of East Coast Corsica (TO?). (c)
Lavezzi Rock in position 041° 19' 009° 15' to (d) Position 041° 26'
008° 28' to (e) Position 040° 50' 007° 30' to (f) Position 038°
51' 007° 30' to (g) Position 038° 00' 007° 55' to (h) Position
038° 51' 010° 00'. All positions N. and W. unless otherwise
indicated, thence along parallel of 038° 51' N. to the Italian
Coast thence along this coast northward to (a) Northern limits (of
V.A.M.'s area and of Comar Bizerta's sub-area are adjusted
accordingly.
W/T area GC is to be amended to conform to area described above
and W/T area L.C. is also to be (adjusted) to conform with V.A.M.'s
amended area.
(3) S.N.O. Western Italy (short title S.N.O.W.It.) based at
Naples, will be responsible to F.O.T.A.L.I. for all operations in
the above areas.
(4) From 1200B Saturday 9th June, ships and authorities are to
address operational signals previously addressed to F.O.N.A.M. to
S.N.O.W.It. repeated to F.O.T.A.L.I.
(5) All stores' Authorities in the above areas are now administ-
ered by (F.O.T.A.L.I.) and correspondence and signals should be
addressed accordingly. S.N.O.W.It. is not an administrative
authority, and no administrative correspondence or signals (should
be) addressed to him.
(C. in C. Med., 061810B June, to Med. Stn.)

Movements Arrived MILNE. Sailed BERMUDA, CLEOPATRA.
(V.A.M., 062023 to Admty.)

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Situation in Persia

061245Z/June

From C. in C. Persia/Iraq

Date 6/6/45
Time 2030

CYPHER TELEGRAM

Addressed C. in C. Middle East
Info: War Office, C. in C. India.

IMMEDIATE

GO 72649 Cipher 6th June. 323221.

Weekly Review.

Iraq: Delegation now in Cairo for Arab League meeting composed Handi Pachachi Prime Minister and Tawfiq Skwaidi (or Tawfiq Suwaidi) Deputy and Sadiq Bassan Senator. Public reaction British intervention Syria favourable. Previous to intervention anti French newspaper articles parliamentary debates and speeches at Tribal meeting 28th May all violent with growing anti British undercurrent.

Persia: Announcement by Foreign Minister 29th May of official Persian request for withdrawal all Allied troops acclaimed in Majlis and press. Hakimi (or Kakimi) resigned third June having failed to obtain vote of confidence.

Isfahan: Atmosphere still tense.

Kermanshah: 30th May as result anti British agitation by Tudeh party approx. 650 low grade workers AIOC Refinery struck for higher wages and better conditions. AIOC do not intend yielding any concessions to (? workers) 460 of whom remain out. Output refinery unimpaired but civil deliveries restricted owing disaffection tanker maintenance crews. Negotiations for hand over operation of Persian railway to Persians during June proceeding satisfactorily.

Enc. Persia. 061245Z Enc. 42.

Advance copy sent 1st S.L.(3)

Received in War Registry p.m./7th June
Circulated by War Office to W.O. Depts.
Foreign Office, Admiralty and Air Ministry

MMB

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)
Sec.

Nav. Sec.
P.A.S.(S)
P.A.S.(L)
D.C.(2)
D.S.O.
O.D.(6)
D.N.I.(5)
D. of P.(3)

M.(2)
W.D.
Ad. Blake (4)
D. of P.(Q)(3)

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East Indies.

Monitors for Opn. "Mailfist." A.M. 031637B June (not to F.O.W.) enquiry by S.E.A.C. planners strictly on planning level as to availability of Monitors stated they might be invaluable for "Mailfist" and possibly for "Zipper". This enquiry was made before force planning had begun.

(2) My 020601Z confirms the need for Monitors for "Mailfist". One or more would have been acceptable for "Zipper" but not at the expense of making good ventilation deficiencies to which I attach the highest importance.

(C. in C. E.I., 061220Z to Admty.)

Movement. Colombo 6th June arrival ENTERPRISE.
(F.O.Ceylon 061220Z to Admty.)

STORE NORDISKE 157 Aden 1500/5th June. STORE NORDISKE (cable ship) (cable repair working in following position:-
ship.) 21° 31' N, 39° 06' E. as from 0230Z/9th June.
(Aden 061433 to Bank Block.)

BLINJOE
"Blinjoe"
for forward
areas.

Your 151047Z May.

It is suggested that this ship be considered for use as depot ship for Harbour Craft Administration in the forward areas, provided no additional manning commitment would arise.

(2) It should be borne in mind that Arks may not be available and that the finding of shipping for accommodation purposes is proving increasingly difficult.

(3) It may be possible, if necessary, to provide towage for

BLINJOE "Blinjoe" to her destination.
(Controller, 061725B to C. in C. E.I.)

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Movement. Arrivals a.m. June 6th.
H.M.C. ships ASSINIBOINE, SASKATCHEWAN, GATINEAU, KOOTENAY, from United Kingdom.
(Cop Halifax, 061314Z to Admty.)

Movement. Arrival 5th H.M. Canadian ships PRINCE RUPERT and DUNVER.
(B.R.L.O. Cristobal, 061352 to Admty.)

Ships for U.K. B.3 EXE (S.O) FLINT CASTLE, SEYCHLLES, H.M.S. HYDRANGEA, H.M.S. GERANIUM sail St. Johns N.F. 1200Z 6th June for Liverpool routed:
(2) Speed 12 knots. E.T.A.(G) p.m. 14th June.
(F.O.N.F. 061408Z to C. in C. W.A.)

E.G.11 disbanded. ✓ Escort group 11 is disbanded as from 6th June.
H.M.C. Ships ASSINIBOINE, GATINEAU, KOOTENAY, SASKATCHEWAN are placed under your administration.
(C. in C. C.N.A. 061515Z to Capt. D. Halifax.)

Ships for U.S. (a) Sailed 1030Z/6.
(b) U.S.S. BORUM (S.O) MALLOY, U.S. P.C. S. 484, 533, 567, 617, 552, 564, 618, 125, 1232, 1252, 1262, 1233, 1263.
(c) Knots 15.
(d) E.T.A. Fayal June 10th.
(e) Ships require refuelling, water and onward routing to U.S. ports as directed by C. in C. Lant.
(C.T.G.122.3, 061528B to Comnavforazores)

S/M "UPRIGHT". Allied S/M Notice dated June times Z.
On surface entire route H.M.S/M UPRIGHT speed 8.5, escorted by H.M.C.S. UNGAVA to Digby Nova Scotia and by H.M.C.S. OWEN SOUND to position F departs point K Bermuda 2050/07.
E.T.A. J.1440/11.
(N.O.B. Bermuda, 061851)

FLAMBOROUGH HD. FLAMBOROUGH HEAD and MULL OF GALLOWAY are shortly being sailed from Vancouver. I have approved Escort Main-tenance ship. that these ships should not await arrival of SS. MULL OF medical officers, and in absence of Admiralty GALLOWAY. instructions to contrary intend continuing accordingly.
(B.A.T.M. Ottawa, 061924 to Admty.)

U-Boat incident. A.T.C. operations Gander advises that a B.24 enroute to Azores to Gander reported sighting tanker fuelling a S/M in 43.27 N. 38.46 W. at 1405Z. Plane flying at 6000 to 10,000 feet. Tanker 8 to 10 miles off plane's course. Recognition through binoculars by three Officers. Vessels on heading 255 true.
(C.T.F.24, 062027 to C.N.O.)
/U-Boat ?...

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U-Boat? report. Following received from C.T.F.24. American B.24 en route Gander from Azores sighted Tanker fuelling S/M in 43.27 N. 38.46 W. at 1405Z/6th. Plane flying 6,000 to 10,000 feet. Tanker 8 to 10 miles off plane's course. Recognition made by three Officers using binoculars. Vessel steering 255 degs. (F.O.N.F. 062242Z to C. in C. C.N.A. and 0701147Z)

French and Italian S/Ms with U.S. Cominch has informed me that as from the dates indicated the services of the following French and Italian S/Ms now under United States operational control for A/S training duties will no longer be required:

F.S. ARGO	1st July, 1945
ANTIOPE	1st July, 1945
AMAZONE	1st July, 1945
ORPHEE	1st July, 1945

3 Italian S/Ms to be named later. 1st October, 1945.
Remaining 5 Italian S/Ms. 1st December, 1945.

(2) Cominch accordingly proposes that on the above dates the S/Ms named be transferred to British operational control for similar duty in the Mediterranean or on such other station as desired by the Admiralty.

(3) Cominch asks for Admiralty concurrence in this proposal and their subsequent necessary action as executive agent of the C.CS. Admiralty pass to N.A. Paris.

(B.A.D. 062321Z to Admty, C. in C. Med. etc.) *see 231919Z + 282125AUG.*

S/M TRADE-
WIND for
U.K.

Departure TRADEWIND 0915Z/5th June in accordance with C.T.F.71 261515 and C. in C. E.I.280538 neither to all. (S/M.4, 060241Z to C. in C. E.I.S.)

Far East and Australia

Dispositions of B.P.F. C. in C. B.P.F. 060550 - Admiralty A.C.N.B. etc. see 090449Z. See Lion Copy.

Hunts for B.P.F. Admiralty 312310/ para. 2 and my 250759 para. 1. After consultation on return of fleet a definite

/and ...

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TOP SECRET

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Disposition B.P.F.

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060550/June

From C. in C. B.P.F.

Date 6/6/45
Time 2214

NAVAL CYPHER (XD) BY CABLE

Addressed Admiralty, A.C.N.B., N.Z.N.B., V.A.(Q) B.P.F.
C. in C. East Indies, B.A.D. Washington,
F.O.I.C. Sydney.

Disposition Signal number 15.

- (a) At Leyte damaged QUILLIAM
- (b) At Manus IMPLACABLE ARBITER RULER SWIFTSURE UGANDA
ACHILLES TROUBRIDGE TENACIOUS TERMAGENT
TERPSICHORE TEAZER VIRTUE BURNIE GAWLER TOOWOOMBA
IPSWICH LOTHIAN RESOURCE AASE MAERSK DINGLEDALE
SAN AMADO WAVE EMPEROR GREEN RANGER BROWN RANGER
RAPIDOL LORNE NOVIA DARST CREEK ATLAS BACCHUS
STAGPOOL TJITJALENGKA CORINDA DARVEL HERMELIE
HERON KHETI PRINCE DE LIEGE PRINCESS MARIA PLA
ROBERT MAERSK THYRA S CITY OF DIEPPE FORT
DUNREGAN GUDRUN MAERSK KISTNA KOLA SAN ANDREAS
SPRINGDALE WEAZEL EMPIRE JOSEPHINE damaged TUMULT.
- (c) At Sea bound Manus NEWFOUNDLAND.
- (d) At Townsville QUADRANT BONAVENTURE.
- (e) At Brisbane SLINGER CHASER EURYALUS PHEASANT WOODCOCK
WHIMBREL CRANE PARRETT DERG KELANTAN BALLARAT
LISMORE WHYALLA KALGOORLIE BANDIGO PIRIE
LAUNCESTON MONTCLARE ARTIFEX SERBOL.
- (f) At Sea bound Brisbane FINDHORN AVON ARNDALE
CEDARDALE SAN ADOLFO SAN AMBROSIO WAVE MONARCH
OXFORDSHIRE.
- (g) At Sydney KING GEORGE FIVE HOWE VICTORIOUS
INDEFATIGABLE FORMIDABLE STRIKER SPEAKER BLACK
PRINCE GAMBIA TYNE QUALITY QUIBERON QUICKMATCH
QUEENBOROUGH NIZAM NORMAN GRENVILLE UNDINE ULYSSES
URSA URANIA UNDAUNTED URCHIN KEMPENFELT WESSEX
WAKEFUL VORACIOUS VOX ARBITUS MARLBOROUGH
WOLLONGONG LEWES EMPIRE SPEARHEAD UNICORN PIONEER
SEER SOUND LANCASHIRE GUARUPAN FORT COLVILLE
DENBIGHSHIRE FORT EDMONTON FORT WRANGEL JAARSTROOM
BOSPHORUS MARUDU SLESVIG INTEGRITY Refits
INDOMITABLE ARGONAUT. LARIAT damaged ULSTER.
- (h) At Sea bound Sydney NAPIER NEPAL BARFLEUR WRANGLER
GERALDTON CAIRNS WAVE KING MAUNGANUI PACHECO
FORT ALABAMA FORT CONSTANTINE.
- (j) At Auckland refitting WHIRLWIND REDPOLE WAGER.

(k) /

- (k) At Melbourne GERNSALEMMA FORT PROVIDENCE refitting WHELP CESSNOCK repairs GLENEARN.
- (l) At Fremantle ADAMANT AORANGI.
- (m) At Darwin ODZANI HELFORD PLYNN SALVESTOR EMPIRE SAM BARBIM defects ADVANTAGE CHEERLY.
- (n) At Sea bound Darwin USLE BARLE GOULBURN TAMWORTH LAONIAN BARTHORPE SEVEN SISTERS.
- (p) At Subic MAIDSTONE.

060550 32090449Z

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1st S.L.(3)
D.F.S.L.(2)
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Vice Controller
Vice Controller (Air)
4th S.L.
5th S.L.
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D.O.D.(F)(2)
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Hd. of S.W.R.(3)) BY COURIER

MMB

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FOREIGN STATIONS

Far East and Australia

Hunts for B.P.F. (Contd.) and immediate requirement is seen for 8 hunts to augment A/A and A/S screen and to act as despatch vessels in the service area.
(2) It is not therefore desired to exchange the first six hunts for locks.
(3) Request first eight hunts (Admiralty O22209 refers) may be sailed for B.P.F.
(4) Signals quoted not to all.
(C. in C. B.P.F. O60651Z to Admiralty. See 112321B.)
/ Following escort reinforcement should reach B.P.F. between Aug. and Dec.

Blue Summary 5th. Ryukyus. Typhoon alert lifted and normal conditions resumed at Okinawa. Searches Empire Area. FAW 18 planes destroyed 2 Sd small ft. damaged 1 SD 1 PC. On 4th FAW 1 planes exploded 1 large AO off Sasebo. Sank 1 SD damaged 3 SD. FAW 1 planes from 28 May through 3 June sank 1758 tons of shipping damaged 6525 tons and destroyed 5 enemy planes. Since operating in Okinawa Area FAW 1 planes have (?sunk) (54,405) tons of shipping damaged 91,205 tons. Destroyed 28 enemy A/C. Damaged 16. Empire. 446 B.29's dropped incendiaries on Kobe Urban area visually and by Radar from 14,000 to 16,600 in morning attack. 8 planes lost. S/M rescued 4 survivors. Photos show damage to Osaka on first 3.3 square miles, total Osaka damage now 11.53 square miles or 18.7 per cent of built up portions of City. Add to T.G. 38.4 totals for third 1 small AK fired off Tanega Shima. 3 enemy A/C destroyed 8 damaged. Blue S/M reports sinking 15 large loaded schooners 1 large and 2 small seatrucks and 2 small patrol craft in 21 gun attacks.
(C. in C. Pac. Adv. H.Q. O60720Z to All commands interested Combat Reports)

EMPIRE CHARMIAN, (Landing ship carrier) D. of S.T. O21042 being passed to C.S.W.P.S.F. EMPIRE CHARMIAN is already on passage Cairns to Manus.
(2) EMPIRE CHARMIAN cannot therefore lift L.C.A. in para. 2 of D. of S.T. O21042 to India any earlier than EMPIRE VICEROY ~~could~~.
(3) Intend therefore EMPIRE CHARMIAN continue present duty and EMPIRE VICEROY comply with para. 2 of D. of S.T. O2140.
(4) In absence further signal from D. of S.T. V.A. Q.B.P.F. and C.S.W.P.S.F. are requested to comply para. 3 above.
(C. in C. B.P.F. O60801Z to D. of S.T.)

Digest 1230 5.6.1945 (Extract) (3) Mariners from Lingayen night 5th/6th June strafed 4 junks Pescadores.
(4) Privateers and Liberators from Palawan probably destroyed one river steamer off Southern Borneo.
(5) 2 Nocturnal Liberators attacked 4 small Freighter Transports Yangtze River/probably damaging one with very near misses.

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5.6.1945
(Extract)
(Contd.)

American Forces Luzon drove over 2 miles Northeast of Captured Aritao along highway five. Total enemy casualties Luzon too date number 152,159 killed, 2,491 Captured.
(8) Supported by naval gunfire elements 41st Division landed Cape San Augustin (Southeast Tip Mindanao Island) without opposition destroying enemy radio station supply dumps; 24th Division drove 3½ miles West Sasa Airfield, continued to gain North Mintal, further compressing Caoao Garrison.
(10) 2 Liberators on shipping search attacked 2 sea trucks one small coaster South Lowet Island leaving one sea truck sinking, damaging one small coaster, listed 4 small coasters off Bandjermasin.
(11) 4 P.Ts from Zamboanga raided Kudat Harbour destroying 2 motor launches 4 small craft, shelling Kudat City starting 2 fires, raided Fish Camery Bagquey Island. (15) R.A.A.F. operations for 5th June 2 patrol Liberators attacking Oqga (Eastern Flores), scoring direct hit wireless station Aobrelk (Kisar Island), 22 Beauforts supporting Australia Forces, bombing straffing enemy positions inland from Wewak and along Sepik River.
(G.H.S.W.P.A. 060840Z to Admty.)

TUMULT,
destroyer.

TUMULT grounded Manus necessitating return Australia for repairs.
(C. in C. B.P.F. 060859Z to Admty.)

Destroyer
Flotillas
re-allocation of.

The 2nd (Zambesi Class) and 6th (Caesar Class) Flotillas have been re-allocated as follows:
6th D.F. to relieve R.N. manned ships of 4th D.F. in B.P.F.
2nd D.F. to relieve 10th D.F. in E.I. Fleet.
(2) Ships are expected to join as follows:
6th D.F. (Less CASSANDRA) by Mid. Oct.

2nd D.F. 2 ships during August.

3 ships during Oct.

3 ships during Nov.

(3) Sailing instructions will be issued by Admiralty.
(D.O.D.(F), Approved A.C.N.S.(H), 061135B to C. in C. B.P.F.,
C. in C. E.I.) *See 171155A August.*

U.183
sunk.

Your 030201Z.
Cominch report that intercept 15th May (N.T. in W.D.) probably erroneously attributed to U.183.
Therefore U-Boat is considered sunk.
(D.D.I.C. 061719B to A.C.N.B. etc.)

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SITUATION REPORT

Home Commands

- North Sea. / 1. Den Helder is open to routine traffic.
- 2(a) Captain M/S. Force A left this morning for Sheerness on completing Operation "Fireball" (opening of Rotterdam and other Dutch ports).
(b) Minesweepers under A.N.C.X.F. are to be reorganised on the completion of Operation "Cackle" (sweeping of Schelde) about June 9.
3. A request from F.O. Western Germany whether German trawlers may fish off their coast is being considered, but political objections are likely to be strong.
- / 4. Admiralty approve that U.776, on tour after being shown in London, may visit Grimsby as well as Hull.
- / 5. The ZEPHYR and Polish CONRAD arrived at Wilhelmshaven, and the ZEST and ZODIAC at Kiel, to continue showing the flag.
- / 6. Commodore, Hamburg, wishes to sail for England the SS. VINEFA, German experimental ship for underwater supersonic equipment, now at Brunsbuttel.
- Channel. / 7. The King and Queen arrived at St. Helier, Jersey, in the cruiser JAMAICA and landed at 1100B. The destroyers CAESAR, FAULKNER, BRILLIANT and IMPULSIVE, under Capt. (D) 6, provided the escort. In the afternoon their Majesties flew to Guernsey, and in the evening returned to Northolt by air.
- / 8. C. in C. Portsmouth considers that the Portland sub-command could revert to its pre-war status with a Captain-in-Charge in the near future.
- / 9. Dover Command is to reduce to the status of a sub-command of the Nore Command on July 10, from which date the boundary between the Nore and Portsmouth will be the present eastern boundary of the Portsmouth Command.
- Western Approaches. / 10. Escort Groups 5, 8, 10, 14, 17, 19 and 21 are disbanded.

/Norway ...

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Home Commands - Contd.

Norway.

11. King Haakon returned to Norway in the NORFOLK, escorted by the DEVONSHIRE and four destroyers. In Droebak Sound, where Oslo Fiord narrows some 20 miles from the capital, the Royal party transferred to the Norwegian gunboat HEIMDAL. (Press)

12. All serviceable U-Boats have been sailed to the U.K. from Norway except U.2511 and U.2506, which leave Bergen on June 14. Seven unserviceable boats remain.

13. Norwegian Fishery Authorities are asking whether their boats may fish in the Shetlands and Faroes area and call at ports in those islands.

Northern Waters.

14. Rear-Admiral H.J. Egerton has assumed duty as Head of the British Naval Mission in Moscow, vice Rear-Admiral E.R. Archer.

15. The destroyer ONSLAUGHT left Scapa for the Kola Inlet to escort to U.K. the destroyer CASSANDRA, which will be ready for sea on June 13 after repair. (Her bow was blown off by a torpedo last December).

Foreign Stations

Far East and Australia

Borneo.

16(a) 35 Liberators dropped 66 tons of bombs on various targets in Brunei Bay area and on defence positions on Muara Island.
(b) Lightnings sweeping Brunei Bay damaged radar station and wrecked two barges.

Japan.

17. 426 U.S. Super-Fortresses attacked the urban area of Osaka. 2282 tons of bombs were dropped with good results. 2 Super-Fortresses are missing.

Movement.

18. KING GEORGE V, HOWE, VICTORIOUS, INDEFATIGABLE, FORMIDABLE, SPEAKER, BLACK PRINCE, GAMBIA, UNICORN, INDOMITABLE arrived at Sydney.

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Policy

U.776
proposed
visit to
Humber.

Your 041258 June to F.O. (SM). Approved that the Humber should be treated on the same basis as the Mersey as regards U-Boat visit. Reference to Hull in A.M. 012241 should accordingly read Humber.
(2) If part of the time previously allocated to Hull is now allotted to Grimsby, F.O.I.C.Humber should take necessary steps to ensure that adequate press publicity is given to the change in programme.
(Hd. of M.II Approved A.C.N.S.(H), 070332B to C. in C. Nore)

S/M
Situation
Report
discontinued.

On 10th June the daily Admiralty message to home authorities giving S/M situation report for 0800 and movements for next 24 hours will be discontinued.
(2) As from 10th June S/Ms on ocean passage outside combat area are to report their position daily to C. in C. of area repeated in Home Waters to Admiralty. F.O.S/M and Capt. S/M concerned.
(V.C.N.S. 070549B, A.G.M. 879A-B.9)

Trawlers
for Aultbea.

The following Oropesa trawlers are re-allocated to operate under N.O.I.C.Aultbea: ARKWRIGHT, MILFORD QUEEN.
(2) Vessels should be sailed as convenient, N.O.I.C.Aultbea being informed of E.T.A.
(3) Accounts are to be transferred to HELICON.
(D.M.S. 071016B to F.O.I.C.Gt. Yarmouth, WATCHFUL)

Trawlers for
Milford
Haven.

Following is passed for information (quotes Admty. 061850B).
These trawlers will be employed on mine clearance work while awaiting allocation to reconversion ports.
(F.O.I.C. Milford Haven, 071025 to C. in C. W.A.)

Showing the
Flag, German
Ports.

ZEPHYR and P.S. CONRAD arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven, 071202B to C. in C. H.F.)
Arrived 1645 June 7th ZEST and ZODIAC.
(F.O. Kiel Command, 071830B to Admty.)

S/M Unescorted
in Non-
Combat Zone,
Air Commands
advised.

Following from Admiralty (Begins)
British and Allied S/Ms may now be encountered unescorted in the non-combat zone. When on Ocean passage they will normally proceed on the surface but may dive for short periods for exercise. Normal training both on the surface and submerged will also be carried out in the vicinity of S/M bases. When on the surface S/Ms will fly their National Ensign by day and will burn navigation lights by night. Ex-German U-Boats flying an Allied Ensign may also be encountered on the surface unescorted in British Coastal Waters. (Ends.)

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S/M Unescorted in Non-Combat Zone, Air Commands advised. (Contd.) (2) Non-combat zone comprises North Atlantic including Caribbean Sea and Gulf of Mexico, Arctic Ocean, Baltic and North Seas, Mediterranean Black and Red Seas, South Atlantic Ocean East of 74 degs. W. to long. of Cape Town, North and South Pacific East of 82 degs. West. (Air Ministry, 071245B to Coastal Command, Bomber, Fighter and Transport Commands, Air Staff, S.H.A.E.F. (Forward), M.A.A.F., A.H.Q. West Af. A.C.S.E.A.)

F.A.A. Target Duties. Your 062041B (Ships allocated for F.A.A. target duties in Home Waters). Request HAVELOCK, HESPERUS and HIGHLANDER be sailed to Rosyth and that you detail three in No. Frigates for Rosyth and 4 in No. for Greenock. (R.A.N.A.S/N. 071300 to C. in C. W.A.)

Status of Portland Command. I should be grateful for an early indication of Admiralty policy regarding the future of the Command at Portland. From operations point of view, I can see no reason now why it should not revert to a captain in charge in the near future. (C. in C. Portsmouth, 071357B to Admty.) Reply: Admty. 090317B.

Government in Liberated Countries, Naval Representation. Subject is British and U.S. representation with the Governments of liberated countries after dissolution of Combined Command and existing S.H.A.E.F. missions. Para. 1. Cable number 3458 of 31st May from British Chiefs of Staff gave outline of British plans. Plans for Naval representation were left vague.

Request you approach Admiralty and obtain plans for each of the five countries and inform us soonest. Para. 2. Request you also obtain from Comnavu U.S. Naval plans for the five countries. (S.H.A.E.F. 071500B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Minesweepers for Clyde. DHOON GLEN and OSAKO are re-allocated to the Clyde M/S Forces vice BRECON CASTLE and BENJURIE. (2) N.O.I.C. Lowestoft is requested to sail ships to the Clyde as soon as convenient. (3) Accounts are to be transferred to FORTITUDE. (D.M.S. 071526B to N.O.I.C. Lowestoft, MINOS)

Corvettes for Canada. Intend to sail RIMOUSKI and CAMROSE p.m./9th June and LUNENBERG p.m. 11th June to Londonderry for O/R to Canada. My 051127B not to all refers. (C. in C. Plymouth, 071653B to Admty. etc.)

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Policy - Contd.

Dover Command Reduced. The Dover command is to be reduced to the status of a sub-command of the Nore Command on Tues. 10th July, from which date the boundary between the Nore and Portsmouth Commands will be the present Eastern boundary of the Portsmouth command viz. "From Hastings to 50 degs. 38' N. 0 degs. 45' E. thence to 50 degs. 30' N. 0 degs. 55' E. and thence to Treport". F.O.C. Dover's 041115 not to C. in C. Portsmouth refers. (Hd. of M.II Approved by V.C.N.S. 072121B to F.O.C. Dover, C. in C. Nore, C. in C. Portsmouth) Reply from C. in C. Portsmouth, 091306B.

Operations

North Sea

Minesweeping, Dutch Ports. Sailed my 061725 (?refers) (? 061723 intended). (Capt. M/S F.A. 070700B to C. in C. Nore)

U-Boats Hamburg. List (Com. Sandars, Hamburg, 070930B) See Enemy Intelligence.

HALCYON, SPEEDWELL (sweeping in Bight) Your (?191752) N.O.I.C. Cuxhaven and Capt. M/S Force C propose that HALCYON and SPEEDWELL should be operated by N.O.I.C. Cuxhaven who will ask S.O. Fleet M/S to provide additional escort between P.10 and P.15 when required. (S.O. M/F.10, 071040B to C. in C. Nore) Not approved, see 082359.

Air Corridor. Serial No. Sec X 6236 June 6. Your signal A.C.919 June 1 (011020B) Corridor from Lowestoft to Zandvoort noted. Suggest additional U.K. terminal between Felixstowe and the Naze subject to Admiralty clearance and War Office (D.M.T.) confirmation now being obtained. (Air Min. 071110B to Air Staff S.H.A.E.F. Forward)

VINETA, experimental ship. Request instructions as to sailing of SS. VINETA which is a German experimental ship for underwater supersonic equipment. Lying at Brunsbuttelkoog with Scientist Dr. Zietz, staff and crew on board. Could be sailed U.L.C. 4 next week. Craft Assessor Lt. N.S. Reed R.N.V.R. could accompany ship if required. (Com. Hamburg, 071130B to F.O.W.G. Admty. for D.A/S.W.) Admty. decision, 100151B.

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Heligoland
use by
R.A.F.

Air Staff S.H.A.E.F. Forward 041630 being passed.
Installation of an unwatched light-house on
Heligoland under consideration. My X.F. 479/M/1133
7th June to Admiralty refers.

(2) If Admiralty are prepared to forego this require-
ment no Naval objection.

(3) Consider all ammunition (1,300 tons) should be removed and
dumped and all underground magazines, submarine and E-Boat pens
destroyed before island is turned over to R.A.F. unless latter
require them for experimental bombing.

(4) Request early approval for this to be proceeded with.
Your 221715 not to all refers. On receipt of approval estimated
date will be reported.

(A.N.C.X.F. 071240B to S.H.A.E.F.)

U.1405
U.1406
U.1407.

Cr. No. 440. Urdis 031640. A.N.C.X.F. has
directed all three U-Boats be raised. One for
delivery to U.S. Navy.

Ref. 031640. Your 291444 refers. Desire 1 or
more these U-Boats raised for delivery us.

(Com. 12th Fleet, 071359 to Cominch and C.N.O.
Info. A.N.C.X.F. (Main) Comnavtecmiseu, Admty.)

W.D. Note: No trace of 031640 in W.D.

Apparently refers to Walther type U-Boats
scuttled in Denmark area, see 040937B.

Minesweepers,
organisation.

On completion of "Cackle" about 9th June re-
organisation referred to in my X.F. 376/O/1264 of
11th May is to be carried out with following
modifications:

(a) 168 M.S.F. to be amalgamated with 167 M.S.F.

(b) Dutch M.L's 161, 162, 164 and 260 are allocated F.O. Holland.

(c) F.O. Belgium to operate 138 M.S.F. until required by C. in C.
Nore.

(d) F.O. Holland to retain ships of 5th M.L.F. until required by
C. in C. Nore.

(A.N.C.X.F. 071400B to F.O. Holland, F.O. Belgium)

Employment
of German
minesweepers.

German M/S's will provide S.A. escort traffic to
Bremerhaven as soon as channel has been opened and
are also being employed widening the Approach
between No.4 and No.6 Buoys.

(2) German M/S's are also widening the Cuxhaven
channel PN 15 Buoy and the 12 fathom line else-

where the whole length to Hamburg has already been cleared between
navigation mark by M/S's Force C.

(3) On completion of channel clearance to Bremerhaven propose for
approval that the 206th M/S F fitted with G B T and 1 M.L. for
the use of Cmdr. M/S remain based at Cuxhaven for the present
to provide convoy protective escorts and that the remainder of
M/S Force C return Humber with the 21st Trawler group and mobile
base staff.

(Capt. M/S Force C. 071500B to C. in C. Nore)

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Coastal
Fishing
off Germany.

F.O.W.G's 281610/May is being considered but objections on political grounds are likely to be strong.

(2) Request statement of facts in support of requirement.

(Hd. of M. Br. I. 071518B to A.N.C.X.F.)

UBENA,
WANGONI.

Request you will instruct the Admiralty Marshall to retain both the UBENA and WANGONI to be at the disposal of C. in C. Rosyth as accommodation ships.

Any passenger ships arriving subsequently should also be held. Arrangements for release of passenger ships to the M.O.W.T. should not be made until it is certain all M.V. crews can be accommodated afloat and shipped back to Germany. (C. in C. Rosyth, 071518B to N.O.I.C. Methil)

Dutch
Approach
Channels.

Your 041006. C. in C. Nore's 525/5/45 of 11th May provided for a continuance of enemy mining.

(2) My 021812 is confirmed. Thus you are now responsible for Dutch Coastal and Approach Channels from Flushing to Den Helder including Q.Z.S.722.

(3) Responsibilities northwards from Den Helder will be communicated in due course.

(A.N.C.X.F. 071546B to F.O.Holland)

Situation
Reports.

Sitrep No.25.

First supply ship FORT GIBRALTAR has arrived. (Xcomburg (sic), 071836B to F.O.W.G., A.N.C.X.F. Admt. D. of S.T.)

Cositintrep No.429.

Part II Naval.

(1) The port of Den Helder is open to routine traffic.

(2) M/S Operation to open Dutch Coastal Channel and Approach Channels to ports of Rotterdam, Ijmuiden and Den Helder have been completed.

(Burrough, 072350B)

Use of
German M/S
to protect
Heligoland
Bight
traffic.

This encyphers my 071925B, your 032252 answered by paragraph as follows.

Para. A. German M/S can be used.

Para. B. Yes if sufficient supply of gear is made available. Only 18 instruments here. Understand that Cuxhaven has stock of them.

Para. C. This can be done through me.

C.T.G.126.5 and Capt. Minesweeping Force C have for information.

Admiralty hold for information and pass to VERNON and M/S 10 for information.

(C.T.F.126, 071927B to A.N.C.X.F.)

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Channel

Royal Visit to Channel Islands. Arrived St. Helier. (JAMAICA, 071047B to C. in C. Portsmouth) Royal Party have disembarked. (2) Intend remaining off St. Helier until confirmation that party will proceed by Air to Guernsey. (3) Thereafter intend proceeding St. Peter's Port and remaining there until confirmation party will return by Air to U.K. (JAMAICA, 071058B to C. in C. Portsmouth) My 071058/ E.T.A. St. Peter's Port 1415. Intend sailing 1715. E.T.A. Needles 2130. Request berth buoy up harbour tonight. (JAMAICA, 071330B to C. in C. Portsmouth) / Royal Party have disembarked.

Arromanches Memorial Service 6/6. Ceremony at Arromanches yesterday commemorating D Day was attended by H.E. British Ambassador and Lady Diana Duff Cooper, General Le Gentilhomme, commanding French Troops in the district, Admiral Lemonnier and many other distinguished visitors. A large company of local population watched ceremony from the cliffs. (2) H.E. requests that you will convey to the C. in C. Portsmouth his admiration for the remarkably smart turn out of R.N. contingent from Portsmouth Command. The bearing and drill of these officers and men put the finishing touch to what was a memorable occasion. H.E. is most grateful to C. in C. Portsmouth and all who must have taken great trouble to perfect arrangements. (N.A. Paris, 071306B to Admty.) Passed to C. in C. Portsmouth (Admty. 090318B)

Standard Coastal Route, N.W. French Coast. (1) Marine Paris has requested promulgation of a standard coastal route for trawlers and other small ships navigating between French Ports and in the Necri area. A large part of the coast is already covered by searched channels and recognized routes but within Plymouth Command there are two gaps (A) Cherbourg to Q.Z.S. 572 and (B) Q.Z.S. 617 to Spanish Border. French authorities prefer that (A) pass by way of Race of Alderney and (B) by Raz De Sein. In regard to (B) they propose:

(M)	48.14.12 N.	05.00.00 W.	(N)	48.02.30 N.	04.47.00 W.
(O)	47.48.00 N.	04.28.30 W.	(P)	47.35.30 N.	04.02.00 W.
(Q)	47.32.30 N.	03.37 00 W.	(R)	47.15.00 N.	03.14.00 W.
(S)	47.02.00 N.	02.47.30 W.	(T)	46.38.30 N.	02.28.30 W.
(U)	46.31.00 N.	02.00.00 W.	(V)	46.10.00 N.	01.46.30 W.
(W)	45.38 00 N.	01.50.00 W.	(X)	44.34.00 N.	01.37.00 W.
(Y)	43.37.00 N.	01.37.00 W.			

(2) Request your remarks. Urdis 191849B May not to all refers. (C.T.F.122, 071603B to C. in C. Plymouth)(Reply 101434B)

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ROSELYS,
RENONCULE,
ACONIT.

(1) Requested that three corvettes, ROSELYS, RENONCULE, and ACONIT, may call and be assembled at Plymouth on way to Cherbourg.

(2) Also requested that anticipated date of departure from Plymouth be made known to F.N.G.B. in view of inspection of ships before leaving U.K. Marine Paris 281815Z/5 to A.N.C.X.F. refers. (F.N.G.B. 071800B to C. in C. Plymouth)

Channel
Islands
Situation
Report.

Cositintrep 429, Force 135 Period ending 1900B/7th June at St. Peter Port.

(3) B. King and Queen visited Jersey and Guernsey 7th June.

E. Alderney. 322 mines lifted. 50% mined charges now removed from pier. Guernsey. 1053 mines lifted 6th June. Jersey. 1126 mines

lifted 5th June.
(H.Q. Force 135, 071901B)

Operations

Western Approaches

DACRES,
ROWLEY
investing
old U-Boat
bottom con-
tacts.

If nothing found by 0800 to-day return to Milford Haven. Your 062242B refers. (C. in C. W.A. 070046B to DACRES)

Escort Groups
discontinued.

E.G's 5, 8, 10, 14, 17, 19 and 21 are disbanded. (C. in C. W.A. 071004B to Cdre. D. W.A. Capt. D. Liverpool, Capt. D. Greenock, Capt. D. Belfast)

11th M/S.F.

Cancel my 291015. M.S.11 in LIONESS has resumed S.O. of 11th M.S.F.)

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Norway.

16th M.S.F. Ref. Admty. 051631*.
Request destination to which ships of 16th M.S.F. are to be sailed.
(N.O.I.C. Kristiansand 071228B to F.O. Norway.)
* 16th M.S.F. required for an opn. in Nore Command.

Return of King Haakon to Norway. Your 031011B June arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Oslo 071235B to C. in C. H.F.)

U-Boats from Norway. Admiralty's 241710 May. All serviceable U-Boats have been sailed to U.K. from Norway except U.2511 and U.2506 departing Bergen 14th June.
(2) 7 unserviceable U-Boats remain. F.O. Norway's 011026 not to all refers.
(C. in C. Rosyth 071436B to Admty.)

Norwegian fishing. Enquiries are being received from Norwegian Fishery Authorities in regard to fishing restrictions in the Shetland and Faroes area, also whether fishing boats may call at ports in Shetlands and Faroes. Information also required whether any restrictions in Tampen are due to danger from mines. Request required information may be communicated by signal as early as possible.
(F.O. Norway, 071720 to Admty.)

Situation Report. Cositintrep 427, Scofor part 4 section C. Period ending 051200B.
Para. 3. Sub-para. A. "Apostle" Admin. Units from 21 Army Group arrived.
Sub-para. B. Mines lifted Tromso zone to 3rd June 108100.
(Scofor Main, 071815B.)

Operations.

Northern Waters.

British Mission, Moscow. Admiral Egerton has assumed duty as Head of B.N. Mission Moscow, vice Admiral Archer.
(2) Admiralty pass to addressees outside Russia.
(Head of B.N.M. Moscow, 070001 to Admty.)
W.D. Note - Rear Admiral H.J. Egerton, Rear Admiral E.R. Archer.

N.C.S.Os. N. With resumption of independent sailings it appears desirable to clarify the responsibilities of N.C.S.Os. in North Russia.
(2) S.B.N.O. North Russia continues to be responsible to Admiralty for operational matters in

/North...

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Northern Waters.

N.C.S.Os. North Russian waters.
N. Russia (3) S.B.N.O. Archangel is similarly responsible
respon- to S.B.N.O. North Russia for White Sea area.
sibilities. (4) Approach and coastal routes as well as any
(Contd.) necessary diversions in Russian waters are
primarily the responsibility of the Russian Naval
Authorities who should be assumed to be the local
naval authority.
(5) S.B.N.Os. will maintain close liaison with Russian Naval
Authorities and will issue such instructions as may be necessary.
N.C.S.Os. are on the staff of S.B.N.Os. and will maintain close
liaison with Russian convoy officers and advise S.B.N.Os. as
necessary.
(6) N.C.S.Os. will keep the Russian naval authorities as well as
S.B.N.Os. closely informed of all intended sailings and expected
arrivals with routes. Russian naval authorities only require
routes of longitude 20° E.
(7) Subject to above N.C.S.Os. will carry out their duties as
laid down.
(8) In the event of S.B.N.Os. being withdrawn N.C.S.O. will
assume full responsibility.
(S.B.N.O. N. Russia 071124B to S.B.N.O. Murmansk, S.B.N.O.
Archangel, Info. Admiral Egerton, Admty.)

CASSANDRA, C. in C. H.F. is requested to sail one destroyer to
escort by Kola to provide escort for CASSANDRA to U.K.
ONSLAUGHT. (2) CASSANDRA is to await arrival of escort.
(3) Destination Rosyth. S.B.N.O. N. Russia 051904
refers.
(A.C.N.S.(H) 071708 to C. in C. H.F. Afloat, S.B.N.O.
N. Russia, CASSANDRA, Com. (D) H.F.)
(1) Admiralty 071708. Com. (D) H.F. is requested to sail
ONSLAUGHT to Kola Inlet forthwith (route).
(2) Speed made good 17 knots weather permitting.
(3) S.B.N.O. N. Russia is requested to arrange for ONSLAUGHT
to fuel on arrival and to sail when ready with CASSANDRA to U.K.
by reverse of route in para. 1.
(C. in C. H.F., 071729B to S.B.N.O. N. Russia, Com. (D) H.F.)
Scapa departure ONSLAUGHT to comply with C. in C. H.F.
Afloat's 071729.
(C. in C. H.F., 072010.)
A.M. 071708. CASSANDRA will not now be ready before
Wednesday 13th June.
(S.B.N.O. N. Russia, 072104B to Admty.)

Kola Inlet, New approach routes under consideration. A.M.
navigation. 051638 refers. Meanwhile no amendment of Q.Z.S.
705 necessary. Further signal will be made.
Request S.B.N.O. Murmansk's 040915 be considered
cancelled.
(S.B.N.O. N. Russia, 071823B to Admty.)

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Baltic.

Co-ordination of Inter-rogation and Technical Units. Further to my 141515 May. Numbers of officers of all departments are still arriving to carry on investigations started by the first team of O.K.M.I.T.U. (2) These later arrivals are often unheralded, nearly always without transport and without interpreters. Their investigations also appear to be unco-ordinated with those of the original team, and considerable duplication is taking place, which is having an adverse effect on the German personnel under interrogation. (3) In order to ensure proper co-ordination, it is requested that the following instructions be complied with by all agencies carrying out investigations at O.K.M. and the experimental establishments at Eckernfoerde and Walterwerke (Holtenu):-

- (a) Requests for visits be made by signal addressed A.N.C.X.F. (O.K.M.) repeated A.N.C.X.F. (Main), F.O.I.C. Kiel and other appropriate addressees, at least 48 hours notice of arrival being given.
- (b) Officers to be accompanied by their own interpreters when required. Note: 4 experienced interrogating officers will be available at O.K.M.
- (c) On arrival, officers are to report to Capt. Maud in liner PATRIA under whose orders they will remain so long as they are in the area.
- (d) Brief details of any interrogations or investigations carried out to be lodged with Captain Hale before the investigator leaves the area to avoid duplication referred to in para. 2.

(4) The transport available is largely German on which restrictions of movement have been placed by Military authorities. Officers requiring transport over long distances should make arrangements to provide their own. (A.N.C.X.F. 071739B, as amended 091842B to Admty., Commaveu.)

Kiel Sit. Report. Situation at 2100 Friday 7th June, 1945. ZEST and ZODIAC arrived p.m. Discharge of war material from ships in Kiel proceeding. This includes material from torpedo Kommando Ost, evacuated from Eastern Baltic. Depth charges are being concentrated at Jagersburg Depot, and will be turned over to Army for demolition. Sperrwaffen Inspektion at Trappenhamp investigated with a view to its operation on a minimum scale for disposal of mining material and provision of minsweeping requirements. Arrangement concluded for control of fishing at Kiel and Travemunde. (F.O.I.C. Kiel, 072358B to A.N.C.X.F.)

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Enemy Intelligence.

U-Boats
Hamburg.

Following completed U-Boats are at Hamburg. Total numbers considered accurate but some serial numbers doubtful.

U. 747, U. 2332, U. 2370, U. 2504*, U. 2505, U. 3004, U. 3502, U. 3506 all scuttled. Also two type VII hulls afloat.

Following numbers on Admiralty List of untraced U-Boats also at Hamburg U. 677, U. 906, U. 982 all sunk by air raids. U. 2327, U. 2501 scuttled and U. 2371 scuttled incomplete. Also U. 3525 was apparently sunk by air raid.

(Com. Sandars, Hamburg, 070930B to O.K.M., Capt. Hale.)

* Check of U. 2504 requested (D.D.I.C., 121746B.)

Casualties & Defects.

EMPIRE HARRY,
grounding.

Following received from Niton Radio.

Intercept 062312Z 500 k/cs (begins)

S.O.S. from tug EMPIRE HARRY. Tug EMPIRE HARRY with tow ashore off Bolt Head, requires immediate assistance, (ends). Controlling Station.

(C. in C. Portsmouth, 070112.)

My 071115B. Further attempts abandoned owing to deterioration in conditions. EMPIRE HARRY now pounding badly and considered lost. Barges beached. Returning Plymouth E.T.A. 1700. (KINGSTON ANDALUSITE 071520B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

SLEMMESTAD
mined.

A mine exploded astern of M.V. SLEMMESTAD in position 170° Lizard Head 10 miles at 1110Z/17th June.

(2) Mine presumed to be of Q.Z.S. 1600.

(C. in C. Plymouth 071803B to Admty.)

Movements.

CONVOLVULUS,
corvette.

CONVOLVULUS inspected and passed into category C reserve on June 6th, 1945.

(CONVOLVULUS, 070710 to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

KEATS,
U. 875.

Your 042106B (KEATS escorting 1200 ton U-Boat U. 875) arrived.

(Cdre. (D) W.A., 070742 to C. in C. H.F.)

U. 1057,
U. 1307,
U. 991,
U. 1271,
U. 1301.

U. 1057, 1307, 991, 1271 and 1301 with escorts AYLMER, TYLER and BLIGH arrived.

(N.O.I.C. Stranraer, 070853B to C. in C. H.F.)

Arrived S.O.E.G. 5 in AYLMER with BLIGH in company C. in C. HF. ashore 042042B para. 2 refers. (F.O.I.C. N.I., 071030 to C. in C. W.A.)

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WILTON,
destroyer. Intend to sail WILTON to arrive Plymouth a.m. 12th to give leave and adjust complement before proceeding for refit abroad.
(D.21, 071455B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

RUBIS,
CURIE. Intend to sail French submarines RUBIS and CURIE at 1800/8 to Plymouth, E.T.A. 1800/11. (route and communications.)
(3) Admty. 021854 June and F.N.G.B's 051830 June neither to allrefer.
(4) C. in C. Plymouth is requested to sail RUBIS to Falmouth to comply with Admty. 062358.
(5) Request Admiralty divert mails, RUBIS to Gibraltar, CURIE to Plymouth.
(AMBROSE, 071455B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

FENNEL,
AUBRETIA,
STARWORT,
PENNYWORT,
DIANELLA. My 051613 June not to all.
Laying up port for FENNEL, AUBRETIA, STARWORT, PENNYWORT and DIANELLA will be Londonderry.
Request ships be sailed accordingly on completion of reduction.
F.O.I.C. N.I. 061540 not to all refers.
(F.O.C.R.F., 071459B to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

U. 776,
from London. U. 776 arrived Southampton 1410B/7.
(F.O.I.C. Southampton 071510B to F.O.I.C. London.)

Canadian frigates and corvettes for reserve. Ships addressed are to report to C.N.M.O. (R) H.M.C.S. NIOBE estimated dates on which they will complete reduction to reserve and handing over to R.N.
(C.N.M.O., 071545B to H.M.C.S. LOCH ALVIE, MONNOW, NENE, RIBBLE, LOCH MORLICH, LOCH ACHANALT, ANNAN, LOCKEPORT, INGONISH, TOWY, FENNEL, HEPATICA, TRILLIUM, EYEBRIGHT, ARROWHEAD, BITTERSWEET, SNOWBERRY.)

CALDWELL. Tug KING GEORGE V, 192 tons, 9 knots, towing destroyer sailed for Granton.
(N.C.S.O. N. Shields, 071610 to N.C.S.O. Leith.)

ASTURIAS. Arrived ASTURIAS in tow of GROWLER and REWARD escort by WOODRUFF.
(F.O.I.C. N.I., 071725B to Admty., C. in C. W.A.)

FAULKNOR for reserve. Your 061751 (escorts in Plymouth Command not previously reported available for reduction.) Request FAULKNOR may be sailed to Dartmouth for laying up in category B when released.
(F.O.C.R.F., 071753B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

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<p>ANTIGUA, ANGUILLA, ASCENSION, MOORSOM, REDMILL, BRIDLINGTON, BRIDPORT, KEPPEL, WESTCOTT.</p>	<p>Your O62046 not to all. Request ANTIGUA, ANGUILLA and ASCENSION may be sailed to Dartmouth, and MOORSOM and REDMILL to Harwich for laying up in category B.</p> <p>(2) Request BRIDLINGTON and BRIDPORT be de-ammunitioned and land armament stores at Liverpool or as convenient and then be sailed to Preston for reduction to category C. Proceeding to Milford Haven with minimum passage crew and stores on completion.</p> <p>(3) Request KEPPEL and WESTCOTT reduce to category C at Faslane proceeding Barrow with minimum passage crew and stores on completion. (F.O.C.R.F., 071757B to C. in C. W.A.)</p>
<p>WALDEGRAVE, IMPULSIVE.</p>	<p>Capt. (D) Portsmouth 061200 and A.M. 062205 neither to all, laying up port for WALDEGRAVE and IMPULSIVE is Harwich.</p> <p>(2) Request ships may be sailed accordingly when released. (F.O.C.R.F., 071805B to C. in C. Portsmouth.)</p>
<p>TONKINOIS, CROIX DE LORRAINE, L'ESCARMOUCHE.</p>	<p>Intend sailing TONKINOIS (S.O.), CROIX DE LORRAINE and L'ESCARMOUCHE to Cherbourg passing Spithead Gate 2330B/8th. (2) (Route). (3) (Communications.) (4) Main to Cherbourg. (5) A.M. 260404B May Marine Paris 271300Z May and F.N.G.B. 021315B (none to all) refer. (6) Ships addressed acknowledge and sail to comply. (C. in C. Portsmouth, 071818B to Marine Paris, Premar Cherbourg, C.T.G. 122.2, TONKINOIS, CROIX DE LORRAINE, L'ESCARMOUCHE.)</p>
<p>L'AVENTURE, LA SURPRISE, LA DECOUVERTE.</p>	<p>Intend sailing L'AVENTURE S.O., LA SURPRISE and LA DECOUVERTE to Brest passing Spithead Gate 1500B/8. (2) (Route). (3) (Communications). (4) Mails to Brest. (5) A.M. 260404B May Marine Paris 271300Z and F.N.G.B. 021315B none to all refer. (6) Ships addressed acknowledge and sail to comply. (C. in C. Portsmouth, 071819B, 081141B to Marine Paris, Premar Brest, L'AVENTURE, LA SURPRISE, LA DECOUVERTE.)</p>
<p>ICARUS, BRILLIANT, MORPETH CASTLE, BRIDGEWATER, SHIKARI, SARDONYX.</p>	<p>Admiralty's 052004 not to all.</p> <p>A. Propose ICARUS, BRILLIANT and MORPETH CASTLE proceed Holy Loch when available.</p> <p>B. On arrival inspect and decide what armament should be removed and other alterations required. Then discharge surplus personnel to depots.</p> <p>C. Ships then to be taken in hand for removal of armament and fitting of torpedo chocks and davits.</p>

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ICARUS, D. It will not be possible to release BRIDGEWATER,
BRILLIANT, SHIKARI and SARDONYX to reserve till this has been
MORPETH CASTLE, completed.
BRIDGEWATER, E. Request preliminary arrangements for work in
SHIKARI, para. C to be undertaken.
SARDONYX. (Submarine 3, 071825B, 080944B to F.O. S/M, C. in
(Contd.) C. W.A., F.O.C.R.F., etc.)
Concur (F.O. S/M 081841B.)

U. 3041, Arrived MONTSERRAT and U-Boats 3041, 2513, 2518,
U. 2513, 3017.
U. 2518, (Cmdre. (D) W.A., 072040B to C. in C. Rosyth.)
U. 3017.

KEMPTHORNE, U. 3514 in company. Position at 2000B 58° 40' with
U. 3514. 04° 58' W. E.T.A. Lough Foyle Buoy 1730/8 (June?)
(KEMPTHORNE 072055 to C. in C. Rosyth.)

BERWICK, (1) My 051903. BERWICK take ZEBRA under your
ZEBRA. orders and leave Rosyth passing Oxcars at 0730B
Saturday 9th June. Proceed by normal route, speed
made good 20 knots to Greenock arriving Clyde Gate
at 1400B/10 June.
(2) F.C.I.C. Greenock is requested to arrange supply of 600 tons
oil fuel and 20 tons diesel to BERWICK and about 140 tons oil fuel
to ZEBRA on arrival.
(3) Admiralty divert mails for BERWICK and ZEBRA to Greenock
until further notice.
(C. in C. H.F., 072242B to BERWICK.)

Shipping & Convoys.

R.N./N.R. My 131647 May and 021718 June.
convoys. Intend to institute a weekly R.N./N.R. convoy cycle
commencing with R.N. 6 on Wed. 13th June.
(2) Methil and Kristiansand (S) to be assembly
and dispersal ports.
(3) Speed 8 knots.
(4) R.N. convoys with one escort to sail from Methil a.m. on
Wednesdays - arriving Kristiansand p.m. on Fridays. N.R. convoys
with two escorts to sail from Kristiansand a.m. on Saturdays -
arriving Methil p.m. on Mondays.
(5) The second escort for N.R. convoys is provided for as in my
071213 (not to all addressees.)
(6) F.O. Denmark is requested to co-ordinate sailings of German
M/Vs with escorts as in my 061907 (not to all addressees) to
arrive Kristiansand in time to join an N.R. convoy.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 071558B to Admty., etc.)

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North Atlantic

Operation
"Green"
Support

✓ Cancel my 062200.
(Admiralty D.C., 070747B to F.O.G.M.A.)

Re Sailing
of VAMPIRE

Your 051130* para. 2, approved.
(D.O.D.(F), 071216B to F.O.G.M.A.)
*Proposed sailing VAMPIRE in company with HYDERABAD,
to Portsmouth.

M.M.S.
for U.K.

Request you will sail M.M.S. 1058, 1059, 1067 to
Plymouth for onward routing to North Shields.
(2) Your 051444Z and F.O.G.M.A.'s 061119B not
to all addressees refer.
(D.M.S., 071739B to S.B.N.O. Azores.)

South Atlantic

Trawlers

Intend to sail INKPEN, YESTOR and DUNCTON in
company for Gibraltar at 0600Z June 8th.
E.T.A. Gibraltar, 0600Z June 17.
(Comar Dakar, 071538Z to F.O.G.M.A.)

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Movement 6th June 1945. Arrival H.M.S. AURORA (?I)
M.S. ^{FL ABIRA} FAWZIA.
(S.O.(1) Beirut, 070853C to Admty.)

SS. NEW BERN VICTORY, (mined) Odessa reported NEW BERN VICTORY struck drifting mine at 1400 June 4th in Odessa Channel 6 miles from Port during heavy squall. Vessel damaged with hole approximately (?5) metres square port side number 2 hold, which has 13 feet water.
(2) Ship returned Odessa and berthed.
(3) No casualties.
(4) Divers inspection revealed damage lower hull which is quite impossible to repair without dry docking. W.S.A. Istanbul investigating, possibilities of dry dock at Istanbul or Constanza.
(C.S.A. Istanbul, 071002C to Admty, C. in C. Med.)

Re transfer of P.Cs; S.Cs. and Harbour M.La. / B.A.D. Washington's 052001Z being passed to non-holders. Request your remarks on proposed transfer taking into account reduced commitments for South France Escorts vide Med. Station B.631 and Casablanca requirements. Your 011738*refers. None to all.
(C. in C. Med., 071058B to A.L.M., Comnavaw.)
See 091210Z.
* French Naval Mission requested approval for the transfer of 12 P.Cs. 16 S.C. and six harbour motor launches.

Italian shipping (seizure of) / Your 021146 para. 4. Seizing of Italian ships is not understood, observing that Para. 1 of F.A.N. 463 provides that they are to be handed over to the Italians pending the final settlement with Italy.
(P.A.S.(L) 071202B to C. in C. Med.) Reply 131713.

Levant Sitrep to 0900 hrs. 7th June. GO/19398 cipher 7th June. 048968.
One. Towns. Damascus Aleppo Homs open quiet.
Hama partly open quiet.
Two. Deir Ez Zor. Civ. hospital report civ. casualties during period of disorders killed 76, wounded approx. 200.
Three. 6 June Brit. coln. despatched Palmyra Deir Ez Zor Raqqa. Task to examine situation in co-operation with civilian authorities and restore order if necessary. Also to report on tribal movements.
(C. in C. Med., 071340C to W.O.)

F.S. TIGRE escort for "GLOIRE" F.S. TIGRE sail to Casablanca 1200 June 9th.
(2) 22.
(4) E.T.A.(R) E.T.A. 1700 June 10th.
(Comar Alger, 071715B to F.S. TIGRE.)

/S.N.O. ...

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S.N.O. (A) / On sailing in AURORA at 1700C 7th June ARETHUSA
at will take over as S.N.O.(A) at Beirut. He is in
Beirut touch with C. in C. Middle East.
(2) Request ARETHUSA may be included in address
of all signals concerning movements of ships in
Levant.
(F.O.L.E.M., 071720C to C. in C. Mediterranean)
Cancelled by 080700C.

A/A Sloops / HIND and PELICAN are reallocated to B.P.F.
for (2) When ready after completion of refit, request
B.P.F. ships may be sailed accordingly.
(D.O.D.(F), 071757B to C. in C. Med., C. in C.
B.P.F.) See 111313.

ANEMONE C. in C. Med.'s 051109 not to all. ANEMONE will
Corvette pay off into Reserve Category "C".
(2) First destination in U.K. - Chatham.
(D.O.D.(H), 072340B to C. in C. Med.) ANEMONE
has extensive defects, would take about 3 months to
repair, intend to sail to U.K. Request
destination.

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East Indies

S/M report.

From BELA. Position 9 R 44 N., 71 R 42 E.
sighted submarine. From SAMPHIRE.
(Colombo W/T, No T.O.O./7 to Admty.)

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U/B sighting report. AG/BC 915 7th June. Text of signal addressed to Lagens Anchesner Argentia from Gander reads - B.24 No. 451626 sighted large tanker refuelling submarine, no flags showing on either vessel. Position 43° 27' N., 38° 46' W. at 1405/6th June position is plus or minus 15 miles. Course of vessels was 255° true. Navy at Argentia has been notified. Ops. from Ops. signed C.O. A.A.F.B.U. 062338Z. Message ends. (247 Group, 070147Z to H.Q.C.C.)
Following passed for information.
Transit aircraft reported sighting tanker fuelling submarine in 43.27 N., 38.46 W. steering 255° at 1405Z/6.
(C. in C. W.A., 071603B to B.1 E.G.)

A/S training submarines. My 211354/5 and N.S.H.Q. 042142/6 UNRUFFLED and UNITED should proceed on cruise to Caribbean during inactive period of working-up at Bermuda if you have no other plans in mind I fully concur. Request very early reply. (S.B.N.O.W.At., 071457Z to F.O. Submarines.)

Movement. Departing Esquimalt 1900Z/9th June, 1945.
(A) H.M.S. FLAMBOROUGH HEAD, Escort Maintenance Vessel. ^{Francisco}
(B) San ~~Vranco~~ ^{Francisco} to California, E.T.A. 1200Z/13th June for onward routeing.
(C) Route to San Francisco, S. of A. 10 knots.
(C.O.P.C., 071709Z to C.W.S.F.)
Cancelled by 081743Z (delayed 48 hours by defects).

Re F.S. LORRAINE to Toulon. My 030015 and A.M. 032106. Cominch concurrence now received and F.N.M. and Navy Department informed of C.C.S. approval. Admty. pass to N.A. Paris.
(B.A.D., 071827 to Admty.)

Movement. Departed Bermuda 1730Z UPRIGHT and H.M.C.S. UNGAVA for Digby N.S. and H.M.C.S. OWEN SOUND for Halifax.
(S.B.N.O.W.At., 071919Z to Admty.)

SEAWOLF (A/S training submarine) Departure SEAWOLF escorted by H.M.C.S. QUINTE. (N.O.I.C. Digby Area, 072105Z to Cominch.)

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Far East and Australia

Command of K.G.V. Following is a re-encypherment of my 070216 begins: Captain B.B. Schofield, Royal Navy has assumed command of KING GEORGE V from today 7th June, 1945. D.T.G. 070216Z. Ends. (KING GEORGE V, 070413Z to Admty.)

Monrads. Your 032132 June, para. 2. Requirement confirmed. Para. 2. V.A.(Q) is requested to take action on para. 3. (C. in C. B.P.F., 070531Z to Admty.)

Aircraft for E.I. and B.P.F. A.M. 021711B June (Ad. - C. in C. Med.) After discussion with Mr. Murray of Blackburns it is considered that the work of fitting up Barracuda wings is beyond the capacity of any organisation at present existing in Australia unless a special working party complete with all the necessary tools and equipment could be supplied. (2) Confirmation is therefore requested that modified Barracuda wings will be supplied completely equipped with all electric wiring controls and tanks in (corrupt group) and piped up and that the necessary equipment and instructions for setting ailerons will be made available. (F.O.N.A.S.(A), 070903Z to Admty., (R) C. in C. Med.)

Digest 1233 6th June. (Extract). (1) Planes from Clark Field hit trucks, dock and derrick south-west Hainan, sank one small coaster, fired one submarine chaser, damaged one junk Formosa. (2) Liberator from Mindoro sank one large junk. Previous day Liberators struck small shipping Vinh* (northern French Indo-China) destroying three small coasters leaving two others burning, firing ship-yards and hangar. (4) Three Liberators sank one small freighter transport, probably sank another Yangtse river, started fire Shanghai airfield area. (9) 2 Liberators with 2 tons sank 2 small coasters, damaged 6 others Bandjermasin. (10) Allied submarines reported one heavy cruiser, one destroyer arrived Batavia afternoon 5th June photographs Sourabaya taken 4th June by R.A.A.F. Mosquito show one destroyer, three destroyer escorts, 2 OTORI class torpedo boats, 2 submarine chasers, 1 submarine, 1 minelayer, 1 large 2 small freighter transports, 30 sea trucks and small coasters in harbour; 1 destroyer, 1 minelayer, 1 small tanker in floating dry docks, 2 naval vessels, 1 submarine, 43 small merchantmen totalling 17,500 tons on Sourabaya Strait. (14) R.A.A.F. operations for 4th June. 4 Catalinas laid mines in enemy waters. (G.H.Q.S.W.P.A., 071020 to Admty.)
* As received.

Organisation/ A/C, B.P.F. (D.N.A.O. approved 5th Sea Lord, 071553B to C. in C. B.P.F., V.A.(Q), etc.)
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*Organisation
B7c BPF*

071553B/Junc.

To. C. in C. B.P.F.
Info. V.A.(Q)
F.O.N.A.S.(A)
A.C.I. ✓
C. in C. E.I.
F.O. Air E.I.
A.C.II. ✓

Date. 7.6.45.

C.C.M. NAVAL F.O's (SECRET).

From. Admiralty.

✓ BASEGRAM.

Your 120714 May para.3.

Planning to provide the squadrons to form Carrier Air Groups as follows. Note slight changes made from those forecast in A.M. 181953 April.

ILLUSTRIOUS Class. 3 ships. 6 Air Groups of 30 Corsair,
15 Avenger each.

1	1834	1836	849
2	1841	1842	848
3	1843	1845	854
4	1853	1857	846
5	1832	1858	852
6	1830	882	853

IMPLACABLE Class. 2 ships. 4 Air Groups of 48 Seafire,
15 Avenger, 12 Firefly each.

7	887	894	820	1770
8	801	880	828	1771
9	802	899	851	1773
10	883	1833	856	1775

INDOMITABLE class. 1 ship. 2 Air Groups of 48 Helicat,
15 Avenger, 12 Firefly each.

11	1839	1844	857	1772
12	885	881	845	1774

COLOSSUS Class. 4 ships. 6 Air Groups of 21 Corsair,
12 Barracuda each.

13	1846	827
14	1850	812
15	1851	814
16	1831	837
17	1835	824
18	1852	822

/COLOSSUS Class.

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COLOSSUS class. After first 5 ships, Groups of 21
O.P.P. are exempted from this rule.)
Seafire, 12 Barracudas.

19	803	825
20	805	816
21	806	817
22	884	818

Composition of subsequent groups to match carrier requirements will be promulgated in due course. It is planned to equip OCEAN with night fighters.

2. C.A.Gs number 1, 2, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14, 15, and 16 are already formed.

C.A.Gs number 3 and 5 to be formed by F.O.N.A.S. (A) and forecast to be available by August and November, 1945 respectively.

Squadrons for the remaining C.A.Gs are planned to form under different Administrative Authorities, and the following programme gives an indication of when the groups should be available.

<u>Air Group</u>	<u>Squadrons</u>	<u>Forms</u>	<u>Ready to leave for B.P.F.</u>	<u>Approx. date ready in B.P.F.</u>
4	1853 1837 846	U.K.	Adjusted to ILLUSTRIOUS programme	
6	1830 882 853	U.K. Ceylon Australia	1/46 About 1/12/45. 11/45 ex U.K.	4/46 2/46 3/46
9	802 899 851 1773	U.K. Australia Australia U.K.	9/45 9/45 11/45	11/45 11/45 11/45 1/46
10	883 1833 856 1775	U.K. U.K. Australia U.K.	2/46 2/46 12/45 ex U.K. 2/46	4/46 4/46 4/46 4/46
12	885 881 845 1774	Australia South Africa Australia U.K.	9/45 9/45 1/46	10/45 10/45 11/45 3/46
17	1835 824	U.K. Ceylon	8/45 9/45	10/45 10/45
18	1852 822	U.K. U.K.	8/45 8/45	10/45 10/45

19 onwards are planned to form in U.K. to match the general expansion programme.

Notes: ...

Notes: 882 Squadron will re-equip with Corsair in Ceylon.
1833 Squadron will re-equip with Seafire in U.K.
853 and 856 Avenger Squadrons will form in Australia
with trained squadrons' personnel sent from U.K.

The working up of Firefly squadrons will be pressed on
as much as possible to advance the dates shown.

3. Night Fighter Squadrons are not yet allocated to
Carrier Air Groups. 1790 N.F. Firefly Squadron will leave U.K.
in early July.

4. Note that no provision has been made for a C.A.P. fighter
squadron in place of 885 Squadron. Hellcat assignments will
not allow a higher F.A.E. to be supported. If INCOMITABLE
cannot accommodate all the aircraft of her planned group,
you may consider reforming 1840 Squadron with 8 F.A.E. by
reducing by 4 the Hellcat F.A.E. of numbers 11 and 12 Air Groups.

5. Planning is to provide 50% overbearing of aircrews. This
cannot be achieved throughout before mid 1946. All above
will be overborne 25% by the dates shown.

071553B

D.N.A.O.
(Tel. No. 181)
Approved 5th Sea Lord.

1st Lord
1st S.L. (3)
D.F.S.L. (2)
2nd S.L.
3rd S.L.
4th S.L.
5th S.L.
V.C.N.S.
Vice Contr.
A.C.N.S. (F)
A.C.N.S. (H)
A.C.N.S. (A) (2)
A.C.N.S. (W)
A.C.N.S. (UT) (2)
Nav. Sec.
Sec.
Dep. Sec.
Parl. Sec.
P.A.S. (S)
D.O.D. (F) (2)
D.O.D. (H) (1)
D.C.
D.D.I.C. (2)
D.N.I. (4)

D.C.N.A.E.
D.N.A.O. (6) (A.O.D. 137/45)
D.A.W.T.
D.A.C.R.
Hd. of Air Br.
D.A.S.W.
D.A.U.D.
D. of P. (2)
D. of P. (Q) (3)
Hd. of M. (5)
Ad. Blake
W.D.
N.A. 2 S.L. (A)
A.C.N.P.
D. of M.
Hd. of C.W.
Hd. of N.
E.A.P.
D. of S. (3)
D.T.S.D.
D.A.M.R.
D.N.A.R. (3)
L.A.S. (L)
D.N.C.

D.A.E.
D.N.D.P. (MAP)
D. of D.
Dep. Contr.
D. of D.
D.A.S.
D.N.O.
C.I.N.O.
Hd. S.W.R. (3)

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- North Sea. / 1(a) Vessels can now be accepted at Ghent.
(b) A channel six cables wide has been cleared from No.4 buoy to Bremerhaven, and it is considered that this can now be open to normal traffic.
- Western Approaches. / 2. Escort Group B.2 is disbanded.
- Northern Waters. / 3. At 0930 the A/S whaler SEALYHAM, S.O's ship with Convoy R.U. (Naval) 6, then in 59.20 N. 07.40 W. north-west of Scotland, reported that the drifter BROADLAND had been abandoned and sunk by gunfire. The crew were taken on board the trawler STORA.
- Baltic. / 4. F.O. Denmark, proposes to sail the landing ship TASAJERA with C.F.M.U.2 to Nakskov (54.52 N. 11.08 E. on the east of Maribo or Lolland Island, Denmark). This port, where Admiralty facilities are available, would then become the Coastal Forces base for both Kiel and Denmark commands.
5. F.O. Kiel, reports that according to German information 27 U-Boats are scuttled or sunk in Flensburg Inner Fiord, and 16 more are said to be in Geltingerbucht.

Foreign Stations

Mediterranean

- Destroyer Flotillas re-organisation of. / 6. The 3rd and 14th Destroyer Flotillas are shortly being re-organised and the 22nd D.F. will be abolished in the near future.
- Movements. / 7. CLEOPATRA sailed from Alexandria to Beirut. AURORA (F.O.L.E.M.) arrived Beirut.

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East Indies

- Burma. 8. DILWARA (11,080 tons) actuated a ground mine in the channel off Dasilva in the estuary of the Irrawaddy. Investigation is taking place for underwater damage. There were no casualties and a search of the area is proceeding.
- Movements. 9. VENERABLE (A.C.11) arrived Colombo from Aden. DUKE OF YORK arrived Colombo from Suez.

Far East and Australia

- JAPANESE cruiser sunk. / 10. H.M. S/M TRENCHANT sank an ASHIGARI (10,000 tons) class cruiser in position 1 degs. 59' S. 104 degs. 57' E. at 1242I today (North End of Banka St. between Banka Is. and Sumatra). This is described as a magnificent performance in a most difficult position for S/M operations. "Shallow confined waters". *See 220245*
See 160735Z
- Borneo. / 11. Allied cruisers and destroyers bombarded shore defences in the Brunei Bay area with excellent coverage.
- Japan. / 12. 200 A/C from American Naval Task Force bombed Kyushu airfields today.
- Commodore Air Train. (Comat). / 13. Commodore Air Train is appointed and will hoist his broad pendant as Commodore 2nd class in H.M.S. PIONEER (aircraft maintenance ship) at 0800K on 10th June. Short title will be Comat.

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Policy

LA CAPRICIEUSE, LA CAPRICIEUSE reverted to French Navy 1500 on 6th June. (F.O.I.C. Greenock, 081227B to Admty.)
escort vessel

Reduction of Escort Forces My 062046 (nomination of ships for release).
(a) For "MOORSOM" read "BURGES".
(b) Delete REDMILL.
(c) Add to category C - FOWEY on completion of present duty.
(C. in C.W.A., 081511B to F.O.C.R.F., Admty. D. of M.)

Ships for F.A.A. Target Duties My 062041. R.A.N.A.S.(N)'s 071300 neither to all.
(1) For "BURGES" read "MOORSOM" ready June 17th.
(2) F.A.A. target ships are allocated as follows:
(a) Rosyth. HAVELOCK, HESPERUS, HIGHLANDER, BALFOUR, BYRON, CONN.
(b) Greenock, AYLNER, BENTINCK, BLIGH, MOORSOM.
(3) Authorities concerned are requested to sail ships to new bases as soon as ready.
(4) HIGHLANDER is completing damage repairs in Newfoundland, and will not be available for some weeks.
(C. in C.W.A., 081513B to R.A.N.A.S.(N), F.O.I.C. N.I., F.O.I.C. Liverpool, F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

Frigates for Rosyth A.M. 052003 and C. in C. W.A.'s 062039. In order to speed up the date at which C. in C. Rosyth can release ships of the R.E.F. to Reserve Category C. C. in C.W.A. is requested to transfer as a temporary measure 3 frigates to Rosyth.
(2) These frigates should return to W.A. on the arrival in Rosyth Command of the last three escorts referred to in W.A. 062039.
(A.C.N.S., 081649B to C. in C.W.A., C. in C. Rosyth.)

Government in Liberated Naval Representation S.H.A.E.F. 071500 Fwd. 23838. Request confirmation that the following is a correct interpretation of their Lordships' intentions for British Naval Representation in the Liberated Countries after the dissolution of S.H.A.E.F. France. The Naval Attache will assume control of any remaining British Naval interest in Calais which will be the only port under British Naval Control.

Belgium. Rear-Admiral Hutton will become head of the British Naval Mission and will continue his present duties being directly responsible to Admiralty.
Holland. Until about 1st September, vice Admiral Dickens will be in a corresponding position to Rear Admiral Hutton. Thereafter, the Naval Attache will take over.
Denmark. Rear Admiral Holt will become head of the Naval Mission responsible to British Naval C. in C., Germany.
Norway. Rear Admiral Ritchie will be in a similar position to that of Rear Admiral Hutton in Belgium.
(A.N.C.X.F., 081652B to Admty.) Repls: Admty 151403B page 361.

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Aircraft movement Reports Starting immediately a wire on the next day's movement of redeployed aircraft will be sent to this Headquarters, Admiralty, F.O.G.M.A., C. in C. W.A., H.Q. Coast Command, giving the following information number of ships to depart, on which routes, time of departure. This wire will be by 1400 hours H time daily dispatched.
 (H.Q.A.G., EURD, 0187, 081655Z to Opns., Comnavcu, attention Herman; info. Admty., F.O.G.M.A., H.Q. Coast Command, C. in C. W.A.)

Air Squadrons for carriers, provision of these Groups. Approval has been given to organise the Air Squadrons of Fleet and Light Fleet Carriers into Air Groups to provide spare air groups in the proportion of 100% for Fleet Carriers and 50% for Light Fleet Carriers. Spare groups cannot be provided for Assault Carriers.
 (2) The following organisation is planned:-
 ILLUSTRIOUS Class 3 ships 6 Air Groups of 30 Corsair, 15 Avenger each
 IMPLACABLE Class 2 ships 4 air Groups of 48 Seafire, 15 Avenger, 12 Firefly each.
 INDOMITABLE Class 1 ship 2 Air Groups of 48 Hellcat, 15 Avenger, 12 Firefly each.
 COLOSSUS Class 4 ships 6 Air Groups of 21 Corsair, 12 Barracuda each.
 COLOSSUS Class - after first 5 ships Groups of 21 Seafire, 12 Barracudas.

(3) It is planned to equip OCEAN with night fighters.
 (4) Cs. in C. are requested to promulgate to other authorities concerned.

(5) Detailed organisation is being promulgated by Admty. "R" Message.

(D.N.A.O., 081806B to Admiral (Air) and various.)

Approval has been given for the following plan for forming Carrier Air Groups:-

Air Groups of 30 Corsair, 15 Avenger each.

Group	F.F. Squadrons		Strike Squadrons
1	1834	1836	849
2	1841	1842	848
3	1843	1845	854
4	1853	1837	846
5	1832	1838	852
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Air Groups of 21 Corsair, 12 Barracuda each.			
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14	1850	812	

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<u>Air Squadrons for carriers, provision of these groups. (Contd.)</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>F.F. Squadrons</u>	<u>Strike Squadrons</u>
	15	1851	814
	16	1831	837
	17	1835	824
	18	1852	822
	Air Groups of 21 Seafires, 12 Barracudas.		
	19	803	825 (R.C.N. manned)
		(R.C.N. manned)	
	20	805	816
	21	806	817
	22	884	818

Subsequent air groups to match Carrier requirements will be formed and numbered when the squadrons are ready. (D.N.A.O. Approved 5th Sea Lord, 081854B to Admty. R. Message 95R).

Propaganda for Germans. Following received from F.O.I.C. Kiel. (Begins). Films of Belsen Concentration Camp shown to German Naval personnel have had marked effect. Most of them completely unaware of conditions in camps and realisation has come as a shock. Several volunteered information on own or friends' experiences in Camp. It is only now beginning to dawn on them that it is safe to talk. Hamburg controlled broadcast only. Have confirmed that this film in W.I.K. Barracks is the first propaganda film to be shown in this area, which fact shows complete misapprehension of propaganda problem now before us. See also para. 4 and 5 of 7th Letter K.165 G. There is no doubt that the Russians have got away with it. (Ends). (2) Request Commander McLachlan, R.N.V.R., may visit F.O.I.C. Kiel and F.O.W. G. to discuss this problem and then visit this headquarters at Minden on or after 17th June. (A.N.C.X.F., 081810B to Admty., D.N.I.) Reply D.N.I.091805B.

KIL class A/S Vessels for Reserve The following are instructions for eight KILS from West Africa and seven from Gibraltar which are being sailed for Plymouth.
(2) C. in C. Plymouth is requested to onward route to Sheerness.
(3) On arrival at Sheerness C. in C. Nore is requested to:
(a) Reduce complements by two-fifths as arranged by Combrax: The ratings discharged being sent to depot for leave. This two-fifths to consist of ratings in the later Age and Service Groups.
(b) Reduce to Reserve Category "B" at moorings in Standgate Creek.
(c) Give foreign service leave to three-fifths remaining on board on completion of reduction to reserve.
(D.O.D.(H), 081928B to C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C. Nore.)

THORNBOROUGH, Frigate. C. in C. Plymouth's 231730 and 282100 May. THORNBOROUGH is not to be repaired at present.
(2) Ship is to be placed in reserve Category B at 4 months' notice to await a suitable opportunity for repairs to be undertaken.

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THORNBOROUGH, (3) F.O.C.R.F. is requested to allocate laying
frigate up port accordingly.
(Contd.) (D.O.D.(H), 081929B to C. in C. Plymouth, F.O.C.R.F.
Reply, 091600B.

CELIA, CELIA and MACBETH are reallocated to C. in C.
MACBETH, Portsmouth. Request they be sailed as soon as
A/S M/S practicable for Portsmouth.
trawlers Accounts to MARSHAL SOULT.
(D.O.D.(H), 081952B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

THIRLMERE THIRLMERE is re-allocated to C. in C. Plymouth
A/S whaler and after arrival Aultbea should be sailed as
convenient for Plymouth.
A.C.I.C.'s 041157 not to all refers.
(D.O.D.(H), 081954B to N.O.I.C. Aultbea.)

HAMLET, HAMLET and BUTE are re-allocated to C. in C.
BUTE, Portsmouth. Request they be sailed as soon as
A/S M/S practicable for Portsmouth. Accounts to
trawlers. MARSHAL SOULT.
(D.O.D.(H), 081956B to C. in C. H.F.)

DULLISK F.O.I.C. Tyne 041047 to C. in C. Rosyth only.
COVE Approved.
(hull (2) F.O.I.C. Tyne is requested to sail DULLISK
repair COVE when ready about 13th June for Rosyth.
ship) (3) On completion of work up for which about
5 days is estimated C. in C. Rosyth is requested
to sail ship, northabout, for Gibraltar for onward
routing to Colombo and thence as required by
C. in C. British Pacific Fleet.
(D.O.D.(H), Approved A.C.N.S.(H), 082150B to F.O.I.C. Tyne etc.)

Operations

North Sea

Minesweepers Intend sailing E.C.10 with BUDE and EASTBOURNE
from Ostend towing SEAHAM as spare ship, SLUGA, DOMINO and
SIRRA in company for passage to Portsmouth at
1500B tomorrow 9th June.

(2) (Route) Speed 5 knots. E.T.A. Nab tower

0700B 11th.

(3) (Communications).

(4) C. in C. Portsmouth is requested to allocate mooring buoy
in Solent so that E.C. 10 may be secured on arrival.

(M/S 50, 080947 to N.O.I.C. Ostend).

VINETA
experimental
ship

Com. Hamburg's 071130. Suggest ship, if being sailed
to U.K. be sent to Clyde or Forth area where
A/S.E.E. can inspect.
(C. A/S E.E. 081030B to D.A./S.W.)

/U-boats...

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North Sea

U-boats Serial numbers of all seaworthy U-boats in
to German and Danish Ports are to be signalled.
Wilhelmshaven Those not already at Wilhelmshaven are to be
sailed for that Port as soon as convenient.
(A.N.C.X.F. (Main), 081210B to Kiel, F.O.W.G.,
F.O. Denmark.) Reply F.O.W.G., 100913B.

Sailing Comply with A.N.C.X.F.(Main) 0811(?44) on receipt of
of German destination and escort from C. in C. Nore.
E-boats Inform addressees in sailing signal.
(F.O.I.C. Holland, 081540B to N.O.I.C. Den Helder)
Sailing of German E-boats.

Dutch S/Ms Further to my 061536B June.
for Dutch S/Ms O.9 and O.10 will be ready to sail to
Rotterdam Rotterdam from Tuesday 12th June.
to provide It is intended to send O.15 at the same time to
electrical Rotterdam for W/T communications on passage, O.9
power and O.10 having no W/T facilities left.
O.15, to remain in Rotterdam during leave period
of crew.
Condition O.10 very unreliable and it will be
necessary to tow her during sea-passage but not when leaving or
entering port.
Request suitable vessel may be made available for this purpose
and sailing arrangements communicated.
(D.N.L.O., 081620 to Admty.)

Hamburg Third outward bound convoy of ten ships consisting
Sitrep of passenger ship HANSA, collier MONTMORENCY PARK,
No.26 three ex-German tankers and five ex-German cargo
ships sailed for U.K.
(Hamburg, 081800B to Admty. etc.)

Minesweeping Operation "Dropkick".
Hamburg (1) Modified plus and LAMO's with explosive sweep
area. of Weser river channel to Bremerhaven. Oropesa
search took place from Bremerhaven to number 4
buoy.
(11) Nil.
(111) Nil.
(1V) Nil.
(Capt. M/S Force C., 081907B to C. in C. Nore.)

Minesweeping Sweeping report for today Friday.
Schelde (a) 2 B.Y.M.S. swept S.A./H.G. 4 actuations
between Hellegat and Belleveotsluis.
One acoustic mine detonated 330° Haringvliet
Church 12 cables.
(b) One M.M.S. swept 10 actuations LL/SA/HG off Mouth of
Zandkreek. Negative results.
(c) Static sweep laid in Keeten between position A. and B.
Your 271638 refers.
(Com. M/S East Schelde, 082012 to F.O. Holland.)

/Clearance...

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North Sea - Contd.

Clearance of Q.Z.X. 1467 Humber area

Ref. C. in C. Nore's 311315B. Clearance in G. formation of B.S.33 completed; negative result.

(2) Intend to commence check search in K formation of area stated in my 071831B tomorrow Saturday 9th.

(3) Intend on completion of tomorrow's sweeping for all ships to return Humber for fuel and to replace.

(4) Weather delayed start of sweeping until 1400 today. If weather is not suitable for sweep before 1400 tomorrow, intend returning Humber p.m.

(5) Ships anchor tonight 3 miles 000° from D.3 buoy. (S.O. M/S Flot. 15, 082041B to C. in C. Nore.)

Minesweeping Bremerhaven

A channel 6 cables wide where safe shore permits has been cleared from No. 4 buoy to Bremerhaven and it is considered that this can now be open to normal traffic. Two S.A. protective escorts will be provided by Commander M/S Task Force 126 from German resources.

(Capt. M/S Force C., 082130B to C. in C. Nore, A.N.C.X.F.)

Minesweeping in the Bight, Operation. "Dropkick".

Cancel my 281703B para. 60 311830B and 152318B, latter not to all.

(2) Guidance on this matter is now given in A.G.M. 886A.

(3) Between P.10 and P.15 buoy there is a constant depth of about 19 fathoms, an average merchant ship of 1500 gross tons has a beam of 38 feet and ships of this size or larger and warships larger than destroyers should be protected in this area if practicable.

(4) Where protection cannot be given to all ships in convoy in this area the larger ships should be protected. (5) In shallow water as much protection must be given as practicable to all ships. (C. in C. Nore, 082358, to M/S 10.)

HALCYON, SPEEDWELL

Your 071040B not approved. You are responsible for protective sweeping of all vessels between P.10 and P.15 buoys and HALCYON and SPEEDWELL are under your orders to assist in this. A.G.M. 886A and my 082358, latter not to all, refers.

(2) A daily report from you of minesweeping and protective sweeping is required in accordance with orders for operation "Dropkick". No report has been received lately. (C. in C. Nore, 082359B to M/S 10.)

Operations - Channel

Jersey - Pirov Cable repairs

BULLHEAD's 062015B (062013 intended) para. 2. Request you will sail BULLHEAD to Plymouth for Boiler cleaning as soon as ship has obtained any information available regarding Guernsey - Alderney cable referred to in your 041106B not to all.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 081045B to N.O.I.C., C.I.)

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RENOWN

RENOWN is to remain at 14 days' notice with 2/5th complement pending Admiralty decision regarding future programme.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 081240B to RENOWN.)

Channel
Islands
Situation
Report

Cositintrep 430, Force 135.
Period ending 1900B 18th June at St. Peter Port.
Para. 3. (b) Guernsey. Advance party Royal Engineers left Guernsey for Sark where minefield clearance will begin when prisoners of Engineer Battalion arrive 10th June.
Ordnance party to deal with clearance of ammunition and stores from Sark will move there 9th June.
(e) Alderney. 104 mines lifted. 70 per cent mined charges now removed from pier.
Guernsey. Clearance and repairs continue.
Jersey. 643 mines lifted 6th June.
(H.Q. Force 135, 081915B to Admty.)

Operations

West Coast France

Clearance
of Gironde

Your 051544B.
M.L. Flotilla is at present fully engaged in Gironde. Expect to be able to inform you about 12th June as to date when M.Ls. can be released.
(C.T.F.122, 081530Z to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Operations

Western Approaches

B.2
Escort
Group

B.2 Group is disbanded.
(C. in C.W.A., 081037 to Capt. D. Liverpool.)

PALOMARES,
for Ceylon

Intend sailing PALOMARES passing Clyde Boom 1030B 10th June for Gibraltar for onward routeing to Ceylon. S. of A. 12 knots. E.T.A. Gibraltar 1500B 15th June. (Route).
(2) Admiralty is requested to divert mails as requisite.
(3) A.M. 211357B May refers.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 081056B to Admty. etc.)

C.4 Escort
Group for
Canada.

Intend to sail C.4 E.G., BOWMANVILLE (S.O.) GLACE BAY, PETROLIA, ATHOLL, WHITBY from Lough Foyle at 1030 tomorrow Saturday June 9th to Greenock to embark personnel in accordance with C.N.M.Os. 261257B May and for O/R to Canada. S.O. will report E.T.A. direct.
(2) S.O.C.4 will join group at Greenock.

/ (3) ...

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Canada
(Contd.)(3) Admiralty is requested to divert mails as requisite.
(Cdre. (D) W.A., 081120B to F.O.I.C. Greenock, Admiralty.)OperationsNorway16th M/S
Flotilla
to returnYour 051631 and C. in C. Rosyth's 072333 intend sailing TADOUSSAC, SHIPPIGAN, BEAUMARIS and TOCOGAY in company at 1400B Friday, 8th June, to Harwich by Q.Z.S.745, 755, 738, to join East Coast Channels. All ships require boiler cleaning. S. of A. 10 knots.
(N.O.I.C. Kristiansand, 081101B, (as amended 091716B) to Admty.)

Request you inform N.O.I.C. Kristiansand South destination of 16th M/S Flotilla, N.O.I.C. Kristiansand South's 071228 refers (F.O. Norway, 082001 to Admty.)

FOLEY

Request you sail FOLEY to Bergen for duty in place of CAISTOR CASTLE as in N.O.I.C. Bergen's 051001 (not to all addressees).
(C. in C. Rosyth, 081151B to N.O.I.C. Stavanger)

VALSE

My 062158. VALSE is to be retained as relief for ST. AGNES, F.O. Norway's 051646 not to all refers, and is to be employed on duties referred to in my 061907 para. 1.
(b) Until D/F guard slips can be released.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 081259B to N.O.I.C. Kristiansand)OperationsNorthern WatersIceland
ShippingRequest very early reply be given to my 021701 (Permission request for their vessels to be routed direct from Iceland to U.S. East Coast Ports) British Minister is being strongly pressed by Icelandic Authorities for a decision.
(A.C.I.C., 081305B to Admty.)Convoy
R.U.N.6
BROADLAND
sunk.Following received from SEALYHAM to N.O.I.C. Aultbea. Estimated position of R.U. Naval 6. 59.20 N. 7.40 W. Drifter BROADLAND has been abandoned and sunk by gunfire, crew aboard H.M.T. STORA. Unable to contact shore station since Tuesday. 080930 (Ends.)
A.C.I.C.'s 301151 and 311151 refer.
(N.O.I.C. Altbea, 081311B to Admty.)

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Enemy Intelligence

U-Boats sunk or scuttled, Kiel Command. Your 041145B. According to German information the following U-Boats are scuttled or sunk in Flensburg Inner Fjord:
717 (ROTKRICH), UK 750 (GRAVERT), 1025 (PICK), 1132 (KOCH), 1304 (SUSS), 1306 (KIESSLING), 1161 (SCHWALBACH), 290 (BAUM), 267 (KNIEPER), 4707 (LEDER), 3524 (WITT), 3510 (SCHWIRLEY), 2357 (HEINRICH), 4702 (SEELINGER), 2369 (SCHULZ), 2333 (BAUMANN) 3033 (CALLSON), 3526 (SCHMIDT), 3529 (MILBIG), 3552 (RUDOLPH), 1026, 1030, 29, 30, 46, 1168 (UMLAUF) and one Type VII number not known.
The following U-Boats are said to be in Geltingerbucht: 2343, 2322(*), 2347, 3015, 2507, 1162, 2541, 721, 2362, 397, 2364, 4710, 2368, 2358. One Type VII and one other number not known.
(F.O. Kiel Command, 081334B to Admty.) Additions, see 110947B.
W.D. Note: * U.2322 arrived Loch Ryan (020650B June).

Movements

U.1023. My 071203B (Intend to sail U.1023 unescorted) sailed. Speed may not exceed 10 knots. (N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 080648B to F.O.I.C. Falmouth.)
Your 071203B arrived. (F.O.I.C. Falmouth, 081330B to N.O.I.C. Dartmouth)

NEW GLASGOW, PRESCOTT, MIMICO. Sailed H.M. Canadian ships NEW GLASGOW (S.O.), PRESCOTT, MIMICO at 0700B/8th June. Routed in accordance with C. in C. W.A. 271310, not to all, to St. Johns Newfoundland for onward routeing to Halifax. S. of A. 13.5 knots. (2) Admty. is requested to divert mails to Halifax forthwith. (F.O.I.C. Greenock, 080708B to F.O.N.F., C. in C. C.N.A.)

U. 539, U.1005, U. 907, U. 218, U.1004, U. 778. U.539, 1005, 907, 218, 1004 and 778 escorted by BALFOUR and STOCKHAM arrived. (N.O.I.C. Stranraer, 080926B to C. in C. H.F.)

U. 532. GARDINER and U.532 arrived. (N.O.I.C. Stranraer, 080927B to R.N.O. Barrow.)

HEPATICA. Your 041545B (071545 intended). De-storing will be completed on Friday June 15th actual laying up date is not known. (HEPATICA, 080930 to C.N.M.O.)

/CALDWELL ...

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CALDWELL. Cancel N.C.S.O. N.Shields 071610 not to all. Sailed at 1600/7 Tug GEORGE V towing CALDWELL to Granton speed 9 knots. (F.O.I.C. Tyne, 080935B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

U.2502, My 071445. Sailed.
U.3515, (C. in C.H.F., 080950 to Com. (D) W.A.)
PAPUA. E.T.A. Foyle Buoy 1900B/9th June.
(PAPUA, 082300B to Cdre. (D) W.A. (Londonderry))

MACKAY. Rosyth departure MACKAY.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 081103B to F.O. Norway.)

NORDMARK, Your 051559 (NORDMARK escorted by DIADEM and
DIADEM, ORIBI) arrived.
ORIBI. (C. in C. Rosyth, 081115B to F.O. Denmark.)

U. 861 Admty. 061740. Docking plans for U.861 not
(store held. German engineer officer who has seen
carrier the submarine docked previously will be on
from Japan) board.
(2) U.861 has flat keel approx. 190 ft. in
length with overhang of 40 ft. forward and 60
ft. aft. There are no projections below line
of keel.
(Capt. S/M. Lisahally, 081211B to Capt. Supt. Pembroke Dock.)
Ref. C. in C. W.A's 051649B and my 061027B not to all.
It is now understood that work on U.861 entails removing 140
tons of tin from keel and replacing with cast iron ballast.
This work will necessitate vessel remaining in dock until
at earliest 22nd June. Subject to replace ballast being
readily available. Date of completion of LOCH LOMOND and
LOCH FYNE will not be affected.
(F.O.I.C. Milford Haven, 081303B to Admty.)

CYCLAMEN, CYCLAMEN escorting ZWARTE ZEE towing SS. MAHSUD
ZWARTE ZEE. arrived Clyde.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 081235B to F.O.G.M.A.)

L'AVENTURE My 071819B and 081141B (not to all) sailed.
(S.O.), (C. in C. Portsmouth, 081600B to Marine Paris,
LA SURPRISE Premar Brest.)
and LA
DECOUVERTE
to Brest.

NARVIK. Intend to sail H.M. Norwegian M/S NARVIK at
2330 Saturday 9th June to Lerwick. E.T.A.
2130/10th June. Constant watch on port wave
guard.
(N.O.I.C. Bergen, 081615B to N.O.I.C. Lerwick.)

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U. 3514. Arrived KEMPTHORNE and U.3514.
(Cdre. (D) W.A., 081647B to C. in C. W.A.)

STATICE,
GODETIA
for Reserve. Sail at 1400B/10th June to Harwich to comply
with F.O.C.R.F's 061935B.
(2) STATICE report E.T.A. to C. in C. Nore,
before sailing.
(3) Communications constant guard on CNS and
1880 k/cs.
(D.21, 081718B to STATICE, GODETIA.)

RIMOUSKI,
CAMROSE
for Canada. Intend to sail RIMOUSKI and CAMROSE at 1700B/
9th June to Greenock for O/R to Canada.
(2) Speed 13 knots, E.T.A. 0800B/11th June.
(5) Mails to Greenock.
(6) RIMOUSKI and CAMROSE sail to comply.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 081735B to F.O.I.C.
Greenock.)

RUBIS,
CURIE. My 071455B (French S/Ms. RUBIS and CURIE to
Plymouth) sailed.
(AMBROSE, 081800 to C. in C. Rosyth.)

ICARUS,
BRILLIANT,
MORPETH
CASTLE,
BRIDGEWATER,
SHIKARI and
SARDONYX,
for Reserve. Concur with S/M.3 071825.
(F.O.S/M., 081841B to Admty.)

SAGITTA. Your 041839B/6 arrived SAGITTA.
(F.O.I.C. Falmouth, 082147B to F.O.G.M.A.)

JEWEL, for
Antwerp. Admty. 081650 (Taking in hand of JEWEL and
LIBERTY at Antwerp).
F.O.I.C. Harwich is requested to sail JEWEL
comply.
(C. in C. Nore, 082251B to F.O.I.C. Harwich.)

Shipping and Convoys

GENERAL SAN
MARTIN,
PRETORIA. Mast 44 to M.W.T.R. Germany.
Your 043102. It has now been decided that the
work on these two ships should be undertaken in
U.K. Request you will therefore sail them as
soon as convenient and report anticipated dates.
(2) What other potential troopships are likely
to be ready soon and by what dates. Can you also indicate
their condition and likely period required for repairs etc.
(D.S.T., 080100B to S.S.T.O. Hamburg.)

/L.S.Ts. ...

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- L.S.Ts. Sailed at 0500 L.S.T. 214, 165 and 239 by
for Tromso. northern route to Tromso. S. of A. 11 knots.
(Communications).
(N.O.I.C. Methil, 080503 to N.O.I.C. Tromso.)
- Convoy Intend to sail ships enumerated in para. 2 in
L.U.C.4, L.U.C.4 leaving Humber at 2230 today Friday
SOUTHDOWN 8th June in accordance with C. in C. Nore's
and M.M.S. 261321 and 251847 May.
(2) QUEEN OF THANET (Hamburg), M.M.S. 1048,
1020, 1047, 1002, 1089, 1090, 1077, 1004 (206th
M.S.F.) for Cuxhaven. L.C.T. 428 (Emden),
M.L.488 (Kiel), H.D.M.L. 1399, 1403, 1420, 1025 (155th Flotilla)
for Wilhelmshaven. American L.T. 23 and 214 (Bremen), W.D.
M.F.Vs. 87, 114, 151 (Hamburg), ROLFSBORG (Brunsbüttel), 1825
tons. KORDECKI (Kiel) 1975 tons. GLOXINIA (T) (Flensburg)
3336 tons. JESSE G. COTTING (Lubeck) 1752 tons.
(3) E.T.A. P.10 Buoy 1100 Sunday 10th June.
(4) Escort SOUTHDOWN. Communications as in C. in C. Nore's
261321 May.
(5) Commodore Commander Redford R.N.R. and staff in QUEEN OF
THANET.
(6) QUEEN OF THANET keeps constant W/T guard on port waves.
Constant W/T guard on port waves maintained by M.M.S. Flotilla
and by M.L. Group.
(7) Admty. divert mails according to para. 2.
(F.O. Humber, 081109B to F.O.W.G., Admty.)
- / "Apostle" 4. Your 051014 arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Oslo, 081439B to N.O.I.C. Methil.)

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North Atlantic

INGONISH (Fleet minesweeper) Sailed from Horta at 2215Z/7 INGONISH for Falmouth routed through etc. E.T.A. 1800Z/13. (S.B.N.O. Azores, 080022Z to F.O.G.M.A.)

Air/Sea Rescue Station. F.O.G.M.A. is requested to provide ship for Air/Sea Rescue Station No.19 on and after 15th June. A.M. 182352 May para. (3) and C. in C. W.A's 061134 not to all refer. (D.O.D.(H), 081226B to F.O.G.M.A.)

B.Y.M.S. for U.K. A.M. 292231 not yet received, in order not to delay the sailing of ships of G.E.F., it is proposed that the trawlers already towing B.Y.M.S. 2010 and 2025 should provide onward towage to U.K.
(2) E.T.A. of B.Y.M.S. at Gibraltar cannot be before 19th June, and it is intended to sail all ships of G.E.F. 10th and 11th June.
(F.O.G.M.A., 081541B to Admty.)
See 092230B and 101111B.

A/S trawlers return to U.K. for fishing and Air/Sea Rescue. / Your 071208 (N.T. in W.D.) not to all. Request KINGSTON AGATE and KINGSTON AMBER be sailed as soon as practicable for Falmouth for return to fishing.
(2) In addition to the value of ERISKAY and MAZURKA for Inter-Island Communication, request your views on:
(a) The need of these trawlers for Air/Sea Rescue in Azores area during period of re-deployment of American aircraft in addition to ships provided by A.M. 182352 May.
(b) The practicability of maintaining them in Azores after Base closes down.
(3) Request EVADNE be sailed as convenient for Falmouth for onward routeing.
(D.O.D.(H), 081949B to F.O.G.M.A.)
Reply: 091508Z and 111136B.

South Atlantic

H.M.T. POLAR V. H.M.T. POLAR V, which it is understood was requisitioned from Walvis Bay, is awaiting retubing and refit of main engine at Freetown.
(3) POLAR V is too small for use as a training trawler.
(4) Propose to tow her to next destination, if Walvis Bay propose subject to concurrence of C. in C. S.A., that she be towed by GOODHOPE and NATAL.
(F.O.C.W.Af., 081047Z to Admty.) See 091253B.
/ S/M OTUS ...

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S/M OTUS
(A/S
training).

A.M. 172037 Oct. 1944 to C. in C. S.A. only.
Instructions are requested for OTUS employed
until recently on A/S training.

(2) Now that East Indies escorts are no longer
required to be worked up after refit in South
Africa (C. in C. E.I. 221126 May not to Admty.,
refers) and with the reduction of the South Atlantic Escort
Force her continued presence at Durban is unnecessary.
(C. in C. S.A., 081724 to Admty.)

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Warships / Request you will sail either BERMUDA or CLEOPATRA for Beirut. to join me at Beirut forthwith at moderate despatch.
(F.O.L.E.M.080004C to C.S.2)
(1) A.M. 071927 (N.T. in W.D.) para. 2 I am returning to Beirut in AURORA E.T.A. 0630/8th.
(2) Have requested C.S.2 to sail one cruiser to Beirut forthwith.
(3) If it is confirmed that French ship is on the way 7 cruisers or destroyers are required to fill all cruiser berths in Beirut. (F.O.L.E.M.080025C to C. in C. Mediterranean.)
/ A.M. 071927 is a repetition of A.M.S.S.O. 071655 which is from Chiefs of Staff to Admiral Cunningham, General Paget and Admiral Tennant and has not been circulated by War Registry.
Comply F.O.L.E.M. (Afloat) 080004. Acknowledge.
(C.S.2, 080211C to CLEOPATRA)
My 080004C. It will now be sufficient if you arrive at dawn tomorrow.
(F.O.L.E.M. 080407C to CLEOPATRA)
CLEOPATRA sail to pass position 309 at 1300/8th S. of A. 20 knots E.T.A. Beirut 0600/9th. Your 080407.
(F.O.L.E.M. (Afloat) 080516 to F.O.L.E.M.)
I have returned to Beirut in AURORA. Cancel my 071720C.
(F.O.L.E.M. Afloat, 080700C in C. in C. Med.)
H.M.S. ARETHUSA to take over as S.N.O.(A) at Beirut on sailing in AURORA.
My 080025 as I expect to have an Egyptian ship and an oiler here a total of 5 will fill all berths in harbour.
(F.O.L.E.M.080915C to C. in C. Med.)

JEANNE D'ARC. Your 080025 and your 080915. Not including AURORA you now have immediately available in your area BERMUDA, CLEOPATRA, ARETHUSA and 2 destroyers, with 3 other destroyers in Aegean area who could be called upon in an emergency.
(2) Furthermore you should have at least 2 days notice of arrival of French Cruiser JEANNE D'ARC and I would then be able reinforce you quickly by some or all of SUSSEX, MILNE, METEOR from Malta.
(3) It is most desirable to commence refit of AURORA as early as possible as postponement will put back entire home refit programme. My 051728 refers.
(C. in C. Med. 081228B to F.O.L.E.M. (Afloat).)
Intend retaining C.S.2 in BERMUDA with CLEOPATRA in the Levant until the F.C. JEANNE D'ARC situation has clarified. F.O.L.E.M. Afloat P/T CLEOPATRA.
(C. in C. Med. 081238B to Admty.)
Your 081238.
CLEOPATRA may be retained for the time being but C.S.2 in BERMUDA should proceed to join British Pacific Fleet in accordance with previous programme.
(D.O.D.(F), Approved V.C.N.S. 082210B and 091038B)
I regret delay in AURORA refit but by A.M. S.S.O. number 3605 there was a change that the quarry was again on way and I felt I had no alternative but to return in her.
(2) On assumption I can count on 36 hour warning I intend to release AURORA forthwith and sail in CLEOPATRA p.m. tomorrow 9th after meeting of Ministers of State and Minister Levant returning to Alex. where I am overdue.

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JEANNE D'ARC. (3) Reference combined signal T/21 from General
(Contd.) Paget and myself as to proposed policy for receiving the ship should she come. I consider 3 cruisers should suffice if she carries troops and 2 cruisers if she is empty. My 052246 (N.T. in W.D. refers).
(4) But reference para. 3 A.M.S.S.O. signal if she decides to go to ports such as Tripoli (Syria) Tartousse and Latakia I have no proposal other than keeping an over large force on the coast. Military and civil Authorities however are not so apprehensive of a landing at such ports as they are in the case of Beirut.
(5) Request your remarks generally on above. I note that reinforcements will be more scarce after June 12th. Your 060958 refers. I intend ARETHUSA and MUSKETEER remain Levant.
(F.O.L.E.M. (Afloat, 082310C see 091038B)
Para. one. My 051718. Ship still at Bizerta at 081536.
(C. in C. Med. 082256B to F.O.L.E.M.)

ARCTURUS
minesweeper
damaged by
mine.

^{RJ}
Request you arrange for ARCTUS to be towed to Taranto for preliminary docking.
Further report of damage should be forwarded after examination in dock.
(N.O.I.C. Ancona's 071239 June refers.
(C. in C. Med. 081229 to F.O.T.A.L.I.) *see 030962B July*

Re-organisa-
tion of
Destroyer
Flotillas
Med.

Following are present intention for the re-organisation of the Med. destroyer flotillas.
(2) CHEQUERS class destroyers as they arrive on the station will join the 14th D.F.
(3) The new Capt. (D) 14 in H.M.S. CHEQUERS is expected to join Station about Sept. when he will take over the administration of 14th D.F.
(4) The remaining J and K class destroyers will then be transferred to the 3rd D.F.
(5) (?With) exception of 4 ships (probably MILNE, MATCHLESS, JERVIS, JAVELIN) who will eventually form the first division of 3rd D.F. all J, K, L and M. Class destroyers will be returned to U.K. on relief on station by C Class.
(6) When remaining type 2 and 3 HUNT have left the station the 22nd D.F. will be abolished and LIDDESDALE, WHADDON, CLEVELAND, ATHERSTONE will be formed into the 2nd division of the 3rd D.F.
(C. in C. Med. 081418B) *see 100952 B. Sep-*

S/M TELE-
MACHUS for
U.K.

H.M.S. TELEMACHUS sails from Malta at 1700B/9th June by reverse of standard route (L) to arrive Gib. daylight 13th June for onward routing to U.K. (Capt. S/M 1, 081537B to S. and A. V.A.M. etc.)

Movements.

(1) STURDY Port Said Malta through 34 degs. 18' N. 24 degs. 01' E. at 1100/9th 11.
(2) 21 L.C.H. 18 L.C.Ts. Malta, Port Said Basic 508 at 1500/8th 8.
(3) ASSIDUOUS towing A.F.D. 48 Bonito through 32 degs. 21' N. 30 degs. 00' E. at 1900/8th Direct to 300 5½.
(4) CLEOPATRA Alexandria Beirut direct 309 at 1300/19th 20.
(6) EXMOOR Heraklion Malta R 8722 at 0700/8th 19.
(F.O.L.E.M. 081756 to Admty.)

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Minesweeping Sitrep No.11.
 Med. Progressed to A line Joining (A) 43 degs. 20'
 Operation Point 5 North 09 degs. 25' E.
 P.W.C. (B) 43 degs. 20' N. 09 degs. 33' point 5 E.
 (C) 43 degs. 20' N. 09 degs. 36' E.
 (M. Comica) 7 mines swept and sunk by gunfire.
 (D?) Mines Italian modified type.
 (M.S. 8, 082045B to F.O.N.A.M.)

French ships Marine Paris, state ANNAMITE, GAZELLE, CHEVREUIL,
 for E.I. are destined for Indian Ocean and request they be
 allocated to Mediterranean, so that training
 and relief of personnel may be effected.

They request ANNAMITE and GAZELLE be sailed to
 Med. as soon as possible, CHEVREUIL to join them on completion
 of repairs at Casablanca.

(2) Marine Paris intend LOBELIA and COMMANDANT DROGOU to remain
 at Dakar under the orders of Commandant De La Marine En A.O.F.
 for local duties there.

(N.A.Paris, 082050B to Admty.)

French ships ANNAMITE, CHEVREUIL, GAZELLE, LOBELIA, COMMANDANT
 DROGOU are no longer required for anti-S/M war in the Atlantic.

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East Indies

W/T stations on E.I. Stn. Plans. Plan "S" your 281134.
(2) W/T installation parties A.M. 291638, paras. 5 to 8 refer.
(3) Officer in charge of first party will arrive if possible sometime ahead of Majas V to assist in preliminary arrangements and siting.
(4) Monster station will consist initially of two major stations complete with hutting to make up part I. A.M. 211708 Dept. para. (E) refers.
(5) Part II comprising additional transmitters and ancillaries will not be available until proposals for the permanent stations have been technically agreed and approved.
(6) Approval in A.M. 291638 (para. 9 of which particularly refers) does not cover permanent installations.
(7) No permanent installations of Plan "S" or "T" stations should be undertaken until all arrangements technically agreed with Admiralty to ensure eventual plans incorporate and allow for all latest and foreseen technical practices.
(Hd. of M.II, 080605B to C. in C. E.I.S.)

DUKE OF YORK, VENERABLE. Colombo 8th June arrivals DUKE OF YORK, VENERABLE. (F.O. Ceylon, 081248Z to Admty.)

SS. DILWARA (mined). DILWARA actuated ground mine in channel position 1.4 miles 347° from d'Silva front mark. No casualties. Engines stopped but have since been turned slowly both ways ship not making water.

(3) Investigation underwater damage and search of area proceeding.

(4) Intend to continue using channel.

(N.O.I.C. Rangoon, 081425Z to C. in C. E.I.)

SUFFOLK (cruiser) It is under consideration that after her return to U.K., SUFFOLK shall be used for trooping duties to East Indies Station and Australia.
(2) Ship should be capable of prolonged steaming at 20 knots. One 8" turret and half the close range armament only will require to be manned.
(3) Request you will report any defects which would have to be made good to enable SUFFOLK to carry out the above duties.
(A.C.N.S.(F), 081825B to C. in C. E.I.)

LAOMEDON for U.K. E.T.A. The Downs 1400B Sunday 10th. (LAOMEDON, 082146 to Admty.)

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America & West Indies.

Naval
Strategic
Areas -
(no neces-
sity for.)

Your 051709 May* not to S.B.N.O. Western Atlantic. Now that the U-Boat war is ended and convoy has been abandoned in the Atlantic, there would not appear to be any necessity to retain the naval strategic areas established in A.B.C. - 1 of March 1941 as amended.

(2) If possible please discuss this matter with Navy Department before you leave and obtain their views.

(3) In the meantime we are allocating two frigates to the West Indies for normal station duties and would like S.B.N.O. Western Atlantic to have authority to move them as he requires to visit British possessions.

(4) Existing arrangements for control of merchant vessels could remain as long as necessary and local U.S. naval authorities would of course be informed of intended movements of British warships. (V.C.N.S., 080030B to B.A.D.)

* Personal to 1st S.L. only.

Re special
war equip-
ment WEAR &
BALLINDERRY.

Your 051506.

A. May be reduced in number as necessary.
B. Hedgehog and half outfit of H/H projectiles should be retained.

C. May be removed and landed at Bermuda.

D. Any gear remaining may be removed and landed at Bermuda.

(2) Further signal will be made regarding additional provision of accommodation and motor boats.

