

HOME COMMAND SIGNALS

From 1st July 1945 the War Diary for Home Commands was discontinued.

Important signals in Home Commands have been retained, and these have been numbered, listed and indexed monthly, and bound (see volumes - Home Command Signals).

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

<u>HOME COMMANDS</u> (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 - 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) <del>- Shipping and Convoys.</del>
<u>FOREIGN STATIONS</u> (Classification by stations).	- North Atlantic - South Atlantic - Mediterranean - East Indies - America and West Indies - Australia and New Zealand <del>- U-boat Campaign</del>

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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1.9.1945  
Saturday.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Foreign Stations.

Mediterranean.

Italy,  
Genoa.

1. The port of Genoa reduces to R.N.O. status today. The duties of R.N.O. being carried out by N.C.S.O. Genoa.

Levant and  
E. Med.

2. Flag of Vice Admiral W.G. Tennant was hoisted as F.O.L.E.M. today and the broad pendant of Commodore M.J. Mansergh was struck at sunset.

East Indies.

Numbered  
Forces.

3. Forces 13 and 14 are being disbanded at 1200/2nd September.

Far East and Australia.

Japanese  
Surrender  
Tokio.

4. The following major British and Commonwealth war vessels are in Tokio Bay area during the signing of the Japanese surrender:-  
DUKE OF YORK (Flag of C. in C. B.P.F.), and escorts WHELP and WAGER, KING GEORGE V (Flag of V.A. Rawlings), NEWFOUNDLAND (Flag of R.A. Brind), GAMBIA, NAPIER, NIZAM, TERPSICHORE, TEAZER, TENACIOUS, TROUBRIDGE, TERMAGANT, QUALITY, BARFLEUR, WRANGLER, WAKEFUL, WIZARD. Also ships of Fleet Train and Escorts. Most of above ships, except the Fleet Flagship and escorts, have been at sea continuously for more than 55 days. Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm from INDEFATIGABLE are patrolling over Tokio Bay in company with aircraft from U.S. Fleet during the ceremony.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

A.S.R. Stns. Intend to sail KNARESBOROUGH CASTLE at 2200B/1st  
KNARESBOROUGH Sept. to A.S.R. Station, to relieve CAISTOR CASTLE,  
CASTLE. speed 12 knots, E.T.A. 0900B/4th Sept. On relief  
CAISTOR CASTLE return to Gibraltar.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 011026A to KNARESBOROUGH CASTLE.)

South Atlantic.

Destroyers. CATTERICK and LAUDERDALE arrived Walvis Bay  
1300B and sailed again 2345 August 31st.  
(C. in C. S.A., 011021" to Admty.)

S.A. frigates Suspend action on my 292136 August as the Union  
for E.I. Government appear to be changing their mind again.  
(C. in C. S.A., 011102B to Admty.)

Cutter Sailed BANFF escorting H.D.M.L. 4003 and 4004  
BANFF, direct to Tulear thence coastal to Majunga and  
E.I. Escort Diego Suarez to comply.  
Force. S.O.A. 9 knots. BANFF will report E.T.A. Tulear,  
Majunga and Diego Suarez.  
(Cdre. i/c R.N.E. Durban, 011215Z to Admty., etc.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Frigate  
LOCH  
KILLISPORT,  
E.I. Escort  
Force.

Intend to sail LOCH KILLISPORT at 1800B Sept.  
5th to Port Said. S.O.A. 15 knots, E.T.A.  
1200C/8th.  
(V.A.M., 011048B to S.N.O.R.S.A.)  
Amended 011727.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Movements, Arrived C. in C. E.I. in CLEOPATRA and  
C. in C. E.I. BARRACUDA.  
(B.S. 3, 010040Z to C. in C. E.I.)

Movement, Sailed PETARD.  
destroyer. (F.O. 3rd B.S., 010310Z to C. in C. E.I. Stn.)

A.F.D. 23, A. A.F.D. 23 requisite tanks blown displacing  
(salvage.) 17310 giving dock buoyance moment of 60,000 foot  
tons with trim 230 tons by the stern. This with  
additional heaving moment of 152,500 foot tons  
failed to break suction. Further extensive  
scouring necessary to break vessel out of the mud.  
B. As SALVIGIL is required in forward areas request that Master  
of OCEAN SALVOR be given authority to extend his articles for  
further short period.  
C. In view of your 242230 August and my 271120 August request  
instructions.  
(C. in C. E.I., 010526Z to Admty.)