(V.C.N.S., 081306B to S.B.N.O. W.At.)

Ferry Service,
& Canada.

In order to provide more even flow propose weekly sailing by 1 RIVER class destroyer, Clyde to Halifax carrying approx. 220 passengers C.N.M.O. 051805B* refers. If you concur intend to allocate GATINEAU, OTTAWA and QU'APPELLE for this duty sailing GATINEAU from Halifax 21st June and 1

ship every Thursday thereafter. Return from Clyde 1st July and every Sunday thereafter.

(C. in C. C.N.A., 081500 to N.S.H.Q.)

* Not identified in War Registry.

W.D. Note - Remarks of C. in C. W.A., see Home Commands, 120151B.

Corvette.

Arrival p.m. June 7th H.M.C.S. DRUMHELLER from U.K. (C.O.P. Halifax 081513Z to Admty.)

MAGICIENNE
Fleet mine-
sweeper
for U.K.

Departure Halifax 1700Z/8th June MAGICIENNE to Horta Azores route speed and communications as my 052126. E.T.A. 1300Z.

(C. in C. C.N.A., 081720Z to S.B.N.O. Azores.)

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Release of
Fr. Mine-
sweepers.

French Naval Mission and Cominch informed of approval. My 052247 and A.M. 071726 refer. Admiralty please pass to N.A. Paris. (B.A.D. 081939Z to Admty.)

Corvette.

Arrival a.m. June 8th H.M.C.S. KITCHENER from U.K. (C.O.P. Halifax 082001Z to Admty.)

PRINCE RUPERT
(frigate.)

H.M.C.S. PRINCE RUPERT in company with H.M.C.S. DUNWERY (~~etc~~) departed Balboa for Esquimalt 0600Z/8. (Compaseafon 082210 to Cominch, Admty. etc.)

Far East and Australia.

Bombs for
B.P.F.

500 pound M.C. bombs - Your 021225 March and 032039 April refer.

- (2) Only small proportion of 500 pound bombs used in operations have been or are likely to be with instantaneous fuze. Expenditure of Mark X.111 bombs will be small proportion of total and shipments already advised will suffice for some time to come.
- (3) In order to maintain offensive operations essential future shipments be composed of bombs with nose and tail fuze pockets.
- (4) In last series of operations rate of expenditure of 500 pound bombs rose to 3000 per month, with 4 carriers. This rate can be sustained by stowing some 800 bombs per carrier and re bombing in fuelling area. Latter already carried out without difficulty.
- (5) Request monthly shipments, (my 190613 Feb. refers) be increased to 6000 in anticipation of formation of 2nd Task Group.
- (6) Request prospects.
- (C. in C. B.P.F., 080622Z to Admty.)

Commodore
Air Train
(Comat.)

- / You are appointed Commodore Air Train and are to hoist your broad pendant as Commodore Second Class in PIONEER at 0800K on 10th June.
- (2) Admiralty is requested to promulgate by general message.
- (3) Short title will be Comat.
- (C. in C. B.P.F., 080914Z to PIONEER.)

Digest 1234,
7.6.45.
(extract.)

- (1) Planes from Clark Field burned up small coaster 75 miles northeast Foochow, damaged 6 junks Formosa area.
- (2) Liberators from Mindoro 6th June sank one large junk off southwest Hainan.
- (4) Liberators hit Woosung Docks Shanghai starting several fires.

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(extract.)
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(8) On Mindanao 24th Division broke strong enemy resistance at Tagakpan, continued attack north towards Tplomo River and Baguio.

(10) On 6th June 24 Liberators dropped fragmentation bombs Labuan starting fires. 12 Mitchells dropped nine tons Brunei Bay. 2 Liberators damaged 2 small coasters Makassar Harbour.

(13) Scouting party on island off North Codgeftew Hanover reported being shelled evening 5th June by enemy submarine. (G.H.Q.S.W.P.A., 081025Z to Admty.)

Submarine
TERRAPIN
(repairs.)

Submarine 4 300913 May not to C. in C. E.I. Request early confirmation that state of TERRAPIN will entail major structural repairs of long duration being undertaken in U.K.

(2) If confirmed ship is not to be sailed until position has been reviewed. Your 050005 refers. (A.C.N.S. (F) 081719B, 090337Z, 110258Z to C. in C. B.P.F.)

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SITUATION REPORT

Home Commands

1. Release of men in Group No.1, and of married W.R.N.S. ratings claiming high priority, is to begin on June 18.
2. Admiralty approve that Portland can be reduced to its former status with a Captain-in-Charge in the near future.
3. In view of the Admiralty shortage of mine-sweepers and present congestion in Canadian east coast ports, N.S.H.Q. Ottawa desire that the 31st M/S. Flotilla continue to operate in U.K. waters for the time being.

North Sea.

4. As mine casualties are still occurring in the North Foreland Channel, A.N.C.X.F. asks Portsmouth to cancel the sailing of L.S.D. OCEANWAY to Ostend.
5. A.N.C.X.F. agrees to a Marine Paris proposal that French warships should make short visits to Germany. Wilhelmshaven is most suitable. In view of the mine risk he does not recommend inclusion of the cruiser DUQUESNE.
6. All vessels may now sail independently from Rosyth, routed by searched channels.
7. As soon as the new Dover-Ostend personnel service is started about June 15, the Admiralty desire to terminate the Dover-Ostend "Neptune" cross-Channel despatch boat service.

Channel.

8. Eight surrendered German minesweeping trawlers in the Channel Islands are ready to sail with German P.O.W. crews. Eight surrendered cargo ships at St. Helier are also ready. A.N.C.X.F. is asked for disposal instructions.
9. In pursuance of the policy of turning over control to the French, Premar I has assumed authority for sailing of all warships from Cherbourg.
10. VEGA, International Red Cross ship, began discharging at Jersey today.

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- West France. 11. The French frigates L'AVENTURE, LA SURPRISE and LA DECOUVERTE arrived at Brest.
- Western Approaches. / 12. Escort Group C.4 (BOWMANVILLE, GLACE BAY, PETROLIA, ATHOLL and WHITBY) left Lough Foyle for Canada, calling at Greenock to embark personnel.
13. The corvettes RIMOUSKI and CAMROSE left Plymouth for Canada, calling at Greenock.
14. While L.C.T.475 was being undocked today at Dunstaffnage, Oban, in gusty weather, the tug EMPIRE CUPID collided with the anchor ramps of A.F.D.19. The tug was beached.
- / 15. Admiralty have no objection to the direct routing of Icelandic ships to U.S. east coast ports, provided approval of the U.S. authorities in Iceland is obtained.

Foreign Stations

Mediterranean

- Movement. 16. TRUMPETER (Escort Carrier) left Oran for U.S.A. (via Azores).

Far East and Australia

- Eastern Archipelago. 17. Four U.S. aircraft sank two small coasters and damaged another off S.W. Celebes.
- Borneo. / 18. 48 U.S. Liberators with 73 tons of bombs and 47 U.S. medium and fighter bombers attacked personnel and supply areas in the Brunei Bay sector supporting the landing operations by Australian forces. Many fires and explosions were caused.

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Japan.

19. From the 6th June till today, carrier borne aircraft from U.S. fleet have supported ground operations on Okinawa and attacked small shipping in the Sakishima Gunto area. Enemy aircraft made numerous attacks against Allied installations and shipping in these areas. Allied defences claim 84 enemy aircraft destroyed.

Movements.

20. TROMP (Netherlands cruiser) arrived Manus from Darwin.
SHROPSHIRE sailed from Madang for Tawi Tawi via Morotai.

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- Release of Personnel. / The release in Class A of male ratings and other ranks Royal Marines in Age and Service Groups Number 1, and of married W.R.N.S. ratings claiming high priority under A.F.O. 892/45 is to commence on 18th June in accordance with the instructions in A.F.O. 2835/45.
(A.C.N.P., approved 2nd Sea Lord, 090045B: A.G.M. 892A, B.5.)
- Russian Minesweepers from Canada for Libau. / 6 Russian Y.M.S. are expected to arrive Falmouth from St. Johns on 10th June.
(2) F.O.I.C. Falmouth is requested to arrange for them to be supplied with necessary fuel, stores and charts and for urgent seagoing defects to be made good. On completion they are to be sailed for Brunsbüttel for onward routeing to Libau via Kiel Canal.
(3) C. in C. Plymouth is requested to arrange for escort to accompany Y.M.S. as far as Nore Command. C. in C. Nore is requested to arrange relief escort thence to Brunsbüttel.
(4) A.M. 160107, May, A.M. 261640 May and A.N.C.X.F. 041814 none to all, refer.
(D.O.D.(H), 090150B to F.O.I.C. Falmouth, C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C. Nore.)
- Status of Portland Command. / Your 071357, approved for command at Portland to be reduced to Captain in Charge in near future as arranged by you. Future policy for Portland is that dockyard should continue working as at present but that port will only be required as mine clearance base, with training establishments retained (vide A.L. M/PD 029/45 of 10th April, 1945 section V (A) (vi) and section VIII).
(Hd. of M.II, approved A.C.N.S.(H), 090317B to C. in C. Portsmouth.)
- Demilitarisation of Heligoland. / Your 061040. This programme is entirely practicable and is in process suitably being carried out. An estimated date of completion will be forwarded shortly.
It forms preliminary part of long term policy proposed in your 071240 which is (corrupt gr.) practicable but will be rather slow due to difficulties of removal of heavy ammunition from deep tunnels.
(F.O.W.G., 090926B to A.N.C.X.F.)
- FLEETWOOD, ABERDEEN. / Requirements will shortly arise for which FLEETWOOD and ABERDEEN may prove suitable.
(2) When released to reserve these two ships should not be reduced beyond Category B.
(D.O.D.(H), 091129B to C. in C. Portsmouth, F.O.C.W.Af., F.O.C.R.F.)

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Transfer for F.A.A. Target Duties, etc. My 062039. Admty. 081649 neither to all.
 (1) BYRON, CONN, DEANE are detailed for temporary service with C. in C. Rosyth.
 (2) (A) BYRON, CONN have sailed for Rosyth.
 (B) F.O.I.C. Northern Ireland is requested to sail DEANE for Rosyth forthwith.
 (3) On arrival at Rosyth of FLINT C., OXFORD C., TINTAGEL C., about June 22nd, C. in C. Rosyth is requested:
 (a) To sail DEANE to Belfast.
 (b) To release BYRON, CONN for F.A.A. target service. My 081513 refers.
 (C. in C. W.A., 091140B to C. in C. Rosyth, F.O.I.C.N.I.)
 Sailed H.M. frigate CONN, E.T.A. Rosyth 1900B June 10th, C. in C. W.A., 081513 refers.
 Admty. is requested to divert mail to Rosyth.
 (F.O.I.C.N.I., 091157B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

Canadian Minesweepers. In view of Admiralty's shortage of minesweepers and present congestion in Canadian east coast ports, N.S.H.Q. desire that 31st Minesweeping Flotilla continue to operate in U.K. waters for the time being.

(2) It is anticipated that five Bangors now refitting in Canada will proceed to U.K. before the end of June. Further consideration will be given to withdrawal of Bangors now in U.K. as ships become due for refit.

(3) As U-Boat warfare has ended it is intended to reduce complements of Bangors and opportunity will be taken as far as is practicable to relieve non-volunteers with high priority for release.

(C.N.M.O., 091145B to Admty.)

Channel Islands, Military Command. Cite SHGCT Fwd. 24159.
 (1) British Chiefs of Staff have recommended approval procedure proposed Fwd. 23021 of 1 June (S.C.A.F. rpt. S.A.A.F. 428) and suggest effective date be mutually agreed between S.H.A.E.F. and War Office.

(2) In anticipation Combined Chiefs of Staff approval request you state earliest date about 15th June when you can assume responsibility.

(Shad Forward signed Eisenhower, 091200B to War Office.)

Reply: 121845B.

Portsmouth Command Boundary. A.M. 072121. Propose for consideration that boundary between Nore and Portsmouth Commands be amended to read "from Hastings to Treport".
 (2) This is in accordance with original line of demarcation which was altered to conform to S.W. limits of Areas Z.5 and Z.6.
 (C. in C. Portsmouth, 091306B to Admty.)

/THORNBOROUGH ...

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THORNBOROUGH Your 081929. (Admty. 081929 intended).
(to be at 4 months' notice for repairs). Request THORNBOROUGH be berthed at Dartmouth.
(2) THORNBOROUGH will take the place of one of the Colony class allocated to Dartmouth by enclosure 1 to my No. EPP 2/16/2 of 2nd May but not yet detailed.
(3) All radar and W/T and A/S equipment which is not obsolete should be removed before sailing.
A.F.O. 2758/45 may be taken as a general guide.
(4) Specialist officers from the staff of F.O.C.R.F. will visit ship as soon as possible to advise on details. (F.O.C.R.F., 091600B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Tentative Release Time-table. As already announced, the dispersal of officers and ratings including Royal Marines in Age and Service Group No.1 and all high priority married W.R.N.S. officers and ratings will commence on 18th June. Owing to the very large numbers in these groups the period of dispersal will extend over some weeks.
(2) As has already been explained in the White Paper setting out the Re-allocation Plan and in Admiralty messages and printed orders on the subject of release it will not be possible in the Navy for an equivalent number of Age and Service Groups to be released at the same time in all the various branches of the Service.
(3) A balanced Navy is essential and the Age and Service Groups are not equally distributed amongst the different branches, ranks and ratings. Although it is hoped to commence the dispersal of some men and women in the different Age and Service Groups by the dates quoted below it must be fully understood that this will not apply equally to all branches.
(4) It is expected that the dispersal of officers in Age and Service Group No.1 will be completed during October with the exception of Engineer Officers, Medical Officers and some classes of Warrant Officers whose dispersal will take longer. It is hoped that officers in Age and Service Groups 3 to 7 with the same exceptions will be dispersed before the end of 1945. In the case of W.R.N.S. officers dispersal of married women of low priority is expected to begin during August and will be followed soon after by the commencement of the dispersal of W.R.N.S. officers in Age and Service Groups 1 to 10.
(5) Provided sufficient progress is made with the dispersal of the ratings referred to in para. 1 it is hoped that the dispersal of the following Age and Service Groups can be commenced by about the dates shown below:
(a) Male ratings and other ranks R.M. in Age and Service Groups 3 to 8 inclusive. After the middle of July.
(b) Male ratings and other ranks R.M. in Age and Service Groups 9 to 16 inclusive. After the middle of August.
(c) Married W.R.N.S. ratings of low priority in the later part of August.
(d) W.R.N.S. ratings in Age and Service Groups 1 to 16 inclusive towards the end of September.
(6) The release of certain officer categories and rating groups vide A.F.Os. 2838/45 and 505/45 will inevitably lag behind.

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It is not possible to specify exactly which these are as they will vary from time to time depending on the requirements for the war against Japan and the rate at which the various branches can be freed from the many duties now being carried out in Europe and in Home Waters. Those in each officer category and rating group will be released in the order of their Age and Service Groups but inevitably the release of some officer categories and rating groups will proceed faster than others.

(7) Our Naval forces in the East are being built up as rapidly as possible from the later Age and Service Groups. Meanwhile there are many commitments outstanding in Europe and in Home Waters and although these are being terminated as quickly as possible it cannot yet be forecast how long this closing down process will take and therefore it is impossible to say exactly how many men and women will become available for release at a given time.

(8) Class B releases will not start before July. Names of those nominated for release will be communicated.

(9) Further forecasts will be issued as soon as reasonably firm dates can be determined.

(A.C.N.P., approved by 2nd Sea Lord, 091701B: A.G.M. 894A.)

Transfer
to French
Control,
N.France.

(C.T.G. 122.2, 091759B.)
See Channel.

Propaganda
for
Germans.

Your 081810.
Regret Cdr. McCleachlan, R.N.V.R., cannot be spared until after 21st June. Meanwhile recommend that you contact 21 A.G. Brig. Neville, G. (Information Control).

(2) Mr. Delmer (Controller of Information Services) proposes to visit F.O.I.C. Kiel very shortly. Date will be communicated in due course.

(D.N.I., 091805B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Operations

North Sea

QUEEN OF
THANET,
206th M.S.F.
for Germany,
with
L.U.C. 4.

My 081109 (N.T. in W.D.) QUEEN OF THANET, 206th M.S.F. and ROLFSBORG sailed. Remaining ships postponed owing to weather.
(2) Admty. divert mails for ships in para. 1 only. (F.O. Humber, 090131 to F.O. Western Germany.)
N.O.I.C. Humber's 081109 and 090131. German minesweepers will join at P.15 and provide protective escort to Cuxhaven.
(?N.O.I.C. Cuxhaven, 091406 to SOUTHDOWN.)

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- Minesweeping in the Bight. Your 082358B acknowledged.
(S.O. M/S.F.10, 090556B to C. in C. Nore.)
- BERWICK,
ZEBRA
(ex-Norway) Rosyth departures BERWICK and ZEBRA.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 090815B to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)
- Mine Explosion. At 1635/07 when M.M.S.17 was in position 090° N.F.6 Buoy 1½ cables steering 267° on passage to Sheerness a mine exploded spontaneously bearing Green 45° from the ship distance 6 cables.
(2) M.M.S.17 had M.M.S.182, 219, 189 and 14 in company disposed in order one and was overtaking H.M.T. WARDOUR and B.Y.M.S. 2221 with WARDOUR 1 cable on port beam of M.M.S.17 at time of explosion.
(Capt. M/S. Sheerness, 091101B to C. in C. Nore.)
- BIRMINGHAM (ex-Bergen) Subject to your concurrence intend to sail BIRMINGHAM wearing flag of C.S.10 to arrive Portsmouth p.m. Tuesday 12th June to give 12 days leave at home to each watch and to sail from Portsmouth on Wednesday 11th July.
(C. in C. H.F., 091112 to C. in C. Portsmouth.)
Concur. (C. in C. Portsmouth, 101020B.)
- Mines. As mine casualties are still occurring in N.F. Channel request you will cancel sailing of OCEANWAY to Ostend.
(A.N.C.X.F., 091144B to C. in C. Portsmouth.)
- 16th M/S.F. Proceed with SHIPPIGAN, BEAUMARIS and TOCOGAY to Granton and not Harwich.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 091154B to M/S.16.)
- French visits to German port. / Your 071331 not to all (N.T. in W.D.)
Agree with your proposal that F.S. LE FORTUNE, L'ALCYON, CROIX DE LORRAINE and TONKINOIS should make short visits to German port. Wilhelmshaven is most suitable port due to number of German warships present.
(2) In view of mine risk do not recommend inclusion of F.S. DUQUESNE.
(3) Request ships carry out visits in pairs calling at Portsmouth for onward routing.
(4) Request you will propose programme.
(A.N.C.X.F., 091225B as amended 091833B to Marine Paris.)

/SOUTHDOWN ...

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SOUTHDOWN, L.C.T.428 & H.D.M.Ls. for Germany, with L.U.C. 4. F.O. Humber's 081109. L.C.T.428 to be detached at Buoy 4 E.T.A. 1530 Sunday 10th. N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven to give protection to Schillig Roads and sail L.C.T.428 with next coastal convoy to Emden.
(2) H.D.M.Ls. 1399, 1403, 1420, 1025 to proceed Cuxhaven, not Wilhelmshaven.
(3) SOUTHDOWN to proceed Cuxhaven with convoy.
(4) Admty. divert mail for H.D.M.Ls. to Cuxhaven. (F.O.W.G., 091239B to SOUTHDOWN.)

Your 091239B. L.C.T. 428 and H.D.M.Ls. did not sail. L.U.C. 4 consists of QUEEN OF THANET, ROLFSBORG and 8 M.M.S. E.T.A. P.10 buoy 1100B tomorrow Sunday. (SOUTHDOWN, 091615B to F.O.W.G.)

Independent sailings resumed, Rosyth. Cancel my 221110 and 232357 both of August, 1944. All vessels may now be sailed independently and routed by searched channels. (C. in C. Rosyth, 091320B to F.Os. 1/c. and N.Os. 1/c. and N.C.S.Os. Rosyth Command.)

N.P. 1571 from Germany. Propose sending N.P.1571 to U.K. for rest period in accordance with Admty. letter 0467/45 January 29, para. 2.
(2) N.P.1571 leaving Bremen a.m. June 12th, E.T.A. Ostend p.m./13th.
(3) Request passage be arranged, (P.S.T.O.N.W.E. 081805 not to all refers) - N.T. in W.R.
(4) Complement three officers, 40 men with four three ton lorries, 1 P.U.
(Com. P. Parties, 091324B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Ships for Reserve, Harwich. Ref. F.O.C.R.F. 291155B (Progress of reduction of ships for reserve fleet). State at 1200 Saturday 9th June.
(a) Harwich.
(b) MALLARD, WIDGEON, SHEARWATER, SHELDRAKE, GUILLEMOT, HEATHER, ARMERIA, June 12th.
(c) Nil.
(S.O.R.F. Harwich, 091419B to C. in C. Nore.)

FERNIE, MEYNELL, from Wilhelmshaven. C. in C. Nore's 041121, para. 2. Sail FERNIE and MEYNELL as convenient to comply. (P.S.T.O.N.W.E., 091518B to N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven.)

Floating Dock, Heligoland. / Brief report. Length over blocks 295 feet, breadth extreme 62 feet, breadth between side walls 42 feet, clear max. draught over blocks 18 feet, lifting capacity 1,500 tons. Built 1941. Dock dependent on shore supply for steam,

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Floating Dock, Heligoland. (Contd.) heating domestic essentials and electric power for all lighting and dock machinery max. power input requires 500 KVA at 6,000 volts. Written report follows, orig. S.E.O. for Staff Constructor Officer. (F.O.W.G., 091715B to Admty.)

Dover - Ostend N.D.B. Service. As soon as the new Dover - Ostend personnel service is started about 15th June it is desired to terminate the Dover - Ostend N.D.B.S. Your 051939 February refers (051930 intended). (2) Request your concurrence. (D.O.D.(H), 091810B to A.N.C.X.F.) F.O. Belgium objects, see 101201B. A.N.C.X.F. concurs, see 121723B.

BELFAST for Pacific. (1) On leaving Rosyth dockyard basin about 1530B Monday 11th June proceed to Scapa by standard route. Admty. 021739 refers. (2) Carry out runs on Brimsness measured mile entering Hoxa on completion about 0800B/12 June. (3) Admty. divert mails to Scapa from 11 June. (C. in C. H.F., 091834B to BELFAST.)

Minesweeping, Heligoland Bight. (?Operation) "Dropkick". (1) Modified L, LAA, and explosive sweep between number 4 Buoy and Bremerhaven. (2) Nil. (3) Nil. (4) Nil. (Capt. M/S. Force C, 091907B to C. in C. Nore.) Completed negative result 3 actuation P.10 to P.15 between 6½ and 10 cables north-east of centre line. This gives a total of 10 actuation on this section. (2) Escorts provided for U.L.C.3. (3) 7 effective SK and L/SA sweepers. (S.O. M/S. Flotilla 10, 092015B to C. in C. Nore.)

Minesweeping, East Coast Barrier. Check search in K formation of area enclosed by the following four points completed - negative result. (1) All positions are north and east unless otherwise indicated: 053° 51'34", 001° 26'06". (2) 053° 51'34", 001° 36'18". (3) 053° 42'30", 001° 51'57". (4) 053° 42'30", 001° 41'45". Flotilla and danlayers return Humber. (S.O. M/S.F.15, 092035B to C. in C. Nore.)

Minesweeping, Schelde. Sweeping report for today Saturday. (A) 2 B.Y.M.S. completed SA/HG sweep from Hellegat via Vuilegat to Hellevoeisluis, 7 acoustic mines detonated as previously reported. Consider all acoustic mines in Vuilegat and

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Minesweeping, west Haringvliet Vields has been swept.
Schelde. (B) Static sweep in Keeten continuing.
(Contd.) (C.M.S. East Schelde, 092114 to F.O. Holland.)

Sweeping Your 291545 (Requesting signal to A.N.C.X.F.,
by German info. Admty. when a mine is swept by German M/S.)
M/S. (A) Sperrbrecher 177.
(B) 053° 53.9 (?N.) 007° 49.8 E.
(C) Anti-Sperrbrecher mine.
(D) 9th June 07(?03).
(N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven, 092130B. to A.N.C.X.F.)

OPPORTUNE, Your 081550B, arrived.
OBEDIENT, (C. in C. Rosyth, 092220B to F.O. Kiel.)
OFFA.

M/S. Force C, Ref. my 082130. Propose to sail for Humber at
Bight area. daylight Tuesday June 12th in M.L.211 with 21st
Trawler Group and danlayer ST. BARBE. Request
approval for remainder of Force C to return for
rest and refit as submitted in para. 3 of my
071500.
(Capt. M/S. Force C, 092300B to C. in C. Nore.)

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Channel

Arromanches Passing N.A. Paris 071306B.
Memorial (Hd. of M. Br.II, 090318B to C. in C.
Service, Portsmouth.)
6th June.

German Your 151305B May, para. (B).
M/S from Following German surrendered minesweeping
Channel trawlers now in Channel Island ports are ready
Islands. to sail at short notice with German P.O.W. crews.
Efficiency of M/S. equipment cannot be checked
here so recommend vessels be sailed to an ex-
German M/S. Base where equipment to make good
deficiencies is available. Armament on board but ammunition
removed. M.4601, 4603, 4604, 4606, 4610, 4614, 4615, 4618.
Request disposal instructions.
(N.O.I.C. C.I., 091055B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Channel Transfer of military command to War Office.
Islands. (091200B). See Policy.

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BRECON,
ZETLAND
for Meditn.

Intend sailing BRECON and ZETLAND (S.O.) passing
Needles 1230B/10th to Gibraltar for onward
routing in accordance with A.M. 021624B.

(2) Route and communications follow in separate
signal not to information addressees.
(3) Speed 18 knots, E.T.A. Gibraltar 0800B/13th.

(4) Request diversion of mails.

(5) BRECON and ZETLAND acknowledge and sail to comply.

(C. in C. Portsmouth, 091257B to F.O.G.M.A., BRECON, ZETLAND,
C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C. W.A., Admty.)

S/Ms.
TURPIN,
SCOTSMAN
and SPUR
(for
Eastern
theatre).

Route from R/V position (K) 49.05 N. 05.55 W.,
(L) 43.50 N. 10.20 W., (M) 38.40 N. 10.20 W.,
(N) 36.30 N. 09.45 W., (O) 35.51 N. 06.10 W.,
thence to Gibraltar.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 091327B to Capt. S/M.3.)

French
corvettes
for
Cherbourg.

F.N.G.B's 291430 and 071800.
Following are anticipated dates when French
corvettes will be ready to sail from Plymouth
for Cherbourg:

ACONIT	13th June
ROSELYS	13th June
RENONCULE	13th June
COMMANDANT D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES	20th June

(2) It is intended to sail ACONIT, ROSELYS, RENONCULE to
Cherbourg in company when ready and COMMANDANT D'ESTIENNE
D'ORVES independently to Cherbourg when ready.

(3) Intend removing all British C.Bs., S.Ps., charts and other
British publications now, but to retain B.N.L.Os. on board
until immediately prior to sailing.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 091555B to Admty., F.N.G.B.)

German
shipping,
St. Helier
Jersey.

Your 151305B May, para. (B).
Following surrendered cargo ships at St. Helier
Jersey are ready to sail with German P.O.W.
crews at short notice:

(a) ROBERT MULLER, 8, Lloyds Reg. No.	82379
(b) DERFLINGER	" 56883
(c) GERFRIED	" 58188
(d) HOLSTEIN	" 59003 or 59004
(e) LENA (ex Dutch)	" 28386
(f) RENE MARGUERITE (ex French)	" 82215
(g) SPINEL (ex British)	" 83927
(h) SCHWALBE (ex BRITISH SWALLOW)	" 64615

(2) Above Lloyds list Nos. believed correct but not guaranteed.

(3) Request disposal instructions.

(N.O.I.C. C.I., 091626B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Reply: A.N.C.X.F. 101445B.

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M.M.S. for
Le Verdon.Intend to sail French M.M.S. D.342 and D.344 at
1200B/10th June to Le Verdon unless otherwise
ordered.(2) Routed through (H) 46° 05' N., 02° 40' W.
thence as in C.T.F. 122's 181411 May not to all
(N.T. in W.R.)

(3) Speed 9½ knots, E.T.A. 0800B/12th June.

(4) Constant watch on 2300 k/cs.

(5) Request mails to Le Verdon.

(6) D.342 and D.344 sail to comply.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 091642B to C.T.F.122, Comar Bordeaux.)

Transfer
to French
Control,
N. France.In execution of policy of progressive turnover of
control to French Authorities Premar I has
assumed authority and responsibility for sailing
of all warships from this port. Sailings will
be ordered by agreement with U.S. Naval authority
during remainder period of U.S. control of port.
(C.T.G. 122.2, 091759B to C.T.F. 122.)W.D. Note: Location of C.T.G. 122.2 not known,
but presumed Cherbourg.Minesweeping,
Le Havre.Sitrep. 119th M.S.F. LL/SA Q.Z.S.576 and Q.Z.S.
619 from J.9 to H.D.2 6 cables wide starboard
side of channel. One actuation negative result.
(C.E. Cdr. M/S. Le Havre, 091801B to C.T.F.122.)Channel
Islands
Situation
Report.Cositintrep 431. Force 135, part 1. Period
ending 1845B/9th June at St. Peter Port.(3) (E) Sark: Clearance slipway Creux harbour
vehicle path 60% clear.

Guernsey: 1,935 mines lifted 8th June.

Clearance underwater obstacles, anti-air landing
obstacles and repairs to slipways and harbour

installations continues satisfactorily.

Jersey: Removal of obstacles from and repairs to slipways
continue.(4) (C) Jersey: International Red Cross ship VEGA arrived 8th
June from Guernsey started discharging 9th June.

(H.Q. Force 135, 091856B to Admty.)

LAOMEDON,
defect.Have developed boiler trouble necessitating shut
down for 24 hours. Request route for approach
and permission to anchor Weymouth Bay to effect
repair.

(LAOMEDON, 092033B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Sweeping by
M/S.F.31.

My 302145B.

Q.Z.X.259 area E, F, G, H swept to a depth 2.6
miles from western edge. No mines. Flotilla
hove to for the night, resuming operations first
light. Intend proceeding Falmouth p.m./10 June.
(S.O. M/S.F.31, 092215B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

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West Coast France.

L'AVENTURE, LA SURPRISE, LA DECOUVERTE. L'AVENTURE, LA SURPRISE and LA DECOUVERTE arrived at Brest. (Premar II 091215B to C.T.F. 122, Info. C. in C. Plymouth, Admty., A.N.C.X.F., etc.)

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Western Approaches.

Escort Group 16, (from Gibraltar.) Arrived E.G. 16. (Cdre. (D) W.A., 090906B to C. in C. W.A.)

T.G. 61.9. Cr. No. 568. Request you sail T.G. 61.9 to New York when ready for sea on or about 12th June. (Com. 12th Fleet, 090948 to C. in C. W.A.)

C.4 Escort Group for Canada. My 081120B June sailed. Latest Q messages held Q.J.A. 432, Q.J.H. 477. (Cdre. (D) W.A. 091114B to F.O.I.C. Greenock.) S.O.E.G. C. 4 in BOWMANVILLE with H.M. Canadian ships GLACE BAY, PETROLIA, ATHOLL and WHITBY arrived Clyde. (F.O.I.C. Greenock 092003B to Cdre. (D) W.A.)

BROADLAND (sunk 8/6.) My 081311B (not to EUROPA). Intend holding Board of Enquiry to investigate loss of drifter BROADLAND. Crew will be discharged to EUROPA on completion. (N.O.I.C. Aultbea, 091135 to Admty.)

ZWARTE ZEE. Request tug ZWARTE ZEE be sailed to Loch Ewe for towage of NEMESIS to Clyde. (2) On completion of tow ZWARTE ZEE is allocated to C. in C. Plymouth as rescue tug and for relief of MAMMOTH. Request she be sailed to Falmouth accordingly. (A.N.C.X.F. (Cotug), 091714B to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

Operations.

Norway.

FOLEY, (to relieve CAISTOR CASTLE.) Sailed FOLEY, E.T.A. Bergen 1345/9. C. in C. Rosyth's 081151B refers. (N.O.I.C. Stavanger, 090854B to N.O.I.C. Bergen.)

Return of 16th M.S.F. My 081101 ships mentioned sailed in company 0700B/9th June. (N.O.I.C. Kristiansand 090914B to Admty.)

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ACANTHUS.

Intend to sail ACANTHUS N.S. from Bergen at 1000 tomorrow Sunday 10th June for Port Edgar by Q.Z.S. N.770 thence to position G 058° N. 005° E. thence by NV-G channel, E.T.A. Oxcars Gate 0500/12th June. Ref. C. in C. Rosyth 071100B (N.T. in W.R.) (N.O.I.C. Bergen 091130B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

Minesweeping / Suggest following policy be adopted for minesweeping Norway. in Norway.

- A. On completion of sweeping of all coastal channels and approach channels to Oslo, Kristiansand, Bergen, Stavanger and Trondheim. Norwegian naval command to be responsible for future minesweeping and carrying out check sweeps in the channels Q.Z.S. Channels have already been established for all ports except Trondheim but completion expected by 30th June.
- B. It is considered essential that mine barriers which lie close westward and southward of the coastal channels should be cleared as soon as possible owing to the danger from mines breaking away and re-mooring in the channels during westerly and southerly gales, and which has occurred on a number of occasions. Consider this operation could be carried out by German minesweepers available under Norwegian control in three of four months.
- C. Consider Skaggerak mine barrier should be swept to the southward from coastal channel to a depth of at least 5 miles owing to danger of mines re-mooring in the channel. This operation has already commenced with German minesweepers, operating from Kristiansand.
- D. Norwegian minesweeper command informed me that they are prepared to take over minesweeping duties in accordance with paras. A. B. and C. by the 15th of July.
(Capt. M/S Norway, 091146B to F.O. Norway.)

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Northern Waters.

Routeing of Icelandic Ships.

/ No Admiralty objection to direct routeing of Icelandic vessels to U.S. East Coast Ports. Your 021701 refers. Approval of U.S. authorities in Iceland (C) should be obtained.
(D.T.D., 090341B to A.C.I.C.)

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Baltic.

TASAJERA,
C.F. Base,
Nakskov,
Lolland.

Your 081621 approved subject to minesweeping being sufficiently progressed to ensure safe passage for TASAJERA and subsequently tankers.
(A.N.C.X.F., 091222B to F.O. Denmark.)
Fully concur in proposals outlined in F.O. Denmark's 081621B which offers many advantages.
(F.O. Kiel, 091244B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Co-ordination
of inter-
rogation and
technical
units.

My 071739 ¹¹⁸⁶ para. 3 C amend to read "on arrival officers are to report to Captain Maud in liner PATRIA."
(A.N.C.X.F., 091842B to Admty., Comnaveu.)
(Former amended.)

Casualties.

EMPIRE CUPID
(tug) and
A.F.D. 19,
damaged,
collision.

During operation of undocking L.C.T. 475 p.m. today under gusty weather conditions EMPIRE CUPID was carried broad side on to anchor ramps of A.F.D. 19 damaging the bottom plating of the tug probably under or in the vicinity of the boiler. The tug rapidly took in water and was beached about 10 mins. later in a position where the deck will be covered at high water. An attempt will be made to sight the damage at low water about 0400 on 10th June and arrangements have been made for Corpach to send divers to assist. Further report will be made as soon as possible. Request arrangements be made to provide another 1000 H.P. tug to assist EMPIRE ARIEL in docking operation at Corpach about 13th June and undocking about 26th June. This is an urgent requirement to enable programme for the removal of floating docks from Corpach and Dunstaffnage to be maintained as only a 500 H.P. tug is now available at Dunstaffnage. The undocking of L.C.T. 474 which was in dock with L.C.T. 475 is postponed until more favourable wind conditions prevail.
(C.C. Dunstaffnage, 091915B to N.O.I.C. Oban.)

Movements.

KILDWICK,
BEAUFORT
(from Gib.)

Arrived KILDWICK and BEAUFORT.
(2) Request mails to Plymouth.
(C. in C. Plymouth 090008B to F.O.G.M.A.)
See also 091858B.

TONKINOIS
(S.O.), CROIX
DE LORRAINE,
L'ESCARMOUCHE.

My 071818B sailed.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 090015B to Marine Paris, Premar Cherbourg, C.T.G. 122.2)
TONKINOIS, CROIX DE LORRAINE, L'ESCARMOUCHE arrived Cherbourg 0600B/09.
(C.T.G. 122.2, 090831B to C. in C. Portsmouth, Marine Paris.)

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BITTERSWEET, BITTERSWEET arrived.
for reserve. (N.O.I.C. Aberdeen 090515B to Cdre. (D) W.A.)

U.2334. GUARDSMAN escorting U.2334 arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Stranraer 090856B to C. in C. H.F.)

FRITILLARY. FRITILLARY accepted into reserve category C 8th
June. (2) As steaming party is required until
ship is actually beached intend to draft the
following numbers to depots 11th June. 14 for
Portsmouth, 9 for Devonport, 9 for Chatham.
Nominal lists have already been posted and service documents
will be sent with drafts.
(3) Officers will be drafted to leave p.m. 11th June.
(FRITILLARY 090935 to Admty., etc.)
All accounts closed and will be posted from Milford Haven 11th
June. My 090935 refers.
(FRITILLARY 090947 to VICTORY III.)

GORGON, Request you will sail GORGON direct to Aberdeen
minesweeper. to join 40th M.S.F.
(C. in C. Rosyth 091015B to F.O.I.C. Harwich.)

U.861 (store Intend to sail U-Boat 861 escorted by P.C. 74 from
carrier from Lough Foyle at 1000B/10th June by standard routes
Japan.) to Milford Haven E.T.A. Milford Haven Buoy 0600B/
11th. C. in C. W.A's 051649B June (not to all)
refers. (2) Request P.C. 74 be sailed to Greenock
on completion of fuelling at Milford p.m. 11th.
(Cdre. (D) W.A. 091119B to F.O.I.C. Milford Haven)

BELVOIR. Buoy now available for BELVOIR.
(Com. i/c Sheerness 091309B to C. in C. Plymouth)
Sailed BELVOIR and KILDWICK. My 091417 and 091311
refer.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 091858B to Com. i/c Sheerness)

PHILANTE. PHILANTE arrived Clyde
(F.O.I.C. Greenock 091313B to N.O.I.C. Larne.)

WALDEGRAVE. Your 091847 (sic) (N.T. in W.D.) F.O.C.R.F. has
requested that WALDEGRAVE may have boilers cleaned
at Portsmouth. This is being taken in hand and
will complete p.m. Saturday 16th.
(2) Ship will be ready to sail on Sunday 17th. F.O.C.R.F. 071805
refers. (3) Two fifths of ship's company can be discharged when
required.
(Capt. D. Portsmouth 091513B to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

FENNEL for FENNEL proceed passing Clyde Boom 1200B tomorrow
reserve. 10th June to Londonderry. E.T.A. 2100B/10th June.
F.O.C.R.F.'s 071459 refers. Mails to Londonderry
forthwith.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock 091539B to FENNEL.)

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RIMOUSKI,
CAMROSE
for Canada. Sailed RIMOUSKI and CAMROSE to Greenock.
My 081735 (not to all) refers.
(2) Amend destination in my 071653 (not to all)
to Greenock.
(C. in C. Plymouth 091742B to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

MACKAY. Arrival 9th June MACKAY.
(N.O.I.C. Bergen 091806B to N.O.I.C. Stavanger.)

CAESAR. Sailed CAESAR as in my 081756B (intend to sail D.6
in CAESAR on completion of exercises.)
(C. in C. Plymouth 091955B to C. in C. H.F., Ashore)

U.2502,
U.3515. Your 071445B June. Arrived.
(Cdre. (D) W.A., 092040B to C. in C. W.A., etc.)

AUBRETIA,
for reserve. AUBRETIA proceed passing Clyde Boom at 2300B/9th
June to Londonderry. E.T.A. Lough Foyle Buoy
0900B/10th June.
F.O.C.R.F's 051613B and 071459B, neither to all
addressees, refer.
Mails to Londonderry forthwith.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock 092113B to Com. (D) W.A.,
AUBRETIA.)
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ESCAPADE. Sail ESCAPADE independently to Greenock.
(C. in C. Rosyth 092201B to N.O.I.C. Tromso.)

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U.K.

Intend to sail KILBRIDE (S.O.) and KILMARNOCK at 0800B June 10th to Plymouth for onward routeing (A.M. 061756 not to all).
(3) S. of A. 10 knots adjusting speed to arrive A.M. 15th June.
(F.O.G.M.A., 090942B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

F.S. GLOIRE
(Sultan of
Morocco)

Intend sail F.S. GLOIRE escorted by F.S. TIGRE at 1000A/11 for Cherbourg routed standard northbound. S. of A. 18 knots adjusting to arrive at 0800Z/14 Almed. 061218B. C. in C. Med. 062257B refer, neither to all.
(Commorseafron. 091000A to Admty.)

Corvette
for U.K.

Intend to sail WILLOWHERB at 1800B June 10th to Chatham.
(3) S. of A. 12 knots.
(4) E.T.A. a.m. 15th.
(F.O.G.M.A., 091034B to C. in C. Nore.)

Ships for
U.K.

Intend to sail The Captain D. Gibraltar in MALCOLM with LOWESTOFT, WELLINGTON, BELLWORT, KILMELFORD, KILBIRNIE, KILMARTIN, KILMINGTON and KILMORE in company to Plymouth at 1500B June 11th. (Route)

(3) S. of A. 12 knots.
(4) E.T.A. 0900B June 15th.
(F.O.G.M.A., 091110B to C. in C. Plymouth, Admty.)

Movement

Intend to sail H.M. Submarine VAMPIRE (S.O.) and HYDERABAD at 1800B 10th June to Portsmouth.
(3) S. of A. 10 knots.
(4) E.T.A. 1600 15th June.
(F.O.G.M.A., 091202B to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

A/S Trawler
for U.K.

A.M. 081949. Request KINGSTON AGATE be sailed to Gibraltar to complete accounts and for onward routeing.
(F.O.G.M.A. 091414B to S.B.N.O. Azores.)

Trawlers
and Air/
Sea Rescue

A.M. 081949. Need of trawlers for Air Sea Rescue remains unaffected by arrangements in A.M. 182352* May R.A.F. do not consider these arrangements meet their requirements owing to distance of stations from Azores and in any case are only temporary during redeployment.

(2) Establishment by U.S. Navy of P.C. and S.C. based on Horta and Ponta Delgada which is now being arranged, is likewise not fully satisfactory as these craft are not considered seaworthy in all Atlantic weather. Cominch (?211)312 May not to F.O.G.M.A. refers.
(3) Opinion of S.O. Trawlers Gib. on para. 2(b) of A.M. 081949 would be valuable in view of his recent visit to Horta but my own is that it would be difficult and undesirable.

/S.O. ...

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and Air/
Sea
Rescue
(Contd.)

S.O. Trawlers has my view in detail.
(4) As R.A.F. have no A.S.R. Craft capable of withstanding bad Atlantic weather suggest solution is to employ 2 escort craft preferable long endurance diesel based on Gibraltar, and stationed in Azores 6 weeks at a time, thus allowing each ship 1 (one) refuel at Ponta Delgada in 3 months allowed by International law.

Extended fuelling facilities at Ponta Delgada might be negotiated with Portuguese similar to those granted to U.S. Naval Craft referred to in Paragraph 2 above, 2 of which are to be based at Ponta Delgada.

(S.B.N.O. Azores, 091508Z to F.O.G.M.A., Admty.)

* Immediate requirement has arisen for providing Air/Sea rescue facilities as Trans-Atlantic air routes for U.S. Aircraft now returning to America.

M.M.S.
U.K.
to North
Shields

Sailed from Horta at 1401Z 9th M.M.S. 1058 (S.O.) 1059 and 1067 for O.R. to North Shields, S. of A. 9 knots E.T.A. Plymouth 1400Z/15.
(Azores W/T, 091753Z to Gibraltar, Admty.)

MAGICIENNE

On arrival request you will sail MAGICIENNE to Plymouth for onward routeing to Granton.
(2) C. in C. N.A.'s 081720Z not to all.
(D.M.S. Aden, 092016B to S.B.N.O. Azores.)

Trawler
and
B.Y.M.S.
U.K.

Your 081541. It is not desired to delay arrival in U.K. of ST. WISTAN, who has been placed for reconversion at Hull.
(2) Arrival of B.Y.M.S. in U.K. is not urgent.
(3) Request you will adjust programme as requisite.
(D.O.D.(F), 092230B to F.O.G.M.A.)
See 092010Z (S.A.)

South Atlantic

KILDARY

Have detached KILDARY in position 013° 10' N. 020° 20' W. to Dakar speed 11 knots, on account of (A) bracket or Muffler trouble. Request diver be available on arrival. KILDARY make own E.T.A.
(S.O.E.G. 60, 090431Z to F.O.C.W.Af.)

/H.M.T. ...

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H.M.T. Your 081047*. It is not clear for what purpose
POLAR V. POLAR V would be sent to Walvis as no facilities
exist there either for her reception or re-
conversion, nor have Capetown Agents of Falklands
Whaling Company any instructions for her

reception here.

(2) In view of the above and in the absence of any definite
orders as to the future of this ship it is not considered that
the delay to GOOD HOPE and NATAL would be acceptable as they
are urgently required elsewhere.

(3) It is pointed out that the Union Authorities are very
anxious for both frigates to arrive in S. Africa together.
(C. in C. S.A., 091253B to F.O.C. W.Af.) See 111919B.

* Repetition of missing groups requested.

Corvettes Following is approximate programme for return of
for U.K. GENISTA and MARGUERITE. A.M. 291756 May and
081052 June refers.

<u>Place</u>	<u>Arrival</u>	<u>Leave</u>
Simonstown	-	June 16th
Gibraltar	July 12th	July 14th

thence to U.K.
(C. in C. S. A., 091601 to Admty.)

Trawlers Intend to sail DUNKERY and BUTSER 0700Z 10th June
for Gibraltar for onward routing to Falmouth.
F.O.C. W.Af.'s 041243 refers.

(5) E.T.A. Gib. 2300 June 17th.
(Comar Dakar, 091825Z to F.O.G.M.A.)

ST. WISTAN ST. WISTAN is returning to Dakar for repairs.
With head wind, swell, and light towing hawsers
our S. of A. is 3 knots. Position 018° 26' N.
017° 40' W.
(INKPEN, 092010Z to F.O.C.W.Af.)

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Mediterranean

EXMOOR Sail at 1200B/9th S. of A. 21 knots to Gibraltar.
destroyer (V.A.M. 090845 to EXMOOR)
(Hunt)

Movement Alex. 8th June Arrivals Nil.
 Departures CLEOPATRA, KENNET, B.Y.M.S. 2045.
 (F.O.L.E.M. 090935C to Admty.)

BERMUDA Your 082310C not to all. I have been directed
for to sail C.S.2 in BERMUDA to join B.P.F. in
B.P.F. accordance with his previous programme retaining
 H.M. CLEOPATRA in Levant for time being. Request
 you will comply.
 (2) This will leave you with 2 cruisers to deal
with an empty arrival of French Cruiser JEANNE D'ARC: should
she carry troops SUSSEX will be sent to join you. Ref.
A.M. 082210 not to all.
(C. in C. Mediterranean, 091038B to F.O.L.E.M.(Afloat))

Transfer (1) Concur movements being ordered by Marine
of P.Cs. etc. Paris your 071058.
from Med. (2) Marine Paris informme of their intention to
to French shift eight H.D.M.Ls. instead of six as mentioned
Western in B.A.D. Washington's 052001.
Approaches (A.L. Med., 091210Z to C. in C. Med.)
 See 121105B.

S.N.O.(A) Am sailing in CLEOPATRA at 1800C/9th June,
Beirut ARETHUSA will become S.N.O.(A) at Beirut. He
 is in touch with C. in C. Mediterranean and 9th
 Army.
 (2) Request ARETHUSA be included in address of
all movement signals of ships in Levant.
(F.O.L.E.M.(Afloat) 091305C to C. in C. Med.)

ABERCROMBIE Cancel A.M. 270230 May.
(Monitor) (2) ABERCROMBIE is required on East Indies
 Station as soon as possible but air conditioning
 to A.D.R. and modifications to ventilation of
 15 inch turret must be completed before leaving
Malta. Omission of other items listed in paragraph 2 of your
311414 May can be accepted.
(3) Request you report what improvement can be made on present
completion date of 28th July, and probable date of sailing for
E.I. Station.
(4) ABERCROMBIE must be manned from station resources, and any
deficiencies not available on the station be taken from draft
arriving 4th July. A.M. 010527 and A.M. 080403 May neither to
all refer.
(D.O.D.(F) Approved V.C.N.S., 091837B to V.A. Malta, C. in C. Med.)

/Situation...

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Situation (2) Channel now widened to 2.4 miles south
Report centre line between 6 and 7 buoy. 14 mines
Istrian and 3 static cutter swept today.
Coast (3) Progress slow as only 3 Sweepers and 1(one)
9th June, Danlayer available but anticipate completion with
1945. check A sweep tomorrow.
Minesweeping (ARIES, 092037B to S.N.O. N.A. & F.O.T.A.L.I.etc)

JEANNE D'ARC My 051718 para. one. Ship still at Bizerta at
091600.
(C. in C, Med. 092345B to F.O.L.E.M. (Afloat))

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East Indies.

Re (c's)
DILWARA
mined.

My 080347 convoy R.M. 2 delayed. N.O.I.C. Rangoon's
081425 not to all refers.
(N.C.S.O. Rangoon 090227Z to Admty.)

Submarine
ZWAARDVISCH
(D.S.)

Intend to sail ZWAARDVISCH 14th June for Aden and
U.K. Thence as directed by C. in C. E.I.S. S.O.A.
10 knots. Request onward route.
(C.T.F. 71, 090449 to C. in C. E.I.S.)

Frigate for
U.K.

Intend to sail SPEY at 1300Z/10th to Suez for
onward routeing to U.K. C. in C. E.I.S. 290446 May
not to all refers.
(2) E.T.A. 0400/16th S.O.A. 10 knots.
(Com. Aden, 091601Z to N.O.I.C. Suez.)

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Requesting information re: sinking H.M.C.S. SHAW-INIGAN 24/25 Nov. 1944 U.1228. Preliminary interrogation U.1228 C.O. MARIENFELD indicates this U-Boat sank a destroyer 25th November 1944 ten miles southeast Cape Race (?Ray). Your 081351 (No trace in War Diary). Further details when available. (Cominch, 091445Z to N.S.H.Q. & Admty.) Requesting whether interrogation of crews of surrendered U-Boats or examination of records have produced any information regarding sinking of H.M.C.S. SHAWINIGAN 24/25th November, 1944.

Russian Y.M.S. 453, 456, 464, 465 and 466. In accordance C.E.S.F. 051917 modified by 081855 (N.T. in W.D. HASTE escorting six Russian Y.M.S. departed New York Gate 1300Q/9th June for St. Johns Newfoundland. (Com. 3, 091702Z to F.O.N.F.)

Trawler, BAFFIN for U.K. When ready (about) 12th June request H.M. Trawler BAFFIN be sailed from Sydney C.B. to St. John's Newfoundland for onward routeing to U.K. and return to R.N. (C. in C. C.N.A. 091745Z to N.O.I.C.Sydney C.B.)

S.S. MULL OF GALLOWAY. *See P 171. 6.6.45.* Departing Esquimalt 1530 G.M.T. June 12th. A. H.M.S.S. MULL OF GALLOWAY ~~escort~~ maintenance vessel. B. San Francisco California E.T.A. 0330 G.M.T. 16th June for onward routeing to East Indies. (C.O.P.C. 091838Z to C.W.S.F.)

CAPE BRETON. H.M.C.S. CAPE BRETON departed Balboa for Esquimalt via San Diego 1900/8. E.T.A. San Diego 2200/16. Speed 15 knots. (Compaseafon, 091846 to Cominch and etc.)

A/S Patrol Craft. Sail H.N.M.S. KING HAAKON SEVEN to U.K. Royal Norwegian Naval Service has info. by hand. (Cominch, 091914Z to C.E.S.F.)

T.Group. Commanding Officer, GENERAL T.H. BLISS hereby designated Commander Task Group consisting U.S.S. GENERAL T.H. BLISS, GENERAL S.R. BROOKE, U.S.A.T. JAMES PARKER. (Com. 10th Fleet, 092043Z to GENERAL T.H. BLISS, GENERAL S.R. BROOKE)

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S/M . Admiralty O81719. Only large damage is to
TERRAPIN . pressure hull plating and framing above W.R.T.
repairs. tank top port side frames 15 to 26. Maximum
deflection 15 inches. No leaks. Repair will be
straight forward, renewal of plates and frames in
this area. Docking discloses that tubes are
apparently undamaged. Amend para. G of my 300913 May accordingly
(S/M IV, 090337Z to C. in C. B.P.F.)

Truk With concurrence of C. in C. U.S. Pac. Fleet a
Operation / raid on Truk by forces under command of C.S.4
"Inmate". (C.T.G.111.2) has been arranged.
(2) Object - Battle experience objective - enemy
air installations.
(3) Forces involved IMPLACABLE supported by cruisers
and destroyers from those now at or proceeding to Manus (my
060550 refers) and also possibly one C.V.E. as spare deck.
(4) Codeword in my 090450. Dates in my 090451.
(C. in C. B.P.F.090449Z to Admty.)
My 090449. Codeword "Inmate".
(C. in C. B.P.F. 090450Z to Admty.)
My 090449. Strike days 14th and 15th June.
(C. in C. B.P.F.090451Z to Admty.)

ILLUSTRIOUS Concur in ILLUSTRIOUS being fitted as a flagship
fitting as subject to no delay in completion. A.C.1
flagship. 080356 and my 240243 May neither to F.O.C.T. (Largs)
refers. Requirements will be forwarded direct
to F.O.C.T. (Largs).
(C. in C. B.P.F. 090707Z to Admty, A.C.(1))

Digest 1235 Navy searchers from Clark Field destroyed three
8.6.45 luggers one river boat China Coast Pescadores
Extract. Areas.
(5) Delayed report states Palawan searchplane 7th
June sank two riverboats, damaged tug and barge
Western Borneo.
(6) 4 night Liberators hit Woosung Dock Area and Airfield. Shanghai.
(10) Large Allied cruisers and destroyers bombarded shore defences
Brunei Bay Area with excellent coverage.
(11) 39 Liberators dropped 87 tons Labuan runway stores personnel
areas cratering airfield. Previous day (June 7th) 35 Liberators
dropped 66 tons various targets Brunei Bay including Broketon,
defence positions and barracks Muara Island.
(12) On 7th June. 6 Lightnings sweeping Brunei Bay damaging
radar station buildings wrecking two barges.
(13) Two Liberators damaged two small coasters Bandjermasin 7th
June while previous day two Liberators sank one small coaster
damaged three others; plus 1 barge Bandjermasin.
(14) Early morning 7th June Allied S/M reported single heavy cruiser
heading north from Batavia.
(16) On Bougainville Island 3rd Australian Division turned south-
west from Harl River crossing on Buin Road, pushed down river to
mouth of Mamagota (5 miles southeast Aitara Mission).

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Digest 1235 (17) On 7th June 17 Mitchells, 22 Corsairs, 7
8.6.45 Venturas dropped 22 tons Rabaul stores, 97 Cor-
Extract sairs unloaded 27 tons supporting Australian
(Contd.) Forces southeast of Bougainville.
(18) R.A.A.F. Operations for 5th June involved
six Beaufighters striking buildings Brunei Bay,
for 6th June, 13 Beaufighters sweeping Northwest
Borneo starting fires Brunei Bay, strafing Jesselton and Labuan.
(G.H.Q. S.W.P.A. 090944Z to Admty.)

F.S. CAP A.M. 261903 May.
DES PALMES. Marine Paris request CAP DES PALMES destination
in France may be Toulon and confirm they will
give instructions direct for loading at
Diego Suarez.
(N.O. Paris, 091854B to Admty.)

11th A/C A.M. 210043 May para. 3 and A.M. 272350 May
Squadron. ?para. 2 VENERABLE VENGEANCE and COLOSSUS will
complete modification of all I.E. A/C and training
of aircrews in new weapons by July 7th provided
training not unduly delayed by monsoon weather.
(2) In order to comply with C.in C. B.P.F. 280857 May not to
Admty. these ships will require further training as a squadron.
(3) Propose that these ships sail Ceylon July 7th for Sydney in
an operational state and carry out this training on passage for
this purpose it will be acceptable for each ship to carry eight
additional reserve Barracudas. These 24 A/C can not all be
modified in the time available.
(4) If more than 24 reserve A/C have to be ferried these ships
will require one week's additional embarked training as a squadron
before leaving Ceylon.
(5) My 251926 May para. 7 and A.M. 021711 propose that GLORY sail
for Ceylon 1st July a period of three weeks in Ceylon will be
required to complete embarked training. Acclimatisation.
Jungle course storing and adjustment of A/C complement.
(6) F.O. Air East Indies concurs.
(A.C.11, 091940 to C. in C. B.P.F.concur 141059Z)

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1. Seven frigates, including six of the "Loch" class, are allocated to the East Indies Fleet, and seven more, including six of the "Bay" class, to the British Pacific Fleet. C. in C. W.A. is to sail them when ready via the Mediterranean.

North Sea.

2. Mine clearance of the approaches to Bremerhaven (Operation "Dropkick") is complete.

3. The channel from Bremerhaven to the outer buoy at the entrance to the Weser River approaches is open, but C.T.F.126 asks that sailings to Bremerhaven outside the regular L.U.C. convoys may be restricted to urgent needs.

4. Nineteen U-Boats are now in Wilhelmshaven.

5. FRANKLIN is to make a survey of the port of Hamburg when F.O. Kiel, can spare her.

6. Headquarters of the Principal Salvage Officer, A.E.F., will move from Antwerp to Hamburg on June 14.

7. SS. VINETA, German experimental ship for underwater supersonic equipment, is to leave Hamburg for Rosyth.

8. F.O. Belgium considers that the proposed abolition of the "Neptune" Despatch Boat Service between Dover and Ostend would be a retrograde step.

Western Approaches.

9. There are now 55 U-Boats berthed at Lisahally and 52 at Loch Ryan.

10. Task Group 61.9 is to leave Liverpool on June 12 for New York.

11. BULOLO, landing ship headquarters, is to leave Greenock on June 12 for India.

12. PALOMARES, fighter direction ship, left Greenock today for Gibraltar and Ceylon.

Northern Waters.

13. A.C.I.C. asks if BERWICK can call at Saebol (Iceland) to pick up with her landing craft some gear from the wireless station. C. in C. H.F. has ordered her to do so.

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Foreign Stations

Mediterranean

Movement. 14. CLEOPATRA arrived Alexandria.

East Indies

Burma. 15(a) Motor launch patrols have been maintained in Irrawaddy delta but no enemy craft found.
(b) H.D.M.Ls. destroyed 6 enemy mines in Bassein River.

Andaman Sea. / 16. 10th Destroyer Flotilla with R.A.F. carried out anti-shipping sweep between Nicobars and Sabang night 9th/10th June without result. Operation is continuing.

Movement. 17. ILLUSTRIOUS left Aden for Suez.

America and West Indies

Collision. 18. SS. AYURUOCA (Braz. 6872 tons) and ~~SS.~~ M.V. GENERAL FLEISCHER (Nor. 5156 tons) reported in collision today in New York harbour. The former was sunk and latter damaged.

Far East and Australia

Borneo. / 19. Today Allied cruisers and destroyers with lighter units continued heavy bombardment of shore defences in Brunei Bay with excellent coverage. Minesweepers and beach parties operated under protection of Naval gunfire. Australian troops landed in the morning at Broketon (on mainland west of Brunei Bay), on Muara Island (off Broketon) and also on Labuan Island.

/Japan ...

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Japan.

20. A U.S. submarine reported today that in the last 8 days she has sunk the following ships in the Shimonoseki Straits (north of Kyushu) - 1 small and 1 medium tanker, 1 small and 1 medium cargo vessel, 1 trawler, 1 sea truck and 1 picket boat.

21(a) A total of 276 Flying Fortresses today attacked three aircraft plants, a seaplane base and air depot on Honshu. At Chibu all major buildings were destroyed. At Kasumigaura (seaplane base, 30' N.E. of Tokyo) majority of buildings were destroyed and intense fires were started. A total of 1,573 tons of high explosives were dropped.

(b) 26 U.S. Super-Fortresses laid sea mines in the Shimonoseki Straits.

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HOME COMMANDS

Policy

- Request for H.F. destroyers as "Apostle" Escorts. C. in C. W.A. 062039B and 091140B. A.M. 081649B are passed for information. (2) In order to accelerate relief and reduction of present F.A.A. target vessels to reserve could you loan additional Home Fleet Destroyers as "Apostle" escorts to take the place of BYRON, CONN and DEANE? (C. in C. Rosyth, 101623 to C. in C. H.F. Afloat)
- Escort Group C.4 for Canada. Sailed S.O.E.G. C.4 in BOWMANVILLE with GLACE BAY, PETROLIA, WHITBY, ATHOLL at 1830B/10th June routed in accordance with C. in C. W.A. 271310B to St. Johns N.F. for onward routing to Halifax. S. of A. 13 knots. (2) Admiralty is requested to divert mails to Halifax forthwith. (F.O.I.C.Greenock, 101838B to F.O.N.F., C. in C. C.N.A.)
- Escorts for Eastern Theatre. Of the escorts nominated to join the Eastern Theatre the following are due to complete in the near future and are allocated as follows:
(a) East Indies. INVER, LOCH CRAGGIE, LOCH GORM, LOCH KATRINE, LOCH LOMOND, LOCH QUOICH, LOCH RUTHVEN.
(b) British Pacific Fleet. OPOSSUM, ST. AUGTELL BAY (? ST. AUSTEL BAY intended), ST. BRIDES BAY, VERYAN BAY, CARDIGAN BAY, WHITESAND BAY, BIGBURY BAY.
(2) C. in C. W.A. is requested to sail ships when ready via Mediterranean and to report:
(a) where exchanges of complement necessitate a short work up at Tobermory,
(b) anticipated programme of sailing dates.
(Admty. 102215B to C. in C. W.A., C. in C. Med.)
- NORFOLK for East Indies. NORFOLK has been allocated to East Indies Fleet. (2) On completion of her present duties C. in C. H.F. is requested to sail NORFOLK for Devonport. (3) On arrival complement is to be adjusted and 14 days' leave given to each watch. (4) C.S.I's 281330/May and 315/416 of 28th April neither to all are under consideration and further signal will be made. (D.O.D.(H), Approved V.C.N.S. (O.D.1210/45) 102320B to C. in C. H.F. C.S.1)

Operations

North Sea

- VINETA (German experimental ship). Request SS. VINETA may be sailed in U.L.C.4 Convoy to Humber for onward escort to Rosyth. (2) Com. Hamburg's 071130 which is being passed to C. in C. Nore and C. in C. Rosyth refers. (D.O.D.(H), 100151B to A.N.C.X.F.) Request you will arrange Admiralty 100151. (A.N.C.X.F. 102232B to F.O.W.G.)

/Clearance ...

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North Sea - Contd.

Clearance of minefield Q.Z.X.1467. Humber 10th June arrival M/S 15 in FRASERBURGH with WORTHING, BOOTLE, POOLE, DUNBAR and H.M.Ts. FARNE, CALVAY.
(My 041555B refers.
(F.O.Humber, 100651B to C. in C. Nore)

M/S 50. As from to-day M/S 50 is embarked in H.M.S. FOULNESS and for future operations with Egg Crates.
(M/S 50, 100845 to Admty.)

U-Boats Wilhelmshaven. List (F.O.W.G. 100913B) See Enemy Intelligence.

FERNIE, MEYNELL, (from Wilhelmshaven) Intend to sail FERNIE and MEYNELL at 1300 tomorrow Monday to comply with C. in C. Nore 041121. F.O.W.G. 091518 also refers.
(N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven, 100930B to C. in C. Nore)

BIRMINGHAM (to give leave at Portsmouth.) Your 091112. Concur.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 101020B to C. in C. H.F.)
Intend to proceed in BIRMINGHAM passing Oxcars at 1100B tomorrow Monday. S. of A. 20 knots - 15 knots where necessary in Nore Command. E.T.A. Outer Spit Buoy 16008?/12.
(C.S.10, 101034B to C. in C. Portsmouth, C. in C. Rosyth)

Your route through Nore Command is as follows: (details).
Speed is to be reduced to 15 knots between 4 and 53A buoys. 10 knots between 53A and 53C buoys and 15 knots between 53C and Dumpton buoys. C.S.10 101034B refers.
(C. in C. Nore, 101758B to BIRMINGHAM)

Proposal to abolish Dover-Ostend N.D.B.S. Dover-Ostend N.D.B.S. exists to provide priority transport for officers and despatches especially on non-flying days. By using it officers leave Ostend at 0900 and are sure of reaching London by 1630.
(2) L.S.I. are still dependent on tides and therefore officers and despatches will arrive at Dover at inconvenient times and are unlikely to reach London same day.
(3) N.D.B.S. almost invariably carry full complement of passengers.
(4) Dover-Ostend N.D.B.S. connects with Ostend-Hook run, which L.S.I. could not do.
(5) For these reasons consider that the abolition of the N.D.B.S would be a retrograde step.
(6) A.M. 101810 refers (?091810 intended).
(F.O. Belgium, 101201B to A.N.C.X.F.)
reply A.N.C.X.F.121723B.

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C.S.1
DEVONSHIRE,
STORD,
(from Norway). (1) On arrival at Western End of Q.Z.S.738 on your return passage request you will detach DEVONSHIRE and STORD.
(2) DEVONSHIRE is to proceed northabout to Plymouth. Admty. 100133 not to all refers.
(3) STORD is to proceed to Scapa for boiler cleaning.
(C. in C. H.F. 101426B to C.S.1)

SOUTHDOWN
with L.U.C.4. Para. 3 of my 091239B not to Cdre. Denmark. You are to proceed Brunsbuttel.
(F.O.W.G. 101445B to SOUTHDOWN)

P.S.V.O.
Headquarters. / From P.S.V.O. Intend to move my Headquarters to Hamburg on Thursday 14th June. Request that all Authorities concerned may be informed.
(N.O.I.C. Antwerp, 101610B to A.N.C.X.F.)

FRANKLIN,
Hamburg,
survey. Your 081735A. Approved for FRANKLIN to carry out comprehensive survey of Port of Hamburg when F.O. Kiel Command can dispense with her services.
(F.O.W.G. 101616B to Capt. Supt. Hamburg)

Bremerhaven /
and Weser Approaches open. Channel from Bremerhaven to buoy outer at entrance to Weser River Approaches now open to traffic. 24 hours notice to Cousnab Bremerhaven repeated to Comusbaser of E.T.A. of ships desiring to enter this channel is required. It is requested that sailing to Bremerhaven outside regular L.U.C.convoys be restricted to

urgent needs.
Admiralty pass to C. in C. Nore A.N.C.X.F.(Main) pass to F.O. Kiel F.O. Holland, F.O. Denmark, F.O. W. Germany, N.O.I.C. Cuxhaven, Comnavcu pass to C.T.F.124.
C.T.F.122 pass to Com. "Z" C.T.G.126.1 and 126.5 has other means.
C.T.F.126 pass to Bremen Port Command.
(C.T.F. 126, 101645B to A.N.C.X.F.)

DROPRICK Bremerhaven: Mine clearance of Approaches to Bremerhaven completed. Swept channel is now open to routine shipping.
(Burrough, 102240B to Cositintrep No.432 Part II Naval)

M/S 10
Report,
Heligoland
Bight. Completed 3 actuations between P.10 and P.15 from 6½ to 10 cables North East of centre line. This completes 13 actuations to one mile North East of centre line.
(2) One red magnetic detonated 060 degs. P.10 13.5 cables on 12th actuation. No Plume.
*HALCYON (See next page.) (3)*HARRIER / and SPEEDWELL providing protection to P.10 for 7 L.S.T. 1's as in Cdre. Hamburg's 091553. WELCOME protected L.U.C. 4 to P.15.

/ (4) ...

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M/S 10 Report, Heligoland Bight (Contd.) (4) 7 effective wire and L/S.A. sweepers. (S.O. M/S 10, 101935B to C. in C. Nore) Amended to HALCYON. (S.O.M/S.10, 110105B)

Minesweeping to Hamburg ("Dropkick"). (1) Operation "Dropkick" complete. (2) Nil. (3) Nil. (4) Request mail for Force "C" negative M.L.465 and 229 be diverted to Humber. (Capt. (M/S) Force "C", 102109B to C. in C. Nore)

Operations

Channel

Minesweeping W. Channel Approaches. Conditions unsuitable for sweeping to-day. Wind W.S.W. force 6 visibility one and half miles. Proceeding to Falmouth. P.C.S. at 1000B 048 degs. 46' N. 009 degs. 20' W. 068 degs. 10 knots. (S.O. M/S.F. 31, 101017B to C. in C. Plymouth)

Standard Coastal Route, N.W. French Coast. Your 071603B. (A) Route from Cherbourg to Q.Z.S.572. 49.42.36 N. 01.39.06 W. 49.45.30 N. 01.54.30 W. 49.44.39 N. 02.00.48 W. 49.35.24 N. 02.04.06 W. 49.23.30 N. 02.18.00 W. 49.13.30 N. 02.26.00 W.

Joining Q.Z.S. 572 in position 48.55.36 N. 02.42.12 W.

(B) Brest to Spanish Border. (2) Concur generally with Bay of Biscay route to position (X) thence route should be altered to position 43.46.30 N. 01.52.00 W. thence to position (Y) to avoid German laid minefields described in Plymouth Intelligence summary No.41 dated 10th Jan, 1945, copy of which is being forwarded to all addresses. (3) Consider a searching sweep of route between position (M) and Raz De Sein is desirable. (C. in C. Plymouth, 101434B to C.T.F.122)

Surrendered cargo ships, St. Helier, disposal. N.O.I.C. C.I.091626. Propose E.F.G.H. be returned to National Authorities concerned and sailed, E to Rotterdam, F to Cherbourg, G and H to a port in U.K. A. B. C. D. to collect crews of F. G. and H. and then be sailed to Humber for onward routeing to Hamburg fbr German coastal trade. (A.N.C.X.F. 101445B to Admty.)

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BRECCN,
ZETLAND
(for
Mediterranean)

My 091257B sailed.
Latest Q.B. Messages held.
Q.B. 575, Q.B.A. 154, Q.B. 518, Q.B.C. 1003,
Q.B.Y. 346, Q.B.H. 1637.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 101445B, 111059B to
F.O.G.M.A., C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C. W.A.
Admty.)

German M/S
Channel
Islands,
disposal.

Your 091055 being passed. If ships are German
they should be sailed to Downs for onward route-
ing to Wilhelmshaven; if Ex-French to Brest.
C. in C. Plymouth is requested to arrange neces-
sary escort.
(A.N.C.X.F. 101637B to N.O.I.C. C.I.)

Channel
Islands
Situation
Report.

Cositinrep 432. Force 135. Period ending
1900B/10th June at St. Peter Port.
Para. (73) Sub-para. B. Jersey. Clearing and
dredging berths St. Helier 10% complete. 1
locomotive now ready for use. Miscellaneous
Engineer Works Services continue.
Sub-para. E. Guernsey. 1945 mines lifted 10th
June. Clearance under water obstacles anti-air landing obstacles
and barbed wire continues.
Sub-para. E contd. Jersey. 1365 mines lifted 8th June.
Para. 4 Sub-para. C. Jersey. Red Cross Ship VEGA expected
to finish unloading to-day.
London-Jersey and Jersey-Guernsey 6 channel very high frequency
tele system opened 0015B/7th June. All circuits from Guernsey
now work via Jersey.
(H.Q. Force 135, 102010 to Admty)

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(For Ceylon)Sailed PALOMARES in accordance with my 081056B
June.
(F.O.I.C. 101034B to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)OperationsWestern ApproachesT.A. 61.9
for
New YorkF.O.I.C. Liverpool requested to sail T.G. 61.9
a.m. 12th to New York by standard route to
(a) 50.00 N. 10.00 W.
(b) 48.30 N. 23.00 W.
(c) 45.10 N. 37.00 W.
(d) 40.00 N. 50.00 W.
(e) 39.20 N. 60.00 W.
(f) 38.00 N. 70.00 W. thence to New York.
(C. in C.W.A., 101221B to T.G. 61.9, F.O.I.C. Liverpool.)BERWICK,
ZEBRAClyde arrivals:
BERWICK, escorted by ZEBRA.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 101334B to C. in C.H.F.)DUNCAN
(destroyer)
scrapping
recommendedDUNCAN reports that items on defect list for
making good leaks in various compartments were
cancelled when ordered to reduce to reserve.
Ship is leaking about 5 tons per day.
(2) Draught of ship is too great to beach in
mud berth at Milford Haven and to beach at
Rosyth will entail docking for removal of

propellers.

- (3) To keep ship in present berth at Barrow will entail keeping a pumping party at that port.
(4) Request approval for immediate scrapping and that ship-breaking yard may be allocated.
(5) Meantime steaming party is being retained for passage to breaking up port.
(6) S.O.R.F. Preston and DUNCAN to comply.
(F.O.C.R.F., 101530B to Admty., S.O.R.F. Preston.)

OPOSSUM

When ready OPOSSUM should be sailed for Tobermory
for work up in accordance with A.M. 261257 May.
(2) On conclusion C. in C. W.A. is requested to
sail OPOSSUM to join British Pacific Fleet via
Malta.
(D.O.D.(H), 101637B to F.O.I.C. Greenock, C. in C.
W.A., A.S.C.B.S.)Minesweeping,
N. IrelandMy 031915. Removal of C.M. (RE) field completed
except No. 2 mine of M.3. No. 2 mine of M.3
recovered today assisted by divers.
(A.L.C.A., 101847B to Admty.)

/Minesweeping...

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Norway

Minesweeping
 by German
 M/S

Your 291545 (Request info. when a mine is swept
 by German M/S) (A) 21 R-boat Flotilla (B) SOGNE
 SOEN. (C) 1 moored G.Y. (D) June 6. (A) SKAR
 Motor Boat. (B) SOGNEFIORD (C) 1 moored G.Y.
 (D) June 8.
 (F.O. Norway, 101141B to A.N.C.X.F.)

BERWICK /
 request
 for call
 at Saebol,
 Iceland

There is at Saebol W/T (066° 20' N. 023° 05' W.)
 2 diesel generators each weighing 35 cwt. and 1
 (one) Jeep weight 15 cwt. There is no suitable
 means at present available in Iceland for
 transferring these from beach to ship for return
 to U.K. It would be much appreciated if BERWICK
 could call at Saebol, pick up these items with
 her landing craft and transport item to U.K.
 Your 051903 refers.
 (A.C.I.C., 101150B to C. in C.H.F.)

Enemy Intelligence

U-boats
 Wilhelmshaven

Your 081210. Following U-boats are in
 Wilhelmshaven:-
 143, 145, 149, 150, 291, 368, 720, 739, 779, 883,
 1103, 1110, 1194, 1198, 1230, 2336, 2341, 2356,
 3008.
 (F.O.W.G., 100913B to A.N.C.X.F.)

U-boats at
 Lisahally
 and Loch
 Ryan

Request you will report the distinguishing
 numbers of all U-boats now berthed.
 (C. in C.W.A., 101126B to Capt. S/M Lisahally,
 Capt. S/M Loch Ryan.) **VII C**

U-boats at Loch Ryan (1) type ~~VI~~: 245, 249, 281,
 298, 299, 327, 369, 483, 539, 712, 773, 775, 907,
 953, 978, 891, (?991 intended), 994, 1004, 1005,
 1015*, 1052, 1057, 1064, 1104, 1163, 1203, 1271, 1272, 1301,
 1307. **VII D**

VII F /
 IX C /
 XXIII /

(2) Type ~~VI~~: 218.
 (3) Type ~~VI~~: 1061.
 (4) Type ~~VI~~: 170, 532, 778, 868.
 (5) Type ~~VI~~: 2321, 2322, 2324, 2325, 2328, 2329, 2334, 2335,
 2337, 2345, 2348, 2350, 2353, 2354, 2361, 2363.

(6) Total 52.
 (Capt. S/M Loch Ryan, 101506 to C. in C. W.A.) * W.D. Note -
 Not mentioned in any previous list.

Your 101126.
 (a) Type VII C - 244, 255, 278, 293, 294, 295, 312, 313, 318,
 363, 427, 481, 485, 637, 668, 716, 764, 825, 826, 901, 928, 930,
 956, 968, 975, 992, 997, 1108, 1109, 1002, 1009, 1010, 1022,
 1058, 1105, 1165, 1171, 1305.

327 incorrect. U 327 sunk on 28-2-45, see
 W.D., February, page 490.

/ (b) ...

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U-boats at Lisahally and Loch Ryan (Contd.)

(b) Type IXC - 516, 541, 802, 1231.
(c) Type IXD 2 - 874, 875.
(d) Type XXI - 3035, 2529, 3041, 2513, 3017, 3514, 2502, 3515, 2518.
(e) Type XXIII - 2326. (f) Ex-Dutch D.5.
(2) U.861 (Type IXD, 2) at Milford Haven temporarily for docking.
(Capt. S/M Lisahally, 101531B to C. in C.W.A.)

Casualties and Defects

EMPIRE CUPID (tug) and A.F.D.19 damaged collision 9/6.

Your 091915. Your report should include:
(a) Rough particulars of damage to Tug EMPIRE CUPID.
(b) Estimated time needed in dry dock.
(c) Length of time that will be required at Dunstaffnage to render tug seaworthy.
Priority of tug is category 1(d).
(F.O.I.C. Glasgow, 101307B to C.C. Dunstaffnage).

Movements

NARVIK (Norwegian A/S whaler)

My 081615B. Sailed.
(N.O.I.C. Bergen, 100015B to N.O.I.C. Lerwick.)
Your 081615B Arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Lerwick, 101845B to N.O.I.C. Bergen.)

QUANTOCK, BROCKLESBY

Harwich 10th June. Departure QUANTOCK, BROCKLESBY.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich, 100600B to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

NORTHWAY (L.S.D.)

Southend 10th June arrival H.M.S. NORTHWAY, ship ordered to proceed up river a.m. 11th June in accordance with instructions from F.O.I.C. London.
(Cdre. I.C. Southend, 100606B to C.T.G.122.3.)

TAIANA (from Algiers)

Your 041641B, H.M.S. TAIANA arrived.
(F.O.I.C. Falmouth, 100843B to F.O.G.M.A.)

U.861 (to dock at Pembroke)

My 091119B (U.861 escorted by P.C.754) sailed.
(Cdre. (D) W.A. 101007 to F.O.I.C. Milford Haven)

BULOLO (for India)

Intend sailing BULOLO passing Clyde Boom 1430B 12th June to Gibraltar for onward routing to India.
S. of A. 13 knots. E.T.A. 0800B 17th June.
(Route).
(2) Admty. is requested to divert mails accordingly
(3) A.M. 301802 April and my 071204B June (not to all.)
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 101008B to Admty. etc.)

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SUNFLOWER, Sail at 1400B 11th June to Harwich to comply
for Reserve with F.O.C.R.F.'s 061935B.
(2) Report E.T.A. to C. in C. Nore before sailing.
(D.21, 101031B to SUNFLOWER)

WILTON, Sailing at 1600B tomorrow Monday to Plymouth to
(leave comply with my 071455B.
before (2) Report E.T.A. to C. in C. Nore, before
refitting sailing.
abroad) (D.21, 101032B to WILTON)

U.1023 Intend to sail at 2230B/10 U.1023 to Bristol by
standard route unescorted on surface. Speed 10
knots. E.T.A. Scarweather L/V 1400B/11.
(2) U.1023 sail to comply.
(3) Mails to Bristol.
(F.O.I.C. Falmouth, 101105B to F.O.I.C. Cardiff.)
My 101105B. Amend speed to read 13 knots.
E.T.A. Bristol, 1500B/11.
(F.O.I.C. Falmouth, 101437B to F.O.I.C. Cardiff.)
Cancel my 101105B and my 101437B (neither to Avonmouth).
Intend to sail at 0530B/11 U.1023 to Avonmouth by standard route
unescorted on surface speed 13 knots E.T.A. Avonmouth, 2100B/11.
(2) U.1023 sail to comply.
(3) Mails to Bristol.
(F.O.I.C. 102000B to F.O.I.C. Cardiff).

WIVERN My 071213. WIVERN sailed.
for (C. in C. Rosyth, 101117B to F.O. Norway.)
Norway

SARDONYX Intend to sail SARDONYX from Holy Loch 2359/10th
June via Q.Z.S.716 route K (F.N.M.951/45 (T) and
Q.Z.S.473 to Liverpool. E.T.A. 1200/11th.
Speed 17 knots.
(S/M 3 101117B to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)
Sailed SARDONYX. Capt. S/M 3's, 101117B (not to F.O.I.C.
N.I.) refers.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 102309B to F.O.I.C. Liverpool.)

ROTHER When ready about 20th June ROTHER should be
sailed to join C. in C.E.I. via Mediterranean.
(D.O.D.(H), 101325B to C. in C. Nore.)

BYRON, Your 091140B (BYRON, CONN, DEANE detailed for
CONN, temporary service with C. in C. Rosyth.). Arrived.
DEANE, (C. in C. Rosyth, 101935B to C. in C.W.A.).
for Rosyth.

FENNEL Arrived FENNEL. F.O.I.C. Greenock's 091539B June
for Reserve refers.
(Commodore D. W.A., 102025B to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

/SCOTSMAN...

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SCOTSMAN, Sailed H.M.S/Ms, SCOTSMAN and SPUR.
SPUR Capt. S/M 3's 081807B refers.
(working up) (F.O.I.C. Greenock, 102226B to F.O.S/M Admty. etc.)

Shipping and Convoys

BERGENSFJORD Intend to sail to Methil 0600/11th Norwegian
SS. BERGENSFJORD 11015 tons 14 knots passengers 1
officer, 11 naval ratings escorted by PIORUN route
Q.Z.S.765 to position H thence by A.G. Channel.
(Stavanger, 101145B to N.O.I.C. Methil.)
My 101145 sailed 1630/10 E.T.A. Methil 2300/11 June.
(N.O.I.C. Stavanger, 101701B to N.O.I.C. Methil.)

"Apostle" "Apostle" 8 (8½ knots).
Convoy 8. Sailed 1400/10th. Escort LOCH FADA to Oslo.
To Oslo:- EMPIRE RAIN, Case petrol, EMPIRE SEDGE,
Coal. WILLIAM BURSLEY, Coal.
To Stavanger:- SAM HORN Case Petrol, L.S.T.416.
To Stavanger for Bergen:- MOSESGAY Coal. Kristiansand:-
L.S.T.162.
Commodore Cdr. Bell, R.N.R. in EMPIRE RAIN. Vice Commodore
Master of EMPIRE SEDGE.
(N.O.I.C. Methil, 101435 to N.Os. I.C. Kristiansand (S) Stavanger,
Oslo, Bergen.)

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- Movement. Departure 0800B/10th H.M. Ships KILBRIDE, KILMARNOCK for Plymouth.
(F.O.G.M.A., 101041B to C. in C. Plymouth.)
- Re B.Y.Ms., Request reply to proposal in my 081541.
towage for. (F.O.G.M.A., 101111B to Admty.)
- Sultan of Intend to sail F.S. GLOIRE escorted by F.S.
Morocco. ~~TIGRE~~ ~~PIQUE~~ at 111000 for Cherbourg. Sultan of
Morocco and Parue embarked.
(2) 18 knots adjusting speed to arrive as
scheduled.
(Commorseafron, 101655A to Admty.)
- Movement. Arrivals WOLBOROUGH, submarine SIRDAR from Port
Said.
(F.O.G.M.A., 101757B to Admty.)
- Movement. Departure 1830B/10th H.M. Submarine VAMPIRE,
HYDERABAD for Portsmouth.
(F.O.G.M.A., 101801B to C. in C. Portsmouth.)
- Corvette. Departure 1830B/10th WILLOWHERB for Chatham.
My 091034 refers.
(F.O.G.M.A., 101817 to C. in C. Nore.)

South Atlantic

- Movement. KILCHRENAN, KILHAM and KILKENZIE arrivals 10th
0930. Departure 10th 1930 northward bound.
(B.C. St. Vincent, 101940Z to F.O.C.W.Af.)
- KILDARY. Have ordered KILDARY to proceed to Funchal to
await escort of Group. His E.T.A. has been
signalled as dawn 14th June.
(S.O. E.G.60, 102129Z to F.O.C.W.Af.)
- KILCHRENAN, KILHAM, KILKENZIE sailed from St. Vincent (C.V.)
2000/10th. E.T.A. Madeira 1100/14th to R/V KILDARY who is
proceeding there independently.
(S.O. E.G.60, 102124Z to C. in C. Plymouth.)

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- (Sitrep.) Situation since despatch of A.M. 031520, C. in
JEANNE D'ARC. C. Mediterranean 031838 and 040620, is as
follows:
JEANNE D'ARC with 800 Moroccan troops embarked,
sailed from Oran p.m./3rd wearing the flag of
Admiral Auboyneau.
- (2) Force A, consisting of ANSON, SUSSEX, CLEOPATRA and MILNE
were ordered to sea a.m./5th so as to be in a position to
intercept JEANNE D'ARC if ordered to do so. Almed. informed
C. in C. Mediterranean a.m./5th that JEANNE D'ARC had put into
Bizerta.
- (3) Orders for Force A were negatived but CLEOPATRA was sailed
to Beirut to join F.O.L.E.M. who was flying his flag in AURORA.
- (4) Naval situation as at today's date - ARETHUSA with Senior
Naval Officer afloat at Beirut, MUSKETEER at Latakia, F.O.L.E.M.
flag in CLEOPATRA with KELVIN left Beirut p.m./9th for
Alexandria. AURORA left Beirut a.m./9th for Malta for refit.
- (5) JEANNE D'ARC was still at Bizerta at 1600/9th. If she
is sailed for Beirut with troops, C. in C. Mediterranean intends
to sail SUSSEX from Malta to join CLEOPATRA and AURORA in
Levant.
- (6) To economise signal traffic situation reports keeping you
fully informed will be made from time to time.
(A.C.N.S.(F), 101600B to N.A. Paris.)
My 051718, para. ?. No change.
(C. in C. Med., 101719B to F.O.L.E.M.)

A.F.D. 48. June 10th arrivals B.Y.M.S. 2073, H.M. Rescue
Tug ASSIDUOUS with A.F.D.48, BONITO.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said, 101753C to Admty.)

- Levant
Sitrep.
to 0900
hours 10th
June.
Syria.
1. Syria. Towns. Aleppo ref. our GO.20107
of 9th June demonstrations now reported only
anti-French.
 2. Damascus, Homs, Hama - N.T.R.
 3. Lattakia and Tartous quiet. Acting
Mohafez in control situation, but locals making
exaggerated complaints against French in hopes
of their being withdrawn. Senior Brit. Offr.
has investigated and position should now improve.
 4. Alouite. T.S. forces left Jobet 8th June and now located
Tartous.
 5. Raqqa B.R. Brit. Gd. taking over from French 10th June.
 6. Tribal East Syria. Beggara Kikieh fighting moved south
of River Khabour. Attempts being made by Sheiks of Iraqi
Shammar to recall their followers now supporting Kikieh in
Syria. No further reliable information tribal activity.
 7. Lebanon. Tripoli in bounds British troops out of bounds
French troops.
- (C. in C. M.E., 102020C to W.O.)

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East Indies

Shipping from E.I. | Meiri Article 11D. Submit this Article should now be cancelled. All shipping from Indian Ocean to East coasts of Canada U.S.A. and South America be sailed by shortest route either to Suez or Capetown for onward routeing. Irrespective of speed.
(C. in C. E.I. 100410Z to Admty.)

Situation Report No.17. (1) Andaman Sea 4th June, while on Tenasserim Coast Patrol H.M.I.S. KISINA intercepted small boat containing three native convicts. Had been driven by weather from Port Blair where Japanese had permitted them to fish. Stated between 3,000 and 5,000 Japanese still in South

Andaman Islands.

(2) 10th Destroyer Flotilla with R.A.F. Operation made anti-shipping sweep between Nicobars and Sabang night 9th/10th June without result. Operation continuing.

(3) Burma. Motor Launch patrols maintained Irrawaddy Delta no enemy craft found. 9 motor launches with one company troops embarked seeking for party of 100 Japanese to North East of Bassein operation continuing. H.D.M.L. destroyed 6 enemy moored mines Bassein river.

(C. in C. E.I.100514Z to N.F.C.B. Admty. etc.)

DILWARA (mine) DILWARA proceed into harbour own power.
(2) No apparent under water damage steering normal.
(3) Only minor engine room and domestic damage apparent.

(4) Ship intends carrying out engine trials prior to final departure for Madras on 12th June and will report.

(N.O.I.C. Rangoon, 100521Z to C. in C. E.I.)

Vessels fitted for carrying landing craft.

I am not clear from signals following your 312030 May as to which ships are being fitted for me in Middle East but (A) Must emphasise importance of selecting high proportion of ships capable of carrying at least two L.C.Ms. and also 73 foot lengths of N.L. pontoons on bore deck.
(B) Request earliest advice of ships nominated from Middle East enable me complete selection of suitable vessels for fitting in India.
(P.S.T.O.(I), 100546Z to D. of S.T.)

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America & West Indies.

Movements.

Arrivals a.m. 10th June H.M.C.S. IROQUOIS,
HAIDA, HURON from St. Johns N.F. and U.K.
(C.O.P. Halifax 101856Z to Admty.)

Far East and Australia.

ASHIGARA
cruiser
(sunk.)

Following intercepted from Comsubseventhfleet
begins:

To Comseventhfleet from Comsubseventhfleet.

At 1242 I 8th June, His Majesty's submarine
TRENCHANT, Comdr. Hewlet, R.N., sank ASHIGARA
class cruiser position 01.59 S. 104.57 E.

Magnificent performance in most difficult position
for submarine operations. Shallow confined
waters. Ends.

(C. in C. B.P.Flt., 100735Z to Admty.)

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JUNE

Digest 1236,
10.6.45.
(extract.)

(4) Palawan based searchplanes 8th June left
burning one small coaster, strafed sea truck
Pontianak area.

(7) On Mindanao 24th Division secured Mandig (6
miles west Panacan) on Davao River, later
overcoming very heavy opposition including use

of tear and vomiting gas by enemy, on west side of trapped
Japanese Davao garrison. We secured Wangan against moderate
resistance and drove north.

(9) Allied cruisers and destroyers with lighter units continued
heavy bombardment shore defences Brunei Bay with excellent
coverage. Minesweepers and beach parties operated under
protection Naval gunfire late report stated Australian troop
landed Brunei Bay morning 10th. Seven Liberators unloaded 43
tons enemy installation Broketon hitting jetties, causing 3
explosions with smoke to 4,000 feet.

(10) Delayed report for 8th June adds 6 Liberators dropping 15
tons Borketon and Brunei warehouse, 18 Liberators with 45 tons
striking Lajuan Island beach defences.

(12) 4 blockading Malimpoen groupements Celebes, sank two
small coasters, damaged another, plus several barges Bandjermasin,
bombed Barito shipyards.

(14) On Bougainville elements third Australian Division in
shore to shore movements landed Porton Plantation near Chabai
on southwest coast.

(G.H.Q.S.W.P.A., 100920Z to Admty.)

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SITUATION REPORT

Home Commands

- (1) The termination of the Combined Command and dissolution of S.H.A.E.F. are being prepared for, to take effect on or after 2400 on June 30 as may be determined by the Combined Chiefs of Staff.
- (2) New instructions for the classification of signals, consequent on the extended use of plain language, are issued by the Admiralty.
- (3) The U-boats which have arrived in U.K. now total 110, and in the U.S.A. and Canada, 7.

North Sea

- (4) Owing to lack of facilities in German ports, F.O.W.G. suggests that visits of guardships should not exceed a week or 10 days, and that destroyers should not return to U.K. until guardship duties have been turned over to their reliefs.
- (5) BIRMINGHAM, recently in Norway, left Rosyth to give leave at Portsmouth.
- (6) FERNIE and MEYNELL, destroyers, left Wilhelmshaven for Sheerness.
- (7) German SS. SALERNO, captured at Eckernforde and now at Hull, is believed to have worked for the enemy torpedo experimental establishment, and F.O., Humber, suggests she should be minutely examined.

8(a) U.S. merchant ships GEORGE L. FARLEY and ABRAHAM ROSENBERG were in collision in the Downs this morning.

(b) SS. EMPIRE CORMORANT, 5,821 tons, was damaged by striking a submerged wreck near Dumpton Buoy and has been berthed at Dover. She is to go to Tilbury tomorrow for docking.

Channel

- (9) U.S. Task Units 123.1.4 and 123.1.6 are dissolved.
- (10) ASSISTANCE, auxiliary repair ship, and AVONVALE, destroyer, are to leave Plymouth about June 19/20, and EGGESFORD, destroyer, is to leave Portsmouth about June 15, for the Mediterranean and B.P.F.
- (11) S/Ms TURPIN, from Plymouth, and SCOTSMAN and SPUR, from Holy Loch, are to R/V tomorrow off Land's End and proceed to Gibraltar for onward routing to Eastern theatre.

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(12) A.F.D.69, towed by the tug MARAUDER and escorted by the trawler PROSPECT, and ten M.F.Vs, with SS. EMPIRE HEATHLAND, and escorted by the corvette MIGNONETTE and Trawler GWEAL, left Falmouth for Gibraltar.

Western
Approaches

(13) Task Group 61.9 (U.S. destroyers DAVIS, MENGES and PRIDE) is to leave Liverpool tomorrow for New York.

(14) WIZARD, destroyer, left Greenock today for Gibraltar and onward routing to B.P.F.

(15) C. in C.W.A. wishes to retain the A/S trawlers FUSILIER, HOME GUARD, and ROYAL MARINE to maintain the southern weather reporting position. The northern position is occupied by a ship detailed for air/sea rescue duties.

(16) NORFOLK and DEVONSHIRE, cruisers, with four destroyers, after their visit to Oslo on the return of King Haakon, are to leave tomorrow for U.K.

Northern
Waters .

(17) EXMOUTH, depot-ship, which is to be returned to D.S.T., will be ready for towage from Scapa on June 14.

(18) NARVIK, Norwegian minesweeper, left Lerwick for Bergen.

(19) ONSLAUGHT, destroyer, arrived in the Kola Inlet to escort the CASSANDRA to U.K.

Baltic

(20) One German U-boat has been salvaged from the Kiel Canal and identified as U.792.

(21) F.O. Kiel, states that the early provision of coastal forces on a full scale is essential, as the impending departure of 117 R.M. Brigade means withdrawing guards on M.Vs., and harbour patrols.

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Foreign Stations

North Atlantic

Sultan of
Morocco

(22) GLOIRE (French cruiser) with the Sultan of Morocco on board sailed from Casablanca at 1047 a.m. for Cherbourg.

Mediterranean

Movement

(23) BERMUDA sailed from Alexandria for Port Said.

East Indies

Movement

(24) CUMBERLAND sailed from Trincomalee for Rangoon.

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Policy.

Request for H.F. destroyers as "Apostle" escorts. Cancel my 101623B June. (C. in C. Rosyth 111045B to C. in C. H.F.)

Communications, A. 898. extension of P/L messages. In consequence of the extended use of plain language for messages (A.G.M. 800A of 25th May) and in accordance with Inter-Service agreement as from 0001Z/15th June every message for transmission by signal is to be classified by the originator with one of the following classifications according to the nature of its contents: - Top Secret, Secret, Confidential, Restricted or Unclassified.

(2) The new marking Unclassified is to be written on the message form by the originator in the usual manner.
(3) All messages received in plain language other than by line circuit are automatically to be treated as Unclassified and versions marked accordingly before circulation. The word "Unclassified" is to be signalled as the first word of text (subject matter) only in the case of unclassified plain language messages:-

A. Passed by line circuit. B. Which include other than British Naval Addressees.

(4) A.F.O. "S" 10/45 Article 206 is cancelled from 15th June and use of operating signals Q.S.H., Q.Q.Y. and Q.J.K. will be discontinued.

(5) Instructions to cypher and signal staffs.
A. No message without one of the five classifications in para. 1 is to be accepted if transmission by W/T or L/T is involved.
B. When passing plain language copy of a cypher (or code) message to signal staff for transmission by land-line, cypher (or coding) staff are to ensure that copies are marked "decyphered (or decoded) message" and signal staff are to insert operating signal Q.X.X. before disposal. In case of multiple address messages sent in plain language to some addressees and cypher or code to others, signal staff must insert Q.X.X. on all plain language versions. Incoming messages bearing Q.X.X. must be marked "cypher (or code) message" and handled as such.

(6) Prefix Not W/T or operating signal Q.W.M. may still be used where applicable.
(D.S.D., 111204B, A.G.M. A. 898.)

Polish 8th M.T.B. Flot. Request information as to future commitments and disposal of Polish 8th M.T.B. Flotilla. (BEEHIVE, 111603B to Admty.)

ASSISTANCE, for Colombo and B.P.F. C. in C. Plymouth is requested to sail ASSISTANCE when ready and on completion of adjustment of complement, about 20th June, for Gibraltar for onward routing to Colombo and thence as required by C. in C. B.P.F. (A.C.N.S.(F) 111635B to Cs. in C. Plymouth, B.P.F.)

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S.H.A.E.F. dissolution. This is S.C.A.F. Number 451 ref. NR. Fwd. 24608* S.C.A.F. 382 (not to all) refers.
(1) In order to complete the necessary arrangements for the termination of Combined Command at some future date to be determined by you it will be convenient to fix upon a date by which this H.Q. and all outside agencies will be prepared. This might be feasible as early as 30th June ? 1945 but not earlier.
(2) Your approval is requested to issue the necessary preliminary orders for the dissolution of S.H.A.E.F. and disposal of subordinate agencies and units so that the termination could be accomplished if directed by you on short notice on or after 2400 hours 30th June. If the situation permits, a suitable time for the termination of Combined Command would be a few days after my return from the U.S.
(S.H.A.E.F., signed Eisenhower 111700B to Agwar for Combined C.O.S.
* Not identified in W.R.

Submarine attack restrictions and sanctuaries, cancelled in non-combat areas. C.B. 03092(43) is superseded by C.B. 03092/(45) All copies of C.B. 03092(43) are to be destroyed in accordance with Art.42 of B.R. Form U.2D(1944).
(2) C.B. 03092(45) is now obsolete on Home Station and in all non-combat areas abroad and should be destroyed. A.G.M. 795A of 25th May and A.G.M.849A of 2nd June refer. C.B.03092(45) should be retained by Cs. in C. abroad in combat zones as guidance to serve as the basis for local orders.
(D.A.S.W. 111819B to A.G.M. Home and Abroad 900A, Info. H.Q.C.C.)

AVONVALE for B.P.F. C. in C. Plymouth is requested to sail AVONVALE when ready about 19th June to Mediterranean.
(2) C. in C. Med. is requested to arrange short work up in Mediterranean and onward routing to B.P.F. on completion.
(D.O.D.(H) 112227B to Cs. in C. Plymouth, Med.)

EGGESFORD for B.P.F. C. in C. Portsmouth is requested to sail EGGESFORD when ready about 15th June to Med.
(2) C. in C. Med. is requested to arrange a short work up in Med. and onward routing to B.P.F. on completion.
(D.O.D.(H) 112228B to Cs. in C. Portsmouth, Med.)

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North Sea.

10th M/S F. Heligoland Bight. Your 102317B and my 101935B. For HARRIER read HALCYON.
(S.O. M/F 10, 110105B to C. in C. Nore.)

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- Mine. One magnetic ground mine detonated in position 230° N.F. 7 buoy 1.4 miles.
(M/S 165, 110746B to C. in C. Nore.)
- NORFOLK,
(for East Indies.) Ref. A.M. 102320, not to C. in C. Rosyth. Intend to sail NORFOLK from Rosyth on 16th June to arrive Devonport a.m. Monday 18th.
(C. in C. H.F., 111035B to C. in C. Plymouth.)
- BIRMINGHAM
(to give leave at Portsmouth.) C.S. 10 101034B sailed.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 111204B to C. in C. Portsmouth.)
- Harbour craft Intend to sail M.F.Vs. ROI LEOPOLD, CONFIANCE, 170, 128, 611, 717, and 630. E.T.A. Tilbury 1800/12th June for ranging and compass adjustment, thence to Southend for O/R to Hamburg. Hamburg signal 061258B refers.
(F.O.I.C. London, 111210 to C. in C. Nore, Capt. i/c Tilbury, Com. Southend, A.N.C.X.F. (Ph.))
- My signal 111210 add to info. after Admiralty N.O.I.C. Brunsbuttel. Amend penultimate sentence of text to read "thence to Southend for onward routeing, ROI LEOPOLD and CONFIANCE to Brunsbuttel remainder to Hamburg." Amend last sentence to read "Com. Hamburg signal 061258 is cancelled A.N.C.X.F. (Ph.) 111623 refers."
(F.O.I.C. London, 112120 to C. in C. Nore., etc.)
- FERNIE,
MEYNELL
(showing flag, Germany.) Sailed my 100930B. E.T.A. Sheerness 1900B/12th.
(N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven 111315 to C. in C. Nore.)
- Minesweepers from Ostend to Portsmouth My 080947 sailing again postponed. Signal will be made when weather permits sailing.
(M/S 50, 111413B and 112110 to N.O.I.C. Ostend.)
- DULLISK COVE
(hull repair ship.) Your 082150B June. Owing to under-estimation of time required for storing and completion of several small items DULLISK COVE will not leave Tyne before Wednesday June 20th.
(F.O.I.C. Tyne, 111444B to Admty., C. in C. Rosyth, C. in C. B.P.F.)

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Guardships in German Ports. / C. in C. H.F. (Afloat) 0416(31?) June. Request I may be informed if it is intended that destroyers will relieve ZEPHYR and P.S. CONRAD. P.S. CONRAD being sailed to U.K. without relief on 14th June because of (?lack of) fuel, (my 091452B refers) in view of your 311239 May.

(2) Owing to lack of facilities it is suggested that
(1) Visits of Guardships should not exceed a week or 10 days, and (ii) destroyers should not return to U.K. until Guardship duties have been turned over to their relief.
(F.O.W.G., 111512B to A.N.C.X.F.)
Reply: A.N.C.X.F., 121455B.

BELFAST (for Pacific Flt.) Rosyth departure BELFAST. (C. in C. Rosyth 111623B to C. in C. H.F.)

WELCOME, COURIER, M/S F. C. Take COURIER under your orders and proceed as necessary to R/V with Capt. M/S Force C (?at) P.15 buoy at 0800 tomorrow Tuesday.
(2) When detached by Capt. M/S (?S.O. Force C) at Humber light vessel proceed as in C. in C. The Nore's 101250B.
(S.O. M/S F. 10 111623B to WELCOME.)

Salvage Vessels from Antwerp. From P.S.V.O. Intend sailing S/Vs LIFELINE and LADY SOUTHBORO a.m. 14th June for Southampton and CARMENITA on June 15th. LADY SOUTHBORO and CARMENITA will not be required for further service in N.W. Europe. LIFELINE is returning for storing and remanning. Request relief for DORITA.
(N.O.I.C. Antwerp, 111752B to C. in C. Portsmouth for S.V.O. (X.F.))

Minesweeping, Humber. Following mines detonated today.
(1) Q formation L.L/S.A. LOCH ERIBOL, LOCH MOIDART. (2) On resonance. (3) 2½ cables.
(4) LOCH MOIDART 308° H.2 buoy 5 cables.
(5) Green 071° 1½ cables. (6) Blue to starboard.
(7) 3 seconds. (8) 18/19th March, 1945. (9) None. (10) Calm.
(11) -. (12) 85 feet lot of black smoke. (13) -.
(F.O. Humber 111840B to C. in C. Nore., etc.)

Dumping Grounds for Ammunition. Request for promulgation by Notice to Mariners as areas in which anchoring and fishing are prohibited.
(F.O.W.G., 111947B to A.N.C.X.F.)
See Lion Copy.
Concur (A.N.C.X.F., 131445.)

/Minesweeping...

MESSAGE.

IN

*Dumping Grounds for Ammunition,
German Waters.*

CONFIDENTIAL

111947B/June

From: F. O. W.G.

Date: 12.6.45.

Recd: 2059.

P/L BY T/P

Addressed: A. N. C. X. F.

Info: Admiralty, C. in C. Nore, A. N. C. X. F. (PH), N.O.s i/c Emden, Wilhelmshaven, Sylt, Cuxhaven, Heligoland, Com. Hamburg, R.M.O. Brunsbuttel, CTF 126.

Request following dumping grounds for ammunition may be promulgated by notice to Mariners as areas in which anchoring and fishing are prohibited. All positions North and East.

(A) Mouth of river Elbe bounded by lines joining following positions:-

- (1) 053 degs. 59 mins. 00 secs. 008 degs. 13 mins. 00 secs.
- (2) 053 degs. 59 mins. 00 secs. 008 degs. 16 mins. 30 secs.
- (3) 053 degs. 57 mins. 30 secs. 008 degs. 13 mins. 00 secs.
- (4) 053 degs. 57 mins. 30 secs. 008 degs. 16 mins. 30 secs.

(B) To westward of Sylt. Within a radius of one mile from each of the following positions:-

- (1) 055 degs. 05 mins. 00 secs. 008 degs. 16 mins. 00 secs.
- (2) 054 degs. 46 mins. 00 secs. 008 degs. 12 mins. 00 secs.

(C) To eastward of Heligoland. Bounded by lines joining following positions:-

- (1) 054 degs. 12 mins. 30 secs. 007 degs. 54 mins. 45 secs.
- (2) 054 degs. 12 mins. 30 secs. 007 degs. 55 mins. 30 secs.
- (3) 054 degs. 12 mins. 00 secs. 7 degs. 55 mins. 30 secs.
- (4) 054 degs. 12 mins. 00 secs. 7 degs. 54 mins. 45 secs.

(N.C.L.G. Heligoland's C91958B to F.O.W.G. only refers.)

(D) North of Spiekeroog bounded by lines joining following positions:-

- (1) 053 degs. 50 mins. 00 secs. 007 degs. 46 mins. 00 secs.
- (2) 053 degs. 50 mins. 00 secs. 007 degs. 49 mins. 30 secs.
- (3) 053 degs. 49 mins. 12 secs. 007 degs. 49 mins. 30 secs.
- (4) 053 degs. 49 mins. 12 secs. 007 degs. 46 mins. 00 secs.

(E) North West of Mittel Rinne bounded by lines joining following positions:-

- (1) 053 degs. 50 mins. 13 secs. 007 degs. 57 mins. 36 secs.
- (2) 053 degs. 49 mins. 30 secs. 008 degs. 00 mins. 18 secs.
- (3) 053 degs. 48 mins. 39 secs. 007 degs. 59 mins. 27 secs.
- (4) 053 degs. 49 mins. 30 secs. 007 degs. 56 mins. 45 secs.

/(F)....

(F) North East of Borkum bounded by lines joining following positions:-

- (1) 053 degs. 38 mins. 18 secs. 006 degs. 45 mins. 36 secs.
- (2) 053 degs. 37 mins. 24 secs. 006 degs. 54 mins. 06 secs.
- (3) 053 degs. 36 mins. 24 secs. 006 degs. 52 mins. 36 secs.
- (4) 053 degs. 36 mins. 54 secs. 006 degs. 50 mins. 54 secs.
- (5) 053 degs. 37 mins. 39 secs. 006 degs. 45 mins. 06 secs.

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A. C. N. 3. (E)
D. M. S.
D. M. S. Citadel
M. (2)
W. D.
D. T. D. (4)
Hydrog. (2)
D. of N.
Staff Charts
D. G. (2)
D. T. D. (C)
O. D. (6)
O. I. G. (2)

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Minesweeping, Your 061226 (1st M.S.F. required to clear lines
 German mines. of German moored mines)* Check sweep in K
 formation of S.W. 3 completed. Swept depth 9
 fathoms. Negative result.
 (2) Regions dan buoys laid for clearance of 659 X
 line Z.
 (3) Have anchored for night in vicinity of N.W. corner of S.W. 3.
 (S.O. 1st M/S F. 112041B to C. in C. Nore.)
 * N.T. in W.D.

NORTHWAY, Propose that on June 15th NORTHWAY and OCEANWAY
 OCEANWAY, should be released from "Overlord" and that
 L.S.D. thereafter A.N.C.X.F's requirements for L.S.D.
 requirements. lift from or to the continent should be addressed
 to Admiralty.
 (2) The only immediate outstanding lifts are some
 L.C.P.(L) and landing barges from Ostend to U.K.
 which will be completed by 15th June by OCEANWAY, and the
 remaining P.B.R. to be lifted from Havre to the Thames which
 NORTHWAY should complete in about a fortnight.
 (A.N.C.X.F., 112236B to Admty.)
 Para. 2 cancelled (A.N.C.X.F. 120855B.)

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Channel.

Task Units Task Unit 123.1.4 dissolved this date.
 dissolved. (Comphibcraft 12th 110955B to C.T.U. 123.1.4,
 info. Admty., etc.)
 Task Unit 123.1.6 dissolved this date.
 (Comphibcraft 12th 110957B to C.T.U. 123.1.6,
 info. Admty., etc.)

ENCHANTRESS A.M. 021924 June. Intend ENCHANTRESS to give
 (for leave until p.m. Friday 6th July. Request that
 Pacific Flt.) adjustment of complement may be completed by p.m.
 Saturday 7th July. Anticipate ship will be
 ready to sail on Tuesday 10th July.
 (Capt. (D) Portsmouth, 111125 to C. in C.
 Portsmouth, Combrax Portsmouth.)

M.Ls. Channel The requirement for 4 M.Ls. remains in Channel
 Islands. Islands. Request 23rd M.L. Flotilla may be
 allocated.
 (2) Further requested that to facilitate closing
 down of BLACK BAT, consideration may be given to early transfer of
 23rd M.L. Flotilla, with maintenance staff, to ATTACK for
 accounts and maintenance.
 (C. in C. Plymouth, 111201B to Admty.)

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TURPIN,
SCOTSMAN,
SPUR,
to Eastern
Theatre.

Intend sailing TURPIN (S.O.) at 0830B/12th June to R/V with SCOTSMAN and SPUR from Holy Loch in position K 49° 05' N. 05° 55' W. at 1900B/12th June thence in company to Gibraltar for onward routing to Eastern Theatre.

- (2) Speed 12 knots, E.T.A. Gib. 0800Z/16th June.
- (3) Routed as in my 091327 not to all.
- (4) Communications. R/T callsign for TURPIN "Hellcat."

- (5) TURPIN holds auxiliary vessels recoding table.
- (6) Codeword "Hobnob."
- (7) Admiralty is requested to divert mails as requisite.
- (C. in C. Plymouth 111231B to F.O.G.M.A.)

French M.M.S. Sailed French M.M.S. D. 342 and D.344. My 091642 for Le Verdon. and 101421 refer.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 111340B to C.T.F. 122, Comar Bordeaux.)

M.F.Vs. for
Gibraltar.