"Zipper" "Zipper" convoy, J.M.G. 1 sailed 0730Z/1st Sept.  
convoy less KEDAH, SALVIGIL, BELRAY, Belpareil, F.T. 27  
J.M.G.1. plus WING SANG, WHITE BEAR.  
(N.C.S.O. Colombo, 010740 to Admty.)

War Office S.A.C. 20544. War Office policy regarding the  
policy for despatch of formations to S.E.A.C. is fully  
Commanders appreciated and understood. It would nevertheless  
S.E.A.C. be of great assistance if you could state the long  
term policy regarding the Commando Group.  
(2) It is obviously unsatisfactory to have one  
Commando Brigade separated from the other by  
thousands of miles and it is therefore desirable at some stage  
or another either to bring the Commando Brigade in Europe out  
to this theatre or alternatively to send No. 3 Commando Brigade  
home.  
(3) The advantages of getting the Commando Brigade from Europe  
out here are:-  
A. Half the men are Marines and therefore do not fall under the  
army manpower ceiling.  
B. The Admiralty policy is understood to be in favour of sending  
the Marine Commandos out East.  
C. From the point of view of British prestige and propaganda the  
British units in our occupation forces are lamentably few.  
Anything that can increase their number will be invaluable.  
D. The Commando Group H.Q. will be able to exercise command and  
control in one theatre.  
(4) In the light of the above can you please state what the  
future policy will be and whether there is any chance of Commando  
Group H.Q. and the remaining Commando Brigade coming out to this  
theatre if we apply for it.  
(S.A.C.S.E.A., 010859Z to Admty.)

/Monitor...

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Monitor. Arrived ABERCROMBIE.  
(C. in C. E. Af., 011030Z to Admty.)

C. in C.E.I. Movement. Sailed C. in C. E.I. in CLEOPATRA.  
(B.S. 3, 011031Z to C. in C. E.I. Colombo.)

S/Ms in Far East. In view of A.M. 290205 cancel my 280914 paras. 1 and 4.  
(2) Intend sailing submarines independently as passage speeds vary considerably and to facilitate storing.  
(3) Sailings will be completed by 6th October.  
(4) Further signal will be made regarding WOLFE.  
(C. in C. E.I., 011041 to Admty., Info. F.O. S/M.)

Situation report No.29. Rangoon conference established Rangoon for us to use coastal waters of enemy occupied territory. B.S. 3 in NELSON and Cdre. (D) LIBERTY, LONDON anchored off Penang and Sabang respectively 28th August. Japanese Liaison Officer at both ports co-operating and providing all information required.  
(2) Present disposition of forces in situation report number 28 are  
A. Penang. NELSON, CEYLON, HUNTER, ATTACKER, TARTAR, VOLAGE, RELENTLESS, PRINSES BEATRIX, QUEEN EMMA.  
B.Y.M.S. sweeping channel since 28th August.  
B. Lankawi I. Coastal Force L.S.T. 383, H.M.I.S. KISTNA, 3 tankers.  
C. Sabang. LONDON, ROCKET.  
D. Malacca Strait. 6th, 7th and 37th M.S.F. who commenced sweeping southward from One fathom Bank 2nd Sept. 2 tankers and PETARD in company. Japanese M/S will escort to Singapore.  
E. Returning Trincomalee VERULAM, RAIDER. Proceed arrive Penang 2nd from Trincomalee, NIGERIA, ROTHERHAM, RACEHORSE, REDOUBT, PALADIN, NUBIAN.  
G. On passage Penang to Sabang thence Trincomalee. EMPIRE SALVAGE.  
(3) Situation at ports.  
A. Penang, Port Swettenham Pier unobstructed. No prisoners of war 640 internees. About 200 Japanese residents. Adequate rations and little sick. Ready for occupation by 2nd Sept.  
B. Sabang wharves mostly obstructed by wreckage most buildings harbour area badly damaged. Food and medical stores very short. Neglect and malnutrition are prevalent. All Japanese forces and Sumatra coolies will leave Island for Kota Raja by 2nd Sept. on which date Japanese ready to hand over to us.  
(4) C. in C. E.I. embarked in ABERCROMBIE (arrived and left same day) Sabang 30th August and arrived Penang 1st Sept.  
(5) S.O. Force N in SUSSEX with VIGILANT left Trincomalee 31st with L.C.V.(2) representatives arrived Singapore Strait 4th Sept. to arrange occupation of Singapore by 5th Division who arrive 5th Sept. from Rangoon. F.O. Malaya designate also arrives 5th Sept. in H.Q. ship KEDAH. Singapore port party arrives 6th Sept. in ACTIVITY and 2 L.S.Ts.