My 041030B June. Sailed M.F.V. 1138 (S.O.), 1055, 1107, 1108, 1125, 1130, 1131, 1137, 1511, 1548. SS. EMPIRE HEATHLAND, escorted by GWEAL and MIGNONETTE to Gibraltar.

- (2) Request diversion of mail for M.F.Vs.
- (3) M.F.Vs. have extracts of Q.B. messages as requisite. Latest messages held by escorts Q.B. 459, A.154, H.1609, Y.211.
- (4) M.F.V. 1526 did not sail.
- (F.O.I.C. Falmouth 111610B to F.O.G.M.A.)

Portsmouth
Escort Forces,
reduction.

A.M. 052002 (see Policy). ^{P.119} Portsmouth Escort Forces are now reduced in accordance with A.M. 180855 April para. 4. (HARGOOD, HOTHAM, SPRAGGE being retained) with the following exceptions.
(2) Intend to retain (A) WATCHMAN until completion of refit of HOTHAM and SPRAGGE, 28th June.

- (B) FLEETWOOD for Bombardon operations at Portland until early August (my 301731 refers.)
- (C) BRILLIANT, IMPULSIVE until completion of smoke trials approx. 18th June. (Capt. D.1's 081055 refers.)
- (C. in C. Portsmouth 111618B to Admty.)

F.D. 69 for
Gibraltar.

My 051145B June sailed.
(2) Latest Q.B. messages held by PROSPECT and MARAUDER, Q.B. 459, A.154, H.1609, Y.211.
(3) Request mails be diverted.
(F.O.I.C. Falmouth 111840B to F.O.G.M.A.)

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Channel Is. Cositintrep 433. Force 135. Period ending 1900B/
Sit. Report. 11th June at St. Peter Ports.
Para. 3. (a) Sark. One non-commissioned officer
10 other ranks 620 Regiment Royal Artillery
arrived from Jersey as escort for prisoners and
are remaining until completion of mine lifting.
(b) Guernsey. EMPIRE RIDER and ROTHEN discharging.
(c) Alderney. 270 mines lifted. 152 mines destroyed. 80%
mined charges removed from pier. Guernsey, 1324 mines lifted
10th June.
Jersey. 1109 mines lifted 9th June.
(H.Q. Force 135, 111930B to Admty.)

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Task Group / Intend to sail U.S.S. DAVIS, U.S.S. MENGES and
61.9 for U.S.S. PRIDE 1400B/12th June to New York. Routed
New York. in accordance with C. in C. W.A.'s 101221.
S.O.A. 17 knots. T.G. 61.9 will report E.T.A.
Communications constant W/T watch on 2190 k/cs
to 7° W. and broadcast B.N. to 30° W. then
Washington Fox.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 111130B to Admty., etc.)

WIZARD WIZARD proceed when ready p.m. today 11th June
for B.P.F. to Gibraltar for onward routing to B.P.F. S.O.A.
20 knots, route via Irish Sea thence (details),
to Gibraltar. A.M. 201230B not to all refers.
Mails to Malta forthwith.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock 111204B to WIZARD.)
Sailed WIZARD. My 111204B refers.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock 111758B.)

HAVELOCK, My 062041 and A.M. 051935* (not to all) para. 3.
HESPERUS, Not intended to remove armament of ships allocated
HIGHLANDER, since W.A. Ports and bases are fully occupied
for F.A.A. with refitting work and reduction of ships to
target duties. reserve. Further, not intended to reduce
complements of these ships before release and it
should therefore be possible for ships' staff to place armament
in state of C. and M. as required by you before such reduction
is effected.
(C. in C. W.A., 111229B to R.A.N.A.S.(N))*051935 para. 3. Arma-
ment of ships allocated should be removed at first opportunity.

Weather Two weather reporting positions are now maintained
reporting by C. in C. W.A.
ships. (2) Northern position is occupied by a ship
detailed for A.S.R. duties.
(3) Request very early approval to retain
FUSILIER, HOME GUARD and ROYAL MARINE to
man Southern position.

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(4) The remaining 6 MILITARY class trawlers in my command are available for release forthwith. (C. in C. W.A., 111514B to Admty.)

WHITBY for Canada with E.G.C.4.

WHITBY only able to achieve 12 knots. Have ordered her to proceed independent along our route. My P.C.S. 1400B 055° 31' N. 011° 03' W. (X) 263° 13. Weather report 6581 0066. (S.O.E.G.C.4 111522B to C. in C. W.A.)

BERWICK for Iceland.

Request immediate approval to postpone sailing of BERWICK 24 hours due to non-arrival of essential army stores necessary to drive tractors and bulldozers already embarked. Military movement control, Glasgow, state these stores can be made available if delay is approved. (F.O.I.C. Greenock, 111653B to C. in C. H.F.)

Further to my 111653 V.S.O. states essential victualling stores cannot be placed on board until p.m. tomorrow owing to lack of notification and late arrival of stores.

(F.O.I.C. Greenock 111723B to C. in C. H.F.)

Your 111653 and 111723 approved. Military and Victualling are to be embarked before sailing.

(C. in C. H.F., 111835B to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

CAMROSE for Halifax.

Intend to sail CAMROSE passing Clyde Boom at 1830B/12th June to Halifax. S.O.A. 13 knots. (Route,) thence as routed by C. in C. C.N.A. to Halifax. Mails to Halifax forthwith. (F.O.I.C. Greenock 111728B to F.O.N.F., C. in C. C.N.A.)

SAGA, (new submarine.)

Intend to sail H.M. Submarine SAGA escorted by SARDONYX 1430B/12th June to Clyde. S.O.A. 12 knots. E.T.A. 0530B/13th.

(2) Diving trials will be carried out in vicinity of O2 buoy.

(3) (Communications. Mails to SAGA to Dunoon.

(F.O.I.C. Liverpool 111815 to F.O.I.C. Greenock, S/M 3.)

CARDIFF, ST. MARTIN.

Your 051546B June. Strongly concur in para. 1 of EXCELLENT's letter No. 096/8 dated 31st May 1945. Transfer of CARDIFF to south would expedite closing down of Lamlash Naval Base.

(2) Considered that tug ST. MARTIN now at Lamlash could be spared. Para. 3 of my 496/7667A dated 8th June 1945 refers.

(F.O.I.C. Greenock 111857B to C. in C. Portsmouth).

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Monday.HOME COMMANDSOperationsNorway

NORFOLK, Intend to proceed in NORFOLK at 0900 Tuesday
DEVONSHIRE, 12th June with DEVONSHIRE, ONSLOW (D.17),
ONSLOW, ORWELL, OBDURATE and STORD in company. E.T.A.
ORWELL, 2130/12th.
OBDURATE, (2) On arrival at 25 Buoy, intend to detach DEVONSHIRE
STORD, and STORD to comply with C. in C. H.F. (Afloat)'s
(after 101426 not to all.
return (3) E.T.A. NORFOLK and destroyers at May Island
of King 1430/13th, Oxcars 1630/13th. E.T.A. STORD at
Haakon). Scapa 2000/13th, Hoxa Gate 2030/13th. E.T.A.
DEVONSHIRE at Gate Plymouth 0930/15th.
(C.S.1, 111051B to F.O. Norway, N.O.I.C. Oslo,
Capt. M/S. Norway, C. in C. Rosyth, C. in C.
H.F. (Ashore), C. in C. Plymouth.)

ONSLOW Request you refuel one "O" class destroyer and
for German sail her from Oslo to Copenhagen as early as
convoy practicable. She will be required to escort
escort. German merchant ship convoy to U.K. as arranged
by F.O. Denmark.
(C. in C. H.F. (Afloat), 111225B to C.S.1.)
C. in C. H.F. (Afloat) 111225B. ONSLOW (Capt.

(D) 17) detailed. F.O. Norway is requested to sail her
accordingly.
(C.S.1, 111901B to F.O. Norway, C. in C. H.F. (Afloat), D.17.)

Request you arrange pilot for ONSLOW through Swedish
territorial waters from Langrenna (?) Pilot Station (Norway -
Sweden border) to Paternoster Lighthouse. E.T.A. Swedish
border 1230/12th June. E.T.A. Paternoster 1600/12th June.

{2} Request you arrange onward routing to Copenhagen.

{3} ONSLOW to adjust speed to comply.

{4} Admty. re-encode and pass to Stockholm.

(N.O.I.C. Oslo, 112125 to B.N.A. Stockholm.)

Norway Cositintrep 433, Scofor Part 4, section C.
Sit. Rep. Period ending 111200B.

(1) (A) Bergen zone report. German Commanders
throughout zone state that growing communist
feeling exists amongst their troops which they
are trying to combat. Zone state foregoing statement appears
true.

(3) (B) Ref. Cositintrep 432, para. 3 sub-para. (B).
Ascertained existence of weapons was known to disarmament
personnel. Total mines lifted Bergen zone 6,250. Total to
be lifted 135,000. Limiting factor shortage of Allied
Supervising Staff.

(D) Weapons. 197,900 enemy personnel now under Allied control.

(4) (A) 425 French Nationals evacuated in Sweden for
repatriation.

(Scofor Main, 111945.)

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Spitzbergen situation. / R.N.O.(?) Spitzbergen from Admiral Danielsen. Tell HEIMDAL to establish W/T communications with Tromso and report situation. (N.O.I.C. Tromso, 110955B to Admty.)

ONSLAUGHT (to escort CASSANDRA). Your 072010 (not to Head British Naval Mission Moscow). ONSLAUGHT arrived Kola Inlet. (S.B.N.O. N.Russia, 111027B to C. in C. H.F.)

BERWICK to visit Saebol, Iceland. Comply with A.C.I.C. 101150 reporting E.T.A. Saebol in due course. (C. in C. H.F.(Afloat), 111030B to BERWICK, A.C.I.C., N.O.I.C. Greenock.)

Russian Minesweepers for Libau. Soviet Naval Staff is pressing for the route for 6 M/SS. from Kiel to Sassnitz or Ronne from which ports they would be piloted to Libau. Admty. 090105 refers (090150 intended. Passage of 6 Russian M/S from Falmouth to Brunsbittel and O/R to Libau). Admty. pass to all addressees. (Hd. of British Naval Mission Moscow, 111158B to Admty.) Reply: 121351B.

EXMOUTH, (depot ship) . Scapa Thursday 14th June. Intend Tug BUCCANEER towage from Scapa. for through towage. (2) F.O. Orkney is requested to provide second tug to assist in steering from Scapa to vicinity May Island. (3) C. in C. Rosyth is requested to detail rescue tug ENCORE to relieve tug in para. 2, until relieved off Harwich in accordance with A.M. 092255 para. 4 (N.T. in W.D.) (C. in C. H.F. (Ashore), 111226 to Admty., etc.)

NARVIK, for Bergen. Sailed H.Nor. M/S. NARVIK for Bergen, E.T.A. 1300B/12th June. (2) Constant W/T watch on 1570 k/cs. (3) My 081510B and C. in C. H.F.(Afloat)'s 082345B (neither to all) refer. (N.O.I.C. Lerwick, 111535B to N.O.I.C. Bergen.)

VINDICTIVE (destroyer depot ship, Scapa). VINDICTIVE can be released and is ready to sail on 18th June. Request destination. (C. in C. H.F., 111705B to Admty.)

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Operations

Baltic

Need for
Patrols.

Impending departure of 117 R.M. Brigade entails withdrawal of guards on M/Vs. and of harbour patrols in German craft manned by R.M.

(2) Fishery patrols for all ports will shortly be required.

(3) Early provision of coastal forces on full scale requested is therefore essential.

(F.O. Kiel Command, 111257B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Reply: A.N.C.X.F. 121452B.

DELPHIN.

Request destination DELPHIN due to sail Kiel for U.K. Thursday 14th June. Admiralty O60724 refers (N.T. in W.D.)

Not assigned
(F.O. Kiel Command, 111631B to Admty. for D.T.M., (R) N.O.I.C. Kiel, D.S. DELPHIN, A.C.N.X.F. (Main))

W.D. Note: No trace of a Dutch DELPHIN in lists.

U. 155,
U. 680,
U.1233,
U. 806.

U-Boats 155, 680, 1233 and 806 left Fredericia for Kiel 1600B/10th June. Your 281007B May refers.

(F.O. Denmark, 111801B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Walther
U-Boats,
refitting.

Request information on priority to be given to refitting of damaged (?Walther) U-Boats. Suggest Hamburg might be more suitable for this than Kiel, as type XVIIB were being built there.

(F.O. Kiel Command, 111842B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Reply: 121450B.

Enemy Intelligence

U-Boat
salved,
Kiel Canal
(U. 792).

One German U-Boat salved from Canal is now at Howaldts.

(2) Damaged by flood and scuttling charge pierced hull in forward compartment.

(3) Walther unit apparently intact but water and gas has prevented full examination action 4 serial number being sought. Believed to be U.1405,

U.1406 or U.1407*.

(F.O. Kiel Command, 110936B to A.N.C.X.F.)

* Established as U. 792, see 120934B.

U-Boats
Sunk or
Scuttled,
Kiel
Command.

Your O41145B and my O81334.

Flensburg Inner Fjord add U.1029.

Sondeborg Bucht U.733.

Eckernförde Bucht U. 876 (Basn), U.904 (Sturman), U.1210 (Gabert) and one type 21 (Ballert).

In Kiel Canal near Rensburg 748 (Dingler), 428 (Hanitsch) and one U-Boat probably Walther type.

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U-Boats Sunk or Scuttled, Kiel Command. (Contd.) One U-Boat of Walther type salvaged from Canal now in Kiel. At Neustadt and Travemünde all German naval personnel were made prisoners of war and no one with the necessary information has so far been interrogated, investigations continuing. (F.O. Kiel, 110947B to Admty.)

SS. SALERNO (from Hamburg). SS. SALERNO now lying in Albert Dock, Hull, under Admiralty Marshal with Ellerman Wilson watchmen aboard. Arrived Humber 2nd June in convoy U.L.C.1 from Hamburg. SALERNO was recaptured at Eckernförde. Advantage was taken of passing visit of Com. Fisher of VERNON M/S. Dept. who considered that she worked for Topedo Experimental Establishment and was used in connection with Torpedo Influence Pistol Development and that ship should be minutely examined. There are German papers aboard which translated may be of interest. (F.O. Humber, 111305B to Admty.)

U-Boat situation. (A) Number of U-Boats arrived in U.K. 110, U.S.A. and Canada 7. (B) Number of U-Boats afloat and seaworthy in occupied ports: Wilhelmshaven 19, Kiel 2, Aarhus 1, Eckernförde 1, Neustadt 1, Fredericia 3, Trondheim 3, Bergen 2, Kristiansand South 1, St. Nazaire 1. (N.I.D.1 for D.N.I., 111808B to N.L.O. 21st Army Group.)

U. 739 not to be repaired. Your 100913 June. German U-Boat 739 is not seaworthy. Not intended to effect repair on this submarine. Admty. 042045 June, para. 4 to A.N.C.X.F. (Main) refers. (N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven, 112359 to F.O.W.G.)

Casualties and Defects

GEORGE L. FARLEY, ABRAHAM ROSENBERG, collision. While at anchor in Downs this vessel rammed. Unable to proceed to sea. Proceeding to Southend. Request immediate survey on arrival. E.T.A. 1400B/11. Master. (GEORGE L. FARLEY, 110746B to Admty.) SS. ABRAHAM ROSENBERG in collision with SS. GEORGE FARLEY in Downs. Bow stove in. Request survey. Master. (ABRAHAM ROSENBERG (U.S.), No T.O.O./11.)

EMPIRE CORMORANT. N.C.S.O. Humber's 101544 (F.S.26 sailed from Humber to 39 Buoy. Arrival EMPIRE CORMORANT damaged by striking sunken wreck. Further signal will be made. (A.C. Dover, 111449B to Admty., N.C.S.O. Humber.)

/EMPIRE ...

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EMPIRE
CUPID,
A.F.D. 19,
(damaged
9th June).
Regret to report collision on 9th June 1945 of
S.T. EMPIRE CUPID with anchor ramps of dock
at Dunstaffnage as a result of which she made
water and had to be beached. Propose to hold
Board of Enquiry with Captain A. Stokes, R.N.
as President.
(N.O.I.C. Oban, 111456B to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

Movements

U.1023,
for
Avonmouth.
(on tour)
My 102000B, sailed.
(F.O.I.C. Falmouth, 110605B to F.O.I.C. Cardiff.)
U.1023 arrived and anchored Walton Bay 2130.
(N.O.I.C. Avonmouth, 112155 to N.O.I.C. Cardiff.)

CAESAR.
Your 091955*. Arrived.
(C. in C. H.F. (Ashore), 110622B to C. in C.
Plymouth.)
* Sailed CAESAR.

LAOMEDON.
Anchored in Downs. Request instructions.
(LAOMEDON, 110704B to Admty., C. in C. Nore.)

ONTARIO
(new
cruiser)
Sailed H.M.C.S. ONTARIO to Lamlash.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 110934B to N.O.I.C. Lamlash.)
Arrived ONTARIO.
(N.O.I.C. Lamlash, 111732B.)

U. 776
(on tour)
Intend to sail U.776 at 1730B/11 passing
Spithead Gate 1930B/11 to Dover.
(2) Routed by Q.Z.S.373, 723 thence Route E to
Dover.
(3) Speed 9 knots, adjusted as necessary to
arrive Dover at 0800B/12.
(5) U.776 sail to comply.
(F.O.I.C. Southampton, 111002B to A.C. Dover.)
F.O.I.C. Southampton 111002B sailed.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 112056B to A.C. Dover.)

M.F.Vs.
Norwegian M.F.Vs. METOY, SSMAR, SKJERGAR
arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Methil, 111010B to Nor. Naval Base
Peterhead.)

U. 861 (to
dock at
Pembroke).
Your 101007B. Arrived.
(F.O.I.C. Milford Haven, 111025 to Cdre. (D)
W.A.)

NORTHWAY,
L.S.D.
On completion of discharge today 11th June
proceed to Southend for onward routeing to
Portsmouth. C. in C. Portsmouth 101025B refers.

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NORTHWAY,
L.S.D.
(Contd.) (2) Your mails have been diverted to Portsmouth.
(F.O.I.C. London, 111035B to NORTHWAY.)
Southend departure 1800B/11th to Portsmouth
NORTHWAY, S. of A. 15 knots.
Constant watch on command port waves.
E.T.A. Portsmouth 0545B/12th.
(Cdre. i/c. Southend, 111857B to C. in C.
Portsmouth.)

PASLEY,
DRURY,
BAZELEY,
for Reserve. F.O.C.R.F.'s 271256 May not to all.
Intend to sail H.M. Frigates PASLEY (S.O.),
DRURY and BAZELEY at 1615B June 12th to Chatham
E.T.A. 0800B June 14th. Admiralty is requested
to divert mails to Chatham.
(F.O.I.C.N.I., 111058 to C. in C. Nore, F.O.I.C.
London.)

QUANTOCK,
BROCKLESBY,
leave. C. in C. Nore 071320 (071230 intended).
Intend QUANTOCK and BROCKLESBY to give foreign
service leave and V.E. leave until 1200
Wednesday 4th July. Ships will require
further two days at Portsmouth to complete
with stores and will be available a.m. Saturday
7th.
(Capt. (D) Portsmouth, 111135 to C. in C.
Portsmouth.)

SNOWBERRY. SNOWBERRY accepted into Reserve Fleet category
'C' on 8th June, 1945.
(F.O.C.R.F., 111431 to Admty., etc.)

ALBATROSS,
for Reserve. Your 091843 June. Request ALBATROSS be reduced
to category 'C' at Portsmouth retaining on
board minimum passage crew and passage stores
for passage to Falmouth where ship will be laid
up. Requested that only sufficient fuel for
passage should be embarked. Both anchors should be retained.
(F.O.C.R.F., 111435 to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

LUNENBURG Intend to sail LUNENBURG at 0900B/13th June to
(for Greenock for O/R Canada, amend destination in
Canada). my 071653 (not to all) accordingly:
(2) Speed 13 knots, E.T.A. 1900B/14th June.
(3) Standard route to Smalls thence by F.N.M.
No. 951 (T) of 1945 and Q.Z.S. 716 and 681.
(4) Constant watch on 2300 k/cs. and broadcast CN shifting to
1740 k/cs and BN off Milford Haven.
(5) Request mails to Greenock.
(6) LUNENBURG sail to comply.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 111511B to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

DELPHINIUM. DELPHINIUM paid off to Reserve Fleet category
'C'.
(2) All officers discharged to leave pending

/appointment ...

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DELPHINIUM. appointment as from 12th June.
(Contd.) (3) All ratings discharged to depots.
(DELPHINIUM, 111847B to Admty., F.O.C.R.F.)

RUBIS, Your 071455B, 081353B and 081800B arrived.
CURIE, (F.O.I.C. Falmouth, 111945B to AMBROSE.)
(French
S/Ms.)

Shipping and Convoys

BERGENSFJORD, BERGENSFJORD arrived Leith. PIORUN proceeded
PIORUN, Rosyth.
(from (N.O.I.C. Leith, 111930 to N.O.I.C. Stavanger.)
Norway). PIORUN arrived.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 111940B to N.O.I.C. Stavanger.)

U.S. Ex 56215 MUL. Add, pending further advise
shipping from this headquarters please hold at Solent for
for further orders all U.S. Army allocated vessels
Antwerp. sailing from U.S. to Antwerp.
Hold at Downs for further orders all such
vessels now sailing from Solent to Downs.
Hold at Terneuzen for further orders all such
vessels now sailing from Downs to Terneuzen.
Anchor in river all such vessels scheduled to dock into Port
of Antwerp.
Naval Authorities please advise this headquarters action taken
on individual vessels.
(T.Q. Com. Zone, Signed Lee, 112244B to U.K. Base, A.N.C.X.F.
(Buco), Admty., C. in C. Portsmouth, N.O.I.C. Terneuzen,
N.O.I.C. Antwerp.)
See also 122235B.

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EXMOOR
destroyer Intend to sail EXMOOR at 1200B June 11th to Sheerness. Speed of advance 18.5 knots. E.T.A. will be signalled by EXMOOR.
(F.O.G.M.A., 110956B to C. in C. Nore.)

Air/Sea
Rescue CROCUS sails at noon June 12th to relieve JONQUIL in position 20 A.M. 182352 refers.
(2) E.T.A. position (20) is 0800 June 14th.
(F.O.G.M.A., 111100 to Admty.)

Operation "Green Support"
Air/Sea
Rescue / Operation "Green Support". Amend take off to 0930B today Monday.
(Admty., D.C., 111115B to F.O.G.M.A.)

Sultan of Morocco
in GLOIRE / My 101655A sailed at 1047/11. In view French Admty. now informing that R/V has been arranged between GLOIRE Group and LE FORTUNE and L'ALCYON 10 miles west of Ushant at 2000A/13 to re-enforce escort to destination have routed to 47.30 N. 07.30 W. and request you signal onward route to effect R/V thence to destination.
(Commorseafon, 111128A to Admty.)

Air/Sea
Rescue SPIRAEA sail at 1600 June 19th to relieve BERKELEY CASTLE intended, in position 19A.M. 182352 and C. in C.W.A.'s 301758 May and 061134 refers.
(2) On relief BERKELEY CASTLE to proceed to Greenock unless otherwise ordered, reporting expected time of arrival.
(3) E.T.A. position 19 is 0800 June 15th.
(F.O.G.M.A., 111132B to Admty.)

A/S
Trawlers
in Azores
A.S.R. / A.M. 081949* and S.B.N.O. Azores 091108 para. 3. Do not consider it practicable to maintain two trawlers at Horta if the base is closed down.
(2) Demoralising conditions with no base assistance or supervision is bound to lead to trouble.
(3) Ref. para. four of S.B.N.O. Azores signal this would entail a ship remaining at immediate notice for six weeks at a time and allows of no stand by ship in the event of engine trouble.
(4) At present the Portuguese maintain and operate four Isles class A/S M/S trawlers from Horta.
(5) Suggest Portuguese Government be approached with a view to their assuming responsibility for local A.S.R. work with these craft.
(F.O.G.M.A., 111136B to Admty.)
* Request your views on need of trawlers for Air/Sea Rescue in Azores Area and maintaining them after base is closed down.

/Movement...

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North Atlantic - Contd.

Movement Intend to sail H.M. S/M SIRDAR (S.O.) and WOLBOROUGH at 1000B June 12th. SIRDAR to Portsmouth for O/R to Chatham. WOLBOROUGH to Falmouth. Unless otherwise ordered SIRDAR is to proceed unescorted from Falmouth to Portsmouth. SIRDAR has only one engine.
(4) E.T.A. SIRDAR Portsmouth 1700B/17th WOLBOROUGH Falmouth 0001B/17th.
(F.O.G.M.A., 111216 to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

Movement Arrival 0740 EXMOOR from East.
(F.O.G.M.A., 111726 to Admty.)

Ships for U.K. Departure 1522B/11th Capt. D. Gibraltar in MALCOLM with LOWESTOFT, WELLINGTON, BELLWORT, KILMORE, KILMINGTON, KILMARTIN, KILMELFORD, KILBIRNIE for Plymouth.
(F.O.G.M.A., 111750 to C. in C. Plymouth.)

H.M.T. GOOD HOPE and NATAL should not be delayed. Your
Polar V 081047 and C. in C.S.A., 091253 refer.
(2) Further signal will be made regarding disposal of POLAR V.
(D.O.D.(F), 111919B to F.O.C.W.Af.)

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T.A.C.?
Closed T/28 Cipher 11 June.
Mideast T.A.C. closed 0954 hours 11th June.
(Mid. East T.A.C. 111000C to W.O.)

Movements Alexandria 10th June.
Arrivals CLEOPATRA, KELVIN, CATTERICK.
Departures ARTIGLIERE.
(F.O.L.E.M., 111009C to Admty.)

SILVIO
L.S.I.(L) Request you will sail SILVIO after transit of
canal to Messina where she is to embark 18 L.C.As.
for transport to U.K.
R/V with SANSOVINO will be arranged when latter
ship's programme is firm.
(C. in C. Med., 111048B to S.N.O.R.S.C.A.)

Sultan of
Morocco My 281832B May and 061218B June not to all refer.
(1) H.M. The Sultan of Morocco will embark at
Cherbourg instead of Marseilles when leaving
France.
(2) Programme for GLOIRE and TIGRE has been
amended accordingly. Ships will return to Mediterranean about
8th July after conveying H.M. The Sultan to Casablanca.
(Almed. 111250B to C. in C. Med.)

A/A Sloops
for B.P.F. Request confirmation that HIND and PELICAN are
to work up in Mediterranean before sailing to
B.P.F. A.M. 071757 refers.
(C. in C. Med. 111313 to Admty.)

JEANNE
D'ARC My 101719 to F.O.L.E.M. (Afloat) still no change.
(C. in C. Med. (111651B to F.O.L.E.M.)

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East Indies

TOTLAND (Cutter) Intend TOTLAND to sail for U.K. on completion of boiler cleaning programme date to be reported. (C. in C. E.I., 110832 to Capt. E.I. Escorts).

Cable ship Your 281046 May*. Further service of BULAN is under consideration. Further message will be sent shortly. (Admty., 111116B to C. in C.E.I.)
* No further employment for BULAN.

Re shipping from E.I. Concur that M.E.I.R.I. Article 2D be cancelled. Your 100410* refers. (D.T.D. Admty., 111223B to C. in C. E.I.)
* Suggest cancellation of M.E.I.R.I. Article 11D.

Hunts, Destroyers for E.I. Your 021131 paragraph 3. The first six Hunts to reach you are expected to be.

<u>Ship</u>	<u>Expected to leave U.K.</u>
FARNDALE	Left 3rd June.
BLEASDALE	17th June.
CALPE	23rd June.
CHIDDINGFOLD	5th July.
EXMOOR	20th July.
CROOME	Mid. August (direct from Mediterranean)

(2) Ships will be given a short work up in the Mediterranean. (D.O.D.(F), 112306B to C. in C. E.I.) See 132053B (Far East and Australia.)

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America and West Indies

COWICHAN (F.M's.) E.T.A. Cape Spear 111100Z. Require assistance number one blow down valve. P.C.S. at 0200Z/11 046 degs. 23' N. 042 degs. (56') W. 072 degs. (H.M.C.S. COWICHAN, 110205Z to F.O.N.F.)

S/M UPRIGHT. Arrival H.M. S/M UPRIGHT with H.M.C.S. UNGAVA. Com. Four pass to B.S.O. Philadelphia. (N.O.I.C. Digby Area, 111315Z to S.B.N.O.W.A.)

MAGICIENNE, F.M's St. Johns for Azores. Position at 1500Z/11th 040 degs. 15' N. 048 degs. 28' W. E.T.A. Horta 1200Z/14th. (MAGICIENNE, 111530Z to C. in C. W.A.)

Logistic support for French Squadrons. Cominch in a letter to Admiral Fenard has drawn attention to the fact that to date the logistic support for the French V.P.B. Squadrons one and two in Africa and the French V.F.B. Squadrons one and two now in France has been through United States Naval units these supporting Naval units are now scheduled for decommission incident to their redeployment from the European/African area to the Pacific. (2) Consequently Cominch advises Admiral Fenard that as from the 1st July, 1945 the requisite logistic support for the French Squadrons should be obtained through the established defence aid channels. (B.A.D. Washington, 111745Z to Admty. etc.)

Transfer of 12 P.Cs. etc. from Med. Cominch has no objection my 052001 refers. Cominch is being informed of the revised figure given in para. two of A.L. Med's 091210/ Admty. pass to N.A. Paris. (B.A.D. 111835Z to Admty.) / Transfer of 12 P.C's and 16 S.C's etc.

Movement of French V.P.B. Squadrons. (Agadir). Following received from Cominch begins: "The United States Army is engaged at present in the re-deployment of men and aircraft in accordance with plans to bring our full strength against the Japanese as soon as possible. I have been informed by the Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, that the use of Agadir is quite important to their re-deployment plans and would assist greatly in the expeditious re-deployment of their men and A/C. At present there are 2 French V.P.B. Squadrons at Agadir. It would be highly desirable for these Squadrons to be moved from Agadir to France during the time that the army is engaged in re-deployment. As soon as the Army re-deployment is accomplished, it is my intention to turn over U.S. Naval facilities at Agadir to the French Navy. (2) Since the movement of the 2 French V.P.B. Squadrons from Agadir is so important to our immediate prosecution of the war against Japan, request your concurrence and action, as the representative of the Executive Agency for the Combined Chiefs of Staff for French Naval matters, in temporarily removing the 2

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Movement of French V.P.B. Squadrons. (Agadir). (Contd.) French Squadrons from Agadir as soon as possible. An early reply to this request will be greatly appreciated." Ends. (B.A.D. 112021Z to Admty.) See 122215B. *Not now necessary 062151 July.*

AUSTRALIA for U.K. When ready about 13 June Compaseafiron sail H.M.A.S. AUSTRALIA Canal Zone to New York. Comeastseafiron sail onward to U.K. (Cominch, 112102Z to Compaseafiron, N.S.H.Q. Admiralty)

Escort Carriers. Your 021601 June not to C. in C. B.P.F. Escort carrier position is as follows.
(i) 2 B.A.V.G., 1 B.A.C.V., 10 A.C.V. and 23 C.V.E were assigned to the Royal Navy as Lease-Lend vessels. Full list is in B.A.M.S.R. new construction programme dated 25th December, 1944.
(ii) BITER has been damaged and subsequently transferred to the French Navy. NABOB and THANE are damaged beyond repair. U.S. Authorities have been informed or consulted as necessary.
(iii) Therefore 33 American built Escort Carriers remain, to which must be added 5 British built Escort Carriers, making total 38 now fit for service.
(2) Intended future deployment in Oct. was:
(i) For British Pacific Fleet - 9 replenishment, 3 General Purpose, 3 Ferry and D.L.T.
(ii) For East Indies - 10 Assault Force (includes A/S, P.R.U. Replenishment and Air/Sea Rescue), 3 Ferry and D.L.T.
(iii) For U.K. - 1 Trials, 3 D.L.T.
(iv) For World-wide duties - 6 ferry.
(3) Experience in operations in the Pacific has shown that the numbers in para.2 (i) are necessary, indeed C. in C. B.P.F. has lately pressed for an earlier arrival than planned, of the whole 15.
The Assault Force for the East Indies is the minimum requirement for operation "Zipper" which takes place outside the range of support by shore-based A/C. It may be possible to start reducing this force after "Zipper". The ferries in the East Indies are essential for the run from India to Australia and later through the Malacca Straits.
The Trials Carrier for U.K. is essential, and 3 carriers are being used for D.L.T. where 5 have been asked for to train the increasing output of pilots.
The only remaining source is at para. 2 (iv).
(4) The small assignments of American A/C and the lack of an intermediate base make it more than ever necessary to reduce the time spent in transporting aircraft to the operational carriers, and for this purpose Escort Carriers must be employed as ferries. It had been planned to transport American assigned A/C by C.V.E. direct from U.S.A. to B.P.F. and it is not at all certain that this and other essential ferry work can be done with less than 6 C.V.Es.
(5) In view, however, of the urgent request from Cominch, and in

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Escort
Carriers
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the hope that our joint war effort may best be sustained thereby, we are prepared to try to manage with 4 and release 2, TRACKER and ATHELING, forthwith to U.S. Navy manning and control. In return we would expect that if it is subsequently found that A/C required and available

for the British Pacific Fleet cannot be lifted from America, we would receive help from ferry carriers of the U.S. Navy. Similarly any surplus life which might later be found available in British ships will be at once offered to Cominch.

(6) If Cominch accepts this offer we would wish RAJAH as well as the British crews of ATHELING and TRACKER to be returned to U.K. at an early date. RAJAH could bring any stores and baggage that it is desired to remove from the other two ships provided she is not unduly delayed.

(7) For your information a similar request from Cominch was received through Comnaveu on May 25th.

A.M. 280341 May to Comnaveu only replied in less detail and refused the request.

(D.O.D. (F) Approved 1st Sea Lord, 112356B to B.A.D. and C. in C. B.F.F.) See 191545Z.

Far East and Australia

TERRAPIN.

Admiralty 081719B/ sailing of TERRAPIN should be delayed pending Admiralty decision as a result of your 090337Z/.

(C. in C. B.P.F. 110258Z to Capt. (S) 4.)

/ Request early confirmation that state of TERRAPIN will entail major structural repairs to be undertaken in U.K.

/ Repair to TERRAPIN.

Floating
Transit
Storage
B.P.F.

Following from D.D.S. (P) for D. of S. reference Raft's 221010Z May consider that situation might be eased if the first of these ships was sailed direct from Canada to Sydney for initial stocking which would have the added advantage that range and quantities could then be based on experience of expenditure in BACCHUS and CITY

OF DIEPPE. Adequate stocks will in general be available locally to cover this commitment. It will be essential that racks should already be in position and that full Naval Store Staff including working party also binders and ledger pages should be on board on arrival. It will also be necessary to send from the U.K. an additional N.S.I.S. set of W/T and Radar stores to replace issues to the issuing' ship. S.D.D.S. (E.M) concurs. (V.A. (Q), 110707Z to Admty.) See 221100B.

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Digest (3) Palawan based searchplanes left burning
1237 motor launch Samarinda attacked two small
10.5.1945 Coasters Kunhing leaving one sinking, possibly
Extract. sinking other. Previous ? day 9th June,
searchplanes damaged 3 small Coasters, 2 Luggers
Kichghg, destroyed 1 damaged four small Coasters
? Trfngggjau (Malaya) fired Shipyard left dead
in water one Southbound picket boat 40 miles Southeast Kotabaru.
(5) Total enemy casualties on Luzon to date, number 154,653 killed,
2,862 prisoners.
(7) Supported by powerful Naval elements 9th Australian Division
landed unopposed at four beaches in Brunei Bay Area north-
western Borneo: troops traversed entire length Juarr Island
without contact, advanced rapidly north from North Shore Victoria
Harbour and Hamilton (?Area) Labuan Island capturing Labuan
airfield against little opposition and pushing southwest down
road from beaches past Brunei Bluff toward Brunei town with
scattered contacts. Nil enemy Naval reaction, only air re-
action solitary plane which dropped one bomb without result
among shipping offshore.
(10) 4 ship hunting Liberators damaged small coaster PARE PARE
destroyed river boat 60 miles west Bandjer Masin, destroyed 1
barge, damaged ?one Dfe small coaster 6 barges Bandjermasin all
on 9th June.
(13) 10th June 14 Liberators supporting Brunei Bay operations,
3 Liberators heckling Malang airfield by night, another 2 Libera-
tors harassing Makassar Airfields, single Liberator hitting jetty
Moena Island off Southeast Velgreb, another Lray Liberator
bombing Coaster off Soembaka Island. 10 Beauforts supporting
Australian Infantry Wewak Area.
(G.H.Q. S.W.P.A. 111100Z to Adnty.)

HUNTS
for B.P.F.

Your 060651/June para. 3.
The first 8 HUMIS to reach you are expected to be
(read in 2 columns):

<u>Ship</u>	<u>Expected to leave U.K.</u>
BRECON	On passage
AVONVALE	19th June
EGGESFORD	19th June
COWDRAY	21st June
BICESTER	3rd July
STEVENSTONE	10th July
BRISSENDEN	10th July
HAYDON	Mid-August (Direct from Mediterranean).

(2) Ships will be given a short work-up in the Mediterranean.
(D.O.D.(F), 112321B to C. in C. B.P.F.)
See 132053B.

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Home Commands

1. All submerged bombing restrictions and submarine sanctuaries are now cancelled.
2. As requirements for CAPTAIN class frigates in the Eastern Theatre are now reduced to five fitted for fighter direction, three fitted for coastal forces control and BYARD for special service, six frigates from Western Approaches and five from the Nore will not now be needed for the East.
3. MANXMAN, fast minelayer, is to leave Portsmouth on June 18 or as soon after as possible to work up in Mediterranean until joined by APOLLO, when both will proceed to B.P.F.
- 4(a) 10th M/S Flotilla, operating from Harwich, is to leave during July to join B.P.F.
- 4(b) 11th M/S Flotilla, now in Rosyth Command, is to leave during August to join East Indies Station.
- 4(c) MAGICIENNE, fleet minesweeper, on passage from Canada to U.K. is re-allocated to 11th M/S Flotilla vice PROMPT.
5. BRIDLINGTON and BRIDPORT, minesweepers, now at Liverpool, are to reduce to Reserve at a port to be nominated by F.O.C.R.F.

North Sea.

6. A.N.C.X.F. concurs in the abolition of the "Neptune" Despatch Boat Service between Dover and Ostend (see June 9 and 10), but asks that it may be maintained until the Hook-Harwich personnel service begins.
7. The German SAAR, U-Boat depot ship, is to be prepared as a ferry tender between U.K. and Germany for U-Boat personnel.
8. ARIEL, G.P.O. cable ship, is to repair the St. Margarets-La Panne cable.

Channel

9. Subject to the approval of Combined Chiefs of Staff, the War Office is ready to assume responsibility for the Channel Islands on June 15.

Western Approaches.

10. Londonderry is to be the laying-up port for all COLONY class frigates not already berthed on reducing.

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Home Commands

11. Escort Group C.6 (EAST VIEW, LAUZON, PETERBOROUGH and ST. LAMBERT) is to leave Lough Foyle tomorrow for St. John's, N.F. after embarking personnel at Greenock.

12. American SS. DELNORTE, 4,982 tons, has been stopped since 0900 today with engine trouble in 49.08 N. 08.45 W. southwest of the Scillies.

Norway.

13. The 9th M/S Flotilla resumed operations yesterday in the Lister Fiord area, and cut 98 mines between 58.06.30 N. and 58.13 N. Operations continue.

14(a) ICARUS, destroyer, left Tromso escorting the EASTERN PRINCE to the Clyde.

(b) ONSLOW, destroyer, left Oslo for Copenhagen to escort a German merchant ship convoy to U.K.

Northern Waters.

15. Routes in North Russian waters agreed by the Northern Fleet are reported from Polyarno.

Baltic.

16. The first five boats of 151st H.D.M.L. Flotilla are expected to leave U.K. on June 17 towards building up Coastal Forces in the Kiel Command.

17. One of the Walther type U-Boats scuttled in the Kiel area is urgently needed in U.K. for research purposes, and is to be given high priority for repairs sufficient for passage in tow.

Foreign Stations

Mediterranean

Movement.

18. AURORA arrived Malta from Beirut.

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East Indies

Burma
Naval Force
Commander.

19. Appointment of Naval force Commander Burma will lapse on 17th June. N.F.C.B. and staff will be withdrawn and N.O.I.C. Rangoon will take over their duties.

Sumatra.

"Sungulim"

20(a) D.10 in TARTAR with ESKIMO and NUBIAN sank 2 enemy ships at 0545 to-day 20 miles N.W. of Sabang, (N. Sumatra). 6 Japanese aircraft intermitently attacked the destroyers between 0600 and 0800. There were no casualties or damage.
(b) PENN sank a landing craft containing about 20 Japanese off Batu Island (00 degs. 15' S. 98 degs. 30' E) (West coast Sumatra). 161156Z.

Far East and Australia

China

21. U.S. Privateers claim to have sunk approximately 100 small craft along the China Coast probably destroyed a small coaster off Laet Island (S.E. of Borneo.)

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Policy.

10th M/S.F. / It is intended to sail 10th M/S.F. during July
for B.P.F. to join British Pacific Fleet.
(2) Flotilla will be withdrawn from operations
by end of June for docking, giving foreign
service leave*, kitting up and inoculations.
(3) Ships taken in hand earlier should comply as far as
possible with requirements of para. 2.
(D.M.S., 120025B to C. in C. Nore, C. in C. Rosyth, M.S.10,
BOSCAWEN, S.E.O. Granton.)
* See amendment, 131520B.

MAGICIENNE. MAGICIENNE, at present on passage to U.K.
is re-allocated to the 11th M.S.F. vice PROMPT.
(2) A.M. 131340 Feb. and 031905 May, refer.
(D.M.S., 120027B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

11th M/S.F. / It is intended to sail 11th M.S.F. during
for East August for East Indies Station.
Indies. (2) It is expected that Flotilla will be with-
drawn from operations during July for docking,
giving foreign service leave*, kitting up and
inoculations.
(3) Ships taken in hand earlier should comply as far as
possible with requirements of para. 2.
(D.M.S., 120029B to C. in C. Rosyth.)
* See amendment, 131520B.

S.B.R. and A.C.N. 877 12th June. S.B.R. 813. Admiralty's
sanctuaries 111819 (A.G.M. 900A). C.B. 03092 is now
cancelled. obsolete and all submarine bombing restrictions
and sanctuaries are to be cancelled forthwith.
Attention is drawn to A.G.M. 862A distributed
to Groups and Stations by A0147 of 8th June.
(H.Q.C.C., 121022B to 15, 16, 18 and 19 Groups
and all their operational stations, Alness,
East Fortune.)

MANXMAN, C. in C. Portsmouth is requested to sail MANXMAN
APOLLO for Gibraltar and Malta on 18th June or as soon
for B.P.F. after as practicable.
(2) Desired MANXMAN shall carry out short work-
up in Mediterranean until joined by APOLLO, when
C. in C. Mediterranean is requested to sail both
ships in company to Ceylon for onward routeing as directed by
C. in C. B.P.F.
(D.O.D.(H), 121449B to C. in C. Portsmouth, C. in C. Med.)

Channel / O.430. Ref. Fwd. 24159 091200 June.
Islands Subject to approval of C.C.S., War Office is
Command. prepared to assume responsibility for Channel
Islands 15th June 1945.
(Heeltool Two, 121845B to S.H.A.E.F.)

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Frigates,
Laying
up.

Cdre. (D) W.A. 121120, not to all.
Laying up port for all "Colony" class frigates who have not already berthed in reducing Portsmouth will be Londonderry.
(2) Request ships may be sailed accordingly when released and as they can be accepted.
(3) Request enclosure No.1 to my No. EPP2/16/2 of 2nd May may be amended accordingly.
(F.O.C.R.F., 121901B to C. in C. W.A.)

BRIDLINGTON,
BRIDPORT,
for Reserve.

Your 062046. BRIDLINGTON and BRIDPORT should be reduced to Reserve category 'B'. F.O.C.R.F. is requested to allocate laying up port.
(D.O.D.(H), 122130B to C. in C. W.A.)

Frigates
for
Eastern
Theatre.

A.M. 180855 April, C. in C. W.A. 011803 as amended by 071439, C. in C. Nore's 031652 and 061300. Requirement of "Captain" class frigates for the Eastern Theatre is now reduced to:
(A) 5 frigates fitted for fighter direction;
(B) 3 frigates fitted for coastal forces control;
(C) BYARD for special service.
(2) The following frigates will not now be required for the East:
(A) 6 from Western Approaches - AYLMER, BALFOUR, BENTINCK, BLIGH, BYRON, CONN.
(B) 5 from Nore - CUBITT, CURZON, RIOU, STAYNER, TORRINGTON.
(D.O.D.(H) approved on O.D. 1205/45, 122135B to C. in C. W.A., C. in C. Nore.)

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OCEANWAY,
(L.S.D.)

My 112236. Cancel para. 2.
(A.N.C.X.F., 120855B to Admty.)

ORIBI
(from
Copenhagen)

Oxcars at 1230B Wednesday 13th June and proceed by normal route to Scapa. E.T.A. Switha 2200B. Com. (D) Home Fleet 111543 not to all refers.
(C. in C. H.F., 121236B to ORIBI.)

CARYSFORT,
destroyer,
for refit.

Request you will sail CARYSFORT as convenient p.m./13th June to arrive Portsmouth for refit p.m./14th June. Admiralty divert mails for CARYSFORT to Portsmouth forthwith.
(Com. (D) H.F., 121245 to C. in C. Rosyth.)

SAAR.

In anticipation of C. in C. W.A.'s requirements intend U-Boat Depot Ship SAAR (Cdre. Hamburg's 251/5 of 19th May) be prepared as ferry tender between U.K. and Germany for U-Boat personnel (C. in C. W.A.'s 2477/00770/122 of 15th August).
(F.O.W.G., 121437B to A.N.C.X.F.)

/Guardships ...

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in German
ports.Your 111512 para. 1.
C. in C. H.F. has been directed by Admiralty to
provide one ship at Wilhelmshaven.
Para. 2. concur.
(A.N.C.X.F., 121455B to F.O.W.G.)ARIEL,
cable
repairs.G.P.O. cable ship ARIEL, now loading at G.P.O.
Cable Depot, Woolwich, expects to be ready to
sail tomorrow, 13th June.
(2) Vessel is required to proceed to Dover to
carry out repair of St. Margarets - La Panne 1932
(120-core) cable in approx. 51° 09½' N., 01°
28' E., and an undefined fault between this position and St.
Margarets Cable Hut.
(3) A.C. Dover is requested to sail vessel to cable ground
after consultation with Master on above programme.
(4) On completion, vessel will be required to proceed to La
Panne with either cable barge CONVOY or LESLIE to carry out
beach repairs to above and other cables.
(D.S.D., 121621B to C. in C. Nore, A.C. Dover.)Dover -
Ostend
N.D.B.S./ A.M. 091810. Concur but request Ostend/Hook
N.D.B.S. be maintained until Hook/Harwich
personnel service commences. (C. in C. Nore
181550 not to all, refers).
(2) Inconveniences referred to in F.O. Belgium
101201 are realised, but in view of large
number specialised personnel required to maintain this service
its retention cannot be justified.
(A.N.C.X.F., 121723B to Admty.)OperationsChannel

M/S.F. 31.

Intend proceeding with 31st M/S.F. 1400B June
17th via standard route to Q.Z.X.259, S. of A.
10 knots. It is estimated that defects in
danlayers BAYFIELD and ROWAN cannot be
completed before p.m. June 16th.
(M/S.31, 121347B to F.O.I.C. Falmouth.)DEVONSHIRE
(from
Norway).Your 111051, para.3. Request E.T.A. of
DEVONSHIRE be adjusted to 1030B/15th June to
enable ship to proceed up harbour on arrival.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 121542B to C.S.1.)SS. LENA
(to return
Rotterdam).Your 120050B (M.W.T. to send crews to Channel
Islands for F.G. and H - N.T. in W.D.) and
A.N.C.X.F. 101445B. Can arrange Dutch crew
for (E) Dutch ship LENA from Jersey.

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SS. LENA
(to return
Rotterdam).

(2) There are also 22 Dutch persons in Jersey who wish repatriation in LENA and are recommended by Dutch Consul.
(3) Request approval.
(N.O.I.C. C.I., 121554B to Admty.)

Minesweeping.

119th M.S.F. weather precluded sweeping today.
(Cdr. M/S. le Havre, 121706B to C.T.F. 122.)

Channel
Islands.

Transfer of command to War Office.
(121845B). See Policy.

Channel
Islands
Sit. Rep.

Cositintrep 434. Force 135. Period ending 1900B/12th June at St. Peter Port.
(3) (B) Guernsey. KLAUS WILHELM loaded for Alderney. ROTHER still discharging.
Jersey. Clearing and dredging deep water berths at St. Helier 12 per cent complete.

Trial run with first locomotive satisfactory.

(E) Alderney. 380 mines lifted. 100 mines destroyed. 90 per cent mines charges removed from pier. Retimbering of tunnels proceeding. Beach ordnance destroying unserviceable German ammunition at Longy Beach.

Guernsey. 1,685 mines lifted 11th June. Repairs to berth 5 St. Peter Port completed. Clearance Petit Bot water catchment area proceeding.

Jersey. 700 mines lifted 10th June.

(4) (C) Jersey. Arrangements made for shipment of hides to U.K. Arrangements completed for transfer of German food supplies to Civil Authorities. Public gas supply for domestic use became available 11th June.

(H.Q. Force 135, 121905B to Admty.)

GLOIRE,
TIGRE,
(French)
for
Cherbourg.

From position 47° 30' N. 07° 30' W. pass through position 270° Ushant 10. Thence join Route E (Q.Z.H.237) in position 180° Start Point 12 miles, thence by Route E to H.2 Buoy (50° 23'18" N. 01° 41'42" W.) thence through position 50° 00' N. 01° 30' W. to H.10 Buoy (49° 43'15" N. 01° 39' 40" W.) and into Cherbourg.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 122100B to F.S. GLOIRE, F.S. TIGRE.)

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Western Approaches

Escort
Group C.6
for Canada.

Intend to sail C.6 E.G. EAST VIEW (S.O.), TILLSONBURG, LAUZON, ST. LAMBERT, PETERBOROUGH from Lough Foyle at 1500 tomorrow Wednesday June 13th to Greenock to embark personnel in accordance with C.N.M.O's 261257B May, complete with fuel

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Escort
Group C.6
for Canada.
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and for onward routeing to St. Johns N.F.
C.N.M.O's 111101B also refers (neither reference
to all). S.O. E.G. C.6 will report E.T.A.
Greenock direct.
(2) Admty. is requested to divert mails as
requisite.
(Cdre. (D) W.A., 121112B to F.O.I.C. Greenock,
Admty.)

T.G. 61.9
for New
York.

My 111130, sailed U.S.S. DAVIS, U.S.S. MENGES,
U.S.S. PRIDE. Latest Q messages held Q.J.A.
304, Q.J.C.207.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 121445B to Admty., etc.)

Ferry
service to
Halifax in
"River"
class
destroyers.

C. in C. C.N.A's 081500 being passed to you.
As the sailing authority for these ships, I am
concerned over the matter of -
(a) Stability.
(b) Life saving arrangements and equipment
observing that these ships will be sailing
unaccompanied.
(2) F.O.I.C. Greenock is to satisfy himself
on these points before these ships are sailed
from Greenock.
(C. in C. W.A., 120151B, 121756B to Admty.,
F.O.I.C. Greenock, Info. C.N.M.O.)

"Colony"
class
frigates.

To be berthed at Londonderry on reducing.
(F.O.C.R.F., 121901B.) See Policy.

Operations

Norway

Minesweeping,
9th M/S.F.
Lister
Fiord.

My 071131B (N.T. in W.D.)
9th M/S. Flotilla recommenced operations in this
area yesterday 11th June and a further 98 moored
mines were cut, between lat. 058° 06'30" ?N.,
and 058° 13' N. Operations are continuing
today and on completion Flotilla is proceeding
to Kristiansand to refuel. Detailed report
will follow on completion of check sweep of this area.
(Capt. M/S. Norway, 121148B to F.O. Norway.)

ICARUS,
EASTERN
PRINCE.

ICARUS sailed 1400/12th escorting EASTERN PRINCE
for Clyde.
(N.O.I.C. Tromso, 121435 to C. in C. Rosyth.)

/ON SLOW ...

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for
Copenhagen.My 112125 (Request Pilot be arranged for ONSLOW through Swedish territorial waters).
Sailed at 0900 today 12th June.
(N.O.I.C. Oslo, 121440B to F.O. Norway.)Norway
Sit. Rep.Cositintrep 434, Scofor part 4, section 3(B).
Total mines lifted Tromso zone to 9th June 171,000
(D) Weapons. 198,777 enemy personnel now under Allied control.
(Scofor Main, 121845B.)OperationsNorthern WatersShipping
Routes,
N.Russia.

Following routes in North Russian waters have been agreed by Northern Fleet. Request they may be promulgated to all routing authorities.

(A) Westward Approaches to North Russia. All ships bound for North Russian ports from the west should keep at least 30 miles clear to the

northward of North Cape and Nordkyn to position (A) 070° 30' N., 035° 00' E.

(B) Approaches to Kola Inlet from position (A) above steer to pass through following positions - (K) 069° 26' N. 035° 00' E., (T) 069° 32' N. 033° 58' E., thence steer 216° to Kola Inlet passing half mile east of Toros Island. Pilots are embarked between Sedlovati Island - and Bolshoi Oleni Island.

(C) Westward Approaches route to White Sea. From position (A) proceed direct to position (X) 068° 25' N., 038° 46' E. where signal letters should be hoisted when passing Cape Cherni signal station thence through following positions - (M) 068° 15' N., 039° 16' E., (L) 068° 13' N., 039° 54' E. and thence by White Sea route.

(D) Kola Inlet by reverse of approach route passing through positions (T) and (K) and thence through following positions - (E) 069° 15' N., 036° 09' E. (X) 068° 25' N., 038° 46' E. thence through positions (M) and (L) above and by White Sea route. Signal letters should be hoisted at position (X) - see para. (C).

(E) White Sea route. From position (L) above, proceed through following positions - (O) 067° 43' N., 041° 14' E., (3) 066° 56' N., 041° 36' E., (4) 065° 34' N., 039° 29' E., (5) 065° 18' N., 039° 30' E., (6) North Dvina Light where pilots will be embarked.

(F) Reverse routes. Should be followed in all cases except that ships proceeding from White Sea to United Kingdom may proceed direct from position (L) to position (A).

(G) Kola Inlet to Kirkenes. Routes will be given as necessary by Commander in Chief, Northern Fleet.

(2) Above position letters have been selected as they are common to Russian and English languages.

(3) Request all ships for North Russia be given all above routes so that they can be diverted to White Sea without entering Kola Inlet.

(Polyarno W/T, 121115B to S.B.N.O. North Russia, Admty.)

/Russian ...

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Russian Minesweepers for Ronne and Libau. / Your 111158. It is understood from Head of Soviet Naval Mission that Y.M.S. are to proceed to Ronne.
(2) Further information is contained in A.N.C.X.F. (Main)'s 041814, addressed to you, which reads as follows:-
(Begins) - "Your 011016 not to all. Ref. para. 1(A) Soviet Y.M.S. will be routed Brunsbuttel, not Hamburg for onward routing through Canal to Kiel.
(2) Para. 1(B) Consider Y.M.S. can be safely routed to position 54° 43.2' N., 12° 40' E. or position 55° 05.8' N., 12° 49.5'. As reliable information is not available on bouyage and mine risk east of these positions, F.O. Kiel can only give remainder of route via German swept channel to Sassnitz or Ronne in force May 1st.
(3) Request information that this will be acceptable and to which port Y.M.S. are to be sailed". (Ends).
(D.O.D.(H), 121351B to Adm. Egerton.)
H.B.N.N. Moscow's 111158. Position is as stated in A.N.C.X.F. (Main) 041814, para. 2.
(F.O. Kiel, 121303B to A.N.C.X.F.)

BUTE, HAMLET, (allocated to Portsmouth). A.M. 081956B, not to all. Intend sailing BUTE (S.O.) and HAMLET at 1000B tomorrow Wednesday by searched channels and Q.Z. messages in force to Harwich for onward routing to Portsmouth. E.T.A. Harwich 1300B/15th June. Speed on passage, 10 knots.
(2) C. in C. Nore is requested to signal any necessary diversion on route. Q.Z. messages held to 11th June.
(3) (Communications).
(4) Request mails be diverted to Portsmouth.
(C. in C. H.F., 121732B to C. in C. Portsmouth, C. in C. Nore, F.O.I.C. Harwich.)

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Baltic

Removal of German ships from Sweden. Request brief description of explosives in SS. HAUSSA. Your 311139 May refers.
(D.T.D., 120044B, 121325B to N.A. Stockholm.)

French M/Vs. Seized at Kiel.
(F.O. Kiel, 121321B.)
See Shipping and Convoys.

/Refitting ...

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Baltic - Contd.

Refitting
of Walther
type U-Boats
(type XVIIB).

Your 111842.
This U-Boat is urgently needed in U.K. for research purposes and is to be given high priority for repairs sufficient for passage in tow.
Subject to Com. Hamburg confirming that work can be put in hand vessel should be sent to that port as soon as possible.
(A.N.C.X.F., 121450B to F.O. Kiel.)
(See also Enemy Intelligence).

Need for
Coastal
Forces
in Kiel
Command.

Your 111257.
First 5 boats of 151st H.D.M.L. Flotilla expected to sail from U.K. on 17th June. Remainder will be sailed as soon as possible.
(A.N.C.X.F., 121452B to F.O. Kiel.)

Situation
at Kiel.

Danish SS. TJELDE with a mixed passenger list of German diplomats and convalescents arrived. Also various minesweepers, torpedo boats T.19, T.107, T.108 and T.151 and submarines U.155, U.680, U.806 and U.1233. Latter will be sailed

to Wilhelmshaven tomorrow. Minesweepers will return to Denmark.

Commander (E) Paul (of whose presence in the area I was previously unaware) identified the Walther U-Boat salvaged from the Canal, as U.792, an experimental or school boat. Admiral Warecha interviewed this morning raised a number of questions on procedure and the control of German minesweepers which require further consideration.
D.T.M.'s expected visit did not materialise today. Grounds unfit for play as far as flying is concerned. Time to spare?
Travel by air!
(F.O. Kiel, 121616B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Possible
German
Base Ship.

German warship (?H.D.) S.12 is converted merchant ship of 5,600 tons. Diesel engines give 14½ knots. Ship carries 16 diesel launches made for shallow water mine clearance operations. This ship probably of great value for Eastern Base Training Small Boat Pool.
(F.O. Denmark, 121852B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Kiel Sit.Rep.
U.1233,
U. 155,
U. 680,
U. 806.

Situation at 2100 Tuesday 12th June.
U.1233, U.1555 (?U.155 intended), U.680 and U.806 sailed to Brunsbüttel for onward routing to Wilhelmshaven. Sailed ZEST with Sperrbrecher No.17 for Flensburg. Rear-Admiral Dickson and D.T.M. now arrived. Arrangements made to sweep Whale Factory ships UNITAS and WIKINGER to Kiel for onward passage for repairs. One captured merchant ship sailed yesterday.
(F.O.I.C. Kiel, 122358B to A.N.C.X.F.)

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Enemy Intelligence

U.792. My 110936 (U-Boat now at Howalt's believed to be U.1405, U.1406 or U.1407).^a German U-Boat is now definitely established as U.792. (?Further) report about condition will be made after fuller examination.
(F.O.Kiel Command, 120934B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Check of U-Boats sunk in Kiel. Your 060847B(Following U-Boats believed sunk in Kiel). Request following numbers be checked and repeated. U.2552/ and U.4707 reported by F.O.Kiel Command's 081334B as scuttled in Flensburg. U.4706 is in Christiansand South and U.975, 1231 and 2354 are in British Ports.
(D.D.I.C. 121745B to F.O.I.C.Kiel)
/ W.D. Note: W.D. copy of 081334B has as U.2552, but mentions U.3552.
Reply: 130942B, 131455B.

U.3504. Your 070930B. Request check and repeat U.2504, as 2504 is reported scuttled in Wilhelmshaven.
(D.D.I.C. 121746B to Comdr. Sandars Hamburg)
Reply: should be U.3504 (131539B)

Casualties and Defects

EMPIRE CORMORANT, damaged, submerged wreck 11/6. EMPIRE CORMORANT berthed Dover yesterday after striking submerged wreck near Dumpton Buoy. She was leaking in No.1 port bilge, but water was controlled by bilge pump. Vessel loaded full cargo coal, Immingham for Algiers. Diver's inspection to-day shows fracture in bilge plating 2½ inches long, by quarter inch wide, and scoring for a distance of 20 ft. Diver effected temporary repairs, and made bilge tight. When ship was berthing Dover, she collided with quay, and diver surveyed slight under water damage to stem. Understand Lloyds surveyor, Dover, recommends ship to dry dock cargo in U.K. before proceeding on voyage.
(Chief Salvage Officer, Dover, 121601B to A.C. Dover)
Intend to sail EMPIRE CORMORANT at 0600 tomorrow Wednesday to Southend for O/R to Tilbury for docking speed 7 knots. E.T.A. 1400. My 111449B being passed to Cdre. i/c Southend refers.
(A.C. Dover, 121835B to Cdre. i/c Southend)

/DELNORTE ...

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DELNORTE, SS. DELNORTE 68.12 1610Z Naval Control - Ship stopped since nine this morning - engine trouble with engine trouble. main throttle valve. Engineers working on same since then unable to remove valve, due to bad corrosion and lack of equipment. May be able to proceed slowly to U.K. Port for repairs if you think advisable. Position at 4 p.m. 49 degs. 08' N. 08 degs. 45' W. Master.
(DELNORTE, 121620Z to Lands End Radio)

Movements

EMPIRE Sailed EMPIRE BATTLEAXE. My 102239 refers.
BATTLEAXE, (F.O.I.C. Greenock, 120503B to F.O.I.C. Falmouth)
(L.S.I.L).

ACANTHUS ACANTHUS arrived.
(Norwegian corvette) (C. in C. Rosyth, 120715B to N.O.I.C. Bergen)

WILTON Arrived WILTON.
(destroyer) (2) Request mails to Plymouth.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 120733B to D.21)

U.776 Your 111002B arrived.
(on tour). (A.C. Dover, 120850B to F.O.I.C. Southampton)

German Ex German A.S.R. Boat ^{FLB} 590 sailed to Blyth for
A.S.R. onward routeing to London (No.1 Berth Western
Boat 590. Dock, London Docks.)
(F.L.B.) (N.O.I.C. Aberdeen, 120904B to N.O.I.C. Blyth)
Aberdeen's 120904B arrived. Intend sailing
ex German A.S.R. boat ^{FLB} 590 at 1000 Wednesday 13th
June by S/C to Grimsby, E.T.A. 1900 for onward routeing to
London.
(N.O.I.C. Blyth, 122032B to N.O.I.C. Aberdeen, F.O. Humber)
See 3.5.45. p. 47.

S/M TURPIN My 111231. TURPIN sailed. Latest "Q"
(for East). messages held Q.B. 575, Q.B.A.154, Q.B.B.518, .
Q.B.C.1003, Q.B.D. 249, Q.B.H. 1645, C.509,
Q.B.Y. 346.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 120917B to F.O.G.M.A.)
My position 49 degs. 50' N. 4 degs. 45' W.
(TURPIN, 121200B to C. in C. Plymouth)

AZALEA, AZALEA paid off to Reserve Fleet Category C all
for Reserve. officers discharged to leave Pending appointment
as from 12th June.
(AZALEA, 121053B to Admty. (C.W.) F.O.C.R.F.)

/WESTON...

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for Reserve.WESTON paid off at 1100 to-day Tuesday.
(WESTON, 121102 to Capt. (D) Portsmouth)CONN
for Bergen.Rosyth departure at 1040, CONN.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 121129B to N.O.I.C. Bergen,
N.O.I.C.Stavanger)ALCA,
BLACKBIRD,
(controlled
minelayers).Admiralty O41959B June.
Intend to sail ALCA and BLACKBIRD in company from
Lough Foyle at 2330B/12th June by standard
routes to Lerwick S. of A. 9½ knots.
ALCA to indicate E.T.A. direct. (Communications).
Request mails be diverted accordingly.
(Cdre. (D) W.A. 121131B to Admty. etc.)RUTHERFORD
(frigate)Sail at 0600 tomorrow Wednesday by searched
channels in force to Belfast.
Admiralty's O21901B refers.
Report E.T.A. before sailing.
Communications in accordance with S. 2/45 .
Table 2.
(D.16, 121152B to RUTHERFORD)Harwich 12th June. Arrival RUTHERFORD.
(F.O.I.C.Harwich, 121235B to F.O.I.C.Humber)IMPULSIVE,
for Reserve.Your 111651. Ship is to be sailed on completion
of smoke trials in accordance with A.M.062250 and
F.O.C.R.F.'s 071805.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 121205 to Capt. (D) Ports.)LOCH FYNE,
to refit.LOCH FYNE proceed passing Clyde Boom at 1400B/12th
June to Pembroke Dock. S. of A. 15 knots
E.T.A. Milford Haven Buoy 0700B/13th June
A.M. 152251B/May not to all refers. Mails to
Pembroke Dock forthwith.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 121209B to F.O.I.C.Milford
Haven, LOCH FYNE)Sailed LOCH FYNE. My 121209B refers.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 121405B)VALOROUS,
for Reserve.A.M. 180855B/April. (Disposal of escort vessels,
corvettes and above upon the defeat of Germany).
A. VALOROUS. B. Chatham.
C. Wednesday 13th June.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 121217B to Admty. F.O.C.R.F.)HAVELOCK,
HESPERUS
(destroyers).My 111350 (N.T. in W.D.) sailed HAVELOCK and
HESPERUS.
(F.O.I.C.Liverpool, 121245B to C. in C. Rosyth)

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NARVIK Arrival H.M. Norwegian ship NARVIK.
(N.O.I.C. Bergen, 121304B to N.O.I.C. Lerwick)

WOLVERINE A.M. 251900B May not to all. Request WOLVERINE
for Reserve. may complete destoring at Devonport.
(2) On completion of destoring she should be
sailed with minimum passage crew and stores to
Barrow for final laying up.
(F.O.C.R.F. 121408B to C. in C. Plymouth)

SAGA, My 111815 (Intend to sail H.M.S/M SAGA escorted
SARDONYX. by SARDONYX to Clyde). Sailed SAGA escorted
by SARDONYX.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 121435B to F.O.I.C. and
S/M 3 Greenock)

STARWORT, STARWORT proceed passing Clyde Boom 0730B/13th
for Reserve. June to Londonderry E.T.A. 1900B/13th
F.O.C.R.F.'s 071459B refers.
(3) Mails to Londonderry forthwith.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 121547B to STARWORT)

PASLEY, My 111058.
BAZELEY Sailed PASLEY (S.O) and BAZELEY, DRURY delayed.
DRURY, for (F.O.I.C. N.I. 121548B to C. in C. Nore, F.O.I.C.
Reserve. London)

BULOLO Sailed BULOLO 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours late on my 101008B June.
for India) Communications constant watch on broadcast BN
shifting to Gibraltar broadcast at 1200B/15th
June.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 121548B to Admty. etc.)

COLOMBO, Propose following programme for transfer to
for Reserve PARIS. Monday 18th June moor alongside F.S.
PARIS in accordance with C. in C. Plymouth
091957 not to all. Thursday 21st June discharge
ships company (194 ratings) to respective depots.
p.m. discharge remaining Officers (12) to F.S.L. to await
appointment. Lt. Comdr. S.C.D. Michelmores R.N.R. to be dis-
charged DRAKE for closing accounts. Com. (E) F. Roberts R.N.
to F.S.L. to await appointment Saturday 23rd on completion of
turning over machinery to E.O. PARIS.
(COLOMBO, 121556B to C. in C. Plymouth)

RENOWN, Your 121224 (N.T. in W.D.). Without interfering
to refit at with present leave arrangements will be ready to
Portsmouth. proceed on Thursday 28th June. Otherwise by
Tuesday 26th June.
(2) C. in C. Plymouth, 111741 (N.T. in W.R.).
This will necessitate the retention on board of
at least 3/5 of the engine room complements. A.M. 050026 May and
my 121117 refer.
(RENOWN, 121615 to C. in C. Portsmouth)

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M.T.B. 624. A.M. 162215B May. (Flotillas to be disbanded).
 for Reserve. M.T.B. 624 destored and partially de-equipped to
 "reserve Cat. "C" p.m. to-day Tuesday June 12th
 and will be sailed to Dartmouth a.m. tomorrow in
 accordance with F.O.C.R.F's instructions.
 Crew is being discharged HORNET and respective depots.
 (N.O.I.C. Ramsgate, 121645B to Admty. etc.)

FERNIE, Sheerness arrivals 12th June FERNIE, MEYNELL.
 MEYNELL (C. in C. Nore, 121805B to N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven)
 (from Germany)

CAMROSE, Sailed H.M.C.S. CAMROSE. My 111728B refers.
 for Halifax. Latest messages held Q.J.A. 304 - Q.J.H. 478.
 (F.O.I.C.Greenock, 121928B to F.O.N.F. etc.)

THORNBOROUGH, In view of my 121901 (see Policy), there will be
 for Reserve. no ship of similar voltage for THORNBOROUGH to
 berth alongside at Dartmouth. Request laying up
 port may be amended to read Harwich.
 (F.O.C.R.F.121930B to C. in C. Plymouth)

TORTOLA, A.M. 181250B/May and my 121901. Amend laying
 for Reserve. up for TORTOLA to read Londonderry.
 (F.O.C.R.F. 121932B to C. in C. Plymouth)

THIRLMERE N.O.I.C.Aultbea's 101735 not to all.
 for Plymouth. Sailed A/S trawler THIRLMERE E.T.A. Plymouth
 0800B/June 14th.
 Mails to Plymouth.
 (F.O.I.C.N.I. 122215 to C. in C. Plymouth)

Shipping and Convoys

North Russia. Routes agreed by Northern Fleet.
 (Polyarno 121115B) See Operations, Northern
 Waters.

CAMMIN, Following 2 Merchant ships seized in prize and
 OSTFRIESLAND, sailed to U.K. in U.L.C. 2 are now found to be
 HEIDE. French: CAMMIN, cargo vessel and OSTFRIESLAND,
 tanker.
 (2) There is also some doubt here regarding correct
 flag of tanker HEIDE in same convoy which was
 also seized in prize.
 Papers relating to these ships are being sent under separate
 cover with ref. to this signal.
 (F.O.Kiel Command, 121321B to Admty.)

U.S. Shipping EX-56629 (?EX 56215 intended - 112244B - Holding
 for Antwerp of all U.S. Army allocated vessels sailing from

/U.S....

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for Antwerp
(Contd.)

U.S. to Antwerp). Further our EX 56219 June 11th reference holding vessels destined Antwerp at U.K. anchorages for further orders. "United States Army allocated vessels" was not meant to include tankers or vessels carrying civil imports cargoes.

(Com. Z. Sgd. Lee), 122235B to U.K. Base, A.N.C.X.F. (Buco) Admty. C. in C. Portsmouth, N.O.I.C. Terneuzen, N.O.I.C. Antwerp)

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North Atlantic

A/S training Submarine P.C.S. at 0800B 12th June. 39° 50' N. 9° 48' W.
360° 10 knots.
(VAMPIRE, 120835B to Gibraltar.)

Ships for U.K. Departure 1020/12 H.M. Submarine SIRDAR for
Portsmouth and WOLBOROUGH for Falmouth.
(F.O.G.M.A., 121405B to Admty.)

F.S. YANNICK JOSEPH (No trace in lists) F.S. YANNICK JOSEPH has been sailed Gibraltar for
onward routeing to Bordeaux.
(2) Request safe route into and approach routes
for Bordeaux as none held here.
(F.O.G.M.A., 121553B to Admty.) See 132310B.

Tug NIMBLE NIMBLE still defective and has now been taken in
hand for boiler cleaning.
(F.O.G.M.A., 121613B to Admty.)

Hunts, Destroyers C. in C. Portsmouth's 091257B. E.T.A. 0830B/13.
BRECON in company.
(ZETLAND, 122231B to F.O.G.M.A.)

South Atlantic

TEES for U.K. Intend to sail TEES for Gibraltar for onward
routeing to U.K. at 1300Z June 14th. S. of A.
11 knots. E.T.A. 1000Z/20th June.
(Comar Dakar, 121540Z to F.O.G.M.A.) See 142016B.

A.S. Rescue Intend sailing ABERDEEN to relieve COWSLIP on
A.S.R. Station 22 1800Z 13th. Patrols from 15th
to 29th. Ends.
(Freetown C.C.O. 121908Z, to Comsolant.)

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Mediterranean.

Transfer of P.Cs. from Med. / My 091210 para. 2*. Out of the 8 H.D.M.Ls. mentioned 6 are to be sent to the Atlantic and 2 to Jibouti.
(Almed., 121105B to C. in C. Med.)
* Marine Paris intend to shift 8 H.D.M.Ls. from Med. to French Western Approaches.

re HIND & PELICAN. Your 111313. Short work up if necessary.
(D.O.D.(F) 121105B to C. in C. Med., C. in C. B.P.F., etc.)

Fr. vessels transfer from Med. / No objection by C. in C. Med. to redistribution of French P.Cs. S.Cs. and H.D.M.Ls. B.A.D. Washington 052001Z refers.
(C. in C. Med., 121528B to Admty.)

Movements. Port Said 12th June. Arrivals BERMUDA, HATSUSE. Departures BERMUDA, A.F.D. 48, ASSIDUOUS, L.C.I. (L) 264.
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A. 121802C to Admty.)

re JEANNE D'ARC. My 111651* no change.
(C. in C. Med., 121806B to F.O.L.E.M.)
* Refers to 101719 circulated as Top Sec.

Movement. Arrived AURORA.
(V.A. Malta, 122017 to Admty.)

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(trooping)

Intend sailing ENTERPRISE tomorrow 13th June from Colombo to Bombay by standard route.
 (2) Request you sail vessel to U.K. as soon as ready.
 (C. in C. E.I., 120456 to F.O. Bombay.)

Enemy
ships
sunk

2 small merchant vessels bearing 090° 10 miles course unknown 6° 11' N. 95° 00' E.? position based on a terrestrial or astronomical fix within half an hour of 0500.
 (TARTAR, 120532 F.G. to Colombo W.T.)
 My 0532 both ships sunk.
 (TARTAR, 120621 to Colombo W/T.)

Naval
Force
Commander
Burma -
abolition.

Appointment of naval force Cdr. Burma will lapse on 17th June, 1945. N.F.C.B. and staff will then be withdrawn. My 130904 May refers.
 (2) N.O.I.C. Rangoon will take over the duties at present carried out by (?N.F.) C.B.
 (C. in C. E.I., 120600Z to A.S.O. Ships etc.)

Operation
"Irregular."

At 0715 F.G. 11th June H.M.S./M TRIDENT sighted 1 L.S.T. escorted by 1 Subchaser Northbound off Diamond Point North Sumatra.
 (2) Air search by 222 group Liberators commenced dawn 12th June.
 (3) D.10 in TARTAR with ESKIMO and NUBIAN sank enemy ships at 0545 today Tuesday 20 miles north-west of Sabang.
 (4) Intermittent bombing attacks made on Destroyers by 4 Lillies and 2 Dinahs between 0600 and 0800. No damage or casualties.
 (5) PENN sank 1 Landing Craft containing about 20 Japanese today Tuesday off Batu Islands 00° 15' S. 98° 30' E.
 (C. in C.E.I., 121251Z to Admty.)

Air
Target
ships
for
B.P.F.

PENN is allocated to B.P.F. as Air Target Ship.
 (2) C. in C.E.I. is requested to release her on arrival of first ship of 2nd D.F. to join this command or sooner if possible.
 (3) C. in C. B.P.F. is requested to forward a reduced scheme of complement in due course.
 (4) Cs. in C. are requested to arrange transfer accordingly.
 (D.O.D.(F) Approved A.C.N.S. (F) 122240B to C. in C. E.I., C. in C. B.P.F.)

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America & West Indies.

- COWICHAN. C. in C. C.N.A. 091619. H.M.C.S. COWICHAN sailed St. Johns 1430Z/12th June for Horta, Azores, E.T.A. (?Horta) 1830Z/16th.
(3) On arrival Horta request COWICHAN be fuelled and sailed to Plymouth.
(F.O.N.F., 121446Z to S.B.N.O. Azores.)
- LAMONT (L.S.I.(L)) When ready sail LAMONT. Your 111718 (N.T. in W.D.) Canal zone to U.K. direct
(Cominch 121615 to Compaseafron.)
- MALPEQUE (F.M.S.) Departure Halifax 1700Z/12th June H.M.C.S. MALPEQUE to St. Johns N.F. route, E.T.A. 1700Z/14th.
(2) After arrival St. Johns request MALPEQUE be fuelled and sailed to Horta, Azores for onward routing to U.K.
(C. in C. C.N.A., 121715Z to F.O.N.F.)
See 131116 (N.Atlantic.)
- S.S. MULL OF GALLOWAY. MULL OF GALLOWAY departed Esquimalt 12th June for San Francisco. S.O.A. 10 knots. E.T.A. San Francisco 0330 G.M.T. 16th June.
(N.O.I.C. Esquimalt 121721Z to N.S.H.Q.)
- Collision and sinking. SS. AYURUOCA (Braz.) and GENERAL FLEISCHER (Nor). in collision June 10 in New York. First ship sunk latter damaged above waterline.
(Ottawa, 121806Z to Admty.)
- Submarine TRUCULENT. On completion refit about 23rd June sail TRUCULENT Philadelphia to New London for work up. Route onward to U.K. when ready about 8th July.
(Cominch 121940Z to Comeastseafron.)
- Movements from Agadu U.S. redeployment. Your 112021* to Admiralty only being passed to other addressees. Admiral Fenard should be asked to formulate proposals of which Admiralty should be kept informed through N.A. Paris.
(2) Remarks of information addressees are requested.
(Hd. of M. 122215B to B.A.D. Washington.)
See 131743Z, 161730 and 181730 Med.
* The U.S. Army is engaged at present in the redeployment of men and aircraft in accordance with plans to bring our full strength against the Japanese as soon as possible.

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Submarine TUDOR estimated departure Fremantle 30th June
 TUDOR for for patrol thence Trincomalee departing approx.
 U.K. 8th August for onward passage to U.K.
 (S/M 4 120102Z to Admty.)

Requirements of Fleet Train, and programme of operations B.P.F. After consultation with V.A.Q. and R.A.F.T. and subject to the remarks given below, I concur in the requirements for additional ships for the Fleet Train given in R.A.F.T's 221010 May ^{1567A} amended by his 230850 May.
 (2) It is now unlikely that the additional ships asked for in July can be provided, and in consequence a second major replenishment at the

Australian base will probably be necessary. The anticipated programme of the fleet is as follows.

- A. July and August. Operating from an advanced anchorage at Manus with oilers drawing from bulk supplies at Eniwetok.
- B. Sept. and early Oct. Replenishment in Australia.
- C. Mid October onwards. Operating at full strength from an advanced anchorage at Eniwetok from where oilers will also draw from bulk supplies.

(3) To meet this operational programme the figures given in para. 3 of R.A.F.T's proposals stand except in the categories given below which are modified in the light of experience and to meet the increased distance of the operating area from the advanced anchorage. All figures are increases required above Q.B. 106/44 figure amendment number seven dated 1st April.

<u>Type of ship.</u>	<u>Sept.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
(D) A.S.I.S. & A.S.Cs.	11	10	Previous calculations based on U.S. experience now reduced to conform to available British experience. Six of these ships to be capable of ammunitioning at sea.
(F) Water Freighters	3	3	Total requirement is given since this category is not mentioned in Q.B. 106.
(G) Large tankers	13	16	Increases due to greater distance from source of bulk fuel supply to operating area.

(4) The requirement for tankers is particularly urgent and the earliest possible reinforcement is requested. The striking power of the fleet is directly proportionate to the number of tankers available since deficiencies can only be met and continuous operation maintained by A. withdrawing the fleet to refuel to a point closer to the source of bulk supplies thus reducing the number of striking days, or B. reducing the size of the Task Force at sea.

(5) With reference to R.A.F.T's para. 4 as it is unlikely that a system of planted? packing? can be adopted two bulk issuing naval store ships only additional to item C. are required and (?not) 6. R.A.F.T's 240816 Feb. refers. Para. 6 R.A.F.T's para. 5. Radio stores issuing ship is not required.
 (C. in C. B.P.F., 120747Z to Admty.) See 150759 and 190125Z.

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AUSTRALIA
cruiser. Arrange with Navy Dept. to route H.M.A.S.
AUSTRALIA to New York B.A.D's 092137 June* not to
you refers.
(2) Ministerial statement that ship has left
Pacific and is proceeding to U.K. via U.S. will
be published within the next 2 or 3 days.
(3) Full publicity may be given including name of ship on her
arrival at New York.
(A.C.N.B., 120805 to A.N.A. Washington, B.A.D., Admty.)
* Personal for 1st Sea Lord.

Blue Summary Ryukyus. Small pocket of enemy troops continuing
11th. to resist at north side of base of Oroku
Peninsula. 1st Mardiv. advanced along west coast
of Okinawa to point 1,700 yards south of Itguan.
Little change in front line positions elsewhere.
No response received from leaflet suggestion to Commander of
Japanese forces to surrender. Estimated total enemy K.I.A.
to 092400/1 (minus 9) is 71,688.
On 10th GENDREAU (D.E. 639) hit by enemy shore fire. C.V.E.
planes struck Sakishima Gunto. Searches Empire area. F.A.W.
18 planes sank 1 S.C., 1 sea truck. Damaged 1 S.A., 1 F.T.D.,
2 S.D., 1 seagoing tug. C.F.A.W. 1 reports week ending 10 June
F.A.W. 1 planes sank 14,075 tons enemy shipping. Damaged 7,145
tons. F.A.W. 1 totals since operating Okinawa now 108,450 tons
sunk, 98,350 damaged, 31 enemy planes destroyed.
Empire. 52 P.5ls attacked Tokorogawa and Atsugi airfields near
Tokyo. 29 damaged. Photos Osaka show 3.4 square miles damaged
from B.29 raid of 7th. Total damage now 15.65 square miles or
24% of built up portion of city. Photos of Kobe show 4.3
square miles damaged in raid of 5th making total damage 8 square
miles or 51% of built up portion of city.
Blue submarines report sinking 1 TERUTSUKI class D.D. 2, small
A.K. 30 sorties Palaus. 8 Chichi Jima. On 10th 4 P.V.Es., 3
B.24s, 5 B.25s attacked targets in the Kuriles.
(C. in C. Pac. Adv., H.Q., 120820 to C. in C. S.W.P.A., etc.)

Digest 1238, (3) Privateers from Palawan damaged 7 small
11.6.45, coasters Celebes, 30 schooners same area, 50
(extract.) luggers or small coasters Kuching, destroyed 1
small sea truck, 1 lugger, probably destroyed 1
trawler, damaged 4 luggers all off Cape Dungun,
Malaya.

(5) Nocturnal Liberators dropped 1 ton small shipping Canton,
sinking 1, probably sinking 4.
(9) In Brunei Bay area (northwestern Borneo) 9th Australian
Division entered (?) Muara Island, advanced 3,500 yards north
Labuan airfield and 7,400 yards down road toward Brunei Town
from Brooketon area. On 9th June 4 Catalinas dropped 4 tons
Labuan Island, next day 46 Liberators unloaded 69 tons Labuan
Island and Brooketon, 24 Mitchells dropped 14 tons also strafed
ground support targets Brunei Bay area, 13 Lightnings with 13
Napalms fired 14 buildings Brunei Town.

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Digest 1238 (10) On 10th June 4 Liberators on southern Borneo
11.6.45 shipping search destroyed 1 small coaster, left
(Extract.) small steamer sinking, damaged 2 small coasters,
(Contd.) 1 tug, 1 patrol boat.
(14) Celebes, single Liberator hit small craft
northwestern shores, 10 Spitfires sweeping
Halmahera, destroyed 20 (native craft and several
hutments(?)) 13 Beauforts supporting Australian forces Wewak
area 5 Catalinas laying mines in enemy waters.
(G.H.Q.S.W.P.A., 121016Z to Admty.)

H.Q. ship. A.M. 202317 May. AIRE has been detailed for this
duty, and is expected to leave U.K. 16th June.
(D.O.D.(F) 121320B to C. in C. B.P.F.)

Corsair Your 310856 and 310857 are being considered
Squadrons in detail and a reply will be made as soon as
(N.Zealand.) questions of policy have been settled.
(2) If the N.Z. Corsair Squadrons can be
accepted intend two Squadrons shall take the place
of 1832 and 1838 Squadrons in C.A.G. number 5 and
one shall take the place of 1853 Squadron in C.A.G. number 18.
882 will be replaced by 1852 in C.A.G. number 6. A.M. 071553 to
C. in C. B.P.F. refers.
(3) Instructors would have to be provided from the resources
planned for 1832 and 1838 Squadrons.
(5th Sea Lord 122112 to C. in C. B.P.F.)

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

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 - North Sea (from 58° N. to Dungeness - Griz Nez)
 - Channel (between Dungeness - Griz 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.

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- 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 Flot) (1st March 1941).
- (e) Daily Convoy Summary (Report made by Admiralty to Connav, 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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1. All seaworthy U-Boats have now been sailed from Norway to U.K. To relieve congestion and for security reasons, A.N.C.X.F. suggests that all those now at Wilhelmshaven should also be sailed for U.K.

2. ENGADINE, aircraft transport vessel, at Loch Alsh, is to be taken in hand for conversion to R.E.M.E. repair ship. A decision concerning ATHENE will be communicated later.

North Sea.

3. NORFOLK (C.S.1), accompanied by the destroyers OBDURATE and ORWELL, returned to Rosyth from Norway.

4. F.O.W.G. submits reasons in support of the revival of German deep sea fishing.

5. JANET, fishing trawler, in distress, was towed into the Humber by H.M. trawlers EVERTON and ROLLS ROYCE.

Channel.

6. Four ex-German diesel trawler minesweepers, M.4601, 4603, 4604 and 4606, are to leave the Channel Islands for Wilhelmshaven. Four others, M.4610, 4614, 4615 and 4618, are coal-burning ex-French vessels and will be sailed for Brest on June 15.

7. INGONISH, fleet minesweeper, arrived at Falmouth from St. Johns, N.F.

Western Approaches.

8. BYRON and DEANE, frigates, are to leave Belfast tomorrow to search an area near 56.33 N., 00.08 W., for the possible wreck of a U-Boat attacked by aircraft on April 17.

9. Escort Group B.1 arrived at Londonderry from St. Johns, N.F.

10. RIMOUSKI, corvette left the Clyde for Halifax.

Northern Waters.

11. S.B.N.O. N.Russia intends to sail CASSANDRA for Rosyth on June 14, escorted by ONSLAUGHT.

Baltic.

12. The German merchant ships DOLLART and DESIDERIUS SIEDLER will leave Copenhagen tomorrow, escorted by the ONSLOW and VALSE, for Kristiansand South for onward routeing to U.K.

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North Atlantic

Azores
oiling
facilities.

13. Oiling facilities at Horta will shortly cease. Ships requiring oil fuel will obtain it at Ponta Delgada.

South Atlantic

Movement.

14. FENCER arrived Simonstown from Sydney (N.S.W.)

Mediterranean

Convoy
summaries.

15. From 23rd June it is intended to discontinue convoy summary from Admiralty to Cominch (C. & R.) After that date N.C.S.Os. will repeat all convoy and escorted sailing telegrams to Cominch (C. & R.) and N.S.H.Q. Ottawa.

East Indies

Malacca
Strait.

16. H.M. Submarine SIBYL on her 1st Far East patrol between 19th and 24th May sank by demolition and gunfire 6 country craft totalling 50 tons in the Lower Malacca Strait.

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America and West Indies

Movement. 17. H.M.A.S. AUSTRALIA sailed from Cristobal (C.Z.) for New York.

Far East and Australia

Borneo. 18. Australian troops captured Brunei town (north-west Borneo) and Timbalai airfield on Island of Labuan today, *{ yesterday. p. 339*

Formosa. 19. 73 U.S. Liberators dropped 88 tons of bombs and a quantity of napalm on 12 towns including Taito and Shinkiku.

New Guinea. 20. Night of 12th/13th June H.M.S. ~~WARREGO~~ (sloop) straffed enemy shore positions along the Wewak coast.

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Policy

10th and 11th M/SF. for East A.M. 120025 and 120029 neither to all, para. 2, delete words "Foreign Service leave" and substitute "giving leave in accordance with A.F.O. 5998/44 and adjustment of complement". (D.M.S., 131520B to C. in C. Nore, C. in C. Rosyth, etc.)

Russian minesweepers from Canada for Libau / A.M. 090150. ^{p. 215} Head of Soviet Naval Mission has appointed an English speaking officer, Com. Brikin, to act as liaison officer during passage of Y.M.S.

(2) It is desired that Com. Brikin, together with a Russian signalman and telegraphist, shall take passage and return to U.K. in British escort.

C. in C. Plymouth and C. in C. Nore are requested to arrange accordingly.

(3) Com. Brikin will arrive Falmouth a.m. 15th June and will be accommodated on board a Russian warship until sailing. (D.O.D.(H), 131550B to C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C. Nore, F.O.I.C. Falmouth.)

My 090150 not to F.O.I.C. Denmark. Head of Soviet Naval Mission, London, has asked for a British warship to escort Russian Y.M.S. from Falmouth to Ronne.

(2) Request you will obtain confirmation of Soviet Naval Staff that:-

(a) Necessary arrangements have been made with their authorities in Bornholm.

(b) Fuel will be available for the British vessel.

(D.O.D.(H), Approved A.C.N.S.(H), 132350B to Head of B.N.M. Moscow)

ENGADINE,
ATHENE
(aircraft
transport
vessels)

ENGADINE will be taken in hand for conversion to R.E.M.E. Repair Ship at Faslane. Anticipated that steaming party will arrive Loch Alsh on Monday, 18th June and ship is to be brought forward and sailed as soon as possible after that date.

On arrival at Faslane, she is to be paid off and handed over to P.S.T.O. Scottish Ports.

Information concerning ATHENE will be communicated as soon as possible.

(Hd. of M.II, 132005B to F.O.C.R.F., F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

M.T.Bs
for
Reserve

As soon as convenient after they have been released from N.D.M.S. duties A.C. Dover is requested to arrange for M.T.Bs. 731, 733, 737, 747, 750, 752, 757 and 760 of the 66th M.T.B. Flotilla to be de-stored and partially de-equipped as for Reserve Category "C" and paid off at

Ramsgate, care and maintenance parties being retained.

A.M. 091910 and A.N.C.X.F.(Main) 121723 (neither to all addresses) refer.

(2) On completion of this work and when paid off, M.T.Bs. are to be sailed in small units with runner crews to Porchester or Dartmouth as directed by F.O.C.R.F. retaining care and maintenance parties on board whilst awaiting decisions as to their future disposal.

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M.T.Bs.
for
Reserve
(Contd.)

(3) Officers from M.T.Bs. paid off are to proceed on leave, reporting addresses to Admiralty, ratings are to be retained pending disposal instructions from HORNET.
(4) HORNET is requested to provide the necessary care and maintenance parties and runner crews as required.
(D.D.O.D.(C), 132314B to A.C. Dover, F.O.C.R.F., (HORNET))

Operations

North Sea

U-boats
from
Wilhelmshaven

All seaworthy U-boats have now been sailed from Norway to U.K.
(2) In order to relieve congestion and for security reasons, suggest seaworthy U-boats now at Wilhelmshaven should be sailed for U.K. (A.N.C.X.F., 131327 to Admty.) *Approved (Admty. 142008B)*

ORIBI
(for Scapa
from
Copenhagen)

C. in C.H.F. Afloat - 121236B sailed.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 131430B to Com. (D) H.F.)

Dumping
grounds
for
ammunition

Concur in F.O.W.G. 111947 request promulgation (A.N.C.X.F., 131445 to Admty.)

MANXMAN
(for Med.
and B.P.F.)

Following programme of completion approved.
Wednesday 13th June, 2359B - Completion of defects
Friday 15th June, 1415B - Move into lock.
1515B - Proceed down River.
1600B - Oil.
Saturday 16th June. 0700B - Sail as ordered by C. in C. Nore.
(C. in C. Nore, 131446B to MANXMAN.)

Intend to sail MANXMAN at 0700B 16th from Sheerness to Portsmouth. Speed on passage 15 knots to Sandhead Buoy, thence 20 knots.

(C. in C. Nore, 131612B to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

Seizure
of enemy
ships.

F.O.W.G. 091214 (N.T. in W.D.)
(1) German Ship BENUE sailed 7th May for Humber for onward routeing Methil was not taken in prize. No other German merchant ships have been sailed U.K. from Cuxhaven.
(2) No German warships including commissioned naval auxiliaries have been seized.
(3) No ex-Allied ships have been seized.
(N.O.I.C. Cuxhaven, 131524B to A.N.C.X.F.)

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North Sea - Contd.

NORFOLK,
OBDURATE,
ORWELL
from Oslo.

Rosyth arrival NORFOLK, OBDURATE and ORWELL.
(C. in C. Rosyth 131612B to F.O. Norway.)

AIRE, DART,
EVENLODE,
for East.

Intend to sail AIRE (S.O.), DART, EVENLODE at 1400
B/15th from Sheerness to Gibraltar. Speed on
passage 15 knots. AIRE for onward routing to
join B.P.F. DART, EVENLODE to East Indies.
(C. in C. Nore, 131616B to F.O.G.M.A.)

QUEEN
WILHELMINA,
(patrol
craft.)

Further to my 241103B May. QUEEN WILHELMINA will
be ready to sail with leave party to Rotterdam
noon Friday 15th June. Request she may be sailed
accordingly, as convenient.
(D.N.L.O. 131701B to F.O.I.C. London.)

LARGS BAY,
OFFA.

Intend sailing to Bergen by standard route (in
accordance with C. in C. Rosyth's 041834B and 0812-
22B neither to all) at 1100B tomorrow Thursday
14th June, LARGS BAY escorted by OFFA.
(2) S.O.A. 14 knots. E.T.A. Position D 61° 05' N.
01° 20' E. 2000/15th. (3) Communications.

(4) On completion of discharge at Bergen ships to proceed
Trondheim.

(5) OFFA and LARGS BAY sail to comply.
(N.O.I.C. Leith, 131802B to N.O.I.C. Bergen.)

ZEALOUS,
OBDURATE,
OBEDIENT,
to Germany.

(1) Intend to sail ZEALOUS S.O., OBDURATE and
OBEDIENT from Rosyth on Saturday 16th June to
relieve ZEPHYR, ZEST and ZODIAC in West German
ports.
(2) ZEALOUS to proceed to Wilhelmshaven and
OBDURATE and OBEDIENT to Kiel.
(3) S.L.A. 230 is requested to sail ZEPHYR, ZEST
and ZODIAC to Rosyth when relieved.
(C. in C. H.F. (Afloat), 131927B to Admty., etc.)

Minesweeping,
10th M/S F.

Very bad weather conditions prevented any sweeping
today. SHILLAY towing L.C.T. 7070 to Cuxhaven
until relieved by tug.
(2) 4 fully effective M/S and 3 S.A. escorts.
(S.O. M/S F. 10, 132053 to C. in C. Nore.)

German
Fishing.

/ Your 071518 and A.N.C.X.F. (Main) 101110.
S.H.A.E.F. Administrative Memorandum Number 29 of
28th August 1944, directs development of German
deep sea fishing to fullest possible extent.
North Sea Herring fishing season is approaching

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and if it is desired to augment German food supplies this source a North Sea fishing area for German trawlers and drifters, of which there are about 60 in this area, must be allocated.

(2) If this policy is approved arrangements will have to be made for the supply of fuel to the German fishing fleet. This is mainly coal burning.
(F.O.W.G., 132117B to Admty.)

Operations.Chamel.TURPIN,
SCOTSMAN,
SPUR.

Submarines TURPIN, SCOTSMAN, SPUR sailed in company for Gibraltar, Malta. All painted green. Communication, S. 2/45 article 15.
(Capt. (S) 3, 130817B to F.O.G.M.A.)

GWEAL,
(escorting
M.F.Vs. to
Gibraltar.)

(Position?) at 131000. 44° 49' N. 08° 00' W. course 209° speed 7.5. Weather, wind N.E. force 2. Sea slight, swell average. No stragglers.
(GWEAL, 131000B to C. in C. Plymouth.)
My 131000B. Position at 1000/13 should read 45.49 N. 08.00 W.
(GWEAL 131800B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

SETTSU,
B.D.V.stores.

SETTSU is required to take stores to B.D.Vs. at Ostend and Antwerp. She will be ready to sail a.m. tomorrow 14th.

Request sailing instructions be issued to Ostend and that N.O.I.C. Ostend sailed SETTSU for Antwerp when ready vessel should be sailed for U.K. on completion. Two in number 3½ inch shackles for Ostend are being sent in SETTSU as instructed by D.B.D.
(B.D.O. Gosport, 131015 to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

PRINCESS IRIS
(L.S.S.)

Intend PRINCESS IRIS passing Needles 0530B/14th to Clyde. Admty. 070219 not to all refers.
(2) Routed swept channels and route A. of F.N.M. 951 (T) 45 speed 15 knots, E.T.A. p.m. 15th to be reported by PRINCESS IRIS.
(3) Communications.

(4) Request mails diversion.

(5) PRINCESS IRIS acknowledge, sail to comply.

(C. in C. Portsmouth, 131239B to F.O.I.C. Greenock, PRINCESS IRIS)
PRINCESS IRIS 131350 to C. in C. Portsmouth only. Amend my 131239B as follows -

Para. 2. speed 10 knots, E.T.A. p.m. 16th.

Para. 3, communications, constant W/T watch on 2450 k/cs shifting to 2300 k/cs off Portland Bill and to 1740 k/cs off Lundy Island.

(C. in C. Portsmouth 131502B to F.O.I.C. Greenock,
PRINCESS IRIS.)

/On...

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PRINCESS IRIS On completion of movement referred to in A.M.
(L.S.S.) 070219 (not to all) R.A.L.S.C.U. is to arrange
(Contd.) for PRINCESS IRIS to be sailed to Portsmouth.
(2) Com. L.C.B. Portsmouth is to arrange for 13
new construction L.C.A. to be embarked and
vessel sailed for Avonmouth.
(3) N.O.I.C. Avonmouth is to receive the 13 L.C.A. and prepare
them for freight shipment.
(D.C.O.D., 132032B to R.A.L.S.C.U., C. in C. Portsmouth, Com.
L.C.B. Portsmouth, N.O.I.C. Avonmouth.)

Disposal of German Your 101637B (disposal of German warships,
minesweepers. merchant ships). M.4601, 4603, 4604 and 4606
are ex German diesel trawler minesweepers and
will be sailed to Downs for onward routeing to
Wilhelmshaven.

(2) M.4610, 4614, 4615 and 4618 are coal
burning ex French and will be sailed for Brest 15th June.
(N.O.I.C. C.I. 131500B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Intend to sail escort trawler KINGSTON ANDALUSITE escorting
ex French, German controlled minesweeping trawlers M.4610, 4614,
4615, and 4618 from Channel Islands to Brest at 1200/15.

- (2) (Route.)
- (3) Speed 7 knots, E.T.A. 1400/16.
- (4) KINGSTON ANDALUSITE constant watch on 2300 k/cs.
- (5) M/S trawlers are German manned and have no guards on board.
- (6) Comar Brest is requested to sail KINGSTON ANDALUSITE to
Plymouth on completion.
- (7) My 131500B refers.
(N.O.I.C. C.I., 131529B to Comar Brest.)

JAMAICA, JAMAICA arrived.
cruiser. (F.O.I.C. Portland; 131500 to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

KILBRIDE, F.O.G.M.A's 090942B. E.T.A. Plymouth with
KILMARNOCK (7in company) 1430B/14th June.
(ex Gib. Request onward routeing instructions. Both
for reserve.) ships endurance from noon 14th 6 days.
(KILBRIDE 131501B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Surplus A.M. 020052B June. No use is foreseen for these
A.F.Ds. floating docks in Plymouth Command.
(C. in C. Plymouth 131632 to Admty.)

ROSELYS, Intend to sail F.S. ROSELYS (S.O.), ACONIT,
ACONIT, RENONCULE at 1500B/14th June to Cherbourg.
RENONCULE, (2) Speed 12 knots, E.T.A. 0600B/15th.
for (3) Route. (4) Communications. All C.Bs. and
Cherbourg. S.Ps. landed.
(5) Request mails be diverted to Cherbourg.
(6) ROSELYS, ACONIT, RENONCULE sail to comply
(C. in C. Plymouth 131835B to PREMAR I.)

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Small Craft.

Your 282247B May, not to N.O.I.C. Channel Islands. (Procedure adopted for disposal of Allied small craft up to 500 F.R.T. requisitioned and operated by German Navy.) Request confirmation that procedure ordered applies to Channel Islands. (N.O.I.C. C.I., 131845B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Channel Is.
Sit. Report.

Cosip 435. Force 135. Period ending 1900B at St. Peter Port.
Para. 3. Sub-para. B. Alderney. Beach Ordnance moving unserviceable ammunition to Raz Island and destroying it on Longy Beach. Serviceable ammunition being stored Fort Grosnez. Water supply linking Newtown and St. Annes 50% repaired.
Guernsey. ROTHER discharging, VAUDREY loading.
Jersey. Clearing and dredging deep water berths 15% complete.
Sub-para. E. Alderney. 486 mines lifted 85 mines destroyed. 98% mined charges removed from Pier.
Guernsey. 1498 mines lifted 12th June.
Jersey. 638 mines lifted 11th June.
Para. 4. Sub-para. B. Alderney. No change except 60 prisoners employed loading ship WILHELM with sand. (H.Q. Force 135, 131907B to Admty.)

AMBER,
A/S trawler,
ex Med.

AMBER is allocated temporarily to your command. (F.O.G.M.A's 081831 refers.) (D.O.D.(H) 131913B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Operations.Western Approaches.E.G. B.1
(from St.
Johns N.F.)

Group B.1 arrived. (Cdre. (D) W.A., 130930B to F.O.N.F.)

ICARUS,
ESCAPADE,
destroyers.

My 062043 not to Submarine 3.
(1) ICARUS is to come under orders to F.O. S/M on arrival Clyde about June 14th.
(2) ESCAPADE is to join A/S training flotilla on arrival Clyde about June 13th.
(C. in C. W.A., 131110B to F.O. S/M, N.O.I.C. Campbeltown, F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

ONTARIO,
cruiser.

Intend sailing H.M.C.S. ONTARIO for exercises and to comply with F.O.I.C. Liverpool 091255b (Not to all) at 1600 today Wednesday 13th June. E.T.A. Bar Light Vessel 1230 tomorrow Thursday 14th June. (N.O.I.C. Lamash, 131119B to F.O.I.C. Liverpool.)

/Escort...

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E.G. C.6 / My 121112B June sailed.
(for Canada) (Cdre. (D) W.A., 131452B to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)
E.T.A. Gate 2245B/13th.
(2) All ships will require fuel.
(S.O.C.6, 131655B to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)
Clyde arrivals E.G.C.6, EASTVIEW (S.O.), TILLSONBURG, LAUZON,
ST. LAMBERT, PETERBOROUGH.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock 132359 to Cdre. (D) W.A.)

BYRON, Admiralty's 121300B (T.S. circulation, N.T. in
DEANE, W.D.) BYRON and DEANE sail at 0900B tomorrow
search for Thursday 14th June and proceed to position 56.33
old U-Boat N. 00.08 W.
contact. (2) On arrival search an area within 10 miles of
this position and endeavour to locate possible
wreck of U-Boat attacked by aircraft J.206 on
17th April.
(3) If wreck is located echo sounder traces are to be obtained
and then attacked.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 131602B to BYRON, DEANE.)

Air-Sea. Intend to sail AMBERLEY CASTLE, LEEDS CASTLE
Rescue and RUSHEN CASTLE 2000B/14th June to relieve
corvettes. LANCASTER CASTLE; CARISBROOKE CASTLE and
DUMBARTON CASTLE in position 16,17 and 18
respectively. S.O.A. 12 knots. C. in C. W.A.'s
061134 refers. Mails remain Liverpool.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 131630 to C. in C. W.A.,
F.O.G.M.A.)

Ships for Admty. 052004. Following are anticipated dates
F.O. S/M. of arrival of ships at Holy Loch.
A. ICARUS 14th June. B. MORPETH CASTLE 17th June.
C. BRILLIANT 20th June.
(2) In anticipation of Admiralty approval of my
071840 (N.T. in W.R. 071825 relates) not to F.O.C.R.F., and to
facilitate transfer of C.Os., intend to relieve present escorts
as follows. A. BRIDGEWATER by ICARUS. B. SARDONYX by MORPETH
CASTLE. C. SHIKARI by BRILLIANT.
(3) Dates when SHIKARI, SARDONYX and BRIDGEWATER will be
available for transfer to reserve will be signalled as soon as
known. They will probably be within a few days of dates shown
in para. 1.
(S/M 3, 131632B to F.O. S/M.)

A/C report Aircraft 0358 reports descended on water 046°
of dinghy. 40' N. 015° 10' W. Am proceeding to assistance.
E.T.A. 0500B/14th.
(DUMBARTON CASTLE 131745B to C. in C. W.A.)
My 131745B. Information now received from air-
craft 2468 that aircraft 0358 reported dinghy on water in 046°
40' N. 015° 10' W. Request any confirmation whether 0358 has
crashed.
(DUMBARTON CASTLE 131935B to C. in C.W.A.)

/Your...

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of dinghy.
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Your 131935B. It is confirmed that aircraft has not crashed and is proceeding. Return to your patrol.

(C. in C. W.A., 132159B to DUMBARTON CASTLE.)
AG/AC 947 13th June. Ref. signal from DUMBARTON CASTLE 131745B U.S. A.T.C. Lagens report aircraft 00358 landed here. This was the aircraft which sent signal reporting dinghy in position 46.40 N. 15.10 W. at 1521 hours. Would appear that DUMBARTON CASTLE misunderstood signal. (242 Group, 132215Z to H.Q.C.C.)

OLNA for
Curacao.

A.M. 311509B May.
Intend to sail OLNA for Curacao at 0900B/14th June, S.D.A. 16 knots, E.T.A. 1800 local time 24th June (Communications.) C.C.M. not carried.
Routed north of Ireland thence through J. 55° 30' 10' 00'.

(All positions N. and West.) (K) 53° 20'. L. 44° 39'. M. 35° 50'. N. 25° 59' thence via Amegada passage to Curacao. (F.O.I.C. Greenock, 131758B to Admty., etc.)

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escorting
U-Boats.

Intend to sail FOLEY (?) at 1400B Thursday 14th June escorting O2611, O2500 (sic) at ? to Lisahally. S.O.A. 10 knots.
(N.O.I.C. Bergen 131554B to C. in C. W.A.)
W.D. Note. No trace of U.2611 or U.2500 in Bergen list. Might be U.2511 and U.2506 (see O71436 Norway.)

Operations. - Northern Waters.BUTE, HAMLET,
(for Ports-
mouth.)

My 121732B (BUTE (S.O.) and HAMLET) sailed.
(C. in C. H.F., 131032B to C. in C. Portsmouth,
C. in C. Nore, F.O.I.C. Harwich.)

Return of
CASSANDRA.

Intend to sail ONSLAUGHT, CASSANDRA at 1500B/14th June for Rosyth. C. in C. H.F. (Afloat's) O71729 not to all refers.

(2) S.O.A. is estimated at 15 knots weather permitting.

(3) ONSLAUGHT is carrying LARK's cables and certain stores. Request both ships may be berthed alongside on arrival. (S.B.N.O. N. Russia 131912B to C. in C. H.F., C. in C. Rosyth.)

ORIBI.

C. in C. H.F. Afloat's 121236 arrived.
(C. in C. H.F. Ashore, 132201 to C. in C. Rosyth.)

Operations.Baltic.ONSLOW,
VALSE,
escort of
German M/Vs.

Arrivals Copenhagen, ONSLOW and VALSE.
(2) Admiralty re-encode and pass to B.N.A. Stockholm.

(F.O. Denmark 130955B to C. in C. Rosyth.)
Escorted by VALSE intend to sail 2 German merchant ships DOLLART and DESIDERIUS SIEDLER at 0530B/14th June (for) Kristiansand South for onward routing

U.K. S.O.A. 7½ knots. E.T.A. 0800B/16th June.
(2) Routed Swedish? territorial waters Paternoster thence (corrupt group) 43, Q.Z.S. 761 and 769.

(3) Communication merchant ship 500 k/cs escort 2450 k/cs to lat. of (The Skaw) then 1570 k/cs.

(4) Admty. re-encode and pass to B.N.A. Stockholm.
(F.O. Denmark 131041B to N.O.I.C. Kristiansand South, VALSE.)

D.S. DELPHIN

Your 111631. DELPHIN should be sailed to Humber. (Hd. of M., 132000B to F.O. Kiel Command, Info. N.O.I.C. Kiel, D.S. DELPHIN, A.N.C.X.F. (Main), F.O.I.C. Humber.)

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Enemy Intelligence.

- U.2552,
U.4707. Your 121745B. Confirmed that U.2552 and U.4707 are reported scuttled in both Kiel and Flensburg. Information comes from German sources and is mostly from memory.
(F.O.I.C. Kiel, 130942B to Admty.)
- U.2504. Your 121746B (?121745 intended). Com. Sanders is en route for U.K.
(2) U.2504 reported on good authority to be scuttled in Wilhelmshaven and also in Hamburg.
(3) It is emphasised that practically all records have been destroyed and that reports depend on memories of local German officers. Discrepancies and inconsistencies are inevitable.
(4) It is hoped that present mission of Godt and Hessler may clarify situation.
(A.N.C.X.F., 131455B to Admty.)
- U.3504,
(scuttled
at Hamburg.) My 171225B May and my 171530B May both to F.O.W.G. U.2504 should read U.3504. Error due to incorrect original German report. Your 121746B June to Cdr. Sanders, Hamburg, also refers.
(N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven 131539B to Admty.)

Casualties & Defects.

- EMPIRE
CORMORANT,
(struck sub-
merged wreck
11th June.) Departure my 121835B.
(A.C. Dover 130719B to Cdre. Southend.)
- JANET,
distress. Fishing trawler JANET arrived Humber 1530 in tow of H.M.T. EVERTON. JANET in distress towed from vicinity of Humber Light Ship by EVERTON and H.M.T. ROLLS ROYCE.
(F.O. Humber 131602B to C. in C. Nore.)

Movements.

- LOCH FYNE,
to refit. Your 121209B, arrived LOCH FYNE.
(F.O.I.C. Milford Haven 130833B to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)
- LUNENBERG,
for Canada. Sailed LUNENBERG as in my 111511.
(C. in C. Plymouth 130956B to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)
- SAGA,
SARDONYX. Clyde arrival H.M. submarine SAGA escorted by SARDONYX.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock 131025B to F.O.I.C. Liverpool).

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BULOLO, Intend handing over BULOLO to your administration
for India. as from 0900 today Wednesday June 13th.
(R.A.L.S.C.U., 131029B to Rear H.Q. Force W.)

PERIM, PERIM take ST. HELENA under your orders and
ST. HELENA, proceed to pass Clyde Gate 1400B today June 13th
for reserve. to Milford Haven E.T.A. 0800B June 14th F.O.C.R.F's
271256B May not to all refers.
(2) Mails to Milford Haven forthwith.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 131037B to PERIM, F.O.I.C.
Milford Haven.)

Sailed PERIM and ST. HELENA in accordance with my 131037.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock 131429B.)

P.S. CONRAD. P.S. CONRAD is sailing at 1200 tomorrow Thursday
June 14th to comply with C. in C. H.F. (Afloat)
101117. Route by searched channel in force.
Protection will be provided by German M/S? to
number 4 buoy. M/S 10 is requested to provide protection from
4 buoy to P.10 E.T.A. number 4 buoy 1600/14th.
Communication: Constant watch broadcast C.N. with guard on
Wilhelmshaven Command port wave 2150 k/cs shifting to 1570
k/cs on crossing 005° E. Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven 131200B to P.S. CONRAD.)

TAVY, Intend to sail TAVY to Dartmouth to reduce to
for reserve. category B by standard routes at 2000B/14th from
Lough Foyle Buoy, ship to indicate E.T.A. direct.
Request mails be diverted accordingly.
F.O.C.R.F's 221137B May not to all refers.
(Com. (D) W.A., 131116B to Admty., N.O.I.C.
Dartmouth.)

RIMOUSKI, RIMOUSKI proceed to pass Clyde Gate at 1430B
for Canada. today June 13th for Halifax. S.O.A. 12 knots
(route to Halifax.)
(2) Mails to Halifax forthwith.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock 131118 to C. in C. C.N.A.,
RIMOUSKI.)

Sailed RIMOUSKI in accordance with my 131118. Latest messages
Q.J.A. 304, Q.J.H. 478.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 131444B.)

German A.S.R. Your 120904B. Ex-German A.S.R. boat^{FL 13} 590 arrived
boat 590. Sunderland with engine defect. Expected to
continue passage a.m. tomorrow June 14th.
(N.O.I.C. Sunderland, 131159B to N.O.I.C. Aberdeen)
My 131159B. Intend to sail ex German A.S.R. boat
590 at 0800 tomorrow June 14th to Grimsby. E.T.A. Grimsby 1300.
(N.O.I.C. Sunderland, 131518B to N.O.I.C. Aberdeen.)

/BRIDPORT...

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BRIDPORT,
BRIDLINGTON,
for reserve.

A.M. 122130 June not to all.
Request BRIDPORT and BRIDLINGTON may be sailed
to W. Hartlepool for reduction to category B.
(F.O.C.R.F., 131248B to C. in C. W.A.)

DOMINICA,
for reserve.

My 121901 June. Request DOMINICA may be sailed
to Londonderry for laying up in reserve cat. B.
(2) She can be accepted on 17th June.
(F.O.C.R.F., 131250B to F.O.I.C. Tyne.)

PROMPT,
minesweeper.

Approved to reduce crew of E.R. 6675 to that
necessary for ship to be towed to refitting port.
Your 101155 not to Combrax Portsmouth refers.
(D. of M. 131359B to F.O.I.C. Humber.)

FROBISHER,
cadet's
training.

My 311545B May. Intend to leave Portree 140700B
E.T.A. Rosyth 0730/15. Request Oxcars Gate inward
0700/15 and oiler with 1000 tons (?standard)
on arrival.
(FROBISHER 131405B to C. in C. W.A., C. in C.
Rosyth.)

INGONISH
(from St.
Johns.)

Arrived H.M.C.S. INGONISH.
(F.O.I.C. Falmouth 131435B to S.B.N.O. Azores.)

VALOROUS
for reserve.

Your 121217 June not to all.
Request VALOROUS be reduced to Cat. C in Firth of
Forth and berthed in mud berth on completion.
(F.O.C.R.F., 131509B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

WOLVERINE
for reserve.

Ref. R.F.T.M. Appendix 1(C) (E) WOLVERINE.
V. and W. class destroyers 124 and 761P on
reduction to reserve category C authority Admty's
251900B May not to all refers.
(WOLVERINE 131810 to Admty.)

THORNBOROUGH
for reserve.

My 121930 not to all. Amend laying up Port of
THORNBOROUGH to read West Hartlepool.
(F.O.C.R.F., 131835B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

KINGSMILL
for reserve.

Your 101252 not to all. Request KINGSMILL may be
sailed to Harwich for laying up in cat. B. in
release.
(F.O.C.R.F., 131840B to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

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HAVELOCK, Your 111350 arrived.
HESPERUS. (C. in C. Rosyth, 131849 to F.O.I.C. Liverpool.)

STORD for Scapa arrival STORD. C. in C. H.F. Afloat's
boiler 101426 not to all refers.
cleaning. (C. in C. H.F. (Ashore), 132001 to F.O. Norway,
N.O.I.C. Oslo.)

Shipping & Convoys.

"Apostle" Amend my 062236B as follows:
convoys. "Apostle 9" June 14th from Leith, LARGS BAY to
Bergen and Trondheim.
"Apostle 10" June 14th or 15th from Leith,
BERGENSFJORD to Oslo, Stavanger, Bergen, Trondheim.
(2) F.O. Norway pass to Scofor Main and 88 Group
Main.
(C. in C. Rosyth 131751 to F.O. Norway, etc.)

DROTTNINGHOLM, (1) Swedish and French Authorities intend employ
transport of DROTTNINGHOLM, now Gothenburg, to transport
French from Gothenburg to France about 800 French
Gothenburg. passengers mainly women in urgent need of
repatriation. M.W.T. agree use of vessel for
this voyage.

(2) French authorities after consultation with
S.H.A.E.F. can accept vessel at Cherbourg. Vessel is not de-
gaussed and routing is requested from Gothenburg to Cherbourg
Northabout Scotland.

(3) Swedish and French authorities are arranging for immediate
embarkation of passengers and vessel will then be ready to sail.
(M.W.T., 131817B to A.N.C.X.F.)

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destroyers.

Intend to sail ZETLAND (S.O.) and BRECON at 0700B June 14th Malta.
 (2) BRECON for working up and ZETLAND for onward routing to Alexandria for refit.
 (3) S. of A. 18 knots.
 (F.O.G.M.A., 131038B to V.A.M.)

MALPEQUE.

C. in C. C.N.A. 121715Z. Request MALPEQUE be routed Ponta Delgada and that B.N.A. Lisbon and F.O.G.M.A. be included in addresses of sailing signal.
 (S.B.N.O. Azores, 131116 to F.O.N.F.)

Shore
stocks
Ponta
Delgada
(Replenish-
ment, oil
etc.)

Intend to sail EMPIRE GARDEN on 16th June to Ponta Delgada for part discharge thence Clyde to comply with your 122116B.
 (2) Request authorities concerned be informed that oiling facilities at Horta described in C.A.F.O. 1959/44 will then cease and that all ships requiring oil fuel at Azores should be routed to Ponta Delgada, B.N.A. Lisbon and F.O.G.M.A. included in addresses of sailing signal.
 (S.B.N.O. Azores, 131118Z to Admty.)

Submarine
TELEMACHUS
for U.K.

Intend to sail H.M. Submarine TELEMACHUS at 0900 June 14th to Plymouth.
 (4) E.T.A. 0700 June 18th.
 (F.O.G.M.A., 131126B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

SS. MALINES
(in distress)

Gibraltar has dispatched a ship out to our tow assistance. Possibly our 131054B refers. (EMPIRE JULIA, 131200B to LORD COCHRANE.) Am standing by MALINES in position 40.48 N., 10.01 W. MALINES reports after hold flooded and no power but is alright for time being. Tug last seen 14 miles 350° from me unable to turn in present weather. Weather conditions at present preclude my attempting to take in tow. Intend burning searchlight vertical every half hour during dark hours. 22 men on board.
 (LOWESTOFT, 131352B to F.O.G.M.A.)

My 131050B to F.O.G.M.A. only LOWESTOFT is standing by MALINES in position 40.48 N., 10.01 W. MALINES has no steam and after hold is flooded. Weather precludes getting her in tow at present.

(2) I have instructed LOWESTOFT to remain with MALINES until weather moderates unless otherwise ordered by you. Tug EMPIRE JULIA is hove to about 15 miles north of MALINES.

(3) WELLINGTON has rejoined me.

(Capt. D.13, 131405B to F.O.G.M.A.)

You are to stand by S.S. MALINES until the weather moderates and EMPIRE JULIA is able to pick up tow. H.M.S. WIZARD and H.M.S. PALOMARES to proceed.

(F.O.G.M.A., 131542B to LOWESTOFT.)

/My ...

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SS. MALINES My 131005B. MALINES drifting in position 040°
(in distress) 47' N., 010° 11' W., LOWESTOFT standing by.
(Contd.) EMPIRE JULIA hove to in position 041° 08' N.,
010° 18' W. Am proceeding.
(PALOMARES, 131535 to F.O.G.M.A.)

Port authorities Oporto report that S.O.S.
wireless message was received 1040B/13th from British Tug
EMPIRE JULIA, then about 50 miles off Verde. Vessel was
sent in relief but second message subsequently received
advised crew of tug had been saved by unknown British ship.
(R.O. Oporto, 131556B to S.O.(I) Gibraltar.)

My position at 1800B 40.40 N., 10.04 W., MALINES in
company. EMPIRE JULIA still thought to be hove to 20 miles
to northward and reports ocean towing gear damaged. Wind
north force 7 gusting to 8, sea 56.

(LOWESTOFT, 131810B to F.O.G.M.A.) See 140330B.

"Hunts" Arrivals H.M. Ships ZETLAND, BRECON.
for F.E. (F.O.G.M.A., 131208B to Admty.)

Movement. Arrivals H.M. Submarine TELEMACHUS from Malta.
F.S. YANNICK JOSEPH from Oran.
(F.O.G.M.A., 131908B to Admty.)

WIZARD E.T.A. Gibraltar 1430B tomorrow 14th June.
(destroyer) (WIZARD, 132101 to F.O.G.M.A.)

F.S. YANNICK F.O.G.M.A.'s 121553 which has been passed to
JOSEPH? Marine Paris, C. in C. Plymouth and C.T.F.122.
Ship should be routed to position 46° N. 04° W.
(2) Marine Paris is requested to promulgate
onward route and destination desired.
(D.O.D.(H), 132310B to F.O.G.M.A., Marine Paris.)

South Atlantic

PHILOCTETES, (1) Intend sailing Auxiliary Destroyer Depot
Destroyer Ship PHILOCTETES to Dakar 0930Z/15th, speed 6
Depot Ship knots, E.T.A. 0930Z/19th.
for U.K. (2) After docking ship is to be sailed to U.K.
final destination unknown. My 051627 and your
081110* neither to all refers.
(F.O.C.W.Af., 131225 to Com. Dakar.)
No trace.

/RAIDER ...

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RAIDER
destroyer.

Sailed RAIDER routed Diego Suarez for fuel, (S)
Addu Atoll for fuel, (T) thence to Trincomalee
by shortest route using standard coastal route
off coast of Ceylon.
(3) E.T.A. Diego Suarez 0830Z/17th.
(Care. Durban, 131437Z to Admty.)

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Convoy Summary^{LES} / From the 23rd June, 1945 it is intended to discontinue the Convoy Summary from Admiralty to Cominch C & R. (discontinued)
After that date it is requested that N.C.S.Os be instructed to repeat all Convoy and Escorted Sailing telegrams to Cominch C. & R. and N.S.H.Q. Ottawa.
(D.T.D. 130116B to C. in C. Med., C. in C. W.I. S.A.)

SS. GLENBANK My R.A.C. 1584/52014 For M.W.T.
(damage) (1) Spoke Master GLENBANK to-day who confirmed permanent repairs impossible ~~CONSTANTA~~. Constanta
(3) Patch will cost 50 million lei payable to Roumanian Coy.
(4) Fixing will be done by Russian naval Salvage this cost included in salvage work. etc.
(B.M.M. Roumania, 131345B to W.O. and Admty.) See 261230B JUNE.
/ N.T. in W.R.

Programme for ANSON, NELSON, SUSSEX, Further to my 281801/ May intend to sail ANSON, NELSON and SUSSEX at 1215B June 14th through position B.
(2) S. of A. after 1700B/14th when local tactical exercise completes in position 36 degs. North 15½ degs. E. is 17 knots ANSON has insufficient fuel for steaming at high speed.
(4) Thereafter ANSON will arrive on range at 0800C/16th NELSON and SUSSEX will arrive position 502 at noon and at Great Pass Beacon 1430C/16th.
(5) In view of your 011321 not to all ANSON will now arrive Port Said at 0530C June 18th for transit of Canal programme in para. 6A of my 281801 May is therefore advanced by 24 hours.
(V.A.M. 131412 to F.O.L.E.M.)
/ Proposed programme for ANSON, NELSON and SUSSEX as far as Ceylon.

Re JEANNE My 121806. No change.
D'ARC. (C. in C. Med. 131625B to F.O.L.E.M.)

Italian shipping, seizure of. / Para. I of F.A.N. 463 refers to Italian shipping captured in ports of Southern France and it was presumed such shipping captured elsewhere should be dealt with under para. 3 (B) of F.A.N. 463. Your 071202 June refers. Such shipping will not now be seized in prize.
(C. in C. Med. 131713)

Situation in Yugoslavia. / A.F.H.Q. 131942B to W.O. and Admty.
(See Lion Copy)

/Levant ...

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*Situation in
Yugo Slavia*

From A.F.H.O.

131942B/June

Date 14.6.45.

Recd 0600

Cipher

Addressed War Office and usual addressees.

IMPORTANT

325015 BX92650 cipher 13 June Secret.

Cite RCHH signed Alexander.

Special G2 summary cable.

1. Jugoslav activity.

(A) Withdrawal Jugoslav troops continues. Some incidents being investigated of Jugoslav posts hindering forward movement of our troops to occupy positions at new boundary. Reports indicate troops not prepared beforehand for withdrawal and consequently feel humiliated and depressed.

(B) Source unknown reliability reports pitched battle between Jugoslav troops and Cetniks on Jastrepac Planina west of Nish 9 June. Cetniks were trying to break through to Cetnik held area in Qopaonik (or Kopaonik).

2. Jugoslav strength and order of battle.

(A) Jugoslav Command state following military detachments being left behind. Trieste 1,000, Pola 300, Monfalcone 200, Gorizia 400, Caporetto 50, Tolmino 50.

(B) Unconfirmed report states heavy arms of 26 Division moved east and concentrated in area Postumia and Fiume.

(C) Garibaldi leader Andrea officially told British liaison officer that Garibaldi Natisone Division previously area Monfalcone-Gorizia-Trieste will be moved west across Isonzo where we can accept it. Expected that Jugoslavs may adopt similar policy towards other Italian units of Jugoslav Army. General tendency reported to demobilize foreign troops.

(D) Three Jugoslav soldiers area Caporetto stated they belonged 31 Division which was being disbanded. No confirmation.

(E) Fourteen Brigade 23 Division identified area Montespino (RH79). New identification.

3. General.

(A) Unconfirmed report headquarters 1 Russian Guards Regiment Landsber (RY9203) and that Yugoslav-Soviet boundary runs thence to Wildon (RZ1411) and south along river Mur to frontier.

(B) Rumanian general staff reports Russian troops under command Malinovsky will return in near future to Russia via Galicia; Tolbukhin's troops to return to Russia via southern Rumania. Comment. If information correct troops concerned may be older men over a certain age. Unconfirmed reports received recently have stated Russian troops in Austria over 35 being sent home. No indication whether these being replaced.

(C) According Maccedonian press railway Skoplje-Veles in operation since 1st June.

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FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean - Contd.

Levant
Sit. to
0900 hrs.
13th June.

(1) Aleppo. Situation still tense. Other towns. NTR. East Syria. Tribal situation improved since arrival of British troops.

(2) French party proceeding Lattakia to Kistr 11 June ambushed and suffered cas. killed 3 injured 5 vehs. destroyed 2. This G.O/20888 of 12 June para. 1 refers.

(3) On reports tribal trouble Homs/Hama area Brit. reps. visited local Emir and arranged meeting with Mohafez Hama on 14 June. Possible tribal trouble here now considered averted.

(4) Ref. this G.O/19767 of 8 June. Revised Damascus cas. figures from Syrian sources as follows. Police killed 3 wounded 19 gendarmerie killed 24 wounded 53 missing 15 total 114. Syrians state lists not yet complete.
(C. in C. M.E.132000C to W.O. etc.)

Haifa
Mine dept.

Your 142150/May and F.O.L.E.M's 301228/April. The retention of Haifa Mine Depot as an integral part of the supply chain to the East is essential and stocks of mining material at Haifa must remain there until required for operational use.

Therefore until the end of the Eastern War the approved policy for the future of Haifa Mine Depot is as follows:

- (a) Retention of full storage facilities;
- (b) retention of workshop facilities at a level capable of maintaining mining material in a fully serviceable condition, on the basis of the depot being well stocked.
- (c) No longer to cater for direct issues to minelayers.
(Hd. of M.(II) Approved Controller, 132326B to C. in C. Med. and F.O.L.E.M.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

East Indies

SS. JENNINGS (Tanker) due 10th June not arrived.
JENNINGS (overdue) (N.C.S.O. Calcutta, 130235Z to Admty.)
JENNINGS put back 4th June.
(N.C.S.O. Colombo, 131130Z to N.C.S.O. Calcutta.)

CAPTAIN class frigates for E.I. Understand 3 CAPTAIN class frigates are being provided. Request confirmation and estimated date of arrival on Station, together with details of:
(1) Maximum continuous capacity each unit.
(2) Voltage of main generators.
(3) Details of transformers and rectifiers.
(4) Details of cable and A/S mobile power supply units for captured ports. Switchgear carried.
(5) Details of equipment required to be installed ashore.
(6) No. of personnel being provided for installation and operation of shore side of scheme.
(2) The above information is urgently required for planning purposes.
(C. in C. E.I., 131201Z to Admty.)

S.R.U? C.O.H.Q. 1857 of 13th June.
Your 090855 cipher not to Admty. Question of control and organisation of S.R.U. again being raised with Admiralty as a matter of urgency.
Understand unit has been of great operational value and do not consider should be disbanded without first obtaining views of S.A.C.S.E.A. or until outstanding questions of pay and allowances have been settled with Admiralty.
(C.C.O., 131615B to C. in C. E.I.)

S/M SIBYL operations. H.M. Submarine SIBYL first Far East patrol between 19 and 24 May, in Lower Malacca Strait by gunfire and demolition sunk 6 country craft totalling 50 tons.
(C. in C. E.I., 130958Z to Admty.)

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WednesdayWar DiaryFOREIGN STATIONSAmerica and West IndiesFENNEL
CorvetteShip paid off p.m. 12th June and accepted into Reserve Fleet category C.
(FENNEL, 131010B to F.O.M.F.)FLAMBOROUGH
HEADDeparting Esquimalt 0300 G.M.T. June 16th.
(a) FLAMBOROUGH HEAD escort maintenance vessel.
(b) San Francisco California E.T.A. 1200 G.M.T. 19th June for onward routing.
(d) Nil.C. in C. B.P.F. is requested to signal final destination to C.M.S.F., N.O.I.C. Esquimalt pass to FLAMBOROUGH HEAD.
(C.O.P.C., 131627Z to C.M.S.F., C. in C. B.P.F.) Amended by 141806Z.Movements
from
AgadirYour 122215 in hand. Meanwhile can Cominch be informed of Admiralty concurrence and that necessary action will be taken. Para. 2 of my 112021 refers. Admiralty pass to Air Ministry and N.A. Paris. C. in C. Med. to Comnavaw.
(B.A.D. Washington, 131743Z to Admty.)WASKESIU
FrigateH.M.C.S. WASKESIU arrived Esquimalt 2054Z June 13th.
(N.O.I.C. Esquimalt, 132131Z to N.S.H.Q.)Far East and AustraliaS/M
ZWAARDVISCHZWAARDVISCH anticipated departure Fremantle 14th June, Aden 8th July, Port Said 21st July, Gibraltar 1st August.
(S.M.4, 130106Z to Admty.)Fuel stocks
S.W. pacific
AreaA.C.N.B. 130625Z to C.C.A.S. Admty. etc.
See Lion Copy.

ENCHANTRESS

A.M. 021923 not to A.C.N.B. Conversion ENCHANTRESS can be carried out on Station in lieu of conversion of Frigate which is not now considered necessary. A.C.N.B. 110456 (N.T. in W.D.) not to all refers.

(2) Ship can be docked on Station during conversion provided no large repairs are anticipated.

(3) Request ship may be sailed to reach Australia at earliest possible date.

(C. in C. B.P.F., 130643Z to Adriatic.)

/ULSTER...

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From A.C.N.B.

DATE 14.6.45.

TIME 0540.

C.C.M. NAVAL GEN SECRET BY W/T.

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Addressed

C.C.A.S. 28, N.O.I.C. Sydney, 114 N.O.I.C. Darwin, 871, N.O.I.C. Fremantle 628, N.O.I.C. Brisbane, N.O.I.C. Cairns, N.O.I.C. Milne Bay, N.O.I.C. Townsville, N.O.I.C. Port Moresby, N.O.I.C. Thursday Island, N.O.I.C. New Guinea, N.Z.N.B. Admiralty, C.O.I.S. East Indies, C. in C. East Indies, F.O. Ceylon, V.A.Q.B.P.F.

South West Pacific Area Fuel Stocks 9th June in tons.

Naval Furnace Albany	8940	
Brisbane	20061	
Cairns	6166	
Darwin	15373	
Fremantle	70269	(includes 1528 tons commercial stocks held in RAN Tanks)
Hobart	11835	
Melbourne	19102	
Milne Bay	6617	
Newcastle	3310	
Onslow	2803	
Port Moresby	21680	
Sydney	61649	
Townsville	8675	
Thursday Is.	3655	
Westernport	140	
Fleet Oilers	N11	
Diesel Port Moresby	N11	
Automotive Diesel Albany	233	
Brisbane	897	
Cairns	8118	
Darwin	12062	
Exmouth Gulf	N11	(Lighter now removed)
Fremantle	4668	
Onslow	1496	
Milne Bay	3676	
Port Moresby	2630	
Thursday Island	1082	

Commercial:

Port	Furnace	Diesel	Automotive Diesel
Adelaide	N11	7109	1821
Brisbane	4366	4532	7275
Cairns	N11	686	196
Esperance	N11	7988	N11
Fremantle	21247	18092	3899
Geraldton	N11	2032	N11
Hobart	N11	3917	193
Melbourne	12976	23401	11178
Port Lillo	N11	13042	N11
Sydney	5525	13933	5828
Townsville	N11	1264	4792
Whyalla	N11	12978	N11
Wyndham	N11	1306	N11

D. of S. (3)

130625Z.

C.P. 2B.

D. of S.T. (2)

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ULSTER When ready for sea about 17th June after adjustment of complement, request ULSTER be sailed for U.K. via Funafuti Pearl Harbour, San Diego and Panama.

(2) Endurance of ULSTER at present estimated 2850 miles, ship to ascertain accurate figures with view to need for fuelling between Dan Diego and Panama.
(3) Ship has temporary action damage repairs and should avoid bad weather.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 130731Z to N.O.I.C.)

Digest (1) Privateers and Liberators from Clark Field
1239 sank one small coaster, one river boat, fired
12.6.45 warehouse truck, strafed Motor Launch all Canton area, strafed one riverboat, one armed lighter off Hong Kong, damaged three Junks Pescadores one derelict freighter transport near Tainan.

(9) On Borneo 9th Australian Division dropping down highway to Brunei Town captured Brunei airfield 2½ miles North of town while other units landed in shore to shore movement from Brunei Channel at point two miles East Brunei Town; from Hamilton. Point Southern Labuan Island Australian troops have advanced 5,600 yards North to positions 1½ miles Northern end of Labuan airstrip.

(10) P.Ts. night 10th - 11th hit enemy shore positions from Brunei Bay to Miri: enemy reported to be firing tanks and oil wells along N.W. Borneo coast. next night P.Ts. strafed Miri and Lutong, with co-operating attacked Jesselton wrecking sailing boat. (11) 11th-12th June P.Ts. wrecked sailing boat, lugger Hull, tow motor launches, destroyed six large warehouses Sangly Islands.

(14) During period 25th May to 7th June, enemy casualties on Bougainville Island, increased by 579 killed, ten captured making total to 7th June 14,539 killed, 184 captured; during same period enemy casualties Wewak Aitade area increased by 516 killed, 18 captured, making total to 7th June 13,961 killed, 305 captured.

(16) On June 12th Liberator destroyed one small coaster damaged another Soembawa Island, strafed hit small coaster Sosiiljon Is. (on S.E. Celebes.)
(G.H.Q.S.W.P.A., 130840Z to Admty.)

TERRAPIN TERRAPIN delayed sailing indefinitely pending Admty. decision. Urdis 050213 C. in C.E.I. 080538 and C. in C. B.P.F. 110258 refer.
(Com. Sub. 7th Fleet, 131059 to Advon, Admty.)

Blazebomb Arrangements have now been completed for the
for A/C issue of components for blaze bombs from Corsairs and Hellcats using:

- (a) 100 Octane petrol.
- (b) Gelatrol obtained in Australia.
- (c) Igniters received from B.A.D.

(2) Gel is to be mixed on board immediately before use in a mixing machine which, with the aid of a peptizer, ensures proper gelatinization and quick setting. This ensures minimum fire risk as mixture is in Gel form for minimum time and no Gel has to be stowed on board.

/(3)...

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Far East and Australia

Blazebomb
for A/C
(Contd.)

(3) Intend authorising use from Corsairs and Hellcats. Request covering approval. (C. in C. B.P.F., 131101Z to Admty.) Approved 142136B.

Destroyers
for B.P.F.
E.I.

My 112321 and 112306 have allocations to British Pacific Fleet and East Indies of first 8 and first 6 Hunts respectively.

(2) Subject to later confirmation by C. in C. B.P.F. total of 12 Hunts are allocated to British Pacific Fleet and 20 to East Indies.

(3) Remaining Hunts not mentioned in above Admiralty Messages are allocated as follows:-

British Pacific Fleet. MELBREAK, EASTON, TALYBONT, BEAUFORT.
East Indies. BLANKNEY, LAMERTON, LAUDERDALE, LEDBURY, MIDDLETON, OAKLEY, TETCOTT, WHEATLAND, WILTON, ZETLAND, ALBRIGHTON, CATTERICK, TANATSIDE.

(4) It will be seen that 4 Type II Hunts (2 of which have had stabilisers removed to give increased endurance and all of which have 6 4 inch guns) have been allocated to B.P.F. in place of four type III Hunts without increased oil fuel stowage.

(D.O.D.(F), Approved A.C.N.S.(F), 132053B to C. in C. B.P.F., C. in C.E.I.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

- North Sea. / 1. (a) Operation "Cackle", minesweeping of the River Schelde, has been completed.
/ (b) The inland waterways from South Beveland Canal to Moerdyk have also been cleared of mines.
(c) WESERWEHR and EICHBERG, German merchantmen seized in prize, are to be sailed for Methil in U.L.C.5.
(d) All seaworthy U-Boats at Wilhelmshaven are to be sailed to U.K. for laying up at Lisahally or Loch Ryan.
- Channel. 2. ROBERT MULLER 8, DERFFLINGER, GERFRIED and HOLSTEIN, German merchantmen, are to be sailed from the Channel Islands for the Humber, for onward routeing to Hamburg for German coastal trade.
- West Coast France. 3. The French^LALCYON will repatriate British liaison personnel from F.S. DUQUESNE at Brest.
- Western Approaches. / 4. (a) Escort Group B.1 is disbanded.
(b) 58 mines have been cut or detonated to date in the Bristol Channel minefields.
- Northern Waters. 5. CASSANDRA sailed from Kola for Rosyth, escorted by ONSLAUGHT.
- Baltic. / 6. (a) The Flensburg Free Harbour ammunition dump has been dispersed by an explosion attributed to careless handling of explosives by Germans. There were no British casualties.
/ (b) Refusal to obey orders on the part of the officers and crews of three German minesweepers in Kiel today necessitated fire being opened on them causing three slight casualties, whereupon the orders were obeyed "in record time." F.O.I.C. Kiel reports that he considers the action taken has had a very salutary effect.
/ (c) German minesweepers have swept two ground mines north of Kiel.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Foreign Stations.

North Atlantic.

Movement. 7. GLOIRE (French cruiser) with the Sultan of Morocco on board arrived at Cherbourg at 5.24 p.m. from Casablanca.

Mediterranean.

Italy. / 8. The first coasters were berthed inside Genoa Harbour today.

Black Sea. 9. SS. ATTLEBORO VICTORY (Am. 7607 tons) Odessa to Constanza was mined today. There were no casualties. She has since arrived ~~at Alexandria.~~ (171005C.)

Movements. 10. ANSON, NELSON, SUSSEX sailed from Malta to Alexandria.

East Indies.

Movements. 11. ROYALIST (R.A.(A) 21), with SUFFOLK, STALKER, KHEDIVE, AMEER and 5 destroyers sailed from Trincomalee to the eastward.

Far East and Australia.

Borneo. / 12.(a) Minesweepers operating off Miri-Utong (75 miles S.W. of Brunei) today brought total number of mines swept in that area to 246.
/ (b) 3 destroyers bombarded Miri-Utong destroying 4 A/A positions and 1 observation tower.

Movement. 13. HOWE has sailed from Sydney for Durban.

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of Allied
small craft
recaptured
from Germans.Your 131845*. Confirmed.
(A.N.C.X.F., 141832B to N.O.I.C. Channel Is.)
* Procedure adopted for disposal of Allied
small craft up to 500 G.R.T. requisitioned
and operated by German Navy. Requests
confirmation that procedure applies to Channel
Isles.OperationsNorth SeaMine
clearance
of Weser.Your 121852* being passed F.O.W.G. and C.T.F.
126 and A.N.C.X.F. (O.K.M.)
M.R.S.12 with mine clearance launches and
equipment should be sailed to Bremerhaven for
mine clearance of Weser River under C.T.F.126.
(A.N.C.X.F., 141228B to F.O. Denmark.)* German warship H.D.S.12 converted merchant ship of 5,600
tons. Ship carries 16 diesel launches made for shallow water
mine clearance.Minesweepers
to Ostend.

Request you will sail -

(A) B.Y.M.S. 2173, 2070, 2032, M.M.S. 187, 281,
224 and 1030 to Ostend.

(B) M.M.S. 24 to Ghent.

(2) N.O.I.C. Ghent is requested to arrange for
examination and report on hull condition of M.M.S. 24.
(F.O. Belgium, 141255 to N.O.I.C. Terneuzen.)Dumping
ground for
ammunition.My 111947B. Propose to cancel para. (C) and
substitute the following areas considered
safer from mines:(C) to southwards of Heligoland within a radius
of half a mile from 54° 08' N., 07° 53' E.
(F.O.W.G., 141510B to A.N.C.X.F.)Minesweeping
of Schelde
completed.

"CackLE"

Operation "Cackle" completed. Following meeting
with Capt. M/S. today intend to sail M.Ls. and
M.F.Vs. to Terneuzen tomorrow Friday for O/R to
Ymuiden. M/S. office and W/T watch will be
closed down 1200 Friday. JAN VAN BRAKEL will
remain to collect leave party and be sailedMonday to Terneuzen by R.N.O. Beveland to collect grenades and
proceed to Ymuiden.

(Cdr. M/S. E.Schelde, 141701B to F.O. Holland.)

German
prizes to
Methil.

/ refer your 020156B.

(A) Intend sailing from Bremerhaven on 16th June
the former German ships WESERWEHR and EICHBERG
which have been seized in prize. These ships to
sail in ballast in convoy U.L.C.5.

/(B) ...

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HOME COMMANDS

Operations

North Sea

German prizes to Methil. (Contd.)

(B) Destination Methil Point Roads.
(C) Prize crew composed of one officer and eight men aboard each.
(D) Manned by German crew.
(E) Accommodation vessel not included this movement. Ships not degaussed.
(F) No escort from Bremerhaven accompanying these ships.
(C.T.F.126, 141905B to Admty.)

Wilhelmshaven U-Boats to U.K.

Approved to sail all seaworthy U-Boats at Wilhelmshaven to U.K. to be laid up at Lisahally or Loch Ryan. A.N.C.X.F. 131327, not to all, refers.

(2) A.N.C.X.F. is requested to report total number of each class of U-Boat and to arrange for all ammunition and torpedoes to be removed before sailing. U-Boats are to be sailed with reduced German crews.

(3) C. in C. Nore is requested to make necessary arrangements direct with A.N.C.X.F. and C. in C. W.A., sailing U-Boats northabout in groups of up to five direct to laying up ports as required by C. in C. W.A.

(4) Commanders in Chief, Rosyth, Portsmouth, Plymouth and Western Approaches are requested to make available to C. in C. Nore one escort from each of their Command strengths referred to in para. 4 of A.M. 180855 April, not to all. C. in C. Nore is requested to provide the remaining escorts. (A.C.N.S.(H), 142008B to A.N.C.X.F., Cs. in C. W.A., Nore, Portsmouth, Plymouth, Rosyth.)

Dutch Inland Waterways mine clearance.

✓ Cositintrep No.436, Part II, Naval. Holland: Mine clearance of Channel through inland waterways from northern end of South Beveland Canal to Moerdijk has been completed and this route is open to normal traffic. Routes from Moerdijk to Dordrecht via Dordsche Kiel and Nieuwe Merwerde are not yet clear. (A.N.C.X.F., 142300B to Admty.)

Operations

Channel

German cargo ships to Humber.

Advance information. Admiralty message 120050B not to F.O.I.C. Humber approved sailing of ex-German ships surrendered in Channel Islands.
(A) ROBERT MÜLLER 8. Lloyds Reg. No. 82379
(B) DERFFLINGER 56883
(C) GERFRIED 58188
(D) HOLSTEIN 59003 or 59004.

/to ...

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Operations

Channel

German cargo ships to Humber. (Contd.)

to Humber for O/R to Hamburg for German Coastal trade.
(2) Vessels will be sailed shortly with German P.O.W. crews under escort and will be fuelled and provisioned for 7 days.
(N.O.I.C. C.I., 141524B to F.O.I.C. Humber.)

Salvage Ships to le Havre.

H.Q. Com. Z. 131605B not to all request Salvage Vessels HELP and ABIGAIL be sailed to le Havre.
(2) Vessel will be ready in area 24 at 0600/16th.
(3) Speed 8 knots.
(S.V.O.X.F., 141719 to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

Minesweepers needed in Portsmouth Command.

Owing to urgent sweeping commitments in this command it would be much appreciated if you could exchange 2 M/S. Trawlers for 2 A/S Trawlers. If you concur VELETA and COTILLION will be sailed at an early date.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 141741B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Operations

West Coast France.

British liaison officers ex-DUQUESNE.

Reference 120602B de A.N.C.X.F. Non a tous programme prevu pour F.S. L'ALCYON arrive Brest Samedi 16 Juin venant de Cherbourg depart Mardi 19 Juin pour Plymouth pour transporter officiers et marins britanniques des equipages de liaison du F.S. DUQUESNE et ouvriers pour travaux a bord du DIXMUDE et BITER. Retour a Cherbourg apres debarquement a Plymouth.
(Ministry Marine Paris, 141720Z to Premar Brest.)

Gironde entrance channel.

Entrance channel Gironde passageway between the following positions (Z) 45° 39'48" N., 01° 50' W. (A) 45° 39'48" N., 01° 40' W. (B) 45° 39'48" N., 01° 26' W. (C) 45° 39'42" N., 01° 14' W. Marked out by buoys Dan starting from point (A). Please indicate E.T.A. of YANNICK JOSEPH to point (Z). A minesweeper will be sent to meet her. Provisional destination Le Verdon. This refers to Admiralty's 132310B.
(Marine Paris, 141743Z to F.O.G.M.A.)

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Escort Group B.1. B.1 Group is disbanded.
(C. in C. W.A., 141011B to Com. (D) W.A.)

Bristol Channel minesweeping. Add to my 312040B May.
The following additional mines have been encountered in Q.Z.X.1577.
Line 5, June 6th 7 cut, nil detonated.
Line 4, June 13th 46 cut, 5 detonated.
Total 58 mines with loss of 4 Kite Otters and 2 Kites.
(Com. M/S. Bristol Channel, 141719, 192040B to F.O.I.C. Milford.)

OperationsNorway

Norwegian fishing. Norwegian Fishing Authorities have asked that SNURREVAD and small whale catcher may have permission to fish in the North Sea and particularly between the latitudes 58° and 61° 30' N. and east of 02° E. They have been informed that the latter area is unsafe due to mines. It is requested North Sea area that can now be declared safe for fishing be signalled to me.
(F.O. Norway, 141002B to Admty.)

2 U-Boats sailed from Bergen for U.K. My 131554B. Sailed reference your 251642B May, 1945.
(A) 2 type XXI. (B) No(?) (C) British crew, 4 German ratings each. (D) Nil.
(E) Yes.
(2) 2 torpedo gunners mates included in German ratings on board to comply with F.O.C. S/M. 102132B and F.O. Norway's 111838B.
(N.O.I.C. Bergen, 141448 to C. in C. W.A.)

Norwegian minesweeping policy. / Policy as recommended in Capt. M/S. Norway's 091146 has been discussed with him and is concurred in.
(F.O. Norway, 141810B to Admty. D.M.S.)

OperationsNorthern Waters

Sailing of CASSANDRA. Kola Inlet. Departed ONSLAUGHT and CASSANDRA for Rosyth at 1500B/14.
(S.B.N.O. N.Russia, 141647B to Cs. in C. Rosyth, H.F.)

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Baltic

Mines swept
by German
minesweeping.

Your 291545B May.
(A) M.602. (B) 54° 32.5' N., 10° 15.9' E.
(C) Ground. (D) 12th June 0831.
(F.O. Kiel, 141141B to A.N.C.X.F.)
Your 291545 May.
(A) M.204. (B) 054° 39' N., 010° 07.5' E.
(C) Ground. (D) 14th June 0929.
(F.O. Kiel, 141151B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Flensburg
ammunition
dump
dispersed.

Following received from N.O.I.C. Flensburg.
Regret to report ammunition dump at Freeharbour
has gone up, little damage to shipping, shore
damage and to life not yet assessed.
Report follows.

(F.O. Kiel, 141221B to A.N.C.X.F.)
My 141221B not to N.O.I.C. Flensburg. No
British casualties. Explosion attributed to careless handling
by Germans of explosives and pyrotechnics being transferred
to lighter.
(F.O. Kiel, 142259B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Whale
catchers
available.

8 surrendered S/M Chasers are former whale
catchers. Understand these are ships in
high demand. Some of them could be sailed
U.K. within 4 days escorted by ONSLOW. Admty.
pass to M.W.T.
(F.O. Denmark, 141252B to A.N.C.X.F.)

British
warship
to escort
Russian
Y.M.S. from
Falmouth
to Ronne.

Have passed request in Admiralty 132350 to
Soviet Naval Staff but request information as
to amount and type of fuel required.
(Adm. Egerton, 141446B to Admty.)
A.M. 132350. Request you will signal any
available information as to minefields and German
swept channels between Ronne and position 17
on way 51 (55° 7.2' N., 13° 13' E.)
(2) F.O. Kiel is requested to provide mine
protection for British escort which should

consist of Sperrbrecher and at least one other German
minesweeper.
(A.N.C.X.F., 141615B to F.Os. Kiel, Denmark.)

German
refusal
to obey
orders.

FRANKLIN sailed for Hamburg after a useful week
in Kiel. H.M.'s birthday celebrations in
Flensburg had to be cancelled owing to an
explosion apparently caused by German carelessness
in handling explosives and pyrotechnics
being transferred from dump to lighters. Some
German casualties and damage to vessels in the

Freihafen. No British casualties and some surplus explosives
disposed of.

Four ex-German ships sailed for onward passage to U.K.

/Senior ...

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German refusal to obey orders. (Contd.)

Senior Officer and Staff of German minesweepers M.17, M.29 and M.30 recently arrived from Flensburg, were today summoned for interrogation in regard to rumours spread by the Senior Officer to the following effect.

- (1) The Senior German Minesweeping Officer in Kiel, Capt. Schulz, would shortly be relieved by a nominee of O.K.M.
- (2) All German Reserve Officers would be relieved by Active Service Officers.
- (3) My Staff Minesweeping Officer, Commander Barton, R.N.R. would also be relieved.
- (4) Orders issued by Capt. Schulz (and by inference Cdr. Barton) could therefore be neglected. The German Officers refused to obey the summons, transmitted through a German intermediary on the ground that they had orders not to leave their ship. Lt. Lanaway R.N. with a Marine Guard and a Bofors Gun Detachment of the R.A. in support was sent with instructions to clear the three minesweepers, using force if necessary. His order was received and understood. As no action whatever had been taken at the expiration of the time limit, three short bursts of Bofors were fired, causing minor damage to minesweepers, masts, and rigging and three slight casualties. The minesweepers were then cleared in record time. Officers and men taken to Wik Barracks. Investigation proceeding. Consider the action taken had very salutary effect. (F.O.I.C. Kiel, 142358B.)

Enemy Intelligence

U.2336 claims.

Your 241110B and my 260924B. On further interrogation the C.O. of U.2336 has claimed to have sunk one ship and hit another in Firth of Forth on evening of 8th May. Written report will be forwarded. (F.O. Kiel, 140930B to A.N.C.X.F.)

U.2504.

Your 131455*. K.M.D. report emphatically U.2504 scuttled Hamburg 2nd May. Raised periscope only visible above water. Boat used for training only and was fitted with special propellers which enabled main engines to be run at full power when alongside. She was incapable of proceeding to sea. (Cdre. Hamburg, 141539B to M.O.W.T.)
* U.2504 reported scuttled in Wilhelmshaven and Hamburg.

U. 979.

Your 3/3/4/13 of 31st May, 1945. Request full detailed information concerning U.979's last patrol with special reference to the following:
(a) Areas in which U-Boat bottomed and schnorkelled and why they were chosen.

/(b) ...

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(b) Effect of our counter-measures and any special tactics U-Boat employed to evade them.
(c) Times and positions of each period on the surface.
(d) Ship's log and official track charts should be forwarded with report.
(A.C.N.S.(U.T.), 142011B to F.O.W.G.)

Movements

PIORUN,
GARLAND,
Polish
destroyers.

P.S. PIORUN and P.S. GARLAND are allocated to Home Fleet for service.
(2) C. in C. Plymouth is requested to sail GARLAND to Scapa as convenient.
(D.O.D.(H), 140100B to Cs. in C. H.F., Plymouth.)

VICEROY,
destroyer.

Your 131105 June not to all. Request VICEROY de-ammunition in Firth of Forth and then be sailed to Immingham for reduction to cat. 'C'. On completion of reduction ship should be sailed with minimum crew and passage stores to Firth of Forth for laying up in mud berths.
(F.O.C.R.F., 140941 to C. in C. Rosyth.)

FENNEL,
AUBRETIA,
DIANELLA,
corvettes.

R.F.T.M.5 FENNEL, AUBRETIA, DIANELLA inspected, found fit and placed in Category 'C'.
(S.O.R.F. 1412158B (as received) to F.O.C.R.F.)

ONTARIO,
cruiser.

Your 131119B. Arrived.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 141302B to N.O.I.C. Lamlash.)

ROSELYS,
ACONIT,
RENONCULE,
French
corvettes.

Sailed F.S. ROSELYS, ACONIT and RENONCULE.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 141451B to Premar I.)

PHILANTE
Escort
Group
Training
Ship.

PHILANTE can be released from service in Western Approaches forthwith. Admiralty is requested to issue disposal instructions to F.O.I.C. Greenock.
(2) Complement of PHILANTE is to be reduced forthwith to minimum steaming party. Officers are to be discharged to leave and ratings to depot.
(C. in C. W.A., 141531B to Admty., F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

/A.F.D.69 ...

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Floating
Dock.

H.M.T. PROSPECT escorting A.F.D. 69 in tow of MARAUDER was estimated in position 45° 52' N., 9° 22' W., steering 218°, 5 knots at 1447 when she was ordered to remain north of 45° 30' N. until further orders on account of weather and to report intentions.

(2) PROSPECT has not made routine position report nor reported intentions.

(3) Detach WELLINGTON to locate PROSPECT and tow and report situation.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 141752B to MALCOLM.)

Your 141952. Have been in touch with PROSPECT on R/T. She reports her P.C.S. at 2030 as 45° 31' N., 09° 32' W., 032° 1.5 knots, MARAUDER and tow in company. She had received your 141952 but unable to contact you on H/F. W/T of PROSPECT and MARAUDER believed to be in order.

(2) My P.C.S. at 2030 44° 48' N., 08° 47' W., 024°, 12 knots.

(3) Weather report 7581 1214.

(4) WELLINGTON not detached.

(D.13, 142122B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

MANXMAN,
fast
minelayer.

Leave Sheerness at 0700B/16th June and proceed by searched channels in force to Portsmouth. Speed, weather permitting, 15 knots to Sandhead buoy thence 20 knots.

(2) Communications in accordance with A.F.Os. 2/45 section 2, table 2 (1) line 6.

(3) Acknowledge and report E.T.A. to C. in C. Nore before sailing.

(C. in C. Nore, 141810B to MANXMAN.)

WIVERN,
VIVIEN,
CAMPBELL,
WOOLSTON,
destroyers.

Your 131800 not to all. Request WIVERN, VIVIEN, CAMPBELL and WOOLSTON may be taken in Firth of Forth area for reduction to Category 'C' as berths become available.

(F.O.C.R.F., 142128B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

RAMSEY,
NEWPORT,
Aircraft
Target
Ships.

Your 141131 not to all. Request that RAMSEY and NEWPORT may be taken for reduction to Category 'C' at Grangemouth on completion of AMAZON and VIVACIOUS all possible progress being made while awaiting berths. Ships will be laid up in mud berths on completion.

(F.O.C.R.F., 142235B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

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FOREIGN STATIONSNorth Atlantic

SS. MALINES (1) MALINES, EMPIRE JULIA and LOWESTOFT now in
in distress company position based on fix at 132300B is 4035
N. 10.11 W.

(2) MALINES is rolling very heavily beam on to
heavy sea and swell, bows west, has no towing
gear other than cable, is flooded aft and making water slowly
all time. She has no power.

(3) EMPIRE JULIA has just made contact, reports heavy ocean,
towing gear damaged and great difficulty in manoeuvring in
present weather.

(4) LOWESTOFT has neither power nor gear to attempt towing in
present conditions.

(5) Taking off crew at present would be highly dangerous and
weather is not yet moderating.

(6) Powerful ocean going tug is urgently required to compete
with situation.

(7) Ships are making two knots 185° approximately.

(8) MALINES has crew of twenty-two.

(LOWESTOFT, 140330B to Gibraltar C.C.O.)

(1) Position at 0800B/14th June:- 40.20 N. 10.17 W.

(2) Weather appears to be moderating slowly but heavy swell
increasing.

(3) MALINES expresses fear of capsizing by stern, trim so far
appears normal, from out board. He has suitable boat for
abandoning if necessary, and intends to hold on as long as
possible. Am pumping oil to windward.

(4) Tug cannot yet attempt taking in tow, largest wire he has
is 50 fathoms 4½ inch and his towing hook has been damaged.

(5) Your 140603 has been received and has cheered all.

(LOWESTOFT, 140810B to Gib.)

Request Portuguese authorities be approached to render immed-
iate assistance to MALINES with a view to towing her to Lisbon.

(2) Tug EMPIRE JULIA and H.M.S. LOWESTOFT standing by MALINES
in position 040° 35' N. 010° 11' W. at 0930B/14th June.

(3) EMPIRE JULIA's towing gear fractured and MALINES has no
towing gear other than cable.

(F.O.G.M.A., 140839B to B.N.A. Lisbon.)

MALINES now reports after hold completely flooded and ship
should keep present trim. EMPIRE JULIA is endeavouring to pass
line and act as sea anchor until arrival of HENGIST.

(LOWESTOFT, 141020B to Gib.)

Your 141147B. Fuel remaining at 140800B was 200 tons giving
8 days at 12 knots.

(2) Weather improved considerably.

(3) At 1500B/14 JURA successfully passed line to B.S. MALINES
and will be able to hold her head to wind until arrival of
HENGIST.

(4) She has been ordered not to attempt to tow owing to weak gear

(5) Request orders for H.M.S. LOWESTOFT and EMPIRE JULIA on arrival
of HENGIST.

(6) Assume B.S. MALINES will be taken to Lisbon.

(7) Position 1600B/14 - 040° 12' N. 010° 23' W.

(LOWESTOFT, 141530B to F.O.G.M.A.)

Ref. my 140839 following has been received from Lisbon
begins. Following for F.O.G.M.A. pilot vessel COMMANDANTE LHEIRO.
10 knots sailing from Lisbon 2000B 14th to assist in towing.
She will call H.M.S. LOWESTOFT by R/T every hour on 150 to 175
metre wave length. Course on direct line to noon June 14th
position. Request LOWESTOFT establish W/T communication with
(Lisbon) Commercial station callsign CUL for emergency P/L

/communication...

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SS. MALINES on distress (Contd.) communication with me T.O.O. 141831B. Ends. (2?) LOWESTOFT please pass to EMPIRE JULIA. (F.O.G.M.A. 142013B to LOWESTOFT, EMPIRE JULIA) My position at 2300B/14th June is 40.26.5 N. 10.22.5 W. E.C. S. made good 360° 0.6 knots. (2) Weather wind north, force 4, sea and swell 44. (LOWESTOFT, 142330B to F.O.G.M.A.)

MAGICIENNE (F.M.) Arrived Horta at 1502Z/14th MAGICIENNE. (S.B.N.O. Azores, 141609Z to Gibraltar.)

Air/Sea Rescue position 20. Your 111100B. Have been relieved by CROCUS in Air/Sea rescue position WH at 0800B June 14th. (2) E.T.A. Gibraltar 0800B June 16th. (JONQUIL, 140805B to F.O.G.M.A.)

Air/Sea Rescue Owing to weather conditions E.T.A. at position (19) 1200B Sat. 16th June. (SPIREA, 142002B to F.O.G.M.A., BERKELEY CASTLE.)

S/M STURDY for U.K. E.T.A. Europa Point 0700B 15th. My position 037° 02' N. 000° 50' W. (STURDY, 141200B to F.O.G.M.A.)

French ships F.S. LORRAINE and F.S. HOVA arrived Gibraltar 0800 June 14 no sailing signal or prior notification except E.T.A. received. (2) From information received from LORRAINE understand approval given by Admty. and Marine Paris to remain Gibraltar. 36 hours. (3) Intend sailing ships in Company to Oran at 1900B June 15. (F.O.G.M.A. 141215B to PREMAR Two.)

Movement KILCHRENAN, KILDARY, KILHAM and KILKENZIE arrived Funchal 14th June. (Funchal, 141218 to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.)

WIZARD (destroyer) Intend to sail WIZARD at 1400 June 15 to Malta. (2) S. of A. 20 knots. (4) E.T.A. 1600B June 17. (F.O.G.M.A., 141743B to V.A. Malta.)

Movements Departures, ZETLAND, BRECON for Malta. HENGIST West to assist SS. MALINES. (F.O.G.M.A., 141857B to Admty.)

KINGSTON AGATE Sailed from Horta at 1609Z/14th KINGSTON AGATE to Gibraltar. Speed 8 advance 10 knots E.T.A. a.m. 19th. (S.B.N.O. Azores, 141937Z to F.O.G.M.A.)

/TEES...

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North Atlantic - Contd.

TEES
Frigate

Comar Dakar's 121540 not to all.
(2) TEES should be sailed for Dartmouth for
reduction there to Reserve Category B.
(D.O.D.(H), 142016B to Admty.)

South Atlantic

FREESIA
(Corvette)

FREESIA trials completed. Intend sailing ship
at 0800Z 15th June coastal to Durban. S. of A.
11 knots. E.T.A. 0800Z.
(N.O.I.C. East London, 141451Z to Cdr. I/C
R.N.Durban.)

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Beirut

In view of C.O.S. Approval of policy proposed in para. (1) of G.H.Q. Middle East T/21 and desirability not to delay arrival on their proper station of ships working up in Med., can you manage with ARETHUSA only after 24th June provided I reinforce you by 2 fleet destroyers in case of emergency. A.M.S.S.O. 3687. V.A.M., 281801 May both refer.
(C. in C. Med. 141048B to F.O.L.E.M.)
Your 141048.

If the cruiser were to arrive with troops serious situation would arise as stressed in C. in C.M.E. Forces and my (?signals) and still consider that show of force only would ensure restraint but if more reasonable counsel now prevails ARETHUSA and 2 Fleet destroyers should be adequate for all other contingencies.
My 121148 para. 2 to you only refers.
(F.O.L.E.M. 142326C. to C. in C. Med.)

A.F.D.

Sailed ASSIDUOUS with A.F.D. in tow to Massawa.
(2) E. S. of A. 5 knots. E.T.A. a.m. 22nd June.
(N.O.I.C. Suez, 141124C to Admty.)

A/S
Trawler

Intend sailing WHITING at 01800B/15th to Gibraltar for onward routing to Falmouth.
(2) S. of A. 10 knots. E.T.A. 2000A/19th.
(V.A.M., 141216 to F.O.G.M.A.)

Yugo-Slavians
for R.N.

Mideast C.C.L./48 of 13th June addressed Amssso. states that R.Y.N. Personnel in Egypt not willing to return to Yugoslavia will be enlisted in R.N. if they can be usefully employed and accept terms of service and provided that Admiralty confirm policy is acceptable.

(2) Signal also proposes that certain Royal Yugoslav Army Personnel should be accepted by R.N.

(3) In view of discussion with Yugoslav C.N.M.S.(?) expected to take place at Caserta shortly. My 061451 refers. Request early elucidation. This is the first I have heard of such proposals.

(C. in C. Med., 141256 to F.O.L.E.M.) 151321 also.

JEANNE D'ARC
(at Bizka)

My 121806, no change.
(C. in C. Med., 141817B, to F.O.L.E.M.)

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East Indies.

11th Aircraft Squadron. It is confirmed that VENERABLE, VENGEANCE and COLOSSUS will be operational on passage to Australia. Para. 3 of A.C.11's 091940, which is concurred in, refers.

(2) Destroyer will be provided as in para. 1B your 080146.

(3) Signals quoted not to all.

(C. in C. E.I., 141059Z to C. in C. B.P.F.)

HUNT
destroyers.

Following flotilla numbers for HUNT class destroyers are allotted:-

East Indies	18	22	30
Pacific	5	29	

(2) S.Os. of Commander's rank, are being appointed on an approx. basis of one per 6 ships.

(A.C.N.S.(F) 141659B to C. in C. E.I., C. in C. B.P.F.)

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- America & West Indies.

H.M.A.S.
AUSTRALIA.

H.M.A.S. AUSTRALIA departed Cristobal 2000/13 for New York. E.T.A. 2330/18. Reports to C.E. S.F. for onward routeing to U.K. S.O.A. 17 knots. Times Z.
(Compaseafron 141521 to Com. 3.)

LAMONT,
L.S.I. (L)

Your 121615. LAMONT delayed until 17th for repairs. Will require refuelling en route U.K. Propose refuel Jamaica. Request final destination U.K.
(Compaseafron 141723 to Cominch.) See 151548Z.

Navigation
hazard
search.

Make thorough search for and sink if practicable navigation hazard (floating iron pontoon bridge 200 feet long, 3 feet above water) reported in position 39.27 N. 45.00 W. by M/V TARIA on 13th June. Report results.
(C. in C. Lant, 141903Z to C.T.G. 61.9)
See 171548.

H.M.N.S. KING
HAAKON.

2300Z/14th June sailed H.M.N.S. KING HAAKON 7 independently at 13 knots for Londonderry routed.
(C. in C. C.N.A., 142307Z to C. in C. W.A.)

Far East and Australia.

Attacks by carrier borne aircraft on land targets, requirements for.

Sustained attack by carrier borne aircraft on land targets is novel to the R.N., and the nature of the airborne weapons needed has had to be reviewed in the light of available intelligence recent experience and future commitments.
(2) Indications are that the variety of targets to be tackled will be extended and will not be confined to airfields as heretofore.

(3) It is clear that a number of varieties of weapons is required if each aircraft is to strike with a max. effect on its assigned target, each type of which requires special treatment
(4) American experience, which is fully borne out by our own is summarised in Ortsel Number Two published by Comairpac dated April 1945. B.A.D. is requested to supply copies to Admiralty if not already done.

(5) Ortsel deals specifically with neutralization of enemy airfields. Flak neutralization and other targets have also to be considered.

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Attacks by carrier borne aircraft on land targets, requirements for.
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(6) Provision of following, each of which is subject of separate signal is considered of great importance if max. value of air strikes is to be obtained.

A. Alternative types of bomb. B. Alternative fuzing for M.C. and G.P. bombs. C. Special anti-personnel bombs of Butterfly type.

(7) These requirements are additional to the increased scale of supply of 500 lbs. B.M.C. bombs asked for in my 080622 June in which necessity

for nose and tail pockets was stressed.

(C. in C. B.P.F., 140558Z to Admty.)

Only small proportion of 500 pound bombs used in operations have been or are likely to be with instantaneous fuze.

Seafires capabilities of.

Your 070646 April. Tables giving combat radius and endurance figures for new marks of Seafire are being despatched by air mail.

(5th S.L., 141147B to C. in C. B.P.F.)

Digest 1240, 13.6.45.
(extract.)

(1) Search plane from Clark Field sank 1 lugger S.W. Swatow, strafed 1 River Boat E. Foochow, damaged pier strafed 7 luggers Sakishimo Gunto, strafed 1 M.L. Hoka Island, N.E. Formosa, drove 1 small coaster onto beach, left another listing off N.E. coast Formosa, strafed 5 trucks Southern Formosa.

(2) Liberators from Mindoro strafed burned 2 barges in Canal 120 miles W.S.W. Saigon.

(3) Mariner from Tawi Tawi sunk 1 barge S.W. Brunei Bay.

(5) On 12th June Liberator from Palawan left burning shipyard Palewaoi (Celebes) Privateers probably destroyed small coaster off Laoet Island, sank about 100 barges luggers and small coasters along Cochin China Coast.

(10) On Borneo North Australian Division captured Brunei Town from North, advanced within 500 yards Timbalai airfield (West coast Labuan Island.)

(11) 12th/6 11 Liberators, 24 Lightnings supported Australian troops Tarakan with bombs and napalms, 4 Liberators damaged river steamer bombed shipyards Berito River Southern Borneo, damaged warehouses Laoet Island, 6 Liberators missed single destroyer gunboat 60 miles S.W. Bandjermasin.

(G.H.Q.S.W.P.A., 141500Z to Admty.)

Submarine ZWAARDFISCH.

Departure SWORDFISH ? 0700Z/14th June. In accordance with C.T.F. 71 090449 and C. in C. E.I. 111109 neither to all.

(Submarine 4, 142345Z to C. in C. E.I.S.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Anti-Submarine measures (secrecy of.) / Cr. No. 7885. Caution all concerned that Cominch and C.N.O. serial 01792 of 7th June 1943, subject anti-submarine measures - secrecy concerning remains in full force and effect until abrogated by me not withstanding surrender of any or all enemies. It is expected that the more valuable developments of material and technique will be peace-time as well as wartime secrets. Fleet and other major commanders see to it that all concerned have the reference letter. Cominch and C.N.O. number 41. District Commandants pass to minor shore activities their districts. (Cominch and C.N.O., 141320 to Navop.)

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Home Commands

- North Sea / 1(a) LINNET is to be allocated temporarily to F.O. Belgium for static pulsing over oyster mines, the recovery of Sheerness controlled minefields being deferred.
/ (b) Wreck dispersal vessel released from Far Shore are to operate under C. in C. Nore in Home Waters.
(c) At Rotterdam both Maashaven and Rynhaven are now considered to be mine-free.
- Western Approaches / 2(a) B.3 Escort Group is disbanded.
(b) 6 more mines have been cut or detonated in Bristol Channel.
- Baltic / 3. Daily sailing of merchant ships from Flensburg destined for the U.K. is now instituted.

Foreign Stations

Mediterranean

- Destroyers / 4. From 1st July, 1945 all destroyers belonging to the Mediterranean Station will be under the administration of the V.A. Malta who will be advised on destroyer matters by Capt. D. Malta. The appointment of Captain F. will lapse.

East Indies

- Gulf of Siam 5.
14 Liberators attacked a tanker of 10,000 tons and two escorting destroyers off Koh Samui Island (S.E. of Jumbhorn) scoring 7 direct hits on tanker which was left on fire and sinking. She was later confirmed as sunk.

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Japan

6. 444 Super Fortresses attacked Osaka / Amagasaki while a further 27 U.S. Super Fortresses attacked other targets. A total of 2,973 tons of bombs was dropped on Path finder technique.

Pacific

7. Yesterday and today a British ^{Brind} Task force under the command of Rear Admiral ~~Bruid~~ in the IMPLACABLE carried out continuous attacks for two days and two nights on the Japanese air and naval installations at Truk (Carolines). Carrier aircraft dropped 40 tons of bombs and inflicted damage on shipping, floating dock etc. Two enemy aircraft were destroyed on the ground. H.M. Ships NEWFOUNDLAND, SWIFTSURE, H.C.M.S. UGANDA, H.M.N.Z.S. ACHILLES and 3 destroyers of the 24th Flotilla bombarded shore installations with negligible opposition.

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Policy

Resolution of Force 135 into separate components. Your recommendations in S.C.A.F. 428 approved. Effective date for transfer of responsibility should be mutually determined between your Headquarters and the War Office. (No. T.O.O. Recd. 2015/15 in Admty.) (On 22nd May Operational Control of Naval and Royal Air Force Elements Force 135 passed from the Military Force Commander to their own parent Commands).

Status of Naval Missions on the Continent. Your 081652. (a) France. Calais will not remain under British naval control. Should port be largely used by Army, B.N.L.O. will be retained if necessary he will be generally responsible to Naval Attache. (b) Belgium. Concur. (c) Holland. Concur. (d) Denmark. Naval Mission will be responsible direct to Admiralty. Head of Naval Mission, however, while he retains operational functions will be operationally responsible to British Naval Commander-in-Chief, Germany. (e) Norway. Concur, subject to special arrangements for integrated forces referred to in para. 2 (c) of O.Z. 3458. (2) It is emphasized that the above are interim arrangements only and that grading of Missions will be reduced to those appropriate to Attaches immediately conditions permit. (P.A.S. (L) Approved 1st S.L. 151403B to A.N.C.X.F.)

A/S vessels in lieu of Fairmiles for the East. Your letter M.058729/45 dated 5th June. Our programme requires 24 Fairmiles to leave U.K. in three groups of eight sailing 10th July, 20th July and 10th August. Estimated arrival in theatre 1st September, 10th September and 1st October respectively. Four weeks will then be required for servicing in the theatre before each group is operational. We are signalling A.C.S.E.A. to confirm whether twelve A/S vessels are acceptable in lieu of 24 Fairmiles provided A/S vessels can be operational in the theatre by or before date of Fairmiles becoming operational. We foresee no difficulty about manpower transfer at present. Can you confirm that twelve A/S vessels could be operational in the theatre by or before planned dates for Fairmiles, assuming proposal in para. 4 of your letter agreed by 30th June. (Air Ministry, 151740B to Admty.)

Operations

North Sea

Fishing Areas North Sea. In reply to your telephone request for fishing area off North Foreland for use by Trawlers from Kentish Ports following area may be used bounded on the North by 51.50 N. on the E. by 02.07 E. on the South by 51.21 N. on the West by lines joining (A) 51.50 N. 01.42 E.

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(B) 51.37 N. 01.38 E.
(C) 51.31 N. 01.25 E.
(D) 51.21 N. 01.39 E.
(2) Southern boundary may be extended if A.C. Dover concurs.
(3) Area defined above cannot be guaranteed as free from mines although risk is considered small.
Fishermen should be conversant with N to M 2526/44.
(4) No fishing can be allowed within one mile of swept channels and when crossing these fishing craft must give way to traffic.
(5) Gunnery practice may take place periodically in South Eastern position of area defined above. Fishing craft must keep clear.
(6) Request tracing enclosure to Nore. No.3419/516/2/45 of 7th June 1945, may be amended accordingly.
(C. in C. Nore, 151005B to Port Fishery Capt. Rye (sic))

Wilhelmshaven Admiralty 142008B. Request I may be informed U-Boats to when it is anticipated escorts will be required U.K. at Wilhelmshaven.
(C. in C. Nore, 151054B to A.N.C.X.F. Admty. N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven)
A.M. 142008. In addition to measures specified in Para. 2 of A.M. quoted it would be appreciated if following could also be carried out before U-Boats are sailed.
(A) U-Boats inspected by S/M Party from a security aspect for presence of demolitions.
(B) Draught reduced to a minimum.
(C) Fresh water tanks filled and fuel reduced in order to have about 30 tons remaining on arrival at Lough Foyle or Loch Ryan.
(D) German personnel medically inspected in accordance with C.B. 3074 Para. 17.
(C. in C. W.A. 151738B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Amalgamation of 16th and 21st D.F.'s. / I consider that the 16th D.F. can be absorbed with the 21st D.F. on the 28th June thus releasing Capt. D.16 and the Flotilla Staff with the exception of Capt. D.16 Secretary whom it is desired to retain for approx. 1 month.
(2) When the 16th D.F. ceases to exist, one division of the 21st Flotilla will be detached to Harwich.
(3) Request approval and any necessary promulgation of this change in flotilla organisation.
(C. in C. Nore, 151100B to Admty.)

Minesweeping off Harwich. My 151011. Available ships of 16th M.S.F. are required to sail from Harwich on Monday 18th June, to conduct Oropesa search in "K" formation one mile either side of the centre line from 53 Buoy to position of G.H. 5 buoy. Ships may anchor for the night as convenient in swept water east of 53 Buoy but not in Q.Z.S. 446 or 468.
(2) HERMETRAY to accompany 16th M.S.F. and lay beacons in positions of Channel Buoys G.H.1 to G.H.5.

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off Harwich.
(Contd.)

(3) F.O.I.C. Harwich is requested to allocate trawler Danlayers as required by PARRSBORO.
(4) F.O.I.C. Harwich is requested to arrange with C.S.T.H. Harwich for Channel Buoys G.H. 1 to G.H. 5 to be ready for laying by Wednesday 20th June.
(C. in C. Nore, 151140B to F.O.I.C. Harwich, PARRSBORO)

Minesweeping
Off Aberdeen.

My 051751B. The area enclosed by the following positions should be cleared in G. Formation.
56.53.45 N. 01.39 W. 56.56.20 N. 01.25 W.
57.10.40 N. 00.40 W. 57.16.50 N. 01.13.48 W.
On completion the area in my 051751B should be swept in K. formation.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 151142B to M.S.40)

Destroyers
to shew the
Flag.

(1) ZEALOUS take OB DURATE and OB EDIENT under your orders and proceed as in my 131927 not to all passing Oxcars at 1200^B, Saturday, 16th June.
(2) Normal east coast route and Q.Z.S.727 to arrive P.10 Buoy at 1400B/17th June. Do not proceed beyond P.10. until arrival of minesweepers.

Speed is not to exceed 12 knots east of this point.

(3) F.O. Western Germany is requested to arrange for pilots and minesweepers as necessary to meet destroyers at P.10 buoy.
(4) Destroyers to report on arrival and subsequently every 3 days number of useable tons of oil fuel remaining.
(5) W/T watch to be kept in accordance with A.G.M. 115 AZ of 27 May as amended by 121 AZ. Guard on Kiel Command port wave 3400 K/cs is to be maintained from time of entering Canal at Brunsbuttel.
(6) Mails remain Rosyth.
(7) Destroyers acknowledge.
(C. in C. H.F. 151151B to ZEALOUS, OB DURATE, OB EDIENT, F.O.W.G.)

Minesweeping
off Elbe and
Weser.

Your 032252 para. B and my 051042. Para. 3 of Capt. M/S Force C 010930 not to all, was made under a misapprehension. After exhaustive enquiry no stocks of G.M.T. have been found in this area sufficient to supply requirements for both motor vessels and M/S patrol vessels.

Furthermore it will presently become necessary to recondition those already in use owing to their short life. Understand from German sources that this was done at Kiel. Request this question may be discussed at forthcoming M/S meeting, your 14110 not to all refers.

(F.O.W.G. 151155B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Weather conditions prohibit any M/S to-day. Have withdrawn flotilla to Cuxhaven for fuelling and maintenance pending improved weather conditions.

(2) 4 effective M/S and 3 SH escorts.

(S.O.M.S.F. 10, 152051B to C. in C. Nore)

/ LINNET...

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LINNET for Oyster minesweeping. LINNET has been allocated temporarily to A.N.C.X.F. to operate under F.O. Belgium for laying and recovering cable for static pulsing over magnetic Oyster mines.
(2) 6000 yards of A.P.2928D cable is being sent to Sheerness and it is requested that this may be made up into two static sweeps each 2700 yards long and placed aboard LINNET.
(3) When cable and all necessary stores and fuel are aboard request LINNET may be sailed to Ostend.
(4) Work on recovery of controlled minefields at Sheerness must be deferred.
(D.M.S. 151648B to Cdre. Sheerness)

Wreck Dispersal Vessels for Nore Command. Certain Wreck Dispersal vessels are now being released by A.N.C.X.F. It is requested that these ships, as they become available, be employed under your orders on dispersal work in the Nore Command. Ships at present affected are YEZO, LAUREL due Chatham shortly, and RAMPANT completing repairs next week.
(D.W.D. 151742B to C. in C. Nore)

Minesweeping at Rotterdam. Maashaven and Rynhaven at Rotterdam have both been swept by PP Unit or Static sweep. Three mines detonated in Maashaven and two in Rynhaven leaving one mine in Maashaven, and two in Rynhaven, if German information is correct. CIS locator negative results. Consider both harbours now free of danger from mines.
(F.O.Holland, 151746B to A.N.C.F.)

Visits of French ships to German Ports. We propose the following schedule and request your immediate concurrence.
(1) Departure of F.S. CROIX DE LORRAINE and TONKINOIS from Cherbourg Monday the 18th. Port of call at Le Havre the 19th. Arrival in Humber Thursday and departure for Wilhemshaven Friday the 22nd and arrival Saturday the 23rd. Departure from Germany on the 28th: Return to Cherbourg the 2nd July.
(2) These ships will put aboard Merchant Marine equipment destined for commissioning French Merchant Ships available at Rendsburg in the Kiel Canal. On return trip a few French ill repatriates could be taken aboard at Hamburg. We request you to anticipate the possibility for a stop-over in these two ports.
(3) F.S. FORTUNE and L'ALCYON will follow the same schedule at a future date when I shall indicate.
Refer your 091225 not to all.
(Marine Paris, 141800Z to A.N.C.X.F.)

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Channel

M/S trawlers Your 141741B. Concur in the exchange of 2 M/S for Portsmouth trawlers for VELETA and COTILLION temporarily. Command. (2) The M.S/A.S. trawlers will be required to return to Plymouth when the minesweeping commitments exceed those of escort in the Plymouth Command. The period for which these trawlers can be spared cannot be forecast.
(3) On completion of boiler cleaning, ORONSAY will sail Plymouth p.m. Monday and VATERSAY p.m. Tuesday, and will be relieved by GWEAL and ULVA on their return from Gibraltar at the end of the month.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 151459B to C. in C. Portsmouth)

Ex German Warships seaworthy in Channel Is. Following German Warships surrendered in the Channel Islands in good order and seaworthy condition are ready at 24 hours notice to sail with P.O.W. crews:
(A) 3 Flakships A.F.65, 68 and 71, 165 tons. Diesel.
(B) 2 escort trawlers V.203 and V.215. Approx. 350 tons. Coal burning.
(2) Armament on board but no ammunition.
(3) Request destination for disposal and escort arrangements.
(N.O.I.C. C.I. 151738B to C. in C. Plymouth)

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Western Approaches

E.G.B.3. / B.3 group is disbanded.
(C. in C. W.A. 151101B to Capt. (D) Liverpool, Admty.)

Air/Sea Rescue ship. As RUSHEN CASTLE is defective F.O.I.C. Northern Ireland is requested to sail STOCKHAM 16th June to relieve DUMBARTON CASTLE as Air/Sea Rescue ship in position 18.45 N. 11.30 W. E.T.A. to be reported. Further orders follow.
(2) On relief DUMBARTON CASTLE is to proceed to Greenock.
(C. in C. W.A. 151455B to F.O.I.C.N.I. DUMBARTON CASTLE)

My 151455. (1) STOCKHAM is required to carry out weather reporting duties in conjunction with air/sea rescue duties.
(2) (A) Ship is to await instructions for these duties which will be forwarded under cover of W.A. 0502/5 of June 15th to F.O.I.C. Northern Ireland by Air Courier arriving a.m. June 16th.
(B) Reference Admiralty 191807 contained therein. As position 18 has since been amended para. 2 does not apply.
(C) Receipt of these instructions is to be acknowledged by signal by STOCKHAM.
(3) Report is required in accordance with W.A.G.O.No.85.
(4) Commodore (D) W.A. is requested to provide medical Officer to embark in STOCKHAM at Belfast by 1200B/16.
(C. in C. W.A. 151459B to F.O.I.C. N.I. Com. D. W.A. SOTKCHAM)

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Minesweeping
in Bristol
Channel.

Add to my 141719.
The following additional mines have been encountered
in Q.Z.X. 1577.
Line 4 June 15th 5 cut 1 detonated.
Total 6 mines with no loss of gear.
(Com. M/S Bristol Channel, 151937 to F.O.I.C.
Milford)

Operations

Norway

Minesweepers
for
Norwegian
ports.

It is intended to have as a minimum M/S Force at
each port 1 Flotilla German M. Class and 1
Flotilla German R-Boat.
These requirements have been arranged for Oslo,
Stavanger and Kristiansand (S). As no M Class
sweepers are available at Bergen it is requested
that 1 of the Flotillæ at Trondheim be sailed to
Bergen as soon as possible and distinguishing numbers reported to
me and repeated for Norway.
(Capt. M/S Norway, 151608B to N.O.I.C's Oslo, Bergen, Stavanger,
Trondheim.)

Operations

Northern Waters

Northern
anti-U-Boat
operations.

Request full details of air and surface A/S pat-
rols carried out during April and May, and
remarks on situation once it was known U-Boat
had been rammed. Your 205/62 of 19.5.45 and
my 142011B refer (see Enemy Intelligence 14.6.45)
(A.C.N.S.(U.T.), 150749B to A.C.I.C.)

Operations

Baltic.

German
recalcitrance
at Kiel.*

S.O's and S.O.(I)'s Minesweepers M.17 (M(?19)
and M.30 recently (corrupt group) Flensburg, were
summoned this afternoon Thursday for interrogation
concerning subversive rumour spread by them
they refused to obey summons transmitted through
German intermediary, alleging contrary orders
from higher German authority. Orders were then given by British
Officer with instructions to use force if necessary.
When these were ignored control fire was opened with bofors.
M/S disorganized and cleared immediately.
Need of Kiel (M/S) force is (?imperative). Report will be
forwarded after further investigation.
(F.O. Kiel, 150007B to A.N.C.X.F. 8th Corps Kiel, Bde. Admty.)

* More detailed account of this incident, page 328.

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minefields
information.

Request you will include Head of B.N.M. Moscow and C. in C. Nore in addressees of your reply to A.N.C.X.F. (Main)'s 141615*.
(D.O.D.(H), 151325B to F.O. Kiel.)
* Requesting signal any available information as to minefields and German swept channels between Ronne and position 17 on way 51.

Russian
Y.M.S.
for Baltic.

Admiralty 090150B and 131550B not to all. Request you will sail RIOU to arrive Falmouth p.m. Saturday 16th June to act as escort to 6 Russian Y.M.S. from Falmouth to Brunsbüttel direct by normal swept channels. RIOU may be required to continue as escort as far as Ronne on Bornholm Island in Baltic.

(2) Commander Brikin together with Russian signalman and telegraphist will embark in RIOU at Falmouth for liaison duties and will return to U.K. in RIOU.

(C. in C. Nore, 151535B to D.16.)

Proceed as requisite to comply with C. in C. Nore's 151535 not to C. in C. Portsmouth. E.T.A. Falmouth is to be reported to me before sailing. My 151054 not to all is cancelled.

(D.16, 151805B to RIOU.)

Kiel Canal
scuttled
U-Boats.

My 061849. Second U-Boat raised from Kiel Canal has now been beached with bows and conning tower clear of water and is established as Type 7C. U-Boat at Kilometre 71 will now be raised in order to identify her type.
(F.O. Kiel, 151749B to A.N.C.X.F.)

German M/S
carrier.

Your 121852B. Request full details of both ship and launches be forwarded to Admiralty at an early date.
(4th Sea Lord, 151841B to F.O. Denmark.)

Situation
at 2100/15.

Destroyers Z.25 and PAUL JACOBI and torpedo boats T.23, T.106, T.19 and T.17 sailed to Brunsbüttel for O/R to Wilhelmshaven. Last three torpedo boats had come from Denmark. DELPHIN with special equipment sailed under armed guard for passage to Humber. Weather still impeding minesweeping. Second U-Boat salvaged from Kiel Canal is reported as being type VIIC. Salvage of third is being undertaken. Fourth was identified as type VIIC also. Daily sailing of merchant ships from Flensburg destined for U.K. is now instituted. E-Boats S.208 and S.306 sailed from Flensburg to Kiel for onward passage to U.K.

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Situation
at 2100/15.
(Contd.)

It is increasingly clear that keeping out of the concentration areas will not continue to be sufficient inducement to keep "frozen" German Naval personnel working efficiently for us. Definite terms of service on the lines suggested by me to A.N.C.X.F. (P.H.) some months ago are becoming a matter of high priority, particularly for minesweeping personnel who are concerned about their dependants, in the greater risks to which they are exposed. Local Military observations confirm salutary effect of prompt action in checking yesterdays insubordination by Germans. (F.O.I.C. Kiel, 152358B.)

Enemy Intelligence

U. 979. Your 142011 and 261315 May not to A.C.I.C. Detailed questioning complicated by legal proceedings concerning non-surrender of U.979 now in progress and attitude of C.O. and crew.
(2) Log will be forwarded when legal proceedings are completed.
(3) Interim report on patrol and charts are being forwarded.
(F.O.W.G., 151632B to Admty.)

Movements

NEWMARKET,
Aircraft
Target Ship.

N.O.I.C. Lamlash's 141811 June, not to all. Request NEWMARKET may be sailed to arrive Clyde p.m. Sunday 17th June where she will be taken for reduction to Category 'C'. On completion of reduction she should be sailed with minimum crew and passage stores for laying up at Barrow. (F.O.C.R.F., 151139B to N.O.I.C. I. of M.)

U. 806,
680, 155,
1233.

German submarines U.806, 680, 1233 and 155 arrived. F.O. Kiel's 111551, not to all, refers. (N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven, 151617 to F.O. Kiel.)

U. 776.

Intend to sail U.776 at 0500 tomorrow Saturday to Chatham. Speed 14 knots, E.T.A. 1000. (V.A. Dover, 151618B to C. in C. Nore.)

A.F.D. 69,
Floating
Dock
(in tow of
MARAUDER).

Tubes blown and leaking front end combustion head port furnace. Unable to proceed to destination. Request permission return and instructions for MARAUDER. (H.M. Trawler PROSPECT, 151651B to C. in C. Plymouth.)
My 151651. Have hope of being able to proceed. Further signal will be made at about 2000. (PROSPECT, 151825B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

/Close ...

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A.F.D. 69, Close A.F.D.69 in tow of MARAUDER on passage to
Floating Gibraltar estimated in 46° 00' N., 09° 02' W.
Dock at 1800B course 030, speed 1.5 knots until
(in tow of weather moderates and relieve H.M.T. PROSPECT
MARAUDER). as escort.
(Contd.) (2) PROSPECT reports boiler trouble and MINALTO
is being sailed from Falmouth as relief escort.
(3) KINGSTON AMBER remain with A.F.D.69 and
MARAUDER until relieved by MINALTO.

(4) PROSPECT report amended P.C.S. to KINGSTON AMBER.

(5) KINGSTON AMBER report P.C.S. forthwith.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 151848B to KINGSTON AMBER, PROSPECT.)

Your 151651B.

Report forthwith whether you can remain with MARAUDER and tow
until arrival of KINGSTON AMBER.

My 151848B refers.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 151850B to PROSPECT.)

Your 151850B and my 151825B. Regret I shall not be able
to continue. Will endeavour to remain with MARAUDER until
arrival of KINGSTON AMBER.

(PROSPECT, 152053B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Reference 151848 from C. in C. Plymouth. My P.C.S. at
2030 was 46° 08' N., 09° 03' W., course (763°), speed 2 knots.
What are your P.C.S.

(PROSPECT, 152059B to KINGSTON AMBER.)

Your 151848. My position, course and speed 43° 37' N.,
09° 20' W., 008°, 7.5 knots.

(KINGSTON AMBER, 152135B to C. in C. Plymouth, F.O.G.M.A.,
PROSPECT, MARAUDER, MINALTO.)

Your 151903B. MINALTO sailed.

(F.O.I.C. Falmouth, 252332 to C. in C. Plymouth.)

NEMESIS
hulk.

Arrived Greenock H.M.S. NEMESIS in tow of D.S.
ZWARTE ZEE.

(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 151923B to N.O.I.C. Aultbea.)

Note: NEMESIS appears neither in the Navy, nor
the Pink, nor the Red List, but was accommodation
ship, Reykjavik, in 1943 and arrived Aultbea in
tow of SAUCY 4.10.1943.

CONRAD,
Polish
cruiser.

Your 141245 arrived.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 152015 to N.O.I.C.
Wilhelmshaven.)

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Friday.FOREIGN STATIONS.North Atlantic.

Submarine TELEMACHUS. Departure 0922B/15th H.M. Submarine TELEMACHUS for Plymouth, 24 hours late on my 131126. (F.O.G.M.A., 151026B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Movements. French ships HOVA and LORRAINE sailed Gibraltar 1900/15th to Oran 15. (2) WIZARD approx. 36.21 02.56 W. to Malta, 20. (F.O.G.M.A., 151036B to Admty.)

KINGSTON AGATE. KINGSTON AGATE returned Horta 0905Z/15th with defects. My 141937 refers. (S.B.N.O. Azores 151155Z to F.O.G.M.A.)

SS. MALINES. My P.C.S. at 1200B/15th June 40.25 N. 10.20 W. 162° 3 knots. (2) COMMANDANTE MILHEIRO not met and am not in communication. (3) EMPIRE JULIA has effected tow and is proceeding Lisbon LOWESTOFT in company. Consider presence of second tug necessary in case present good weather deteriorates. (LOWESTOFT 151202B to F.O.G.M.A.) My 151132*. Reads: British Naval Attache Lisbon LOWESTOFT. Shipminder Lisbon Repeated EMPIRE JULIA, HENGIST. Admiralty from F.O.G.M.A. On arrival of HENGIST (A) MALINES is to be taken in tow to Lisbon. (B) EMPIRE JULIA is to proceed in company to Lisbon and Shipminder Lisbon is requested to report on repairs required and time to repair. (C) LOWESTOFT to proceed in execution of previous orders. (F.O.G.M.A., 151242B) See 161723B. *Not identified. Your 151132B HENGIST joined at 2145B and Portuguese tug detached to Lisbon. HENGIST ordered to report E.T.A. Lisbon to F.O.G.M.A. repeated B.N.A. Lisbon. (2) My P.C.S. 039° 55' N. 010° 07' W. 006° 14 knots. (LOWESTOFT 152150B to F.O.G.M.A.)

LOWESTOFT. E.T.A. Devonport 0600B/18th June. (LOWESTOFT 152152B to F.O.G.M.A.)

PALOMARES Intend to sail PALOMARES at 1900B June 15th to Port Fighter Said for onward routing A.M. 211357 not to all Direction refers. (2) Speed 12 knots. Ship for E.I. (F.O.G.M.A., 151552B to F.O.L.E.M.)

K's. H.M. ships KILCHRENAN, KILDARY, KILKENZIE and KILHAM sailed 1915 g.m.t. 15th June. (H.M.C. Funchal, 152034 to F.O.G.M.A., Admty.)

/MAGICIENNE...

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North Atlantic - Contd.

MAGICIENNE. Sailed from Horta at 1815Z/15 MAGICIENNE to Plymouth for onward routeing to Granton. S.O.A. 14 knots E.T.A. p.m. 19th.
(S.B.N.O. Azores 152146Z to F.O.G.M.A.)

French Ships. Ref. my 141215B* para. 3 (not to C. in C. Med.) Sailed 152250B E.T.A. 161130B. S.O.A. 17 knots. (F.O.G.M.A., 152304B to Com. U.S.N.Base Oran.)
* F.S. LORRAINE and F.S. HOVA arrived Gibraltar. Intend sailing ships in company to Oran 1900B.
(See F.O.G.M.A. 151036B to Admiralty #370)

South Atlantic.

Air-Sea Rescue Stn. Destroyer ^eMARIS BARROS relieved BENEVENTE on Station 14 at 0950Z/15. Other interested have.
(Comsolant 151140 to BENEVENTE.)

Ships for U.K. (1) VIVIANA? INDIAN STAR? Intend sailing 1745Z/16th June 7½ knots, E.T.A. Dakar p.m. 19th.
(F.O.C.W.Af., 151249Z to Comar Dakar.)

LOCH class. It is understood that GOOD HOPE and NATAL may require tropicalization. Is it intended that this should be carried out on arrival of ships in South Africa.

(2) GOOD HOPE report by signal what instructions have been received and whether any appropriate material is on board.
(C. in C. S.A., 151646B to Admty.)
Reply 220126B.

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Mediterranean.

KIMBERLEY
destroyer
for U.K.

Sail at 1700B/15, S.O.A. 15 knots to Gibraltar.
(4) F.O.G.M.A. is requested to onward route
KIMBERLEY to U.K.
(V.A.M., 150850 to KIMBERLEY.)

CLEOPATRA
for E.I.

Intend CLEOPATRA to leave Mediterranean in
company with NELSON and SUSSEX to join C. in
C. E.I.
(C. in C. Med., 150958B to F.O.L.E.M.)
See 201218Z.

Bulgarian
Shipping.

Reference your 51791 (C.A.6)* We have had no
official information from Soviets of either sea
going or river craft of Bulgarian Merchant Navy
having been taken over. Should you desire de-
tails of river war fleets a further signal will
be made. It is thought that no vessels under (a) were taken
over as according to local press they all appear to have been
sunk in German service. No estimation is yet possible in case
of (b).
It is hoped a visit Black Sea and Danube Ports in near future
when such an estimation may be possible.
(A.C.C. Bulgarian (British Delegation), 151206B to W.O.)
* Not identified in W.R.

Berthing
problems at
Malta & Gib.

/ A.M. 132339B (N.T. in W.D.)
Para. 6. There is also an acute berthing problem
at Malta and Gibraltar. If all coastal force
craft are to be laid up in the Mediterranean it
will be necessary to delay the closing down of
C.F. Base at Alexandria and to retain additional
personnel there and at Malta and Gibraltar for the maintenance
of these craft pending Amty. decisions as to their final disposal.
It may also be necessary to use Messina.
(2) Para. 7. Detailed proposals will be forwarded in due course.
(C. in C. Med., 151231B to Admt.)

Yugoslavs
for R.N., etc.

/ My Mideast Message referred to in your 141256
contains policy recommended by Inter-Service
Allied Forces Advisors Committee.
(2) It is regretted that Naval clause para. 1
A is badly worded, and should read "subject to
confirmation from Admiralty, it is proposed that all those who
can be usefully employed should be enlisted in Royal Navy."
(3) This proposed policy was based on Foreign Office telegram
number 843 of 23rd May addressed Minister Resident Cairo.
Foreign Office stated that they were taking up the disposal of
R.Y.N. in Middle East with Admiralty, and indicated that they
would suggest parallel action to that being taken in case of R.Y.
Air Force personnel. These latter are being enlisted in R.A.F.
where suitable.
(F.O.L.E.M., 151321C to C. in C. Med.)

/Destroyers...

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Destroyers on Med. Stn. V.A.M. to administer. Re-organisation of administration of destroyer on the Med. Stn. As from 1st July, 1945 all destroyers belonging to the Med. Stn. will be under the administration of V.A.M. who will be advised on destroyer matter by Captain D. Malta. The appointment of Capt. F. will lapse (as ordered)? as there is a considerable difference in the staffs provided for the 3 D.F. 14 D.F. and 22 D.F. respectively, it will not be practicable to adopt a uniform policy in determining which. Administrative matter should be referred to V.A.M. direct by individual ships, and which should be referred to in the first instance to the Captain D or Commander D of the flotilla (concerned?). V.A.M. is requested to issue such instructions as are necessary in this respect, and to amend these instructions if and as necessary when the destroyer flotilla on the station are reorganised in accordance with the C. in C. Med.'s 08(14?)18B June. (C. in C. Med., 151704B to Med. Stn. 663B.)

Levant Sitrep to 0900 hrs. 15 June. (1) Towns. Jisr Ech Chougour. Quiet but tension continues. (2) Deir Ez Zor. Part of Coy Meharistes deserted 14 June. Gen Humblot arrives Deir Ez Zor 15 June. No further information yet received. (3) Tribal East Syria. Brit. Armed cs? despatched area Beggara Shammar fighting N.W. Hassette. (C. in C. M.E., 152045C to W.O.)

Situation Report No. 618. The first coasters berthed inside Genoa Harbour on 14th June. (C. in C. Med., 152107B to F.O.L.E.M., etc.)

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East Indies.

Ships for refit. Request early information whether F.S.S. CITY OF TOKIO can be accepted in South Africa for extensive refit to deck, engine room and refrigerator, insulation, arriving South Africa early July, and N.S.II. BONIFACE for docking, bottom cleaning, boiler cleaning and re-storing arriving end of July.
(4) For operational commitments CITY OF TOKIO is required back on Station end Oct. BONIFACE early Sept.
(5) Com. i/c Trinco. pass to CITY OF TOKIO.
(C. in C. E.I., 151109 to C. in C. S.A.)

C.V.Es. for operation "Zipper." Planning for operation "Zipper" indicates that ferry carriers SMITER and TRUMPETER will each be required to make at least three trips and should be available to leave Ceylon for B.P.F. about mid-Oct. A.M. 252130 May refers.
(C. in C. E.I., 151103Z to Admty., C. in C. B.P.F.)

Force No. 69 / Cancel my 200551 May and my 090631 June neither lapsed etc. to all. Codeword "Adoption" and Force No. 69 lapsed.

Rangoon (2) Intend to base 2 sloops on Rangoon in order to maintain one sloop on patrol in Andaman Sea north of lat. 10° N. Object to attack shipping.
(3) Period on patrol will be approx. 7 days.
(4) Sloops will be operated by C. in C. E.I.
(5) S.A.C.S.E.A. pass P/L to A.C.S.E.A.
(6) 221 Group pass to N.A.L.C. 221 Group.
(C. in C. E.I., 151214Z to Admty., S.A.C.S.E.A., etc.)

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LAMONT
L.S.I.(L)
for U.K.

Request you take appropriate action Combaseafon
141723 my 121615 also refers.
(Cominch 151548Z to Admty.) See 171102B.

Troop sailings W.O. 151800B June to B.A.D. Washington.
between U.K. See Lion Copy.
& N.A.Ports.

Movement.

Arrivals p.m. June 15th H.M.C.S. NEW GLASGOW,
MIMICO, PRESCOTT from U.K. via St. Johns N.F.
(C.O.P. Halifax 152038Z to Admty.)

Far East and Australia.

Re programme
of opera-
tions B.P.F.

Water freighters. My 120747 para. 3F refers.
The need for fresh water freighters will become
imperative in Oct. when it is anticipated
fleet operates from Eniwetok where there is no
possibility of obtaining fresh water.

(2) Owing to the acute shortage of fleet
attendant tankers CARELIA is being converted for this purpose
and as soon as the situation permits, AASE MAERSK will be
withdrawn and cleaned as a water freighter in lieu.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 150759 to Admty.)

Digest 1241,
14.6.45.

(1) Navy Searchers from Clark Field damaged one
large river boat of 1000 tons Canton River mouth,
sank one small coaster N.W. Macao.

(2) Mindoro based search planes bombed two
luggers strafed 12 barges one small cargo
vessel one small powerboat Camranh Bay, sank one river steamer
left another capsized and burning S.W. Saigon.

(3) Search planes from Palawan destroyed one small coaster one
patrol craft, damaged three small coasters. On 13th June Salawmi
searchers destroyed three small coasters one motor tender
Sabdjermasin, bombed Cape Jerijeh Radio Station, along Malayan
coast left sinking one small coaster, damaged one small coaster,
one large tug one patrol boat, 10 luggers, destroyed six small
coasters under construction.

(7) On Luzon 37 Division forged ahead 21 miles along Highway
Five capturing Santiago and Echague, patrolling to Ipil repeat
Ipil airfield S.W. Echague while 6th Division drive 10,000
yards N.W. Bagabag on Highway four against scattered resistance.

(9) At Brunei Bay 9th Australian Division secured Tifbalai
airfield, eliminated strong pockets West Labuan airfield,
reached N.E. tip Labuan Island, patrolled north and south on
both coasts without contact; on mainland other units consolidated
positions around Brunei town, overcame resistance north of town.

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Far East and Australia.

Digest 1241, (10) On 13th June 39 Liberators dropped 64 tons
14.6.45. Balikpapan ack ack positions causing large
(Contd.) explosions firing two storage tanks with smoke
to 5,000 feet. Same day two Liberators sank two
river steamers, damaged three schooners, three
river steamers, three small coasters, fired
shipyards Barito River Southern Borneo. Another pair Liberators
destroyed four damaged seven Schooners, destroyed buildings Bira
Southern Celebes.
(G.H.Q.S.W.P.A., 150910Z to Admt.)

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Troop Sailings between U.K. + N.A. 1945

151800B June

TO: B.A.S. Washington (IMMEDIATE) Date: 15.6.45
Info: CGS Canada for NDHQ,)
NSMQ & Air Force H.Q.) IMPORTANT
CYPHER

FROM: War Office.

IMPORTANT

52128 cipher Q(M)6 15 June. DTO.15/1800B

For DDMOV(OP) from D.Q.M.G.(M) and D. of S.T.

Ref. our programme Q(M)8/97424 cipher of 30 May para.9 as amended by our 50330 of 9 June and your QM1094 of 9 June herewith July and August programme.

1. This is based on -

(a) Use of QUEENS and AQUITANIA a/c USWD - use of SOUTHAMPTON not possible in period. Best guess of availability not before end July early August. Delay due to dredging. Programme will be altered when firm information available.

(b) Chiefs of Staff allotment for Canadian requirements of 26000 in each month with small allowance for other bids which cannot be covered in the 50 spaces per sailing in (a) above.

(c) ILE DE FRANCE and PASTEUR becoming as far as possible standard ships for Canadian requirements.

2. We understand inter-service allocation of Canadian shipping allotment is being undertaken by Canadian Joint Staff Mission London.

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Code	Ship	Wstbd cap	UK Port	Sails on	Arr.	NA Port	Sails on	Arr. UK	Arr. at
TA216	AQ	7404	C	21 Jun	27 Jun	HX	2 Jul	8 Jul	C
TA217	PASTR.	4489	S	23 Jun	29 Jun	HX	5 Jul	11 Jul	S
TA218	QE	14850	C	24 Jun	30 Jun	NY	5 Jul	10 Jul	C
TA219	QM	14850	C	6 Jul	12 Jul	NY	17 Jul	22 Jul	C
TA220	I de F.	9760	C	8 Jul	14 Jul	HX	19 Jul	25 Jul	C
TA221	PASTR.	4489	S	16 Jul	22 Jul	HX	28 Jul	2 Aug	S
TA222	AQ	7404	C	13 Jul	20 Jul	NY			(Dry Dock) NY
TA223	QE	14850	C	15 Jul	21 Jul	NY	26 Jul	31 Jul	C
TA224	QM	14850	C	27 Jul	2 Aug	HX	7 Aug	12 Aug	C

TA225/

(a) Code	(b) Ship	(c) Wstbd cap	(d) UK Port	(e) Sails on	(f) Arr.	(g) NA Port	(h) Sails on	(i) Arr. UK	(j) Arr. at
TA225	I de F.	9760	C	30 Jul	5 Aug	HX	-	-	{ Dry Dock NY
TA226	PASTR	4489	S	8 Aug	14 Aug	HX	20 Aug	26 Aug	S
TA 227	QE	14850	C	5 Aug	11 Aug	NY	16 Aug	21 Aug	C
AT228	AQ	7404	-	-	-	NY	23 Aug	30 Aug	C
TA229	QM	14000	C	17 Aug	23 Aug	NY	30 Aug	6 Sep	C
TA230	QE	14850	C	26 Aug	1 Sep	NY	6 Sep	11 Sep	C
TA231	PASTR	4489	S	31 Aug	6 Sep	HX	11 Sep	17 Sep	S
AT232	I de F	9760	-	-	-	NY	10 Sep	17 Sep	C

Note: Dates for AT 228 and 232 tentative.

4. You should point out to USWD that when the offer of British assistance was made in Washington we drew attention to the fact that periods of docking would inevitably arise during the loan of the QUEENS and AQUITANIA. While at the time forecast was AQUITANIA before 1 Jul and both QUEENS extending into Jul the position has now changed in so far as the QUEENS are finished and accordingly the AQUITANIA now falls to be docked.

5. (a) Above gives on Canadian account -

Jul TA220, 221 and 225 worth 24000 to be augmented by one WS ship during the month.

Aug. TA 226, 230 worth 9000 to be augmented by WS shipping during the month.

(b) Details of WS ships nominated for (a) above not yet possible but will be signalled later. There is probability that NIEUW AMSTERDAM to Halifax in second half Jul may be used to cover Jul allotment and provide advanced sailings on account Aug allotment.

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A.C.N.S. (F)
D.O.D. (H) (4)
D.O.D. (F) (2)
D.C. (2)
D.S.O.
D of P (2) (2)
D.T.D. (4)
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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

1. The boundary between The Nore and Portsmouth Commands is to run from Hastings to Le Treport.

North Sea.

2. (a) The German experimental torpedo ship DELPHIN has been sailed from Hamburg for the Humber.
(b) At Hamburg 54 wrecks or obstructions have been salvaged from loading berths of the river Elbe since May 10th, 2 merchant ships have been refitted and sailed and 11 others are in hand, work proceeding satisfactorily. 39 berths are available alongside for ships drawing from 19 to 28 ft.

Channel.

3. A.N.C.X.F's responsibilities in the Channel Islands ceased today and N.O.I.C. Channel Islands became the responsible authority under C. in C. Plymouth.

Norway.

4. Two mines have been swept in the approaches to Oslo by German sweepers.

Baltic.

5. (a) The Flensburg ammunition dump (see Sitrep of June 14th) caused about 215 German casualties, including 100 killed. A second explosion, of 800 depth charges, occurred ten minutes after the first.
(b) The Soviet authorities state that the Baltic will not be open for shipping in the near future, and Danzig cannot be used for some time.
(c) Search of the ADMIRAL ~~WES~~ SCHEER revealed 28 1000 lb. British bombs placed as demolition charges.

Foreign Stations.

Mediterranean.

Movements.

6. (a) NELSON and SUSSEX arrived Alexandria from Malta.
(b) ILLUSTRIOUS left Port Said for Gibraltar.

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East Indies.

Andaman Sea. 7. Sloops continued Tenasserim coast patrol - CEYLON has been withdrawn - on an Island of the Gregory Group Forrest Strait KESTNA destroyed about 15 large Sampans drawn up on beach by bombardment, p.m. the 8th and a.m. 9th June. No enemy activity was seen on the coast. 161156Z.

Operation completed.

(Destroyer sweep in Nicobar Channel)
8. Operation "Irregular" completed today and force numbers 64 and 65 have lapsed.

Far East and Australia.

Java. 9. Tonight 4 R.A.A.F. Catalinas mined Sourabaya waters.

Borneo. 10. 33 Liberators dropped 103 tons of fragmentary bombs on A/A positions Balikpapan, and six more Liberators hit Samarinda shipyards.

Formosa. 11. 64 Liberators dropped 256 tons of bombs including half tonners on Kiirun Harbour destroying several warehouses and small craft and started fierce fires. 51 tons of bombs were also dropped on Takao.

Japan. 12. 84 carrier borne aircraft attacked Amami Oshima, Kikai and Tokuno Islands (Amami Gunto Group, N.E. of Okinawa.)

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Policy.

Boundary
between
Nore and
Portsmouth
Commands.

Your 091306. Approved for boundary between Nore and Portsmouth Commands to read "from Hastings to Treport." (Hd. of M. II, 161103B to C. in C. Portsmouth, V.A. Dover, C. in C. Nore.)

Operations.

North Sea.

Fishing areas
for trawlers.

Your 151005B para. 2. It is not considered practicable to extend the limits of fishing beyond those given in para. 2 of my 301411B May. (V.A. Dover, 161045B to C. in C. Nore.)

Sailing of
U-Boats from
Wilhelmshaven.

Up to 27 U-Boats will be proceeding shortly from Wilhelmshaven for laying up in U.K. Of the above it is proposed that 2 type XXI 4 type XXIII and 1 type IX D.2 should go to Lisahally. The remainder consisting of 11 500 ton 4 740 ton and possibly 5 300 ton training submarines to Loch Ryan.

(2) Cpts. S/M report if these can be accepted and what extra moorings etc. are required at Loch Ryan.

(F.O. S/M 161051B to Cpts. S/M, Loch Ryan, Lisahally.)

Your 161051. All these submarines can be accepted. It is requested that their arrival may spread over at least 3 days. It is presumed that these U-Boats will have been disarmed and thoroughly searched. Arrangements have been made with F.O.I.C. Greenock for an extra 5 mooring buoys to be laid and given reasonable weather it is anticipated that they will be available by end of the coming week. There are at present 2 buoys which can be made available to take a total of 10 submarines.

(Capt. S/M Loch Ryan 161537 to F.O. S/M.)

Your 161051. Two type XXI and one type IX D.2 can be accepted. The four type XXIII cannot be accepted due to lack of berthing space and inadvisability of putting extra submarines on existing trots owing to low structural strength of jetty.

(2) If it is particularly desired that these submarines should come here it is proposed that four 500 or 740 ton submarines should be transferred to Loch Ryan; necessary steaming party to sail two submarines at a time can be provided if delay in getting U.1105 and U.1171 ready for trials can be accepted.

(Capt. S/M Lisahally 161632 to F.O. S/M.)

Your 151054. U-Boats will be ready to sail on 20th June.

(2) C. in C. W.A. 151738 not to all.. These measures will be carried out.

(3) My 121437. It is anticipated that U-Boat Depot ship SAAR may be ready to sail about 22nd and would be available for return of U-Boat ratings from U.K. Request I may be informed if this is a requirement.

(F.O.W.G., 161904B to C. in C. Nore.)

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Operations.

North Sea - Contd.

German experimental torpedo ship for Greenock

My 141114B June sailed negative STANFORTH, DUALA, LOUISE SCHROEDER, plus DELPHIN (German experimental torpedo craft about 400 tons) to Humber for Greenock - F.O. Kiel's 141431 refers.
(2) All German ships manned by German troops.
(3) DELPHIN has R.N. guard on board.
(Cdre. Hamburg 161227B to C. in C. Nore, F.O.I.C. Humber.)

Progress of (German) salvage operations.

From P.S.V.O. Germansalvage firms operating under our direction in Hamburg area are working well.
(2) Fifty four wrecks and heavy obstructions have been salvaged from loading berths and river Elbe since the 10th May, 1945.
(Cdre. Hamburg 161558B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Hamburg Situation.

Fifth outward bound convoy of eight ships consisting of FORT GIBRALTAR, collier ROLFSBURG, one ex French ship and five ex German ships sailed for U.K.
(2) L.C.T. 429 completed repairs to rudder and undocked today, also two merchant ships have been refitted and sailed. Eleven other merchant ships now in hand for repairs and docking. Work is proceeding satisfactorily.
(Cdre. Hamburg 161843B to A.N.C.X.F., Admty. D. of S.T.)

Situation Report.

Cositintrep No. 438, part II Naval.
(1) Ref. Cositintrep No. 437 explosion attributed to careless handling of explosives by Germans.
(2) Shipping casualty. Belgian fishing vessel sunk by explosion at 1300/15 offshore 5 miles south of Ostend. Crew of 21 saved.
(3) A. Hamburg (open to routine shipping.) Reference Cositintrep No. 428. As result of further clearance alongside berths now available are

No. of berths.	Draught.
1	28 feet
3	27 feet
1	25½ feet
4	25 feet
18	24 feet
4	22 feet
5	20 feet
3	19 feet.

In addition 1 berth draught 28 feet, 8 berths draught 24 feet and many berths of 18 feet draught and less are suitable for lighter discharge.

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North Sea.

Situation Report.
(Contd.)

There is no restriction to length of ships acceptable.
B. Eckernförde (open to urgent shipping by arrangements with F.O. Kiel.)
Alongside berths available.

No. of Berths.	Draught	Length of ship acceptable.
2	15 feet	300 feet
1	16 feet	250 feet
1	16 feet	450 feet
1	18 feet	450 feet
2	18 feet	450 feet
1	30 feet	600 feet

Only small number of cranes are available.
In addition 5 anchor berths for ships up to 500 tons.
(A.N.C.X.F., 162330B to Admty.)

Operations.

Channel.

Channel Is. revert to Admiralty.

To conform with S.H.A.E.F. Forward's 151300* propose that all Naval responsibilities in the Channel Isles shall now pass to Admiralty.
(A.N.C.X.F., 161005B to Admty.)

* Combined Chiefs of Staff approved that Military Command of Force 135 pass to the War Office.

Operations.

Western Approaches.

Mine clearance of Q.Z.X. 1563. My 141241 not to all. Request you will conduct the operation of clearing Q.Z.X. 1563 using 11th M.S.F. for this purpose. F.O.I.C. Greenock's 151819 not to all refers.

(C. in C. W.A., 161247B to F.O.I.C., Liverpool.)

Operations.

Norway.

German mine-sweeping in Norway.

Your 291545. A. Ship No. 47. B. 59° 30.3' N. 10° 18.7' E. C. Magnetic. Depth 27 metres 3rd actuation. D. June 15th.

A. Ship No. 01. B. 59° 30.3' N. 10° 38.8' E. C. Acoustic. Depth 29 metres 5th actuation. D. June 15th.

(F.O. Norway, 161516B to A.N.C.X.F.)

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ammunition
dump
explosion.

Cositintrep No. 437 part 2, naval.
At 0820/14 ammunition dump blew up on Eastern side of the Freihafen at Flensburg. 10 minutes later a second explosion occurred when 800 depth charges exploded. Ammunition was being prepared by 100 German soldiers for shipment into lighters. Considerable damage and 200 German casualties so far reported. Superficial damage to PATRIA but no Allied Naval casualties.
(A.N.C.X.F., 160035B to S.H.A.E.F.)

Russian
Y.M.S. to
Baltic.

A.M. 090150. C. in C. Nore is requested to provide one escort to accompany soviet Y.M.S. from Falmouth to Ronne, Sailing from Falmouth p.m. 17th June.
(2) Soviet Liaison team will embark in Nore escort at Falmouth.

(3) F.O. Kiel has been asked to include C. in C. Nore in addressees of his reply to A.N.C.X.F. Main's 141615 (passed to C. in C. Nore.)

(4) C. in C. Plymouth is not now required to provide an escort for this duty.

(D.O.D.(H) 160527B to Cs. in C. Nore, Plymouth.)

Your 141446. A frigate has now been detailed as escort and will not require fuel.

(D.O.D.(H) 160920B to Admiral Egerton.)

C. in C. Nore 151535. Russians request escort as far as position 55° 05' 48" N. 12° 49' 30" E.

(2) Should you be unable to route minesweepers by safe channel from above position onward to Ronne request you will confirm instructions already held by Commanding Officer of group to proceed by direct route to Ronne on course 090° ships in line ahead 4 cables apart with minesweeping gear operative.

(3) They further request that if Russian crews are not experienced enough to operate gear, they may work for a few days at Kiel or Brunsbüttel.

(4) Please keep me informed of movements of these ships.

(Admiral Egerton 161136Z to F.O. Kiel.)

At request of Head of Soviet Naval Mission, London, sailing of Russian Y.M.S. is to be postponed until 19th June.

A.M. 160527 para. 1 refers.

(D.O.D.(H) 161611B to F.O.I.C. Falmouth.)

Your 141615. Recommended route way one to position 13 thence way 52 position 4 in 54° 59.5' N. 14° 20.8' E. position 3 in 55° 01.0' N. 14° 26.0' E. thence way 52 A position 1 55° 04.7' N. 14° 38.5' E. Approach buoy (corrupt group) keeping leading marks in line to Ronne information about buoys as follows: Positions 9 - 11 and 13 may not be marked.

Position 9A marked as follows: owing to numerous wrecks, light and whistle buoy finders 2 red carries South Topmark in position 54° 37.6' N. 12° 25.7' E. Light buoy occulting, carries North Topmark in position 54° 36.4' N. 12° 26.0' E.

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Baltic.

Russian Y.M.S. Way 52 position 4 and 3 are marked by Spar buoys. Have no further information re minefields except as given in Admiralty Minesweeping Summary number 291. Para. 2 of your 141615. This will be arranged.
(F.O. Kiel, 161852B to A.N.C.X.F.)

8 Whale catchers available. F.O. Denmark 141252B being passed. Request Admiralty decision.
(A.N.C.X.F., 161119B to Admty.)

U.792. My 120934, inspection of U.792 by Cdr. (E) Hall and Captain Kleinschmitt U.S.N. now reveals damage so extensive that rebuilding machinery for service is out of the question.

- (2) Hull damage can be repaired to enable vessel to be towed preferably to U.K. where detailed inspection of (?middle) hull features including diving and steering control can be made.
- (3) Propose to remove certain items of Walter Unit which are required at Walter Werke for immediate use with type 26 tests.
- (4) Hull repairs now in hand at Howaldts Werke Kiel, request further instructions.
(F.O. Kiel, 161402B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Shewing the Flag at Kiel. C. in C. H.F. (Afloat's) 131927, 151151 and 151726. In order not to delay ZEPHYR unduly request consideration may be given to sailing ZEST and ZODIAC so as to R/V with OBDURATE and OBEDIENT at Brunsbüttel p.m. Monday 18th.
(F.O.W.G., 161817B to F.O. Kiel.)

Operations.

Northern Waters.

LASSO for Iceland. My 151414B June sailed.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 162300B to A.C.I.C.)

Operations.

Baltic.

Situation at 2100/16. U.1102 and U.2351 sailed for Brunsbüttel and Wilhelmshaven. This clears Kiel of seaworthy U-Boats. Effort is being made to transfer the remaining destroyers and torpedo boats before withdrawal of 117 R.M. Brigades. S.208 and S.306 sailed for U.K. via Den Helder.

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Operations.

Baltic.

Situation at 2100/16.
(Contd.)