Cleopatra



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East Indies.

Situation report No.29. (Contd.) (6) Third Commando Brigade embarked in GLENGYLE and LLANSTEPHAN CASTLE escorted by H.M.C.S. ONTARIO left Trincomalee 31st Aug. for Hongkong E.T.A. 11st Sept. Will be joined in Singapore Strait 6th Sept. by SMITER carrying 132 R.A.F. Spitfire Squadron and by 2 L.S.Ts. and one store ship.  
(C. in C. E.I., 011114Z to Admty.)

E.I.Forces. Forces 13 and 14 are to be disbanded at 1200/2nd Sept.  
(B.S. 3, 011202Z to Cs. in C. E.T., E.I., etc.)

Air-Sea Rescue E.I. Stations. A.G.2007 1/9. Ref. Air Min. signal A.G.3619 dated 18/8.  
(2) A.C.S.E.A. now inform immediate requirements for air-sea rescue coverage in Indian Ocean as follows. Corvettes on station at points equally spaced along route Rangoon to Penang, to obtain this two corvettes to be based at Rangoon and two at Penang when open. Corvettes on station at points equally spaced along route Ceylon to Cocos, to obtain this three corvettes to be based at Cocos and three in Ceylon. Corvettes on station in position 24° N. 62° E. to cover Refors route to Karachi, to obtain this two corvettes to be based at Karachi.  
(3) C. in C. E.I. states backing six corvettes necessary for docking and maintenance making total allocation eighteen.  
(4) The above is an immediate requirement to cover heavy traffic now using routes and is a minimum representing one corvette per 700 mile routes.  
(5) Further requirements to cover eastward extension will be forwarded later.  
(6) In addition to the A.C.S.E.A. requirements stated above cover is also required for route Karachi to Masirah which is divided responsibility between R.A.F.M.E. and A.C.S.E.A. but understood to be in C. in C. E.I. Command. Suggest two craft based at Karachi and two at Masirah would meet this commitment.  
(A.M. Kingsway, 011230 to Admty.)

Frigate LOCH FYNE E.I. Escort Force from U.K. Arrived LOCH FYNE.  
(Com. Aden, 011627Z to Admty., etc.)

Hydrographic surveys China coast. *etc.* In view of lack of chart production machinery in B.P.F. and the very complete chart production unit at Kandy, consider that WHITE BEAR should be detached when surveys on China coast are required in preference to CHALLENGER.  
(2) Meantime request surveying motor boat and party may be shipped for work at Hongkong.  
(3) Arrangements are being made to send SHARPSHOOTER as soon as conversion for surveying is completed to relieve CHALLENGER probably in Jan. 1946.  
C. in C. B.P.F.Fleet 240735 and your 280922 refers.  
(Hydrog., 011840A to C. in C. E.I.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America & West Indies.

Destroyer  
QUILLIAM  
from B.P.F.  
to U.K.

QUILLIAM departed Bermuda 1105Z for Chatham.  
(S.B.N.O. Western Atlantic, 011127Z to Admty., etc)

S/M SEA ROVER  
refitting  
U.S.A.

Sail SEA ROVER about 7th Sept. when ready  
Philadelphia to Bermuda for working up. Ultimate  
destination U.K.  
(Cominch 011602Z to Comeastseafon.)

U.S. cruiser  
PHILADELPHIA  
to U.K. and  
return.

When directed by C.T.G. 2313 on 6th Sept. proceed  
at best cruising speed in compliance Cinclant  
291436.  
(Cotclant, 012011 to PHILADELPHIA.)

Far East and Australia.

Possible date  
release Fleet  
Train Ships.

Amend my 300543 Aug. para. 2 to read "Fleet Tanker  
Requirements refer my 240610."  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 010123Z to Admty.)

Floating Tran-  
sit Storage.

Your 082357 Aug. Relief ships for Marudu are not  
now required.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 010228Z to Admty.)

Signing of  
Japanese  
Surrender  
in Tokio Bay.

For Chief of Naval Information from Admiral Fraser.  
Following ships will be in Tokio area during the  
signing of the Japanese Surrender, DUKE OF YORK  
(Admiral Fraser) and her two escorts WHELP and  
WAGER the following ships of Task Force 37 KING  
GEORGE V, (Vice Admiral Rawlings) NEWFOUNDLAND,  
(Rear Admiral Brind), H.M.N.Z.S. GAMBIA, H.M.A.S.  
NAPIER, H.M.A.S. NIZAM, H.M.S. TERPSICHORE, TEAZER, TENACIOUS,  
TROUBRIDGE, TERMAGANT, QUALITY, BARFLEUR, WRANGLER, WAKEFUL,  
WIZARD.

The following ships of the Fleet Train DINGLEDALE, CARELIA, WAVE  
KING, FORT WRANGEL, CITY OF DIEPPE, Hospital ship TJITJALENGKA  
with their escorts SPEAKER, RULER, PHEASANT, CRANE, WOODCOCK,  
WHIMBREL, DERG. H.M.A.S. IPSWICH, BALLARAT, PIRIE, CESSNOCK,  
nearly all the above, except for DUKE OF YORK, WHELP and WAGER,  
have been at sea continuously for more than 55 days.

(2) Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm from INDEFATIGABLE will be  
patrolling over Tokio Bay in company with naval aircraft from the  
U.S. Fleet during the ceremony.

(3) It would be much appreciated if full publicity to the above  
could be given by the B.B.C. especially on the Pacific programmes.  
The Fleet Train ships have never yet heard their names mentioned.  
(C.T.F. 111, 010826 to Admty.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia - Contd.

Ex Ps. O W.  
and loss of  
S/Ms in Far  
East.

Lieut. D.C. Douglas, prisoner of war now in Allied hands states that (STRATAGEM) was sunk off Malacca by depth charges on 22nd Nov., 1944 after torpedoing one 2000 ton ship on 19th. Only following 8 men reached the surface alive. Lieut. Douglas, Leading Seaman Gibbs and A.B. Robinson, who were taken to Japan in Dec. and A.Bs. Webb, Hichens, Philips, Stoker Howlett and one other who were left in Singapore in Nov. Douglas also believes that STONEHENGE was lost with all hands by accident, as Japanese have no record of her loss and he heard nothing of survivors.

(2) A.B., H.W. Robinson, P/JX 248187 also now in Allied hands.  
(3) Names of alleged survivors other than Douglas and Robinson not yet verified.  
(V.A. B.P.F., 010932Z to Admty.)

Japanese  
Surrender  
at Hongkong.

This is a re-encyphered version of my 011526 (N.T. in W.D.) sent to Chingking begins: Evacuation of Island of Hongkong by Japanese completed today Saturday except for one or two small parties. No incidents sofar although a good deal of minor looting by Chinese. Landing parties from ships are maintaining order assisted by Chinese Police enrolled by Civil Authorities. A curfew has been imposed from 2100 to 0900.

(C.T.G. 111.2, 011539Z to C. in C. B.P.F.)

Hydrographic  
survey of  
China coast.

The need for Hydrographic Surveys on the China coast is foreseen. C. in C. B.P.F. 240735, not to A.C.N.B. refers. Navy Board are requested to say whether a R.A.N. Surveying ship could be lent to assist in this service.  
(Hydrographer, 011845A to A.C.N.B.)  
See 030906Z.

2.9.1945  
Sunday.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Foreign Stations.

Far East and Australia.

Japanese  
surrender.

1. Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser today at 0908 hrs. I. time on behalf of His Majesty's Government joined with representatives of the Allied powers in signing the Articles of the Surrender of Japan on board the U.S. battleship MISSOURI in Tokio Bay.

Hongkong.

2. Taking over of Colony is still proceeding without serious incident. Kowloon Dockyard is now clear of Japanese and the White Ensign has been flying over Kaitak aerodrome since noon yesterday.