UNITAS 21, 846 tons Whale factory ship arrived from Flensburg. SS. EBERSTEIN arrived in tow from Lübeck after delay due to bad weather. Search of ADMIRAL ~~van~~ SCHEER by B and M.D.O. revealed 28 1,000 pound British Bombs placed as demolition charges. These have been rendered safe and will shortly be removed. Now ascertain that error crept in during transfer of second U-Boat salvaged in the Canal. The U-Boat identified as type VIIC was in fact a different boat. Further signal will be made. German Naval Authorities at Flensburg have expressed appreciation of assistance rendered by British Naval personnel after Thursday's explosion. Ships Company of ZEST did much good work. German casualties now assessed at 100 killed and 115 wounded. British nil.
(F.O.I.C. Kiel, 162358B.)

Enemy Intelligence.

Details of U-Boats at Bergen.

Your 141521. U.437 unserviceable due to old age. U.228 damaged beyond repair by bombing of Bergen 4th October 1944, also U.993 sunk in floating dock. U.998 completely broken up defective due to old age. U.324, U.1202 require long refit. U.926 hull and frame badly strained by blowing tank with excessive air pressure. Further details U.1202 can be obtained from K-Lieut. Rolf Thomsen - sailed in command U.1271 arrived Scapa 4th June. U.256 not included in your 141521 is dismantled in Bergen due to old age.
(N.O.I.C. Bergen 161425 to Admty.)

HESSEN.

Remote controlled target cruiser HESSEN and Attendant control destroyers are lying at Nyborg. Suggest expert examination before deciding on the future of these ships.
(F.O. Denmark, 161545 to A.N.C.X.F. (Main))
Note: 190958 from A.N.C.X.F. request Admty. takes action.

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Navigational.

Baltic and Danzig. S.A.B.W. 928, S.A.B.W. 923*.
(1) Further report from U.S. Military Mission Moscow advises Soviet Authorities state Baltic will not be open for shipping in near future and that Danzig cannot be used for some time. Reasons are not stated.
(2) W.S.A. consider this likely to prevent 5 ships referred to our para. 6 from proceeding to Danzig. They have therefore asked U.S. Military Mission Moscow to enquire whether Soviet Authorities will accept them at Odessa. If Soviet Authorities agree vessels will load U.N.R.R.A. cargo for Poland together with some Russian cargo which has accumulated here. Soviets are also being asked whether they could accept additional three ships at Odessa if W.S.A. were able to make them available for U.N.R.R.A. supplies.
(C.S.A.B. Washington 161205 to C.S.A.B. London.)
* Not identified in W.R.

Movements.

GERANIUM, HYDRANGEA, corvettes. A.M. 180855 April para. 5B.
Two FLOWER class corvettes in good condition are to be reduced to reserve category B instead of C as they may be required for further service.
(2) C. in C. W.A. is requested to inform F.O.C.R.F. the names of ships selected.
(3) F.O.C.R.F. is requested to allocate reducing and laying up ports.
(A.C.N.S.(H) 160030B to C. in C. W.A.)
Admiralty 160030 passed to F.O.I.C. Northern Ireland.
(1) GERANIUM, HYDRANGEA detailed.
(2) Armament where removed is to be replaced.
(3) Admiralty is requested to give instructions as to replacement or retention of other equipment.
(C. in C. W.A., 161204B to Admty., F.O.C.R.F., F.O.I.C.N.I., Capt. D. Liverpool.)

BELFAST, cruiser. Leave Scapa at 2300B Sunday 17th June and proceed Gibraltar passing through following positions.
A. 57° 30' N. 08° 30' W. B. 55° 00' N. 12° 00' W.
C. 37° 00' N. 10° 30' W.
(2) Report E.T.A. direct F.O.G.M.A.
(C. in C. H.F., 161308 to BELFAST.)

U.1102, U.2351. My 141421, not to all addressees refers. Sailed 1000B today 16th June German U-Boat 1102 and German U-Boat 2351 to Brunsbüttel for onward routing to Wilhelmshaven.
(F.O. Kiel, 161521B to F.O.W.G.)

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A.F.D. 69
Floating
Dock.

KINGSTON AMBER's 161105B not to all.
Cancel para. 3 of my 151848B.
(2) When KINGSTON AMBER has joined MARAUDER
and tow, KINGSTON AMBER and PROSPECT are to
detach and proceed in company to Falmouth.
(3) Weather is now considered suitable and

MARAUDER and A.F.D. 69 are to resume passage to Gibraltar
independently until joined by MINALTO.

(4) MINALTO proceed at best speed to overtake and join MARAUDER.
MARAUDER keep MINALTO informed of position, course and speed.

(5) Warwick aircraft will assist in effecting R/V between
MINALTO and MARAUDER from 0800B/17. Aircraft will communicate
by V/S and on R/T 2410 k/cs using callsign Oldchurch Peter.

(6) Ships addressed acknowledge.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 161620B to PROSPECT, MARAUDER, KINGSTON
AMBER, MINALTO.)

Your 161620B acknowledged by KINGSTON AMBER, MARAUDER,
PROSPECT.

(PROSPECT No T.O.O./16th to C. in C. Plymouth.)

RODNEY,
battleship,
BELLONA,
DIADEM,
DIDO, CONRAD,
BIRMINGHAM
cruisers.

The following is provisional programme of
movements for Home Fleet Ships.

22nd June BELLONA from Scapa to Rosyth.

25th June DIADEM and DIDO from Rosyth to Scapa
for practices.

27th June CONRAD from Rosyth to Scapa for
practices.

5th July DIADEM, DIDO and CONRAD from Scapa to
Rosyth.

11th July BIRMINGHAM (C.S.10) from Portsmouth
to Scapa DIADEM from Rosyth to Portsmouth to give leave.

16th July RODNEY (C. in C. H.F.) BELLONA, DIDO and CONRAD to
Scapa for exercises.

About 23rd July RODNEY, BIRMINGHAM, BELLONA, DIDO and CONRAD
return to Rosyth.

(C. in C. H.F., 161654B to Admty., H.F.)

VINDICTIVE,
destroyer
depot ship.

Your 111705 being passed to C. in C. Nore.

Destination for VINDICTIVE is Sheerness pending
decision on placing ship in reserve.

(D.O.D.(H) 161659 to C. in C. H.F.)

NORFOLK,
cruiser.

Rosyth departure at 1632 NORFOLK.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 161731B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

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HOME COMMANDS.

Shipping.

Atlantic
routes under
threat of
ice.

Pass to N.C.S.Os.

On account of present ice hazards request you will, until otherwise instructed, route U.S. controlled westbound troopships and merchant ships to conform to routes A North Atlantic Track Agreement 1931 (vide Charts 2058B and 2058C) from 10° W.

(2) Attention of Masters of British Controlled ships should be drawn to the desirability of applying for these routes unless they prefer to keep to a more southerly course.

(3) Their notice should also be called to the B.A.M.S. broadcasts of Ice Information for North West Atlantic. (D.T.D. 161719B to A.I.G. 12, C.T.F. 122.)

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Ks. for U.K. Sailed Funchal 2000A Friday 15th June with KILDARY KILHAM, KILKENZIE in company. P.C. and S.. E.T.A. position (180° Bishop Rock 12 miles) 0400A Wednesday 20th June. (S.O.E.G.60 160015A to C. in C. Plymouth.)

BERKELEY CASTLE for U.K. Your 111132B June not to all. Relieved by SPIREA in air sea rescue position 19 at 0930B 16th June. My Course and Speed 032° 13 knots. E.T.A. Greenock 2100B/19th June. (BERKELEY CASTLE, 160945B to F.O.G.M.A.)

SS. MALINES Your 151242. It is preferred that on arrival Lisbon EMPIRE JULIA should be sailed to U.K. to renew towing gear and effect repairs. (2) A tug will be sent from U.K. to Lisbon when MALINES is ready to continue the voyage. (D.O.D.(H), 161723B to F.O.G.M.A.)

Movements from Agadir. U.S. redeployment Concur in Admty. 122215B and B.A.D. Washington 112021. Copies of which held by Admty. (Comnavnav, 161730 to Admty.) See 192010.

S/M STURDY Departure 1830B/16th H.M. Submarine STURDY for Portsmouth. (F.O.G.M.A., 161859B to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

A.F.D.69 Should MARAUDER towing A.F.D.69 encounter further bad weather assistance may be required on account of limited endurance of MARAUDER. (2) On completion of tow to Lisbon request HENGIST may be sailed to R/V with MARAUDER to accompany and assist if required. (3) MARAUDER to keep HENGIST informed of P.C. and S. (Admty., 161903B to F.O.G.M.A.)

COWICHAN F.M. Departure Horta at 1958Z/16th H.M.C.S. COWICHAN for Plymouth routed as in my 110845 S. of A. 12 knots. E.T.A. 1200Z 21st. (S.B.N.O. Azores, 162313Z to F.O.G.M.A.)

KIMBERLEY (destroyer) Destination of KIMBERLEY in U.K. is Dartmouth. Ship will pay off into Reserve Category "B". (D.O.D.(F), 162343B to F.O.G.M.A.)

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South Atlantic

Air/Sea
Rescue

Have relieved H.M.S. DITTANY on station 21.
(AMARANTHUS, 160850Z to F.O.C.W.A.F.)

Movement

Intend sailing GOODHOPE, NATAL, to Saldanha Bay
at 0800Z 17th June. Speed 14. E.T.A. 1400Z 26th
(F.O.C.W.A.F., 161150Z to C. in C.S.A.)

SAUMAREZ

Simonstown departure.
SAUMAREZ for Durban for refit. Route R.10.
S.O.A. 18 knots. E.T.A. 0800B 18th June.
(C. in C. S.A., 161204B to Admty.)

Frigate

H.M.S. BANN arrived Capetown.
(C. in C. S.A., 161441B to Admty.)

FALMOUTH
(Sloop)

Capetown departure 1335B 16th June.
FALMOUTH for Durban. Route R.10. S.O.A. 12 kts.
E.T.A. 0800B 19th June.
(C. in C.S.A., 161646B to Admty.)

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- 51st E.G. Approved to sail remaining Corvettes of 51st E.G. to U.K. your 151901 not to Admty.
(C. in C. Med. 161018B to F.O.T.A.L.I)
- Group of Soviet vessels leaving America. Your 141201 June (N.T. in W.D.) (?It was) my first intimation concerning these ships and it is apparent from para. 1 of your 141201 that they are not sailing as a group but independently and in unknown numbers.
(2) I will endeavour to comply with your para. 2 but must point out that this will entail much additional signalling and will be impossible if other nations request similar action.
(3) What information additional to Vesca signals, which it is suggested Admiralty should pass to Moscow, is required.
(C. in C. Med. 161422B to Adml. Egerton) See 181017B.
- SILVIO L.S.I.(L) Request you will sail one corvette of 51st E.G. towards Port Said to R/V with SILVIO and accompany her to U.K. am. 6th.
SILVIO has mine damage and unreliable engines which will not go astern.
- My 161018. F.O.L.E.M's 152010 neither to all refers.
(C. in C. Med. 161628B to F.O.T.A.L.I.)
Reference your 111048B. ✗ As I have received no information, request detailed instructions of action to be taken on R/V SANSOVINO.
(SILVIO, 161658C to C. in C. Med.)
✗ Sailing SILVIO.
- JEANNE D'ARC. Reported that F.S. JEANNE D'ARC will sail 18th for Algiers with French Navy passengers embarked.
(C. in C. Med. 161933B to Admty and F.O.L.E.M.)
- Levant Sitrep to 21 hours 15th June. Towns. (1) Aleppo. Clash reported between locals and French night 14/15 June. Some firing. Further details awaited.
(2) Lattakia. Morale TSdeteriorating. Approx. 50 desertions during June.
(4) Deir Ez Zor. Ref. our G.O.21747 of 15 June 150 Meharistes deserted from barracks night 14/15 June with arms. No attempt attack French. Deserters sent by Mohafez to Mayadine 25 miles S.E. Deir Ez Zor. Morning 15 June approx. 80 loyal Meharistes remained barracks with French Offrs. Brit. Offrs. entered barracks on request French. Gen. Humblot arrived 1000 hrs. and ordered Mehariste barracks to be handed over to Brit. leaving only caretaker party and complete evac. remaining Meharistes and French Offrs. to T.S. barracks under Brit. protection. Result means disintegration all three Mehariste Coys. formerly Deir Ez Zor Palmyra and Dmeir.
(5) Palestine. Arab public much quieter after Brit. intervention in Syria. No incidents reported and no evidence any direct support in men sent to Syria.
(C. in C. M.E. 162020C to W.O.)

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Mediterranean - Contd.

. ANSON

Intend to sail from Hasel Kapayis at 1500/17th
June in accordance with V.A.M. 131412. para. 5.
route direct to position 307 thence by Standard
Eastbound.

S.of A. 17 knots.

(ANSON, 162142C to F.O.L.E.M.)

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W/T Present provision of stations under Plan 'S' and Plan 'T' is:
 E.I. Stn. (A) one Monstas. (B) four Majas. (C) eight
 Plans 'S' Mines. (D) ten Midgas.
 and 'T'. (2) Of these only two each Minas and Midgas are being supplied C. in C. B.P.F.
 (3) Your 311246 infers that provision in para. 1 above may be excessive. Do you recommend any reduction.
 (4) Second W/T installation party when assembled will be sent to Colombo.
 (Hd. of M.II, 160124B to C. in C. E.I.S.)
 See 230918.

Re Your 061725 June. BLINJOE is not suitable as depot ship for harbour craft administration. She is not suitably manned for service in forward areas. Her very small accommodation for Europeans could not justify towage to her destination even if a tug could be provided. (C. in C. E. I., 160415Z to Admty.)

Monabs. For planning purposes further clarification of Admiralty policy regarding Monabs mentioned in para. 2 of A.M. 071500 would be appreciated on the following points -
 (a) Is it intended to ship Monabs direct to "Shackle"; or
 (b) To ship them to E.I.S. ?Prior to "Mailfist".
 (2) If (a) is intended some small type of mobile maintenance and workshop unit will be required for an interim period to cover possible shipping delays or unexpected acceleration of operations. The mobile workshop units can be provided from station resources.
 (3) If (b) Is intended it will be necessary to select a site for accommodation and storage near a port capable of unloading units. Shipping bids for onward shipment will also have to be lodged well in advance. The following details regarding the composition of Monabs intended for "Shackle" are therefore required -
 (a) Type of Monab. (b) Number of personnel in each.
 (c) Total weight of each Monab in shipping tons. (d) Heaviest lift in dead weight tons.
 (4) C. in C. E.I. 021006 May also refers.
 (C. in C. E. I., 160541Z to Admty.) See 291407B.

Operation "Irregular". Operation "Irregular" completed. Force Humber 64 and 65 lapsed. (C. in C. E. I., 161001Z to Admty.)

PENN, Regret PENN cannot be spared before arrival of first ship of second D.F. on East Indies Station in August. A.M. 122240 refers. (C. in C. E. I., 161041 to C. in C. B.P.F.)
 See 041109Z Sept-

/Movements ...

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Movements. Colombo 16th arrival F.S. LE TRIOMPHANT.
Departures DUKE OF YORK, VENGEANCE.
(F.O. Ceylon, 161117 Z to Admty.)

Sit. Rep. (1) Sumatra. D.10 with TARTAR, NUBIAN, ESKIMO
No. 18. sank Japanese auxiliary of L.S.T. type and
escorting submarine chaser 20 miles N.W. of
Sabang 12th June. Enemy ships had been reported
off Diamond Point a.m. 11th June by H.M. S/M

TRIDENT. Search by 222 Group Liberator commenced first light
12th June. Intermittent bombing attacks on destroyer during
forenoon. No damage or casualties.

(2) PENN sank camouflaged landing craft containing about 20
Japanese off Batu Islands 12th June.

(3) Andaman Sea. Sloops continued Tenasserim coast patrol.
CEYLON withdrawn. On an island of Gregory Group Forrest Strait
KESTNA destroyed about 15 large Sampans drawn up on beach by
bombardment p.m. 8th and a.m. 9th. No enemy activity seen on
the coast.

(4) Burma. 9 M.Ls. referred to in para. 3 Sitrep number 17
searched area west of Irrawaddy and north of Bassein showing
flag but contacted no Japanese. Naval Force Commander Burma
withdrawing 17 June when his duties will be carried out by
N.O.I.C. Rangoon.

(5) Ships at Rangoon for victory parade and review 15 5 June
included CUMBERLAND (flag of F.O. Air E.I.) CEYLON, KISTNA,
HINDUSTAN, NITH, NADDER, LINARIA, MEADOWSWEET, ASSAM.
(C. in C. E.I., 161156Z to Admty.)

BERMUDA. Intend to sail in BERMUDA from Aden at 0600Z/17th
E.T.A. Colombo 0130Z/22nd.
(3) S.O.A. 18½ knots.
(C.S. 2, 161240 to C. in C. E.I.)

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WARNING: This is an unparaphrased version of a secret cypher or confidential code message and the text must first be paraphrased* if it is essential to communicate it to persons outside British or Allied Government Services.
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Caribbean Regiment

From War Office.

161700B June.

Date. 16.6.45.

Time.. No T.O.R.

CYPHER.

Addressed Commander North Caribbean Area. Commander South Caribbean Area, C.C. Troops Bermuda.

IMMEDIATE.

52405 cypher (MC2) 16 June 45.

1. You should know that in spite of all our efforts there is no longer any possibility of employing Caribbean Regt operationally and it has therefore been agreed with Colonial Office that Regt should be returned to West Indies.
2. Suggestion that Regt should be called forward from Middle East to Italy was approved by F.M. Alexander, but owing to German collapse, no operational role could be found for it either in that country or the Aegean. Alternative employment of guarding Prisoners of War in Middle East not considered fitting climax to Regt's service overseas.
3. C.in C India has also been approached about possibility of accepting Regt for operations in SEAC, but has replied that sufficient Inf Bns are already available and that there would be no operational role for Regt.
4. C.in C Middle East has been requested to make it clear to all ranks that they are returning to their own countries with honour and that it is regretted that opportunity did not occur to give them chance to show themselves against enemy.
5. In view world-wide shipping shortage no ~~repeat~~ indication can at present be given when shipping will be available to return Regt to West Indies and Bermuda.
6. No statement about troops' future has been made to them at present and information in this telegram should be kept secret. Question of eventual disbandment can be considered by Governors after return of Regt to Caribbean.
7. Colonial Office are informing all Colonial Governors.

161700B.

Received in War Registry at 1409/17th June
Circulated by W.O. to W.O. Depts
Colonial Office, M. of W.I., Air Min., W.C.O.
and Admiralty.

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A.C.N.S. (P)
D.C. (2)
D.S.O.
D.N.I. (5)
C.I.C. (3)
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D.T.D. (4)

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America and West Indies

Caribbean Regiment. (W.O., 161700B to Commander North Caribbean Area, O.Cs. i/c. Bermuda.)
See Lion Copy.

Frigate. 15th H.M.C.S. LA SALLE departed Balboa for Esquimalt via San Diego. E.T.A. San Diego 26th.
(Compassaeron, 161810 to Cominch.)

UNSEEN, A/S training submarine. My position at 2300Z 044° 14' N., 063° 20' W.
(2) Course and speed 059°, 9. E.T.A. Pictou 180(?935)Z. H.M.C.S. QUINTE in company.
(UNSEEN, 162320Z to C. in C. C.N.A.)

Far East and Australia

Aircraft for transport B.P.F. It is evident that if supplies are to reach the Fleet by air during later operations suitable four-engined aircraft must be provided.
(2) The Dakota aircraft now in service with 300 Wing have a very limited range if they are to carry a useful load and are to allow any reasonable safety factor. The greatly increased distance between landing strips that will be involved in future operations of the B.P.F. will make the use of these Dakotas impracticable.
(3) It is therefore requested that every effort should be made to provide 300 Wing with sufficient four-engined transport planes to carry a load of 31,000 pounds every day on a 1,500 mile hop. A proportion of the aircraft to be fitted for carrying passengers.
(4) These planes should be of a type capable of carrying bulky loads for which the standard Liberator is not ideal. It is considered that the C.54 (Sky Master) aircraft would be most suitable.
(5) If such aircraft were provided their use would be complementary to that of the Dakotas. The latter type being used for internal purposes in Australia and also to provide the main feeder service to a convenient base where loads would be transferred to four-engined aircraft on the long distance shuttle service to advanced base.
(V.A.Q.B.P.F., 160239Z to C. in C. B.P.F., Admty.)

Digest 1242, 15th June. (Extract) (4) 1 Nocturnal Liberator dropped 3 tons incendiaries on Whampoa docks Canton.
23 Mustangs flew cover missions to Formosa.
(6) ~~Mudprance~~ Bay area 9th Australian Division
Brunei

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Digest 1242, 15th June. (Extract). (Contd.) consolidated positions around Brunei town, drove 5½ miles south-west Brunei - Tutong road, eliminated scattered pockets north Brunei town and on Labuan Island. (9) Night 12th/13th June H.M.S. ~~WARREGO~~ (Sloop) strafed enemy shore positions along Wewak coast. (11) On Tarakan Island Australian forces captured kep high ground East Hill 105 and North Hill 102 progressing further trapped enemy garrison in centre of Island. (G.H.Q.S.W.P.A., 160840Z to Admty.)

Blue Summary 15th. Ryukyus. 7th Inf. Div. made advances up to 1000 yards on plateau south of escarpment on Okinawa. Elsewhere only minor changes in front line positions. C.V.E. planes continued Sakishima Gunto neutralization. Searches Empire Area. F.A.W. planes probably sank 1 ft. damaged 2 SD, 1 SC off Shikoku. Dropped mines north-west of Chin Ho at southern tip Korea. F.A.W. 18 planes destroyed 6 SD damaged 3 SD and 4 fishing boats at Kozu Shima. Sank 1 SD off Kii Suido. Empire. 423 B.29s. attacked Osaka Amagasaki urban area by radar from 21,000 feet encountering nil enemy airborne opposition or flak. Blue submarine reports sinking 1 medium AK, 2 small craft. Possibly damaging 1 frigate escort. T.G.111.2 with C.V. IMPLACABLE completed 2 day Tecining strike against Truk destroying 2 enemy aircraft, damaging shore installations. Negligible opposition encountered. 4 cruisers and 3 DD bombarded Atoll from east. 1 British plane and pilot lost. 20 P.51s. damaged 1 SD, 1 SC and dock area Chichi Jima on 14th. Night PBJs. sank 1 small unidentified ship south-west of Chichi. 13 sorties Palaus. (C. in C. Pac. Adv. H.Q., 160901Z to All commands etc., C. in C. S.W.P.A., C. in C. B.P.F.)

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SITUATION REPORT

Home Commands

1. The 16th Destroyer Flotilla is to be absorbed in the 21st D.F. with consequent release of staff.
- North Sea. 2. A mine was detonated off Ostend to-day.
- Western Approaches. 3. SS. SOULIOTIS (Greek) (Gibraltar for Belfast) made a distress signal and reported being mined this evening in 51.07 N. 06.09 W. (about 50 miles southwest of Milford Haven) to which port she was towed on 18th.
- Norway 4. 65 enemy moored mines were swept in Lister Fiord to-day, 5 were swept about 16 miles S.W. of Hangesund, and 5 more in Sogne Fiord.
- U-Boat situation. 5. Number of U-Boats arrived in U.K. 112, U.S.A. and Canada 7.
Number of U-Boats afloat in occupied ports: Wilhelmshaven 19, Kiel 6, Eckernförde 1, Neustadt, 1, Trondheim 3, Kristiansand South 1, St. Nazaire 1.

Foreign Stations

East Indies

- Movement. 6. BERMUDA (C.S.2) sailed from Aden for Colombo.

Far East and Australia

- Borneo. / 7(a) Elements of 9th Air division reached Tutong in South westerly drive down Borneo coast from Brunei. Other elements landed unopposed at Weston N.E. corner of Brunei bay and troops advanced inland without contact.
/ (b) Minesweepers operating off Miri have cut 338 mines during last 4 days.

/ (c) ...

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Borneo
(Contd.)

(c) A Mariner attacked a submarine off Balikpapan with depth charges this morning lifting submarine high out of the water. 3 underwater explosions were noted 4 hours later, but no debris seen.
(d) A cruiser force covering minesweepers off Balikpapan where attacked by 7 Japanese planes dropping bombs this evening. No damage was done.

Japan

8. 18 Super Fortresses laid sea mines in the Shimonoseki Straits.
Heavy to intense and inaccurate flak was experienced but no enemy fighters were encountered.

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2nd and 6th D.F. for Eastern theatre. / The intended programme for sailing 2nd and 6th Destroyer Flotillas to Eastern theatre is as follows:
 A.M. 061135 refers.
 (a) 6th D.F. for B.P.F.
 CAESAR and CAVENDISH about 15th July.
 CAPRICE and CAMBRIAN about 30th July.
 CARYSFORT, CAVALIER & CARRON } when ready about mid-August.
 CASSANDRA } date uncertain.

(b) 2nd D.F. for E.I.
 MYNGS and ZENITH about 25th July.
 ZEALOUS, ZODIAC and ZEST about mid-September.
 ZAMBESI, ZEPHYR and ZEBRA about mid-October.
 (A.C.N.S.(H), 170100B.)
 It has been decided that MYNGS is to rejoin the 2nd D.F. as leader and that ZEPHYR is to revert to a private ship.
 (2) It is intended to sail MYNGS with ZENITH to the East Indies Station about 25th July. A.M. 162317 not to all refers.
 (3) Request your proposals for transfer of Captain (D) 2 to MYNGS and date when new C.O. for ZEPHYR should join.
 (A.C.N.S.(H) 170120B to C. in C. H.F. (Afloat)).

16th and 21st D.F. / Your 151100B* approved.
 (A.C.N.S.(H), 170110B to C. in C Nore.)
 * Absorption of 16th D.F. with 21st D.F.

OperationsNorth Sea

Sailing of U-boats from Wilhelmshaven / Your 161904B. Request number and type of U-boats to be escorted.
 (C. in C. Nore, 171022B to F.O.W.G.)
 F.O.W.G. 161904B para. 3. Request Admty. will reply.
 (C. in C. Nore, 171023B to Admty.)
 Your 171022. 4 type two, 10 type seven, 5 type nine, 1 type twenty-one, 4 type twenty-three. Total 24.
 (F.O.W.G., 171418B to C. in C. Nore.)

HOUND, CHEERFUL / My 161229. Sailing postponed 24 hours due to defect in HOUND.
 (2) M/S 10 acknowledge.
 (C. in C. Nore, 171050B to F.O.I.C. Harwich, M/S 10.)

M/S Flotillas allocated to Cuxhaven and Bremen / Your 161818B. *
 207th M.M.S. F. will complete 30th June.
 170th B.Y.M.S.F. will complete 16th July.
 163rd B.Y.M.S.F. will complete 1st August.
 Not more than one flotilla can be taken in hand at a time as number of diesel fitters is limited.
 (F.O.I.C. Humber, 171135B to Admty.)
 * M.S. Flotilla's allocated to Cuxhaven and Bremen.
 N.T. in W.D.

/Mine...

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Mine off
Ostend

One red magnetic ground mine detonated in position 054° N.F.7 3.5 miles.
(S.O. M/S 165, 171225B to C. in C. Nore.)

Movements
U/Bs

Your 161632*
Arrangements are to be made to transfer four U/Bs. to Loch Ryan. Delay in preparing U.1105 and U.1171 for trials must be accepted.
(F.O.S.M., 171244B to Capt. S/M Lisahally.)
* Transfer of S/Ms. N.T. in W.D.

Minesweeping
off Harwich

Intend sailing PARRSBORO, ILFRACOMBE, DORNODH, HERMETRAY, SIA LANCELOT, DALMATIA at 0600/18 to carry out C. in C. Nore's 151140.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich, 171413 to Admty., C. in C. Nore)

Sailing of
U-boats
from
Wilhelmshaven
to U.K. for
laying up.

Admty. 142008B.
N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven is requested to sail groups of U-boats as follows:-
(a) On 21st June for Loch Lisahally. Group one consisting of one Type XXI and four type XXIII. Escort provided by C. in C. Portsmouth.
(b) On 22nd June for Loch Ryan. Group Two consisting of five Type IX. Escort provided by C. in C. Plymouth.
(c) On 23rd June for Loch Ryan. Group three consisting of five Type VII. Escort provided by C. in C. Rosyth.
(d) On 24th June for Loch Ryan. Group Four consisting of five Type VII escort provided by C. in C. W.A.
(e) On arrival of RIOU on completion of duties in my 151535B (not to all being passed to N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven) for Loch Ryan. Group Five consisting of four Type 2.
(2) Any tupe IX D2 are to be included in Group One for Loch Lisahally.
(3) Cs. in C. Portsmouth, Plymouth, Rosyth, and W.A. are requested to sail their escorts to arrive Wilhelmshaven on 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd respectively.
(4) Route. No. 4 buoy in Q.Z.S.749 thence via Q.Z.S.732, 289, 727, 764, 762, 290, 334, 321, 322 and 323 to Duncansby Head. Thence NECRI Parts IV and V to Loch Ryan and Loch Lisahally.
(5) Communications.
(C. in C. Nore, 171855B to C. in C. Portsmouth etc.)

German
fishing

No Admiralty objection to coastal fishing in area contained in para. 1 of your 281610 subject to C. in C., Nore's 031642.
(2) Your 132117 is being considered. Request confirmation that coal will be supplied from German resources.
(Hd. of M., 172308B to F.O.W.G.)

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BAYFIELD

My 121347B.

CANSO and BAYFIELD delayed by defects. On completion of repairs request CANSO and BAYFIELD be sailed to R/V with M.S. 31 in Lat. 48.43 N. 09.31 W.

(M.S.31, 170920B to F.O.I.C. Falmouth.)

Escort of
4 German
coasters

N.O.I.C. Channel Islands 161218B.

HARGOOD sail as requisite to relieve DOCHET (S.O.) and CAMBRIDGESHIRE at position B off Portland Bill at 1000B 18th.

M/S - See p.p. 421
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(2) HARGOOD escort the 4 ex-German coasters to Downs thence proceed as ordered by C. in C. Nore.

A.M. 142008B and my 161111 (neither to all) refer.

(3) DOCHET report any amendment to E.T.A. at R/V direct to HARGOOD.

(C. in C. Portsmouth, 171300B.)

OperationsWestern ApproachesMine
clearance
off Clyde

My 011052B June. Area has been extended southwards to parallel 55° 30' N. as from the eastern limit of Q.Z.S.716 to the Arran shore.

Sweepers will enter the southern portion of the area to establish overlap while extending area and it is requested that ships may be directed to keep clear of them and any Dan buoys.

(Capt. M/S Clyde, 171040B to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

Ditched U.S.
aircraft
B.24

Possible ditched aircraft in 43° 46', 16° 00'. Investigate.

(C. in C. W.A., 171209B to MAGICIENNE)

Your 171305 (N.T. in W.D.) My P.C.S. at 1300B 046° 41' N. 013° 58' W. 236° 14 knots. Am proceeding to investigate up to P.L.E. E.T.A.

2215B/17th. At 0750B/17 aircraft sighted on approx. course 250° flying approx. 2500 feet in 045° 45' N. 014° 58' W. (BERKELEY CASTLE, 171315B to C. in C.W.A.)

SS.
SOULIOTIS
mined

S.O.S. Lat. 51.07, Long. 6.09 W. by mine collision acknowledged by Lands End Radio. No bearing obtained. Controlling Station Lands End Radio. R.A.F. informed.

(B.L.K.L. SOULIOTIS, No. T.O.O.17.)

51.07 Long. 6.09 W. mine collision.

(SOULIOTIS, 172126Z.)

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Norway

VALSE,
 DOLLART,
 D. SIEDLER

Your 140849B* VALSE and German ships DOLLART and DESIDERIUS SIEDLER arrived.
 (N.O.I.C. Kristiansand, 170810B to Cdre. Denmark.)
 * 21 German Merchant Ships DOLLART and DESIDERIUS SIEDLER escorted by H.M.S. VALSE sailed.

STORD

Your 141628 (N.T. in W.D.) concur.
 (C. in C. H.F. (Afloat) 171023B to Com. (D) H.F.)
 Propose STORD should proceed to Oslo.

Minesweeping, Am in full agreement with policy on Capt. W/S
 of all Norway 091146mt to A.N.C.X.F. (OKM).
 Coastal (2) I would be glad if F.O. Norway Oslo's view
 Channels and as to method of
 Approach (a) Operational control
 Channels to (b) Administration of German M/S operating under
 Oslo, Norwegian Naval control.
 Kristiansand, (3) XFO/1460 of 12th June refers.
 Bergen, (A.N.C.X.F.(Main), 171558B to Admty.)
 Stavanger.

Operations

Baltic

ZODIAC,
 ZEST,
 ZEPHYR,
 OBDURATE,
 OBEDIENT

R/V with SPERRBRECHER number 17 in Flensburg Fiord at 1630 today Sunday 17th June.
 (2) You are to proceed to Kiel by standard German routes maximum speed not to exceed 10 knots.
 (3) You are to be the only ship in convoy preceded by SPERRBRECHER number 17.
 (4) Communication portwave and HD routine.
 (5) E.T.A. Kiel 2200 Sunday.
 (6) You will proceed through canal with ZODIAC a.m. 18 to join ZEPHYR at Brunsbüttel prior to R/V with OBDURATE and OBEDIENT p.m. that day.
 (7) Acknowledge.
 (F.O. Kiel Command, 170021B to ZODIAC, S. and A. Concerned.)
 Rosyth Departure - ZEALOUS, OBDURATE, OBEDIENT.
 (C. in C. Rosyth, 171315B.)
 ZEST take ZODIAC under your orders and enter Holtenau Lochs at 09(00)B 18th, and proceed through Kiel Canal to join ZEPHYR at Brunsbüttel prior rendezvousing with OBDURATE and OBEDIENT. Speed not to exceed 8 knots, E.T.A. Brunsbüttel 1700B 18th.
 (2) Cdre. Hamburg is requested to arrange necessary sweeping and to route destroyers to destination.
 (3) Destination Rosyth. C. in C. H.F. (Afloat). 131927 refers.
 (4) Communications.
 (5) Pilots to be arranged in connection N.O.I.C. Kiel.
 (6) My 170021 not to all refers.
 (7) CELL.
 (F.O.I.C. Kiel Command, 171901B.)

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Baltic - Contd.

8 surrendered S.Cs. Your 141252B June.
Request you retain these vessels pending further instructions. Agreed M.O.W.T.
(D. of S.T., 170507B to F.O. Denmark.)

Russian Y.M.S. / Admiralty 132350 and my 141446 (neither to all).
Russians now state that as M/S require escort only as far as position 055° 05' 48" N. 012° 49' 30" E.
question of fuelling British Escort at Ronne does not arise.

Admiralty pass to all.

(H.B.N.M. Moscow, 170954B to Admty.)

Admiral Egerton 161136 para. 3. Should this work up prove necessary requested a local escort may be found to take Russian minesweepers from Kiel or Brunsbüttel to 55° 05' 48" N. 12° 49' 30" E.

(2) Present escort commitments do not permit of the return of RIOU being delayed for this work up.

(3) F.O.I.C. Falmouth is requested to pass Admiral Egerton 161136 to RIOU.

(C. in C. Nore, 171032B to Admty.)

Admiralty's 161655 not to you. Do not consider Kiel suitable for working up Russian M/S.

SPERRBRECHER and German M/S could accompany escort to Ronne but presume they should return with RIOU if she parts company earlier.

(F.O. Kiel Command, 171517B to A.N.C.X.F. (Main)).

U-boat raised from Kiel Canal
Cancel my 151749B*. Further signal will be made.
(F.O. Kiel Command, 171147B.)
* Second U-boat raised from Kiel Canal.

U-boat situation
(a) Number of U-boats arrived in U.K., U.S.A. and Canada 7.
(b) Number of U-boats afloat in occupied ports:
Wilhelmshaven 19, Kiel 6, Eckernförde 1, Neustadt 1, Trondheim 3, Kristiansand South 1, St. Nazaire 1,
(D.N.I., 171151B, to N.L.O. 21st Army Group.)

U.1102, U.2351
U.1102 and U.2351 arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven, 171737B to N.O.I.C. Cuxhaven.)

Casualties and Defects

PROSPECT
PROSPECT has blown down, have taken him in tow, have parted my tow rope, am standing by to take his line, request tug may stand by.
My position 047° 00' N. 007° 55' W. Have coal for 36 hours. Further signal will be made.
(KINGSTON AMBER, 170817B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

/Am...

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PROSPECT
(Contd.) Am now towing PROSPECT speed 3 knots course 32°. Towing hawser not suitable for faster speed. Request tug may be sent. My 170817 refers. (KINGSTON AMBER, 171106B to C. in C. Plymouth, N.O.I.C. Falmouth.)

H.M.T. PROSPECT with boiler defects in position 47° 00' N. 07° 55' W. at 0800B/17 with H.M.T. KINGSTON AMBER standing by.

(2) THAMES proceed as soon as ready by Q.Z.S.697 thence direct to position given and tow PROSPECT to Plymouth.

(3) KINGSTON AMBER keep THAMES informed of P.C.S.

(4) Communications.

(5) HOLMES is also proceeding from Plymouth to join KINGSTON AMBER.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 171117B to THAMES, KINGSTON AMBER)
My 171117B. Proceed with despatch to position given and report situation on arrival.

(2) Communications.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 171127B to HOLMES.)
My P.C.S. 270' Eddystone 2 miles 217 23 knots.
(HOLMES, 171338B to KINGSTON AMBER.)

L.S.T.
237 L.S.T.237 damaged in collision when berthed alongside at Princes Dock, Glasgow last night Saturday. Estimate time required for repairs not less than 14 days dependent on result of further examination and whether dry docking will be necessary and if so docking would have to be done at the expense of 2 L.C.Ts. No dock will be available before 22nd June.
(F.O.I.C. Glasgow, 170944 to Admty.)

ASHANTI Intend to sail ASHANTI at 1200/18 to Rosyth towed by tugs HENDON and ROBERT REDHEAD. S.of A. 6 knots.
(F.O.I.C. Tyne, 171010B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

Movements

E.G.16 CHARLOTTETOWN, STETTLER, ANTIGONISH, KIRKLAND LAKE, to sail 1830B/17 for Halifax N.S. Arrangements.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 171048B to C. in C. C.N.A. etc.)
Sailed.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 171844B.)

MANXMAN Intend sailing MANXMAN on completion of exercises about 1700B/18 to Gibraltar for onward routing in accordance with Admiralty's 121449B.
(2 - (4) Arrangements.
(5) MANXMAN acknowledge and sail to comply.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 171310B)
Arrangements.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 171513B.)

BELFAST My 161308 sailed S. of A. 20 knots.
(C. in C. H.F. (Ashore), 172345 to F.O.G.M.A.)

/Dock...

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Dock MINALTO report when in company with MARAUDER.
 (2) Weather outlook for your route. Between 45° N. and 40° N. and from Spanish coast to 13° West winds are expected to reach force 6 to 7 from N.E. being strongest between 41° N. and 43° N. and backing and decreasing to the southwards. Conditions may persist.
 (3) Desirable you should continue passage if dock tows satisfactorily. If conditions en route appear too bad to continue give consideration to:-
 (a) keeping further westward before turning south
 (b) returning to Brest or Falmouth.
 (4) Should use have to be made of HENGIST to assist it may be better to use her to tow in tandem with MARAUDER rather than to attempt to change over tow.
 (C. in C. Plymouth, 171622B to MARAUDER, MINALTO.)

Shipping and Convoys

Monsters Para. 2(a) of A.M. 270017 May is cancelled. For routing purposes westbound Monsters are to be treated as troopships. N.C.S.Os. will supply the route after consultation with the Master.

S.D.G.6 para. 5(a) and Pharos refer.
 (2) Convoy Radio distinguishing group need not be allocated.
 (D.T.D., 171050 to A.I.G. 12 etc.)

Sailings, N.O.I.C. Antwerp's 161724B* para. 2 confirmed. Humber - Independent sailings are not generally acceptable N.W. Germany between Humber and N.W. Germany owing to lack of escorts. L.U.C. convoys sail every 4th day. (C. in C. Nore, 171125B).
 * No sailings outside regular L.U.C. convoys are at present permitted.

T.A.M.1 T.A.M.1 arrived. Com. Southend 151724 and N.C.S.O. Ramsgate 160157 refer.
 (N.O.I.C. Antwerp, 171138B to C. in C. Nore.)

SS. MENAPIA SS. MENAPIA en route to Lisbon is to be sailed to Eire ships Barry Roads for examination before proceeding to return destination (Cork).
 (2) Future Eire ships are to be sailed to Holyhead for examination.
 (D.T.D., 171216B to Shipping Attache, Lisbon.)

Dover - Q.M. 7285. Considered urgently necessary suspend Calais Dover - Calais train Ferry service forthwith for train ferry period approx. seven days in order effect urgent service repairs to defective piling of quay wall. These repairs if not carried out may eventually require suspensions of service for three weeks.
 Proposed, therefore, train ferries be not sailed to Calais after sailings 18th June until Pec through Port. Comd. Calais notifies practicable date resumption. Searail five is requested confirm foregoing with all concerned. Agreed TN and P.S.T.O.N.W.E.
 (D. of P.(Q), 172106)

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North Atlantic

GWEAL. M/S A/S
~~Polish~~ ^{Transfer}
~~Destroyer~~ Position at 1000B/17, 36 degs. 09.5' N. 06 degs.
35.5' W. course 116 speed 7. No stragglers.
(GWEAL, 171000B to F.O.G.M.A.)

S/Ms. Intend to sail at 1900B June 17th S/Ms TURPIN
(S.O) SCOTSMAN and SPUR to Malta.
(2) S. of A. 12 knots.
(4) E.T.A. 1900B/21st.
(F.O.G.M.A.171046B to V.A.M.)

F.S.
YANNICK
JOSEPH. French Ship YANNICK JOSEPH, sailed 1845B/16th for
Bordeaux. My 161521 refers.
(F.O.G.M.A.171112B to Comar Bordeaux)

ANEMONE
Frigate. Intend to sail ANEMONE at 1000B June 18th for
Sheerness.
(3) S. of A. 5 knots.
(F.O.G.M.A.171150B to C. in C: Nore.)

BULOLO
L.S.H.(L). Intend to sail BULOLO at 1200B June 18th to
Alexandria. S.O.A. 12 knots. E.T.A. a.m. June 25th
(F.O.G.M.A.171630B to F.O.L.E.M.)

M.L.C.
returning
to U.K.
Neutral ports
(Shelter in). Commanding Officers of M.L.C. returning to U.K.
should be instructed how to act in the event of
their being obliged to seek shelter in neutral
ports.
(2) Sailing signals should be repeated to N.A.
Lisbon and N.A. Madrid.
(3) A.M. 101816 (N.T. in W.D.) Oct. refers.
(D.O.D. (H), 172054B to F.O.G.M.A.)

South Atlantic

Corvettes
for U.K. Simonstown. Departures 0950Z/17th June GENISTA
and MARGUERITE for Pointe Noire and Freetown for
onward routeing to U.K.
(2) S. of A. 12½ knots E.T.A. Freetown 0600Z/30th
June.
(C. in C. S.A. 171153B to Admty.)

/HALLADALE ...

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HALLADALE
(frigate)

Sailed HALLADALE coastwise to Capetown for
refit S. of A. 16½ knots. E.T.A. 1600B/19.
(Com. Durban, 171214Z to C. in C. S.A.)

Ships for
U.K.

Intend to sail ST. LOMAN and NORTHERN CHIEF at
1000Z/18th to Casablanca for onward routing to
Gib. and U.K.
(5) E.T.A. Casablanca a.m. June 25th.
(Comar Dakar, 171520Z to C.M.S.F. See 181726)

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Mediterranean.

Movement.

Alex. 16th June arrivals NELSON, SUSSEX.
(F.O.L.E.M., 170915C to Admty.)

SS. ATTLE-
BORO
VICTORY
(mined.)

ATTLEBORO VICTORY arrived 16th was mined 14th
proceeding from Odessa to Constanza. No
casualties. Further report will be made.
(Alex. W/T 171005C to Caserta.)

A/A sloop
& frigate
(BAY class)

ALACRITY and WIDEMOUTH BAY should arrive Malta
about 26th June for work up vide para. 2 A.M.
161157 May being passed to V.A.M.
(C. in C. Med., 171008B to V.A.M.)

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Trooping. Departure ENTERPRISE at 1248Z/16th. E.T.A. Aden
0300/21st.
(F.O. Bombay, 170349Z to Admty.)

BERMUDA BERMUDA sailed in accordance with C.S.2's 161240.
(Cruiser) (3) Requires 800 tons Fuel on arrival.
(Com. Aden, 170750Z to F.O. Ceylon etc.)

Movement. ZWAARDWISH D.S. departed 0900Z/17th June.
My 142345 refers.
(Capt. (S) 4, 170846Z to C. in C. E.I.)

Digest *Should be under*
1243 *Far East*
16.6.45 *Andriaba*
Extract. *from here.*

(1) Flying from Clark Field Navy searchplanes damaged one tug towing damaged riverboat southeast Swatow, destroyed one damaged 3 small coasters one fuel barge Vanton area, destroyed one damaged 2 barges Hainan Strait.
(2) Liberators from Mindoro straffed Lighthouses Cape Padaran and Cape Vaqella, Indi-China Coast, drove 2 tugs aground, destroyed 2 damaged 10 barges Bassac River (80 miles southwest Saigon).
(3) Liberator from Palawan sank 1 Lugger 2 large Coasters, damaged 4 small Coasters 4 Luggers Kuching.
(4) Night 15/16th June Mariners straffed 67 Junks hitting 33 in Hainan strait - Forty Bayard area.
(5) On Luzon. Total enemy casualties Luzon to date number 160, 868 killed, 3,264 captured.
(7) On Borneo 9th Australian Division pushed another $4\frac{3}{4}$ miles Southwest towards Tutong; on Barakan several important key terrain features were captured in centre of Island compressing still further enemy stronghold.
(9) On 14th June minesweepers operating off Miri-Lutong area brought total mines swept that area to 246: 3 Destroyers Roveredomii Sweepers, bombarded Miri and Lutong destroyed 4 ack-ack positions 1 observation tower.
(12) R.A.A.F. Operations for 15th June included 4 mine laying Catalinas, for 16th June 2 Prudwin Liberators heckling Makassar airfields, 5 Catalinas laying mines in enemy waters.
(G.H.Q.S.W.P.A. 170910Z to Admty.)

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America and West Indies

LAMONT
L.S.I.(L).

Your 141723/and Cominch 151548, neither to all.
Destination of LAMONT in U.K. is Clyde.
(D.C.O.D.171102B to Compaseafon, Cominch).
/ LAMONT delayed until 17th for repairs.

Navigation
Hazard Search.

My 141903Z. If Pontoon not located by 172300Z
abandon search, resume passage.
(C. in C. Lant, 171548 to Cominch)

Spanish
Trawlers
restrictions
relaxed.

In view of good behaviour of Spanish trawlers
fishing in Canadian waters, security restrictions
governing these vessels are relaxed as under.
(A) Fishing is permitted in off shore waters east
of 59 degs. W.
(B) Vessels may enter previously prohibited ports
of Halifax, Sydney and St. Johns N.F.
(C) Oil fuel will be supplied.
(D) Security control will be carried out at port of call and Bay
Bulls need not be visited.
(E) Short wave W/T may be used and direct communication with
Spain is permitted.
(2) Regulation remaining in force.
(A) Daily position report N.S.H.Q. Ottawa.
(B) Advance notice of entering port and reason for same.
(C) E.T.A. of in port addressed to Naval Control Service Officer
of Port, (R) N.S.H.Q. Ottawa.
(D) Ample advance notice of seasonal fishing programme,
particulars of ships engaged etc.
(E) There is no restriction on storage of salt in this port but
permission must be obtained from Newfoundland Commission of
Government to land salt in Newfoundland.
(3) Previously security restrictions may be re-imposed if
circumstances necessitate and ownership and master should be
advised accordingly.
(N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 171635Z.

Movements.

(1) FLAMBOROUGH HEAD departed Esquimalt to
Pacific via San Francisco June 16th.
(2) L.S.T.3514 departed Esquimalt May 23rd to
U.K. via New York.
(C.O.P.C. 171957B to Admt.)

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Far East and Australia

ILLUSTRIOUS C. in C. B.P.F.'s 090707 and Admiralty 170726 fitting as to ILLUSTRIOUS repeated C. in C. B.P.F. and A.C.1 Flagship summarised requirements as follows. requirements. (2) Admiral's bridge etc. (3) Offices etc. (5) Desired to emphasize that present employment of carriers requires the Admiral to be continuously on the bridge for periods of three and four weeks. Anything which can be done to increase space available in living quarters and bridge is therefore most desirable. (A.C.1, 170700Z to C.C.T.)

B.P.F. and A.M. 242042 April not to V.A. (Q) is cancelled. E.I. S/M Following is Admiralty policy on build-up of Flotillas British S/M flotillas in Pacific and East Indies. Policy. C. in C. B.P.F. 020234 May and C. in C. E.I. 161209 May not to S/M 4, S/M 8 or V.A.(Q) refer. (2) Eighth S/M Flotilla.

MAIDSTONE and 10 "S" class S/Ms. These are to be as far as practicable new construction 4" gun S/Ms. Fourth S/M Flotilla.

ADAMANT and 10 "T" class S/Ms, to be later superseded by "A" class. Second S/M Flotilla.

WOLFE and 10 S/Ms. These will initially be 3 "T" and 7 "S" class, to be replaced as new construction becomes available.

(3) C. in C. E.I. is requested to allocate "S" class S/Ms joining the Eastern Theatre so as to implement this policy.

(4) C. in C. B.P.F. is requested to review the situation every two months in accordance with para. 6 (c) of his 020234 May.

(Sec to A.C.N.S.(F) Approved. A.C.N.S.(F), 172315B to C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C. E.I.) See 220257Z. r 030709Z July.

161041Z JULY from C in C. E. I

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Home Commands.

- CASSANDRA. 1.(a) The destroyer CASSANDRA, which was torpedooed on 11th December, 1944 whilst escorting convoy R.A. 62, arrived at Rosyth today from Kola.
- U-Boats. (b) C.T.F. 126 sends a list of 38 U-Boats (including 6 unfinished) accounted for in the U.S. enclave of the Weser.

Foreign Stations.

Mediterranean.

- Movement. 2. JEANNE D'ARC sailed from Bizerta for Algiers.

Far East and Australia.

- Java. 3. Night of 17th June 4 Catalinas mined Sourabaya waters.
- China. 4. Three U.S.N. Liberators sank one small freighter and damaged another off Hainan Island.
- Formosa. 5. 52 U.S. Liberators dropped 179 tons of bombs on warehouses and harbour installations at Kiirun causing several explosions and large fires and destroyed several small craft in the harbour.
- Japan. 6. Approximately 458 U.S. Super Fortresses bombed Kagishima, Omuta, Hamamatsu and Yokkaichi yesterday and today.

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Policy.

L.S.Ts. As from 15th June info. L.S.Ts. reverted to your administration.
(Capt. L.S.T. Tilbury, 181404B to R.A.L.S.C.U.)

Operations.

North Sea.

ZEPHYR, To comply with C. in C. H.F. Afloat's 131927B sail
ZEST, ZEPHYR, ZEST, ZODIAC as convenient to R/V at
ZODIAC. No. 4 buoy at 1730 tomorrow Tuesday. N.O.I.C.
Cuxhaven and N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven to arrange
M/S protection to No. 4 buoy.
(3) Speed of destroyers not to exceed 12 knots
between No. 4 buoy and P.10 buoy.
(4) Capt. (D) 2 report E.T.A. Rosyth.
(F.O.W. Germany 181115B.)
Orders to proceed.
(R.N.O. Brunsbüttel 181758B to ZEST, ZODIAC.)
Note: c.f. F.O. Kiel Command 181511B in Baltic Section.

Sailing of U-Boat's from Wilhelmshaven SAAR. F.O.W.G's 161904 not to F.O. S/M para. 3. There are no requirements for U-Boat depot ship SAAR as far as C. in C. W.A. is concerned. The existing arrangements of handing over surplus Germans to the Military Authorities is working satisfactorily. It is understood that F.O. S/M has no requirement for this German depot ship.
(2) It is considered that any special treatment regarding repatriation of surplus crews might well give rise to undesirable reactions amongst U-Boat crews already held in military custody.
(C. in C. W.A., 181250B to Admty.)

U-Boat in U.S. enclave of Weser. Your 031015B*. Following U-Boats accounted for U.S. enclave.
Sunk at Bremen numbers 430, 3006, 872, 884, 72, one number unknown and six unfinished boats.
Numbers 3048 and 3049 reported Bremen mid April possibly later scuttled Outer Weser.
Numbers 3028 and 3029 and one incomplete boat reported departed Bremen late April possibly scuttled Outer Weser.
Sunk at Vegesack. Number 704.
Sunk at Nordenham number 323 Olt. Dubinsky. At Bhaven afloat numbers 1197, 1232 badly damaged, sunk in Harbour number 121.
Sunk in Weser Estuary numbers 3001 Klt. Peters, 3005 Klt. Hinrichs, 3009 Klt. Schump, 3047 Olt. Seiler, 3050 Olt. Neumann 3051 Olt. Reimann, 3501 Klt. Schmits-Wdichert 3527 Klt. Kronenbitter 3528 Klt. Zwarg, possibly also numbers 3509, 38 Olt. Bartel 779 Olt. Stegmann 733, 368, 822, 828
(C.T.F. 126, 181325B.)
* Not identified in W.R.

199th M/S Aux. Group. Your 221832B April not to all.
As 199th M/S Aux. Group is not now required by F.O. Holland, propose returning vessels now at Terneuzen to Sheerness or as required by C. in C. Nore.
(F.O. Belgium, 181655 to A.N.C.X.F.) /Flushing...

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North Sea - Contd.

Flushing
Sitrep.

A. Lock repairs.

(1) Water level in canal through Walcheren impounded.

(2) Proceeding on the stepping of 2 outer flood-gates, 20 M Lock and repairing of Quay wall.

B. Schelde Dockyard.

(1) Number of employees 2547.

(2) L.S.T. 419 and tug DONAU in big dry dock. B.Y.M.S. 2063 and houseboat in small dry dock.

C. Harbour repairs.

(1) Salvage operations on 500 ft. coal pontoon and ex German minesweeping continuing.

(2) Survey of block ships commenced together with that of large barge found by divers just to seaward and southeast of block ships.

(3) KINGARTH, SALVAGE CHIEFTAIN and L.C. 23 refitting. (N.O.I.C. Flushing 181711B.)

M/S Flotillas allocated to Cuxhaven & Brunsbuttel.

Dates given in your 171135 are not acceptable operationally. Request detailed report by quickest means of work required so that consideration can be given to taking in hand elsewhere, and whether there is any reason why B.Y.M.S. flotillas cannot be considered as available for operations on conclusion of leave period.

(D.M.S., 181935B to F.O.I.C. Humber.)

M/S F. 1.

(Extract.)

Have completed all but one lap of check sweep in J. Formation. Swept depth 6 fathoms. Negative result. Sweeping held up by parting on obstructions

(2) Intend anchoring at northern end of area for night and commencing final lap at 0500.

(S.O. M/S F. 1 182214 to C. in C. Nore.)

Cositintrep No. 440, part 2 Naval.

Rotterdam. Open to routine shipping. Ref. Cositintrep 409. Ships of draught up to 29 feet can now be accepted at any time. On (?one) berth for ships of draught 30 feet now available. (Burrough Signed Eisenhower, 182253.)

Operations.

Western Approaches.

SS. SOULIOTIS. Minefield 50' S.W. of Milford Haven. Greek ship SOULIOTIS reports having struck a mine in position 51° 09' N. 06° 14' W. am investigating. (STOCKHAM 180040B to Liverpool.)

Proceed forthwith to position 50° 44' N. 06° 00' W. and await arrival of NARBOROUGH act under his orders to assist ship mined in Q.Z.X. 1582 do not enter Q.Z.X. 1582, 1018, 1006.

(Admiral Plymouth 180100B to ZWARTE ZEE.)

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Your 180040.

SS. SOULIOTIS. Keep clear of Q.Z.X. 1018 and 1465 and 1582.
Minefield (C. in C. W.A., 180125B to STOCKHAM.)
50' S.W. of Here note condition is as follows - fore peak
Milford Haven. and Nr. 1 are full of water, Nr. 2 is dry
(Contd.) (unread), proceeding (unread) power to Milford
Haven, but we want assistance in case ship
(unread) worse.

(SOULIOTIS, No T.O.O. Recd. 0140.)

Your 180214. Intend standing by vessel until she can steam and
then escort to Milford Haven.

(STOCKHAM 180247 to C. in C.W.A.)

SOULIOTIS turned over to tug FREEDOM in vicinity of 051°
50' N. 006° 27' W. SOULIOTIS has number one hold flooded no
casualties and making 6 knots. Am proceeding in execution of
previous orders at 16 knots. Fuel remaining 88% 18 days.

(STOCKHAM 181120.)

My 180631B. H.M.R.T. FREEDOM returned in company with
SOULIOTIS.

(F.O.I.C. Milford Haven 182015B.)

Ditched U.S. My 172330B*. Have searched area 45 miles to
aircraft southward of 045° 30' N. between 016° 30' 016° 20'
B.24. W. My P.C.S. at 0930B 044° 45' N. 016° 25' W.
032° 13.5 knots.

Intend searching on this M.L.A. until 1730B/18th
and then proceed to Greenock.

E.T.A. 0430B/21st June. Fuel remaining 32%.

Daily consumption 6.2%. 37822022.

(BERKELEY CASTLE 181101B to C. in C. W.A.)

* (N.T. in W.D.)

Aircraft reports two dinghies in 45° 17' 14° 08' and 45°
30' 13° 45' at 0949Z.

(C. in C. W.A., 181218B to DUMBARTON CASTLE, BERKELEY CASTLE)

Your 181218B my P.C.S. 044° 53' 016° 28' 075° 16 knots.

E.T.A. Position Dinghies 1930B.

(DUMBARTON CASTLE 181245B to C. in C. W.A.)

Re relief of AMBERLEY CASTLE by BAYNTUN.

(C. in C. W.A., 181311B.)

Proceeding with all despatch to investigate dinghies
reported by aircraft in 045°.9 N. 014° 08' W. and 045° 30' N.
013° 45' W., E.T.A. 1800B.

(BERKELEY CASTLE 181320B.)

Your 181218B nearest dinghy bearing 250° 100 miles at 1120Z
am proceeding to position to investigate at 16 knots E.T.A.
position 1800Z.

(MAGICIENNE 181325B to C. in C. W.A.)

Have completed searching vicinity 043° 46' 016° 00' without
result.

My P.C.S. 043° 33' 016° 17' (9000°, 213° or 285°) 12 knots at
1330B. Intend searching eastern half of area between parallels
043° 45' and 045° N. and 015° 50' and 017° 00'. DUMBARTON
CASTLE's 180405 refers. No contact has yet been made with co-
operating aircraft.

(SPIREA 181412B to C. in C. W.A., DUMBARTON CASTLE.)

/Please...

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Ditched U.S. aircraft B.24. (Contd.) Please pass to all concerned. My P.C.S. at 1600B 044° 10' 015° 44' 277° 15 knots. Am proceeding reported position of 2 life rafts. In 044° 15' 016° 50' E.T.A. 1900B today Monday. (SPIRAEA, 181630B to C. in C. W.A.) Your 181311B. Intend to leave position 16 at 2300. S.O.A. 11 knots. (AMBERLEY CASTLE 181926B.)

Your 181218. Have passed through both positions at 1740B and 1940B respectively. Nothing sighted and no aircraft in vicinity. Have now reached P.L.E. and am proceeding to Greenock. (BERKELEY CASTLE 182001B to C. in C. W.A.)

- (1) DUMBARTON CASTLE continue search present area until further orders.
- (2) MAGICIENNE continue search to P.L.E. then proceed to Plymouth.
- (3) STOCKHAM continue to position 18.
- (4) SPIRAEA if not in touch with survivors return now to position 19 under orders of F.O.G.M.A.
- (5) BERKELEY CASTLE has reached P.L.E. and left area. (C. in C. W.A., 182345B to DUMBARTON CASTLE, MAGICIENNE, SPIRAEA, STOCKHAM.)

Operations.

Norway.

Minesweeping in Norway. A.M. 151814B. Concur in remarks of Capt. M/S Norway. (C. in C. Rosyth 181010B.)

Minesweeping in Lister Fjord. My 121148. After delays due to weather 9th M/S Flotilla recommenced operations yesterday 17th June. 65 mines were swept between lats. 058° 15" N. and 058° 14" N. Check sweep of area is commencing today. (Capt. M/S Norway 181054B.)

Victory parade at Oslo. Proposal that a cruiser should visit Oslo in order to provide the necessary personnel to take part in a parade and march past before H.M. The King on June 24th. Ship should arrive a.m. 23rd and be prepared to land minimum of 100 men with band. (F.O. Norway, 181108B to Admty.)

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Northern Waters.

Unidentified Motor Boat. Unidentified Motor Boat observed passing Green Harbour Ice Fjord Head Forlandet 18th June at 0945B hours.
("Ploughshare" 181850Z.)

Operations.

Baltic.

Russian Y.M.S. Admiral Egerton's 161136 which has been passed to A.N.C.X.F. and C. in C. Nore.
Para. 1. This will be done. British escort and German Minesweepers will part company at this position.
Para. 2. F.O. Kiel is requested to signal onward route for minesweepers from position in para. 1 as this information is required before sailing.
Para. 3. Intend any necessary working up should be done at Falmouth before departure as waters at Kiel and Brunsbüttel are dangerous and congested.
(A.C.N.S.(H) 180004B.)
A.M. 180004. Sailing of Russian Y.M.S. is postponed. Ships will work up at Falmouth and further signal will be made when sailing date is known.
(2) N.O.I.C. Falmouth is requested to sail RIOU as required by C. in C. Nore.
(A.C.N.S.(H) 181215B.)
Admiralty 181215B para. 2.
Request you will retain RIOU at Falmouth to act as escort for Russian Y.M.S. provided the sailing date is not later than 22nd June. After this date there will not be a Nore escort available for at least one week.
(C. in C. Nore 181815B to F.O.I.C. Falmouth.)
F.O. Kiel's 161852. In view of alteration in route it is intended that, subject to concurrence of A.N.C.X.F., British Escort and German minesweepers should part company on Way one in position (II) 54° 43.2' N. 12° 40' E.
(2) Onward route to Ronne is through positions
(12) 54° 44' N. 12° 58' E.
(13) 54° 45.7' N. 13° 33.9' E.
and as in above quoted signal.
(3) A.M. 131550. For Commander Brykin read Commander Shandabylov.
(A.C.N.S.(H) 181943B.)

U. 792.

Your 161402* not to F.O. S/M.
Hull repairs are to be completed sufficient for towage to U.K. Estimated date of completion being signalled.
(2) Proposal in para. 3 approved.
(A.N.C.X.F. (Main) 181213B to F.O. Kiel.)
* Inspection of U. 792.

/ZEST...

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ZEST,
ZODIAC.

ZEST arrived Kiel 2300/17, ZEST and ZODIAC sailed Kiel for Rosyth 0900/18th.
(F.O. Kiel Command, 181511B to A.N.C.X.F.(Main))

Situation
at 2100/
18.

ZEST and ZODIAC sailed for Rosyth.
UNITAS, 21,846 three tugs left and is proceeding slowly through the canal,
Daily convoy of two ships from Flensburg to Kiel continues. 5 R-Boats arrived for onward passage to Holland.

Sweeping of fishing ground continues.

Today inspected German M/S base and personnel at Freidrichsort, including all M/S in harbour. Morale high, observing absence of pay and leave and uncertainty regarding their families. All ships clean and tidy. Have arranged leave ~~one~~ per week, but area limited by Typhus.

Am leaving p.m. tomorrow Tuesday, for conference at Minden.
(F.O.I.C. Kiel, 182358B.)

Casualties & Defects.

CASSANDRA
(torpedoed
11/12/44)

Rosyth arrival ONSLAUGHT, CASSANDRA.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 181222B.)

FLATHOLM.

Regret to report FLATHOLM grounded at 0400/17th stripping propellor and doing slight damage to hull. A board of enquiry is being convened. A relief will be required and in the meantime permission is requested to retain BARDSEY. Your 161133 refers.
(N.O.I.C. Stavanger 181739 to C. in C. Rosyth.)

PROSPECT.

Arrived in tow of THAMES.
(C. in C. Plymouth 182256B.)

Movements.

U.2511,
U.2506.

Escorting U.2511 and 2506 in view of weather forecast intend coming Lerwick. German U-Boats cannot anchor and are unsuitable to come alongside me.
(FOLEY 180925B to N.O.I.C. Lerwick.)
Arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Lerwick 181450B.)

CARISBROOKE
CASTLE.

Arrived Clyde.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock 181049B to F.O.G.M.A.)

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- A.F.D. 67. My 171852B June sailed*
(F.O.I.C. Falmouth 181105B, 191247B to F.O.G.M.A.)
* H.M.R.T. FLAUNT towing A.F.D. 67 escorted by RUBY.
- U.1023. Intend to sail U.1023 to Swansea by standard route unescorted on surface.
(2) - (4) Arrangements.
(5) U.1023 sail to comply.
(F.O.I.C. Cardiff 181505B.)
- SIRDAR. SIRDAR's passage report blank.
(S/M 5 181530B.)
- HART. Pass Gate 1700B/19 and proceed to Gibraltar.
A.M. 231543 May refers.
(2) - (4) Arrangements.
(C. in C. Plymouth 181624B to HART, 181625B.)
- MANXMAN. My 171310B* sailed.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 181756B.)
* Intend sailing MANXMAN about 1700/18th to Gibraltar for onward routeing.

Shipping & Convoys.

- Dover-Calais train ferry service. Ref. 172106. Train ferry sailings Dover to Calais postponed for one week from 20 June inclusive consequent upon necessary repairs to defective piling at Calais.
(Searail V 181700B.)

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North Atlantic

Re HENGIST
to R/V
with
MARAUDER
towing
A.F.D.69

HENGIST failed to receive my 170902B in time to act on paragraph 4 and returned to Gibraltar.
(2) HENGIST fuelled and sailed at 0600B/18th speed 12 knots.
(3) E.T.R/V 0001B/20th.
(4) MARAUDER to keep HENGIST informed of P.C.S. (F.O.G.M.A., 180647B to Admty., MARAUDER etc.)

KIMBERLEY
(Destroyer)

Intend to sail KIMBERLEY at 2000B June 18th for Dartmouth.

(3) S. of A. 15 knots.
(4) E.T.A. 2200B June 21st.
(F.O.G.M.A., 180907B to C. in C. Plymouth.)
(See F.O.G.M.A. 182020B *intro*)

Corvette

Intend to sail MIGNONETTE and GWEAL? at 1000B 19th June to Plymouth.

(3) S. of A. MIGNONETTE 12 knots. GWEAL 9 knots
(4) E.T.A. MIGNONETTE 0600B June 22nd. GWEAL 1000B June 24th.
(F.O.G.M.A., 181115B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Movement

Intend to sail ST. ZENO? (S.O.) and LADY ROSEMARY? at 0900B 19th June to Falmouth.

(2) Route.
(4) E.T.A. 0600B 23rd June.
(F.O.G.M.A., 181207B to F.O.I.C. Falmouth.)

Aircraft
search

Reference my 181151B* (N.T. in W.D.)
Liberator now landed.

(2) AIRE and DART to continue to Gibraltar.
(F.O.G.M.A., 181607B to TELEMACHUS, DART, AIRE.)
* Last known position of Liberator aircraft
H.M.S. AIRE and DART to carry out search.

NEBULA,
NIMBUS
whalers

Ministry of Marine informs me that NEBULA and NIMBUS have put in at Puerto Descado de la Luz. (B.N.A. Madrid, 181809B to Admty.) See 190840B.

Hunt
Destroyer

Arrival H.M.S. EGGESFORD 1820B.
(F.O.G.M.A., 181831B to Admty.)

L.S.H.(L)

Departure 1400B/18th BULOLO bound Alexandria.
(F.O.G.M.A., 181921B to F.O.L.E.M.)

Movements

Departures 18th 1730 H.M.T. TURCOMAN for Falmouth
2000 KIMBERLEY for Dartmouth.
(F.O.G.M.A., 182020B to Admty.)

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South Atlantic

Movement (Destroyer) SAUMAREZ arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Durban, 180457Z to C. in C.S.A.)

Air/Sea Rescue AMARANTHUS returning harbour defective. Air/sea rescue station 21 will not be manned until about noon 20th.
(F.O.C.W.Africa, 180935Z to Cdr. S.A. Force, 4th Fleet.)

Intend sailing COWSLIP 1200Z today to Air/Sea Rescue Station 21. E.T.A. noon 20th. My 180935 not to all refers.
(F.O.C.W.Af., 181121Z to Com. 4th Fleet.)

Aircraft down Have received report from aircraft 019 plane down 010° 35' N. 021° 00' W. Am proceeding to search, accepting risk of further piston damage to own engines.

(N.S.W.S.21, 181149 to F.O.C.W.Af.)

My 181149 E.T.A. position 010° 35' N. 021° 00' W. 1315Z.

(N.S.W.S.21, 181225Z to Aircraft 019.)

Your 181244. Am in company with Catalina aircraft no wreckage in position reported. Search continues.

(N.S.W.S.21, 181407Z to F.O.C.W.A.F., Cdr. Fleet 4.)

Aircraft down proceed to 010° 35' N. 021° 00' W. 24 reported ditching in this area I am expecting to be over position at 1255Z.

(Aircraft 019 (via Freetown W/T, No T.O.O., to N.S.W.S.21.)

Ships for U.K. My 171520 both ships returned to harbour NORTHERN CHIEF having lost Asdic dome on unberthing. E.T.Sailing after repairs 1300Z June 19th. Add 27 hours to previous E.T.A. given.
(Comar Dakar, 181726Z to C.M.S.F.)

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Mediterranean

Re SILVIO L.S.I.(L) Request you will sail SANSOVINO when ready to Messina, when it is intended that transfer of crews shall take place. Your 171110. My 111048 neither to all.
(C. in C. Mediterranean, 180938B to F.O.G.M.A.)
See 190904Z.

Soviet vessels leaving America (Signals for) Para, 3 of your 161422. Consider Vesca will be sufficient. I expect Russian anxiety for details will gradually wear off.
(Admiral Egerton, 181017B to C. in C. Med.)

A.F.D.69 Since no sailing signal was received by C. in C. Med. for departure of A.F.D.69 from U.K. it is not known whether present escorts PROSPECT and MINALTO, your 171104* not to all are:-
(a) Accompanying dock throughout passage, or
(b) Returning to U.K. from Gibraltar.
If (b) is the case since it is considered most desirable that escort should accompany dock through Mediterranean can you provide trawler or corvette for this purpose? V.A.M. will be requested to provide relief escort to join tow in Bizerta area.
(C. in C. Med., 181048 to F.O.G.M.A.)*Not identified.

Communication economies Pass to N.C.S.Os. and R.Os. concerned. Admiralty summarise all arrivals east of Chop line in N. and S. Atlantic to Cominch (C. and R.) late Comtenth Fleet (C. and R.).
(2) Indicator HOYLE should, therefore, be omitted from these arrivals Vescas.
A.M. 201810B May refers.
(D.T.D., 181120B to C. in C. Med. etc.)

Yugoslavs for R.N. F.O.L.E.M.'s 151321. Presume that R.Y.N. personnel in Malta and Italy who greatly outnumber those in Egypt would be given same opportunity to join Royal Navy.
(2) On present estimate number of R.Y.N. personnel likely to volunteer for service in amalgamated Navy is small. It would in all probability be well substantially further reduced if scheme in paragraph 1 were adopted and details promulgated before ships had sailed for Yugoslavia.
(3) Request I may be informed how and where it is proposed to employ these men if enlisted in R.N. observing that I have not received copy of F.O. telegram number 843 referred to in para. 3 of F.O.L.E.M.'s 151321.
(C. in C. Med. 181210B to Admty.) Reply 231706B.

Situation reports discontinued. Situation reports such as your 101816* should now be discontinued.
(C. in C. Med., 181425B to F.O.L.E.M.)
* Addition to shipping report.

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C.S.2. Your 171208 (N.T. in W.D). The following is a Flag. repetition of my 051835 (N.T. in W.D.) Admiralty Info. V.A.M., C. in C. Med., F.O.L.E.M., C. in C.E.I., C. in C. B.P.F. From: C.S.2. The flag of Rear Admiral R.M. Servaes has been hoisted in BERMUDA as Rear Admiral Commanding Second Cruiser Squadron. (C.S.2, 181512 to Admty.) Note:- A.M. 171208 was originated by War Registry and called for 051835.

M.F.Vs. Intend sailing M.F.Vs. 1170 (S.O.), 1026, 1117, for E.I. 1059, 1109, 1111, 1525, 1147, 1129, 1115 and 1141 to Port Said at 0800B 20th for Onward routing to East Indies. (2) S. of A. 7½ knots. E.T.A. Port Said during daylight 25th M.F.V.1170 will report P.C. and S. at 1400 daily. (3) FALK will accompany Flight as escort and guide. (7) S.N.O.R.S.C.A. is requested to return FALK to Malta on completion. (V.A.M., 181730 to S.N.O.R.S.C.A.) See 082154A Aug.

Agadir The gist of a talk with Admiral Lemonnier today was that there had been a conference in Paris on 11th June on the Agadir airfield question at which American air transport command agreed to using the airfield as an emergency landing ground only. (2) The Admiral stated that the reason for the decision was that there was no space in France at the present time for the aircraft concerned and in any case they wanted them at Agadir for training prior, he hoped, to service in Far East. (3) The Admiral, while most friendly, did not appear willing at this moment to reconsider the instructions which he had sent to Admiral Fenard. (4) A.M. 122215 June refers. Comnavnaw pass to C. in C. Med. (B.N.A. Paris, 181730 to Admty.) See 212241 (America and West Indies) B.A.D. Adm. Re. - N.A. Paris to inform Admiralty of plans and proposals of U.S. Army to bring our full strength against Japan as soon as possible.

B.D.vessel F.O.G.M.A. is requested to sail CONSBRO to (trawler) destination as required by Admiralty. F.O.G.M.A.'s (release of) 251604 May not to all and A.M. 231141B May refer. (C. in C. Med., 181748B to F.O.G.M.A.)

Sitrep No.17 Operation PWC. Progressed to a line joining minesweeping following positions:
PWC (a) 43° 29' point six N. 09° 25' E. (b) 43° 28' point one N. 09° 41.8' E. (c) 43° 27' point seven N. 09° 49' E. (?one) suspected Holiday left in Western part of area which will be reswept tomorrow. One mine cut and sunk by gunfire type modified IK. (M/S 8, 181900B to S.N.O. W.It.)

/Movement...

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Mediterranean - Contd.

Movement

JEANNE D'ARC sailed for Algiers at 1300. My *161933B refers. (C. in C. Med., 181933B to Admty.) * Reported that F.S. JEANNE D'ARC will sail 18th for Algiers.

Special
G.2 Summary

(1) Yugoslav activity. Yugoslav Troops apparently experiencing difficulties in determination of demarkation boundary in Sector East of Gorizia - Montespino, where on 16th June four Battalion occupied Allied Territory. Road blocks have again been established behind our forward troops. (A.F.H.Q., 181937B to W.O. etc.)

Ships for
U.K.
~~Whalers?~~
A/S Trawlers.

Intend sailing BREAM (S.O.) and POLLOCK at 1900B 18th to Gibraltar for onward routing to U.K. (2) S. of A. 9½ knots. E.T.A. 23rd. (V.A.M., 182046 to F.O.G.M.A.)

Situation in Syria

Levant
Sitrep
to 2100
hours.
17th June

Towns.

(1) Aleppo. Quiet. Ref. GO.21979 of 16th June two French Air Force officers involved in shooting now under arrest and investigations proceeding 15th June evacuation French from Turkish Barracks agreed Morning 16th June locals attacks barracks persuading some TS. desert. 1530 hrs. during evacuation locals broke police and Gendarmerie cordon and tried to force entry into barracks. French PRO DET due evacuation 17th June opened fire 1545 hrs. alleging civs. climbed over barrack walls. Casualties: Civilians killed 2, wounded 4 French nil. Remainder French troops disarmed by British. Investigation shows all casualties 200 to 400 (?GDS) from barracks. All Troops now evacuated from barracks without further incident. Some Syrian TS. deserts returned to their homes. Others officers 13 W.O.8 QR 100 reported joined Gendarmerie. (2) Idlib. Police report firing between G.R.N. and Covs. morning 17th June. Brit Coln. sent to report. Escadron Leger and remainder G.R.N. deserted early morning 17th June and surrendered to local Kaimakam the Civil Commissioner with horses and arms. Two French Officers passing through Idlib without British escort which is contrary to orders visited Kaimakam to demand their return. During visit deserters and Civilians overpowered Gendarmerie G.D. and killed both officers 0945 hours, 17th June. (3) JISR. ECH. Chougour. Escadron Leger evacuated to Aleppo. (4) Lattakia. Ref. our G.021979 para. two of 16th June.

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Situation in Syria - Contd.

Levant
Sitrep.
to 2100
hrs. June
(Contd.)

20 TS. deserters attempted join Gendarmerie.
(5) Palmyra. Half Meharistes returned to
tribes remainder approx. 250 still in town
refuse to serve with French despite persuasive
efforts French Command.

(6) Meidane Ekbes on N.W. border Syria Turkey.
Few shots reported night 16/17th June. Surete
officers taken refuge with F.S.S.

(7) Jebel Druze. Quiet but disorganised Emir Atrash failing to
enforce discipline among T.S. who are now no longer under French
Command. Our G.016951 of 29th May refers. Brit. Coln.
Command try restore order through Emir without force.

(8) Strike D.H.P. Railway for extra pay 16th June on route
Beirut to Rayak only. No move except Military and Government
traffic. Strike has now spread to Secs. Tripoli Homs. Homs
Harbnessi. Rayak Damascus. Affects civil traffic only.

(9) French officially reported to Anglo-French Joint Staff
following figures desertions from T.S. Jebel Druze 2,128 all
ranks. Elsewhere 174. Latter figure considerable under
estimate.

(C. in C. M.E., 182105C to W.O.)

S/M TOTEM
for B.P.F.

Expect me Port Said 0730B 19th June.
(TOTEM, 182112B to F.O.R.S.C.A.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Re BULAN.

In view of Admiralty's 111116 June. Take no action as regards refitting this ship pending further instructions.
(C. in C. E.I., 181012Z to N.O.I.C. Karachi.)

NORFOLK
(cruiser.)

NORFOLK is allocated to East Indies Fleet.
(2) C. in C. Mediterranean is requested to state whether ship can be accepted in the Mediterranean about 22nd July to carry out improvements to ventilation, radar modifications and docking.

(3) Ventilation work required is:- as follows, A, B, C, D.
E.T.R. for foregoing work is four weeks.

(4) Radar modifications are:- A, B, C, D, E.

(5) All necessary stores and equipment will be placed on board and work should be limited to that which can be carried out within the required time for ventilation improvements and docking.

Any stores remaining should be kept in ship.

(D.O.D.(F) (Approved Controller), 181828B to C. in C. E.I.,
C. in C. Med.) See 221409.

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FOREIGN STATIONS

America and West Indies.

LAMONT
(L.S.I. L)

Departure 0030Z/18th LAMONT, E.T.A. Jamaica
1911Z/19th.
(B.R.L.O.Cristobal, 180831R to Admty.)

MALPEQUE
F.M.

C. in C. C.N.A. 121715 and your 131116 neither
to all, H.M.C.S. MALPEQUE sailed St. Johns 1430Z/
18th June for Ponta Delgada. E.T.A. Ponta Del-
gada 1430Z/19th.

(3) On arrival Ponta Delgada request MALPEQUE be
fuelled and sailed to Plymouth.
(F.O.N.F. 181434Z to S.B.N.O. Azores)

U.190.

Intend to sail U.190 escorted for Halifax a.m.
21st June. Request ratings referred to in your
151712/ not to all may join U.190 at Halifax re-
quest personnel loaned from AVALON may be returned
to St. Johns in ship escorting U.190.
(F.O.N.F.181943Z to C. in C. C.N.A.)
/ not identified in W.R.

S.B.N.O. W.At.
Movements of
ships.

Reference para. 3 of A.M. 080030 Cominch has no
objection to S.B.N.O. W.At. having the authority
to move his ships as he requires for visits to
British possessions, on the understanding
that local U.S. Naval authorities are kept informed
of intentions.

(2) In view of para. 2 of C.O.S.57/2 Cominch would prefer that
the question of termination or amendment to Naval strategic areas
should be raised by formal action with the combined chiefs of
Staff.
(B.A.D.Washington, 182305Z to Admty.)

Far East and Australia

TERRAPIN.

Request early decision may be obtained regarding
TERRAPIN as harbour is very congested and I have
9 S/Ms alongside with more expected in near
future. My 090337 and Admiralty's 081719
refers.
(Capt. (S) 4, 180213Z to C. in C. B.P.F.)

B.P.F. Op.
report No.14.

(1) On 14th and 15th June a British Task Force
under the command of Rear Admiral Brind, flying
his flag in IMPLACABLE, carried out continuous
attacks for two days and two nights on the Japa-
nese air and naval installations at Truk.

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Far East and Australia

- B.P.F. Op. (2) Carrier aircraft dropped 40 tons of bombs, report No.14. inflicted damage on shipping, floating dock, town and harbour facilities, airfields, radio, radar and batteries. 2 enemy aircraft were destroyed on the ground and three damaged. No enemy air-borne. Flak moderate.
- (3) H.M. ships NEWFOUNDLAND, SWIFTSURE, H.M.C.S. UGANDA, H.M.N.Z.S. ACHILLES and three destroyers of the 24th Destroyer Flotilla bombarded shore installations, with negligible opposition from coastal defence batteries.
- (4) One Seafire and pilot are missing. No other combat and only light operational casualties. Ends.
(C. in C. B.P.F. 180300Z to Admty.) See 230220Z, page 506
- Digest (2) Weather cleared over Formosa sufficiently to 1244 allow heavy strikes 16th and 17th.
17.6.45 On 16th, 64 Liberators with eight Mustangs
Extract. escorting unloaded 256 tons mixed bombs including half tonners on Kiirun Harbour destroying several warehouses and small craft in addition to starting fierce fires:
28 other Liberators failing to reach Kiirun dropped over 51 tons bombs on Tokao.
- (4) Previous night two Mariners from Iysayen straffed concentrations of 30 junks one small coastal freighter off Port Bayard hitting freighter and 20 junks: also attacked five small landing barges east of Pescadores exploding one barge.
- (9) Elements 9th Air Div. reached Tutong in southwesterly drive down Borneo coast from Brunei and patrols pushed out further southwest without opposition. Other elements landed unopposed at Weston in northeast corner of Brunei Bay and troops advanced inland without contact.
- (10) Minesweepers operating off Miri have cut 338 mines during last four days.
- (11) 33 Liberators dropped nearly 103 tons frags. on A/A positions Balikpapan 16th June while six more Liberators hit Samorinda shipyards
- (12) Same day R.C.O patrol Liberators attacked four small coastal freighters at Bandjermajin sinking one while another two Liberators damaged three schooners off south Celebes.
- (13) Main enemy defence positions on central Tarakan over-run by A.I.F. Troops 16th. Dead Japs counted on Tarakan to date total 1,028: 35 prisoners taken.
(G.H.Q. S.W.P.A. 180930Z to Admty.)

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SITUATION REPORT

Home Commands

- West coast of France. 1. German minesweepers swept one enemy ground mine on the edge of the approach channel to La Rochelle today.
- Western Approaches. 2. 56 British mines were cut and sunk today and one or two exploded in the sweep, south-west of the Isle of Man. Off Milford Haven, 13 mines were cut and 7 detonated in sweeps.
- Baltic. 3. 6 British mines were swept in Kiel Bay today. 2 mines detonated in the proposed fishing grounds outside Kiel Fjord.
- North Atlantic Lane Routes. 4. Shipping Lines signatory to the North Atlantic Lane Routes Agreement announce that, subject to any direction given by an over-riding Government Authority, their vessels are arranging forthwith to follow the routes laid down in the Agreement and which were in operation previous to the outbreak of war.

Foreign Stations

East Indies

- Burma. 5. Spitfires carried out a good strike against river craft on the Sittang River sinking 12 and damaging 17. P.38s. sank eight laden river craft on Inle Lake.

Far East and Australia

- Borneo. / 6. Australian I.F. party landed unopposed at Mompakul (north-west extremity of Brunei Bay) and secured beach.

/Japan ...

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SITUATION REPORT

Far East and Australia - Contd.

Japan.

7. Aircraft operating between south tip of Korea and Soto Gunto (a group of islands off S.E. of Korea) laid mines off the coast. Also destroyed 1 unidentified ship and damaged two more and sank one small merchant vessel. 2 luggers were damaged and other small vessels sunk off Shanghai.

U.S. Submarines sank 3 medium sized unidentified ships, 1 armed trawler and 1 large schooner today.

Pacific.

8. U.S. battleship NEVADA with destroyers bombarded Jaluit Island (Marshalls).

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Operations

North Sea

Minesweeping 18th M.S.F. and SURSAY less HOUND and CHEERFUL
in the will be required to sail from Harwich at 0500B/23
Bight. to relieve 10th M.S.F. in Heligoland Bight.
(2) HALCYON and SPEEDWELL to operate under orders
of M/S 18 on his arrival. C. in C. Nore's
082359 refers. Convoy protection as in C. in C.
Nore's 181214.
(3) After turning over to M/S 18, 10th M.S.F. is to return to
Harwich for onward routeing.
(4) 18th M.S.F. to continue sweeping between P.10 and P.8 buoys.
(5) M/S 10 acknowledge.
(C. in C. Nore, 191013B to M/S 18, M/S 10)

DELPHIN. A.M. 132000B/not to all.
DELPHIN German experimental torpedo craft with
German crew and R.N. Guard on board entered
Immingham with steering defects and damage
estimated date of completion 23rd June. Ship will be sailed to
Greenock on completion. (N.O.I.C Hamburg's 161227B not to all
refers).
Further signal will be made.
(F.O.Humber, 191050B)
/ DELPHIN should be routed to Humber.
Your 191050. Request information as to why this ship is
being sent to Greenock.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 191147B to F.O.I.C. Humber)
Your 191147 DELPHIN has heavy German Equipment for Sted
copy of N.O.I.C. Hamburg 161227 is being passed to you.
(F.O.Humber, 191742B to F.O.I.C. Greenock)

M/S Flotillas Your 181935B 207th M.M.S. F. will be able to sail
allocated to 1st July on completion of overhaul and leave.
Cuxhaven By omitting routine top overhauls and docking it
and will be possible to sail 163rd B.Y.M.S. Flotilla
Brunsbüttel. on 7th July after completion of minor defects.
Similarly treated six of 170th B.Y.M.S. Flotilla
could sail, on 15th July. The remaining two
vessels of this flotilla sailing on 25th July
after completion of all defects and routine overhaul. It is
suggested that future arrangements should be the return to Grimsby
for periodical refit and routine overhaul of vessels in groups
consisting of 1 M.M.S. and 2 B.Y.M.S. until maintenance can be
arranged on the other side.
(F.O.I.C. Humber, 191716B to Admt.)

UNITAS. Regret it has been found that UNITAS is unsafe for
passage across North Sea owing to leaks which
developed on passage Flensburg-Brunsbüttel.
(2) Vessel is sailing tomorrow 20th June for
Wilhelmshaven for drydocking.
(3) Understand temporary repairs sufficient to make her sea-
worthy for passage may be possible taking approx. 3 days. Will
only put temporary repairs in hand unless you give me contrary
instructions.
(4) Have tried to telephone you without success.
(M.W.T.R. Germany, 191851 to M.W.T. London)

/Ostend ...

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North Sea - Contd.

Ostend minesweeping. Sweeping report for Tuesday 19th June.
(Details of areas swept and actuations.)
All sweeping negative results.
(N.O.I.C. Ostend, 191901)

Thames approaches. Q.Z.X. 1467.
(A) Area LB clearance in G formation completed negative result.
(B) Area stated in my 092035 extended 2 miles to eastward negative result.
(2) Intend to continue to check search in K formation to the eastward from to-days sweep (Para. 1 (B)).
(3) Ships anchored for the night 16 miles 010 degs. from D.2 buoy.
(S.O.15th M/S, 191945B)

Cuxhaven, Emden, facilities. Cuxhaven (open to routine shipping)
Wharfage available 415 ft. with 24 ft. water and 1690 ft. with 36 ft. water both at low water springs. It is unsafe for ships to berth except at slack water. Maximum length of ship acceptable 890 ft.

Emden.(not open to shipping)
Maximum acceptable dimensions of ships, draught 25 ft. length 600 ft.
Berths available: 8 draught 25 ft. 4 draughts 15 ft.
5 vessels can berth on any one tide.
13 berths for ships waiting discharge.
(Burrough, sgd. Eisenhower, 192300).

Operations

Channel

Channel Is. 188 AZ A.N.C.X.F's responsibilities in the Channel Islands ceased on 16th June 1945. From that date N.O.I.C.Channel Islands became the responsible Naval authority under C. in C. Plymouth. (C.A.F.O.2841/45 refers).
(Hd. of M.II, 190006B)

Ex German minesweepers from Jersey. Arrangements for DOCHET and CAMRIDGESHIRE to escort ex German Minesweepers M.4601, M.4603, and M.4606 from St. Helier Jersey to Downs for O.R. to Wilhelmshaven at 2000/20.
(6) Minesweepers are German manned and have no guards on board.
(N.O.I.C. C.I.191453B)

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Ditched U.S. A/C B.24. Your 182025 not to all. Discontinue search at P.L.E. and proceed to Greenock.
(C. in C. W.A. 191154B to DUMBARTON CASTLE)
Arrived at position 45.58 N. 14 degs. 50' W. 1530Z dinghy was iron raft M.S. Type rust covered giving yellow appearance had been in water some considerable time. Am proceeding to investigate second dinghy reported in 46.34 N. 14.38 W. E.T.A. position 1845Z have sighted and broken up small balsa wood raft also in water some considerable time in position 150 degs. two miles from first raft. A/C T.J.T. proceeded to position taken of second dinghy and reported nothing visible in that position. Suggest returning to Plymouth unless required to search further areas. My P.C.S. 45.57 N. 14.48 W. 060 degs. ten. DUMBARTON CASTLE has arrived at this position. First raft destroyed and sunk by Oerlikon gunfire.
(MAGICIENNE, 191735Z to C. in C. W.A.)
Details of A/C co-operation for 20 June.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 191858B to DUMBARTON CASTLE, SPIREA, STOCKHAM)
2 Merchantship dinghies found by MAGICIENNE (?in vicinity) (059 degs?) 00' N. 014 degs. 45' W. Intend searching to northward of this position until 1200B tomorrow Wednesday when P.L.E. will be reached then returning Greenock. 45820163.
(DUMBARTON CASTLE 191945B to C. in C. W.A.)
Your 191735 passed to Comnavau, approved to proceed to Plymouth.
(C. in C. W.A. 192330B to MAGICIENNE)

Air/Sea rescue. Proposals by C. in C. W.A. consequent of ditching of U.S. A/C B.24 No.0018.
(C. in C. W.A. 191645B) See Lion Copy.

Mines off Isle of Man. Area swept to-day 7 cables to Southward and 3 cables to North of centre line running between positions 198 degrees Darby Buoy 3 miles 198 degs. Joan Buoy 3 miles. My 181845 refers. 56 mines cut and sunk one possibly 2 exploded in sweep. Sweeping abandoned at 1730 owing to bad visibility.
(S.O.M/S.F.11, 191744B)

Minesweeping off Milford Haven. Add to my 151937. Additional mines encountered in Q.Z.X. 1577. Line 3. 13 cut plus 7 detonated in sweeps 4 Kite Otters lost.
(My 141719B, for add to my 251445B please read add to my 312040B May.
(Cdr. M/S Bristol Channel, 192040B)

MESSAGE.

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CONFIDENTIAL

191645B June

Date 19.6.45

From C. in C. Western Approaches

Recd. 1719

P/L BY T/P

To:- Admiralty

Info:- Cominch, COMNAVEU, C.T.F. 24, C. in C. Plymouth, Cinclant, Air Ministry, Air Transport Command, H.Q.C.C., F.O.G.M.A., A.C.I.C., S.B.N.O. Azores, 15 Group, 19 Group.

IMPORTANT

Air Sea Rescue

Ditching of U.S. Aircraft B.24 number 0018 on 17th June, and subsequent reports of dinghy sightings indicate that transport aircraft between Valley and Lagen Azores do not always pass over ASR stations 18 and 19, but appear to take a direct route a considerable distance to the north westward of these stations.

2. Any ditching in these circumstances will necessarily involve, and in this case has involved, the withdrawal of ASR ships from their station to search a large and indefinite area with consequent prejudice to their duties in connection with subsequent flights of aircraft over the route.

3. It is considered essential that -

- (A) ASR ships should normally operate only within 25 miles of their assigned station and confine their rescue operations to a lane 50 miles either side of the assigned air route
- (B) Transport aircraft should be briefed to fly over each ASR station on the route and that any deviation will be made at their own risk.
- (C) Transport aircraft in difficulties should endeavour to close the nearest ASR station.

4. To facilitate 3 (B) and (C) above, it is considered after discussion with representatives of COMNAVEU, that ASR ships should act as M/F Beacons for transport aircraft, and in anticipation of approval, arrangements are being made to effect this.

5. Request early approval and promulgation of paras. three and four above.

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Circulation over

1st Lord
1st S.L. (3)
D.F.S.L.
V.C.N.S.
A.C.N.S. (H)
D.C. (2)
D.S.O.
O.D. (6) for action
D.A/S.W.
D.A/U.D.
D.S.E. 9 (2)
W.D.
O.I.C. (2)
D.D.O.D. (C)(2)
C.C.L.S.
D.R.E. (3)
D.S.D. (2)
D. of L.D. (2)
M. (2)
Air Br. (2)
U.S.N. (3)
Admiral Blake

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Operations.

Norway.

Victory parade at Oslo. Intend to sail BELLONA, DIADEM and ONSLAUGHT to arrive Oslo a.m./23 to represent Navy as requested in F.O. Norway 181108 not to all.
(C. in C. H.F. (Afloat) 191204 to Admty., F.O. Norway.)
Leave Scapa p.m. today 19 and proceed to Rosyth arriving Oxcars 0700B/20.
My 191204 refers.
(C. in C. H.F. (Afloat) 191209 to BELLONA.)
Your 191209 sailed.
(C. in C. H.F. (Ashore) 192123B to C. in C. Afloat.)

Cositintrep 441, (extract.) Scofor part 4. Section C.
(3) B. Mines lifted in zones by number and percentage of those laid Oslo 74500 60% Stavanger 124000 25% Bergen details to follow Trondheim none lifted, Tromso 211000 52% otherwise N.T.R.
All informed.
(Scofor Main, 192005B.)

Operations.

Baltic.

SCOURGE, OFFA. Your 191133 not to all*. Request you sail ONSLOW for Rosyth as soon as practicable. SCOURGE and OFFA will be sailed to arrive Copenhagen 25th June to escort German convoy.
(C. in C. H.F. (Afloat), 191945 to F.O. Denmark.)
* N.T. in W.D.

U.287. U.287. My 221(356) May, Cdre. Hamburg's 231123 and 261110 May. After interrogation C.O. has admitted that U-Boat was scuttled. Am arranging his trial by General S.M. court.
(F.O.W.G., 192223B.)

Sitrep at 2100/19. UNITAS Whale Factory ship arrived Brunsbuttel. H.M. ships OBDURATE, OBEDIENT and MINNA arrived from U.K. POTSDAM 17,500 ton liner arrived from Flensburg for onward routeing to U.K. Four ex-German merchant ships sailed to U.K.
(2) Two mines detonated in proposed fishing grounds outside Kiel Fjord but fishing expected to start on Friday. Minesweeping to increase width of main channel continues.
(F.O.I.C. Kiel, 192352.)

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HOME COMMANDS.

Casualties & Defects.

SS. SOULIOTIS
(mined 17
June.)

My 182015. Greek SS. SOULIOTIS has been beached in Angle Bay temporarily pending survey of damage incurred.
(F.O.I.C. Milford Haven 190935.)

Movements.

UPSTART,
UNTIRING.

Intend to sail UPSTART and UNTIRING leaving Needles at 1130B/20 to Gibraltar. E.T.A. 1100Z/26.
Route and arrangements.
(S.M. 5 190945B.)

Shipping & Convoys.

N. Atlantic
Lane routes.

North Atlantic Lane Routes Agreement. Shipping Lines signatory to the above Agreement announce that, subject to any direction given by an over-riding Government Authority, their vessels are arranging forthwith to follow the routes laid down in the Agreement and which were in operation prior to the outbreak of war.
(D.T.D. 191731Z to B.A.M.S. to Areas 1A, 1B and 2A)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

North Atlantic

EGGESFORD
Destroyer
for B.P.F.

Intend to sail at 1300B June 19th EGGESFORD to Malta.
(3) E.T.A. 1500B June 21st S. of A. 20 knots.
(F.O.G.M.A., 190832B to V.A.M.)
Amended by 191108. N.T. in W.D.

Air/Sea
Rescue

Ref. C. in C. W.A.'s 182345Z. Am returning position 19, E.T.A. 0100B 20th June speed 7.5 knots Request I be relieved not later than 24th June, a.m which is my prudent limit of endurance at most economical speed.
(SPIRAEA, 190853B to F.O.G.M.A.)

Whalers

Your 181245 (N.T. in W.D.) and B.N.A. Madrid 181809B neither to all. Both ships are to continue to Dakar and wait arrival of (?packages) and Stationery with relief officer.
(N.O.I.C. Gib., 190840B to NEBULA)

Air/Sea
Rescue

JONQUIL sailed at 1600B June 19th to relieve SPIRAEA in position 19.
(2) E.T.A. position 0400B June 22nd.
(F.O.G.M.A., 191056B to Admty.)

Germans . /
being
smuggled
into
Morocco

^{Ceuta}
CEUTA's 181232 (N.T. in W.D.) Following is his 141936 and S.O.I. Gibraltar's 151242 begins: Addressed S.O.I. Gibraltar from CEUTA for Contraband Control. Would thank you if you could search sailing vessel GIBRALFARO of 24 tons gross as her movements seen to be suspicious. Ends.
(2) If these are considered sufficient to justify interception we would require advance information by immediate signal as to sailing times. Ends.
(2) These are passed for information and for such action as may be deemed necessary.
(F.O.G.M.A., 191154B to Admty.) See 202120B.

SANSOVINO
L.S.I.(L)

Sail at 1300B June 20th to Messina. A.M. 031623 and C. in C. Med. 180938 not to all refers. E.T.A. 1000B 24th June. Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A., 191644B to SANSOVINO.)

French
ships

Following movements for naval vessels formerly based at Dakar and now at Casablanca.
(1) Submarine ARETHUSE escorted by GAZELLE to Oran 23rd June.
(2) Submarine ARCHIMEDE escorted by ANNAMITE to Oran 24th June.
Request your approval of this programme.
(Comorseafron, 191701 to C. in C. Med.) See 201205B Mediterranean.)

/Ships...

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North Atlantic

Ships for
U.K.

Departures 19th.
0910 H.M. Trawlers ST. ZENO, LADY ROSEMARY for
Plymouth.
1025 H.M.S. MIGNONETTE, H.M. Trawler GWEAL for
Plymouth not in company.
(F.O.G.M.A., 191706B to C.in C. Plymouth.)

BELFAST
(Cruiser)

Intend to shift to area broadcast G. at 0330A/20th.
E.T.A. Gibraltar 0900A 21st.
It is desired to sail for Malta as soon as possible
after embarking fuel and stores requested in my
191943B (not to (?Admty.))
(BELFAST, 191958 to F.O.G.M.A.)

Agadir
U.S. Army
plans and
proposal
to bring
full strength
against Japan
as soon as
possible

Further to my 181730 (N.T. in W.D.). Admiral
Nomy, Head of Aero Navale sent his staff officer
Commandant De La Haye to discuss Agadir with me
today.

(2) This officer had attended meeting in Paris
presided over by Brigadier Wood of S.H.A.E.F.
Mission on 11th June. A.T.C. represented by
Colonel Johannsen, C.O.S. Operations to General
Stowell, C/o A.T.C. Casablanca.

(3) Prior to this meeting A.T.C. had reviewed
their requirements for Agadir and had decided that
they did not want full base facilities there but

only emergency landing facilities together with communications
and radar. Ministere de la Marine is of opinion that Cominch
request is based on original appreciation and that he may be
unaware of the new agreed requirements for this base.

(4) De La Haye gave following particulars of Agadir.

(a) French part of base had accommodation for 2,000. There are
1,200 there now.

(b) American part of base had accommodation for 50 officers and
300 men.

(c) French personnel of base mobile had serviced American planes
frequently and would of course give priority to any U.S. require-
ment.

American programme envisaged 185 planes flying over base at 7 - 8
thousand feet daily and 2 or 3 to land weekly. No French flying
training would be allowed to interfere with this.

(5) He emphasised that in any case there was no place to send
these French aircraft and if base facilities were required by
U.S. these aircraft would have to remain at Agadir unserviced and
while there was room for this it was a development which in view
of the new appreciate for Agadir he hoped would not be pressed.

(B.N.A. Paris, 192010 to Admty.) See Ad. 232102B - B.A.D. (America
and West Indies.) + 0302031 Z JULY (A+W I) from B.A.D.

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South Atlantic

OTUS
A/S training
Submarine

OTUS should be paid off and scrapped on station.
(2) Request you will report arrangements for disposal of ship's company.
(3) Instructions regarding scrapping will be forwarded as soon as possible.
(Hd. of M.II, Approved Controller, 200752B to C. in C.S.A.)

Trawler
for U.K.

Intend sailing ARCTIC EXPLORER from Capetown 23rd June for Freetown for onward routeing to Falmouth A.M. 101538* May refers.
(C. in C.S.A., 191151B to Admty.)
* Sailing of trawlers.

Frigate

Sailing TEVIOT to Diego Suarez for fuel and (?onward routeing) to Colombo.
(2) S. of A. 13 knots.
(3) E.T.A. Diego Suarez 1700Z 24th.
(Cdre Durban, 191304Z to Admty.)

East London
Graving
Dock.

Your 271050 April.
(1) The object in providing a workshop equipped with a nucleus of machine tools is to enable certain work, particularly heavy work, to be done on the spot, thus saving time and transport of men and material from distant workshops.
(3) Proposed division of financial liabilities is acceptable to Admiralty. Request you will report acceptance by Union Authorities together with statement of Vote 10 cost of items chargeable to Imperial Funds.
(4) Request confirmation that Union Authorities will install machinery and provide electrical services at their cost.
(Hd. of M.11, 192334B to C. in C. S.A.)

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- Levant Sitrep (1) Aleppo. Quiet.
to 2100 hrs. (2) Idlib. Quiet. Brit. Tps. in control.
18 June. (3) Jisr Ech Chougour. Quiet. Evac. all French
Tps. completed 18 June.
(4) Damascus. Morning 17 June '40 Druze Tps.
ex Gen. Beynet's bodyguard arrived and surrendered
to Syrians.
(5) Lattakia. In spite of proclamation on 16 June offering
French Nationality to T.S. Personnel remaining loyal about 80
deserted incl. offrs. ,Since departure disaffected Syrians
Offrs. situation improved. Brit. Naval Unit remaining Lattakia.
(6) Tartous. Uneasy. Remaining Alouite Territory quiet.
(7) Deir Ez Zor. 17 June 100 T.S. deserted from Barracks.
125 others left barracks on one months leave with pay.
(8) R.A.Q.Q.A. 17 June '40 Meharistes left for Deir Ez Zor
on one months leave with pay.
(9) Tribal. Shammar now withdrawing to own area. Iraq Govt.
has ordered arrest of all Iraq Shammar Sheikhs who crossed
border into Syria. Beggara moving S.E.
(10) D.H.P. Rly., strike. Ref. our G.O. 22566 of 18 June para. 8
18 June worked resumed Sec. Homs Harbnessi. Otherwise no change.
(11) Press. Iraq Press continues to print anti-French
articles but excitement dying down. Persian Vernacular Press
comments unfavourably on Brit. Intervention in Syria.
(C. in C. M.E. No T.O.O. to W.O., etc.)

SILVIO. Reference C. in C. Med. 180938 request detailed
instructions be signalled immediately to enable
necessary arrangements to be made. Full instruc-
tions have not been received so far.
(SILVIO 190904Z to Admty.) Rep. 201931B.
Requesting sail SANSOVINO to Messina where transfer
of crews will take place.

A/A sloops Request you will give ERNE, HART, MAGPIE, AMETHYST,
for B.P.F. MERMAID, BLACK SWAN opportunity for A/A practice
while on passage through your areas A.M. 231543
(N.T. in W.D.) May not to all.
(2) As those sloops are not newly commissioned,
full work up vide para. 2 A.M. 261257 (N.T. in W.D.) May not to
all is not required.
(C. in C. Med., 191048B to F.O.G.M.A., V.A.M., F.O.L.E.M.)

Ships for Intend to sail U.S.S. GAUGER, A.T.R. 1 to Norfolk
U.S. and Y.M.S. 17, 164, 179, 250, 359, 373 to New
York at 1400/19th. (2) Speed 10. (3) Route, etc.
thence by such route as Cinclant may require to
destinations.
(5) All times Z. (6) Lt. Davis S.O. in GAUGER.
(7) Report to Cinclant for duty on departure Mediterranean.
(8) GAUGER equipped for refuelling at sea.
(9) Any ship becoming disabled to be towed to its destination
by A.T.R. 1.
(Comar Oran 191115 to Admty.)

/French...

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Mediterranean - Contd.

French
Cruiser
SUFFREN.

Request you will sail Fr. cruiser SUFFREN to Toulon as soon as ready for onward passage as follows:- Bizerta, Port Said, Jibouti, Aden, Diego Suarez, Colombo, Trincomalee according to C. in C. E.I. instructions, Aden, Suez, Bizerta, Toulon.

(2) Eventually calling Beirut on way back from Suez to Bizerta para. 2 Admiralty 071410 refers.

(3) Stay in each port limited to time required for discharge and embarkation of materials and personnel Almed. 041138 and Admiralty 071410 not to all addressees refers.

(Almed, 191244B to Comar Oran.) *see 0911631 July r 1512512 Aug.*

U.S. ships
for Pacific.

Upon completion availability and when provisioned to capacity and R.F.S. Com. 5 co-ordinate embarkation of any passengers with Comgen hr. POE and sail GEN. RANDALL and GEN. MANN on two and three July respectively to Marseilles.

Upon arrival C.T.F. 125 load troops eqpt. designated by Comgen. E.T.O. and sail vessels to Canal Zone for onward routeing by Compaseafon to Manila for discharge.

(C.N.O.(U.S.) 191450Z to Com. 5, C.T.F. 125.)

Fleet
Destroyer
for U.K.

V.A.M. is requested to sail JERVIS on completion of work up to Alexandria or as required by F.O.L.E.M.

(2) On arrival of JERVIS F.O.L.E.M. is requested to sail KELVIN to Malta for onward routeing to U.K.

(3) Admiralty are requested to indicate final destination.

(4) Para. 2 my 071218 May not to all.

(C. in C. Med., 191548B to V.A. Malta.) Reply 221536B.

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(corvette)

My P.C.S. 191100Z 048° 49' N. 043° 24' W. 243° 12. Estimated fuel remaining on arrival Halifax only 30 tons which is considered below prudent limit of endurance. Intend diverting to St. Johns N.F. for fuel on crossing (045°) W.
(RIMOUSKI 191305Z to C. in C. C.N.A.)

Escort
Carriers.

Cominch has declined the offer made in para. 5 of A.M. 112356. In his reply Cominch says he fully appreciates the thorough consideration which has been given by Admiralty to the question of continued employment of British escort carriers in transport of aircraft for the U.S. Pacific Fleet. He notes the stringency of the British C.V.E. position, and particularly the doubts expressed by the Admiralty that transport of American assigned aircraft direct from U.S. to the British Pacific Fleet and other essential ferry work could be done with less than 6 C.V.E.

(2) He therefore has decided not to accept the Admiralty proposal because as the total lifts of U.S.C.V.E. assigned to ferry duty, as well as that of additional C.V.E. transferred from combat duties, will be required for incessant transport of U.S. planes, he considers it would not be practicable to assume the responsibility for transport of aircraft for British Pacific Fleet which cannot be lifted with 4 C.V.E. remaining. As Admiralty's estimate of requirements indicates that such assistance would probably be necessary to a degree as yet uncertain the disruption of U.S. ferry schedules incurred thereby might well result in reduction rather than a gain in U.S. overall actual aircraft transportation. Cominch concludes by expressing gratification with spirit in which Admiralty's proposal has been made notwithstanding difficulties involved.

(3) In consequence of above decision Cominch is directing release from duty in U.S. Pacific Fleet of RAJAH on completion of her availability in San Diego on 2nd July, and of ATHELING and TRACKER upon completion of their current ferry trips with estimated dates of arrival on West Coast 6th July and 18th July respectively.
(B.A.D. Washington 191545Z to Admty.) See 212127Z.

TRUCULENT
Submarine.

My 292206 May. Minor defects developed during trials. E.T.D. from U.S.A. now 10th July.
(B.A.D., 191630Z to Admty.)

LAMONT,
L.S.I.(L)

LAMONT arrived Kingston 191900Z.
(R.N.O. Jamaica 192010Z to Admty.)

Transfer of
P.Cs. from
Med.

In view of C. in C. Med's 121528 can Admiralty approval now be communicated to Navy Dept. and French Naval Mission. My 052001 and 111835 refer.
(B.A.D. Washington 192151Z to Admty.)

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America & West Indies.

Publication
of merchant
ship losses.

Events have overtaken the policy described in my reply to your 162330 May*. A corrected copy of the Conference Report is being circulated to U.S. holders which includes cancellation of paras. 20 and 22 (C)

(2) Two copies of the above will be forwarded to Admiralty by air mail and advance copy to Trade Division.

(B.A.D. Washington 192201Z to Admty.)

* Re publication of merchant ship losses. •

Far East and Australia.

Tankers
fuelling
at sea.

Increase in number of Fleet Attendant Tankers. My 120747 para. 4 refers. To be entirely satisfactory fuelling at sea should be carried out by tankers which have been fully fitted in accordance with various proposals which have already been forwarded to the Admiralty. It is appreciated however that suitable tankers may not be immediately available and that the requisite time for fitting completely is lacking.

(2) The total tanker force now allocated or asked for numbers 30. Of these it is considered that 10 of the ships still to be allocated can be fitted for the Abeam method discharge only. It is thereby hoped to reduce time and labour required for fitting out and accelerate arrival of the ships on the station.

(3) The minimum requirement for a tanker suitable for conversion to the Abeam method of oiling is considered to be:

- (a) Speed not less than 11 knots.
- (b) Cargo not less than 10,000 tons.
- (c) Derricks not less than 3-1 on foremast and two one mainmast.
- (d) All three booms must plumb well over ships side.
- (e) Pumping capacity not less than 400 tons per hour.

(4) The minimum amount of work required on a tanker falling within the above specification to fit her for fuelling by the Abeam method would be:

- (a) To fit two steam winches on after deck, one for each hose rig each which to have at least one barrel and one end drum.
 - (b) To fit Gyro compass.
 - (c) Supply and fit Abeam method oiling at sea gear.
 - (d) To fit adequate communications.
 - (5) This will produce a tanker fitted to fuel on both beams with an Avgas hose forward on the port side.
- (C. in C. B.P.F., 190125Z to Admty.)

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TERRAPIN. An early decision re TERRAPIN would be appreciated S/M 4 180213 not to all Admiralty 081719* and S/M 090337 June not to C. in C. E.I. refer. (C. in C. B.P.F., 190221Z to Admty.)
* Requesting confirmation that state of TERRAPIN will entail major repairs in U.K.

LA GRANDIERE (sloop.) Refs. not to all. Destination LA GRANDIERE now La Ciotat. Modify my 180401 to sail 20th June and to provide for onward routeing LA GRANDIERE to Balboa on completion mission at Tahiti. On arrival Balboa LA GRANDIERE reports to P.D. for onward routeing. On arrival La Ciotat LA GRANDIERE report by despatch to C. in C. E.I. accord Cominch and C.N.O. 222317 of May and for refit accord C. in C. E.I. 170718* June. Arrival of U.S. Navy Liaison Party with cryptographic aids and publications will be subject of further orders. (Comsopac 190431 to C.N.B. Noumea.)

Digest 1245,
18.6.45.

- (3) 5th Air Force again found weather favourable over Formosa. 52 Liberators dropped 402 half tons on warehouses and harbour installations Kiirun causing large conflagrations including fuel fires, several explosions, further damage to railroad yards and destroying several small craft in harbour.
- (4) On Luzon elements 37th Division ?gained 12 miles during day along highway 5 forced crossing over Cagayan River, capturing Naguitian town and reaching point within 2½ miles of Ilagan. Elements of 6th Division attacking N.W. towards Kiankan, in mountains 20 miles N.W. of Bigabag, made small gains against increasing resistance: Japs. appear to be concentrating around Kiangang. Philippine Army Units recaptured Babayuar on west bank of Cagayan River 6 miles inland from Aparri.
- (8) 1 heavy cruiser seen in usual anchorage Jap. Naval Base Singapore through break in cloud but poor conditions prevented more than momentary glimpses of Johore Straits.
- (11) P.T. boats operating from Brunei Bay saw 5 or 6 barges under way inshore and 5 more barges beached all near Jesselton night 16th. Same night Miri was strafed with unobserved results. Night 17th midget submarine located off shore 15 miles North Brunei Bay possibly attempting contact Japs ashore at Nofong Point.
- (13) Eighty Four (84) Liberators (42 from 5th Air Force, 36 from 13th Air Force and 6 R.A.A.F) unloaded total of about 184 tons mixed bombs Balikpapan gun positions and defences 17th June.
- (14) Mariner attacked submarine off Balikpapan morning 17th with depth charges lifting submarine high in water. 3 underwater explosions noted 4 hours later but no debris seen, search continues.
- (15) Cruiser force covering minesweepers off Balikpapan attacked evening 17th by 7 Jap. planes dropping bombs: nil damage.

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Digest 1245, (17) 2 Liberators (13th A.F.) bombed shipping
18.6.45. Sourabaya night 16th scoring near misses on 2
(Contd.) vessels. Photos Sourabaya 17th show 2 destroyers
including 14 type 2 submarines, 1 minelayer,
1 minesweeper, 5 escort vessels, 1 large tanker, 1
large freighter transport, 4 other merchantmen
all small - medium plus numerous coastal freighters and smaller
ships. 4 R.A.A.F. Catalinas mined Sourabaya waters night 16th.
(G.H.Q.S.W.P.A., 190918Z to Admty.)

Blue Summary Ryukyus. Lt. General Simon B. Buckner, Com.
18. General 10 killed by enemy shell fire, Major Gen.
Roy S. Geiger U.S.M.C. Com. 3rd Phib. Corps.
assume command Ryukyus Forces. Enemy resistance
on Okinawa reported broken with Japanese troops
fleeing to South and West under our artillery fire. Gains up
to 1500 yards registered by Marine Units on right flank. In
the centre 96 inf. Div. in gains up to 1000 yards now only
3000 yards from ocean to the south. Slight gains made on left
flank.
On 17th 4 small raids by enemy planes. 78 Support Sorties
flown by T.A.F. C.V.E. planes continued Sakishima Strikes.
T.A.F. planes attacked targets in northern Ryukyus. Minesweeping
continued off Myako.
Empire. Night of 17/18 110 B.29s bombed Omuta visually and by
radar from 7800 feet. 130 B.29s hit Hamamatsu by radar from
8400 feet. 87 struck Yokkaichi from 7500 feet visually and by
radar. 114 attacked Kogoshima from 7000 to 9300 feet visually
and by radar. 3 B.29s hit targets of opportunity. 13 B.29s
missing. Enemy air opposition nil.
Medium and heavy flak meager and inaccurate. Fires from
Hamamatsu visible 150 miles. Strike photos of Kagoshima urban
area show fires concentrated in central and north eastern part
of city. 25 B.29s mined Shimonoseki Straits and Kobe Harbour.
4 B.29s attacked targets in Kuriles, sank 2 S.D. off Paramushiru.
1 B.24 lost.
Nevada (B.B. 36) and D.Ds. bombarded Jaluit.
(C. in C. Pac. Adv. H.Q., 191734Z to All commands, Com. B.P.F.
etc.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

- North Sea. 1. (a) The Norwegian Submarine Base at H.M.S. AMBROSE is to be transferred to Bergen.
(b) 139 British mines were cut today in the East Coast mine barrier off Aberdeen.
- Western Approaches. / 2. 27 mines were cut and 2 exploded in sweep southwest of the Isle of Man today, during clearance of British minefield.
- Norway. / 3. Eleven mines were swept today in the approach channels to ports in Western Norway.
- Baltic. / 4. Three more mines were swept in the proposed fishing area outside Kiel Fjord.

Foreign Stations.

South Atlantic.

- Africa, closing down of P.W.S.S., etc. / 5. Post war signal stations and examination services have been withdrawn at Walvis and Saldanha Bay and it is now proposed to withdraw these services at Port Elizabeth and East London. Those at Cape Town and Durban are being retained.

Mediterranean.

- Movement. 6. LORRAINE (French battleship) sailed from Oran to Toulon.

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SITUATION REPORT.

East Indies.

Operation "Balsam Green" Sumatra. 7. Air strikes from Force 63 were carried out today by 21 Hellcats on Medan. 8 Seafires on Lho Somawe (N.E. Sumatra). 3 enemy aircraft destroyed 7 others probably destroyed, 9 damaged all on the ground. 2 junks were left burning. The force was apparently not detected. 220527Z.

Far East and Australia.

- Borneo. 8. (a) Elements of 9th A.I.F. Division landed at Lutong (Miri) after daybreak unopposed. Minesweepers cleared 423 mines from Miri to Cape Fram shores during eight days prior to landing. (b) U.S. cruiser and destroyer force applied harassing naval gunfire to Balikpapan today while supporting minesweepers in Makassar Straits.
- Indo-China. 9. 5th Fleet air wing aircraft patrolling Indo-China coast destroyed or damaged 8 small craft.
- China. 10. Aircraft of 1st Fleet air wing continued mining of the coastal waters off South tip of Korea. They also sank one submarine chaser and a coastal passenger steamer off west coast of Korea and a cargo ship off the mouth of the Yangtse River.
- Japan. 11. (a) On night of 18/19 U.S. destroyer DUNLAP (D.D. 354) destroyed 2 small craft, 1 small cargo vessel by gunfire N.E. of Chichi Jima (about 150 miles N. of Iwo Jima.) (b) On the 19/20 10 Super Fortresses laid sea mines in the Shimonoseki Straits. 8 aircraft laid sea mines off Niigata (160' N.N.W. of Tokyo) and 10 aircraft laid sea mines off Myazu (60' N.N.W. of Osaka). A total of 161 tons of sea mines was dropped.
- Pacific. 12. U.S. ENDYMION (A.R.L.G.) (Landing Craft Repair Ship) was torpedoed today in 12° 40' N. 156° 22' E. (250' S. by E. of Marcus Is.)

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Operations &
Operation
"Olympic."

13. Information has been received from C. in C. B.P.F. after recent visit of his staff to C. in C. U.S. Pacific Fleet at Guam and Commander 3rd Fleet at Leyte relative to operations prior to operation "Olympic" in mid-October.

Movement.

14. IMPLACABLE (C.S.4) RULER, SWIFTSURE, NEWFOUNDLAND, H.M.N.Zs. ACHILLES, H.M.C.S. UGANDA arrived Manus from operations off Truk.

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HOME COMMANDS

Policy

S/Ms. (a) Submarines leave U.K.
 for June SCORCHER.
 foreign July TIGERMAAI
 stations August SANGUINE, SEADEVIL, TRUNCHEON.
 September SAGA, TALENT, TIRELESS.
 October SPRINGER, TALLY-HO, TRUCULENT, ASTUTE.
 November STOIC, TEMPLAR, TANTIVY, AURIGA.
 Admiralty 172315 and my 091914 March refer.

(b) Amendments to my 151624 May.
 Late November SPARK.
 Late December SUPREME.
 Early January SHALIMAR, THULE, SEASCOUT.
 Late January TIPTOE.
 (F.O.S.M., 201902B, to C. in C. B.P.F., C. in C. E.I.)

Operations

North Sea

Norwegian S/M Base From Norwegian Naval Command, London the following is submitted.
 (1) The Norwegian Submarine Base at H.M.S. AMBROSE to be transferred to Bergen.
 (2) The Norwegian Submarine ULA and B.1 to proceed to Bergen in company when the former has completed her sea-trials first week in July.
 Norwegian Submarine UTSIRA to be sailed Bergen on completion of repairs.
 (3) Referring Admiralty's 061845B June, ULA and UTSIRA will be required one at a time for A/S training in U.K.
 (4) Personnel, stores, spare-gear and other equipment belonging to the base to be transferred as convenient and when ready for shipment.
 (B.N.L.O. to Norw. Navy, 200039B to F.O. Norway etc.)
 Admiralty's 200039 and my 201535. Concur in early transfer of Norwegians S/Ms to Bergen.
 (C. in C. Rosyth, 201550B to Admty.)

NORTHWAY In view of Admiralty 191956B* cancel my 200721+. (Com. 12th Fleet, 200949 to C. in C. Plymouth.)
 * Owing to risk from mines, regret that NORTHWAY cannot be used for lift to Bremerhaven.
 + Upon completion loading six four-eight foot picket boats.....request you sail H.M.S. NORTHWAY to Bremerhaven.....

Surrendered U-boat crews Information is requested regarding repatriation of surrendered U-boat crews including those arriving from Germany.
 (2) Implication of para. 2 of C. in C.W.A.'s 181250 also applies to situation in Wilhelmshaven while surplus crews take their turn for disbandment while crews of U-boats sailing to U.K. can but expect considerable delay.
 (3) Presume U-boat crews held in Military Custody in U.K. will be discharged to Germany at early date or in any case before German P.O.W.
 (F.O.W.G., 201116B to A.N.C.X.F. Main.) /Danube...

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North Sea - Contd.

~~Dundee~~
~~Dundee~~
R.N.Base

Final reduction of Dundee is dependent on dispersal of Allied submarines. In order to expedite this it is proposed that Polish submarines now based on Dundee should be transferred to the existing Polish Base at Plymouth. This would enable the R.N. Base at Dundee to be closed completely as the Norwegian and French S/MS have already moved or are in the course of transfer, leaving only Dutch Base in existence.
(2) N.O.I.C. Dundee is requested to signal all concerned numbers of submarines, personnel and stores involved.
(3) Request your remarks on para. 1 as early as possible on receipt of 2.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 201535B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Sailing of 6 U-boats Intend to sail H.M.S. HARGOOD and group one consisting of U.3008, U.(?883), U.2341, U.2356, U.2336 and U.2351 at 1100 tomorrow Thursday June 21st to (?comply) with your 171855.
(F.O. Wilhelmshaven, 201707B to C. in C. Nore.)

Hamburg A.M. 201320 and Crypto A.F.H.Q. 201430 both to A.N.C.X.F. only. This repeats Cosintrep No.439 part two Naval begins:
Hamburg. 54 wrecks and heavy obstructions have been salvaged from loading berths and River Elbe since 10th May, 1945. Ends.
(Borough, Signed Eisenhower, 201734 to Cosintrep.)

Mine clearance off Aberdeen 139 cut today. Two sunk by gunfire. Intend sailing at 0700 tomorrow to continue clearance. Mine disposal vessel sails 0700.
(GRECIAN, 202025 to N.O.I.C. Aberdeen.)

Cutter At about 1640 today cutter sustained total loss due to under water explosion while operating at Ijmuiden. Cause of explosion unknown. Fatal casualties nil. Following casualties admitted
(Names)
to Hospital.
Wreck dispersal operation 137 by LUNE and JACINTA temporarily suspended.
(JACINTA, 202126B to Ijmuiden etc.)

Operations

Channel

Ex German minesweepers N.O.I.C. Channel Islands 191453B.
Intend to sail CORREGAN to R/V with DOCHET and CAMBRIDGESHIRE off Portland Bill at 1000/21 and take over escort of German Minesweepers.
Arrangements.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 201447 to C. in C. Nore, etc.)

/Sailed...

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Channel

Ex-German minesweepers. (Contd.) Sailed my 191453 from St. Helier at 2115/20. (N.O.I.C. Channel Islands, 202149B to N.C.S.O. Ramsgate, etc.)

Minesweeping Le Havre. 119th M.S.F. Q.Z.S.664, 647. Negative results. (Cdr. M/S. Le Havre, 202015B.)

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Western Approaches

2 merchant ship dinghies found by MAGICIENNE. Arrived on station - 200231B. (DUMBARTON CASTLE, No T.O.O. to C. in C. W.A.) My 191945B. Have searched area between parallel 045° 05' N., 046° 45' N. and 013° 30' W. 015° 00' W. without success and am returning to Greenock. (DUMBARTON CASTLE, 201202B to C. in C. W.A.)

Minesweeping off I. of Man. My 191744B. Further two laps completed during suitable weather periods. 27 mines cut and sunk. Two exploded in sweep. (S.O. M/S.11, 201742B.)

Mine clearance off Calf of Man. It is regretted that however far sweeping may be progressed tomorrow Thursday, it will be essential for whole Flotilla to return to Liverpool for at least 3 days to repair immediate defects and carry out necessary maintenance. My 171534 para. 5 not to Admty. refers in part. (2) If weather permits sweeping will be continued until late tomorrow and Flotilla will then proceed to arrive off Bar Light Vessel approx. 220500. (3) Berths alongside where fires can be drawn will be required. (S.O. M/S. Flotilla 11, 202210B to F.O.I.C. Liverpool.)

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Norway

Victory parade at Oslo. My 181108. Parade and March Past has now been postponed by H.M. the King until June 30th. Would appreciate if ships as detailed in your 191204 could arrive Oslo a.m./29th. (F.O. Norway, 201052 to C. in C. H.F.(Afloat))

F.O. Norway's 201052. BELLONA, DIADEM and ONSLAUGHT will now be sailed to arrive Oslo a.m./29th. Cancel my 191204*. (C. in C. H.F.(Afloat), 201531B to F.O. Norway, Admty.)

* BELLONA, DIADEM and ONSLAUGHT to Oslo.

STORD. Arrangements for proceeding from Rosyth at 0930B/21st, to Oslo to give leave and sail again for Rosyth on 23rd July. (C. in C. H.F.(Afloat), 201223B to STORD.)

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Norway

Minesweeping Your 291545* May.
 (a) KFK. (b) 60.22 N. 04.45 E.
 (c) Three moored (GY). (d) June 18.
 (a) 21 R-boat flotilla. (b) SOGNEFJORD.
 (c) Two moored (GY). (d) June 18.
 (a) Small motor-boat. (b) FLATOYSEN. (c) One moored contact
 (d) June 18.
 (F.O. Norway, 201510 to A.N.C.X.F.)
 * Minesweeping by German M/S.

Operations

Baltic

Soviet M/S Flag Officer Kiel's 161852* quoted in A.M. 181944+ does not appear to concern Soviet minesweepers. Request onward route from position 13.
 (Admiral Egerton, 301043B to Admty.)
 * Particulars of recommended route.
 + Instructions to British Escort and German minesweepers.

Minesweeping Your 291545B May.
 (a) M.155. (b) 054° 36' N. 010° 14.2' E.
 (c) Ground. (d) 191545B.
 (F.O. Kiel Command, 201450B to A.N.C.X.F.(Main)).

Sitrep at 2100/20. OBEDIENT sailed for Lubeck to show the flag. SS. POTSDAM reported yesterday as having arrived from Flensburg, passed safely through canal en route to U.K. Daily convoys between Flensburg and Kiel continue. Sweepers in fishing ground swept another 3 mines. This may delay the commencement of fishing in this area. Other routine sweeping continues.
 (F.O.I.C. Kiel, 202358B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Enemy Intelligence

U.793 My 171147* and 061849 neither to F.O. (S/M). 2nd U-boat raised from Canal now identified as U.793.
 Preliminary inspection shows damage similar to U.792. Detailed report will be made after more complete examination.
 (F.O. Kiel Command, 202236B.) *Further signal will be made.

Movements

U.2511 U.2511 both diesels defective. Remaining battery endurance 40 miles. Intend entering Loch Eriboll E.T.A. 1300 today Wednesday. (FOLEY, 201009 to C. in C. Rosyth etc.)
 Note: Passed to Admty. by C. in C. Rosyth for Info.
 /My...

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U.2511 (Contd.) My 201009B.
U.2511 now reports one Diesel repaired. Intend to proceed to Lisahally.
(FOLEY, 201226B to C. in C. Rosyth, etc.)

UPSTART, UNTIRING. My 190945B sailed.
(S.M.5, 201150B to F.O.G.M.A.)

ASSISTANCE Pass Gate 2130B/21 and proceed to Gibraltar
A.M. 111635 not to all refers.
(2 - 4) Arrangements.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 201618B, 201621B to ASSISTANCE)

ROTHER Intend to sail ROTHER from Sheerness at 2000B/22nd
to Gibraltar for O.R. to join C. in C.E.I.
Speed, weather permitting, 15 knots. A.M.101325B.
(C. in C. Nore, 201718B to F.O.G.M.A.)

LEDBURY Your 162008 not to all. Re-tubing will be
carried out at Gibraltar during refit and
LEDBURY should be sailed in accordance with A.M.
160116 (not to all) accepting any failure of
boiler tubes on passage.
(D.O.D.(H), 201808B to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

U.S.S. CAPE COMFORT Your destination has been changed to Marseilles.
Alter course forthwith for 36° N. 10° W.
(2) Onward route will be signalled by Admiral Gibraltar.
(3) Acknowledge and report your E.T.A. at above
position to Admiral Liverpool and Admiral Gibraltar
(C. in C.W.A., 201814Z to CAPE COMFORT (U.S.)).

Shipping and Convoys

International routeing and Reporting authority / Message from Cominch and C.N.O. States his concurrence in proposed establishment international routeing and reporting authority (Irre) European section. Establishment of western section not contemplated at present. Lieutenant Commander A.B. Cook U.S.N. (Ret.) designated by this command as U.S. Navy representative.
(Comnaveu, 200844 to Admty.)

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L.S.I.(L) Arrival L.S.C.(L) SANSOVINO 200640B.
(F.O.G.M.A.200757B to Admty.)
Intend handing over SANSAVINO to your administration as from 16th June.
(R.A.L.S.C.U. 201251B to Rear H.Q. Force W.)
See Cpb; 202119 to 4120.

BELFAST (cruiser) On completion of fuelling and storing A.M. 21st June you are to proceed to Malta.
(F.O.G.M.A. 200937B to BELFAST)

MANXMAN (fast minelayer) Slip and proceed at 1845B June 21st to Malta.
(2) S. of A. 20 knots.
(4) E.T.A. Malta 2100B June 23rd.
(F.O.G.M.A. 200945B to MANXMAN)

U.S.S. HOPI Ocean Fleet Tug. Intend to sail U.S.S. HOPI at 1800B June 20th to the Downs for onward routing to Ghent (Belgium).
(2) S. of A. 14 knots.
(F.O.G.M.A. 201137B to Admty, F.O.I.C. Ramsgate)

TEES Frigate. Intend sailing TEES at 2100B June 20 to Dartmouth.
(3) S. of A. 11 knots E.T.A. daylight June 25.
(F.O.G.M.A. 201225B to C. in C. Plymouth)

Trawlers for U.K. Departures 20th 1115 H.M. trawler WHITING for Falmouth 1145 H.M. trawlers PICT, KELT, B.Y.M.S. 2258 for Falmouth.
(F.O.G.M.A. 201818B to C. in C. Plymouth)

Frigates for B.P.F. and E.I. Arrived H.M.S. AIRE, DART.
(F.O.G.M.A. 201841B to Admty.)

Movement. Departure 1430/20 L.S.I.(L) SANSOVINO for Messina.
(Gibraltar, 202119B to V.A. Malta)

GIBRALFARO (Spanish) Germans smuggled into Morocco. Spanish Sailing Vessel GIBRALFARO 24 G.R.T. should be boarded when next encountered by A.B.V. outward bound from Spain.
(2) If any passengers discovered or crew considered excessive or any crew member suspected of being German send ship in under armed guard for search and for examination of Suspects by Security Service.
(D.E.W.D. 202120B to F.O.G.M.A. H.M.V. Consul, Ceuta)

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RW.S.S.
closing
down of.

✓ With my concurrence the Union Authorities have withdrawn examination services and closed down P.W.S.S. at Walvis and Saldanba Bay, and now propose to withdraw these services at Port Elizabeth and East London.

(2) Propose agreeing observing the Defence of Union Ports is South African Government responsibility. P.S.W.W. and examination services are being retained at Capetown and Durban.

(C. in C. S.At. 201705 to Admiralty)

W.Africa
(troubles
in).

✓ On 6th June Acting Governor of Nigeria informed me of probability of general strike and urgently requested Naval assistance to maintain essential Civil Services.

Consequently I sent DOVEY and WYE to Lagos but subsequently withdrew WYE to relieve

AMARANTHUS who had broken down on air/sea rescue duties, there being no other vessel available. Am now retaining FANDANGO and MORRIS DANCE, the last two trawlers at Lagos, pending further developments. Strike due to start midnight tomorrow, Thursday.

(F.O.C.W.Af. 201730Z to Admty.)

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Mediterranean.

Political
Situation
Persia.

C. in C. Persia, Iraq, 200920C June to C. in
C. M.E., etc.
See Lion Copy.

Ships for
U.K.

Intend to sail SPEY in company of MANCHESTER CITY
when ready. SPEY will detach in position 227 for
Malta MANCHESTER CITY continue direct to Gibraltar
(2) SPEY has defective boiler tubes in two boilers
and will require temporary repairs at Malta and
Gibraltar.
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 201013C to F.O.L.E.M.)

Fr. S/Ms
ARCHIMEDE,
ARETHUSE.

Approved your 191701 being passed B.A.D. and
Admiralty subject to latter concurring in
change of station as executive agents of C.C.S.
(2) No information that action in accordance
with C.C.S. 358 para. 2 was taken by F.O.C.W.Af.
prior to these submarines leaving his area has
been received by C. in C. Med.
(C. in C. Med., 201205B to Commorseafron,
approved 222134B.)

Movements
of ships
to F.E.

V.A.M. 281801 May and my 181334 June, neither to
all ships are to be onward routed from Suez to
Colombo at 15 knots and instructions should include
detaching CLEOPATRA to Aden to fuel rejoining on
completion.
(2) C. in C. Med. 150958 not to all also refers.
(F.O.L.E.M., 201218Z to S.N.O.R.S.C.A., NELSON,
SUSSEX, CLEOPATRA.)

Greek waters,
mining of.

'Plans of mining by Germany of Greek waters have
been requested by Greek Naval Attache if
available. Request they be forwarded this office
if possible.
(Paris 201336B to A.N.C.X.F.)

A.F.D. 27 to
leave Alex.
for Trinco.

Your 111917 April not to all.
Work in A.L.D. 026590/44 of 9.12.44 will be
completed and A.F.D. 27 lying at buoy ready to
leave Alexandria 31st August, 1945. Early towage
is desired and dockmaster and crew referred to in
A.M. 151910* March should arrive at Alexandria
not later than August 15th.
(A.S. Alex., 201729 to Admty.)
* Dockmaster and crew to be sent to Alex.

S/Ms for
Greek Navy.

Submarines UNTIRING and UPSTART arriving Gib.
June 26th are for transfer to Greek Navy. F.O. S/M
231519 May not to all.
(2) Request you will sail them to Malta for
subsequent onward passage to Piraeus.
(C. in C. Med., 201739B to F.O.G.M.A.)

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200920C/June.

From: C. in C Persia Iraq.

Date 20.6.45.

*Political Situation
Persia*

Recd: 1815

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Addressed: C. in C Middle East.,
Info: War Office., C. in C India.

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Weekly Review.

Iraq. Prime Minister returned from Cairo 12 June. Press continues print anti French articles but excitement dying down. Less reference treaty revision but one extremely hostile article on trusteeship agreement. Rumoured Shaikh Watban Al Faisal of Shammar killed in Tribal fight in Syria. Iraq Govt has no confirmation but has ordered arrest of all Shaikhs who crossed frontier.

Persia. C. in C Mideast expected to conclude his tour Persia 24 June. Sadr presented Cabinet Shah 12 June but not yet to Majlis. Sadr takes Interior Portfolio and four Ministers incl Zand (War) Sepahbudi (Foreign Affairs) retain office whilst newcomers no significance except Anglophile Mahmoud Bader.

Finance. Kermanshah. Refinery functioning normally.

Persian Rly. Serious accident near Balarud in section still operated Americans 18 June involved eighteen box cars some containing fuel oil others Persian Pilgrims. Track cleared 1630 hours 19 June. Locomotives operated by Persian crews. Cas. estimated between sixty and seventy Persians killed and burned.

Provided you agree this review will in future be despatched each Thursday and not Wednesday as hitherto.

200920C.

- 1st Lord. M (2)
- 1st S.L. (3) C.N.I.
- D.F.S.L. C.C.L.S.
- 5th S.L. W.D.
- V.C.N.S.
- A.C.N.S. (H)
- A.C.N.S. (F)
- D.C. (2)
- D.S.O.
- O.D. (6)
- D.N.I. (4)

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French ships
for F.E.

(1) Intend to sail F.S. ANNAMITE and GAZELLE to Toulon via Oran for essential repairs and change of crews before going to the Far East C.C.S. concurs.

(2) Submarine ARCHIMEDE is returning to the Mediterranean having been released by F.O.C.W.Af. from A/S training duties. Your 021655 May not to all.

(3) E.T.A. Oran of the three ships sailing in company from Casablanca 251200 June.

(Almed., 201920B to C. in C. Med.)

SILVIO.

Your 190904*.

All Naval personnel are to exchange ships. All T.124X personnel are to remain in present ships.

(2) What instructions further than these contained in my 031623 and 050412 do you require?

(D.C.O.D., 201931B to SILVIO.)

* Request detailed instructions re transfer of crews.

Fr. S/M
ARETHUSE.

Refer my 191701A*. French Admiralty now propose to sail:- Submarine ARETHUSE to La Pallice upon receipt of approval.

Request info. addressee furnish routeing and channel information for La Pallice.

(C.O.M.S.F., 202036B to C. in C. Med.) See 211038.

* Movements for Naval Vessels formerly based at Dakar now at Casablanca.

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East Indies.

F.S. DUMONT Intended programme for DUMONT D'URVILLE supersedes
D'URVILLES. that in my 081009 May not to all.
(2) 21st June sail from Colombo. 1st to 8th July
at St. Paul's Island. 18th to 22nd July at
Colombo. 29 to 30th July at Aden. Arrive Port
Said 4th August thence proceeding into Mediterranean to await
refit your 181046 May refers.
(C. in C. E.I. 200550Z to Admty.) See 240551Z.

VIGOROUS, Your 120448 (N.T. in W.D.) VIGOROUS and VIVID
VIVID, must be available on East Indies Station to fulfil
A/S S/Ms. future anticipated anti-submarine training require-
ments and cannot be released to B.P.F.
(2) While waiting for above requirements short
patrols as described in my 290914 will be carried
out to keep the submarines usefully employed and to maintain the
morale of the crews.
(3) They can be maintained without dockyard refit for 18 months.
(C. in C. E.I. 200941Z to Admty.)

SUFFOLK Intend SUFFOLK arrive Colombo 3rd July to
(cruiser.) full complement and embark passengers sailing for
U.K. on 6th July.
(C. in C. E.I., 201041Z to 3rd B.S.)

War Regu- Prior to completion of war with Germany and before
lations for non-combat area was introduced, certain relaxa-
shipping on tions of wartime restrictions had been authorised
E.I. Stn. on parts of the East Indies Station.
relaxation of. (2) It is now desired to extend the size of the
area and the scope of the relaxations in view of
the absence of enemy threat or war risk.
(3) Proposed relaxations referred to in paras.
four and five should be permitted in the area west of a line
joining - A. Burma coast at 19° N.
B. 19° N. 090° E.
C. Equator at 090° E.
D. 12° S. 100° E.
E. N.W. Cape (22° S. 114° E. approx.)
(4) Shipping should - A. proceed undarkened and with navigation,
lights at full brilliancy, B. not zig-zag, C. not keep guns
crews closed up.
(5) Restrictions on numbers carried. Approval was requested in
my 111158 May for release from all restrictions of C.A.F.O. 470/45
in the above area, and early decision would obviate hindrances
to moves of personnel.
(6) Early approval of proposed measures is requested, particularly
to alleviate severe conditions in darkened troopships in the
tropics.
(7) Above proposals are not intended to relax in any way the
security of shipping programmes and movements in the combat area
as in Admiralty Letter M/N.I.D. 02776/45 of 9th April, and
no relaxation of present rules for W.T. silence is intended.

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lations for
shipping on
E.I. Stn.
relaxation of.
(Contd.)

(8) Neither is it intended that any of the above relaxations shall apply to New Zealand and U.S. troopships.
(9) This signal supersedes my 081159 May.
(C. in C. E.I., 201146Z to Admty., C. in C. S.A.)

H.Q. ship
N.A.Y.

MAID MARION is allocated as H.Q. ship for Bengal Auxiliary Flotilla. She is to be administered by C.C.F.E.T. para. 4 of my 151047 (N.T. in W.D.) May not to all refers.
(C. in C. E.I., 201209Z to Capt. (S) 2.)

Corvette
for U.K.

Arrived VERBENA.
(Com. Aden, 201546 to F.O.L.E.M.)

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America and West Indies

Training submarines. N.S.H.Q. 141603 anticipate UNRUFFLED and UNITED will be ready to leave Bermuda p.m./26th June. UNRUFFLED should arrive New London a.m./30th June. UNITED will be required to proceed to Philadelphia, arriving 30th June. (S.B.N.O.W.At., 201366Z (as received) to B.A.D.)
Re proposals for UNRUFFLED and UNITED re training submarines.

U. 190 for Halifax. H.M.C.S. HALLOWELL (S.O.) escorting H.M.C. submarine U.190 sail St. Johns, route, etc. (2) Speed 12 knots. (5) On arrival Halifax request C. in C. C.N.A. sail HALLOWELL to St. Johns as convenient. (F.O.N.F., 201502Z to Cominch.)

MATANE, frigate. Unless fuel situation warrants stop-over at Bermuda from position 40.00 N., 49.00 W. proceed by Great Circle to etc. (4) C.P.S.F. requested provide onward route from Colon to Esquimalt be for MATANE. (C. in C. C.N.A., 201936Z to MATANE.)

L.S.T. 3514. L.S.T.3514 departed Cristobal 1100Z/20 for Plymouth via New York. E.T.A. New York 1000Z/28. Speed 11 knots. (Compaseafon, 202126 to Cominch, Admty.)

Far East and Australia

F.S. LA GRANDIERE. At 12.2 and 13 knots LA GRANDIERE departed Havannah pass file time headed for La Ciotat via Balboa for onward routeing and Papeete. E.T.A. Papeete 28th. Comsomac 190431* refers. (Port Director Noumea, 200402 to Comdt. Samoan Def. Grp.)
* Not identified in War Registry.

C. in C. Pac. Blue Summary 19th. Ryukyus. Marine elements drove to the south-west coast of Okinawa 700 yards south of Komusu splitting collapsing Japanese defences in two. Small gains made on 24th Corps sectors against stubborn enemy resistance. Numerous enemy reported jumping off cliffs along south-east shore. Fire support ships withdrawing after destroying large groups of Japanese caught moving in open. On 18th only 1 small enemy air raid. 71 close support sorties flown. T.A.F. planes attacked Amami Shima.

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C. in C. Empire Area. F.A.W.1 planes mined waters
Pac. Blue between Soan Gunto and south tip of Korea.
Summary 19th. Destroyed 1 SD damaged 2 SD, probably sank 1
(Contd.) small AK off Korea. Damaged 2 luggers north of
Shanghai. F.A.W.18 planes sank 1 SD, 5 fishing
boats off Kox Shima. Damaged 1 SD. Bombed
barracks on Shinine Shima. PBJ damaged 1
unidentified ship near Oshima.
Blue submarines report sinking 3 medium sized unidentified
ships, 1 armed trawler, 1 large schooner, possibly sinking 1
medium sized unidentified ship. Night of 18/19 Dunlap
(DD. 354) destroyed 2 small craft 1 small AK north-east of
Chichi Jima by gunfire. 53 prisoners taken. 4 B.25s. sank
1 SD, damaged 3 SD south-east of Paramushira, 3 P.Vs. attacked
Sumibachi Wan and Mnaga Saki in Shimushu.
(C. in C. Pac. Adv., 200731 to all commands, C. in C. S.W.P.A.,
C. in C. B.P.F.)

Operations in Pacific prior to Operation "Olympic".

Following information is derived from recent visit of my staff to C. in C. U.S. Pacific Fleet at Guam and Commander 3rd Fleet at Leyte. (2) Cdr. 3rd Fleet has been given task of carrying out harassing attack with fast carrier task forces on northern end of Honshu Hokkaido and Kurile Is. between now and operation "Olympic". His objective will be air training facilities industrial plant and shipping.

(3) In interpreting these orders Cdr. 3rd Fleet does not intend to be tied to any fixed schedule date or time either strategically or tactically. In light of which his intentions are -

(A) 3 sorties - 1 in July, 1 in August and one in September.
(B) First sortie from Leyte so as to refuel in approximate position 035° N., 155° E. on 9th July thereafter attacking Hokkaido and northern Honshu as requisite and returning one group to Eniwetok and remainder to Leyte by first August.
(C) Bombardment by battleships and possibly cruisers to form part of these operations.
(D) Finally to work for maximum availability for Operation "Olympic" in mid-October.

(4) The British Carrier Task Force has been assigned Cdr. 3rd Fleet and will be available for these operations as follows:

(A) For July sortie by approx. 14th July thereby missing first day strikes.
(B) For August sortie (provided it does not go on too long).
(C) But not in September sortie when a further major replenishment is intended in Australia in order to provide maximum availability for "Olympic".

(5) Cdr. 3rd Fleet intends to operate Task Force 37 as group of his own fast carrier task force - Task Force 38 - and 313¹¹³ therefore under orders of Cdr. Task Force 38 (Vice-Admiral McCain) ⁽²⁻²⁻⁴⁵⁾

(6) Tanker group will operate from Eniwetok during bearing operation and replenishing carriers will operate from Manus. At end of July sortie Task Force 37 will withdraw to Manus for quick replenishment.

(7) It is hoped that DUKE OF YORK and the C.V.Ls. will take part in August operation.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 200803Z to Admty.)

/Digest ...

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Far East and Australia - Contd.

Digest (5) Three Navy Liberators on special offensive
1246, patrol from Mindoro 18th all attacked Hatien
19th June. destroying one small freighter and damaging
(Extract). one smaller coastal freighter.
(7) Fifth Air Force again hit Formosa targets
in good weather. 48 Liberators dropped 391
half tonners on Kiirun docks and warehouse
area inflicting further destruction there.
(8) One Liberator bombed Whampoa Docks at Canton night 18th.
(10) Enemy withdrawal continues on Tarakan to north-east coast
but only small parties contacted. Active patrolling Brunei
Bay to point 3.5 miles east Hutong has met nil enemy except
one party estimated at platoon strength near Weston. A.I.F.
party landed unopposed at Mompakul (north-west extremity Brunei
Bay) and secured beach.
(13) Other R.A.A.F. operations. Night 17th June four
Catalinas mined Sourabaya waters.
(15) A.M.F. troops on southern Bougainville continue drive
towards Buin against strong opposition.
(G.H.Q.S.W.P.A., 200916Z to Admty.)

Bombs for Your 080622. As the result of limitations to
B.P.F. the design of the 500 lb. AN-M64 bombs it has
been found necessary to ship a larger proportion
of Mk.XIII M.C. bombs than originally planned.
(2) Further supplies of M.C. bombs with nose
and tail fuze pockets have now become available and no more
Mk.XIII bombs will be shipped.
(3) Arrangements have already been made to supply quantity
5000 bombs 500 lb. M.C. monthly and future supply will be
increased to 6000 monthly. Of these a proportion will be M.C.
bombs Mk.X which have tail fuze pockets only.
(4) In view of the strong construction of the Mk.X bombs their
use against ship targets is especially recommended.
(D.A.S., 201943B to C. in C. B.P.F.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

- North Sea. 1. (a) One enemy ground mine was detonated 18 miles E. of Spurn Point today. 31 British mines were cut in the East Coast mine barrier off Aberdeen. One enemy mine has been detonated in Vulcaan Harbour, Rotterdam.
(b) Wilhelmshaven is open to urgent shipping only for ships up to 34 ft. draft.
- Western Approaches. 2. Today 12 British mines were cut and 2 detonated in the Bristol Channel and 29 were swept off the Calf of Man.
- West Coast of France. 3. Mine clearance has been completed in the approaches to St. Jean de Luz, the Gironde River and La Pallice.
- Northern Waters. 4. SS. FORT LA PRAIRIE (Tyne for Sydney, N.S.) went ashore on Little Skerry (Pentland Firth) this morning. Salvage efforts proved unsuccessful and the vessel is considered a total loss.
- Baltic. 5. SPERRBRECHER No. 17 was damaged by a mine today and was towed to Friedrichsort. Twelve more mines, making a total of 19 have been swept in the Kiel-Eckernförde fishing area. Three ground mines were swept off Kiel Fjord today.
- Fishing by Fr. vessels. 6. A.N.C.X.F. has agreed to the request of the French Admiralty, for the resumption of fishing by French vessels at their own risk in Channel waters outside territorial waters. Extensions of permitted areas in the Atlantic are being notified by the Admiralty.

Foreign Stations.

Mediterranean.

- Movements. 7. ILLUSTRIOUS arrived Gibraltar from Port Said. NELSON left Alexandria for Port Said. JEANNE D'ARC arrived Marseilles and left again.

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East Indies.

HILDESAY
(A/S trawler)

8. HILDESAY is reported stranded on a reef in 4° 12' S. 39° 38' E.* at 0030 today while endeavouring to salvage petrol lighter.
* (Nr. Kilindini.)

Malaya.

9. Between the 18th and today ROYALIST (A.C.21), SUFFOLK, STALKER, KHEDIVE, AMEER and 5 destroyers carried out a photographic R/C operation in Southern Malaya. The priority targets were fully covered and others almost completely.

Far East and Australia.

Borneo.

/10. (a) All organised resistance on Tarakan ended.
(b) U.S. and R.A.A.F. Liberators dropped 187 tons of bombs on enemy defence areas at Balikpapan.
(c) Aircraft destroyed one large schooner and a lugger off Kuching (Sarawak) and damaged 4 other small vessels in same area.

China.

11. 23 U.S.N. Liberators and Privateers destroyed one coastal freighter in the Canton river mouth.

Japan.

/12. Cessation of organised resistance on Okinawa announced.

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Policy

- ANNAN. Have turned over H.M.C.S. ANNAN to the Royal Navy.
(LOCH ANNAN, 210900B.)
- S.N.O.B.O. P.F. It is assumed that upon the dissolution of C.T.F. 122 on 1st July, operational control of S.N.O.B. O.P.F. will pass to a British Command. Request confirmation.
(C.T.F.122, 210916B to A.N.C.X.F.)
- STOPFORD, A.L. M/P.D.029/45 of 10th April, 1945 and C. in
L.C.T. Training Base, Obness. C. Rosyth letter 0967/2 of 25th May, 1945.
(2) Confirmation is requested that H.M.S. STOPFORD will not be reduced.
(3) This Base is of utmost importance for completing refit and training of M.L.C. for Far East, and there is no other suitable base on the East Coast.
(4) Although L.C.T.(4) production is nearly completed there is a considerable number of L.C.T.(8) Flotillas yet to be formed and sailed to Far East.
(R.A.L.S.C.U., 211122 to C. in C. Rosyth.)
- Fishing by French vessels. Your 192018* May (not to all).
No objection to resumption of fishing by French vessels by day and night without restriction in all channel waters outside territorial waters provided that -
(a) Existing prohibitions engraved on Admiralty charts are maintained, and
(b) It is clearly understood that fishing is at fishermen's own risk and that British Government can entertain no claims for damage incurred.
(2) Approved to promulgate in suitable form Q messages giving details of mined areas in which it may be desired to prohibit fishing.
(3) Extensions of permitted areas in Atlantic area being notified by Admiralty.
(A.N.C.X.F., 211242B.)
* Not identified in War Registry.
Note: Marine Paris 231812Z refers.

Operations

North Sea

- M/S Office, Terneuzen. Your 191741B June. Beg to report Minesweeping Office, Terneuzen now closed down.
(C.M.S. Terneuzen, 210901B to F.O. Belgium.)
Concur in F.O. Belgium's 191741. Request approval.
(A.N.C.X.F., 211100B to Admty.)

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Minesweeping between Harwich and Hook. 1st M.S.F. is required to clear the following lines of German moored mines.
(A) S.W. 13. (B) S.W.12.
(2) - (5) Details.
(C. in C. Nore, 211012B.)
On arrival at Harwich 16th M.S.F. is required to conduct following programme.
(2) Clearance of lines of German moored mines.
(A) S.W.101 laid 30 July 1942. Contents 64 obstructions. Centre line joins the following positions: 51° 50' N. 2° 37' E., 51° 56' N. 2° 40' E.
(B) S.W.5 laid 1 March 1942. Contents 105 G.V. star mines in 4 lines at 10 feet. Centre line joins the following positions: 51° 52.8' N., 02° 55' E., 51° 57.0' N. 02° 55' E.
(3) - (5) Details.
(C. in C. Nore, 211014B.)

Mine 18 miles E. of Spurn Pt. Ground mine detonated at 1029 in position 318° H.2 1.2 miles.
(F.O. Humber, 211132B, 211915.)

Group 2 of U/Bs. Intend to sail NARBOROUGH and Group 2 consisting of U.1230, U.1233, U.806 and U.155 type IX to comply with your 171855 at 1100(?A)/22nd.
(N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven, 211412B.)

Mine in Rotterdam. Vulcaan Haven at Rotterdam has been covered by P.P. unit one mine has been detonated one is believed to remain. Area has been covered by cis locator with negative results. Consider harbour to be safe from mines.
(F.O. Holland, 211759B.)

Mine clearance off Aberdeen. 13 mines of S.N.16E swept Wednesday 20th June.
(GRECIAN, 212006B.)
31 mines of S.N.16E swept today Thursday. All these and all those swept yesterday Wednesday sunk by gunfire. Hope to finish S.N.16E tomorrow Friday.
(GRECIAN, 212008B.)

German fishing. My 281610* May. As amended by my 031300 deletes position (E) re-number position (F) and (G) as (E) and (F) respectively.
(F.O.W.G., 212005B.)
* Areas which German trawlers and coastal fishing vessels may fish.

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Cositintrep / Para. 1. Mine clearance of the approaches to
No. 443, St. Jean de Luz, Gironde, River Rog (?), La
Part 2, Pallice has been completed.
Naval. / Para. 2. Wilhelmshaven (open only to urgent
shipping) maximum dimensions of ships acceptable
draught 34 feet length 1200 feet berths
available:

<u>Draught</u>	<u>Number of Berths</u>
34 feet	(five holding)
33 feet	(three loading, three holding, one repair)
30 feet	(three holding)
20 feet	(one holding, one repair)
12 feet	(four loading, three holding)

Also nine additional holding berths. Ships gear is required for all loading heavy lifts up to 150 tons can be handled by floating cranes only 3 berths are served by rail. Ships at holding berths could be worked on to lighters.
(Burrough signed Eisenhower, 212300B.)

Operations

Channel

German warships surrendered in the Channel Islands. Can a reply be given to my 151738. It is most desirable to clear berths occupied as soon as possible.
(N.O.I.C. C.I., 211117B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Cousnaab. / Cousnaab Portland/Weymouth decommissioned 1200/18.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 211134B.)

Flak ship 4602 (presumed Dutch). Re bringing from Guernsey to Downs for O.R. to Dutch port.
(N.O.I.C. C.I., 211505B.)

Mine clearance in Channel approaches. Q.Z.X.246. Area bounded by:
(I) 048° 25.7' N., 009° 19.9' W.
(J) 048° 22.6' N., 009° 15.8' W.
(K) 048° 12.9' N., 009° 30.9' W.
(L) 048° 15.3' N., 009° 37' W.
Swept to depth of 9 cables from north-west edge, no mines. Intend returning Falmouth p.m./22.
(S.O.M.S.F.31, 212306B.)

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Western Approaches

N.C.S. / Naval Control Service Workington closed 1800B/
Workington, 20th. Intend closing Naval Control Service
Eastham. Eastham as from 1st July,
(N.C.S.O. Mersey, 210945B.)

Mine / Your 202210. It is highly important that
clearance sweeping of Q.Z.X.1563 should be completed
off Calf without delay. Report forthwith whether this
of Man. can be effected prior to return to Liverpool.
It is not understood why it should be essential
for the whole Flotilla to return at this stage
of the operation.

(F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 211307B to S.O.M.S.F.11.)

Following immediate message received in local wave at 1551.
Your 211307*. Reasons for my 202210 were that:

- (A) LIONESS has condenser leaking and boiler density 0.25° rising.
- (B) Boiler brickwork of FLYING FISH burnt away and damage to casing inevitable in due course.
- (C) LAERTES has holes in circulating pump casing which she considers serious.
- (D) With only two ships really fit for sweeping, continuance of operations ceases to become practical.
- (E) Weather conditions last night showed little sign of improvement.
- (2) Weather today is much better and minefield which was very accurately laid has now been covered. Total of mines swept 116. If a total of three laps either side of minefield with no mines swept is acceptable G. sweep may be completed today and with fine weather A. sweep tomorrow.
- (3) In view of your 211307 intend to continue the operation.
- (4) It should be borne in mind that the completion of the area in one period at sea would be far easier for me but that most of Flotilla have now been operating without a break since May 2nd and that continual lack of time for maintenance in these newly completed Canadian built ships may have a long standing effect. Request early reply to my para.2 and preliminary weather forecast for tomorrow.

(S.O.M.S.F.11, 211501 to F.O.I.C. Liverpool.)

* Sweeping of Q.Z.X.1563 should be completed without delay.

Note by War Reg: Signal formerly circulated without a T.O.O.

G sweep of area enclosed by following positions completed today at 2100 swept depth 20 fathoms -

(A) 54° 02'06" N., 05° 03'18" W. (B) 53° 57'48" N., 05° 05'30" W.
(C) 54° 00'30" N., 05° 17'36" W. (D) 54° 04'30" N., 05° 15'30" W.

(2) Today's bag 27 cut and sunk, 2 detonated in sweep.

(3) Total 116 plus 2 (possibles?).

(S.O. M.S.F.11, 212135B.)

/R.N.O. ...

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Cumberland
ports,
L.N.Os.
Whitehaven
& Silloth.

It is intended to close down the office of R.N.O. Cumberland ports as from 30th June, 1945, together with the appointments of L.N.Os. Whitehaven and Silloth. Functions of N.C.S.O. Cumberland ports ceased 20th June. (F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 211817B.)

Situation
reports.

It is considered that daily signalled situation reports no longer serve any useful purpose and to avoid unnecessary signalling it is proposed to discontinue them.

(2) If this is approved sailing authorities in Western Approaches Command will be instructed to repeat to Admiralty all sailing and arrival signals of H.M. Ships. (C. in C. W.A., 211840B.)

Mine
clearance,
Bristol
Channel.Add to my 192040B -
Mines encountered today in line 3 Q.Z.X.1577 - 12 cut plus 2 detonated with loss of 2 kite otters. (Cdr. M/S. Bristol Channel, 212130B.)OperationsNorthern WatersBERWICK,
escorted
by ZEBRA.Force 7 arrived Reykjavik*.
(A.C.I.C., 212023B.)
* from Spitzbergen.OperationsBaltic

Soviet M/S.

Your 201043*. Onward route from position 13 is as detailed in F.O. Kiel's 161852. It is confirmed that this refers to Soviet minesweepers. (D.O.D.(H), 211335B to Admiral Egerton.)
* Re Soviet Minesweepers.Passage
of U/Bs.
to U.K.All conditions required in your 151738B June to A.N.C.X.F. (Main) have been complied with, but adjustment to trim must be made on arrival.
(2) Nominal list, bill of health and list of important navigational equipment held by each U-Boat will be carried by escorts.(3) In addition each German U-Boat has been degaussed, has one month's provisions on board and carry charts.
(4) Only about half carry international code.
(5) Complete kits are carried by all crews.
(6) * No fire arms of any sort are carried on board any U-Boat.
(7) Admiralty pass to Capt. (S) Loch Ryan and Capt. (S) Lisahally.
(N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven, 211550B.)
* Gp. 111 figure 6 omitted.

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Situation at 2100/21. 12 mines swept in proposed Kiel Eckernforde fishing area. This makes a total of 19 mines swept in this area. Expect to start fishing outside Kiel Fiord on Saturday after a further sweep tomorrow Friday. Sperrbrecher 17* was damaged by mine near position four Weg one. Salvage tugs were sent and it is hoped to tow the Sperrbrecher in tomorrow. 4 captured or recovered merchant ships plus 5 recovered Dutch coasters sailed for Brunsbuttel.
(F.O. Kiel Command, 212358B.)
* F.O.K.C. 221015B gives her number as 07.

Casualties and Defects

SS. FORT LA PRAIRIE. S O S. Ashore.
((BKRB) FORT LA PRAIRIE, No T.O.O. recd. 0512.)
S O S. Ashore Little Skerry and at present not damaged in engine also in hold for present.
(BKRB, No T.O.O./21.)

Following received.

Tugs proceeding to your assistance.

(Wick Radio, No T.O.O. recd. 0624Z to BKRB.)

If no attempt made shortly to tow off vessel's back will break.

(FORT LA PRAIRIE, 211122Z to Admty.)

Report received from Wick Radio D.T.G. 0708B today that SS. FORT LA PRAIRIE went ashore on Little Skerry approx. 0700 today 21st June.

Salvage efforts proved unsuccessful vessel has been abandoned and is considered a total loss. Master and crew all safe.

(C. in C. H.F. (Ashore), 212347.)

Movements

APOLLO. C. in C. Portsmouth is requested to sail APOLLO for Gibraltar and Malta on 24th June. APOLLO 182123 not to all, refers.
(2) C. in C. Med. is requested to comply with A.M. 121449, para. 2.
(A.C.N.S.(H), 210652B.)

Group 18. (Extract) Intend to sail Group 18.
(1) PATRICK HENRY, STEPHEN SMITH, PEREGRINE WHITE, THOMAS POLLOCK. Downs for O.R. to U.S.A.
(N.O.I.C. Rotterdam, 211021B.)

HADLEIGH CASTLE, KNARESBOROUGH CASTLE. My 061134. To sail in company to Gibraltar when ready.
(C. in C. W.A., 211028B.)

/COWDRAY ...

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Movements - Contd.

COWDRAY, Intend to sail COWDRAY (S.O.), BLEASDALE from
BLEASDALE. Sheerness at 0730B/24 to Gibraltar for O.R.
COWDRAY to B.P.F. and BLEASDALE to E.I. Station.
Speed on passage 17 knots.
(2) A.M. 160103B* not to all addressees, refers.
(3) Request Admiralty divert mails as requisite after last
delivery Sheerness 23rd June.
(C. in C. Nore, 211140B.)
* C. in C. Nore is requested to sail COWDRAY and BLEASDALE
when ready about 21st June to the Mediterranean.

SABRE. Intend to sail SABRE at 1600B/21st June to
Gibraltar for certain trials.
(2) - (6) Details.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 211143B.)
Route. (C. in C. Plymouth, 211145B.)

ROTHER. Orders to sail at 2000B/22 to Gibraltar.
(C. in C. Nore, 211200B.)

U.2511, Arrived FOLEY escorting U.2511 and U.2506.
U.2506. (Com. (D) W.A., 211226B.)

BLACK SWAN. My 211508B*. Route.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 211505B.)
* BLACK SWAN to proceed to Gibraltar.
Orders to sail at 1200B/22 and proceed to
Gibraltar.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 211508B.)

LAUNCESTON My 201035B June, sailing delayed 24 hours.
CASTLE, (Cdre. (D) W.A., 221659B.)
PORCHESTER
CASTLE.
(To Freetown)

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Rescue
Station.

VERITY sails at 1200B/June 22nd to relieve CROCUS in position 20.
 (2) E.T.A. position 0800B/June 24th.
 (4) CROCUS on relief return Gibraltar.
 (F.O.G.M.A. 211450B to Admty.)

Ditching
of U.S.A/C.

C. in C. Western Approaches 191645/ Baker refers. Dinghies referred 1st paragraph were from Merships. Am investigating details of routeing and of communication failure with A.T.C. and will make recommendation after discussing with Admiralty.
 (Comnavu, 211236 to Cominch)
 / Ditching of U.S. aircraft B.24 number 0018 on 17th June and subsequent reports of dinghy sightings indicate that transport aircraft between Valley and Lagens Azores do not always pass over A.S.R. stations 18 and 19.

TEES.

Departure 2115B/20th TEES for Dartmouth.
 (F.O.G.M.A. 211458B to C. in C. Plymouth)

A.F.D.69.

Your 201550/. As BERGAMOT is expected to complete repairs p.m. 22nd June ship will now be employed on this duty and MINALTO will be sailed to Plymouth on arrival of A:F.D.69.
 (F.O.G.M.A. 211554B to C. in C. Plymouth)
 / Owing future commitments Plymouth Command MINALTO can now be repaired continue with A.F.D.69 until relieved by escort from Malta.

Fast
minelayer.

Arrived and sailed 1855B/21 MANXMAN for Malta.
 (F.O.G.M.A. 211658B to Admty, V.A.M.)

BELFAST
Cruiser.

Arrived and sailed 1745B/21st BELFAST for Malta
 E.T.A. 0830B/23rd.
 (F.O.G.M.A. 211824B to Admty, V.A.M.)

Re routing
to Ponta
Delgada.

Your 211456/ if oil fuel is required, ships should be routed to Ponta Delgada and B.N.A. Lisbon and F.O.G.M.A. included in sailing signal. Water only is available at Horta.
 (S.B.N.O. Azores, 212141Z to C. in C. C.N.A.)
 / Requesting confirmation R.N. new construction en route U.K. be routed via Ponta Delgada.

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South Atlantic

Minesweeper

Arrived H.M.S. CHAMELEON.
(N.O.I.C. East London, 210748Z to Admty.)

Base ship.

Request destination in U.K. for PHILOCTETES
E.T.S. Dakar p.m. 25th June.
(F.O.C.W.Af. 211819Z to Admty.)

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Mediterranean

Transfer of British Army responsibilities in French North Africa. (1) I estimate that final British Army garrison required in French North Africa to support R.N. and R.A.F. during the Japanese War will be approximate of 190 officers and 2600 O.Rs.
 (2) Main purpose of garrison will be to perform necessary tasks in connections with air route to the East passing via Tripolitania and Cairo.
 (3) Clearance of units and stores required here which are still in French North Africa will be completed shortly. Subsequently A.F.H.Q. or any replacing British H.Q. in Italy will have no direct interest in French North Africa. It appears logical to hand over control to Mideast since they already control Tripolitania and the focal point of communications at Cairo.
 (4) Mideast are averse to accepting responsibilities for following reasons -
 (a) Algiers much nearer Italy whence communications already exist and visits can be made more easily.
 (b) Desirable avoid disrupting existing arrangements unless essential.
 (c) There would be no difficulties with R.A.F. since A.O.C. in C. Mideast has representative with M.A.A.F.
 (d) Disposal of surplus stores and fixed assets would be complicated as territory is outside jurisdiction of Resident Minister Mideast.
 (5) Accordingly I request that you consider this and, if possible, order the transfer of Comd. of British troops in North Africa to Mideast. Units required for the final garrison are already there.
 (6) C. in C. Med. and C. in C. R.A.F. Medme have been consulted and agree.
 (A.F.H.Q. 210836Z to A.M.S.S.O.)

Re movements of French Naval vessels formerly based at Dakar. No objection by C. in C. Med. para. 2 your 202036 being passed B.A.D. and Admiralty subject to concurrence of latter as executive agents of C.C.S.
 (C. in C. Med. 211038 to Commorseafron)

S/M ARETHUSE. (1) Marine Paris orders Fr. S/Ms ARETHUSE now in Casablanca, after being released by F.O.C.W.Af. from A/S training duties, should be sent to La Pallice. Our 021655/May refers.
 (2) A.L. West Africa will sail her direct with Commorseafron's concurrence.
 (Almed, 211242B to C. in C. Med.)

/KING SALVOR ...

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KING SALVOR Intend sailing KING SALVOR to Port Said on 23rd June for onward routing to Aden Colombo, thence to join B.P.F. Admiralty 22314/March not to all refers.
(F.O.L.E.M. 211429 to C. in C. Med.)

Syria / For information - the landing party from ARETHUSA's ARETHUSA (F.O.L.E.M. 030023 and 031814 refer) landing party. was re-embarked after carrying out demonstration in Damascus.

(2) On June 12th at the urgent request of G.O.C. Ninth Army, seamen and Marines from ARETHUSA were landed at Latakdotgi where their presence was reported to have produced a calming effect on a threatening situation.

(3) On my instructions F.O.L.E.M. has made it clear to C. in C. Middle East and G.O.C. 9th Army that except in emergency it is undesirable for Naval ratings to be employed away from their ships on military commitments.

(4) Under pressure from C. in C. Middle East however and in view of the present shortage of white troops in the area I have agreed to ARETHUSA's marine detachment continuing this duty until they can be relieved about the end of the month by troops arriving from Italy and India. The Seamen will re-embark on June 21st.

(5) ARETHUSA reports as follows (ARETHUSA's 201046 not to Admiralty) "General Beynet has asked Naval detachment to remain and has expressed appreciation".
(C. in C. Med. 211438 to Admty.)

SAXIFRAGE (?Intend) to sail SAXIFRAGE at 1600B June 22nd to Messina Route A. S. of A. 10 knots. E.T.A. 0800B/23rd.
(2) SAXIFRAGE is detailed as escort to SILVIO to U.K. My 181505 and C. in C. Med's 161628 refers.
(V.A. Malta, 211620B to S.N.O. Sicily)

Levant Sitrep GO/23368 cipher 21 June. Secret 053453.
to 2100 hrs. (1) Aazaz 18 June fighting between French Grn and
20th June. locals. British Coln arrived 19 June and restored order.

(2) Meidane Ekbes. French Frontier offr. threatened by locals and was evac. by British Det

20th June.

(3) Aafrine 19 June all French Tps. and families evac. to Aleppo following firing night 18/19 June.

(4) Djerablous. Shooting continued during day 19 June. Reported all French approx. Str. 1 Sqn. crossed frontier into Turkey. British Coln arrived morning 20 June preventing looting. British Offr. remaining safeguard French property.

(5) DHP Rly. strike continues Lebanon only. Mil and Mira traffic unaffected.

(C. in C. M.E. 211930C to W.O.)

/S/MS...

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S/MS
TOTEM
for B.P.F.

Sailed TOTEM 211800C to Aden for onward routeing to Trimcomalee.
(2) E.T.A. 261100Z, S. of A. 11.5 knots.
(N.O.I.C. Suez, 211931 to Admty, and Com. Aden.)

Sit. in
Levant
21st June.

GO/23397 cipher 21 June secret.
(1) Centre of trouble has shifted to North Syria. There is still tension in Aleppo and numerous attacks have been made on French Frontier Control Garrisons. French Tps. have been withdrawn from Ain El Arab Djerablous Aafrine Harim Idlib and Jisr. Desertions are increasing at Lattakia. Syrians not anxious for armed men to be loose in Alouite Hills believed enlisting deserters. Watch is being kept since some indication these affrays may spread Eastward and similar situation develop in Dezireh (or Jezireh).
(2) Elsewhere situation comparatively quiet. French estimated on 17 June desertions at over 4,000 all ranks incl 80 offrs. These continue.
(3) Gen. Humbot, at interview 19 June stated French fear security in Levant states not adequate and might have to call reinforcements from France. He suggested Alouite coast be reinforced with Bns. their regular Tps. This fear possibly due to fact they accept without investigation the many rumours which arise and which later are usually found to be without foundation.
(C. in C. M.E. 2120150 to W.O.)

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East Indies.

Land
Operations
in Burma.

S.A.C.S.E.A. 210605Z to Admiralty.
See Lion Copy.

ENTERPRISE.

Intend to sail ENTERPRISE at 1100Z/21st to Suez for onward routeing to U.K. Commanding Officer requests she may be routed via Alexandra. (2) E.T.A. Suez 0400Z/24th S. of A. 20 knots. (Com. Aden, 210858Z to N.O.I.C. Suez)

HILDESAY
(A/S Trawler)
(Ashore)

Regret to report HILDESAY stranded on reef in position 04 degs. 12' S. 39 degs. 38' E. at 0030 to-day Thursday 21st June while endeavouring to salvage waterlogged petrol lighter. Salvage operations in progress. Considerable quantity of water on board but not yet known if hull is holed. No casualties. No damage above water. Further signal will be made.
(Com. E.A. 211250Z to C. in C. E.I.)

VERBENA
for U.K.

Intend to sail VERBENA at 1500Z/22nd to Suez for onward routeing to U.K. C. in C. E.I's 050509 not to all refers. (2) E.T.A. Suez 1100Z/27th. S. of A. 11.5 knots. (Com. Aden, 211444Z)

MESSAGE.IN*Operations in Burma.*

210605Z June

Date 21.6.45

From S.A.C.S.E.A.

Recd. 1016

P/L BY W/T

To:- Admiralty

For Public Relations.

S.E.A.C. Communique No. 535

Dated:- Kandy 21st June, 1945.

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G.M.T. 21st June, 1945.Air.

Heavy bombers of Air Command dropped 32 tons on troop concentrations in wooded area south of Mokpalin on the Pegu Martaban railway. Bombing was well concentrated but results could not be seen due to the Terrain.

Thunderbolts started several fires in an area believed to contain enemy troops south of Paukkaung.

On June 19th operations were considerably curtailed by bad weather, but Spitfires carried out a good strike against rivercraft on the Sittang River, sinking 12 and damaging 17, and P.38's sunk eight laden rivercraft on Inle Lake.

Further reports for June 18th show that P.38's destroyed a number of buildings in supply dump area at Hopong and Wanyin, and also bombed troops in the Taunggyi area with unknown results.

Land.

Burma: The village of Paukkaung (22 miles east of Prome) has been occupied by our troops. Patrols to the south of Paukkaung found abandoned positions where a machine gun, grenades and Japanese bodies had been left.

In the area 36 miles south south east of Prome our troops occupied the village of Pyinmakhaung and found 24 Japanese bodies. In the same area a patrol with mortar and machine gun fire inflicted heavy casualties on 100 Japanese seen moving in a village.

British patrols operating south from Milestone 24 on the Mawchi road found hastily evacuated Bashes.

East

East of Kalaw our patrols remain active in the Hcho area.

There were artillery and mortar engagements 28 miles east north east of Pegu, near the Sittang River.

Ends.

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America & West Indies.

H.M.A.S.
AUSTRALIA.

Intend departing New York 1400Z Sunday 24th June arriving Devonport a.m. Sunday 1st July.
(H.M.A.S. AUSTRALIA 211132Z to B.A.D., Admty.)

LAMONT
L.S.I. (L)

LAMONT amended E.T.D. Kingston 211800Z E.T.A. Clyde 050100Z July. Compaseafon 182346, not all refers.
(R.N.O. Jamaica 211501Z to Admty.)
Amended 221810Z.

CAMROSE
corvette.

Arrival a.m. 21st June H.M.C.S. CAMROSE from St. Johns N.F. and U.K.
(C.O.P. Halifax 211707Z to Admty.)

GATINEAU
destroyer.

Departure Halifax 0237Z/22 H.M.C.S. GATINEAU at 15 for Greenock routed, etc. B. E.T.A. (B) 28.
(2) A. 3 when ready about 1st July, request GATINEAU with personnel embarked be sailed for Halifax.
(C. in C. C.N.A., 211747 to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

C.V.Es.
Release from duty in U.S. Pac. Fleet of RAJAH, ATHELING & TRACKER.

Reference para. 3 my 191545. C. in C. Pacific has now informed Cominch that British C.V.E. will arrive at San Diego on conclusion of last trips under U.S. control as follows:
A. RAJAH July 2nd. B. ATHELING July 7th.
C. TRACKER July 9th.
(2) RAJAH will have completed two weeks repairs. ATHELING and TRACKER may require about four days each availability before return to British control.
(3) If RAJAH proceeds to U.K. via Norfolk she can embark full load of British aircraft for U.K. N.A.R. states there will be appreciable load also for either ATHELING or TRACKER but not for both. Request therefore Admiralty's intentions re ATHELING and TRACKER.
(B.A.D. 212127Z to Admty.) See 251604B.

Agadir.

Para. One A.M. 122215. Chief of Staff to Admiral Fenard informed me today that Marine Paris desires to keep the two French Squadron at Agadir so that their training shall not be interrupted. The squadrons are earmarked for operational employment against Japan as soon as opportunity offers.
(2) Para. one of B.N.A. Paris 181730 seen to indicate a compromise has been reached direct with U.S. A.T.C. If confirmed propose I should inform Cominch accordingly.
(B.A.D. 212241Z to Admty.) See 232102B.

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Far East and Australia.

Blue Summary Ryukyus. Enemy resistance on Okinawa now, 20th. confined to 3 small pockets along southeastern tip of island. Heavy artillery fire by our forces has ceased. Civilians surrendering in masses with some Japanese soldiers intermingled. Total estimated enemy casualties to 192400/1 (-9) or 87,343. Military P.O.Ws. total 1,503, labour troops 1,062. C.V.E. planes covered Sakishima Gunto. Searches Empire Area. F.A.W. 1 planes continued mining of coastal waters off south tip Korea. Sank 1 S. C., 1 S.D., 1 coastal passenger steamer in Nighi Suido. Sank 1 ft. south of Haichow. Damaged 1 coastal A.K. off mouth of Yangtze River. Empire. Night of 19th 28 aircraft mined Shimonoseki Strait Nitagata Miyazu and Maiauru. Blue submarines report rescue of 9 B.24 airmen off Marcus. Sinking of 2 S.C. Orange submarines. ENDYMION (A.R.L.9) torpedoed at 12-40 N. 156-22 E. CALVIN VICTORY (X.A.K.) reports sighting torpedo at 09-50 N. 140-52 E. (C. in C. Pac. Adv., 210627 to All commands.)

Digest 1247 (2) American troops captured Malagos in Central 20.6.45. Mindanao against small arms fire only, and (extract.) entered outskirts Baguio. (3) Elements 9th A.I.F. Division (landed?) at Tutong (Miri) after daybreak unopposed. Minesweepers cleared 423 mines from Miri - Cape Flram (?Baram) shores during eight days sweeping prior to landing. (4) Around Brunei Bay 9th A.I.F. Division troops and patrols fanning out from Mempakul to Tutong and report negligible enemy contacts, although Jap. pocket on Labuan Island still holds out. (12) 5 F.A.W. Liberators or Privateers from Mindoro patrolled Indo-China coast destroying one trawler, damaging another at Quinhon, and sinking one river steamer, damaging two similar vessels plus three barges Tourano Harbour. (14) 76 Liberators attacked gun emplacements and defence positions Balikpapan with about 145 tons mixed bombs. Submarine sighted Ogg Hbaereo Mises off Samarinda. (G.H.Q.S.W.P.A., 210852Z to Admty.)

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SITUATION REPORT

Home Commands

- 1st C.S. / 1. The 1st Cruiser Squadron will be disbanded on 15th July.
- Supplies for Russia. / 2. In view of the termination of hostilities outstanding military supplies to Russia are to be suspended forthwith. The Soviet Government has been invited to submit a list of such supplies required up to the end of this year and justification for requirements. Civil supplies are also suspended until arrears of payments are made up.
- North Sea. / 3. One enemy ground mine was detonated off Orfordness today. 25 mines were swept in the clearance of British minefields off Aberdeen. One magnetic mine was detonated in Werft Hafen, Bremen today.
- Western Approaches. / 4. 6 mines were cut and one detonated off Milford in the clearance of a British minefield.
- Baltic. / 5. Three ground mines were swept outside Kiel Fjord today.

Foreign Stations

North Atlantic

- Movements. / 6. ILLUSTRIOUS sailed from Gibraltar to Rosyth. "Appian" Flight K arrived Gibraltar from Falmouth.

East Indies

- Force 63. / 7. Title Force 63 will lapse at 1200FG tomorrow 23rd June.

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Far East and Australia

- Siam. 8. Today 5 U.S. Liberators destroyed a small coaster and a lugger off Hatien (Gulf of Siam).
- Borneo. 9. Tonight P.T. Boats operating round north Borneo coast shelled Japanese concentrations Labuz Bay and Lawud Datu.
- China. 10(a) Aircraft sank one river boat and damaged two small craft in the mouth of the Canton river. One small freighter was sunk off Macao and three others probably sunk.
(b) Mitchells attacked small craft Canton river mouth destroying 6-8 junks and motor launch. At least 30 junks and one possible tanker were damaged whereof some probably destroyed.
- Japan. 11(a) One small coaster and a lugger were sunk off Yonakuni Island (Sakishima group) by aircraft.
- Japan. (Sea mining) (b) Of a total of 27 U.S. Super-Fortresses despatched between yesterday and today, 9 aircraft laid sea mines off Oura and Sensaki (60' N.W. and 74' W. of Kure), 10 aircraft off Nanao and Fushiki (37' N.N.E. and 30' N.E. of Kanazana respectively) and six aircraft laid mines off Osaka.
- Submarine operations. TRENCHANT. 12. Following received by C.T.F.71 re H.M. submarine TRENCHANT on her 6th war patrol leaving Fremantle on 13th May sank an escort vessel by gunfire 3 miles north of Mandalika Island and forced a coaster to beach in same vicinity. On 8th June in position 2° 01' S., 105° 03' E. missed a destroyer advanced escort for a heavy cruiser with one torpedo. On same day in shallow water behind Allied minefield sank a HAGURO class (11,500 tons) cruiser with 5 hits of 10 torpedoes fired. On 21st June there was a brilliant British ceremony on board TRENCHANT when her Commanding Officer, Commander Hezlet was decorated with President Legion of Merit degree of Commander for brilliant difficult sinking of important enemy fleet unit.

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Policy

- 1st C.S. The 1st Cruiser Squadron will be disbanded on the 15th July, 1945 on which date Flag of R.A.C. will be struck.
(Hd. of M.11, 220354B)
- Release of crews of surrendered German U-Boats. F.O. W.G. 201116.
Personnel of surrendered German U-Boat would appear to be in three categories.
(A) Those surplus to requirements of steaming parties who were removed from U-Boats on arrival at preliminary inspection ports in U.K. Norwegian and German ports.
(B) Personnel of steaming parties surplus to requirements for care and maintenance of U-Boats who were or will be removed on arrival of U-Boats at laying up ports in U.K.
(C) Care and Maintenance Personnel remaining in surrendered U-Boats.
(2) As a result of my visit to Lisahally and Loch Ryan I am of opinion that repatriation or release of personnel in categories (A) and (B) above before those in category (C) would have serious repercussions on this work of maintaining the surrendered U-Boats which is at present being carried out satisfactorily.
(F.O.S/M 221656B to Admty.)
- S.N.O.B.O.P.F. C.T.F. 122 210916 (being passed).
In view of intended replacement of S.N.O.B.O.P.F. by a B.N.L.O. propose that during transition period control of S.N.O.B.O.P.F. passes to N.A. Paris.
(A.N.C.X.F. 221909B to Admty.)
- Supplies for U.S.S.R. Soviet Govt. have been informed that in view of termination of hostilities and in accordance with Article V. of Fourth Protocol H.M.G. intend to suspend forthwith all outstanding deliveries of military supplies to U.S.S.R. whether of Protocol or non-Protocol items.
(2) Soviet Govt. have been invited to submit list of military supplies required in 6 months period beginning 1st July, 1945 together with justification for requirements in light of changed war situation.
(3) Terms of Military Supplies Agreement will apply to any items on Soviet list which we agree to supply.
(4) Soviet also informed that Civil supplies suspended until payments approved more closely to value of supplies delivered.
(5) Action to stop supplies has already been taken by all Departments concerned.
(Hd. of M.I. 222159B to Admiral Egerton)

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Routes

In order to ensure that all main routes are included in N.E.C.R.I., it is requested that details of routes not included in the Q.Z.S. series may be passed to Admiralty.
(D.T.D. 222305B to A.I.G.21)

Operations

North Sea

Mine off Orfordness.

/ 1 ground mine detonated by MMS at 0929.
52 degs. 6.2' N. 01 degs. 40' E.
Details.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich, 221132, 222234B)

Sailing of German U-Boats.

Sailed my (?211)412/. Intend to sail H.M.S. LOCH SHIN and German U-Boats 779, 1194, 1103, 1110 and 386 at 1130 tomorrow, Saturday, June 23rd.
(N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven, 221235B to C. in C. Nore)
* Intend NARBOROUGH, U, 1230, 1233, U.806 and U.155.

Post War mine clearance.

(Extract) Intend LYME REGIS with 5 F.M's and 2 Danlayers to sail p.m. 27th to continue clearance of Q.Z.X. 1467 as follows:
(Details)
(4) Flotilla will leave sweeping area for Humber p.m. 4th July.
(M/S.15, 222140B)

Fishing.

In view of great shortage of food stuffs and fuel in Germany it is essential that fishing craft should have no restriction on time hours during which they may operate, instructions to fishing craft to remain at anchor between sunset and sunrise are to be washed (?out) until further orders. My letter No.5/1/2/5 of 2nd June refers.
(F.O.I.C. W.G. 222149B)

Terneuzen M/S Base.

/ Your 211100B/June and F.O. Belgium's 191741/June Approved for M/S Base Terneuzen to close down.
(D.M.S. 222240B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Operations

Channel

A.F.D.67.

Request you sail ENCHANTER to assist FLAUNT towing A.F.D.67 FLAUNT's 220815 and my 221031 refer.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 221142B to F.O.I.C. Falmouth)

C. in C. Plymouth's 221142B sailed. Communications.
(F.O.I.C. Falmouth, 221537B)

/Situation ...

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Channel - Contd.

Situation reports. Concur with C. in C. 211840 if approved, propose to discontinue Plymouth situation reports simultaneously with C. in C. W.A. (C. in C. Plymouth, 221303B)

Clearing of C.I. ports. Request you will take action N.O.I.C., C.I. 151738 having regard to your 151305 May. (2) It is most desirable that C.I. ports should be cleared as early as possible. (Hd. of M.I. 221648B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Mine clearance in Channel Approaches. My 212306B area Q.Z.X. spontaneously swept to a depth of 2.3 miles from western edge. No mined. (proceeded?) to Falmouth. P.C.S. at 2200B 048 degs. 31' N. 009 degs. 05 W. B.A. 10 knots. (S.O.M/S 31, 222218B to C. in C. Plymouth)

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Western Approaches.

Loch Ryan. Additional moorings now laid to accommodate 25 U-Boats in Loch Ryan. (F.O.I.C. Greenock, 221149)

Mine clearance off Milford. Add to my 212130B mines encountered to-day in line 3 Q.Z.X. 1577 6 cut 1 detonated with loss of one otter door. (Cdr. M/S Bristol Channel, 221820B)

U.S. redeployed A/Cs. Request arrangements may be made to ensure that C. in C. W.A. is informed in advance of intended departures of all U.S. redeployed A/C on all routes concerning this command. This is essential for purposes of Air/sea Rescue. (C. in C. W.A. 222334B to Admty.)

Sweeping off I.O.M. Check A sweep of area in my 212135 nearly completed no mines swept. Hope to complete area by Noon tomorrow then return to Liverpool. Appox. E.T.A. Bar L.V. 1800. (S.O.M/S 11, 222131B)

Operations

Northern Waters

Flag of C.S.1. The flag of C.S. 1 will be hauled down in DIDO at Sunset to-day 22nd and rehoisted in NORFOLK at /Devonport ...

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Northern Waters

Flag of
C.S.l.
(Contd.)

Devonport on Monday 2nd July when he returns from
Leave.
(C. in C. H.F.Afloat, 221202B)

Operations

Norway

Mines
cleared
off S.W.
Norway.

Your 291545 May.
(A) KFK.
(B) 060.22 N. 004.(?45') E.
(C) 3 moored (GY). (D) June 20th.
(A) 21 R-Boat Flotilla.
(B) Sognefjord.
(C) 6 moored (GY) (D) June 20th.

(A) Small M/B's. (B) Flatsøyen.
(C) One Norwegian moored contact. (D) June 20th.
(A) 16 R-Boats Flotilla.
(B) 059. N. 004.52.5 E.
(C) German moored contact (EFM) (D) June 20th.
(F.O.Norway, 221200B)

Release of
British
M.M/S.

Reference C. in C. Rosyth's 211557 not to all
addressees. Consider British M.M/S can be
released from all Norwegian Ports on 7th July.
(Capt. M/S Norway, 221525B)

Operations

Baltic

U-Boats
raised
from Kiel
Canal.

OKM 301820 and my 061849 not to all.
Investigation of U-Boats sunk in Canal now
completed U.792 and U.793 both Walther type have
been raised and are now in Howaldt's-Werke Kiel.
U-Boat at KM.64 in Obereider is visible and is
type VII C U-Boat at KM. 71 has been removed from
canal and sighted and is type VII C.
(F.O. Kiel Cmd. 221012B)

Sperrbrecher
No. ~~07~~ 17.
damaged.

See p 461.

Sperrbrecher No. 07 damaged by mine 2½ miles E. (W)
of position 4 degs. 1 p.m. 21st June.
Vessel towed safely to Kiel.
Details follow.
(F.O. Kiel Command, 221015B.) (See F.O. 12 Kiel 221358 B)
p. 464.

C.F.facilities. C.O. C.F.M.U. 2 has now completed an examination
of C.F. facilities both in Denmark and Kiel
Commands.

(2) His report to me indicates that he clearly
considers facilities in Eckern (?Eckernförde) for (?exercises)
to be superior to those in Denmark.

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C.F. facilities.
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(3) The requirements for coastal Forces in Danish waters is reducing very rapidly.

(4) In those circumstances I believe that C.F.M.U. 2 should be established in Kiel Command, and with slight exceptions the whole of N.P.1761 could return U.K. in H.M.S. TASAJERA compact.

(2) Request your remarks.

(F.O. Denmark, 221256B to F.O. Kiel)

Mines cleared off Kiel Fjord.

Your 291545B May.

A.	B.	C.	D.
M.155 54.36.2 N. 10.17.2 E.	Ground	21st June	0859
M.255 54.36.3 N. 10.17.7 E.	"	"	0910
M.255 54.39.9 N. 10.16.5 E.	"	"	0936
M.255 54.36.0 N. 10.17.0 E.	"	"	1109
M.3 54.36.7 N. 10.17.5 E.	"	"	1115
M.255 54.36.4 N. 10.17.6 E.	"	"	1116
M.255 54.39.0 N. 10.17.3 E.	"	"	1325
M.155 54.40.6 N. 10.17.0 E.	"	"	1344
M.255 54.36.7 N. 10.17.1 E.	"	"	1525
M.155 54.38.5 N. 10.17.0 E.	"	"	1658

(F.O.I.C. Kiel, 221811B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Situation at 2100/22.

Sperrbrecher 17 which was mined 2½ miles west of position 4 Weg 1 was towed in and berthed at Friedrichsort. 1 mine swept in Kiel fishing ground and one in Weg 32. Dutch Royal Yacht PIST HOIW sailed for Brunsbüttel. It has now been established that none of the U-Boats located in the Kiel Canal is U.1405, U.1406 or U.1407.
(F.O.I.C. Kiel, 222358B.)

Casualties and Defects

JACINTA.

From P.S.V.O. Much regret to learn of injuries to members of JACINTA's crew and loss of cutter. Request full report be forwarded. JACINTA should be returned to U.K. as soon as convenient.

Relief W/D vessel to be cabled forward as necessary. JACINTA's 202126 refers.

(Com. Hamburg, 221037BL to N.O.I.C. Rotterdam, for P.W.D.O.)

SS. FORT LA PRAIRIE.

FORT LA PRAIRIE hard aground south side Little Skerry. Position extremely exposed with difficult tidal conditions. All double bottom compartments flooded. Forepeak tank No.1 and No.2 deep tanks and No.1 hold flooded and tidal. No.3 and No.4 holds flooded and tidal. Stern damaged and rudder post set up. Deck badly strained. Vessel should be considered C.T.L.
(C.S.V.O. Lyness, 221630.)

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Russian Y.M.S. My 211837B sailed.
(F.O.I.C. Falmouth, 220859B)
My 151535B and F.O.I.C. Falmouth 211837B, you are to remain as escort to 54.43.2 N. 12.40. E. where you are to part company with Russian Y.M.S. and proceed to Wilhemshaven to act in accordance with my 171855B.
(2) F.O. Kiel is requested to supply RIOU with route from Kiel to 54.43.2 N. 1.40 E.
(3) Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Nore, 221154B to RIOU)

CALPE. My 211140B being passed to CALPE. Intend to sail CALPE in company for o.r. to E.I. Station. Amend sailing time to 1030B/24th.
(C. in C. Nore, 221112B)

Group 18. (Extract). My 211021B June refers. Sailed group 18.
(1) - (8), Details.
(N.O.I.C. Rotterdam, 221136B)

HADLEIGH CASTLE, KNARESBOROUGH CASTLE. C. in C. W.A's 211028 and 061134. Intend to sail HADLEIGH CASTLE and KNARESBOROUGH CASTLE 1800B/23 to Gibraltar.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 221420B)

Group 19. (Extract). Intend to sail Group 19.
(1) STEPHEN SMITH The Downs for Orders for onward routing Holland, U.S.A.
(N.O.I.C. Rotterdam, 221559B)

APOLLO. Intend to sail APOLLO 1300B/24 to Gibraltar for o.r. to Malta. A.M. 210652B refers.
(2) - (5), Arrangements.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 221732B)

My 221732B. Route.
(2) Communications.
(3) In view of danger from drifting mines normal damage control precautions are to be maintained.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 221734B to APOLLO)

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North Atlantic

Air/Sea Rescue Stn. Your 191108B. Have been relieved by JONQUIL in A.S.R. position (19) at 0845B June 22nd.
(2) E.T.A. Gibraltar 0800 June 25th.
(SPIRAEA, 220939B to F.O.G.M.A.)

Submarine RUBIS. Intend to sail French submarine RUBIS at 1800B June 22nd to Oran.
(3) S. of A. 10 knots.
(F.O.G.M.A., 221447B to Com. N.O.B. Oran.)

A.S. Rescue Stn. Departure VERITY to position 20. French submarine RUBIS to Oran.
(F.O.G.M.A., 221827B to Admty.)

Escort for German ship BESSEL. Request F.O.G.M.A. arrange for H.M. ship on passage to U.K. to call at Vigo for onward escort of German BESSEL with crew of 17 Germans on board, reporting E.T.A. to N.A. Madrid.
(2) BESSEL should be routed to The Downs for onward sailing to Methil, where she should be seized in prize and German crew repatriated.
(3) If possible, armed guard should be provided.
(4) N.A. Madrid is requested to clear with Spanish authorities.
(Hd. of M.I., 222131B to Admty.) *See 171114B July*

Movements. 22nd June Warships: B.Y.M.S. 2025, H.M.S. YESTOR and H.M.S. ST. WISTAN arrived Casablanca.
(Commorseafon, 222257B to F.O.G.M.A.)

South Atlantic

GOODHOPE and NATAL (frigates). Your 151646, para. 1 - Yes.
(2) Outstanding material for tropicalisation being shipped in TRANSVAAL.
(D.O.D.(F), 220126B to C. in C. S.A.)
See 251721.

Cable ship MIRROR. Departure 21st 1930 direct to Gibraltar. E.T.A. 30th.
(~~ST. VINCENT~~, 220835 to F.O.C.Waf.)
(St. Vincent)

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JERVIS. JERVIS will be ready to leave Malta on or about 3rd July C. in C. Med.'s 191548* refers. (V.A.M., 221023 to F.O.L.E.M.) See 232025C. * V.A.M. to sail JERVIS to Alexandria.

Movement. Intend to sail MANCHESTER CITY (S.O.), SPEY in company at 1200C/23rd by basic westbound route to posn. where SPEY detaches Malta. MANCHESTER CITY to continue by basic westbound route to Gibraltar both ships for onward routeing U.K. (S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 221029C to V.A.M., F.O.G.M.A.)

NORFOLK, NORFOLK can be accepted at Malta providing work is limited to that detailed in A.M. 181828*. TALYBONT (HUNT for B.P.F.) Time required for refit of TALYBONT may be affected. (C. in C. Med., 221409B to C. in C. E.I.S.) * NORFOLK allocated to East Indies Fleet.

BLENHEIM A.M. 261524 May includes one destroyer depot escort base ship in the Med. Fleet strength for phase two of ship. the war request info. whether this is BLENHEIM A.L. M.O.3347/45 of 25th April not to V.A.M. refers. In this connection F.O.L.E.M. reports serious crack has developed in front and plate of port boiler permanent repairs of which are beyond capacity of East Med. Decision on future of BLENHEIM is required before proposals are made regarding this defect. (C. in C. Med., 221410B to Admty.) *See 131810 July.* Intended strength of the Med. Fleet in phase II of the war.

KELVIN. Your 191548 not to all. Destination of KELVIN in U.K. is Dartmouth. Ship will pay off into reserve category B. (D.O.D.(F) 221536B to C. in C. Med.)

Corvettes, Intend to sail BRYONY and PENTSTEMON at 0900 June U.K. 24 to Gibraltar onward routeing to U.K. S.O.A. 12 knots, E.T.A. 2359/27th. (V.A.M., 221728 to F.O.G.M.A.)

ANSON Sailed ANSON at 221500C direct to Colombo, battleship. ANSON's 211142 to N.O.I.C. Suez and S.N.O.R.S.C.A. refers. (N.O.I.C. Suez, 221953C to Admty.)

/Levant...

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Mediterranean - Contd.

Levant Sitrep (1) North Syria. Frontier areas uneasy.
to 2100 hrs. (2) Tohobane Bey on Turkish border between
21 June. Aazaz and Djerablous Syrian report French post
liquidated and French officer killed. One
wounded N.C.O. and remainder post withdrew
into Turkey.

(3) Djerablous. 19/20 June civilian casualties killed 4,
wounded 8. French State soldiers who crossed into Turkey
being handed back to Syrian authorities at Tohobane Bey.
Our G.O. 23368 of 21 June refers.

(4) Lebanon. Ras Baalbek night 20/21 June villagers destroyed
flag at French Surete and threatened to burn building unless
post evac. Mohafez recommended evac. but not encouraged by
British as this might lead to similar tactics throughout
Lebanon.

(C. in C. M.E., D.T.O. 222020C to W.O.)

F.S. PIQUE.

F.S. PIQUE arrived from Comar.
(Comnob Oran 222120B to A.L. Med.)

French
Submarines.

Your 201205 and 211633. Admiralty approve
change of station of ARETHUSE and ARCHIMEDE
as Executive Agent of C.C.S.
(Hd. of M.I. 222134B to C. in C. Med.)

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Friday.FOREIGN STATIONSEast IndiesOperation
"Balsam
Green"

Operation "Balsam Green".

P/R flown 18th, 19th and 20th priority targets fully covered others almost completely covered no enemy interference.

(2) Air strikes made 20th June by 21 Hellcats on Medan, 8 Seafires on Lhoksemawi. 3 enemy aircraft confirmed destroyed, 7 others flaming probably destroyed, 9 damaged all on ground. Runways, aerodrome buildings, locomotives and wagons bombed and strafed. 2 junks (one carrying oil) left burning.

(3) One Hellcat shot down over target. No other losses and force 63 apparently not detected.

(4) SHAH did not take part. [See also 231231, p. 50+]

(5) Title Force 63 will lapse 1200FG/23rd June.

(C. in C. E.I.S., 220527Z to Admty.)

Tugs.

On completion of refit intend rescue tug BOLD be based on Trincomalee. ORIANA to be based Aden.

(C. in C. E.I.S., 220814Z to Cdre. E. Africa.)

TOTLAND,
cutter.

Intend to sail TOTLAND from Colombo 26th June for Aden on route U.K. My 110832 not to all, refers.

(C. in C. E.I., 220922Z to N.O.I.C. Aden.)

Frigates.

KALE and AWE also available for manning by S.A.N.F. My 210623 May (N.T. in .W.D.) refers. (C. in C. E.I., 221125Z to C. in C. S.A.)

See 051720B July

F.S.
LE TRIOMPHANT.F.S.^{LE} TRIOMPHANT has lost asdic dome. Intend to sail ship as soon as ready to Addu Atoll for fuel thence Diego Suarez to dock.

(2) All necessary stores for repair are on board and work is within capacity of ship's staff.

(3) Ship has many new ratings on board. Intend on completion of repair she shall remain at Diego Suarez to work. My 260549 May to Admiralty only also refers.

(C. in C. E.I., 221131Z to B.N.L.O. Diego Suarez, Cdre. E.A.)

VERBENA.

Sailed VERBENA in accordance with my 211444. (C.C.O. Aden, 221601Z to N.O.I.C. Suez.)

Ambulance
Transports
for E.I.
Station.(D. of S.T., 221644B to P.S.T.O. India, D.S.T.O. Bombay.)
See Lion Copy.

18th D.F.

Your 200933. Para. (a) confirmed. Composition of 18th D.F. will be determined by C. in C. E.I. (D.O.D.(F), 221654B to D.18, BRECON.)

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*Ambulance Transports
for E.I. Station*

221644B/June.

To. P.S.T.O. India.
Info. D.S.T.O. Bombay.
M.W.T.R. Bombay.

Date. 22.6.45.

NAVAL CYPHER (XD).

From. Director of Sea Transport.

IMPORTANT.

Subject is Ambulance Transports fitted for average of 300 patients each (in addition to normal troopng accommodation) for evacuation of casualties from scene of operations to main base.

2. Requirements for your area as approved by P.A.O's in C.S.A.(45)64(O) were stated in my 060256/May namely 3 by October and 5 more by December.

3. Towards this total of 8 ships you have fitted or will fit 4 ships namely RAJULA, TALMA, TAKLIWA, DUNERA.

4. We were aiming to fit the remaining 4 ships in U.K. in time to meet target dates in para.2. above. But signal 95369/Mov.Tn. of 7th June from C. in C. India shows that your peak requirements are now phased forwards and will commence in October. Moreover we shall not get relief from air evacuation from India to U.K. before December whereas we had planned on this commencing in October. It will therefore in our opinion be impossible to meet your full October requirements by means of hospital ships.

5. Only solution we can see is to bring forward completion dates of last 4 ambulance transports so as to have them all in service by mid-October.

6. We are fitting LLANGIBBY CASTLE and one other probably ORBITA in U.K. and both of these should be available in your area by mid September at latest. But we now have no other suitable ships in position which could be fitted in time to arrive in service by mid October. This has been caused by despatch of all suitable troopships to your area so as to provide your peak trooplift for August. Can you therefore undertake (in addition to 4 ships mentioned in para.3) to fit 2 more ships (we suggest DILWARA and DEVONSHIRE) in time to be ready by mid October. We could probably arrange to compensate you for loss of trooplift involved during time when these 2 ships would be in hand for conversion.

7. Urgent reply requested, so that comprehensive plans to meet global requirements can be put before P.A.O's for approval.

221644B.

for D. of S.T. Ext. 2676. Circulation/

V.C.N.S.
A.C.N.S. (H)
A.C.N.S. (F)
D.O.D. (H) (4)
D.O.D. (F) (2)
D.C. (2)
D.S.O.
D. of P. (Q) (2)
D.T.D. (4)
D.T.D. (C)
D. of S.T. (15)
Ed. of M. (3)
N.A. Mails.
D. of S. (2)
~~W.D.~~
Ad. Blake.
D.C.O.D. (4)
M.D.G.

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- A.F.D. 35. Dock completes in December, but tugs will not be available to tow both portions concurrently. Since dock requires three months to assemble and three months to prepare again for towage, it is intended to plan to bring dock into initial operation at Singapore.
- (2) To allow latitude for preparations at Singapore, it may be desirable to use Trincomalee as a staging point, in which case the order of departures from Bombay would be:
- (a) End sections of dock leave Bombay on 1st December; arrive Trincomalee 14th December. This allows continuation of work on centre section if necessary.
- (b) Centre section of dock leaves Bombay 31st December; arrives Trincomalee 14th January.
- (c) End sections leave Trincomalee for destination. This allows work of parting and preparation to progress.
- (3) D.G.S.R. is requested to confirm that sections will be ready to leave Bombay by dates quoted and that electrical work will be completed before departure.
- (4) It is understood that approximately 400 workmen will be sent from Bombay with sections, for assembling dock at destination. Consideration will need to be given as soon as this is possible to the provision of suitable temporary accommodation at destination.
- (5) Request your remarks.
- (Sec. to Controller, 222345B to C. in C. E.I., D.G.S.R., F.O. Ceylon.)

See 200456 Z July.

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America & West Indies.

GATINEAU. Departures p.m. June 21st H.M.C.S. GATINEAU to U.K.
(C.O.P. Halifax 221150Z to Admty.)

Movement. Arrival p.m. 22nd June H.M.G.S. RIMOUSKI from U.K.
(C.O.P. Halifax 221717Z to Admty.)

LAMONT L.S.I.(L) LAMONT sailed Kingston 221800Z E.T.A. Clyde 050100Z July.
(R.N.O. Jamaica 221810Z to Admty.)

Transport ferries (distinguishing nos.) Admiralty have requested distinguishing numbers of transport ferries that can be sailed to U.K. from Canada to arrive not later than 7th July. Please advise expected date of sailing of L.S.T. 3505 and 3508 as these are the only two which have not yet left Canada and which might arrive by the desired date.
(B.A.T.M., 222216Z to N.S.H.Q.)

TRUCULENT (submarine) Comply Cominch 121940 when ready sail TRUCULENT New London. Provide rotation escort.
(Comeastseafron 221621B to Com. 4, Com. 3.)

Far East and Australia.

Operation for cutting cables from Singapore. An operation has been agreed to by the U.S. authorities using BONAVENTURE based on Brunei Bay and her X.E. craft for cutting the cables running out of Singapore for Saigon and Hongkong towards the end of July.
(2) Owing to the depth of water elsewhere the operation would have to be carried out within a few miles of Keppel Harbour and well within your area.
(3) Your early concurrence or otherwise with this operation would be appreciated.
(4) C.C.O. Colombo pass S.A.C.S.E.A. (C. in C. B.P.F., 220119Z to S.A.C.S.E.A.) Concur 250649 and 261306B. See 070747 JULY.

Submarine operations, TRENCHANT. TRENCHANT report of 6th war patrol. Comdr. (A.R. Hezlet?) D.S.O., D.S.C., R.N. times 1 departed Fremantle 13th May. 1306 May 25 sank a.m. escort vessel by gunfire about 3 miles N.E. Mandalika Island. Forced coaster to beach and damaged by gunfire same vicinity. 8 June 0436 posn. 02.01 S. 105.03 E. sighted and fired (?on) by KAMIKAZE class destroyer, advance escort for heavy cruiser reported by BLUEBACK. Missed D.D. with one torpedo. 1209 same date from position in shallow water behind allied minefield 07J(?59 S.) 104.58 sank HAGURO class heavy cruiser with 5 hits of 10 torpedoes fired. 1700 7 3 13 unable attack large tanker

/position...

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Submarine operations
TRENCHANT.
(Contd.)

position 04.(758) N. 103.25 E. due shallow water and escort. 20 May arrived (Subic?) from patrol. Sunk A.M. escort (?3) 215 tons HAUROU class heavy cruiser (E.C.) 11500 tons. Damaged 550 ton coaster. 1130 June 21 colourful British ceremony on board TRENCHANT, R.A.D. Fife presented to Comdr. Hezlet in name of President Legion of Merit degree of Commander for Brilliant difficult sinking important enemy fleet unit.
(C.T.F. 71 220245 to Com. 7th Fleet.)
See repetition 270649 from C. in C. B.P.F. to Admty.

Submarine
Flotillas
AORANGI.

Employment of AORANGI. In view of A.M. 172315, para. 2 and of present disposition of 4th and 8th Submarine Flotillas, it has been decided that AORANGI can be more profitably employed as an accommodation ship for the Fleet Train in the forward area, the need for which is acute.

Accommodation will be provided ashore at Fremantle for overflow personnel from ADAMANT.

- (2) Intend therefore to withdraw AORANGI from S/M 4 Flotilla and allocate her to R.A.F.T.
(3) Should it become necessary at a future date to move ADAMANT and 4th S/M Flotilla forward from Fremantle, AORANGI will revert to submarine accommodation ship.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 220257Z to Admty.)

Blue
Summary 21st.

Ryukyus. Cessation of organized resistance on Okinawa announced. Mop up of 2 small pockets continuing. More than 1700 military prisoners taken during the day including officers up through the rank of Major. Japanese officers reported leading their men into our lines to surrender. 1 Banzai charge by and estimated platoon reported by 1st M.W.R. Div., estimated enemy KIA to 202400 1 (-9) total 90401. (A.V.4) hit by suicide plane. On 20th C.V.E. planes continued to cover Sakishima Gunto. Dumbo rescued 15 airmen from ditched C.V.E. fighter and seaplane which could not take off after landing to pick up V.F. pilot.

Empire Area. F.A.W. 1 plane sank 1 ft. damaged 1 tug off Yangtze. Damaged 1 large coastal A.K. 1 small ft. off Korea. Damaged 3 S.D. in Nishi Suido. B.29 photos show 2.28 square miles or 66% of built up section of Fukuoka destroyed in raid on 19th. 1.23 square miles or 59% of built up area of Yokkaichi destroyed on 18th. 1.28 square miles or 30% of built up area of Hamamatsu damaged on 18th, bringing total area of city destroyed to 40%. 2.13 square miles of Osaka destroyed on 15th bringing total Osaka damage to 15.59 square miles destroyed in Amagasaki on 15th, making total of .75 square miles or 11% of built up area destroyed. 2 B.24s attacked shipping in Kuriles. A.T.A. 198 despatched to tow ENDYMION (A.R.L.9) damaged by enemy torpedo. HUNTER killer action proceeding in vicinity of attack.
(C. in C. Pac. Adv. H.Q., 220617 to All commands, Admty.)

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U.S. long distance policy naval bases, etc. Post War.

In the following 2 cases the basing and logistic support of the Fleet for existing operations is being seriously hampered by what appears to be American long distance future policy regarding post war Naval bases and Air lines in Pacific. Manus.

(2) For remainder of this year I expect B.P.F. will operate against Japan based as follows:

(a) using Eastern Australia as main base and sole terminal of bulk of supplies,

(b) using Manus as advanced base as outlined in para. 5 (a) of my 050757 May,

(c) using Eniwetok as advanced anchorage.

(3) The facilities we now have at Manus were obtained on assumption we should use it merely as staging point on the route to our projected intermediate base, and these facilities are clearly insufficient to allow Manus to be used as in para. 2 (b) above.

(4) The extra facilities required are mainly more accommodation and authority to establish a 2nd Monab there I am sure that these facilities will be equally necessary whether we operate as in para. 2 above or in some other capacity in S.W. Pacific area.

(5) These facilities could be constructed by British resources or quite easily made available from U.S. resources but manner in which my requests have been ignored or evasively answered drives me to conclusion political rather than operational considerations are excluding us from any further development of Manus.

(6) Eagle Farm. The establishment of a 2nd A/C erection unit is essential if the 2nd task group is to be supported from Australia and the only really effective airfield for establishment of this unit is Eagle Farm at Brisbane.

(7) We know this airfield is largely unused by U.S. forces but all approaches to establish this unit there even when supported by Cincpac have been turned down without reason by C. in C. South West Pacific Area. I believe the reason may be the desire to establish the airfield as post war U.S. air port.

(8) The urgency of this request is clear since Monab 7 containing our second aircraft erection unit has now left U.K. and will be here before long.

(9) Action required. It now seems clear that solution to these 2 problems will not be obtained locally.

(10) I am informed by B.A.D. that Admiral King has expressed a wish to remove any difficulties that may stand in way of our being given such assistance as we require and it may be that you would consider it desirable for B.A.D. to represent these 2 as specific examples of such difficulties.

(11) I had thought solution to these 2 problems lay in hands of Fleet Admiral Nimitz I might have considered advancing date of my visit to him which I am now planning for July but I believe he has done all he can in this connection and is himself dependent on higher policy.

(12) Admiral Daniel has full details of these 2 subjects and I can signal any further information that you may require.

(C. in C. B.P.F., 220749Z to Admty.) (R) B.A.D. Washington.)

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Floating (C. in C. B.P.F., 220825Z to Admty., V.A.Q.,
Transit R.A.F.T.)
Storage See Lion Copy.
B.P.F.

Digest 1248, (1) Luzon. Guerilla Forces with U.S. Rangers
21.6.45 crossed Cagayan River and captured Aparri.
(extract.) Scattered groups Japs. fled when contacted.
Town secured then troops went south to join
other Guerillas which had captured Dugo 8 miles
away.

(3) 2 Mitchells bombed strafed Radar Station Erhdchou Island
off Hongkong.

(4) Previous night 2 Army Liberators bombed Nanking oil storage
facilities, 3rd Liberator attacked Canton docks.

(6) 23 Fleet Air Wing Liberators destroyed 1 small coastal
freighter Canton river mouth: 2 schooners, 4 luggers attacked
vicinity Kuching (Borneo) and 1 large schooner, 1 loaded lugger
destroyed remainder all damaged.

(7) A.I.F. troops after landing at ^{Lulong} Lutny advanced rapidly
south, captured airstrip and reached position within 3 miles of
Miri: opposition negligible.

(8) All organized enemy resistance on Tarakan ended.

(11) U.S. cruiser destroyer force applied harassing naval
gunfire to Balikpapan 20th June while supporting minesweepers
Makassar Straits.

(14) Torpedo attack on Allied merchantmen reported prior dawn
260 miles north of Hollandia.

(17) A.M.C. progress on Bougainville towards Buin continues
with little opposition although road is well mined and booby
trapped.

(G.H.Q.S.W.P.A., 220846Z to Admty.)

Floating For D.D.S. (P) from D. of S. Your 110707 it is
Transit not considered initial storing of one N.S.I.S.
Storage could be undertaken at Sydney without detriment
B.P.F. to other work since it is essential there should
be no delay in unpacking and stowage of large
quantities of stores due to be received from
overseas. Proposal to store first of new N.S.I.S. at Sydney
therefore not approved.

(2) Storing will be done at utmost speed after arrival of
ships in U.K.

(3) Request details by air mail of alterations in initial outfit
of stores necessary as a result of experience in other N.S.I.Ss.
in order that adjustments may be made if necessary. List
showing initial outfit with N.S.O. Fleet Train and additional
copies are being sent to you by air mail.

(4th S.L., 221100B to V.A.(Q))

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*Floating Transit Storage
B.P.F.*

220825Z/June

From C. in C. B.P.F.

Date 24.6.45.

Recd. 1004

NAVAL CODE (X) BY W/T

To: Admiralty
Info: V.A.(Q), R.A.F.T.

My 120747 / para. 1, R.A.F.T's 221010 / May para. 6,
and A.M. 112228 / May.

2. It has been found necessary to use one ship as a floating store in the forward area and MARUDU is being used for this purpose. It is considered, however, that a relief ship is necessary as soon as one becomes available, observing:-

- (A) Present indications are that a larger ship than MARUDU will eventually be necessary.
- (B) More extensive fitting out could be undertaken in U.K. including accommodation for an augmented crew and provision for carrying cargo boats.
- (C) A slower ship would suffice thus obviating the necessity for keeping a moderately fast ship such as MARUDU permanently in harbour.

3. If such a ship can be allocated it is requested that she may be fitted as follows before leaving U.K.

- (A) One hold (including tween decks) to be fitted out as an inward shipping store and one as an outward shipping store.
- (B) Special fittings and racks as appropriate would be required for stowing the following items:-
 - (1) Up to half the quantities of oiling at sea hose enumerated in R.A.F.T's 150707 May.
 - (2) 5 times and 10 times the quantities of the remaining permanent and consumable items respectively shown in BR 1005.
 - (3) Radio stores (R.A.F.T's 230057 April refers) Approximately 2 to 3,000 square feet required. Detailed list of requirements was handed to Captain Wilkins.
 - (4) Approximate quantities of cases as follows:-
 - Acetylene 35,000 cubic feet
 - Hydrogen 6,000 cubic feet
 - Oxygen 70,000 cubic feet
 - Carbon Dioxide 11,000 pounds

Freon/.....

Freon 5,000 pounds
Methyl Chloride 1,500 pounds
Sulphur Dioxide 200 pounds

- (5) Sufficient bottom composition to coat 12 Destroyers
 - (b) 10,000 gallons of foam compound plus approximately 5% of the total quantities of the remaining non pattern items shown on sheet one of the enclosure to A.L.N.S. 021618/44/B 12959 dated March 1945.
 - (7) Reserves of towing gear for rescue tugs vide C.A.F.O. 84/43.
 - (8) Reserves of towing hawsers for B.P.F. ships.
 - (9) Reserve stock of stationery equivalent to one months expenditure of the B.P.F. and Fleet Train.
 - (10) 800 in number 40 gallon lubricating oil drums.
 - (11) Medical stores about 12,000 square feet required including 200 square feet inflammable storing space.
- (C) Ship to carry one L.C.M., at least one 32 foot motor cutter and one 1500 gallon S.P. fuelling craft.
- (D) Crew to be augmented to allow approximately 10 men to be employed on N.S. duties daily plus an additional carpenter's mate for duty as storewright.
- (E) Requisite office and cabin accommodation for at least the staff asked for in R.A.F.T's 091247 April.
- (F) Generally a ship with double tween decks would be preferable.

4. When this ship arrived MARUDU will be returned to duty as a Naval store carrier and ships listed in para. 3, sub. para. (C) of R.A.F.T's 211010 May can then be reduced by one.

220825Z *Amended by 230715 Z.*

/ Top Secret

/ M. of W.T. to provide a suitable vessel.

Ø Decision on MARUDU to be deferred.

/ Circulation overleaf.

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- D.F.S.L. (2)
- 2nd S.L.
- Controller
- Vice Contr.
- 4th S.L.
- A.C.N.S. (F)
- A.C.N.S. (H)
- Seco
- Ad. Daniel (2)
- O.D. (6)
- D.C. (2)
- D. of P. (3)
- D. of P. (Q) (3)
- D. 57
- D.N.C. (2)
- E. in C.
- M. (5) for action
- D. of S. (3)
- D.T.D. (4)
- Ad. Blake
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- M.F.G.
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- D.T.S.D.
- D.N.I. (5)
- W.D.
- D. of V. (3)
- A.C.N.P. (4)
- D. of M.
- N. Br.
- Dep. Contr. (3)
- D.R.N. (3)
- D. (4)
- D.N.C. (2)
- E. in C. (4)
- P.
- S.W.R. (6)

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Bath

23. 6. 1945
Saturday.

War Diary.

SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

Post war
mine
clearance.

1. 4 moored mines (enemy) were swept in west Norwegian Approach Channels today.

Foreign Stations.

North Atlantic.

Portugal.

2. All pilotage restrictions at Lisbon have been removed and port has reverted to pre-war conditions.

Moroccan Sea,
Frontier.

3. Cominch proposes at an early date to disestablish the Moroccan Sea Frontier and to turn over the Naval Operation base Casablanca to the French retaining only a small Liaison Party in connection with U.S. Army and Air Transport.

South Atlantic.

Dakar,
B.N.L.O.

4. Establishment of B.N.L.O. Dakar will close down on 30th June, 1945. All signals etc. will be addressed to F.O.C. W. Africa after that date.

Mediterranean.

PIERRE GIBault
mined and
aground.

5. SS. PIERRE GIBault (American 7,176 tons) reported aground after being mined at Kapsali Bay (Kithera Channel, Southern Greece) at 2.36 a.m. today. Tug MINDFUL has reached her, three men were killed and three injured in PIERRE GIBault.

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SITUATION REPORT.

East Indies.

- Ceylon. / 6. The Palk Strait White oil scheme is now in operation.
- Malacca St. / 7. Force consisting of ROYALIST (A.C.21) SUFFOLK, STALKER, KHEDIVE, AMEER, ROTHERHAM (D.11) RACEHORSE, REDOUBT, RELENTLESS, ROEBUCK, operated in Northern Approaches Malacca Strait from 11th to 20th June.
- op. Balsam
Green 246*

Far East and Australia.

- Borneo. / 8. Today a U.S. cruiser force carried out an effective bombardment of Balikpapan (E. Borneo) and 162 aircraft attacked the defences dropping over 222 tons of bombs.
- China. 9. Tonight Navy Mariners sank a 1,400 ton merchantman and 1 small freighter and left another freighter high on reef and also hit two large sailing craft with bombs causing them to disintegrate all between Macao and Luichow Peninsula.
- Formosa. 10. Fleet air wing planes from Clark Field during the day destroyed 2 small coastal freighters near Karenko (east coast) destroyed another small coaster and 7 luggers and damaged 22 luggers beached on S.W. coast at Maelb.
- Japan. 11. Air photography after air strike on Kure on 22nd show direct hit on stern of battleship HARUNA. Numerous direct hits also on the naval arsenal buildings. 240843Z.
- Jap. S/M sunk. 12. A submarine was reported sunk today in 14° 38' N. 135° 58' E. (about 300' N.W. of Yap), following depth charge attacks made by the destroyer escort GILLIGAN (D.E.508) and the minesweeper CHAMPION (A.M. 314) 270807Z.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

Reconstruction of Danish Fleet. / Proposals (Hd. of M. 231707B.) See Lion Copy.

Fishing by Fr. vessels. Does your 211242 supersede fishing areas established in A.M. 030757 and A.M. 181903* (Marine Paris 231812Z to A.N.C.X.F.) * Amendment to 030757 re areas for fishing and passage in French territorial waters. (N.T. in W.D.)

Operations.

North Sea.

Bremen, mine detonated. Magnetic mine detonated in Werft Haven Bremen by P.P. party N.F.P. 1751. Date 22nd June. (C.T.G. 126.5, 231040B.)