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Sunday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

A.S.R. 20. Intend to sail HADLEIGH CASTLE at 2000B/2nd Sept. to A.S.R. Station 20 to relieve LANCASTER CASTLE.  
(2) Speed 12 knots, E.T.A. 1600B/4th Sept.  
(3) On relief LANCASTER CASTLE return to Gib. (F.O.G.M.A., 020949B to LANCASTER CASTLE, HADLEIGH CASTLE.)

OTTAWA, E.T.A. Ponta Delgada 0900Z/3rd Sept.  
destroyer. (H.M.C.S. OTTAWA, 021142Z to N.O.I.C. Horta.)

DEVONSHIRE, Intend to sail DEVONSHIRE at 2200B/2nd Sept.  
(cruiser.) to Plymouth.  
(3) Speed 18.5 knots, E.T.A. 1030A/5th Sept. (F.O.G.M.A., 021149B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

South Atlantic.

Trawlers Intend to sail DRANGEY, WELLARD and NORTHERN DAWN  
for U.K. from Capetown about August 15th.  
(2) Approx. programme as follows. Read in two columns.

<u>Place.</u>	<u>Time of Arrival.</u>
Walvis Bay	August 19th
Takoradi	August 30th.
Subject to coal stocks being available	
Freetown	September 5th
Gibraltar	September 17th
Plymouth	September 25th

(3) LADY ELSA, LE TIGRE and WASTWATER will be sailed about August 22nd and CAPE WARWICK and NORTHERN DUKE at end of August all by similar route.  
(Capetown C.C.O., 020930B to Plymouth C.C.O.)

*quarry 2nd Aug*

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

F.O. Levant  
& E. Med.

Vice Admiral W.G. Tennant has taken up his appointment as F.O.L.E.M. his flag having been hoisted and the broad pendant of Commodore M.J. Mansergh struck on shore sunset on 1st Sept. (F.O.L.E.M., 021235C to C. in C. Med. (N))

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Hongkong,  
evacuation  
R.A.P.W.I.

S.A.C. 20648/Mov. Tn. Amsso. signal 5420 T.O.O.  
301620Z August and Admiralty signal T.O.O. 291905A  
August not to all.

(1) Urgently request details your plans for  
evacuation of R.A.P.W.I. from Hongkong to Manila  
and what assistance if any, is required from this  
theatre.

(2) Troop transports HIGHLAND MONARCH and TAKLIWA should reach  
Hongkong end Sept. with administrative troops for Three Commando  
Brigade. We had originally intended to use these ships for  
evacuation Hongkong to U.K. and India respectively.

(3) Understand however from C. in C. Afpac. 311517Z that he plans  
to evacuate to Manila no A.P.W.I. except those recovered in  
Philippines or for evacuation to N.America which total on present  
information some 550 Canadian and American personnel. In  
addition to EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA allocated to you in accordance  
with above quoted Admiralty Signal am assuming TAKLIWA will be  
available to you to evacuate Indian R.A.P.W.I. to India and  
HIGHLAND MONARCH to assist clear balance. If essential can  
provide one hospital ship to sail from India with TAKLIWA  
and HIGHLAND MONARCH.

(4) Agreed P.S.T.O. S.E.A.C.

(S.A.C.S.E.A., 020901Z to C.T.G. 111.2 for Admiral Harcourt.)

F.O. Force N.  
(Penang)

Arrived F.O. Force N in SUSSEX and VIGILANT.  
(B.S. 3, 020930Z to C. in C. E.I.)

VENUS,  
destroyer.

Sailed VENUS in accordance with N.O.I.C. Durban's  
281014 August. E.T.A. Addu Atoll 1030Z Sept.  
(N.O.I.C. Mauritius, 021017Z to Admty.)

Japanese  
Surrender.

Tokio agreement is complete, landings may take  
place as planned 3rd Sept. para. 6 my 270545 August  
refers.  
(C. in C. E.I., 021436Z to F.O. 3rd B.S., S.O.  
Force 68.)

Surrender &  
occupation  
Penang, etc.

After some haggling Saigon finally gave instruc-  
tions to Rear Admiral Uozumi to sign the agreement  
for the British occupation of Penang and this was  
done at 2115 FG 2nd Sept. The occupation commences  
tomorrow Monday at 0800 FG  
(B.S.3, 021507Z to C. in C. E. I. (Afloat.))

Movement.