Cositintrep 444. This is a repetition of my 222236 begins: Cositintrep Number 444 part 2 Naval, nothing to report, ends. (Burrough sigd. Eisenhower, 231122B.)

U-Boats sailings. Sailed my 221235. U.1102 sailed in lieu 779. (2) Intend sailing DACRES and German U-Boats 779, 608, 119, 8, 521 and 291 at 1130/24. (N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven 231138B.)

Sunk in Biscay ops: 9/8/44 (p. 176)
? 698 in tow - see p. 570*

0.9, 0.10. Your 061536. Request information when these submarines may be expected at Rotterdam as they are urgently required for assistance in the rehabilitation of the port. (F.O. Holland, 231608B to B.D.Z.)

U.1023. My 221720* Sailed. (N.O.I.C. Rotterdam 231700 to C. in C. Nore.) * U.1023 N.T. in W.D.

East Coast sailings. F.O. Denmark's 221037B* of June. Intend to run R.N.N.R. convoys twice a week starting forthwith and combining these convoys with the personnel and shore service convoys. (2) For the following reasons - namely -
(a) Present area swept in East Coast Barrier only exists between lat. 56° 40' N. and lat. 57° N.
(b) Q.Z.S. 738 is only two miles wide, buoys vary from between 35 to 45 miles apart, and it passes through an old German minefield

/which...

CONFIDENTIAL.

Policy
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.)

To Commodore, Denmark. 231707B/June.

Info A.N.C.X.F. Main. Date 23.6.45.

G.C.M. NAV. GEN (NEW)

From Admiralty.

Reconstruction of Danish Fleet.

Your 021126B and A.M. 231525 refer.

1. In February 1945 proposals were received from Admiral Vedel for reconstruction of Danish Fleet. Requirements stated for first phases of this were, 10 Coastal Mine-sweepers, 10 Motor Gunboats, 2 Sloops, 3 Destroyers, 18 Spitfires and 18 Mosquitos.

2. Role envisaged for Danish Navy is minesweeping and patrol duties in Danish and adjacent waters, and Danish proposals provide a suitable Fleet for this purpose. It is assumed that Danish section of R.N. on return to Danish command will continue to be employed on mine-sweeping and that Danes will play their part in international minesweeping organisation now being constituted.

3. It is Admiralty policy to encourage reconstruction of Danish Fleet and to render all possible assistance for this purpose. It is desirable that Danes should be provided with British ships and equipment and should not look to foreign, in particular ex German, sources for future requirements.

4. Admiralty are prepared to consider transfer of the following ships to Danish Government, in addition to 7 M.M.S referred to in my previous telegram: 3 Destroyers, (Particulars not yet available) 2 Flower Class Corvettes; 10 M.T.B.'s 3 or more M.M.S.

5. No mention is made of Submarines in Admiral Vedel's proposals. The pre-war Danish Fleet contained 12 Submarines and the Admiralty would be prepared to consider transfer up to 6 U.Class Submarines if desired.

6. It is assumed that Danes would purchase these and also minesweepers transferred on loan if retained permanently.

7. Also assumed that training and reorganisation will be carried out on Danish soil, but limited facilities could be given for Danish personnel to attend courses etc. in U.K. Assistance by British Naval Mission or training team could also be arranged.

8. Foreign Office will shortly make formal proposal to Danish Government for rearmament of Danish Forces which will include naval proposals as above. Meanwhile, you should put these proposals to Admiral Vedel informally and obtain his reactions. You should, at the same time, point out that the transfer of the ships to the Danish Navy will be subject to clearance with the Americans through the combined munitions assignment machinery.

9. Danes will be invited to send Military Mission to London to discuss requirements of their land forces. Request your views whether Naval Mission should also be sent, or whether discussions should be conducted in Denmark.

10. As Danish Navy's request for aircraft is for shore based aircraft, it will be handled by Air Ministry, who have every sympathy with Danish aspirations.

231707B.

Hd. of Military Branch
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P.N.L.O. (2)

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D.T.S.D. (2)

C.N.I. (2)

W.D.

Ad. Blake (4)

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M.A.S. (4)

F.O. (5)

M (10) and for F.O. (2) Mr. Ward.
(MO5241/45) A.M. Mr. Chilvers.

W.O. Brig. Dove.

Cabinet Office

Maj. Gen. Jacob

Treasury Mr. Ellis-

Rees.

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East Coast sailings.
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which has only been partially swept.
(c) It is unlikely that the buoys can be maintained during the winter in Q.Z.S. 738 which was only originally intended for use of "Apostle" convoys.

It is considered inadvisable to sail shipping by this direct route independently until adequate sweeping is carried out and a 20 mile swept channel established.

(3) Ships fitted with D.F. Gear and having adequate navigational facilities might, however, be allowed to sail independently provided that the owners will accept all risks.

Should 3 be approved it will be necessary to station a ship in gap A for D.F. purposes as the use of Red Head Loop Beacon has been found to require experienced personnel.

(4) Rosyth Escort Force, now consisting of 13 ships could be reduced to eleven and still allow for commitment in para. one, provided that it is understood that no further commitments other than above can be undertaken by Rosyth Escort Force.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 231903B.) *Reply: Admiralty 242220, p. 512-3.*

* Perishable cargoes - request permission for ships to proceed independently.

Cositintrep
No. 445.

Part 2 Naval.
Nothing to report.
(Burrough, sgd. Eisenhower 232341.)

Operations.

Channel.

Clearance of C.I ports.

Your 151738 (being passed) and Admiralty's 221648 (not to all) subject to remarks of F.O.W.G. these ships should be sailed to Wilhelmshaven.

(2) C. in C. Plymouth is requested to provide either guards of (?or) escort.

(A.N.C.X.F., 231844B to N.O.I.C. C.I.)

Operations.

Western Approaches.

W.A. and Plymouth Situation Reports.

Approved to discontinue. C. in C. W.A. 211840 and C. in C. Plymouth 221303 refers.
(D.O.D.(H) 231544B.)

After tomorrow 24th June issue of Western Approaches situation report will be discontinued.

(2) Commencing forthwith sailing authorities and others concerned in W.A. Command are to repeat

to Admiralty all sailing and arrival signals of H.M. ships including local movements.

(C. in C. W.A., 232202B.)

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Operations.

Norway.

Shipping route Capt. M/S Norway suggests that the 9th M/S F. Kristiansand should carry out a check sweep from 58° 12' 2" N. to Esbjerg. 08° 39' E. on Q.Z.S. 761 to 57° 17' 2" N. 09° 01' 2" E. in order that shipping from Kristiansand to Esbjerg can make use of the German route which has been declared free of mines.

(2) The proposal to open up this route is considered very desirable and if concurred in it is suggested that F.O. Denmark be requested to sweep the Denmark coastal route from 57° 17' 2" N. 09° 01' 2" E. to Esbjerg.

(3) Above proposal is contained in Capt. M/S Norway's 10/7/N1 of June 16th not to C. in C. Rosyth.
(F.O. Norway, 231904B.)

Operations.

Baltic.

C.F. facilities. / Your 221256 in view of contrary report received from Commander Dawson, request C.O. C.F.M.U. 2 visit me as soon as possible.
(F.O. Kiel, 231117 to F.O. Denmark.)

Your 221256*. Commander Dawson from Admiralty saw both places and informed me he considered Nakskov the better place.

(F.O. Kiel Command, 231151B to Com. Denmark.)

* C.O. C.F.M.U.2 now completed C.F. facilities in Denmark and Kiel Command and reports facilities in Eckerk superior to those in Denmark.

Mine clearance. Your 291545B May. SPERRBRECHER 17.
54° 33.9' N. 10° 42.6' E. ground 21st June 1500 M. 3
54° 37.0' N. 10° 18.5' E. ground 21st June 1614 M. 155.
54° 34.8' N. 10° 19.0' E. ground 21st June 1837 M. 604.

55° 15.0' N. 12° 36.0' E. ground 22nd June 0940 M. 155.

54° 38.4' N. 10° 18.8' E. ground 22nd 1042 M. 3.

54° 38.8' N. 19° 19.8' E. ground 22nd June 1420 = K.

(F.O. Kiel Command 231500B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Releases of Danish personnel from R.N. - Your 021126B. No objection to releases of Danish personnel from the R.N. provided it is clear that Danes will still continue to man the seven M.M.S. for which they now provide crews.

(2) The return of remaining Danish personnel in U.K. is presumably, also desired.

(3) Danish Navy may be informed that Admiralty are willing to transfer seven M.M.S. forthwith on loan. Terms of loan to be settled later.

(4) As plan for Danish Navy submitted by Admiral Vedel early this year provided for ten M.M.S. as part of permanent Danish Fleet,

/Danes...

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Baltic.

Release of
Danish per-
sonnel from
R.N. (Contd.)

Danes may wish to acquire these vessels permanently, and Admiralty would be glad to consider proposals for purchase of up to ten vessels.

(5) Further signal follows dealing with Admiral Vedel's earlier proposals for reconstitution of Danish Fleet.

(Hd. of M.I. 231525B to Cdre. Denmark.)

Movements.

Routes for
"Appian"
and M.F.V. /
Flights.

The following route for outward bound "Appian" and M.F.V. Flights is promulgated and consolidates all former signals. (Details).

(2) F.O.G.M.A. is requested to route homeward bound "Appian" Flights from 43° N. through the following positions: (details).

(C. in C. Plymouth, 231608B.)

Flights of M.L.C. returning from Gibraltar to U.K. will not commence passage across Bay of Biscay until about four days after sailing.

(2) These flights may thus be faced with crossing the Bay in conditions under which they would not have been sailed if southbound.

(3) It is for consideration whether in the circumstances it would be permissible for all vessels comprising one of these flights to be accommodated in a Spanish port for a period necessary to await a favourable weather forecast of 48 hours high confidence.

(4) It is realised that this proposal is not in accordance with accepted practice, but if some such arrangement is not made I view the passage of these craft across the Bay of Biscay as hazardous at this time of year, and later in the year as positively dangerous unless a definite staging port is established north of lat. 42° N.

(C. in C. Plymouth 232251 to Admty.)

ROTHER.

Your 211803. Bofors will not be fitted in ROTHER

(2) Request you will sail ship accordingly.

Your 201718 refers.

(D.O.D.(H) 231622B to C. in C. Nore.)

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North Atlantic

- (River class) Frigates. Intend to sail AIRE (S.O.) DART, EVENLODE at 2100B June 24th to Malta for onward routing to Port Said (my 230948 not to all refers). (F.O.G.M.A. 230952 to V.A.M.)
- S/Ms. Intend to sail SHAKESPEARE (S.O) and STRONGBOW at 1500B June 24th to Portsmouth (STRONGBOW for onward routing to Chatham). (3) S. of A. 11 knots E.T.A. a.m. June 29th. (F.O.G.M.A. 231012B to C. in C. Portsmouth.)
- Movement. Intend to sail BREAM (S.O) and POLLOCK at 1600 June 24th to Plymouth routed through etc. (3) S. of A. 10 knots. E.T.A. a.m. July 29th. (Gibraltar W/T 231120 to C. in C. Plymouth)
- M/S Trial ship. Intend to sail SABRE at 1400B/24 to Plymouth routed etc. (2) Speed 20 knots. (3) E.T.A. 2100B/26. (F.O.G.M.A. 231228B to C. in C. Plymouth)
- Portugal. / All pilotage restrictions at Lisbon have been removed and port has reverted to pre-war conditions. (N.C.S.O. Lisbon 231240B to Admty.)
- Movements. Arrivals BREAM, POLLOCK from Malta. KINGSTONE AGATE from Horta. H.M. S/M STRONGBOW from Port Said. H.M. S/M SHAKESPEARE from Malta. French Cable Ship ALSACE from West. (F.O.G.M.A. 231750B to Admty.)
(See F.O.G.M.A. 231012B 7 Gibraltar W/T 231120 etc.)
- A/A Sloop for B.P.F. Arrival HART. (F.O.G.M.A. 231802B to C. in C. Plymouth)
- B.P.F. A/A Sloop and Frigate for B.P.F. Arrival H.M. Ships ALACRITY, WIDEMOUTH BAY. (F.O.G.M.A. 231952B to Admty.)

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South Atlantic

FALMOUTH
(Sloop)

Sailed H.M.S. FALMOUTH to Kilindini.
(2) S. of A. $12\frac{1}{2}$ knots.
(3) E.T.A. 0500Z/29th June.
(Cdre. R.N. Est. Durban, 231021Z to Admty.)

Dakar
B.L.N.O.

/ Establishment of B.N.L.O. Dakar will formally
close down 30th June, 1945.
(All) Naval correspondence and signals for
Liaison Staff should be addressed to F.O.C.W.Af.
after that date.
(F.O.C.W.Af. 231254Z to All S.O.S.W.A.F. command etc)

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Mediterranean

PIERRE GIBAULT aground Kapsali Bay 258° 2.5 cables. Fixed red light mine exploded under number 2 hold killing three and injuring three. Requires assistance of tugs to tow off beach, no further assistance required at present. Am proceeding Kalamata with injured men. (THEMISTOCLES, 230236B to C. in C. Med.)

Contacted PIERRE GIBAULT in position indicated. Number one and two holds completely wrecked and open to sea. Deck cracked above number three hold. Unsafe to tow from present position. Suggest forward end of vessel be burned off close to number three bulkhead which is holding. Request salvage party be sent with necessary equipment as soon as possible to prevent PIERRE GIBAULT becoming a total loss. This vessel is a standard type American Liberty Ship. (MINDFUL, 232115B to Alexandria.)

Yugoslavs for R.N. Your 141256 and 181210. F.O. telegram 843 of 24th May was purely expression of Foreign Office views, Admiralty not having been consulted. (2) Admiralty's views are:-
(a) Achievements of R.Y.N. have not been such as to entitle them to special consideration.
(b) Even if employment was clearly stated to be for hostilities only, it would, in practice, be difficult afterwards to discharge R.Y.N. personnel unable to return to Yugoslavia. Accordingly, employment should only be offered to those who will genuinely contribute to our naval manpower in the immediate future.
(3) Request report whether, in the light of the above, you would recommend the employment of any R.Y.N. personnel. (Head of M.I., 231706B to C. in C. Med.) See 251632B.

Fighter Direction ship Sailed F.D.S. PALOMARES at 1900C/23 to Aden for onward routeing.
(2) E.T.A. 0700Z/28 S. of A. 12 knots. (N.O.I.C. Suez, 232311C to Admty.)

Programme for Destroyers Intended programme for CATTERICK and KELVIN.
(2) KELVIN sails to RHODES to relieve CATTERICK arriving a.m. 25th.
(3) CATTERICK sails to Alexandria on relief by KELVIN for collection of gear and onward routeing to U.K.
(4) KELVIN to Malta on relief by destroyer in C. in C. Med. Fleet 201118 (N.T. in W.D.) not held by F.O.L.E.M., V.A. Malta is requested to sail destroyer mentioned to Rhodes to relieve KELVIN.
(5) Your 221018B and V.A. Malta, 221023 not to all refer. (N.O.I.C., Adriatic, 232025C to C. in C. Med.)

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SS. JEHANGIR overdue.
overdue. (N.C.S.O.Aden, 230609Z to Admty.)

W/T Plans S. & T. W/T plan S. A.M. 160124B refers. It has been decided only to order plan assembled W/T stations for ports which it is known will have a Naval commitment until conclusion of hostilities against Japan. At ports having a temporary operational commitment, use will be made only of mobile equipment which, if necessary, will be unshipped from containers and erected in available buildings.

(2) The only firm requirements for Plan S are in light of the above: (a) One Majas for Rangoon A.M.141828/May refers.
(b) 1 Monstas C. in C. E.I. S. 070610/May refers.
(c) 1 Midgas. C. in C. E.I.S.311224/May refers.

(3) The above is in addition to Majas two now in Ceylon which will be used C. in C. E.I.S. 311224/May refers.

(4) Firm requirement for Plan T cannot be given yet Forecast over and above what is being sent to B.P.F. is
(a) 1 Monstas. (b) 1 Majas. (c) Two Minas. (d) Three Midgas.

(5) Total requirements which include those for B.P.F. are therefore.
(a) Two Monstas. (b) Two Majas. (c) 4 Minas. (d) 6 Midgas.

(6) The extra Monstas requested is doubtful but consider provision should be made for it.
(C. in C. E.I. 230918 to Admiralty)

Situation report No.19. (1) Malacca Straits. Force consisting of ROYALIST (A.C.21) SUFFOLK, STALKER, KHEDIVE, AMEER, ROTHERHAM (D.11) RACEHORSE, REDOUBT, RELENTLESS, ROEBUCK, operated in Northern Approaches Malacca Strait 11 to 20 June. Successful Pr. flights made over Southern Malaya 18 19 and 20 June. Air strikes by fighters on Medan and Lhoksemawi 20th. 3 A/C destroyed. 7 probably destroyed, 9 damaged on ground. Runways, aerodrome buildings, locomotives and wagons bombed and strafed. 2 junks left burning. 1 Hellcat shot down over target.

(2) Palk Strait. White oil scheme now in operation.
(C. in C. E.I. 231231Z to SacSea, C. in C. S.A. etc.)

Corvette. Arrived THYME L.S.T. 311.
(Com. Aden, 231625Z to F.O.L.E.M.)

Movements. Following arrived Capt. (D) 11th D.F. in H.M. Ships ROTHERHAM, RELENTLESS, SUFFOLK, KHEDIVE, REDOUBT.
Sailed HIGHWAY, H.M.S. MELITA, MADURA.
(N.O.I.C. Trincomalee, 231715Z to Admty.)

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America and West Indies

Return of ex-FLOWER class corvettes from U.S. (lend-lease) Cominch advises that the following ex-FLOWER class corvettes - HELIOTROPE, HIBISCUS, ARABIS, HEARTSEASE and CANDYTUFT taken over by U.S. Navy in 1942 under reverse lend-lease agreement are now in excess of U.S. needs. Vessels are now at Boston and it is desired to return them to Admiralty at the earliest practicable date. Cominch would prefer to make the transfer in United States in order that their crews may be released for other duty but states that they can be sailed to U.K. with present crews if absolutely necessary. Request your early advice.
(Comnaveu, 231029 to Admty.)

L.S.Ts. for U.K. L.S.T.3514 sailed Cristobal for Plymouth via New York 20th June.
(2) L.S.T.3515 sailed Esquimalt 19th June for U.K. via Panama.
(N.S.H.Q., 231522 to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Fleet minesweepers. Departures p.m. June 23rd H.M.C. Ships MILLTOWN, FORT WILLIAM, BLAIRMORE to U.K.
(C.O.P. Halifax, 231607Z to Admty.)

AUSTRALIA, (cruiser). H.M.A.S. AUSTRALIA originator departs Ambrose Light Vessel New York 1100Q/24th June for Plymouth, England. Speed 20. E.T.A. Plymouth 0500Z/1st July.
(AUSTRALIA, 231722Z to Com. 3, C. in C. Plymouth.)

French and Italian submarines. Can a reply now be given to my 062321 observing proposed transfer of first four on 1st July.
(B.A.D., 231919Z to Admty.)
Re transfer of French and Italian submarines now under U.S. operational control for A/S training.

Moroccan Sea Frontier. / Cominch proposes at an early date to dis-establish the Moroccan Sea Frontier. He recalls that this activity was established originally in connection with the landings in North Africa as a part of the United States naval commitment. To accomplish a further reduction of United States naval forces in the Mediterranean Theatre he proposes to turn the Naval Operating Base, Casablanca, over to the French, retaining only a small Liaison Party in connection with the United States Army and Air Transport Command activities there, which are engaged in re-deployment of United States Army forces. The facilities at Casablanca are to be disposed of in accordance with existing directives. He intends, however, to retain United States naval forces at Port Lyautey for the time being in support of Air Transport activities which are primarily engaged in re-deployment of United States forces.

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Moroccan Sea Frontier. (Contd.) (2) He will inform B.A.D. of the date that the Moroccan Sea Frontier is to be closed, when it is finally determined.
(3) Admiralty pass N.A. Paris.
(B.A.D. Washington, 231951 to Admty.) *see 13.1733Z JULY 1/161800R July.*

Agadir. Your 212241, B.N.A. Paris 192010 being passed. Understood agreement was reached in Paris that American requirements would not involve removal of 2 French V.P.B. Squadrons from Agadir. If so, this should have been reported by Marine Paris to Admiral Fenard and through U.S. channels to Chief of Staff, U.S. Army. (Hd. of M. Br. 1, 232102B to B.A.D. Washington.)

Far East and Australia

B.P.F. Operation report No. 14. 18th June. Further to my 180300.
(A) Non-combat operational losses. 4 Avengers ditched, 4 Seafires not repairable on board.
(B) Seafires used 500 pound bombs successfully.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 230220Z to Admty.)

Organisation A/C, B.P.F. / It is clearly the right policy to operate carriers with the most effective complement of aircraft that can be carried. Experience in Pacific war-fare has shown this to be
(A) ILLUSTRIOUS class 36 Corsairs, 16 Avengers.
(B) INDOMITABLE (as flagship) 36 Hellcats, 16 Avengers.
(C) IMPLACABLE class 18 Avengers, 48 Seafires, 12 Fireflies.
(Note: It may not be possible to give logistic support to 48 Seafires in (C) and this figure may have to be reduced to 40 later).
(2) It is therefore intended that C.Vs. shall be equipped for operations in this theatre with carrier air groups shown in para. 1 above.
(3) Notwithstanding para. 1 of my 120714 May it is recommended that spare carrier air groups should be adjusted accordingly any consequent delay in their complete build-up being accepted.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 230336 to Admty., (R) V.A.(Q))

Escort maintenance ships. The increase in number of escort maintenance ships asked for in R.A.F.T's 221010 May and since supported in R.A.F.T's FT.4306 dated 11th of June, being carried by Vice-Admiral Daniel, was based on the assumption that Admiralty contemplated building up a larger escort force than that

/estimated ...

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Escort
maintenance
ships.
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estimated as my requirement in my 130704 March.
(2) An up-to-date appreciation of the employment of escort forces in this Theatre indicates that only 4 escort maintenance ships will be required.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 230618Z to Admty., V.A.(Q))

Programme
for O.19.

O.19 is required to lay dummy minefield at Subic sailing Fremantle on 25th June. It is proposed that she carries out a patrol en route back to Fremantle and should be ready to sail for U.K. about 8th September. Cancellation of patrol would only advance by ten days.
(2) It is understood that Netherlands Authorities Melbourne are considering putting forward a request for O.19 to remain here permanently provided relief crew believed to be en route arrives.
(3) F.O.(S/M.) 151624* May (N.T. in W.D.) not to all refers. (S/M.4, 230657Z to C. in C. B.P.F.)
See 240112Z.

* List of submarines leaving U.K. for Pacific.

Blue
Summary
22nd.

Ryukyus. Mopping up continued on southern Okinawa. U.S. colours formally raised at 1000 1 (9). Enemy KIA As of 212400 1 estimated to total 94,919. Military P.O.W. total 3,526, Labour troops P.O.W. 1,999. Sopa, Kerama, Retto shifted flag from seriously damaged CURTISS (A.V.4) to NORTON SOUND (A.V.11). Minor damage sustained by KENNETH WHITING (A.V.14) when suicide plane splashed close aboard. Ex-BARRY (A.P.D.29) being towed to station as decoy ship hit by suicider and sank. L.S.M.59 hit by suicider sank. L.S.M.213 damaged by suicide plane. HALLORAN (D.E.H.305) sustained minor hull damage when strafing twin-engine plane exploded upon being splashed nearby. Air raids which began at dusk when small group of enemy planes approached showing I.F.F. code 6 continued until 1130/22. T.A.F. planes which splashed 40 and Pickets prevented all but a few stragglers from entering Okinawa area. 1 P.47, 2 F4U, 2 T.B.M. down during raid period. P.47 pilots and T.B.M. crews rescued. On 21st C.V.E. planes flew 200 sorties over Sakishima Gunto. Blue submarine rescued pilot from STEAMER BAY (C.V.E. 87).
Empire Area. F.A.W.1 planes sank 1 large schooner off Korea. On 21st mined waters off south-west tip Korea damaged 1 SD in Nishi Suido. Straffed radio station at 34.40 N., 128.35 E. 27 B.29s. laid 176 mines at Fushiki Nanao Yuga Wan and Senzaki Wan. ?B.29s. bombed targets as follows: 162 planes struck Kure Naval Arsenal visually from 18,000 to 21,000 feet. 1 plane lost. Results at all targets reported excellent. Fighter opposition negligible at all targets naval A.A. at Kure reported heavy intense and accurate. Photos of 21st show 2.28 square miles or 66 per cent of built-up portion of Shizuoka destroyed following attack on 19th. ENDYMION (A.R.L.9) reported proceeding under emergency steering to Eniwetok.
(Cincpac Adv. H.Q., 230854 to all commands.)

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Digest (4) In Brunei Bay area enemy resistance continues
1249 in general unorganised pattern particularly
22nd June. Labuan Island and Limbang area. Estimated 100
(Extract) Japanese infiltrated Labuan Island beach-head
prior dawn 21st from pocket west of airstrip,
inflicted several casualties; 90 Japanese
killed during this action and subsequent cleaning
out of pocket. Another lighter scale enemy infiltration
attempted Labuan Town and airfield before dawn 22nd: minor
Australian casualties suffered and six Japanese killed.
(5) A.I.F. forces which landed at Lutong captured oilfield
northern part Miri Town, other elements advancing down coast
reached centre Seria Town to find 21 oil fires burning and
town badly battered.
(7) 99 Liberators (47 from 13th Air Force, 46 from Fifth Air
Force and 6 R.A.A.F.) unloaded about 209 tons mixed bombs on
Balikpapan defences including Manggar and Sebinggan airfield
area.
(10) Plane from Clark Field destroyed one small coaster, one
lugger, destroyed off Yonakuni (south-westernmost Ryukyu chain).
(11) Two Navy Mariners from Lingayen Gulf night 21st sank one
small freighter transport off Macao, probably sank one coaster
two large barges off Macao and strafed one junk off west coast
Formosa.
(G.H.Q.S.W.P.A., 231026Z to Admty.)

Types of Your 140558Z, your paras. 2 and 3 concurred in
Bombs for although some loss of flexibility results if
B.P.F. ships embark a number of specialised weapons
suitable for a limited range of targets.
(2) Endeavour is being made to add to your
armoury as follows:-
(a) 500 lb. A.N.M. 76 bomb, 1,500 per month.
(b) 100 lb. G.P. A.N.M. 30 bomb, 12,000 per month.
(c) Clusters of 8 lb. fragmentation bombs, 1,000 clusters per
month.
(3) Present indications are that shipment of 2(a) may be
possible in near future.
(4) 100 lb. G.P. bombs are not at present available. It would
be possible to make available one thousand 100 lb. A/S bombs
Mk. IV from East Indies and 4,000 from U.K. These bombs fused
T.Inst. would provide an effective weapon against soft targets
and fused T.D.O.025 are suitable for cratering of soil runways.
It will be appreciated that the effect of this bomb lies in its
blast rather than fragmentation effect.
(5) Although endeavour is being made to obtain the 8 lb.
fragmentation bomb clusters they are at present only available
in limited numbers and their use in H.M. Ships requires
investigation. It is doubtful whether they would be available
before the cluster of 20 lb. fragmentation bomb, which are a
Naval requirement. Production of the latter is expected to
start in September.
(6) Request your early remarks on para. 2 and proposed rates
of supply. Reference para. 3 intend shipping 100 lb. A/S Mk.
IV from U.K. in anticipation of a requirement. Request your
remarks.

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Type of
Bombs for
B.P.F.
(Contd.)

(7) Prospects of supply of weapons referred to
in your 140600, 140602 and 140604 will be dealt
with separately in detail.
(A.C.N.S.(A), 231833B to C. in C. B.P.F.)

See 040213 Z JULY.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

German
U-Boats.

1. German U-Boats 779, * 608, 119, 8, 521 and 291
sailed from Wilhelmshaven today for the U.K.

* See p. 497. ? 698 & 1202.
See p. 570

Foreign Stations.

Mediterranean.

Movement.

2. NELSON left Port Said for Suez.

East Indies.

Movements.

3. BERMUDA sailed from Colombo for the Pacific.

America & West Indies.

Movements.

4. H.M.A.S. AUSTRALIA sailed from New York for
Plymouth.

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Far East and Australia.

- Borneo. 5. Tonight P.T. boats from Tarakan captured 7 Japanese on raft S. of Tarakan Island.
- Moluccas. 6. P.T. boats from Morotai rendered 2 launches unserviceable and destroyed fuel dump at Ternate and damaged 1 barge N. Halmaheras.
- Japan. 7. Aircraft continued mining island waters off S.W. coast of Korea.
- Pacific. 8. 3 enemy submarine contacts were reported west of Marianas today in 14° 26' N. 142° 23' E. 15° 46' N. 144° 21' E. and 15° 27' N. 144° 38' E. respectively (W. of Marianas.) A hedgehog hit was claimed on a contact in 14° 38' N. 136° 00' E.* after an attack lasting 3 hours.
* (about 350' N. of Ulithi.)

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North Sea

Cositintrep
N.R.446.

Part two Naval.
Rotterdam (open to routine shipping) reference
Cositintrep Nr. 411 survey now indicates maximum
draught acceptable at cold storage berths 14
feet until dredging completed.
(Burrough, Sgd. Eisenhower, 242154B to Admty.)

Mine
clearance
in Bight

(Extract).
(2) S.O. M/S Flotilla 18 has taken over from S.O.
M/S Flotilla 10. C. in C. Nore's 191013B refers.
(3) H.M.S. HOUND and H.M.S. CHEERFUL rejoin
Flotilla 2300 tonight Sunday.
(S.O. M/S F.18 241909B to C. in C. Nore.)

German
ships
in
Channel
Islands.

Your 231844* and N.O.I.C. Channel Islands 151738+
No objection to these ships being sailed to
Wilhelmshaven.
(F.O.W.G., 242115B to A.N.C.X.F.)
* Subject to remarks of F.O.W.G. these ships
should be sailed to Wilhelmshaven.
+ (German Warships) 3 Flakships A.F.65, 6871.
2 Escort trawlers V.203, V.215.

Mine
Clearance

(?2) dan buoys laid and clearance commenced in G
formation of S.W.13. Swept to average width of
(?4) cables inside northern edge and 3½ cables
outside northern edge, swept depth 11 fathoms.
2 GY mines swept 243° 4.7 miles and 309° 1.2 miles
from charted position of northern end of line of mines.
(2) Am anchoring vicinity GH 5 for night.
3. As mines were found so far north west of charted position
request information if clearance should be extended in this
direction and if so how far.
(S.O. M/S F.1, 242225B to C. in C. Nore.)
Intend sailing TADOUSSAC, SHIPPIGAN, QUALICUM, BEAUMARIS,
ILFRACOMBE, TOCOGAY, SIR LANCELOT, STELLA LEONIS at 0500/25, to
carry out your 211014.*
(F.O.I.C. Harwich, 242123 to C. in C. Nore.) *Clearance of
lines of German moored mines. (N.T. in W.D.).

U-boats
sailing.

Sailed my 231130* para. 2.
Admiralty pass to 10th and 11th addressees.
(N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven, 241202B, to C. in C. Nore.)
* Intend sailing H.M.S. DACRES and German U-boats
779, *608, 119 and 8, 521, and 291 at 1130 June 24th.
231138 intended?.

* See p. 497.
? 698 intended? u 570

East Coast
sailings

Your 231903. The risk of German mines in Q.Z.S.
738 is considered acceptable. In addition to
the two mile swept channel, a searching sweep of 5
miles to the Northward and 2½ miles to the Southward
of the centre line was carried out in the area of
the known minefields with negative results.

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The widening of Gap A should proceed but the 20 mile gap now existing is also considered acceptable.

(3) In view of the foregoing, the importance of Baltic traffic and the necessity for quick turnaround of shipping, independent sailings are now to be instituted in both directions. Personnel ships are, however, to be escorted until further orders.

(4) For the benefit of D/F fitted ships, the provision of a beacon in the lightship at Gap A. is under consideration. In the meantime a ship should be used as suggested in para. 3 of your 231903.

(5) Further instructions follow concerning Rosyth Escort Force. (V.C.N.S., 242220 to C. in C. Rosyth.)

Rosyth Escort Force

On cessation of R.N./N.R. convoys the R.E.F. is to be reduced to scale laid down in A.M. 180855/April and A.M. 181000/April. Escorts retained, should be SEYMOUR, TORRINGTON, LOCH SHIN. Two Hunts will be released to Rosyth by Nore when circumstances permit.

(2) Remainder of the R.E.F. is to be berthed at Rosyth and complements reduced to 3/5ths pending decision on their future as training vessels.

(3) C. in C. H.F. is requested to provide:

(a) 4 destroyers for N.Os. I.C. Norway as required by C. in C. Rosyth.

(b) Escorts for German M.Vs. and personnel convoys when necessary

(4) A.M. 242220 refers.

(5) Messages quoted not to all.

(V.C.N.S., 242307B to C. in C. H.F., C. in C. Rosyth.)

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Plymouth Command Situation Reports

As from 25th June issue of Plymouth Command Situation reports will be discontinued. (C. in C. Plymouth, 241147B to Admty., etc.)

Flakship 4602

N.O.I.C. C.I. 211505* has been passed to W.O. and F.O. Holland.

(2) Approved for Flakship No. 4602 to be sailed to the Downs manned by Dutch crews as soon as W.O. concurrence has been received.

(3) Request you will make necessary arrangements. (Hd. of M.II, 241558B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

* Concerning Dutch crew for surrendered German Flakship No.4602.

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Western Approaches

Mine clearance off Clyde My 171040B June. Area has now been extended from Western limit of former Q.Z.S.398 to eastern limit of Q.Z.S.716 as far south as latitude 55° 16' N. Reference C. in C.W.A's. 161457B supposed position of missing mine is 55° 20.9' N. 5° 03' W. and it is suggested that an area within a two mile radius of this position should be considered dangerous. Request ships may avoid sweepers and Dan buoys. (Capt. M/S Clyde, 241015B to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

A.S.R. ships Air Sea Rescue. Procedure in C. in C. W.A.'s 191819 should be brought into force forthwith. (D.O.D.(H), 242337B to C. in C. W.A., F.O.G.M.A.) Procedure ordered in my 191819 is to be brought into force forthwith.
(2) A.S.R. ships are to keep as close as possible to their assigned stations.
(3) Action addressees acknowledge.
(C. in C.W.A. 242323 to AMBERLEY CASTLE, LEEDS CASTLE, STOCKHAM.)

Operations

Norway

British N.Os. I.C. Norway. Your 231632*para. 2 Captain Nicholson should return in CONN. Request OAKHAM CASTLE be returned by 30th June, as it is necessary to withdraw destroyers when British N.Os. I.C. are released in order to affect reduction of Rosyth escort force. (C. in C. Rosyth, 241314B to F.O. Norway.) * British N.Os. I.C. Norway being released and returned to U.K. (N.T. in W.D.)

Sailing of Russian ex-P.O.W. My 111717* not to all. The following have sailed from Tromso with Russian ex-Prisoners of War for Murmansk. (1) KONG HAAKON VII embarked 2000, KONG DAG embarked 600, NORDKYN embarked 700 escorted by H.N.M.S. MOLDE E.T.A. Murmansk 1800/25th. (2) OKSLEY ANGO embarked 2500, BRABANT embarked 800 escorted by H.N.M.S. NAMSOS E.T.A. Murmansk a.m. 26th. (3) Request you inform necessary authorities. (F.O. Norway, 241200B to S.B.N.O. North Russia.) * Not identified in War Registry.

Operations

Baltic

Salvage of BRANT DORPAT From P.S.V.O. My salvage officer who has returned from Denmark reports that considerable quantities of experimental mining equipment in DORPAT is in number two tween deck and number one hold both of which are dry, examination by experts can proceed.

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DORPAT
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Mines are reported to have been laid alongside ship. Subject to these being removed or rendered harmless salvage operations on DORPAT can be started.
(Comm. Hamburg, 241147B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Situation at
2100/24

151st H.D.M.L. Flotilla arrived Kiel. Three captured Merchant Ships sailed for Brunsbüttel for onward routing. Over 100,000 tons have now been sailed from Flensburg.

Operation "Raspberry," consisting of a surprise raid on the eight vessels Spärrversuchs-Kommando in search of documents, was successfully carried out yesterday by Commander Fisher of VERNON (M) acting under my orders, with assistance of N.O.I.C. Kiel and H.M.S. OBDURATE. Although the search has revealed some documents whose existence was denied the German attitude is one of pained surprise at our stooping to such unfair methods.

Hospital ship MONTE ROSA with 2000 Sick Germans arrived Kiel from Denmark.
(F.O.I.C. Kiel, 242358B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Movements

BELLONA

Your 231745* passed to BELLONA who is detailed for this duty.

Request you sail BELLONA for Bergen a.m. 1st July and DIADEM for Scapa on 2nd July.

(C. in C. H.F. Afloat,, 241917B to F.O. Norway.)

* It is requested that either BELLONA or DIADEM may be sailed from Oslo 1st July in order that the court may be held at Bergen 2nd July.

PETARD

Arrangements for sailing at 0900B/25th June to Gibraltar.

(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 241016B to F.O.G.M.A.)

VERITY

Your 191807B May. Have relieved CROCUS in position 20.

(VERITY 240901B to Admt.)

ROTHER

A.M. 231622B. Intend to sail ROTHER from Sheerness at 1030/26 to Gibraltar to join C. in C.E.I. Arrangements.

(C. in C. Nore, 241130B to F.O.G.M.A.)

ERNE,
AMETHYST

Orders to sail at 2000B/25th to Gibraltar for Q/RAM 231543, May not to all refers.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 241540B, 241521B to ERNE.)

/FAL...

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FAL Orders to sail at 0900B 25th and proceed to Gibraltar for O.R. Freetown A.M. 292350*May not to all refers.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 241711B to FAL.)
*FAL to be sailed to Plymouth before rejoining F.O.C.W.Af.

Shipping and Convoys

R.N. and N.R. convoys R.N. and N.R. convoys will now run twice a week sailing on Wednesdays and Sundays both from Methil and Kristiansand (S) which are the assembly and dispersal ports.

(2) Speed 8 knots.

(3) Only one escort will be provided and on the R.N. run will detach at position H to proceed independently leaving the convoy to proceed unescorted to Kristiansand.

(4) My 07155B June is cancelled.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 241312B as amended 241802B)

*Cancelled by C in C Rosyth
251620B, page 529.*

Route for shipping, Solent - Le Havre

As from 0001B/26 shipping between Solent and Le Havre is to be routed as follows:

(a) Solent to Havre.

(1) Fast Troop Carriers: Route Yoke.

(11) All other shipping: Route ZK.

(b) Havre to Solent.

(1) Fast Troop Carriers: via QZS.619, 673 (route A.S.)

(11) All other shipping X-ray.

(2) My 232228* May should be amended accordingly my 241147B May, 291240B+ May and 011722B June also refer (references quoted are not to C.T.F.122)

(C. in C. Portsmouth, 241552B.)

* Arrangements to come into force 25th May re discontinuation of Cross Channel convoys except for personnel ships.

+ Liberty ships carrying 300 troops may be sailed across the Atlantic independently.

Ø WVP and VWP convoys to cease as from 4th June.

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North Atlantic

Movements for B.P.F. Intend to sail HART (S.O) ALACRITY, WIDEMOUTH BAY at 1800B/24th to Malta.
(3) S. of A. 15 knots.
(4) E.T.A. 1300/27th.
(F.O.G.M.A. 240829B to V.A.M.)

Air/Sea Rescue Stn. Have been relieved by VERITY on A.S.R. Patrol 20. E.T.A. Gibraltar 0800B/26th June.
(CROCUS, 240830B to F.O.G.M.A.)

S/M SCORCHER. Intend to sail SCORCHER from position to Gibraltar E.T.A. 1700B/1st July. Speed 12 knots.
(S/M.3, 241117B to F.O.G.M.A.)

Cable repair ship. MIRROR arrived Gib. 24th June.
(2) Request future employment and destination.
(3) Work in A.M.240227A Nov. presumed complete.
(F.O.G.M.A. 241125B to C. in C. Med.)

SABRE M/S Trial ship. Intend to sail SABRE at 0900B June 25th to Plymouth
(3) S. of A. 20 knots E.T.A. 1600B June 27th.
(F.O.G.M.A. 241405 to C. in C. Plymouth)
Arrived H.M.S. SABRE.
(Gibraltar, 241853B to C. in C. Plymouth)

Corvettes (Cat. "C") / A.M. 261524 May and V.A. Malta's 221728 neither to all. On return to U.K. early July BRYONY and PENTSTEMON will reduce to reserve Category C.
(2) First destination in U.K. is BRYONY - Portsmouth. PENTSTEMON - Plymouth.
(4) In order to expedite final reduction, the dismantling and packing of Radar, W.T., Asdic, and similar equipment should be progressed.
A.F.O.2758/45 refers.
(D.O.D.(H), 241950B to F.O.G.M.A.)

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Re Agadir. No objection to move proposed in A.M. 150603.
M.A.A.F. concur.
(C. in C. Med., 240921 to Admty.)

Trooper. Intend to sail ENTERPRISE at approx. 1700/24th
to Alexandria for onward routing to U.K.
(3) S.O.A. 15 knots.
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A 241325C to F.O.L.E.M.)

SANSOVINO Arrived SANSOVINO.
re SILVIO. (S.N.O. E. Sicily 241657B to Admty.)

SPEY On return to U.K. about mid-July, SPEY will
frigate. reduce to reserve category B at Dartmouth.
(D.O.D.(H) 241834B to C. in C. Med.)

Submarine Sailed TAPIR at 1900C/24 to Aden for onward
TAPIR routing to Trincomalee.
for B.P.F. (2) E.T.A. 0530C/30, S.O.A. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ knots.
(N.O.I.C. Suez 241901C to Admty, Com. Aden.)

BULOLO, Sail to pass position 309 at 1700C tomorrow
L.S.H.(L) Monday eastbound Port Said by basic eastbound
route.
(2) Speed 13 knots, (3) E.T.A. position 399
0500C/26th June.
(5) S.N.S.O.R.C.A. is requested to arrange
immediate canal transit and onward routing to
Bombay.
(F.O.L.E.M., 241942C to BULOLO.)

Levant (1) Aleppo. Night 21/22 June grenades thrown
Sitrep to into gardens French delegation and house French
2100 hrs. O.C. tps. without damage or cas. Brit. now
23 June. guarding both premises. Gendarmerie state
deserters offr. 29 O.R. 420 enrolled in
Gendarmerie from 20 May to 21 June.
(2) Lattakia. Situation uneasy. Deserters from
two T.S. Bns. number 162 incl. 12 offr. O.R.
50 on indefinite leave and O.R. 19 dismissed by
French.
(C. in C. M.E., 242000C to W.O.)

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East Indies.

F.S. DUMONT
D'URVILLE.

F.S. DUMONT D'URVILLE left Colombo 21st June.
My 200550 refers. Pass to Marine Paris.
(C. in C. E.I., 240551Z to Admty.)

Movements.

Arrival CUMBERLAND wearing flag of F.O. Air
East Indies, AUSONIA.
Departure COLOSSUS, TYRIAN, GLENROY, REDOUBT,
TARTAR.
(Care. Trincomalee, 241602Z to Admty.)

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LUNENBURG, Arrivals a.m. June 24th H.M.C.S. LUNENBURG from
(corvette). U.K.
(C.O.P. Halifax, 241025Z to Admty.)

RUNNYMEDE, Z times. C. in C. C.N.A. 201610* not to all.
(Frigate). When ready H.M.C.S. RUNNYMEDE depart Point (Y)
Bermuda 2300/24 at 15 knots for Kingston,
Jamaica where stop-over 48 hours thence proceed
Colon for onward routeing Esquimalt via
positions, etc. Expected time of arrival G.S.F. 1700/26th,
(F) 0500/28th.
(N.O.B. Bermuda, 241512 to RUNNYMEDE.)
* Not identified in War Reg.

Movements. Arrival p.m./24th June H.M.C.S. CHARLOTTETOWN,
KIRKLAND LAKE, STETTLER, ANTIGONISH from U.K.
(C.C.O. Halifax, 241650Z to Admty.)

Far East and Australia

Programme Your 230657Z, para. 1. No objection so far as
for O.19. C. in C. B.P.F. is concerned. Admiralty pass
B.D.Z. and F.O.S/M.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 240112Z to S/M.4.)

A/S Admiralty's 120448* and C. in C. E.I.S. 200941/
training With increasing A/S training commitments a fourth
submarine S/M for A/S training would be desirable.
for B.P.F. (2) In view of Capt. S/M 2 210312, request
consideration to allocation of VISIGOTH to
B.P.F.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 240239Z to Admty., C. in C.
E.I.S.)

* If VIGOROUS and VIVID cannot be fully employed on A/S
training reinforcement of B.P.F. should be considered.
/ VIGOROUS and VIVID must be available on East Indies Station
and fulfil anticipated anti-submarine training requirements.

Blue Ryukyus. Okinawa mop up continued, estimated
Summary enemy KIA to 222400 totals 98,546. Military
23rd. P.O.W. total is 4,499. Labour troops 2,433.
Gen. Joseph W. Stillwell, U.S. Army assumed
command T.F.99 and 10th Army. Minesweeping
north-east of Miyako completed with total 101

/mines ...

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Blue mines swept. Reports day during 48 hours prior to midnight of 22nd, 57 enemy planes destroyed in Okinawa area. Our losses 5 planes, 4 pilots missing. 17 T.B.M., 36 F4Us. attacked Ishigaki Airfield. C.V.E. planes covered Sakishima on 22nd. Since 7th April T.A.F. planes have destroyed 593 enemy aircraft.

Empire Area. F.A.W.1 planes damaged 3 SD, 1 sailing vessel, mined waters off south-west tip Korea and strafed 3 lighthouses, 1 radio station. T.A.F. P.47s. attacked Itazuke Airfield reported intense Naval A/A from harbour. Blue submarine rescued 2 pilots. On 22nd 32 F4Us. of T.A.F. made fighter sweep over southern Kyushu, shot down 2 enemy fighters. B.29 photos show total of 2.04 square miles or 42 per cent of built-up portion of Kagoshima damaged following mission 18th. Strike photos of Kure attack on 22nd show 1 direct hit on stern of BB HARUNA. Numerous direct hits in Naval Arsenal buildings. Blue submarines report sinking 2 unidentified ships, 1 submarine chaser, 2 SC/SD, 1 AK, 2 coastal vessels, damaging 1 SC, 2 escorts. 16 P.51s. attacked Chichi Jima. 24 sorties Palaus, 10 Yap. (C. in C. Pac. Adv. H.Q., 240843Z to All commands interested in combat reports, etc.)

Digest (4) 11 Mitchells making 23 in total attacked 1250, small craft Canton river 22nd final assessment 23rd June. of results show 6 or 8 junks one motor launch (Extract) destroyed, at least 30 junks and one possible tanker damaged whereof some probably destroyed. (7) Night 22nd June 2 Mariners from Lingayen strafed small freight transport off Hong Kong leaving vessel blazing fiercely with 20° list: also strafed junk off Swatow.

(8) 10 planes out from Clark Field over China Coast strafed 4 small craft Canton River Mouth: strafed and damaged 6 landing barges near Hong Kong. Planes destroyed one schooner, 3 small coastal freighters and 2 schooners, 2 river boats, 7 coasters damaged on Pontianak-Samaas River coastal sector of south-west Borneo.

(9) A.I.F. on west coast Borneo found Miri unoccupied and patrols ahead of troops moving down coast from Brunei reached Cape Baram without enemy contact. Active patrolling continues around Brunei by reporting negligible enemy contact.

(11) Air Force Lightnings attacked Balikpapan defences 22nd June with 201 tons of bombs.

(14) P.P.T. Boats co-operating with 2 R.A.A.F. Spitfires destroyed one canoe probably sank one barge northern Halmahera. (G.H.Q.S.W.P.A., 240900Z to Admty.)

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Home Commands.

Mines.

1. (a) 30 mines were cut and 7 detonated today during clearance of British minefield off Milford.
- /(b) Two enemy moored mines were swept in Sognefjord today.

Foreign Stations.

South Atlantic.

Movement.

2. ATTACKER (Assault carrier) sailed from Capetown for Colombo.

Mediterranean.

Gulf of Genoa.

3. (a) M.M.S. 168 mined and sunk while sweeping in Genoa Harbour. Believed to be only 3 survivors.
- /(b) Savona is now open to ships of 27 foot draft.

Adriatic.

4. Mine clearance at Pola is progressing satisfactorily.

Movement.

5. CLEOPATRA and SUSSEX arrived Suez from Port Said and left again for Aden.

Far East and Australia.

Borneo.

6. (a) An enemy submarine contact was reported by an escort vessel 30' west of Labuan Island today.
- (b) Another submarine was sighted by aircraft off Sandakan (north coast) at dusk.

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Borneo.
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6.(c) Japanese shore batteries were silenced at Balikpapan by cruiser and destroyer fire. The minesweeping force was subject to aerial torpedo attack. Three enemy aircraft shot down. No damage to the minesweepers.

Philippines.

7. At least two submarine contacts were reported in the Leyte Gulf today.

Japan.

8. U.S. submarine claims sinking one large and five medium cargo ships by torpedo and three trawlers by gunfire in Japanese waters.

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Policy

F.S. PARIS. Propose that F.S. PARIS now at Plymouth be transferred to French authorities on 14th July.
(2) - (3) Arrangements.
(Hd. of M.I., 251201B.)

2 French Air Squadrons for Pacific. Agadir. (Extract)
Reference 212241Z*.
Marine Paris desires to keep the 2 French Squadrons at Agadir so that their training shall not be interrupted.
Reference 192010.
Further to my 181730 Admiral Nomy, Head of Aero Navale sent his staff officer Commandant de la Haye to discuss Agadir with me today.
(2) This officer has attended meeting in Paris presided over by Brig. Wood of S.H.A.E.F. Mission on 11th June. A.T.C. represented by Col. Johannsen, C.O.S. Operations to Gen. Stowell C.O. A.T.C. Casablanca.
(3) A.T.C. do not want full base facilities at Agadir but only emergency landing facilities together with communications and radar.
(Comnaveu, 251321.)
* Squadrons are earmarked for operational employment against Japan as soon as opportunity offers.

Operations

North Sea

Limits of Emden and Wilhelmshaven Commands. Geographic limits of the Emden and Wilhelmshaven sub-commands are to be altered as follows:
(A) The islands of Borkum, Norderney, Juist and Baltrum are to form part of the Emden sub-command.
(B) The coastal strip between the meridians of 7° 27' E. and 7° 40' E. as far south as main road Dornumersiel-Middelburg-Bensersiel-Ostbense is to form part of the Wilhelmshaven sub-command.
(2) These changes are to come into force forthwith.
X.F.P. H.Ms. will be amended.
(A.N.C.X.F., 251014.)

Mine clearance. Q.Z.X.1467 intend to sail with six fleet sweepers and two danlayers 1300B/28 to commence clearance of B.S.34 as in M.S.15's 222140B.
ORMONDE beacon will be embarked in CALVAY by Capt. M/S. Grimsby.
(S.O. 15th M.S. in LYME REGIS, 251525B.)

Rosyth Escort Force. A.M. 242307. Para. 3(A). Present commitments are:
Destroyer at Trondheim till July 31st.
Destroyer at Stavanger till July 30th.
Destroyer at Kristiansand (S) till July 15th, and see also my 251532 to F.O. Norway.

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Rosyth Escort Force. (Contd.) (2) Para. 3(B) Conveyance of personnel, stores, and servicing destroyers has up to present been carried out by a weekly service between U.K. and Norwegian ports. (C. in C. Rosyth, 251537.)

ZEST, ORIBI, ZEPHYR. (1) Intend to sail ZEST (S.O.), ORIBI and ZEPHYR from Rosyth on Thursday 28th June to relieve ZEALOUS, OBDURATE and OBEDIENT in West German ports. (2) ZEST to proceed to Wilhelmshaven and ORIBI and ZEPHYR to Kiel area. (3) F.O. Western Germany is requested to sail ZEALOUS, OBDURATE and OBEDIENT to Rosyth. When relieved. (C. in C. H.F.(Afloat), 251610B.)

Sitrep. (A) Lock repairs. (B) Schelde dockyard. (C) Harbour repairs. (N.O.I.C. Flushing, 251802B.)

Mine clearance. Operation "Dropkick". Today swept modified L/SA 2 actuation width $6\frac{1}{2}$ cables to south of centre line P.8 to 10. Results negative. Explosive sweep not operating. (S.O. 18 M.S.F., 252058B.)

Mine clearance. *Hammel - Hook* / Your 211014B clearance of area $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles each side of line S.W.101 completed. Negative. Anchored vicinity G.H.5 Buoy. Tomorrow intend commencing clearance of S.W.5 from eastward. (S.O. M/S.16, 252241B to C. in C. Nore.)

Cositintrep 447. Part two, Naval. Nothing to report. (Burrough, sgd. Eisenhower, 252301.)

Operations

Channel

Le Havre Radar Station. / Radar station at Le Havre continues to be required for port use to assist ships in thick weather and at night. C. in C. Portsmouth's 241226B refers. (C.T.F.122, 251117B.)

/Closing ...

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Channel - Contd.

Closing
down W/T
in C.I.

/ It is proposed to close down W/T communication in C.I. sub-command at 0800 July 2nd and to effect further reduction of personnel from that date.

Arrangements.
(N.O.I.C. C.I., 251708B, 251756B.)

Operations

Western Approaches

Aultbea
Naval
Base.

/ Naval Base, Aultbea will commence to close down on July 5th when it is anticipated that the 18th M/S.F. will have completed the operation.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 251209B.)

Captain S/M
Lisahally &
Loch Ryan.

Propose Captains S/M Lisahally and Loch Ryan should in future be known as Captains U/B one and two respectively.
Request promulgation by AZ message.
(F.O. S/M., 251221B.)

Mine
clearance
off Milford.

Add to my 221820B. Mines encountered today.
Line 1 - 16 cut plus 4 detonated.
Line 2 - 10 cut plus 3 detonated.
Line 3 - 4 cut plus nil detonated.
Total 37. Loss of 4 Otter Boards.
(Com. M/S. Bristol Channel, 252035B.)

Operations

Northern Waters

Stornoway
Naval
Base.

/ Propose closing down base noon 27th. To facilitate despatch of stores. Anticipated completion date 9th July.
(R.N.O. Stornoway, 251036B.)

Operations

Norway

Cositintrep
447.

Scofor part 4, section C. (Extract)
(3) (B) Total number mines lifted - Tromso zone 227,570. Bergen zone 20,684. Otherwise N.T.R.
All informed.
(Scofor Main, 251900B.)

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Disposal
of German
ships in
Danish
ports.

Personal for Dalgliesh from Ancerson.
After consultation with Flag Officer Denmark,
M.W.T.R. Denmark, Assistant Fleet Constructor
Officer to A.N.C.X.F. and Danish Port Authorities
am of the opinion that all German ships in all
Danish ports which will ultimately be employed
in German domestic traffic be concentrated as
early as possible in German ports.

- (2) Suggest that ships under 1,000 tons gross and also all those over 25 years of age and individual ships agreed with M.W.T.R. Denmark be concentrated in Slesvig, Eckernfjord, Hamburg and/or Kiel as early as possible.
- (3) Suggest that lighters and barges required by M.W.T. be towed by available German tugs as in para. 2 above.
- (4) Obvious requirement is to clear ports of idle tonnage and obviate risk of sabotage by idle personnel.
- (5) If you agree above request you make necessary arrangements for calling forward.
- (6) A.N.C.X.F. Rear please pass to Transport and Economic Divisions of Control Council London.
(M.W.T.R. Copenhagen, 250953 to M.W.T.R. Hamburg.)

SS. DORPAT,
salvage.

Your 242259B* and Com Hamburg's 242247 ϕ .
Although by interrogation S.V.K. suggests that
mines have not been laid alongside DORPAT,
consider investigating by P. Party is desirable.
(F.O. Kiel Command, 251427B to A.N.C.X.F.(Main))

- * Salvage of DORPAT should be undertaken.
 ϕ Presume 221147 intended.

Reduction
of coastal
forces in
Danish
waters.

Your 221256* para. 3 request you make detailed
proposal for release of coastal forces when no
longer required.
(A.N.C.X.F.(Main), 251817B to F.O. Denmark.)
* Requirements for coastal forces in Danish
waters reducing rapidly.

Situation
Report.

E-Boats S.64, S.69, S.76, S.81, S.83, S.99,
S.117, S.217, S.218, S.225 and S.707 arrived
Kiel from Flensburg and sailed for onward passage
to Wilhelmshaven escorted by M.L.157.

Commander Bradford, C.O. of C.F.M.U.2, reports
that the Coastal Force facilities which it was hoped would be
available at Naskov in Laaland are now obtainable only at a
stiff price. Facilities at Eckernforde and/or Flensburg are
at present under consideration.

SS. HAUTIK was released from quarantine at noon today. No
further cases of typhus in the harbour.
(F.O.I.C. Kiel, 252358B.)

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- LOCH RUTHVEN. Request you will sail LOCH RUTHVEN when ready to Gibraltar for onward routeing to East Indies. My 161648 refers. (C. in C. W.A., 251045B to F.O.I.C. Cardiff.)
- PEVENSEY CASTLE, KENILWORTH CASTLE. Intend to sail PEVENSEY CASTLE and KENILWORTH CASTLE to Freetown from Lough Foyle buoy p.m./28th June. Route, etc. (Com. (D) W.A., 251135Z.)
- German ships from Channel Is. Intend sailing KINGSTON ANDALUSITE and PEARL escorting ex-German ships V.203, V.215, A.F.65, A.F.68 and A.F.71 from Channel Islands to Downs for onward routeing to Wilhelmshaven. (2) - (6) Arrangements. (7) Ex-German ships are German manned and have no armed guard on board. (N.O.I.C. C.I., 251440B.)
- DEVONSHIRE. Request you will sail DEVONSHIRE, when ready about 29th June, to Port Said for O.R. to Sydney N.S.W. via Suez and Colombo. (2) A.M. 251111 not to all refers. (D.O.D.(H), 251625B to C. in C. Plymouth.)
- M.F.Vs. for Bombay. C. in C. Plymouth is requested to sail M.F.Vs. 1512, 1526, 1540, 1560, 1010, 1056, 1113, 1132, 1148, 1171, 1173, 1175 on 3rd July weather permitting with escort for Gibraltar. (2) All M.F.Vs. are for O.R. from Gibraltar to Bombay. Final destination of M.F.V. 1540 is B.P.F. (D.O.D.(H), 251756B.)
- A.F.D. 68. Sailed H.M.R.T. ENCHANTER towing A.F.D.68 escorted by H.M.T. VELETA to Gibraltar for O.R. to Port Said. A.M. 111539B June (not to all) refers. (2) - (8) Arrangements. (F.O.I.C. Falmouth, 251822B.)
- CALPE. Arrived CALPE with defect. (C. in C. Plymouth, 251904B.)
- CASSANDRA. H.M.S. CASSANDRA is to disembark stores and ammunition now. Ship will proceed to Gibraltar to refit about 24th July. C. in E. Med. 231402 not to all, refers. (2) Combrax Chatham is to provide a steaming party to take the ship over as soon as possible. Present ship's company are then to be sent on leave with instructions to return to depot on completion.

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(3) Ratings drafted as steaming party need not be eligible for foreign service as CASSANDRA will pay off into dockyard control at Gibraltar and the steaming party sent back to U.K. (D.O.D.(H), 252350B.)

Shipping and Convoys

F.N.
convoys.

My 221917B* May. F.N. convoys are now to disperse at H.5 Buoy, where escort will part company. (C. in C. Nore, 251550B.)
* F.N. Convoys.

Sailings to
Kristiansand.
R.N., N.R.
convoys.

In view of A.M. 242220, not to all addressees, cancel my 241312.

(2) All ships may now be sailed independently between Methil and Kristiansand (S) and vice versa.

(3) Final R.N./N.R. convoys will sail on Wednesday June 27th.

(4) Merchant vessels are to be informed that to assist in making gap 'A' in the east coast mine barrier a ship will by June 28th be temporarily anchored 1 mile north of gap 'A' light vessel, and will be able to give D.F. bearings on demand. Call sign Mike Fox Dog 1. Frequency 500 k/cs. (C. in C. Rosyth, 251620B.)

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North Atlantic

Movement Departure 0940B/25th SABRE for Plymouth holds Q.Z.H.(C) 41 L.76 S.802, X.1662, U.620. (F.O.G.M.A., 251240B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

A.F.D. 69 Intend to sail at 1000B June 27th MARAUDER towing A.F.D.69 escorted by BERGAMOT to Port Said.
(3) Speed five knots or better.
(4) V.A. Malta is requested to sail escort to relieve BERGAMOT in 08° E. and arrange R/V.
(5) On relief BERGAMOT is to return to Gibraltar. (F.O.G.M.A., 251306B to V.A. Malta.)

A.A. Sloop for B.P.F. Arrival H.M.S. BLACK SWAN. (F.O.G.M.A., 252014B to C. in C. Plymouth etc.)

South Atlantic

Destroyers Arrived VENUS, VIRAGO. (Cdre. Durban, 250701Z to Admty.)

Base ships Intend to sail PHILOCTETES at 1900Z June 25th for Plymouth.
(3) Speed nine knots.
(5) E.T.A. a.m. July 7th.
(Comar Dakar, 251126Z to C. in C. Plymouth.)

S.A. local defence craft A.M. 101538 May paragraph 5. Can disposal instructions for the 2 whalers now be given?
(2) A.M. 212022 April paragraph 3 and my 251456 April. Request also further instructions for the six trawlers allocated for conversion to water carriers.
(C. in C. S.A., 251515B to Admty.)

Destroyers refit Request approximate dates of arrival of first two pairs of destroyers in para. 2D your 280757 March (N.T. in W.D.).
(2) Early information is requested so that refit programme may be formulated vide Admiralty 201120. (C. in C.S.A., 251635B to C. in C. E.I.)

Frigate (Loch class) A.M. 220126 not to all. Request expected date of sailing of TRANSVAAL for South Africa. (C. in C. S.A. 251721B to Admty.) Reply 262042B.

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Mediterranean.

Trooping. , DEVONSHIRE and BERWICK have been allocated for trooping duties between U.K. and Foreign Stations.
(2) A quick turn-round is essential and ships should not be used for trooping north of Sydney except in an emergency or to meet an urgent operational requirement, in which case prior Admiralty approval is to be obtained.
(3) Ships will be capable of prolonged steaming at 20 knots.
(4) ENTERPRISE already engaged in this service is not suitable, for passage beyond Ceylon.
(5) An A.L. will be issued shortly giving similar information for DEVONSHIRE and BERWICK to that contained in A.L.M. 03173/45 dated 18th April 1945 for ENTERPRISE.
(6) A.M. 210153 not to all refers.
(2 S.L., 251111B to C. in C. Med., C. in C. E.I., C. in C.B.P.F.)

Frigates Your 251230Z. DART will be detached. E.T.A. 0545.
for B.P.F. (AIRE, 251615B to Almed.)

Yugoslavs / A.M. 231706* refers. I am against employment of
for R.N. ex R.Y.N. personnel in Royal Navy for following reasons:-
(a) Yugoslav mentality is so different from our own that men would probably be a continual nuisance on both high and low levels and so not worth their keep.
(b) We should merely be postponing the evil day on which the disposal of these individuals must finally be decided.
(c) Such an arrangement would hardly be in keeping with policy outlined in para. 4 of A.M. 041620 June+. If we are to exert influence over Yugoslav Navy in future, it seems highly undesirable to depart from Royal Navy's present impartial attitude to Yugoslav political matters.
(2) It has been suggested that R.Y.N. personnel not willing to return to Yugoslavia should be offered employment in U.S. and British merchant navies. I view this proposal with favour provided that action is postponed until amalgamation of the navies has been effected and men have been given the alternative of accepting the new conditions of service or being relegated to civilian status. No. 2787/Med. 45/0070/8 of 22nd June refers.
(C. in C. Med., 251632B to Admty.)
* Presume that R.Y.N. personnel in Malta and Italy who greatly out number those in Egypt be given same opportunity to join Royal Navy.
+ If political considerations permit it is intended to maintain British influence as far as possible.

LAUDERDALE, Intend to sail LAUDERDALE at 1600 June 26th to
destroyer Gibraltar. (2) S.O.A. 15 knots, E.T.A. Gibraltar
for U.K. 0800/29th.
(V.A. Malta, 251725B to F.O.G.M.A.)

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F.S. DUGUAY TROUIN Sail for Naples at 2000B June 26th.
(2) 17. (4) E.T.A. 0700B June 28th.
(Comar Alger, 251820B to DUGUAY TROUIN.)

Situation Report No. 619. M.M.S. 168 mined and sunk while sweeping in Genoa Harbour. Believed to be only 3 survivors. Savona is now open to ships of 27 foot draft. Mine clearance at Pola progressing satisfactorily. A Liberty Ship grounded in Kapsal Bay after being mined but has since been refloated by tug THROWN OFF.
(C. in C. Med., 251902B to F.O.L.E.M., etc.)

Movement. F.S. ANNAMITE, F.S. GAZELLE, Fr. submarine ARCHIMEDE, U.S.S. L.S.T. 526, 907, 664, 601 and 174 arrived.
(Comar Oran, 252000 to Admty.)

Levant Sitrep to 2100 hrs. 24 June. (1) Aleppo. Deserters enlisted in Gendarmerie from 20 May to 23 June Offrs. 35 W.Os. 11, N.C.Os. 112, O.R. 451, Marines 5.
(2) Qatma on rly. west of Aazaz. 100 T.S. deserted evening 23 June.
(3) Ain Aarouse on Turkish frontier north of Raqqa. French Comd. ordered evac. French troops to Raqqa.
(4) Qamichlive. Situation deteriorated. Brit. patrol has been despatched.
(5) Djerablous. G.O. 23736 of 22 June. 47 T.S. with their arms handed back by Turks to Gendarmeries now held by Syrian authorities in Aleppo.
(C. in C. M.E., 252000C to W.O., etc.)

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East Indies.

TOTEM
for B.P.F.

My position 0001C/25th 015° 40' N. 041° 37' E.
Expect me end searched channel Aden 0530C/26th.
(TOTEM 250055C to N.O.I.C. Aden.)

Operation
cutting
cables from
Singapore.

Your 220119* concur.
(S.A.C.S.E.A., 250649Z to C. in C. B.P.F.)
* BONAVENTURE.

Submarine
TRADEWIND
for U.K.

Intend to sail submarine TRADEWIND at 0500Z/26th
to Suez for onward routing to U.K.
(2) E.T.A. Suez 0500Z/1st July. S.O.A. 11 knots.
(Com. Aden 250900Z to C. in C. E.I.)
See 261425Z.

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America and West Indies

Fleet minesweepers for U.K. St. Johns, Newfoundland 25th June. Arrivals MILLTOWN, FORT WILLIAM, BLA^RIMORE, ex Halifax for routeing, to Azores thence to U.K. (F.O.N.F. 250235Z to Admty.)

Fleet Attendant Tanker (for B.P.F.). Arrival 24th OLNA. (S.B.N.O. Curacao, 251428Z to Admty.)

L.S.T. 5508. Departure 1400Z to-day Monday 25th H.M. L.S.T. (3) 3508 to Clyde routed etc. Speed 12. E.T.A. Friday July 6th at 1400Z. (N.O.I.C. Quebec, 251510Z to F.O.I.C. Greenock)

C.V.E's release of from U.S. control. Please thank Cominch for his reply contained in your 191545 June and assure him that the offer of surplus lift contained in last sentence of para. 5 of A.M. 112356 still stands and will be constantly borne in mind.
(2) Your 212127. To follow REAPER which leaves U.K. for Norfolk on July 15 (A.M. 121346) you are requested to select one of RAJAH, ATHELING or TRACKER to ferry the next load to Australia proceeding thence to U.K. the object being to suit your aircraft availabilities while keeping the ship waiting in the U.S.A. for the shortest possible time. Your next ferry trip to Australia will be on the return of EMPIRE LAGAN.
(3) The two remaining ships should be sailed for U.K. as soon as convenient, loading aircraft as suggested in your 212127. In particular we would like the 48 reconditioned Avengers.
(4) Request you will signal proposed movements, intended loads and a short summary of outstanding defects.
(D.O.D. (F), Approved V.C.N.S. 251604B to B.A.D. C. in C. B.P.F.)

MAMELUKE Fleet minesweepers. Departure Halifax 2000Z/26 H.M.S. MAMELUKE at 13 knots for Ponta Delgada routed:-
(3) On arrival Ponta Delgada request MAMELUKE be fuelled and sailed to U.K. as directed by Admiralty.
(C. in C. C.N.A. 252017Z to S.B.N.O. Azores)

Movement. MULL OF GALLOWAY E.T.A. 27th June, ATHELING E.T.A. 28th June, both at Pearl Harbour. (B.A.D. 252130Z to Admty.)

Movement. Arrival p.m. 25th June - H.M.S. MARINER (?) from Montreal. (C.O.P. Halifax, 252345Z to Admty.)

Frigate. Departure p.m. 25th June. H.M.C.S. PENETANG to St. Johns N.F. (C.O.P. Halifax, 252357Z to Admty.)

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Australia and Far East

Ryukyus.

Blue
 Summary 24. On Okinawa enemy KIA to 232400 estimated to total 101853. P.O.Ws. total 5213 Mil. 2689, Searches Empire Area.
 FAW 1 planes damaged 8 SD 1 Med Ft. 2 tugs in Tsushima Straits. Continued mining Island waters off South West Coast of Korea. On 23 exploded 1 SD off South-west tip of Korea, blue submarine reports sinking 1 small AK, 2 luggers, 3 trawlers, damaging 1 lugger.
 18 B.24s bombed Marcus. 11 P 51s attacked Chichi Jima. 28 sorties Palaus, 2 P.Vs. made shipping sweep in Kuriles on 23. Enemy S/Ms. 3 Enemy S/Ms contacts reported West of Marianas at 14.26 N. 142.23 E. 15.46 N. 144.21 E. and 15.27 N. 144.38 E. 1 contact at 14.38 N. 136.00 E. was attacked for 3 hours with 1 hedgehog hit claimed.
 (C. in C. Pac. Adv. H.Q. 250642 to Cominch)

Destroyer. 0030Z/25th. ULSTER. *Arrived.*
 Movement. (Comnavbase Funafuti (Ellice Is.), 250700 to C. in C. B.P.F.) (*See next page.*)

Digest (1) 2 Navy Mariners searched China Coast and For-
 1251 mosa night 23rd. 1 sank, unidentified Merchant-
 24.6.45 man estimated at 1400 tons and 1 small Freighter,
 Extract. left another small Freighter piled high on reef and hit 2 large sailing craft with bombs causing same to disintegrate, all between Macao and Luichow peninsula.

(2) Same night 1 Dominator bombed Sanchau Island airfield near Hong Kong, 1 Liberator raided Whampoa docks at Canton and another Liberator bombed 1 small Freighter Transport 2 Junks in Yangtze River missing former but sinking both junks. These were 5th Air Force planes.

(3) Fleet Air Wing planes from Clark over Formosa during day destroyed 2 small Coastal Freighters near Karenko on East Coast, destroyed another small Coaster and 7 Luggers besides damaging remaining 22 Luggers observed Maieb beached South West coast, destroyed 2 Luggers off Hoko in Pescadores.

(4) FAW planes from Mindoro patrolled Indo-China Coast and 3 of them hit Coastal railroad installations.

(5) Privateer attacked 4 Coastal Freighters seen at Kuching destroying 1 on slipway and damaging another.

(7) 5th Air Force also sent out 2 Mitchells which hit effectively Erz Chou Radar Station off Hong Kong.

(10) Active patrolling continues to prove negative probing inland from Brunei Bay. Shore to shore landings made at Sabang, (16 miles Northeast Mempaukland Al Point 8 miles further up Coast without enemy contact.)

(11) U.S. Cruiser Force gave effective counter battery bombardment Balikpapan 23rd. Same day 13th Air Force (162 aircraft) attacked Balikpapan defences.

(12) Night 22nd June P.T. boats operating around North Borneo Coast shelled Jap concentrations Labuz Bay and Lawud Datu. Previous day Motsx destroyed small loading dock and 1 Canoe Northern Halmaheras. Night 23rd June Peethes captured 3 Jap. Marines including 1 Captain on raft off Tarakab.

(13) 2 R.A.A.F. Spitfires sunk 30 foot boat near Muti during sweep Northern Halmaheras, 23rd June and next day 10 pairs

/Spitfires...

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FOREIGN STATIONS

Far East and Australia

Digest 1251 24.6.45 Extract. (Contd.)	- Spitfires including 1 pair co-operating with Peethes swept Northern Halmahera destroying 1 barge. (15) 3 R.A.A.F. Cats. mined Bangka Straits before dawn. (G.H.Q.W.P.A. 250800Z to Admty.)
Disbandment of 618 Squadron.	Air Ministry 251812Z to R.A.F. Melbourne, C. in C. B.P.F. See Lion Copy.
U.S. Policy Naval bases etc. Post War Pacific.	Your 220749Z para. 7. B.A.D. will be asked to take up this matter on his return to Washington. Request immediate report as to actual use being made of Eagle Farm by U.S. air forces and forecast of their future requirements. (Sec. to V.C.N.S. Approved V.C.N.S. 252012B to C. in C. B.P.F. reply 270547Z)
ULSTER destroyer.	Departed 2045Z/25 ULSTER. Pearl. E.T.A. July 1900/1. Knots 16. (Funafuti, 252130 to C. in C. B.P.F. Admty.)

Distribution of this message is to be limited
to those officers who are concerned with its contents.

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251812Z June

To R.A.F. Melbourne
Repeated C. in C. B.P.F.
BRAIRAT Melbourne,
A.C.S.E.A.
B.A.F.S.E.A.
Transport Command.

Date 25.6.45

*Disbandment of
Ari Squadron*

CIPHER

From Air Ministry Kingsway.

OX.8992. June 25th.

IMPORTANT

1. Decided to disband 618 Squadron forthwith. Following are administrative arrangements to be made.

2. PERSONNEL.

All aircrews including squadron commander but excluding any Australian personnel are to be sent to A.C.S.E.A. if possible by air. Separate instructions being signalled on posting of Group Captain Keary.

3. GROUND PERSONNEL

All personnel of release Group 23 or over are to be sent to A.C.S.E.A. All personnel under group 23 are to be returned to U.K. Australian personnel are to be retained in Australia.

4. Request you arrange despatch of personnel as soon as possible and signal effective date disbandment of squadron.

5. AIRCRAFT

(A) Mosquito IV. Squadron should now have twenty-nine Mosquito IV aircraft. Special Highball equipment is to be removed and stored. We are clearing with air assignments sub-committee question of offering aircraft to you. Pending release request you arrange storage.

(B) Mosquito VI. There should be five erected Mosquito VI aircraft and six unerected. Propose these also be transferred to you. Request you arrange storage pending release by air assignments sub-committee and agreement of terms of transfer.

(C) Mosquito P.R.XVI. Three Mosquito P.R.XVI. Three Mosquito P.R.XVI can be transferred to you as part of thirty-one you require. This again will be subject to approval by air assignments sub-committee. Aircraft have arrester hooks fitted. You will no doubt arrange their removal if not required and also storage of aircraft.

6. UNIT EQUIPMENT AND SPARES

It is our intention to offer you all unit equipment and spares when arrangements for transfer of aircraft are completed. In the meantime request you arrange storage.

7. SPECIAL HIGHBALL EQUIPMENT

Should be glad if you would continue to store pending disposal instructions.

8. HIGHBALL WEAPONS

To be exploded statically.

9. SECURITY

All personnel to be instructed that highest degree of security still attaches to weapon and its use.

10. Please pass copy Group Captain Keary.

251812Z

Received in War Registry a.m./26th
Circulated by Air Min. to A.M. Depts.
Admiralty, M.A.P. and H.Q.R.A.A.F.

1st Lord
1st S.L. (3)
D.F.S.L.
5th S.L.
V.C.N.S.
A.C.N.S. (H)
A.C.N.S. (F)
A.C.N.S. (W)
A.C.N.S. (A) (2)
A.C.N.S. (UT) (2)
Vico Contr. (Air)
P.A.S. (S)
D.O.D. (F) (2)
D.O.D. (H) (4)
D.C.
D.N.I. (4)
D. of P. (2)
D. of P. (Q) (3)
D.C.O.D. (4)
Hd. of M. (2)
W.B.
Ad. Blako

D.N.A.O. (2)
D.A.W.T.
Hd. of Air Branch
C.C.L.S. (2)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

- U-Boat situation. / 1. 112 U-Boats have arrived in the U.K., and 7 in the U.S.A. and Canada. 7 are afloat in occupied ports, and 20 are on passage from Wilhelmshaven to the U.K.
- Post war mine clearance. 2. (a) One British magnetic mine was detonated in the Thames Estuary today. 46 were cut and 7 detonated off Milford Haven.
(b) One magnetic mine (enemy) was swept off Oslo Fjord today.
- Organisation of U.S. Naval Forces. 3. At 0001 July 1st certain changes in organisation of the U.S. Naval Forces became effective. Task Force 122 will be abolished.

Foreign Stations.

Mediterranean.

- Greece. 4. 120 ton crane CYCLOPS and a tug have been mined and sunk off Skaramanga Bay (west of the Piraeus.)

Far East and Australia.

- Borneo. 5. 148 U.S. aircraft and six R.A.A.F. Liberators dropped 221 tons of bombs on enemy defences at Balikpapan.
- Japan. Ryukyus. / 6. U.S. Forces landed on Kume Shima about 50 miles west of Okinawa unopposed today.
- Submarine operations. 7. U.S. submarines operating in Japanese waters claim to have sunk in addition to those reported yesterday one large escort vessel or destroyer, 2 large oilers one minesweeper, one sea truck, 9 medium, 2 small cargo vessels and 10 small craft. (270807Z.)
- Changes in Title. 8. From 0001Z on 27th the title of Vice Admiral Sir Bernard Rawlings is to be Vice Admiral Second in Command British Pacific Fleet, short title V.A.B.P.F. The abbreviation B.S. 1 is not to be used.

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HOME COMMANDS

Policy

- T.F. 124. Organisation of T.F.124 U.S. Naval Forces Germany with effect from 010001 July, 1945 (Comnavforger 261100) - See Lion Copy.
- Control of part of Cherbourg. Effective 0001/July the U.S. Naval Advanced Base, Cherbourg will be decommissioned and a U.S. Naval Port Liaison Party will be established. Arrangements. (C.T.F.122, 261423 June) See Lion Copy.
- Changes in organisation of U.S. Naval Forces. Cr. No.1706. Effective 0001 July 1st the following changes in organization of U.S. Naval Forces become effective.
- (A) Comnavforger assume operational command of all U.S. Naval Forces in the European theatre of operations assigned to occupation duties or to support the U.S. Army in the E.T.O. Comnavforger report and become responsible to S.C.A.E.F. for this Duty.
 - (B) T.F.122 administrative title "U.S. Naval Forces France" is abolished. Comnavforfrance turn over operational duties to Commander T.G.124.3. My serial 6911 not to all directed Comnavforfrance to turn over non-operational duties to U.S. Naval Attache Paris.
 - (C) T.G.124.3 administrative title "U.S. Naval Task Group France" Short title Commander "Comnavforfrance". Is established.
 - (D) Capt. K. McManes assume command T.G.124.3.
 - (E) Com 12th Fleet retains administrative command. (Comnaveu, 261636)

Operations

North Sea

- UNITAS. Reference N.O.I.C.Wilhelmshaven 241901 not to all and D. of S.T.'s 220353. Temporary repairs to UNITAS completed. In view of value of vessel and risk of sabotage if retained in German waters, intend to sail UNITAS in U.L.C.8 to U.K. (F.O.W.G. 261017B to M.W.T.R. Germany)
- Disposal of surrendered vessels in Channel Is. A.M. 241406B to M.W.T.R. Jersey only prefix Mast 3. Dutch vessel LENA has not been seized in prize nor has any other Allied vessel in the Channel Islands.
- (2) My object has been to facilitate early removal of such vessels from Ports in Channel Islands in order to advance rehabilitation of Port facilities by clearance of berths etc. To this end Naval assistance to make ships seaworthy including provision of fuel has been given. M.W.T.R.'s and Allied consular authorities in Channel Islands are as yet in my opinion quite unable to arrange all details of these removals rapidly and satisfactorily.

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*Control of Port of
Cherbourg*

261423 June

From : C.T.F. 122

Date 26.6.45.

Recd. 2358

P/L BY T/P

TO : C.T.G. 122.2.
INFO: A.N.C.X.F. (Main) Comnaveu. Admiralty. C.T.F.124
C.T.G. 122.3. Marine Paris. PRMAR I. COMAR Cherbourg
/ H.Q. Com. Zone.

1. Effective 0001 July the U.S. Naval Advanced Base, Cherbourg will be decommissioned and a U.S. Naval Port Liaison party will be established.

2. The Mission of the U.S. Naval Port Liaison Party will be :

(A) To represent C.T.G. 124.3 in supporting the requirements of the U.S. Army and to aid the French Naval Authorities at Cherbourg to execute such of their responsibilities as the U.S. Navy has an interest in.

(B) To keep Commander Task Group 124.3. informed of events of Naval interest at Cherbourg in an effort to co-ordinate activities under this Command.

(C) To operate and maintain all U.S. Navy craft. The latter will be made available to the local French Naval Authority U.S. Army will provide POL, and logistic support in so far as common user items are concerned for these craft. Other logistic support to be furnished by Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Advanced Base, Le Havre.

(D) To maintain liaison with U.S. Naval vessels assigned and with all U.S. vessels in the Port.

(E) To comply with, or supervise compliance with, Commander U.S. Naval Forces in Europe and Commander, U.S. Naval Task Group, France Directives relating to Naval Port Offices in the European Theatre of operations.

3. Overall control of the Port of Cherbourg will be assumed by Marine Paris. The following Port responsibilities of the U.S. Navy to the U.S. Army under the Stark-Lee Agreement of 31 May 1945 will be assumed by the Local French Naval Commander :

(A) Pilotage, docking and undocking in accordance with the Berth Assignment and Docking Schedule as made by the Army.

(B) Convoy make-up and routing.

(C)...

(C) Salvage operations up to the high water mark with such assistance in both equipment and manpower as can be rendered by the Army upon request.

(D) Hydrographic surveys for Port areas, river estuaries and harbour approaches, including those required for dredging operations when seagoing craft are required for survey work.

(E) Ship repair facilities.

(F) Radio communications.

(G) Harbour control.

(H) Harbour clearance in order of priority as mutually agreed between the local U.S. Army and Navy Port representatives and French.

(I) Assignment and control of anchorages and moorings.

(J) Provide and operate required facilities for supplying of petroleum products to ship and craft.

(K) Fire-fighting on board ships, including the operational control of all fire-fighting craft within the Port.

(L) After conference with Army, supply to outside agencies all information on Port capacities in terms of number, type and size of ships that can be anchored, moored or berthed along-side.

(M) Joint responsibility with U.S. Army and U.S. Navy to maintain close liaison between U.S. Army Port Commander, Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Liaison Party and COMAR. Cherbourg and PREMAR I and their various departments, especially between (1) Army operations, Navy Liaison and the Port Director and (2) Army Port Construction and Repair Group and French Salvage Group.

4. Headquarters Communications Zone, U.S. Army, and Marine Paris concur.

261423

1st Lord
1st S.L. (3)
D.F.S.L.
V.C.N.S.
A.C.N.S. (H)
Secretary
P.A.S. (L)
O.D. (6)
D.C. (2)
M. (2)
D. of P. (3)

D.N.I. (5)
H.W.R. (2)
D.S.D. (2)
D.S.O.
W.D.

MESSAGE.

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CONFIDENTIAL.

*Organisation of US
Naval Forces Germany
with effect 1 July 1945.
261100/June*

From. COMNAVFORGER.

Date 26.6.45.

Recd. 4425

P/L BY D/R.

To. NAVFORGER.

Info. COMINCH CNO SCAEF COMNAVEU ANCXF (Main), CG ETOUSA, BUPERS, CG Com Zone, US Group CC (GER), COMUSBASGER, COMNAVTECMISEU COMNAVFORFRANCE, Admiralty. USSTAF, COMNAVNAW C. in C Lant.

CR No. 10573.

In accordance provisions COMINCH and CNO 221414 June following organization Task Force 124 US Naval Forces Germany is hereby placed in effect as of 0001 July 1st 1945 Vice Admiral Robt L. Ghormley Commander US Naval Forces Germany, short title COMNAVFORGER. Commodore M.O. Robertson, Chief of Staff and Deputy COMNAVFORGER. Task Force 124.1 Naval Division US Group Control Council (Germany). Vice Admiral Ghormley Director Nav. Div. US Group CC Captain H.J. Ray, Deputy Director and Deputy COS for CC activities.

Task Unit 124.1.1. Disarmament Branch Captain A.H. Graubart
Task Unit 124.1.2. Demobilization Branch Captain E.C. Kline.
Task Unit 124.1.3. Ocean Shipping Branch Cdr. D.J. Harkins.
Task Group 124.2. not activated.
Task Group 124.3 US Naval Task Group France Captain K.M. McManes COMNAVGROUPFRANCE.
Task Unit 124.3.1 HD. Qtrs. NAVGROUPFRANCE Captain K.M. McManes.
Task Unit 124.3.2. US Naval Advance Base Le Havre Captain W.L. McDonald COUSNAB Le Havre.
Task Unit 124.3.3. US Nav. Salvage Group Cdr. R.P. McDonald.
Task Unit 124.3.4. USNAVPO Antwerp Cdr. P.D. Crockett. SUSNOS Belgium Holland and SHAEF Missions thereto directly under COMNAVGROUPFRANCE.
Task Force 126 US Naval Ports and Bases Germany Rear Admiral A.G. Robinson COMUSBASGER. Capt. A.E. Schrader CHF of Staff.
Task Unit 126.1. US Naval Advance Base Bremerhaven, Captain H.R. Holcomb COUSNAB Bremerhaven.
Task Unit 126.2. US Naval Advance Base Bremen Cdr. H.S. Stone COUSNAB Bremen.

For Administration Task Force 128 US Naval Technical Mission Europe. Commodore H.A. Schade COMNAVTECMISEU. H.Q. COMNAVFORGER (Main) opens effective 0001 July 3 1945 at ANCXF Bldg. Frankfurt on Main Germany. Radio call letters NJW. Teleprinter through SHAEF Main call letters FPF. Telephone through SHAEF Main. Postal address Navy No 948 (Main), Fleet Post Office US Navy. H.Q. COMNAVFORGER (Rear) Capt. W.A. New, Deputy COS for Ops. remains London for routine administration and logistics until facilities available Frankfurt. Radio through COMNAVEU, Call letters NST.1. Teleprinter through COMNAVEU Call letters LAL.

/Telephone

2.

Telephone Navy Board London Mayfair 9222. Postal address
Navy No. 948 (Rear) Fleet Post Offices US Navy.

261100.

Ref 221414 The US Naval Command Organization detailed in my
281800 May is hereby placed in effect as of 0001 July 1 1945.
Proposals your 181641 are concurred in and become effective
same time...etc.

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1st Lord	Ad Bellairs.
1st S.L. (3)	D.T.D. (4)
D.F.S.L.	D.C. (2)
2nd S.L.	
V.C.N.S.	
A.C.N.S. (F)	
A.C.N.S. (H)	
Sec.	
Nav. Sec.	
P.A.S. (8)	
D.S.O.	
O.D. (6)	
D.N.I. (5)	
D. of P. (3)	
M (3)	
N.A. Mails	
W.D.	
Ad. Blake (1)	
D. of P (Q) (3)	
D.S.D. (2)	
H.W.R. (2)	
W/T Rm (2)	
Hd of T/P (2)	
D.T.S.D.	

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surrendered
vessels in
Channel Is.
(Contd.)

(3) Am I to understand that M.W.T. is now the responsible authority in charge of all surrendered Allied vessels and small craft and will make all arrangements through local M.W.T.R. with national authorities concerned and that Naval assistance is no longer required.

(4) A.M.120050B, my 121554B, 191056B and many other messages re disposal Dutch and French Vessels are relevant.

(N.O.I.C. C.I. 261134B to Admty.)

H.S.L's at
Stornoway.

R.N.O. Stornoway's 251036/. In view of the fact that there is no adjacent naval authority who can exercise operational control of H.S.Ls at Stornoway in accordance with C.A.F.O.811/44 para. 4, it is proposed to transfer whe

operational control of these craft to 18 Group.

Request early approval.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 261225B to Admty.)

/ Propose closing down base noon 27th.

P.W. mine
clearance.One red magnetic mine detonated 059 degs. Tongue Sand Tower 3.95 miles at 1720 to-day 26th June. Detailed report to follow.
(Capt. M/S Sheerness, 261952)German
deep sea
fishing.

Your 132117B/. Would opening of area enclosed by lines joining the following positions:

(a) 57.00 N. 06.05 E.

(b) 57.00 N. 07.45 E. (c) 55.50 N. 07.45 E.

(e) 54.30 N. 07.05 E. (f) 54.30 N. 06.05 E.

to German fishing vessels meet your requirements.

(Hd. of M.I. 262329B to F.O.W.G.)

/ Concerning development of German deep sea fishing.

OperationsWestern ApproachesNaval
Base
Aultbea.Amend my 251209B June to read "Naval Base Aultbea will commence to reduce on July 5th etc..."
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 261307B)P.W. mine
clearance off
Milford.

Add to my 252035B. Mines encountered to-day in Q.Z.X. 1577. Line 1. 10 cut 4 detonated. Line 2. 36 cut plus 3 detonated. Total mines 53. Loss of 6 Otter Boards 1 kite.

(Com. M/S Bristol Channel, 262155B)

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Operations

Channel

119th M/S.F. It is suggested that when the French Navy is ready to take over the 119th M/S Flotilla, the ships should be sailed to Portsmouth for the handing over to take place there for the following reasons:-
(Cdr. M/S Le Havre, 260950B)

U.S.S. C.R. No.1677.
WAKEFIELD. Upon completion of re-loading as designated by GOMGEN, ET.O. sail U.S.S WAKEFIELD to Boston.
(C.N.O. 121855, not to all refers.
(Com. 12th Fleet, 261341 to Comnavforfrance)

W/T Your 251708 not to F.O.L.I.O.T. Para. 1
communication approved except that one line is to be kept
in C.I. Sub- manned for communication with H.M. Ships on Port
Command. Wave.
(2) Craft will be provided.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 261759B to N.O.I.C. C.I.)

F.O.I.C. It is intended that the appointments of F.O.I.C.
Falmouth, Falmouth and N.O.I.C. Dartmouth shall lapse on
N.O.I.C. 30/6/45 and their respective sub-commands cease
Dartmouth. to exist as from that date. Duties of the Port
will be carried out by C.O's H.M.S. FORTE and
H.M.S. DARTMOUTH respectively.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 262039)

Operations

Norway

Duty Your 251537 not to all.
destroyers Destroyers are detailed for duty at Norwegian
at Norwegian ports as follows:
Ports. (A) Trondheim ZEBRA arriving 28th June.
(B) Stavanger SCOURGE arriving about 2nd July.
(C) Kristiansand South OFFA arriving about 2nd
July.
(C. in C. H.F.(Afloat) 261112B)

Fishing. Your 141002/June. Please see A.M.190717.
(Hd. of M. 261426B to F.O. Norway)

P.W. mine Your 291545 May.
clearance. (A) K.F.K. (B) North of Hastenen.
(C) 2 moored contacts. (D) June 23rd.
(A) 21 R 21 R boats flotilla.
(B) Sogne Fiord. (C) 2 moored contacts (GY)
(D) June 23rd.
(F.O.Norway, 261602B)

/Cositintrep ...

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Norway - Contd.

Cositintrep
448.
(Extract) Scofor part four Section C.
(3) B. Percentage mines lifted by zones to
23rd June. Tromso 58. Trondheim 12 Bergen 13
Stavanger 37 Oslo 78. Overall Percentage 39
being 562000 mines lifted. Otherwise N.T.R.
All informed.
(Scofor Main, 262000B)

Enemy Intelligence

U-Boats U.230, 1233, 806 and 155 with H.M.S. NARBOROUGH
from arrived.
Wilhelmshaven. (N.O.I.C. Stranraer, 260855B)

U-Boat A. Number of U-Boats arrived in U.K. 112, U.S.A.
situation. and Canada 7.
B. Number of U-Boats afloat in occupied ports:
Wilhelmshaven 4, Kiel nil, Eckernfoerde 1,
Neustadt 1, St. Nazaire 1. No seaworthy boats
left in Norway.
C. 20 U-Boats on passage Wilhelmshaven to U.K.
(D.N.I. 261139B)

O.27 Pending decision of allocation to Royal Nether-
(U.D.5). lands Navy, request Neth. S/M O.27, surrendered by
the Germans under the name of U.D.5 and now at
Londonderry may be sailed as soon as convenient
to Dundee for care and maintenance by R.N. N.
S.O.D.S. to provide complement for this purpose.
(B.D.2, 261220B to Admty.)

Casualties and Defects

LOCH RUTHVEN. Re: delay in sailing owing to unofficial stoppage
of work by welders at Chas. Hill, Bristol.
(F.O.I.C. Cardiff, 261201B, 261619B)

Movements

BELLONA, (1) Take DIADEM and ONSLAUGHT under your orders
DIADEM, and leave Rosyth passing Oxcars at 1430B/27
ONSLAUGHT. thence proceed to Oslo by searched channels in
force arriving Drobak 0500B/29. My 241915+re-
fers.
(2) Future movements are to be as follows:
(A) BELLONA a.m. 1st July from Oslo to Bergen returning to
Rosyth on completion of duty referred to in F.O.Norway 231745/
not to all.
(B) 2nd July DIADEM and ONSLAUGHT from Oslo to Scapa.
(C. in C. H.F.Afloat, 261013B to BELLONA)
+ Intend to sail BELLONA with DIADEM and ONSLAUGHT.
/ Concerning court Martial.

DELPHIN A.M.232358. DELPHIN arrived Port Edgar at 2359/25
(HOPETOUN, 261021B)

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Tug. Intend to sail HENGIST at 0800 June 27 to Marseilles.
(2) S. of A. 9 knots.
(4) C. in C. Med. 280809 May and Admiralty 310511 May not to all refer.
(F.O.G.M.A., 260915B to Comlab Marseilles.)

Landing Craft for U.K. Weather permitting intend to sail L.C.G.4, 8, 12, 14, 19, 20. L.C.T.(R) 359, 367, 425, 448, 481 escorted by BENBECULA and WINDERMERE at 1200B June 27th to Plymouth (S.O. of Landing Craft embarked in BENBECULA.
(2) S. of A. 7½ knots or better.
(4) Communications.
(F.O.G.M.A., 260935B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Auxiliary Repair Ships for B.P.F. Intend to sail ASSISTANCE at 1800 June 26 to Port Said.
(3) S. of A. 10 knots E.T.A. Port Said a.m. July 5th.
(F.O.G.M.A., 260939B to S.N.O.R.S.C.A.) (See next page)

A.A.Sloop for B.P.F. Intend to sail BLACK SWAN at 1800B June 26 to Malta.
(2) Speed 15 knots.
(3) E.T.A. 1300B 19.
(F.O.G.M.A., 261015B to V.A.M.) (See next page)

Air/Sea rescue SPIREA sailed at 1600B June 26th to relieve H.M.S. JONQUIL in position 19.
(2) E.T.A. position 19 0400B June 29th.
(4) JONQUIL on relief return to Gibraltar.
(F.O.G.M.A., 261115B to Admty.)

Re Situation reports C. in C. W.A.'s. 232202. Request approval to discontinue the issueing of situation reports in F.O.G.M.A.'s area.
(F.O.G.M.A., 261159B to Admty.) Approved 281544B.

Re CAISTOR CASTLE, HADLEIGH CASTLE, KNARESBOROUGH CASTLE, LANCASTER CASTLE, Corvettes. Request information whether it is intended that ships in para. 1B of C. in C. W.A.'s, 061134 should relieve JONQUIL, CROCUS and SPIRAEA and that if relieved the latter ships should return to U.K.
(F.O.G.M.A., 261203B to Admty.)

Fast minelayer Arrival APOLLO.
(F.O.G.M.A., 261237B to Admty.)

/S.Ms. ...

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S.Ms. Arrivals H.M. Submarines UPSTART, UNTIRING.
(F.O.G.M.A., 261305B to Admty.)

French Cable ship Intend to sail French Cable ship ALSACE at 1800B
June 26th to repair cable in position (D) 36.53 N.
13.24 W. subsequently proceeding to Brest.
(2) S. of A. 11 knots.
(F.O.G.M.A., 261455B to Premar.)

Corvettes on Air/Sea Rescue Com. D.W.A.'s 251135* (not to all).
Onward route from position (D) through (e)
33° 00' N. 10° 00' W., (f) 28° 11' N. 13° 43' W.
(g) 26° 10' N. 16° 10' W.
(h) 24° 25' N. 18° 20' W. (j) 14° 40' N. 18° 20' W.
(k) 09° 30' N. 17° 50' W.
(F.O.G.M.A., 261707B to PEVENSEY CASTLE,
KENILWORTH CASTLE.) See 270840B.
* Not identified in War Registry.

Movements Departures 1810 - BLACK SWAN for Malta.
1825 - ASSISTANCE for Port Said.
(F.O.G.M.A., 261823B to V.A.M., S.N.O.R.S.C.A.)

South Atlantic

VENUS destroyer Sailed VENUS coastal to Simonstown.
(2) S. of A. 17 knots. (3) E.T.A. 0730Z/28th June
(N.O.I.C. Durban, 260809Z to Admty.)

PEVENSEY CASTLE & KENILWORTH CASTLE (Air/Sea Rescue) Com. D. was 251135B ships will be required to call
St. Vincent. Request they may be routed accordingly and ships instructed to make their E.T.A. on
crossing 26.10 N.
(F.O.C.W.Af., 261205 to F.O.G.M.A.)

A/S Trawlers Intend to sail NORWICH CITY, COVENTRY CITY and
HERTFORDSHIRE in company at 1800Z June 26th to
Casablanca for onward routing to Gibraltar.
F.O.C.W.Af.'s 211811 refers.
(5) E.T.A. of arrival Casablanca dawn July 3rd.
(Comar Dakar, 261538Z to Commorseafron.)

Air/Sea Rescue Intend sailing DITTANY to relieve ABERDEEN on
station 22 at 1000Z 28th June. Patrols 30th to
12th July.
(F.O.C.W.Af., 261823Z to Comsolant.)

Frigate Your 251721 not to C. in C. W.A. Expected date
of sailing of TRANSVAAL 3rd July.
(D.O.D.(H), 262042B to D.S.A.N.F.)

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SILVIO Intend to sail SILVIO escorted by SAXIFRAGE to
L.S.1(L) Gibraltar at 1800 26th.
for U.K. (2) 11 knots.
(4) 1700 30th.
(b) SILVIO has damage which prevents using main
engines astern. Request you arrange tugs for
berthing. C. in C. Med. 151046 (not to all)
refers.
(S.N.O.E.Sy. 260848B to F.O.G.M.A.)

A.F.Ds. Request you will provide and sail as requisite
67, 68, 69 suitable escorts to accompany following tows
between points detailed in para. 2.
(a) MARAUDER towing A.F.D.69, now at Gibraltar.
(b) FLAUNT and A.F.D.67, sailed Falmouth June
18th
(c) ENCHANTER and A.F.D.68, sailed Falmouth June 25th.
(2) 8° to 24° E. F.O.L.E.M., 24° E. to Port Said.
(C. in C. Med., 261128B to F.O.G.M.A.)

SS. GLENBANK Your R.A.C. 1591/5201 and 1609/5201 ciphers of 13th
(damage) and 15th June.
claims etc. (a) Represent to Russian authorities that
salvage operations can scarcely be considered
completed by Naval Salvage Unit until vessel has
been patched pumped out and made fit to be safely
afloat to discharge balance of cargo. Suggested that provision of
patch and its fixing is part of salvage operation.
(b) Endeavour persuade Russian authorities accept this position
which would have effect of removing any question of provision of
currency. Important avoid delay in completion floating operations
to avoid increased damage to cargo.
(c) Assistance which Russian authorities rendering greatly
appreciated. Confidentially for your guidance should any
claim be made by Russian for services rendered by Navy Salvage
Unit for floating and temporary repairs it will fall almost
entirely on British Government.
(War Office, 261230B to Allied Control Commission, Roumania
(British Delegation)).
*Permanent repairs impossible Constanta.)

Re Convoy For Shore Authorities only. As Admiralty have
Summary discontinued convoy summary to Cominch, C. and R.
N.C.S.Os. are to repeat all convoy and escorted
sailing telegrams to Cominch C. and R.
(C. in C. Med.Fleet, 261527B to Med. Station 690B.)

Transfer Two ocean-going salvage vessels should be
of Tugs transferred from Mediterranean to Eastern Service
(in the first instance to E.I. for S.E.A.C.) as
soon as practicable.
(2) PRINCE SALVOR and SALVAGE DUKE are preferred
on account of approaching expiry of present civilian articles.
(3) If you concur this selection, both vessels should be
released for tropical alterations and refits as arranged by
you directly they can be spared from immediate and essential
operations.

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Transfer of tugs (Contd.) (4) They will recommission with naval G.S. crews as closely as possible, in accordance with dates of dockyard completion.
(5) Request forecast of these dates.
(D.D.S.(F), 261614B to C. in C. Med., C. in C. B.P.F.) *See 220030 Aug. (FE+A).*

MIRROR Cable Ship Your 241125 to Admty. C. in C. Med. and F.O.C.W.A. F. Request MIRROR be sailed to Algiers to embark Grapnel and Buoy Rope.
(2) Thence proceed to Palermo to remove Palermo shore ends of Naples Malta Cable and join through off shore.
(3) Repair Palermo Cagliari cable approximately 50 miles off Palermo. Details available Italian P.T.T. Authorities at Palermo.
(4) Proceed Naples for further instructions.
(C. in C. Med., 261712B to F.O.G.M.A.) Cancelled by 011702B.

MANXMAN and APOLLO, fast minelayers MANXMAN was taken in hand on arrival to remedy leakage in horizontal joints of both astern turbines. This defect is similar to that experienced in APOLLO. Admiralty D 024249/44 dated 6/11/44.
(2) Estimated date completion June 30th after which ship will be given two days intensive exercises.
(3) In view of value to be obtained by sailing in company intend arranging subsequent programme of APOLLO and MANXMAN so that both ships leave the Med. in company in accordance with para. 2 of A.M. 121449.
(V.A.M., 261756 to Admty.)

Salvage vessel for B.P.F. Sailed KING SALVOR 1100C/26 to Aden for onward routeing.
(2) E.T.A. 0900Z/1 speed of advance 11 knots.
(N.O.I.C. Suez, 261823C to Admty.)

Situation Report 620 There were only two survivors from M.M.S.168. 120 ton crane CYCLOPS and tug VOLTAIRE have been mined and sunk in Skaramanga area in Greece.
(C. in C. Med. 261933B to F.O.L.E.M.)

Levant Sitrep. Following is a rep. F.O.L.E.M. 261928 begins:
Addressed: C. in C. Med. from F.O.L.E.M.
(1) Attempt to mutiny by Troupes Speciales at Latakia thought to have been engineered by French to provide excuse to send reinforcements to that area.
(2) General Humblot informed 9th Army of movements of 1,000 armed men and (?prisoners) in lorries towards Latakia and asked permission to send reinforcements, report proved to be without foundation.

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(3) General Humblot also states General Beynet feared security of French in Levant was inadequately provided by British and he might have asked for reinforcements from France.

(4) Minister Beirut (?report) to delete clause that presence of MUSKETEER and Naval Landing Party

Landing Party at Latakia has been largely responsible for keeping things quiet in that area.

(5) French claim 80 officers, 4,000 men deserted up to 17th June Syrian figures show 614 deserters jointly Gendarmerie to 23rd June. Ends.

(C.C.O. Caserta, 262231B to Admty.) C. in C. Med. in F.S. LE CURIE.

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East Indies

Convoy W.O.7. Convoy W.O.7 arrived escorted by VERULAM. Departed 0130Z/26th, E.T.A. Suez 0330Z/6th July. S. of A. 16 knots. C. in C. E.I. 130607 to N.O.I.C. Calcutta refers. (Com. i/c. Trincomalee, 260223Z to C. in C. E.I.)

F.S. LE TRIUMPHANT. Sailed my 221131. E.T.A. 1630FG/27th. (C. in C. E.I., 260610Z to N.O.I.C. Addu Atoll.)

HILDESAY, stranding of. Ship is holed in 2 places. These have been patched and salvage pumps placed on board. Weather good but heavy swell on reef. If water tightness proves satisfactory and no further damaged revealed hope to make first attempt to refloat ship on tomorrow's tide.

My 211250* refers. (Com. E.A., 260825Z to C. in C. E.I.) See 280600. * Reporting HILDESAY stranded on reef.

St. Paul's Island. Establish-ment of weather reporting station. S.A.C. 13482/Mov. (?this) subject is establish-ment weather reporting station St. Paul Island. S.A.C. 10822 T.O.O. 280503Z May to R.A.A.F. Melbourne not to all. (1) Reconnaissance of this Island under arrange-ments C. in C. E.I.F. is already in hand. (2) If project found practicable station will be installed. (3) Question arises on maintenance island personnel. Suggest reasonable method by slight diversion shipping on Australia South Africa run. This would involve island being maintained by you against demands made on you by Ceylon. Strength of island personnel not more than 50. Estimated monthly maintenance about 10 tons. (4) Request comments para. 3 above. (S.A.C.S.E.A., 261111Z to Landforces, C. in C. E.I.F., etc.)

Movement. Sailed TRADEWIND in accordance with my 250900. (Com. Aden, 261425Z to N.O.I.C. Suez.)

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America & West Indies.

Movements. San Diego arrived 25th June H.M.C.S. LA SALLE
San Pedro arrived 25th June L.S.T. 3515.
(N.S.H.Q., 260559Z to Admty.)

Allied S/M Times Z dates June. Departing point K Bermuda
notice. 272030 H.M. submarines UNRUFFLED (P.46) and
UNITED (P.44). Proceed in company through posns.V
UNITED proceeds Philadelphia, Overfalls Light Vessel
at 301315. From V. UNRUFFLED proceeds to New
London E.T.A. 301500.
(N.O.B. Bermuda, 261932 to Comfour, N.S.H.Q.)

Re Polish Your Sabwas 923*, 928 and 933+.
Ports. (1) We should not be prepared at the moment to
send M.W.T. controlled vessels to Danzig or
other Polish ports until Russian and Polish agree-
ment has been secured to establishment of M.W.T.R.
at Danzig. Presume from para. 5 E of Sabwa 923 that W.S.A's
policy is similar. No doubt situation will require early review
in the light of the reported Moscow agreement on Poland.
(2) Your Sabwa 923 para. 5C and D. We are obtaining Admiralty
views but note Soviet statement reported in your Sabwa 928
and should be glad of further clarification of position.
(3) We suggest U.S. Military Mission Moscow, should ask Soviet
Authorities to state total number vessels with U.N.R.R.A.. cargo
acceptable at A. Constanza and B. Odessa in August, September
and October. This will enable M.W.T. and W.S.A. to plan jointly
each month total number of vessels to be allocated from eastern
and western hemispheres respectively to each destination in
relation to port intake capacity.
(C.S.A.B. Washington No T.O.C. to Shipminder, London.)
* Poles still optimistic re early use of Danzig for Polish and
Czech cargo.
+ Re Baltic not open for shipping.

Far East and Australia.

Digest 1252 (1) Minimum 2 submarine contacts reported Leyte
25.6.45. Gulf during day.
(4) Night 24th 1 Liberator bombed Nanking oil
storage facilities and another raided Whampoa
docks at Canton.
(7) Consolidation combined with active patrolling continues
Mir/ Brunei Bay and Mir areas with negligible enemy contacts
reported.
(8) Enemy submarine contacted reported by escort vessel 30 miles
west of Labuan Island after dark. Another submarine sighted
by aircraft off Sandakan at dusk.

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25.6.45.
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(9) Night 24th June P.T. boats from Tarakan captured 7 Japs on raft south of Tarakan Island. Other boats from Morotai rendered 2 launches permanently unserviceable and destroyed 200 drum fuel dump at Ternate, also damaged 1 barge northern Halmaheras.

(11) Mariners out from Lingayan night 24th probably destroyed 1 small engine-aft freighter and strafed 5 of 8 junks, all near Sanchau Island.

(G.H.Q.S.W.P.A., 260746Z to Admty.)

Change of
title.

Reference British Pacific Fleet Temporary Memoranda Number 1, para. 11, Vice Admiral second in command will shortly relinquish some of the battleship administration. The title of Vice Admiral Sir Bernard Rawlings is to be Vice Admiral

Second in Command, British Pacific Fleet, short title V.A.B.P.F.

(2) The abbreviation B.S.1 is not to be used.

(3) Above effective 0001Z/27.

(4) No call sign is allocated to B.P.F. in U.S. books. The call sign for the appropriate Task Force Commander is to be used instead. American authorities are being informed accordingly.

(C. in C. B.P.F., 260751Z to B.P.F., C. in C. E.I., Admty.)

Forces for
operation
"Olympic."

In order that max. cruiser and destroyer force may be available at the start of "Olympic" it is requested that where possible cruiser and destroyer reinforcements may arrive at Sydney by 15th of Sept. fully worked up and that Commanding Officers may be informed of this target date.

(2) Order of priority for working up practice for destroyers is first close range A.A. gunnery (inside 5000 yards) second medium and long range A.A. third bombardment fourth anti-submarine fifth anti-ship gunnery sixth torpedo.

(3) A similar order for cruisers omitting torpedo and raising anti-ship gunnery to priority four.

(4) Important that ships radar electrical and ordnance personnel be worked up in maintenance particularly of type 293 275 Bofors Mark IV and Staag.

(5) Great importance attached to efficiency of 293 leading to quick and accurate target incccytion (sic) and early engagement and to early visual sighting.

(6) Letter amplifying paras. two, three and four follows by air mail.

(C. in C. B.P.F., 260823 to Admty.)

Blue Summary
25.

Ryukyus. R/C of Izena Shima 2 miles south of Iheya Shima disclosed no enemy troops. 64 F.4Us of T.A.F. attacked Iyhigari Shima.
Empire Area. F.A.W. 18 planes at Hachijo Shima

/destroyed...

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Blue Summary destroyed 1 S.C., 1 S.D. F.A.W. 1 planes sank
25 (Contd.) 1 S.D., 1 small A.O. Damaged 1 S.D., 1 small
A.O. 1 small F.T. Staffed 4 lightouses and
mined coastal waters off southwest Korea. From
18th through to 25th F.A.W. 1 planes sank 4070
tons enemy shipping and damaged 12400 tons. Shot down 1 enemy
plane. Sowed 58 mines. Cumulative totals since arriving Okinawa
are 122645 tons sunk. 128890 tons damaged. 36 enemy planes
destroyed and 24 damaged. Night of 23/24th 26 B.29s mined
Niigata Sakai Fukuoka and Karatsu ports.
First Blue submarine to report after exit from Japan seas
claims 1 large A.K. 5 medium A.K. sunk by torpedoes. 3
trawlers, 1 sampan sunk by gunfire. Blue submarine reports
sighting periscope at 22.14 N. 163.12 E.
26 P.5ls attacked Chichi Rima. 2 B.24s hit Marcus. 8 B.24s
attacking Kuriles targets report 1 S.D. probably destroyed
2 S.D. damaged. 1 enemy plane splashed 1 damaged. 32 sorties
Palaus.
(C. in C. Pac. Adv. H.Q., 261014Z to All commands, C. in C.
B.P.F., etc.)

Re cutting
cables from
Singapore.

Request signal whether any further operations as
described in your 220119 are envisaged as early
decision is required whether to progress with
production of type D countermining switches, floats
incendiary Gel Mark II and holdfasts type C.
(Hd. of M. 261306B to C. in C. B.P.F. Info.
C. in C. E.I.) See 300203Z.

Fleet Train
requirements.

Your 120747 Fleet Train requirements are at
present under consideration by Cabinet.
(2) Cabinet decisions will be signalled when
available. It is, however, hoped regardless of
Cabinet decisions that 11 Pacific Coasters of
about 5,000 tons each will be allocated to you. These will
meet your requirements for A.S.I.S. and A.S.Cs.
(3) Separate signal will be made regarding water freighters
and large tankers.
(4th S.L., 261750B to C. in C.B.P.F.) see 182100A July.

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Home Commands.

- R.N./N.R. Convoys. / 1. The final R.N./N.R. convoys sailed today. All ships were authorised on 25 June to sail independently between Methil and Kristiansand (S) and vice versa.
- Post war mine clearance. / 2. (a) 4 mines were cut and sunk in the east coast Mine Barrier today before bad weather stopped sweeping.
(b) 20 mines were cut and 2 detonated today in the Bristol Channel.
- Enemy mines (Q.Z.Y.613) / 3. One ground mine was destroyed 8½ miles east of Aldeburgh today.
- Danzig. / 4. Danzig is reported cleared of mines and the port can handle 10 ships simultaneously.

Foreign Stations.

South Atlantic.

- Movement. / 5. HOWE arrived Durban from Sydney.

Mediterranean.

- Movement. / 6. NELSON, SUSSEX and CLEOPATRA left Suez for Colombo.

East Indies.

- Movement. / 7. COLOSSUS arrived Colombo.

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Borneo,
Malaya.

8. U.S. aircraft damaged eight small coasters off Pontianak and set fire to a small freighter and damaged two small coasters and a barge near Kuantan (180' N.N.W. of Singapore.)

Japan.

9. U.S. Fleet air wing aircraft sank a small oiler and a medium cargo ship off Korea.

Submarine
activities.

10. U.S. submarines are reported as having sunk 1 minelayer and damaged a submarine chaser in Japanese waters.

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S.N.O.B.O.P.F. / Your 221909 approved.
(A.C.N.S.(H), 272356B to A.N.C.X.F.)

OperationsNorth Sea

Mine clearance. / My 051714B June*. Detonation now confirmed to have been No.3 Unit from M.L.I in Inchkeith Controlled Minefield.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 271231B.)

* 1 blue mine detonated in position 172° 1.5 miles from Inchkeith Lighthouse.

3 mines swept in S.N.16D and 1 swept in S.N.16F, all sunk. Operation postponed owing to unsuitable weather.
(S.O. 40th M.S.F. (GRECIAN), 271538B.)

Sweep carried out between N.F.9 and N.F.11 along lines joining the following positions. All positions N. and E.
Para. (1). (A) 51° 21.3', 2° 53.8'. (B) 51° 21.6', 3° 2.1'.
(C) 51° 21.8', 3° 7.2'. (D) 51° 22.6', 3° 6.6'. (E) 51° 21.8', 2° 59.1'. (F) 51° 22.2', 2° 55.5'. (G) 51° 22.0', 2° 53.6'.

Para. 2. Negative results.
(M.S.50, 271600.)

Your 211014B. Clearance of S.W.5 completed to a width of 1.9 miles each side of centre line. Negative. Anchored in area. Intend commencing check sweep tomorrow Thursday 28th. Intend docking PARRSBORO to Sheerness on completion of tomorrow's sweep.

(S.O. M/S.F.16, 272005B to C. in C. Nore.)

H.S.Ls. at / Your 261225. Approved, but it should be made clear that change is without prejudice to ultimate arrangements for control of coastal A.S.R.
Stornoway. (Hd. of M.II, 271520B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

Destroyers / C. in C. H.F. (Afloat) 261112B.
for duty at These Home Fleet destroyers are relieving R.E.F. ships which should be sailed to Rosyth on relief.
Norwegian ports. A.M. 242307* not to all, refers.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 271619B to F.O. Norway.)
* R.E.F. to be reduced.

Cositintrep / Part 2, Naval.
449. Route from West Schelde to Dordrecht via the South Beveland Canal now open to shipping.
Following restrictions in force in Dordsche Kit. (Details).

Salvage and patrol boats stationed at Gravendeel for Traffic Control.
(A.N.C.X.F., 272340B.)

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Channel

Mine clearance. (2) Arrangements for Oropesa clearance of an area between Dungeness and Dieppe. (C. in C. Portsmouth, 271152B.) Add to my 252035B* - mines encountered today in Q.Z.X.1577 line 1 20 cut L plus 2 detonated 1 other door lost. Intend to carry out high percentage search of Q.Z.X.1577 tomorrow and Friday. (Com. M/S. Bristol Channel, 272035B.)
* Mines encountered.
Clearance of 246 X progressed to leave small triangle at south-west corner of buoyed area. Intend to continue at first light 28th returning to Plymouth on completion. (S.O. M.S.F.31, 272200B.)

V.228, Surrendered German trawlers 60 tons V.228 and
V.229. V.229 built in Holland to German order during the war are ready at 24 hours notice at St. Helier, Jersey, for towage to U.K. with German P.O.W. crews.
(2) Request destination.
(3) Suggest M.Ls. could tow vessels to Portland. (N.O.I.C. C.I., 271702B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

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Baltic

Mine and C.F. Bases. Your 221256 not to all addressees. Location Mine Base investigated by Commander Brandford and I propose to establish Coastal Force Base at Flensburg.
(2) - (4) Arrangements.
(F.O. Kiel Command, 271251B to F.O. Denmark.)

Danzig. (Extract). Sabwa 934. Sablo 802.
(1) U.S. Military Mission Moscow now report Polish Chief of Construction of Danzig Port states Danzig is cleared of mines and can handle 10 ships simultaneously.
(2) He advises draft along quay estimated 22 to 25 feet. There are 8 floating D.B.O. docks from 2,000 to 25,000 ton capacity, 4 floating cranes of 100 tons, 50 ton, 10 ton and 5 ton and 5 or 6 other cranes usable. Warehouse and quays for 8 ships.
(4) Poles advise they hope to obtain confirmation from Red Navy about safety of navigation in South in Baltic during next few days.
(C.S.A.B. Washington, 271315.)

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Enemy Intelligence

Sailing of German U/Bs. Your 201707B June arrived. (Cdr. (D) W.A., 270600B to N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven) LOCH SHIN with U.1102, 1194, 1103, 1110 and 386 arrived. (N.O.I.C. Stranraer, 270837B to N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven.)

HANSA. Your 262147B. It is confirmed that HANSA was seized in prize at Methil. (N.O.I.C. Methil, 271020B to Admty.)

M.441, M.453 and 12 E-Boats. N.O.I.C. Flensburg's 251415 and N.O.I.C. Brunsbittel's 260945, neither to all. 12 E-Boats and M.441 and M.453 arrived. (N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven, 271201B.)

Documents taken from U/Bs. All charts and documents taken from U-Boats with the exception of handbooks required for use in running and maintaining machinery are to be forwarded to Admiralty for D.N.I. (2) A list of titles of handbooks retained is to be forwarded to S/M. for onward transmission to Admiralty. (F.O.S/M., 271311B to Capt. S/M Loch Ryan, Capt. S/M. Lisahally.)

12 German merchant ships. At 0930/29th intend to sail 12 German merchant ships escorted by SCOURGE and OFFA for Methil. (2) - (4) Arrangements. (F.O. Denmark, 271537B.)

DANISCH WOHLD. German oil tanker, 750 tons surrendered at Jersey in good order and seaworthy condition is ready to sail from St. Helier at 24 hours' notice with German P.O.W. crew. (2) Vessel built to German order at Chantiers Navals Franco-Belges, Villeneuve-en-Garenne 2/10/42 and therefore presumed German. (3) Request disposal instructions. (N.O.I.C. C.I., 271700B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Movements

Russian Y.M.S. / Arrived RIOU escorting 6 Russian Y.M.S. 1600/26 from Cuxhaven. Sailed 0410/27 in company with the 6 R.Y.M.S. in accordance with C. in C. Nore's 221154* not to all addressees. Routed to 054° 43.2' N., 012° 40' E. where RIOU will part company with R.Y.M.S. and return to Wilhelmshaven via Kiel. (F.O. Kiel, 270841B to Admty.)
* RIOU.

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Russian Y.M.S. (Contd.) Request you will sail Russian Y.M.S. 455, 453, 456, 464, 465, and 466 when ready to Gibraltar for onward routing to the Black Sea.
(2) Endurance of Y.M.S. is 1,900 miles at 10 knots.
(3) Sub.-Lt. E.R. Sands, R.N.V.R. will take passage in S.O's ship as liaison officer.
(D.O.D.(H), 271908B to F.O.I.C. Falmouth.)

O. 27. Due to congestion in the port request O.27 may not be sailed for Dundee until mid-July.
B.D.Z. 261220 refers.
(N.O.I.C. Dundee, 271125B.)

~~UBENA~~,
ZEPHYR,
ORIBI. (1) Orders to sail at 1100B/28th for Germany.
(C. in C. H.F. (Afloat), 271233B.)
My 271233, and C. in C. Rosyth's 272125 not to all. German M.V. UBENA is to be met off Methil and escorted to Brunsbüttel by ZEPHYR and ORIBI.

(2) Com. Hamburg is requested to arrange onward passage of UBENA to Hamburg.
(3) On completion of disembarking passengers, Com. Hamburg is requested to sail UBENA to Brunsbüttel.
(4) F.O. Western Germany is requested to sail OB DURATE and OBEDIENT to R/V with UBENA at Brunsbüttel and then sail these three ships and ZEALOUS to Rosyth.
(C. in C. H.F. (Afloat), 272328B.)

DULLISK COVE. Arrangements for sailing for Gibraltar and Colombo.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 271603B.)

TONKINOIS, CROIX DE LORRAINE. Orders to proceed at 2000/28 for Wilhelmshaven
(F.O. Humber, 271720.)

Shipping and Convoys

LENA. (Extract).
Your 191056B*. No Dutch refugees to be conveyed in this ship.
(2) Other arrangements will be made to ship these persons direct to Holland.
(Admty., 271204B to N.O.I.C. C.I.)
* Propose sailing Dutch M/V LENA with Dutch crew raised from displaced Dutch persons in Jersey to Downs.

EMPIRE FAL. My 231208* June. F.O. Humber's 251058, neither to all.
(1) Request DEANE may R/V with EMPIRE FAL and

/escort

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Shipping and Convoys

EMPIRE
FAL.
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escort direct to sinking position.

(2) On completion DEANE proceed Greenock to land crew of EMPIRE FAL, then Belfast.

(3) EMPIRE FAL's boats to be towed to Greenock if possible. If not, they are to be sunk.

(C. in C. W.A., 271209B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

* Requesting EMPIRE FAL may be sailed 30th June to Loch Ewe where escort will join.

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Air/Sea Rescue Cmd. D.W.A.'s 251135B and my 261707B (neither to all) from position (H) proceed as safe navigation permits to destination reporting E.T.A. on crossing 26.10 N.
(F.O.G.M.A., 270840B to PEVENSEY CASTLE, KENILWORTH CASTLE.)

Movements Intend to sail ST. LOMAN (S.O.) and NORTHERN CHIEF at 1800B June 27th to Plymouth.
(3) Speed 10 knots.
(4) E.T.A. 2200B July 1st.
(F.O.G.M.A., 271016B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

APOLLO fast minelayer A.M. 121449 not to all intend to sail APOLLO at 1600B June, 28th to Malta.
(2) Speed 25 knots.
(4) E.T.A. 0800B June 30th.
(F.O.G.M.A., 271112B to V.A. Malta.)

A.F.D.69 Departure 1003/27 A.F.D.69 escorted by MARAUDER for Malta. Local escort BERGAMOT.
(F.O.G.M.A., 271138B to V.A.M.)

CHEVRON (Destroyer) Intend to sail CHEVRON at 0800B June 28th to Malta.
(2) Speed 20 knots.
(4) E.T.A. 1000B June 30th.
(F.O.G.M.A., 271116B to V.A.M.)

Hunt destroyers for B.P.F. and E.I. (repeat?) Intend to sail COWDRAY (S.O.) and BLEASDALE at 0900B June 28th to Malta.
(2) Speed 20 knots.
(4) E.T.A. 1100B June 30th.
(F.O.G.M.A., 271208B to V.A. Malta.)

F.S./Ms. ARETHUSE Intend sail French S/M ARETHUSE at 0900Z 28th to La Pallice
(4) E.T.A. at 45.54 N. 01.49 W. 0640Z 2nd.
(5) E.T.A. 1400Z 30th.
Admiralty please pass to Comar Rochefort, Marine Paris and Port Director La Pallice and also to Premar II.
(C.M.S.F., 271655A to F.O.G.M.A.)

PETARD for E.I. E.T.A. Breakwater 1530B tomorrow 28.
(PETARD, 271940B to Gibraltar and Admty.)

Relief for ships allocated to Air/Sea rescue duties Your 261203. Confirmed.
(D.O.D.(F), 272203B to F.O.G.M.A.)

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South Atlantic

Movement

H.M.S. HOWE arrived.
(Commodore Durban, 270510Z to Admty.)

POLAR V.

Your 292231B May. H.M.S. POLAR V is the only remaining Trawler which cannot steam home to the U.K. Propose to sail her in tow of GENISTA or MARGUERITE leaving Freetown about 30th June. My 081047 also refers.
(F.O.C.W.Af., 271051Z to Admty.) Approved 282246B.

Movement

LE TIGRE with M.F.V.226 and 227 arrived.
(N.L.O. Port Elizabeth, 271555Z to Admty.)

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destroyer
for U.K.Sail to pass position 309 at 1800C/28th June
proceeding direct to position 227 thence to
Malta.

- (2) Speed 14 knots.
- (3) E.T.A. Malta 0600/1st July.
- (F.O.L.E.M., 271050C to CATTERICK.)

SANSOVINO
L.S.I.
for E.I.M.S.C.I.5. Intend to sail SANSOVINO to Port
Said at 0700/28.

- (2) 14½ knots.
- (9) For onward routeing to India to join Force
W.C. in C. Med. 2411* 28B (not to all) refers.
(S.N.O.E.Sy. 271245Z to S.N.O.R.S.C.A.)
- * Not identified in War Registry.

MovementsSailed NELSON, SUSSEX, CLEOPATRA 270815C in
accordance with F.O.L.E.M. 201218* June.

- (2) NELSON will make E.T.A. direct to F.O.
Colombo. CLEOPATRA to fuel at Aden E.T.A.

301730C.

- (4) CLEOPATRA will rejoin by 011200C.
(N.O.I.C. Suez, 271301C to Aden.)

* Onward routeing from Suez to Colombo.

Craft
transferred
to French.Among craft which it was intended to remove from
Tunisia when French authorities assumed control
were (a) one motor launch; (b) one ramped wooden
cargo lighter and (c) one ex-Italian diesel motor
boat.

- (2) It has since been reported that (a) is of
little value to Royal Navy and that (b) and (c) are not worth
removing, all three are, therefore, being transferred to French
authorities. C.C.S. 358 paragraph 7A refers.
(C. in C. Med., 271547B to Admty.) *See 100216B July*

Levant
Sitrep
to 2100
hours
26th JuneOne. Aleppo. 25th June French grn. Wisocky
Bks. for no apparent reason opened fire 2130 hours
which continued spasmodically till 2300 hours.
dispite orders given by French offr. at Brit.
request to cease fire. Fire directed mainly
against Mohafez House. Two Brit. O.R. slightly
wounded. 25th June. 2200 hrs. a few locals
fired at French D.I.D. in Jemeliye quarter andfire was returned. 26th June orderly demonstration of 3,000 in
sympathy Mohafez.Two. East Syria. Mira Aleppo reports Bedouin tribes Ain El
Arab selling animals to buy arms from Turkey. No further infm.
yet arms traffic Turkey.Three. Desertions from T.S. continue. Elsewhere N.T.R.
(C. in C. M.E., 271840C to W.O.)

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East Indies.

U class
submarine
for B.P.F.

(1) One U class submarine can be allocated to
B.P.F.
(2) Capt. (Submarine) 2 is requested to nominate
submarine and report date ready to sail.
(C. in C. E.I. 270401Z to C. in C. B.P.F., Admty.)

Movement.

Arrived F.S. LE TRIOMPHANT 0800Z/27th June.
(N.O.I.C. Addu Atoll, 270804Z to C. in C. E.I.)

Routeing of
ships via
Mediterranean.

Ministry of War Transport shortly sailing four
ships to Takoradi and adjacent West African
ports.
(2) In view adverse weather conditions round Cape
of Good Hope submit that they may now be routed
via Mediterranean. Your 152147 July 1944 refer.
(N.C.S.O. Bombay 271015Z to Admty.) See 282158B.

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America & West Indies.

H.M.A.S. New York departed 24 June H.M.A.S. AUSTRALIA
AUSTRALIA. for Plymouth.
(N.S.H.Q., 270634Z to Admty.)

Far East & Australia.

Organisation of Task Forces B.P.F. / Following is allocation of ships to Task Force Commanders at outset of July operations:

A. To C.T.F. 113, Battleship KING GEORGE V, Fleet Carriers FORMIDABLE, VICTORIOUS, INDEFATIGABLE, IMPLACABLE, Cruisers NEWFOUNDLAND, GAMBIA, UGANDA, ACHILLES, BLACK PRINCE, EURYALUS, Destroyer Depot Ship TYNE, Destroyers BARFLEUR, QUALITY, QUADRANT, QUIBERON, QUICKMATCH, TROUBRIDGE, TENACIOUS, TERMAGANT, TERPSICHORE, TEAZER, GRENVILLE, UNDINE, ULYSSES, URANIA, UNDAUNTED; URCHIN, WRANGLER, WAKEFUL.

B. To C.T.F. 113 who has detached them to T.F. 112: Destroyers NAPIER, NIZAM, NEPAL, NORMAN, QUEENBOROUGH.

C. To C.T.F. 112: Depot Ships MONTCLARE, LOTHIAN, EMPIRE SPEARHEAD, Transport GLENEARN, Repair Ships ARTIFEX, RESOURCE, Aircraft Repair Ships PIONEER, UNICORN, OWEN SOUND, Escort Carriers STRIKER, SPEAKER, RULER, ARBITER, CHASER, SLINGER, Escort Maintenance Ships KELANTAN, FLAMBOROUGH HEAD, Escorts PHEASANT, WOODCOCK, WHIMBREL, CRANE, REDPOLE, PARRET, FINDHORN, AVON, USK, BARLE, ODZANI, DERG, HELFORD, PLYM and all ships of 21st and 22nd M.S.F., Radar Repair Ship ARBUTUS, Deperming Ship SPRINGDALE, Tugs WEAZEL, EMPIRE JOSEPHINE, LARIAT, Fleet Auxiliaries and Merchant Ships of Fleet Train.

(2) Warships of and joining B.P.F. not in para. one above form Task Force 111 and will be operated by C. in C. B.P.F. until allocated to a Task Force Commander.

(3) When allocated to Third Fleet T.F. 113 (less TYNE) becomes T.F. 37 TYNE becoming part of T.F. 112 for signal purposes.

(4) B.P.F. (48P) 180205 Feb. and other previous allocations are cancelled.

(C. in C. B.P.F., 270235 to B.P.F.)

U.S. Naval Base. Policy Pacific. / Your 252012. Officially I have no information as to actual use now being made of Eagle Farm as I was not in a position to ask for this when my request was turned down by MacArthur.

(2) Unofficial visits indicate only purposes for which it is used are - (a) by naval air transport service for about 4 landings per day, (b) some maintenance work.

(3) At my request Mr. Drakeford (Australian Minister for Air) visited Eagle Farm a few days ago. I am awaiting his report which has been made to Australian Prime Minister a summary of which will be signalled as quickly as possible.

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U.S. Naval Base. Policy Pacific. (Contd.)

(4) In meantime following list of approx. requirements for establishment of an R.D.U. may be of value to B.A.D.
(a) Use of airfield if required for test flying and flight delivery, (b) 180,000 to 200,000 feet of hangarage, (c) 35 thousand square feet of ancillary workshops, (d) 16 thousand square feet for air stores, (e) hard standings for 250 A/C (i.e. about 400 thousand square feet), (f) Parking space for 150 A/C (i.e. about 200 thousand square feet), (g) accommodation for 110 officers and 1800 ratings.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 270547Z to Admty.) *see 110907Z JULY.*

Submarine operations TRENCHANT Jap. cruiser sunk.

Following received from C.T.F. 71. Begins:-
TRENCHANT report of sixth war patrol B Comdr. A.R. Hezlet D.S.O., D.S.C., R.N. Times I. Departed Fremantle 13th May 1306 May 25 sank Am. escort vessel by gunfire about three miles northeast Mandalika Island. Forced coaster to beach and damaged by gunfire same vicinity.

8th June 0436 position 02.01 S. 105.03 E. sighted and fired on by KAMIKAZE class destroyer advance escort HORU heavy cruiser reported by BLUEBACK.
Missed D.D. with one torpedo 1209 same date from position in shallow water behind Allied minefield 01.59 S. 104.58 sank HAGURO class heavy cruiser* with five hits of 10 torpedoes fired. 1100 June 13th unable attack large tanker position 04.58 N. 103. 25 E. due shallow water and escorts.
20th May arrived Subic from patrol. Sank A.M. escort (E.C.) (215 tons). HAGURO class heavy cruiser (E.F.) 11500 tons. Damaged 550 ton coaster.
1130 June 21st colourful U.S. British ceremony on board TRENCHANT Rad Fife (as recd.) presented to Comd. Hezlet in name of President Legion of Merit, Degree of Commander, for brilliant difficult sinking important enemy fleet unit.
D.T.G. 220245Z June 1945. Ends.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 270649Z to Admty.)

* W.D. Note -
ASHIGAKA

ENID

26-26/46

from NA

Tokyo

Rear-Adm.

D.

Movement.

A.P.C.1 escorting L.C.Ts. 367, 321, 327, 324 arrived Treasury 0600/27th June for repairs to L.C.Ts.
(F.O.I.C. Torokina (Bougainville), 270801Z to C.W.S.P.S.F.)

Blue Summary 26th.

Ryukyus. Landing at Kume Shima about 52 miles west of Okinawa unopposed. All waves ashore at 0700 1 (-9). Enemy casualties Okinawa to 252400 KIA 105225 P.O.Ws. military 6479 labour troops 3019. Night 25/26th 16 enemy raids Okinawa area principally by floatplanes. Ships A.A. destroyed 5 enemy planes. Shore A.A. 4. Night fighters 2. 1 enemy plane was suicide near miss 41 T.A.F. sorties Miyako Shima. Searches Empire Area. F.A.W. 18 planes sank 1 S.D., 4 small craft off Honshu. F.A.W. 1 planes sank 1 ft. off west coast of Korea. Sank 2 luggers off southern Kyushu. P.B.Js. damaged 2 unidentified ships off Honshu.

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Blue Summary 26th. (Contd.) Empire. 144 P.5ls escorted 516 B.29s to industrial targets in Osaka Nagoya area. Blue submarines rescued entire crew of 1 ditched B.29 8 men of another. 26 B.29s mined Shimonoseki Straits and Maizuru.

Blue Submarines. 8 of 9 boats have effected retirement from Japan Sea. Enemy shipping sunk in addition to that reported in Blue Summary 25th totals 1 large A.O. 9 medium A.K. 2 small A.K. 1 large D.E. or D.D. 2 luggers 1 large sea truck. Other submarines report sinking 1 large A.O. 1 medium A.O. 1 A.M. 1 unidentified 9 junks 1 lugger. Damaging 2 P.C.

Orange Submarines. Enemy submarines reported at 24.54 N. 119.51 E. and 15.12 N. 154.33 E. C.T.U. 31 - 29. 14 reports enemy submarine believed sunk at 14.38 N. 135.58 E. on 23rd following depth charge attacks made by GILLIGAN (D.E. 508) and CHAMPION (A.M. 314).

Planes in shipping sweep Okhotsh Sea sank 8 A.K. 1 S.C. 1 large tug. Probably sank 1 small ship. Damaged 1 small ship. Nil damages to our forces.

(C. in C. Pac. Adv., 270807Z to All commands etc.)

Digest 1253
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(extract.)

Digest serial No. 1253 for 26th June unless otherwise stated.

(3) Night 25th June 1 Liberator bombed Whampoa Docks and another Liberator hit Manila oil storage facilities.

(5) On N.W. coast Borneo A.I.F. troops cut Jesselton Railway both north and south of Beaufort and are closing on latter town. Advancing southwest along coast from Seyia, Kuala Belait captured without opposition.

(6) Night 25th June P.T. Boats from Brunei straffed Jesselton with nil returns fire.

(7) Balikpapan defences again hit hard 25th June.

(9) Jap. shore batteries at Balikpapan fired 6 rounds at ships off shore 25th June before being silenced by cruiser/destroyer counter fire. Minesweeping unit subjected to aerial torpedo attack that day off Balikpapan and 3 Jap. planes were shot down without damage to minesweepers.

(14) Fleet air wing sent out 22 Liberators or Privateers from Clark Mindoro or Palawan over usual sectors. 6 coastal freighters attacked at Pontianak (S.W. Borneo) and all damaged, 6 more small coastal freighters attacked at Kuantan (N.E. coast Malaya) and 2 set on fire 4 damaged.

(15) Additional R.A.A.F. operations - 1 Liberator from Darwin searching Arafura Area 25th June unsuccessfully attacked 12 small craft at Mhoemere* on Flores Island but left 1 lugger sinking off Soebawa as result of straffing.

(G.H.Q.S.W.P.A., 270900 to Admty.) * As received.

Monrads.

Adm. 051103B May refers.

(2) Approved to proceed with preparation of vehicles and materials for 3 tropicalised Monrads on basis of two in number type NZ ME 1 (modified) per Monrad pending receipt of C. in C. B.P.F.'s requirement signal for crews.

(D.R.E., 271616B to COLLINGWOOD Radar.) See 1213064 SCF.

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Cutting of
Singapore
cables.

The following information available here is
forwarded in connection with your 220119.

(2) The problem of cutting submarine cables by
submarine was fully investigated by Admiralty in
1941 and at that time conclusion reached that
project was impracticable.

(3) We have found that explosive grapnels are by no means
certain in their action on heavily armoured cable.

(4) If operation is carried out suggest best place to do
cutting would be approximately 10 and 12½ miles respectively
north of Tanjong Brakit on Pulo Bintang where both cables run
close together.

(V.C.N.S., 271911B to C. in C. B.P.F., S.A.C.S.EA.) See 292042B.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

Mine
clearance.

1. One enemy mine was detonated off the Humber today, one in the Thames Estuary, and one 15 miles southwest of Stavanger.
2. One British mine was cut and 3 detonated off Milford today. 10 were swept southwest of the Isle of Wight, 24 off Aberdeen, and one each in Heligoland Bight and the Kiel area.

Foreign Stations.

North Atlantic.

SUSANNAH
yacht.

3. SUSANNAH yacht encountered by PHILOCTETES in 26° 16' N. 16° 31' W. (about 120' S. of Canary Islands) flying distress signals. The owner and his son who was seriously injured during bad weather were both taken off the yacht which was sunk by gunfire. Yacht was on her way from St. Ives to Trinidad.

Gibraltar.

4. Situation reports are being discontinued from F.O.G.M.A.

Mediterranean.

Transfer of
corvettes to
Greeks.

5. It is under consideration to transfer to Greek Minister of Shipping corvettes as passenger transports in Aegean conversion of which to be undertaken in Greek yards.

Movement.

6. APOLLO (fast minelayer) sailed from Gibraltar to Malta.

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Borneo.

7. U.S. aircraft dropped 206 tons of bombs on enemy defences at Balikpapan and Manggar today.

Japan. Sea mining.

8. 14 U.S. aircraft laid sea mines off Hagi (63 miles west of Kure), eight laid sea mines in Osaka Bay and seven aircraft laid sea mines off Niigata (E. of Sado Island) between yesterday and today. A total of 159 tons of sea mines was dropped.

Submarine activities.

9. (a) U.S. submarine sinkings are increased by one large and five medium ships and one I class submarine in Japanese waters.
(b) 2 Japanese submarines are reported to have attacked ANTARES (A.K.S.3) in 13° 10' N. 155° 00' E. north of Caroline Islands. SPROSTON (D.D.577) proceeded to scene and made several attacks on sight and sonar contacts. Two periscopes seen, a midget submarine was attacked by gunfire and possibly damaged.

Movement.

10. The main body of the British Pacific Fleet left Sydney for Manus today.

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- 16th D.F. (Extract) 16th D.F. has today been absorbed into the 21st D.F. (D.21, 281613 to Admty.)
- A.N.C.X.F. (Address) As from (time) (date).
arrangements (1) The Allied Naval Command Expeditionary Force after distribution (2) Command of all U.S. Naval Forces assigned to occupation duties or to support the U.S. Army in the E.T.O. will be exercised by Comnavforger under operational control of C.G. U.S.A. E.T.O.
(proposed as Admty 292009)
- (3) Admiral Sir Harold Burrough, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., will assume the title of British Naval Commander in Chief, Germany.
(4) Flag Officer Denmark will be operationally responsible to British Naval Commander in Chief, Germany, but for other matters will be responsible to Admiralty.
(5) Flag Officers Norway, Holland and Belgium will become in all respects responsible to Admiralty.
(6) S.N.O.B.O.P.(F) will be responsible to N.A. Paris. Ends.
(A.N.C.X.F., 281943B to Admty.) (See page 584)

OperationsNorth Sea

- Minesweeping Ground Mine detonated at 0907 today, Thursday, in 171° H.2 Buoy 1.9 miles.
(F.O. Humber, 281007B to C. in C. Nore.)
Your 211014B. Check sweep of S.W.5 completed.
- Negative. All dms weighed. Returning Harwich, E.T.A. 1930.
H.M.S. PARRSBORO being detached for Sheerness. C. in C. Nore, 021553, not to all refers.
(S.O. M/S 16, 281247B to C. in C. Nore.)
Ground Mine report my 271414.
- (a) 1320/27th.
(d) M.M.S. 287 52° 08' 12" N., 01° 50' 27" E. 040°.
(h) 29th January or 19th March, 1945.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich, (M/S), 281834B to Admty.)

- F.O.W.G. The flag of the late Rear Admiral G.C. (?Muirhead) Gould, D.S.C., will be struck at sunset today 28th June.
(F.O.W.G., 281302B to Admty.)
Acting R.A. F.E.P. Hutton is appointed Flag Officer Wilhelmshaven. He is to take up his appointment as soon as possible. Acting Captain C. Thomas, N.O.I.C. Antwerp, is to take over R.A. Hutton's duties temporarily as well as his own, he is to serve in his present rank.
(1st S.L., 280343B to A.N.C.X.F. etc.)
A.M. 280343. For Flag Officer, Wilhelmshaven substitute Flag Officer Western Germany.
(Naval Secretary, 281016B to A.N.C.X.F.)

/P.S.V.O. ...

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P.S.V.O. ✓ Headquarters of P.S.V.O. is now established at Hamburg. All communications should be routed accordingly and not to N.O.I.C. Antwerp. (N.O.I.C. Antwerp, 281600B to All British and U.S. F.Os., I.C. and N.Os. I.C. on the continent, etc.)

OperationsChannel

St. Margarets -/ A.M. 121621 and my 211128. Faults removed and La Panne completed. cable. (A.C. Dover, 281806B to Admty.)

OperationsWestern Approaches

A.S.R. (Extract) Redeployment Aircraft. During period 25th to 27th June inclusive there was no contact or communication of any kind with 53% of aircraft on the U.K. Azores route. (2) Request as an urgent matter that:-
A. A.T.C. Valley may again impress on Azores bound aircraft the absolute necessity of using the homing beacons provided and keeping strictly to the route and of contacting the A.S.R. Ship by signal.
B. C.T.F.24 may clarify situation regarding Newfoundland - Prestwick route via Station 17. (C. in C.W.A., 281855B to Admty.)

Mine clearance Clearance of Q.Z.X.246 completed no mines. Returning to Plymouth. E.T.A. 1500 29th June position 2000 048° 49' N. 008° 12' W. course 062° 10 knots. Flotilla requires 500 tons fuel. Dockyard assistance required for H.M.S. CANSO holed in circulating pump. H.M.S. CARAQUET M/S. Davit not working H.M.C.S. MINAS serious gyro defect, H.M.S. BAYFIELD circulating pump not satisfactory. (S.O. 31st M/S F. 282000B to C. in C. Plymouth.) Add to my 272035B. Mines encountered today Q.Z.S.1577. Line 21 cut 3 detonated. Searching sweep abandoned due to weather. (Com. M/S Bristol Channel, 282045B to F.O.I.C. Milford Haven)

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Norway

Minesweeping Your 291545.
(a) Ship No. 44.
(b) 059° 33.5' N., 010° 16.5' E.
(c) Magnetic (1st Actuation).
(d) June 26th.
(F.O. Norway, 281304 to A.N.C.X.F.)

Operations

Baltic

Repair of merchant shipping In addition to the problems of repair of 700,000 tons of merchant shipping which is being dealt with by constructor Cdr. Hardy, the question of ships stranded or wrecked must be dealt with before the summer weather is lost. Request a salvage officer for staff duties with an assistant may be appointed for this work which is closely related to repair organisation. Adequate salvage firms exist who are waiting for work.
(2) Meanwhile constructor Cdr. Hardy will progress this work but cannot devote sufficient time for this important organisation.
(F.O. Denmark, 281243B to A.N.C.X.F.)

OBEDIENT Your 272328. In view of impending troop movements consider it most desirable to keep a destroyer in Travemunde/Lubeck area. Propose to delay H.M.S. OBEDIENT until relieved there.
(F.O. Kiel Command, 281542B to C. in C. H.F. (Afloat)).
F.O. Kiel Command 281542B. These proposals are fully concurred in.
(A.N.C.X.F. (Main), 281817B to C. in C. H.F. (Afloat)).

Situation At 2100/28.
H.M.S. RIOU returned to Kiel after escorting Russian Minesweepers to position 11 W.E.G.1 by which time they were in communication with Russian escorts from Ronne.
RIOU sailed from Brunsbuttel p.m. One captured ship sailed from Kiel.
Three Sperrbrechers and 20 small craft arrived from Denmark.
(F.O.I.C. Kiel, 282258B to A.N.C.X.F.)

Enemy Intelligence

U-boats H.M.S. DACRES with U.779, *698, *119B, 720 and 291 from Wilhelmshaven arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Stranraer, 280856B to N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven.)
Arrived your 211412 (?on) 26th and your 221235 on 27th and your 231130 on 28th. When may 4th Group be expected to sail.
(N.O.I.C. Stranraer, 280801 to N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven)

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Enemy Intelligence

UNITAS My 261520B. Sailed at 0930 28th.
(N.C.S.O. Wilhelmshaven, 281101B to N.O.I.C. Humber etc.)

E-boats My 272315. Main body of 13 E-boats delayed by
from Den damaged lock further signal will be made on
Helder sailing.
(2) S.304, 219, 206 sailed 0935B/28. S. of A. 12 knots. S.O. Flotilla ordered to report position and weather every 4 hours to Wilhelmshaven signalling E.T.A. to SEEKO and action addressees.
(3) W/T watch constant German coastal wave.
(N.O.I.C. Den Helder, 281138B to N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven, F.O.W.G.)
My 272315 and my 281138. 13 E-boats sailed 0740B/28 for Wilhelmshaven E.T.A. 2200B today, Thursday.
(2) Communications constant watch on German coastal wave.
(3) S.O. Group has been instructed to E.T.A. and frequent position and weather reports to action addressees and SEEKO OS Friesland.
(4) Numbers of craft are as follows:-
214, 175, 130, 168, 207, 210, 197, 701, 706, 222, 704, 211, 705.
(N.O.I.C. Den Helder, 281520B, to F.O. W.G., N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven)

German ships My 261249B* sailed plus German SS WA(?LT)ER
in U.L.C.8 L.M. RUSS (1538 tons) in ballast to Humber for Methil Road.
(2) Reference para. 6 tonnage ^{WILHELM} ~~W.M.~~ TRABER 3093, IMKENTURM 1923.
(3) No accommodative ship.
(4) All German ships ^{WILHELM} manned by German crews.
(5) ERNST BROKELMAN, ^{WILHELM} ~~W.M.~~ TRABER and IMKENTURM carrying R.M. guard.
(6) PINNAU has defective degaussing.
(Cdre. Hamburg, 281329 to C.O.N.F., C. in C. Nore etc.)
* Intend sailing U.L.C.8.

German C. in C. Rosyth's 272125 and C. in C. H.F. (Afloat)
troopship 272328, neither to Cdre. Hamburg, sails (?German)
UBENA troopship UBENA escorted by OBDURATE and OBEDIENT
to Methil a.m. 30th to pass No. 4 buoy at 1600.
S. of A. West of P.10 Buoy 19 knots or as ordered
by S.O. Escort.
(2) F.O. Kiel Command is requested to sail OBDURATE and OBEDIENT to Brunsbüttel as convenient to conform.
(3) N.O.I.C. Cuxhaven and M/S 18 to arrange M/S protection to P.10 buoy.
(4) N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven sails H.M.S. ZEALOUS to join at No. 4 buoy, M/S protection to be provided.
(5) S.O. Escort to signal E.T.A. Methil.
(F.O.W.G., 281352 to Cdre. Hamburg.)
C. in C. Rosyth 272125 and C. in C. H.F. (Afloat) 271233, neither to M.S.18. M/S protection is to be arranged for German troopship UBENA escorted ZEPHYR and ORIBI from P.10 buoy 119 E.T.A. P.10 buoy 1300 Friday 29th 844 to Brunsbüttel.
(F.O.W.G., 281355B to (S.O.?M/F) 18, N.O.I.C. Cuxhaven.)

/ZEPHYR...

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HOME COMMANDS

Enemy Intelligence

German troopship UBENA (Contd.) ZEPHYR and ORIBI sailed in accordance with C. in C. H.F. Afloat's 272328 at 1551. S. of A. 14 knots. E.T.A. P.10 buoy 2200/29. Total German personnel on board UBENA 1271. (C. in C. Rosyth, 281657B to F.O. Western Germany, etc.)
Sail 1430B tomorrow Friday 29th June and proceed through Kiel Canal to Brunsbuttel for O.R. to Rosyth and duty referred to in C. in C. Home Fleet (Afloat)'s 272328B.
(2 - 4) Arrangements.
(F.O.I.C. Kiel, 281831B to OBEDIENT.)

Sailing of 2 German manned craft Sailed 1200B/28 BENODET to La Pallice, Submarine Chasers N.R.11 and 6 - two German manned craft will join Convoy out of Lorient - directly routed Glenans Rochebrune - E.T.A. Outer Channel 1200B/29.
(PREMAR II, 281420Z to Comar Rochefort)

Sundry prizes Intend sailing U.K. in Prize a.m. 30th.
HENRIETTA 184.
FORTUNA 146 Pendant IDA 175, DEMOCRACY 198, PRESTO 197, STEEMVYK 800 from Bruns Grindland ELISABETH 146, ANNEGINA 177, BRIGETTE 2000 from Wilhelmshaven to Humber.
(2) 20th M/L Flotilla will escort convoy. N.O.I.C. Humber is requested to route M/Ls to Harwich on completion. (Admiralty's 261521 not to all addressees refers.)
(3) Cmdre. Hamburg and N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven are now to sail vessels as convenient to R/V at 1800/30th at number four buoy.
(4) N.O.I.C. Cuxhaven to sail M/Ls of 20th M.L.F. as necessary to act as escorts. My 281627 not to all addressees refers.
(F.O.W.G., 281638 to C. in C. Nore.)

German Navy Total male strength of German Navy excluding officials at April 1st 1945 was 680,000. Following is rough estimate of disposal as at July 1st 1945.
(a) In concentration areas and prisoner of War camps in Germany 380,000.
(b) Norway, France, Holland, 110,000.
(c) Frozen in Germany 70,334.
(d) (Already?) disbanded 50,000.
(e) Missing i.e. deserters, killed, Hinterland in Naval Stores and depots and those in Hospital) 70,000.
Approximate daily rate of disbanded 3 to 4 thousand.
(A.N.C.X.F. (OKM) 282033B to A.N.C.X.F.) As amended by 301057B.

Casualties and Defects

SS. GRENN A C.T.G.122.3's 271240 passed to you for information begins:
Coaster GRENN A anchored in Pasture reported fire in hold in cargo of mail at 270700B. Fire boats and A.T.R.2 sent to assistance. Fire under control at 1000. Vessel to be berthed in Bassin Dock 27th for discharge of cargo. Ends.
(C.T.F.122, 280831 to B.M.W.T. Paris.)

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SS. EMPIRE Acknowledge. Cancel my 271113* not to all.
FAL A.M.101858+ C. in C. W.A.'s 231208, F.O. Humber's 251058 and C. in C. W.A.'s 271209 are passed for information. Sail at 1900 today Thursday by searched channels in force to Humber thereafter comply with C. in C. W.A.'s 271209 (C. in C. Rosyth, 280201B to DEANE.)
* DEANE to sail by searched channels to Belfast.
+ Concerning the scuttling of SS. EMPIRE FAL in Atlantic.
7 DEANE proceed to Greenock to land crew of EMPIRE FAL, then Belfast.

5 Ex-German Southend 28th June arrival from Portsmouth
ships ex-German ships V.203, V.215, A.F.65, A.F.68, and A.F.71, escorted by NOTRE DAME DE FRANCE and BRONTES. Escorts returning Portsmouth forthwith, maintaining constant watch on Port Waves. Intend sailing ex-German ships in F.N.51 to Humber for O.R. to Wilhelmshaven. F.O.I.C. Humber is requested to provide escort from H.1 buoy.
(Cdre. I.C. Southend, 281158B to C. in C. Portsmouth etc.)

GATINEAU C. in C. W.A.' 120151 and C. in C. C.N.A.191951 neither to all addressees. Intend sailing GATINEAU with only 176 passengers comprising 170 ratings, 6 officers in addition to steaming party of 80 total 256.
(2) In view of existing ice conditions it is intended to keep magazines closed and they will, therefore, not be available for slinging accommodation.
(3) It is considered conditions of stability will be satisfactory
(4) Adequate life saving equipment is carried.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 281202B to C. in C.W.A.)

NORFOLK Request C. in C. Plymouth sail NORFOLK, when ready about 20th July, for Malta where ship can be accepted for ventilation improvements, Radar modifications and docking.
(2) C. in C. Med. is requested to report delay in completion of TALYBONT. (3) A.M.181828* and C. in C. Med., 221409 neither to all refer.
(D.O.D.(H), 281557B to C. in C. Plymouth etc.) *On O.D.1210/45.

DEVONSHIRE Pass Breakwater 1600B 29th June and proceed to Port Said A.M. 251111 and 251625 neither to all refer.
(2 - 4) Arrangements.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 281630B to DEVONSHIRE.)

BERWICK It is intended for BERWICK to leave Portsmouth 21st July destination Sydney via Suez and Colombo.
(2) A.M. 100133 para. 3 and 6 refer.
(D.O.D.(H), 281825 to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

LEDBURY Arrangements for sailing at 1830 29th to Gibraltar.
TETCOTT Admiralty's 160116B not to all refers.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 282120B to C. in C. Med. etc.)

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PETARD
for E.I. Intend to sail PETARD at 0900B June 29th to Port
Said.
(3) S.O.A. 16 knots. (4) E.T.A. p.m. July 4th.
(F.O.G.M.A., 280949B to F.O.L.E.M.)

Frigate. Intend to sail FAL at 1400B June 29th to Freetown.
(3) S.O.A. 13 knots. (4) E.T.A. p.m. July 6th.
(F.O.G.M.A., 281217B to F.O.C.W.Af.)

Air-Sea
Rescue. Arrivals HADLEIGH CASTLE, KNARESBOROUGH CASTLE.
(F.O.G.M.A., 281235B to Admty.)

Situation
reports
discontinued. Approved to discontinue situation reports. Your
261159, not to all, refers.
(2) Sailing and arrival signals of H.M. ships
should continue to be repeated to Admiralty.
(D.O.D.(H) 281544B to F.O.G.M.A.)

Air-Sea
Rescue
Service. HADLEIGH CASTLE sailed at 1800B June 29th to
relieve VERITY in position 20.
(2) S.O.A. 15 knots. (3) E.T.A. position 20
0600B July 1st. (5) VERITY on relief returns to
Gibraltar.
(F.O.G.M.A., 281617 to Admty.)

L.Cs. for
U.K. Departure 1230/28 BENBECULA WINDEREMERE
escorting L.C.G. 48, 12, 14, 19, 20 L.C.T.(R) 359,
367, 425, 448, 481 for Plymouth.
(F.O.G.M.A., 281619B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Air-Sea
Rescue
Service. KNARESBOROUGH CASTLE sails at 1600B June 30th
to relieve SPIRAEA in position 19.
(2) S.O.A. 12 knots. (3) E.T.A. position 19
0400B July 3rd.
(5) SPIRAEA on relief returns to Gibraltar.
(F.O.G.M.A. 281801 to Admty.) Amended by 301411B.

Corvettes for
U.K. Departure 1600B/28th BRYONY, PENSTEMON.
(My 271256B refers.)
(F.O.G.M.A., 281830B to C. in C. Portsmouth,
C. in C. Plymouth.)

Movements. Departures 28th for Malta. 0813 CHEVRON, 0915
COWDRAY, BLEASDALE, 1600 APOLLO.
(F.O.G.M.A., 282135B to V.A.M.)

/SUSANNAH...

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North Atlantic - Contd.

SUSANNAH. Yacht SUSANNAH O.N. 162310 registered at Falmouth encountered 1700Z/28th June flying distress signal in 026° 16' N. 016° 31' W.
(2) Crew claim to be the owners Mr. Wilfred Henry Weeks and his son Geoffrey George Weeks, latter seriously injured during recent bad weather.
(3) From interrogation so far possible it appears that yacht left St. Ives for Trinidad calling at ports in Spain where clearance papers were confiscated.
(4) Both men have been taken off yacht which was sunk by gunfire with concurrence of owner.
(5) Request next of kin, Mrs. Weeks, 3 Park Avenue, St. Ives, Cornwall be informed.
(PHILOCTETES 282203Z to Admty.)

South Atlantic.

Movements. Arrived WELLARD, SHOOTING STAR, SANDSTORM
(Cdre. Durban 281811Z to Admty.) STANDSTON.

POLAR V Your 271051 June, approved.
(towage). (Hd. of M.II 282246B to F.O.C.W.Af.)

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L.S.H. (L).

Sailed BULOLO to Aden at 0600C/27th for onward routing to Bombay.
(2) E.T.A. 011300C S. of A. 13 knots.
(N.O.I.C. Suez, 280005C to Admty.)

Movement.

Arrival H.M.S. VERBENA.
(N.O.I.C. Suez, 280007C to Admty.)

SS. GLENBANK
repairs.

(1) Lieut Commander Marston report from Constanta repairs to GLENBANK delayed because Roumanians designed and made patch for wrong side of ship. Now remaking. Expect ready to sail July 4th to 7th.
(B.M.A. Roumania, D.T.O. 281310B to W.O.)

Levant
Sitrep
to 2100 hrs.
27th June. ?

GO/25440 cipher 28 June. 055516.

(1) Aleppo. Morning 27 June grenades thrown. One in French Delegation garden no casualties. One at Delegation car wounding 3 civilian bystanders.

(2) East Syria. GO 24840 of 26 June para. 2. French agree conc. grns. in Hasssetche Qamichliye

Derbissiye Derik wef. 29 June. Anti-French feeling increasing but arrival British patrol steadying influence in Qamichliye.

(3) GO 24515 of 25 June para. 3 Evacuation French from Ain Arouss to Raqqa completed.

(4) Tribal. Small Baggarra Shammar clash. Casualties killed 5 Shammar.

(C. in C. M.E. D.T.O. 282005C to W.O.)

ENTERPRISE
(trooping).

Intend to sail ENTERPRISE at 0900B June 29th to Gibraltar for onward routing to U.K. Admiralty 171804 May not to all refers.

(2) S. of A. 18 knots E.T.A. Gibraltar 1500B/1st.

(5) ENTERPRISE proposes to leave Gibraltar July 2nd and to arrive off Spithead at 0900B/July 5th.

(V.A.M. 281410 to F.O.G.M.A.)

MIRROR
cable ship.

Your 261712 to F.O.G.M.A.

Not considered that your programme for MIRROR is sufficiently important to warrant vessel being taken away from Gibraltar area at present and following programme has therefore been agreed with

Cable and Wireless:

A. Porthcurno-Gibraltar No. 3. B. Gibraltar-Lisbon No. 1.
C. Porthcurno-Lisbon No. 1. D. Porthcurno-Madeira (2 breaks).
(2) As these repairs are required to restore main cable routes to Australia and the Far East, request F.O.G.M.A. may be instructed to sail vessel accordingly as soon as ready.
(D.S.D. 281514B to C. in C. Med.)

/Transfer...

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean - Contd.

Transfer of
corvettes
to Greeks
as passenger
transports.

It is under consideration to transfer to Greek Minister of Shipping corvettes as passenger transports in Aegean, conversion to be undertaken in Greek Yards.

(2) Request you will arrange for 5 of corvettes due to return to U.K. from Gibraltar and Med. to be retained in Med. pending decision. Your 161018* F.O.G.M.A's 261203 and A.M. 272203 none to all notwithstanding.

(3) Ships should reduce to Category B, balance of ships' companies to return to U.K. at first opportunity. In particular, Engine Room and Key ratings should be reduced to absolute minimum for maintenance of ships in groups.

(D.O.D.(F) Approved V.C.N.S. 282338B to C. in C. Med., and 291802B (North Atlantic))

* Approved to sail remaining corvettes of 51st E.G. to U.K.

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East Indies.

HILDESAY stranding of. Weather deteriorated considerably and heavy sea has been running making ship pound on reef at high tide: pumps cannot control water in engine and boiler rooms all other compartments have been pumped out three attempts to tow off resulted in wires parting intend making further attempt today Thursday weather permitting my 260825 refers. (Com. E.A., 280600 to C. in C. E.I.)

SS. KIUNGCHOW KIUNGCHOW damaged by submerged object. Proceeding to Akyab E.T.A. 0200Z/29th. (C. in C. E.I., 281833Z to N.C.S.O. Calcutta.)

Air Sea Rescue in Arabian Sea & Bay of Bengal. / There is a requirement for twelve vessels for ocean Air-Sea Rescue duties in the Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal, for which Admiralty have now assumed responsibility.

(2) Air Ministry's proposal to employ D type Fairmiles was not acceptable for the following reasons:-

(a) Difficulties of maintenance, (b) Inadequate endurance and lack of sea-keeping qualities.

(3) According to information supplied by Air Ministry, vessels are required to be available for this service as follows:

4 by end Sept. 4 by mid Oct. 4 by end Oct.

(4) To effect max. manpower and other economies it is desired to use ships already on the East Indies Station.

(5) Request early confirmation that you can employ on this duty slow escorts due to be returned to U.K. under para. 7B of my 051532, preferably FLOWER class corvettes.

(A.C.N.S.(F) 281911B to C. in C. E.I.) See 291846B.

Routeing of ships. Ships should be sailed via Cape of Good Hope. Agreed M.O.W.T. Your 271015 refers. (D.T.D. 282158B to N.C.S.O. Bombay.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

America and West Indies

- C.V.E's loading Schedule. / Your 251604. Following is tentative C.V.E. Loading Schedule in estimated order of departure and subject to revision in the light of assignments and readiness of A/C.
- (A) RAJAH 18 Corsairs, 40 Hellcats (Night Fighters) 1853 Squadron. All in (A) for U.K.
 - (B) REAPER 21 Corsairs, 12 Avengers, 21 Hellcats (Day) All in (B) for Australia.
 - (C) PUNCHER 12 Corsairs (Old), 19 Avengers (Old), 2 Harvards (Old), 6 Hellcats (Night Fighters). All in (C) for U.K.
 - (D) TRACKER 48 Avengers (Reconditioned). All in (D) for U.K.
 - (C) ATHELING 12 Avengers (Reconditioned for target towing in B.P.F.), 20 Corsairs, 20 Avengers. All in (E) for Australia.
- (2) N.A.R. states ATHELING's load of Corsairs and Avengers will not be ready for embarkation at Norfolk until late August. ATHELING however will be returned to British control at San Diego between 9th and 12th July according to present intentions. Thus her arrival at Norfolk on about the 26th July will involve a wait of three to four weeks before she can clear. This might lead to undesirable American comment.
- (3) Alternatives would seem to be:
- (A) To offer ATHELING to Cominch for one more round trip San Diego to Pearl. This would bring her back to Norfolk in the last week of August to collect her load for Australia. It is known that Cominch would much appreciate this offer.
 - (B) To sail ATHELING about 12th July from San Diego to U.K. via New York (for embarking passengers and stores) in the expectation of your providing another C.V.E. at Norfolk at the end of August for Australia. EMPIRE LAGAN in September would still be required.
- (4) RAJAH, REAPER, PUNCHER and TRACKER will probably all load at Norfolk between 21st and 30th July but adjustments may have to be made in Schedule as indicated in preamble to para. 1.
- (5) Outstanding defects are subject of separate signal by B.A.D.
- (6) Request possible decision on alternatives in para.3.
(B.A.D. Washington 281655Z to Admty.) See 291220B.

Fleet minesweepers for U.K. MILLTOWN (S.O) FORT WILLIAM, BLAIRMORE sailed to St. Johns 1600Z/28th June for Ponta Delgada Azores R.S.C. as in my 181434.
(3) On arrival Ponta Delgada request ships be fuelled and sailed to Plymouth.
(E.O.N.F. 281718Z to S.B.N.O. Azores)

Rescue tugs. Available. FREEDOM - Campbeltown.
SALVONIA - Horta. SUPERMAN - Milford.
TENACITY - St. Johns. ZWARTE ZEE - Falmouth.
(D.C. Admiralty, 281815B to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa)

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Assignment of Aircraft B.P.Force. / Consideration has been given to the support of B.P.F. embarked and spare carrier air groups in the light of

(A) A.M.081400 081413 and 081425 giving assignments of American A/C.

(B) A.M. 291850 May giving forecast of Seafire shipments.

(C) Expected dates of arrival of ILLUSTRIOUS and first 4 C.V.L's

(D) A.M.071553 giving forecast of dates of availability of air groups in Australia.

(E) C. in C. B.P.F's 230336 composition of carrier air groups not to all above to A.C.1.

(2) Following assumptions have been made.

(A) Serviceable reserves required are 100% for embarked squadrons and 25% for disembarked squadrons.

(B) Average monthly write off rates which agree with experience in B.P.F. during three months ending 31 May are 20% for embarked squadrons and 5% for disembarked squadrons except for Seafires for which rates are 25% and 7½%.

(C) All 1945 assignments ex U.S.A. will have arrived and have been assembled by 1st April, 1946.

(D) Squadron F.A.E. are as follows: Avenger 16, Corsair 18, Hellcat 18, Seafire 24, Firefly 12 in all cases.

(3) Following conclusions have been reached:

(A) Corsairs are sufficient (1) to reform 1845 Squadron,
(2) to support Nos. 1 2 and 3 and 4 C.A.G. (see para. 4 below).
(3) to support Corsair Squadrons in all 6 O.V.L. C.A.G's.

(B) Avengers are sufficient (1) to reform 845, 851 and 854 Squadrons.
(2) to support Avenger squadrons in Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12 C.A.G's (see para. 4 below).

(C) Hellcats are sufficient (1) to support Hellcat squadrons in Nos. 11 and 12 C.A.G's.
(2) to form and maintain a small C.A.P. squadron.

(D) Seafires are sufficient (1) to reform 899 Squadron,
(2) to support Seafire Squadrons Nos. 7, 8 and 9 C.A.G's (see para. 4 below).

(E) If Firefly shipments continue at 15 per month there will be sufficient, (1) to reform 1770 Squadron.
(2) to support Firefly squadrons Nos. 7, 8 and 9 C.A.Gs.

Note: Firefly Squadrons are not required in Nos. 11 and 12 C.A.Gs vide para. 1 E.

(F) Barracuda situation cannot be assessed at present.

(4) Position therefore is that assignments of A/C to B.P.F. are estimated to be just adequate for carrying out F.O.N.A.P.s share of forming air groups and squadrons and for support of all groups programmed up to and including C.A.G. No.18 except.

(A) No.5 ILLUSTRIOUS Class C.A.G. due to be ready in November, 1945.

(B) No. 6 ILLUSTRIOUS Class C.A.G. due to be ready in April, 1946.

(C) No.10 IMPLACABLE Class C.A.G. due to be ready in April, 1946 increased assignments as in para. 4 of A.M.081302 and additional seafires will be required to constitute and support these groups alternatively the Corsair components of No.5 and No.6 might be drawn from R.N.Z.A.F. Squadrons A.M.122112 refers.

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Far East and Australia

Assignment
of Aircraft
B.P. Force.
(Contd.)

(5) To support the programme an output of about 200 aircraft a month from R.D.U's is required in July, 1945 rising to about 250 a month in December, 1945 this points to the need for expanding Monab 7 now complemented for an output of 60 aircraft a month.
(F.O.N.A.P. 280151 to Admty.)

UGANDA
cruiser
re-arrival
Esquimalt.

Your 251849 (N.T. in W.D.). Earliest E.T.A. Esquimalt 5th August.
(2) It is desired that ship should rejoin British Pacific Fleet as early as possible in order to join in operations which will have started mid-Oct.
(3) Further signal will be made regarding working-up arrangements.
(C. in C. B.P.F. 280227Z to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa.)

Blue Summary
27th.

Ryukyus. Kume forces continue to sweep across island without opposition. On Okinawa bodies of Gen Ushijima and Gen. Cho leaders of Okinawa troops identified had committed hara-kiri. 18 T.B.M's 40 F.4U's 16 P.47's of T.A.F. attacked targets in Saki-Shima Gunto. 51 fighter bombers at Kakeroma damaged 1 SD 3 SV 1 barge. Searches Empire area. PBJ damaged 350 foot ship in Suo Nada. FAW 18 planes sank 1 trawler damaged 1 SD. Probably damaged 1 enemy S/M at 15.28 N. 153.03 E. Since April 23 FAW 18 planes have sunk 36,000 tons enemy shipping. FAW 1 planes sank 1 SC probably sank 1 AK off Korea. On 26th sank 2 SD 1 mine chaser. Damaged 2 SC. Mined coastal waters between Chin Do and Korea. Blue submarines rescued 9 more B.29 airmen for a total of 29 in 2 days. Sank 1 minelayer. Damaged 1 S/M-chaser. Enemy submarine reported at 13.00 N. 157.00 E.
(C. in C. Pac. Adv. H.Q. 280633 to All commands interested.)

ENCHANTRESS
Sloop
Capt. Escort
Force.

ENCHANTRESS A.M. 151400 not to all refers. Request following action may be taken.
(A) All guns and A/S equipment aft to be removed before ship leaves Portsmouth.
(B) As many of approved increases of staff for C.E.F. as are available to take passage in Ship.
(C) Ship to be delayed in little as possible on passage.
(C. in C. B.P.F. 280635Z to Admty.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

Mines.

1. (a) Twelve mines were swept off Aberdeen.
- (b) Three mines (one floating) were found in the Thames Approaches today.
- (c) 18 mines were swept southeast of the Isle of Wight.
- (d) Eleven mines were found in the Falmouth area.
- (e) Four ground mines were swept in St. George's Channel today (Q.Z.X. 1577).

M.V. BERN
mined.

2. The Swedish motor tanker BERN was damaged by a mine this morning in 57.59 N. 05.40 $\frac{1}{2}$ E. (about 30 miles west of Lister Light) and proceeded to Kristiansand.

Foreign Stations.

Far East and Australia.

Borneo.

3. U.S. Privateers destroyed two small coast freighters probably destroyed a tug and damaged another tug off Pontianak.

Japan.

4. (a) 477 U.S. Super Fortresses bombed four urban areas on Kyushu and Honshu viz Okayama (69' W. of Kobe). Sasebo (N.W. of Kyushu) Moji (N. Kyushu) and Nobeoka (E. Kyushu). Good to excellent results were observed especially at Okayama and Nobeoka. A total of 3143 tons of bombs was dropped.
- (b) It is reported that since the 23rd March 1518 Japanese planes have been destroyed off the Ryukyus.

Submarine
activities.

5. (a) U.S. submarines have sunk one medium and 3 small cargo vessels and 10 small craft in addition to ships already reported sunk.
- (b) There is continued evidence that there are 1 or 2 Japanese submarines between Eniwetok and the Marianas.

Transfer of
Flag and
Cruiser Sqdn.

6. (a) The flag of Comdesbritpacflt. has been transferred to BARFLEUR for forthcoming operations.
- (b) The flag of Combritcruron (4) will be transferred to NEWFOUNDLAND about July 4th for forthcoming operations.

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Far East and Australia - Contd.

B.P.Fleet 7. Rear Admiral Carriers becomes Vice Admiral
administrative Carriers, short title remains as A.S.1.
titles.

Movement. 8. SWIFTSURE has arrived Sydney from Manus.

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Mine clearance. It is not intended to employ British Minesweepers or British Minesweeping staffs in foreign waters after sufficient channels have been swept to ensure the safety of normal trade.

Some assistance will continue to be given by British forces for the mutual benefit of our late Allies as decided by the International Mine-clearance Board, but the extent of this assistance in British personnel will not be great.

(2) The withdrawal of British forces will vary in different areas, but it is considered that most British forces could be dispensed with by August 15th except in the Kattegat area where the existing British forces will be required until about mid-September.

(3) It is expected that the International Mine-clearance Board will take over the general distribution of Minesweepers on Aug. 15th.

(4) Dates in paras. 2 and 3 do not refer to Mediterranean.
(V.C.N.S. 290038B)

A.N.C.X.F. dissolution arrangements. Your 281943/. It is preferred that Admiralty should make initial announcement concerning changes in Naval Command upon promulgation of the termination of S.C.A.E.F.'s Command. A Message Home and Abroad will be issued on the lines of your signal under reference.
(P.A.S.(L), 292008B to A.N.C.X.F.)
/ It is proposed to make the following signal dissolving A.N.C.X.F. concurrently.

OperationsNorth Sea.

SS. EMPIRE FAL. Your 271209 and A.M. 101858. Intend to sail EMPIRE FAL at 1530/29 escorted by DEANE to comply with your 231208 and your 271209 speed 8 knots.
(F.O. Humber, 291142B to C. in C. W.A.)

Q.Z.X. 1194. Protective sweep in accordance with AGM 886A is no longer effective in (?searched channel) through Q.Z.X. 1194 eastward of longitude (?0070) East except for large personnel ships and other important units.

(2) Speed is still restricted to 12 knots in these channels.
(F.O.W.G. 291159B)

To protect ships from British overlap mines it is necessary to use minesweepers fitted with S.A. Gear.

H.Q. of F.O.W.G. H.Qs. of F.O.W.G. will transfer from Sengwarden to Buxtehude on 10th July, 1945.
(2) - (4) Arrangements.
(F.O.W.G. 291330B)

Mine clearance Clearance of SN16D, SN16F completed to-day Friday. 12 mines swept in SN16D making a total of 26.

/Nil...

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Mine clearance (Contd.) Nil mines swept in SN16F making a total of 31. All mines sunk. (S.O. 40th M.S.F. 292000B)
5 laps in G formation swept to-day. One lap in middle of area average width 3 cables remains to be swept.

(2) One mine detonated in position O47½ degs. 8.2 miles from Southern end of line of mine. One mine swept in O47 degs. 3.75 miles from Southern end of line of mines. One floating mine swept in Northern Corner of area.

(3) Have anchored for the night in Eastern Corner of area. (S.O.M/S.F.1, 292102B)

OperationsChannel

Usnab, Cherbourg, U.S. Naval Advanced Base, Cherbourg, being de-commissioned 0001/1st July. PREMAR UN assumes Port control at that time. U.S. Naval Port Liaison Party established to assist. C.T.F.122 261423 refers. (C.T.G.122.2, 291109)

R.N.H.Q. Alderney. Intend to close down R.N.H.Q. Alderney on 2nd July. Arrangements. (N.O.I.C. C.I. 291512B)

R.N.H.Q. Jersey. Intend to close down R.N.H.Q. Jersey on 3rd July. Arrangements. (N.O.I.C. C.I. 291513B)

Channel Is. Progress Report No.2 week ending 140 hrs. 27 th. June.1945. (Extract). (1) The V.215 (trawler) left Guernsey under R.N. for Wilhelmshaven with German crew of 25 incl. one German M.O. (8) Guard of one N.C.O. and 3 men placed on Casquets 23rd June. (H.Q. Force 135, 291545B)

Mine clearance. 119th M.S.F. L.L/S.A. Q.Z.S. 664 and Seine Entrance Channel between Seine light vessel and Amfard Buoy, two actuations negative result. (Cdre. M/S Le Havre, 291804B) Add to my 282045B.

Searching sweep of Q.Z.X.1577 commenced to-day 4 mines cut none detonated. (Cdre. M/S Bristol Channel, 292015B)
To-day's operation not satisfactory. Group arrived area 1146. 2 laps completed not considered cleared. 5 mines cut on second lap. 1 mine detonated in sweep. 5 mines sunk by rifle fire. All danbuoys weighed.

/Intend ...

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Mine
clearance.
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Intend re-start operations tomorrow 30th by same method from original position. Group left area 2030 return Falmouth Bay for night proceeding 0530 tomorrow. (MONIMIA, 292038B)

Operations

Western Approaches

Mine
clearance.

My 241015B/ June. Area between western limit of former Q.Z.S. 398 and eastern limit of Q.Z.S. 716 has been swept by Oropesa Trawlers in G formation as far south as latitude 55 degs. 10' N. Area is now being extended to the eastward but since mines were laid to eight fathoms, the useful limit of the Oropesa sweep is in water depth 14 fathoms, allowing 5 fathoms sag. A square with sides of four miles is being swept by L.L. standard sweep about the supposed position of the missing Pladda mine, pulsing it twelve times, but only two L motor minesweepers are available and progress will be slow until other vessels are repaired. (Capt. M/S Clyde, 291018B)
/ area considered dangerous.

Operations

Norway

M.V. BERN
mined.

Following intercept by Wick Radio at 0935Z on 500 K/cs. "S.O.S. from Swedish SLIA (BERN) in 57.59 N. 05.40.5 E. struck mine at 0920 G.M.T". (C. in C. H.F. Ashore, 291219)

Swedish authorities inform me motor tanker BERN bound New York struck mine in 57 degs. 59' N. 05 degs. 40' 30" E. at 1100/29th June.

(2) Ship is proceeding to Kristiansands under her own steam. (N.A. Stockholm, 291301)

BERN now reported proceeding under own power. KING HAAKON VII proceeding to stand by. (F.O.Norway, 291504B)

Enemy Intelligence

U.2506.

C.R. No.1856. Request temporary custody of U.2506 be assigned Comsubmiseu. Docking will be required for replacing defective propellers and will be the subject of a future signal.

Comsubmiseu 231310 and Capt. S/M Lisahally 221816B not to all refers. (Comnavau, 291001 to F.O.S.)

/Prizes ...

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Prizes. Request ships enumerated in para. 1 of your 281638B may be sailed in U.L.C. 9 and routed to Methil Roads in accordance with A.M.020156B. Escort from Humber to Methil is not available. (C. in C. Nore, 291230B to F.O.W.G.)

Your 291230. Destination Methil noted. 20th M.L.F. under orders to return U.K. escorting owing to Speed of convoy being only 6 knots. (F.O.W.G. 291601B to C. in C. Nore.)

Your 291601B. Unless it is necessary for these ships to bunker in the Humber request they may be sailed direct to Methil Roads with 2 M.L.S. as escort. (C. in C. Nore, 292300B to F.O.W.G.)

F.O.W.G. 281638B June.

Intend sailing Dutch coast S. HENRIETTA, FORTUNA, IDA, DEMOCRAT and PRESTO from Brunsbüttel at 0930B/30th.

(2) Also sailing in company German Tugs EVERSAND (134 tons) and VEQASACK (150 tons) to Humber for Methil Roads. Both tugs German crews. N.O.I.C.Kiel 280935B June (not to all addressees) refers.

(3) S. of A. 5.5 knots. E.T.A. Spurn Point 2300/2nd July. (Com. Hamburg, 291250)

Sailed at 1330B/29th SCOURGE, CALDWELL, OFFA escorting 8 German Merchant Ships. Balance of merchant ships referred to in my 271537 sailed for Kiel 0900B/29th for o.r. to Hamburg as affirmed by M.W.T.R.Germany. No accommodation available. (F.O.Denmark, 291722B to C. in C. Rosyth)

Sailing 12 German Merchant ships escorted by SCOURGE and OFFA.

U-Boat sailings. Intend to sail RIOU and U-Boats 143, 145, 149, 150, and 739 at 1030/30th to (?Loch Ryan) to comply with your 171855. (N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven, 291343B to C. in C. Nore)

German SS. Sailed OBDURATE only.
UBENA. F.O.W.G. 281352 and C. in C. H.F.(Afloat) 290014. (F.O.Kiel Command, 291500)

My 281352. Postpone sailing 24 hours. (2) OBEDIENT will not join. F.O. Kiel Command's 281542 refers. (F.O.W.G.291550B)

(Details of ships omitted). My 271537/convoy - TELDE, DJNA, KRONENFELS, THERESIA L.M. RUSS, FRIEDRICH, LISA ESSBERGER, MINDEN, MARS, HENDRIK FISSER, ELBE. (F.O.Denmark, 291629B to N.C.S.O.Methil)

12 German Merchant ships escorted by SCOURGE and OFFA.

U.1105, Clyde arrivals -
U.1171. BRILLIANT escorting U.1105 and U.1171. (F.O.I.C. Greenock, 291809B)

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M.M.S.1089. Has sustained hull damage amidships seriously affecting structural strength. At least 4 weeks required to carry out permanent repairs with present resources.

(2) As vessel is due to major overhaul in U.K. mid July only essential repairs necessary to ensure sea-worthiness have been carried out.

(3) Intend to sail M.M.S.1089 in U.L.C.9, leaving Cuxhaven at 1200B/1st July to Humber for o.r. to Yarmouth for repairs and refit.

(4) F.O.Humber is requested to route M.M.S.1089 to Yarmouth.

(5) M.M.S. will make E.T.A. Humber.
(N.O.I.C.Cuxhaven, 291512B to C. in C. Nore)

M.V. HAVOY. My 281230/HAVOY broken down at Greenhithe. E.R.O. is investigating.
(F.O.I.C.London, 291858B).
Intend to sail H. Nor. M. Ship HAVOY.

Movements.

NODZU, My 261110 sailed E.T.A. Stavanger 2000/29th.
REDWOOD, (N.O.I.C.Bergen, 291202B)
DAVID
OGILVIE.

Sailing date My 161648. Amend sailing dates as follows:
of ships L^{ach}RUTHVEN June 30. L^{ach}LOMOND July 5th.
to East ST. AUSTELL BAY Not known. L^{ach}KATRINE July 7th.
Indies. L^{ach}QUOICH July 7th. L^{ach}CRAGGIE July 12th.
L^{ach}GORM July 12th. L^{ach}INVER Not known.
(C. in C. W.A. 291513B as amended by 301136B)

LA CAPRIC- Request you will sail F.S. LA CAPRICIEUSE for
IEUSE. Toulon calling at Oran for fuel.
(D.O.D.(H), 291525B to F.O.I.C. Greenock)

F.S. BASQUE. Orders to proceed at 1900B/30th to Cherbourg.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 291600B)

DEVONSHIRE. Sailed.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 291742)

LEDBURY My 282120B sailed.
TETCOTT. (C. in C. Portsmouth, 292001B)

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Shipping and Convoys

M.V. LENA. Ref. A.M.271204B June. M.W.T.R. Jersey states that he has been informed by M.W.T. that Dutch displaced persons are not to form crew of Dutch M/V LENA and that he is asking for a crew to be sent from U.K. for this ship. Request verification from M.W.T.
(2) If so it is presumed that this policy also applies to crew for Flagship No.4602 raised from Dutch displaced persons at Guernsey vide A.M.241558B/June. Request confirmation.
(N.O.I.C. C.I. 291705B to Admty.)

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Air/Sea Rescue station Have been relieved by SPIREA^A in air/sea rescue position 19.
(JONQUIL, 290600B to F.O.G.M.A.)

A.F.D. 67 From 280800B starboard engine normal. Speeding up cautiously average speed 5 knots. A.F.D. 67 towing well. Wind light variable settling from S.W. Smooth sea good visibility barometer 29.76. Position 36° 19' N. long. 09° 10' W.
(FLAUNT, 290840B to Gibraltar.)

Hunt destroyer Intend to sail LAUDERDALE at 1800B June 29 to Portsmouth.
(3) S. of A. 15 knots E.T.A. p.m. July 2nd.
(F.O.G.M.A., 291118B to C. in C. Portsmouth.)
(See below)

A/A sloops for B.P.F. Intend to sail ERNE (S.O.) and AMETHYST at 1800B June 29th to Malta.
(3) Speed 14 knots E.T.A. 1700B July third.
(F.O.G.M.A., 291150B to V.A.M.)

Towage Merchant ships CHARON completes refit 2nd July, and EMPIRE HAVEN ready for towage 5th July.
(2) Intend that CHARON and one other tug tow EMPIRE HAVEN to U.K. sailing approximately 5th July, if additional tug can be made available by this date as it is considered 2 tugs are necessary
(3) The two portions of THORSHOVDI will be ready for towage about 13th July.
(4) Admiralty is requested to signal destinations.
(5) A.M. 011410 refers.
(F.O.G.M.A., 291506B to C. in C. Med.) 301348B, also.

Movement Arrivals VETCH, LAUDERDALE from Malta.
Departure HADLEIGH CASTLE West to patrol position 20.
(F.O.G.M.A., 291742B to Admty., C. in C. Med.)

Movements Departure 1750B/29 LAUDERDALE for Portsmouth.
(F.O.G.M.A., 291750B to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

Transfer of corvettes to Greeks for passenger transport Your 291458. VETCH and SAXIFRAGE being held at Gibraltar.
(2) Unnecessary to recall BRYONY and PENSTEMON as JONQUIL SPIRAEA and CROCUS will be available to complete the five corvettes referred to in A.M. 282338 if required. (N.T. & W.D.)
(3) Admiralty approval to relieve these three corvettes by four Castle Class has been received in A.M. 272203 (to F.O.G.M.A. only.)
(F.O.G.M.A., 291802B to C. in C. Med.) See 301038B.

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South Atlantic

Ships for U.K. (1) Intend sailing (a) MARGUERITE towing POLAR V a.m. 30th, E.T.A. Dakar 3rd.
(b) GENISTA 1200Z 1st E.T.A. Dakar a.m. 3rd.
(2) Request you sail ships named in company under orders GENISTA to Gibraltar as soon as they have topped up with fuel and water.
(3) F.O.G.M.A. is requested to on route to U.K.
(F.O.C.W.Af., 291259Z to Comar Dakar.)

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A.F.D.69 Sail at 2359B June 29th to relieve BERGAMOT escorting A.F.D.69 towed by MARAUDER.
 (2) S. of A. 10 knots route N.W. Channel and standard westbound route to effect R/V with BERGAMOT during daylight 1st. BERGAMOT estimated P.C. and S. 1600B 1st 037° 30' N. 007° 01' E. 100° 5.9 knots.
 (3) A.F.D.69 is routed through - (route) - to Malta.
 (5) Communications.
 (6) C. in C. Med.'s. 261128, F.O.G.M.A.'s 251306 and 261139 not to all refers.
 (V.A. Malta, 291355 to NADA, Y.S.)

Transfer of / Hold VETCH and SAXIFRAGE at Gibraltar.
 corvettes (2) If signals, not yet received by C. in C., to Greek but quoted in paragraph 4 A.M. 282338 do not allow minister retention of the 3 A.S.R. Corvettes for this of shipping purpose BRYONY and PENSTEMON should be recalled forthwith to Gibraltar.
 (C. in C. Med., 291458B to F.O.G.M.A.)

(See under N. Atlantic p. 590)

Levant GO/25723 29th June.
 Sitrep (1) ~~ALGERIA~~ French enlisting Armenians in T.S. to 1900 hrs. Terms incl. grant of French nationality and 28th June. higher pay. 73 enlisted to date. Armenian Bishop has publicly forbidden enlistments.
 (2) Latakia. Mohafez nervous of possibility trouble at small isolated French Grns.
 (3) French confirm desertions T.S. up to 25th June offr. 90, O.R. 4,160. Brit. estimate offr. 99, O.R. 4,578.
 (4) Mech. Regt. T.J.F.F. arrived Aazaz Area 29th June to take over Turco Syrian Frontier control duties.
 (C. in C. M.E., 292005C to W.O.)

Signal After dissolution of C.T.F.122 on 1st July signal traffic for Marine Paris and N.A. Paris may be routed in combined systems via C.T.G.124.3.
 (D.S.D., 292152B to C. in C. Med.)

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N.L. Pontoon Your 98885 Q Mov. 2. C.T.O.O. 171230, not to Sacssea or C. in C. E.I.F. received from W.O.
(1) N.L. Pontoon essential for future operations. It is, therefore, necessary that advantage be taken of three extra ships for Tuticorin offered for July.
(3) Reference your para. 2. Since these ships will contain only N.L. Pontoon for Tuticorin, and provided that Cargo in these ships might be regarded as over and above 350,000 D.W.limit.
(4) Request your confirmation that these three ships will be accepted, and that cargo will not count against 350,000 tons limit.
(S.A.C.S.E.A., 291305Z to C. in C. India.)

Head of Air Branch Monabs Admiralty 291407B C. in C. E.I. etc. See 041027 July. See Lion Copy.

TAPIR for B.P.F. Arrived submarine TAPIR L.S.T. 382, 164 and 5. (Com. Aden, 291543Z to F.O.L.E.M.)

ROBERTS (Monitor) Your 061220. Ventilation of 15 inch turret in ROBERTS will be completed and ship is expected to leave U.K. during third week in July.
(D.O.D.(F) Approved A.C.N.S.(F), 291545B to C. in C. E.I.)

Submarine report SSSS. Submarine sighted on surface position 6° N. 81.27 E.
(JOSEPH RODMAN DRAKE, 291725Z to Admt.)

Vessels available for Air/Sea Rescue E.I. It is now understood from Air Ministry that the dates given in para. 3 of A.M. 281911* represented earliest dates by which Fairmiles ex U.K. could have been in service.
(2) The actual requirement is for all twelve vessels as soon as they can be released from operational service.
(3) Request that in your reply to para. 5 of A.M. 281911 you will also state earliest dates by which vessels can be made available.
(4) Request very early reply.
(D.O.D.(F), Approved A.C.N.S.(F), 291846B to C. in C. E.I.)
* Twelve vessels to be made available for Air/Sea Rescue duties.

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291407B June

To C. in C. E.I.
Info. S.A.C.S.E.A.
C. in C. B.P.F.
F.O.(Air) E.I.
V.A.(Q)
F.O.N.A.P.

Date 29.6.45

MONABS

CCM (5 SVCS)(HC)

From Admiralty.

Your 160541 June paragraph 1(a) and (b) M.O.N.A.Bs. can be made available, but two months should be allowed between your request for their despatch and their arrival at Shackle. It seems advisable to send M.O.N.A.Bs direct to Shackle from the United Kingdom in view of port congestion in India and Ceylon, but if you prefer it they can be shipped to E.I.S.

2. Two M.O.N.A.Bs may not be necessary for S.E.A.C. alone; but if the carrier force of the B.P.F. use Shackle a second M.O.N.A.B. would be required. A T.A.M.Y cannot be provided but a Maintenance Repair (MR) Component should be available. This added to a M.O.N.A.B. would provide support (i.e. major inspection and minor repairs) for 100 F.A.E., this compares favourably with the T.A.M.Y. which supports 125 F.A.E. MR component is also more mobile.

3. A further possible requirement is Maintenance Storage Reserve Component (MSR) which provides storage for 50 aircraft. It must be added to a M.O.N.A.B. for administrative purposes and to receive workshop facilities.

4. Your paragraph 3 (a): For types of M.O.N.A.Bs. and other information on Mobile Naval Air Organisation see memoranda A.00125/44 of 15th November, 1944 and 16th March, 1945, copies of which have been forwarded to you by air mail.

5. Your paragraph 3 (b) number of personnel in each M.O.N.A.B. is as follows:

	Officers	Ch.& P.O.s	Ratings
A Administration.	12	22	170
B Medical	4	1	5
S Stores	3	4	19
F Flying	10	4	16
R Radio and Radar	3	10	51
MG Air Gunnery	3	16	64
MAR Air Radio	2	23	
2 MS Maintenance Servicing	1	2	3
	1	2	3
MM Mobile Workshops	5	12	60
	44	96	391
Total personnel - 531			Maintenance...

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Maintenance Storage Reserve (MSR) or Maintenance Repair (MR) components if added, total

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Ch. & P.Os</u>	<u>Ratings</u>
MSR	3	20	100
MR	8	64	253

6. Your paragraph 3 (c): approximate weights for vehicles stores and equipment are

	<u>Dead weight tons</u>	<u>Shipping tons.</u>
M.O.N.A.B.	1000	5000
M.S.R.	65	400
M.R.	165	650

7. Your paragraph 3 (d): heaviest lift:

Coles Crane, 13 tons 3 cwt. dead weight.

8. (a) No constructional personnel are carried within the M.O.N.A.B. which depends entirely on outside labour to build or repair the air strip and to provide and maintain all accommodation and necessary services.

(b) All building materials must be provided from station resources.

(c) M.O.N.A.Bs. carry: Barrack and camp equipment to cover their own and their disembarked squadrons requirements; mobile equipment and ready use stores (for the aircraft types for which they are designed) sufficient for 14 days; Naval and victualling stores to same scale. Replacement stores and P.O.L. must be provided from outside resources.

(d) Subject to air strip being serviceable and accommodation and all airfield services being available M.O.N.A.Bs should be operating three or four days after their arrival on site.

(e) M.O.N.A.Bs. are not shipped combat loaded; personnel and equipment are usually in different ships.

(f) P.O.L: Maximum monthly Naval requirement for M.O.N.A.B. has been estimated as:

<u>Aviation Fuel</u>	<u>M.T. Fuel</u>	<u>Diesel Fuel</u>	<u>Aviation Lubricants</u>	<u>Other Lubricants</u>
500 tons	60 tons	75 tons	15 tons	10 tons

9. A.M. 231609/June and 231641/June also refer.

HP of ANB & Adm 291407B
Adm V.C.N.S. for Hd. of Air Br.
Admiralty Ext. 1655
Approved V.C.N.S.

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America and West Indies

LEANDER
 (Cruiser)

LEANDER should be ready to sail about 25th August and it is desirable that she should leave Boston as soon as practicable. Complete consignment of securities can be taken at the expense of some ammunition. Details will be reported. Your 282052.

Request port of embarkation may be stated and date of embarkation advanced as much as possible, having regard to sailing date. (B.A.D., 292227Z to Admty.)

Re C.V.E.
 ATHELING
 loading.

Your 281655.
 Please act as in your para. 3(a). No other ship could be provided in August. (D. of P., 291220B to B.A.D.)

Re removal
 of
 minesweeping
 gear from
 WEAR and
 BALLINDERRY

In view of A.M. 292012 May and 292232 May (latter not to F.O.G.M.A.) delay in WEAR refit (C.S. Bermuda's 261107/6). Propose BALLINDERRY should proceed to U.K. to have leave and adjust complement before proceeding to Bermuda. (2) If approved propose following modifications should be carried out in U.K. etc. (S.B.N.O. W.At., 291438 to Admty.) See 011334B.

Far East and Australia

Flag of
 Com.
 destroyers
 B.P.F.

/ The flag of Comdesbritpacflt has been transferred to BARFLEUR (DD) for forthcoming operations. (2) BARFLEUR does not carry either E.C.M. of flag officers set of British books. (3) Signals of a non-operational nature should continue to be routed to TYNE where U.S. Liaison team are borne and flag officers British set of books is held R.D.O. Guam Pass C. in C. Pac. Adv. R.D.O. Hono pass, C. in C. Pac. Rear. (C. in C. B.P.F., 290045Z to C. in C. Pac., Com. 3rd Fleet.)

Transfer
 of Flag

The flag of Combritcruron 4 will be transferred to NEWFOUNDLAND (C.L.) about July 4th for forthcoming operations. (C. in C. B.P.F., 290047Z to C. in C. Pac. Com. 3rd Fleet.)

Administrative
 Titles
 (changes of)

The following changes of administrative titles in British Pacific Fleet have taken place -

(a)...

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Administrative (a) Vice Admiral Sir Bernard Rawlings becomes
Titles Vice Admiral British Pacific Fleet short title
(charges of) V.A.B.P.F. The title B.S. one is no longer in use.
(Contd.) (b) Rear Admiral Carriers becomes Vice Admiral
Carriers short title remains as A.S. One.
(2) R.D.O. Guam pass to C. in C. Pac. Adv.
R.D.O. Hono pass to C. in C. P.C.A. (Rear).
amended by 160836 Z July (C. in C.B.P.F., 290049Z to C. in C. Pac. Com. 3rd Fleet)
*(C) Rear Admiral C.S. Daniel becomes Rear Admiral Commanding
1st Battle Squadron. Short title B.S. one - above in effect
0300K Tuesday 14th July*

Disbandment of 618 Squadron Your Top Secret OX.8992 25th June Acknowledged.
Administrative arrangements now in hand for
disbandment 618 squadron. We have signalled our
O.H.Q. Kingsway reference disposal aircraft.
(R.A.A.A.F. H.Q. Melbourne, 290155Z to A.M.V.)

Aircraft for supplies to Fleet advanced bases. In calculating the requirements for an air service
to the Fleet at its future advanced anchorage in
Eniwetok the following factors have been considered
(a) Whatever route is taken there will be at least
one stage beyond the normal range of a Dakota.
(That is Manus to Eniwetok). Consequently long
range Dakotas or 4 engined A/C are essential.
(b) Manus could be used as a staging point but U.S. authorities
are unlikely to allow air transport aircraft to be based there.
Consequently the long range A/C will have to be based in Australia.
(c) If long range Dakotas were used based on Australia the number
required would make this service most uneconomical, consequently
four engined A/C are considered essential for this service.
V.A.(Q) 160239 refers.
(2) It is estimated that 16 to 20 four engined A/C will be
required (the exact number depending on the location of the base
in Australia) and it is requested that this number of A/C may be
allocated in time for the service to be in full operation by the
first of October.
(C. in C. B.P.F. 290221Z to Admt.)

Blue summary 28th Ryukyus. ^M Kume Shia operation completed.
Empire Area. F.A.W. 1 planes destroyed, 1
unidentified ship, 3 small craft. Damaged 1
schooner, 1 Sd. mined S.W. Korea coastal waters.
On 27th sank 1 small A.O. 1 Sd. 1 medium A.K. off
Korea. Damaged 2 Sd. 1 small Ak, 1 medium Ak.
Night 27th 29 B.29s mined Hagi anchorage and (?Noygata). Blue
submarine sinkings Japan sea increased by 1 large Q.P. 2 medium
A.K. 3 medium ships 1 I-class submarine, 1 medium ship damaged.
2 Orange submarines reported to have attacked ~~Antares~~ (A.K.S. 3) at
13.10 N. 155.00 E. SPROSTON (DD.577) proceeded to scene made
several attacks on sight and sonar contact. Reported 2 periscopes
seen. 1 of A Fleet submarine, 1 a midget. Midget submarine was
attacked by gunfire and may have been damaged. A.S.W. operations
at 12.50 N. 151.17 E. following mer ship sightings. 3 B.24s hit
Marcus.
(C. in C. Pac. Adv. 290712 to Admt. for information.)

/Distilling...

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN

Attack on
U-boat
18.2.45
(Contd.)

were also seen for half a mile along the track of the U-boat. United States Task Group later arrived in the area, but failed to obtain any contact.

(2) Consider this attack may have been on U.1233. Request you will investigate and report.
(D.A.U.D., 291910B to Capt. Submarines, Loch Ryan.)

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SITUATION REPORT

East Indies

Andaman Sea

1. Sloops continued patrolling Tenasserim and East Andaman coasts. No enemy were sighted.

Submarine operations

2. Submarine THRASHER on her 5th Far East patrol from 19th to 21st June successfully completed special operations. On 22nd June in vicinity of Langwaki Islands sank 3 coastal craft by gunfire totalling 100 tons taking 3 prisoners. She was counter attacked by aircraft.

Movement

3. ANSON arrived Colombo from Suez.

Far East and Australia

Borneo

90 U.S. Liberators and nine U.S. Mitchells attacked enemy defences Balikpapan and Manggar dropping 202 tons of bombs. .

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Air
squadrons
for
PacificYour 251321 June. B.N.A. Paris 192010 was passed to B.A.D. Washington who has presumably conveyed contents as necessary. My 232102 June being passed refers.
(Hd. of M.I., 301450B to Comnaveu.)Changes in
Naval
Command upon
promulgation
of terminat-
ion of
S.C.A.E.F.'s
Command and
dissolving
of A.N.C.X.F.A.M. 292008 June and my 281943. Propose following should be added to any signal issued on this subject. Specialist advice to F.O.'s on communications, salvage, ship repairs, port repair parties, Naval stores and supplies, etc. will continue to be provided on an interim basis by the staff of British Naval C. in C. Germany. "Technical control of Brussels Naval signal centre will remain with British Naval C. in C. Germany".
(A.N.C.X.F., 301507B to Admty.)OperationsNorth SeaMine
clearanceMy 291344.* Intend sailing 0530 tomorrow Sunday. (M/S 16, 301059B to C. in C.Nore.)
*Intend conducting Oropesa search.
My 301059. Sailing postponed 24 hours in view of M/S 1's 301831 not to all.
(M/S 16 302227B to C. in C. Nore.)

1.5 miles of southern end of S.N.16A cleared. Nil mines swept. Intend resuming clearance a.m. Monday 2nd.

(S.O. 40th M/S F. 301822B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

A.M. Q.Z.X.1467 clearance of B.S.34 completed in G. Formation to A distance of 2.6 miles from western edge, negative result.

(2) Intend to complete clearance of BS 34 tomorrow and commence clearance of B.S.35.

(3) Flotilla anchored for the night in position 357° 40 (?miles from) D.1 (one) buoy.

(S.O. M/S F.15, 302225B to C. in C. Nore.)

Convoy for
RotterdamMy 301159. Request next convoy due to leave The Downs for Rotterdam may be delayed until work is resumed.
(N.O.I.C. Rotterdam, 301241B to C. in C. Nore.)Flag of
R.A.
HuttonThe flag of Rear Admiral F.E.P. Hutton is to be transferred from R.N.H.Q. Brussels to H.M.S. ROYAL KATHERINE and hoisted at the R.N. Barracks Sengwarden near Wilhelmshaven at 0800B on Sunday 1st July.
(A.N.C.X.F., 301442B to Cdre. Belgium, F.O.W.G.)

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Operations

Western Approaches

Capt.(D)
Londonderry

Broad pendant of Commodore G.W.G. Simpson C.B.E. Cdre. D. W.A. will be struck at 2200 today 30th June, when Capt. W.H. Selby D.S.C. will assume duties of Captain (D) Londonderry. (Cdre. (D) W.A. 301755 to C. in C.W.A.)

Operations

Norway

German
Merchant
ships in
Norway

For M.W.T. Mast 96.
(1) I presume from signal 251815* from A.N.C.X.F. to F.O. Norway and Admiralty that there is now no likelihood of early evacuation of German personnel ex Norway to Germany without that consequent 15 German Merchant Ships referred to in my Mast 77 T.O.O. 221957 para. 2 should be prepared

forthwith for P.W. to U.K.

(2) If this is so and before taking necessary steps please confirm to me that none of these 15 dry cargo vessels are to be allocated to Royal Norwegian Government for manning and operations under limited maritime authority. Ship Minder.

(F.O. Norway, 261802B to Admty.)

* Concerning German Ships to be sailed to Humber.

Operations

Baltic

Ships in
port

(a) Sloop HELA. (b) Nil.
(c) Nil. (d) Nil.
(e) Auxiliary Minelayer LINZ, U.J.1104, 1107, 1115, 1121, 1122, 1207, 1208, 1222 (Anti-Submarine Trawlers).

(f) V.P.305, 307, 310, 311, 314, 317, (Escort Trawlers)
V.P.1708 (Whaler).

(g) 3 Motor Torpedo Boats, 1 Tank Landing Craft, 22 Midget submarines.

(h) 1 Tank Landing Craft.

(N.O.I.C. ~~to~~ Eckernförde, 302027 to Admty.)

(a) Nil. (b) Nil. (c) Nil.

(d) One incomplete. 3 Seehunds salved.

(e) Diving vessels LAUSENTE and STROM sailing Training Ship GROSSHERZOGIN ELISABETH.

(f) Smoke laying vessels D.41 G. and D.47 G. One tank ship (no name).

(g) Two minesweepers (M.Class) on sweeping duties with Swedish relief ships. One Depot ship, now used as German Red Cross ship. 3 K.F.Ks.

(h) One small minesweeper. Two incomplete R-boats. One Sperrbrecher. One Depot ship. 35 K.F.Ks.

(N.O.I.C. Lübeck, 302041B to Admty.)

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Enemy Intelligence

UBENA F.O.W.Gs. 291550 not to all. Intend to sail German troopship UBENA escorted by OBDURATE from Brunsbuttel at 1100 on 1st July for Methil by searched channel in force.
(2 -4) Arrangements.
(5) OBDURATE sail to comply.
(Com. Hamburg, 300930 to C. in C. Rosyth.)
Sail at 1100 tomorrow Sunday July 1st by searched Channels in force to comply with F.O.W.G.'s 291550 not to all addressees.
Arrangements.
(N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven, 301857B to ZEALOUS.)

Sailing of U.Bs. Sailed my 291343.
(N.O.I.C. Wilhelmshaven, 301100B to LUDLOW.)

M.4604 N.O.I.C. Channel Island's 191453B and my 301018B neither to all. Intend to sail at 1000B 1st July from Spithead to Southend for onward routing and escort - ex-German minesweeper M.4604 towing M.F.V. PRECISION with NOTRE DAME DE FRANCE as escort and navigational leader.
(2) M.4604 is German manned, no guard on board, destination Humber for Wilhelmshaven. PRECISION is for Grimsby. (Admty. 122136B not to all refers).
(3 - 8) Arrangements.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 301153 to F.O. Humber.)
My 301153 postponed. M.4604 again defective.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 301555 to F.O. Humber.)

Prizes My 291250B sailed.
(Com. Hamburg, 301200 to C. in C. Nore.)

U.1406, U.1407 Salvage operations by P.S.V.O. in progress on U.1406 and 1407.
(2) On completion of salvage propose both German U-boats be towed to Kiel in order that Walter Werke personnel may assess damage and take action to combat corrosion.
(N.O.I.C. Cuxhaven, 301614B to A.N.C.X.F. (Main))
U.1407 on surface in Fischerei-Hafen and pumped out except diving tanks.
(2) Intend to make ship seaworthy for towing to Kiel. Some structural damage to superstructure and one hatch distorted.
(3) Recommend examination of vital parts by expert before she sails to another port. Estimated time for temporary repairs one week.
(N.O.I.C. Cuxhaven, 301721B to A.N.C.X.F. (Main)) .

LEIPZIG Arrived Kiel 1700B today 30th June.
(F.O.I.C. Kiel, 301701B to F.O. Denmark.)

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M.V. BERN Reached Kristiansand under own steam at 1915 29th.
(N.C.S.O. Kristiansand, 301451B to Casualty
Section, Admty.)

Yacht
SUSANNAH PHILOCTETES 282203*. Nothing known of vessel
referred to at Falmouth, St. Ives or Hayle.
(2) Mrs. Week informed Police that her husband
and son left about 14 days without explanation.
(F.O.I.C. Falmouth, 301434B to Admty.)
* Yacht SUSANNAH flying distress signal. (See N.At)
PHILOCTETES 282203* Request you will inform
Mrs. Weeks.
(Hd. of M.II, 301724B to C. in C. Plymouth.)
* Yacht SUSANNAH O.N.162310 encountered.)

Movements

LA
CAPRICIEUSE A.M. 291525B. Intend to sail F.S. LA CAPRICIEUSE
(GSZR) p.m. tomorrow 1st July direct to Toulon
omitting Oran as ship will not require fuel.
S. of A. 16 knots.
(2 - 3) Arrangements.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 301129B to Admty.,
LA CAPRICIEUSE).

CALPE Orders to proceed at 0900B 1st July to Gibraltar.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 301626B to CALPE.)

Russian
Y.M.S. Intend sailing at 0900B/4th U.S.S.R. Y.M.S. 455
(S.O.), 453, 456, 464, 465 and 466 to Gibraltar
for onward routing to the Black Sea.
(2 - 4) Route and Arrangements.
(5) F.O.G.M.A. is requested to provide escort to
meet Y.M.S. in position T. or U. if considered
necessary.
(F.O.I.C. Falmouth, 301847B to F.O.G.M.A.)

Situation at 1200/27th.
H.M.S. RIOU sailed with SPERRBRECHER 24 and M.605 escorting six
Russian minesweepers position 54° 43' N. 012° 40' E. One
additional German escorting minesweeper was prevented from sailing
by boiler defect.
(F.O.I.C. Kiel, 272358B to A.N.C.X.F.)

LOCH
RUTHVEN My 291529. Sailed.
(F.O.I.C. Cardiff, 302130B to F.O.G.M.A.)

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North Atlantic.

Frigate for E.I. Intend to sail ROTHER at 0800B July 1st to Port Said.
(3) S.O.A. 13.5 knots. (4) E.T.A. p.m. July 7th.
(F.O.G.M.A. 301011B to F.O.L.E.M., etc.)
(See below)

MAMELUKE. E.T.A. Ponta Delgada 1900Z Sunday 1st July. 140
Fleet ton oil fuel required. Weather report 9679 9419,
minesweeper. position to nearest degree 56, 54.
(MAMELUKE 301148Z to S.B.N.O. Azores.)

Submarine for B.P.F. My position at 1200A/30th June 038° 15' N. 010°
07' W. course 168°, S.O.A. 12 knots.
(SCORCHER 301201A to F.O.G.M.A.)

Towage of merchant ships. Your 291506*.
As M.O.W.T. are now considering proposal to offer
EMPIRE HAVEN to Portugal on Bare Boat Charter,
vessel should not be sailed pending further
instructions. Dry docking should be deferred if
convenient.

(2) Request CHARON be used for towage of MALINES ready now at
Lisbon to Clyde.

(3) The possibility of repair of THORSHOVDI at an Italian port
is under consideration and further signal will be made.
(D.O.D. 301348B to F.O.G.M.A.)

* CHARON completes refit 2nd July and EMPIRE HAVEN ready for
towage 5th July.

Air-Sea Rescue KNARESBOROUGH CASTLE. My 281801 June. Admiralty pass to Air Ministry.
Para. 3 for July 2nd read July 3rd.
(F.O.G.M.A., 301411B to Admiralty.)

U.S. destroyers. Intend to sail MCLANAHAN (S.O.) and MCKENZIE at
1400 July 1st to comply with Comar Oran 291732Z.
(2) E.T.A. 20° W. 0900B July 3rd and position
Q 0200B July 8th.
(F.O.G.M.A., 301711B to C. in C. Lant.)

Frigate for E.I. Arrival ROTHER.
(F.O.G.M.A., 301729B to Admty.)
(See above)

SILVIO L.S.I.(L) Intend to sail SILVIO escorted by SAXIFRAGE at
1500B July 1st to Plymouth for O/R.
(2) Routed through (all positions N. and W.)
thence by current swept channels to Plymouth.
(3) S.O.A. 10 knots.
(5) SILVIO has damaged stern and cannot work engines astern.
C. in C. Plymouth is requested to have tugs available on arrival.
(F.O.G.M.A., 302342B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

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South Atlantic.

Air Sea
Rescue
Inaccurate
reports.

Admiralty advises A.T.C. radio station Ascension diverted guard vessel 22 away from station for 11 hours 17th June on basis inaccurate ditching report and without authority F.O.C.W.Af. Request A.T.C. Washington be asked direct all A.T.C. Divisions that operational orders to British Guard Vessels derive only from Naval Commands concerned. Requests for ship diversions and searches should be addressed thereto. (Comnaveu 301536 to Cominch.)

A.S. Rescue

Intend sailing COMSLIP to relieve WYE on A.S.R. Station 21 at 1100Z/2nd July. Patrols 4th to 8th WYE to return to Freetown. (F.O.C.W.Af., 301744Z to Comsolant, WYE.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Bulgarian / From Commander Marescaux.
Harbours, / On 24th June I visited Varna in company with
(report on.) / Commissioner and inspected naval dockyard.
Following Bulgarian vessels in harbour. 5
motor M/S. 4 Dutch-built M.T.Bs. (Rolls
engines) immobilised for lack of high octane
fuel. 4 Liurcen (?class) M.T.Bs. 3 old French-built T.Bs. 1
coastguard vessel Black Sea. Soviet M.V. Leningrad. 1 Soviet
salvage vessel. 1 Soviet motor M/S. 2 small training vessels.
1 small M.V. in floating dock. Building. 3 concrete tankers
(1 launched). 4 motor M/S (2 almost completed.) Main port
activity was salvage of 100 odd craft scuttled by Germans in
inner and outer harbours. This work undertaken by Soviet
personnel. Seaplane station built by Germans in 1942 approx.
position 279° 5½ miles from (?jetty) Galata (Chart 2230). 2
large 2 small Hangars 2 slipways.
Para. 2. Visited Burgas 25th June. Little port activity.
1 Soviet M.V. about 6,000 tons alongside. A few Turkish
caiques Bulgarian Coast Guard Vessel "WHITE SEA". No German
vessels scuttled in port. Was heavily chaperoned by two Soviet
A.C.C. Commander and Military Sleuth on this visit. All units
of Bulgarian Navy though manned by own Nationals are under Soviet
operational control. Bulgarian ships and men very clean and
smart contrasting with Soviet naval ratings.
Para. 3. Reference O11516 (N.T. in W.D.) Enquiries have failed
to confirm this rumour. Further details follow in letter
of proceedings.
(A.C.C. Bulgaria 301005B to Admty.)

Transfer of / In view of your 291802 SAXIFRAGE should continue
corvettes to / to U.K. escorting SILVIO.
Greeks. (2) Intend BERGAMOT to be earmarked as the 5th
corvette A.M. 282338 but she should continue in
service vide my 261128 for the present.
(C. in C. Med., 301038B to F.O.G.M.A.)

U.S. Staff / Intend sail U.S.C.G.C. DUANE with staff Comphib
Comphib Group. / Group 10 embarked at 1400/30th to Bermuda for
onward routeing Charleston S.C.
(2) Speed 17. (5) All times Z. (4) E.T.A.
Bermuda 0800Z/8th.
(Comar Oran 301105B to Admty.)

KELVIN / Sail at 1800B tomorrow, Sunday, to Gibraltar,
destroyer. / for onward routeing to U.K.
(2) S.O.A. 15 knots, E.T.A. 1300B/4th.
(5) C. in C. Med.'s 191548 not to all refers.
(V.A. Malta, 301517B to KELVIN.)

/KINGSTON...

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Mediterranean - Contd.

KINGSTON
CRYSTAL.

Sail at 0900/1st July to Gibraltar for onward
routeing by F.O.G.M.A. to Falmouth. F.O.L.E.M's
221923 not to all refers.
(3) S.O.A. 7 knots, E.T.A. 0900/7th.
(V.A. Malta, 301526B to KINGSTON CRYSTAL.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Submarine
THRASHER.

H.M. submarine THRASHER 5th Far East patrol 19th to 21st June successfully completed special operations 22nd June vicinity Langkawi Islands by gunfire sank three coastal craft totalling 100 tons taking three prisoners and being counter attacked by aircraft two bombs. No damage. (C. in C. E.I., 300636Z to Admty.)

Sloop.

Arrived ^{FALMOUTH} ~~Falmouth~~ 0530Z/29th.
(Com. E.A., 300714Z to Admty.)

Situation
report No.
20.

(1) Andaman Sea. Sloops patrolling Tenasserim and East Andaman coasts sighted no enemy.
(2) Submarines. H.M.S./M THRASHER sank three junks totalling 100 tons vicinity Langkawi Island. (C. in C. E.I., 301259Z to S.A.C.S.E.A.)

Air/Sea
Rescue
re
employment
of corvettes

Your O.51 June 20th not to second and fourth addressees regarding long range rescue craft. Admiralty has asked C. in C. East Indies Fleet earliest dates twelve escort vessels preferably Flower class Corvettes already under his command could be employed for ocean air/sea rescue duties in lieu of Fairmiles. Admiralty signals 281911B and 291846B refer.

(2) If C. in C. East Indies Fleet cannot supply craft, provision will be made from home sources.
(3) Decision to cancel Fairmiles will depend on dates by which Corvettes can be made available and will be notified to you later. (Air Ministry (Kingsway) 301330Z to A.C.S.E.A.)

Cruiser.

Arrived CLEOPATRA.
(N.O.I.C. Aden 301741Z to Admty.)

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America & West Indies.

Frigate. H.M.C.S. LASALLE arrived Esquimalt 0035Z/30th June
(N.O.I.C. Esquimalt 300036Z to N.S.H.Q.)

Re weekly sailing of RIVER class destroyer Clyde to Halifax. H.M.C.S. OTTAWA sailed St. Johns Newfoundland 0249Z/30th June for Greenock.
(2) Speed 18, E.T.A. B. p.m. 3rd July.
(4) When ready about 8th July request OTTAWA with personnel embarked be sailed for Halifax. C. in C. C.N.A. 081500 not to all refers.
(F.O.N.F., 300301Z to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

OLNA Fleet attendant tanker (fast.) OLNA departure 2345Z/29th June for Cristobal for Eniwetok. E.T.A. Cristobal 011901 July route Macrihow speed 16 knots.
(S.B.N.O. Curacao 301303Z to Admty.)

A/A ship for Pacific. H.M.C.S. PRINCE ROBERT expected ready to sail from San Francisco 11th July.
(N.S.H.Q., 301557Z to Admty.)

Far East and Australia.

Re cutting cables from Singapore. A.M. 261306 no specific operations are planned but success may be followed by further cable cutting operations.
(2) If the craft are retained for cable cutting the possibility of an offensive operation will be constantly in mind and subject to the convenience of the U.S. authorities, they will be so employed.
(3) Even so the three items mentioned are not required for cable cutting and are not essential for offensive operations. It is therefore considered that further production of these items should be suspended.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 300203Z to Admty.)

Starting Blue Summary 29th. Ryukyus. A.S.W. operations following submarine sighting north of Okinawa. 39 sorties Sakishima Gunto. Since 18th June T.F. 31 and 10th Army guns and planes destroyed 76 airborne enemy aircraft including suiciders.
Total from 23rd March through 28th 1518.

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Starting Blue Searches Empire Area. F.F.A.W. 18 planes sank 1
Summary 29th. S.D. D.A. damaged R.R. tunnels dock area in
(Contd.) Katsuura. 1 F.A.W. 1 plane sank 1 small craft.
Empire Area. On 28th 141 B.29s bombed Sasebo
urban area. 90 bombed Moji. 111 bombed
Nobeoka. 135 hit Okayama. Nil enemy air
opposition. Flak heavy meagre inaccurate. 17 aircraft landed
at Iwo Jima. 32 T.A.F. P.47s attacked Kushira and Kanoya.
Blue Submarines add to Japan Sea total 1 medium 3 small A.K.
10 small craft.
Total thus far 30 ships sunk by torpedoes 16 small craft by
gunfire. Other submarines report sinking 1 medium A.O. 1 subma-
rine chaser, 4 trawlers, 3 luggers. Damaging 1 gunboat, 1 small
ship.
Blue submarines add to Japan Sea total 1 medium, 3 small A.K.
1 small ship.
A.S.W. operations instituted 50 miles N.E. of Ulithi following
a D.E. report of sound contact. Continued evidence of 1 or
2 Japanese submarines between Eniwetok and Marianas. 20 P.51s
hit Chichi Jima. 3 B.24s hit Marcus.
(C. in C. Pac. Adv. H.Q., 300736Z to All commands, etc.)

Digest 1256 (1) Air R/C. 2 heavy cruisers seen from 8000
29.6.45 feet south side Johore Strait in approx. same
(extract.) positions as previously reported. 4 freighter
transports, 25 small ships also in Johore Straits
and many small ships in Singapore Harbour but
nothing large. 2 small coastal freighters
destroyed by bombs, one harbour tug probably destroyed and
another small tug or launch damaged (?near) Pontianak. One small
freighter transport sunk Canton River mouth. One small coastal
freighter damaged near Hongkong. 4 luggers at Yonakuni in
southwestern Ryukyus attacked and one left blazing others
straffed. Chinese flags noticed displayed Wenchow Island and
natives on strip there appeared friendly.
(11) 93 Liberators 12 Mitchells 12 Lightnings dropped 231 tons
bombs (Balikpapan and?) Manggar defences 28th.
(12) Enemy coastal batteries opened fire on minesweepers off
Balikpapan 28th damaging two ships.
(13) On night 28th P.T. boats straffed buildings at mouth of
Canggar River.
(15) Other operations night 28th June involved two pairs boats
with one L.C.M. gunboat from Morotal (?straffing) Lalela in
Northern Halmahera and one pair from Tarakan killing five Japs.
on raft resisting capture off north coast Tarakan.
(G.H.Q.S.W.P.A., 301000Z to Admty.)

Aircraft , Your 230336. As was stated in A.M. 181953, paras.
for B.P.F. 1 and 2 our total resources of aircraft and man-
power limit the numbers and composition of
Carrier Air Groups.
(2) Your requirements could be met within the Air
Expansion programme if the provision of 1 ILLUSTRIOUS class spare
group is abandoned. Planning then would be for 5 Air Groups of 36
Corsair and 16 Avenger each for the three ILLUSTRIOUS class ships.

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100% spare groups adjusted to your requirements would be provided for the other 3 carriers although resources might ultimately not be adequate to maintain 18 F.A.E. Avengers in the IMPLACABLE class. 50% spare air groups will be formed for COLOSSUS class as planned.

(3) It is proposed to cancel the formation of No. 6 C.A.G. future of 882 Squadron will be decided later.

(4) Firefly Squadrons planned for INDOMITABLE will be re-allocated to provide for IMPLACABLE class.

(5) If you agree planning will be adjusted and the changes promulgated generally.

(5th S.L., 301740B to C. in C. B.P.F.)