Arrived Dutch submarine TIJGERHAAI. Departed  
L.S.T. 369, 3508.  
(Com. Aden, 021515Z to Admty., C. in C. E.I.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

Hongkong (repair company for) 250 R.M.E.S. in SHIRABANK leave Sydney 2nd Sept. to proceed to Hongkong as a port repair company. V.A.(Q)'s 280552 para. 2 to Admiralty only refers. (C. in C. B.P.F., 020237Z to C.T.G. 111.2)

Allied prisoners of war. Your 280700. Request information as to when P.O.W. can be received at Manila. (2) EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA will be ready to sail with Allied prisoners of war, including Indians, about 8th Sept. (3) R.D.O. Manila pass to Brigadier Loop. (C. in C. Hongkong, 020358Z to C. in C. B.P.F.) See 030304Z.

Japanese surrender. From Admiral Fraser. I have today Sunday 2nd Sept. on behalf of the Government of the U.K. joined with representatives of the Allied Powers in signing the Articles of the Surrender of Japan on board the U.S.S. MISSOURI in Tokio Bay. (C.T.F. 111, 020425Z to Admty.)

Hongkong evacuation of P.O.W. etc. My 011531 (N.T. in W.D.) not to all. OXFORDSHIRE will be sailed for Manila 3rd Sept. She has on board all prisoners of war and Civilian internees who require to be evacuated from Hongkong by hospital ship. A great number are very ill and if they had to stay at Manila any length of time the consequences would be serious. There are a large number of cases of Tuberculosis. (2) Request earnest consideration be given to sailing ship to U.K. after landing at Manila patients for Australia, New Zealand and Canada. Ship could call at Bombay to land Indians most of whom are in a desperate condition. (3) Intend keeping MANGANUI here as although not required here for prisoners of war, ship is well placed to proceed to Formosa when necessary. (4) R.D.O. Manila pass to Com. 7th Fleet and Comphlseafron. (5) Admiralty pass to B.A.D. Washington. (C. in C. Hongkong, 021103Z to C. in C. B.P.F.) C. in C. B.P.F., 060535 to C. in C. Hongkong.

Hongkong (situation at.) Taking over of colony is still proceeding without serious incident. Kowloon dockyard is now clear of Japanese and White Ensign has been flying over Kai-tak Aerodrome since noon 1st Sept. All ships have been demilitarised and crews evacuated. WHIRLWIND and QUADRANT today evacuated 254 special Terrier Troops, from Lamma Island where suicide boats were spotted. All boats were rendered useless. A shed has been found in Kowloon containing about 50 brand new suicide boats. EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA with 3,000 R.A.F. re-inforcements delayed 24 hours by typhoon. (C. in C. Hongkong, 021427Z to C. in C. B.P.F., Admty.)



3. 9. 1945  
Monday.

War Diary.

SITUATION REPORT.

Foreign Stations.

East Indies.

Malaya.

1. Landing and occupation of Penang commenced today and is going very satisfactorily. F.O. Force N (SUSSEX and VIGILANT) landed at 0800 FG.

Far East and Australia.

Hongkong.

2. (a) Rear Admiral Harcourt having assumed duties of C. in C. Hongkong, has ceased to be A.C. 11.  
(b) Command of T.G. 111.2 is to be transferred to Rear Admiral Daniel (B.S. 1) temporarily.  
(c) Hongkong Island situation remains quiet although Japanese executioner who fell into Chinese hands came to an untimely end.

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North Atlantic.

A.F.D. 12.

A.F.D. 12 P.C.S. 37.30 N. 10.08 W. 320, 5½. Wind north east, force 3 to 4, visibility 15 miles, sea slight to moderate.  
(GUARDSMAN, 031211A to Gibraltar, Admty.)

South Atlantic.

Destroyers.

Capetown arrivals 0700B Sept. 3rd CATTERICK and LAUDERDALE.  
(C. in C. S.A., 030924 to Admty.)

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Mediterranean.

Italian  
S/Ms for  
Med.

Destination in Mediterranean for Italian submarines from Bermuda is Taranto. Your 282125 August and A.M. 300423A August not to all refers.  
(2) Admiralty pass to N.A. Paris.  
(C. in C. Med., 031018B to B.A.D. Washington.)

Visit of  
H.M.S. AJAX,  
Istanbul.

Reference my 311810 August\* para. 1A. Chief of Naval Staff most desirous that AJAX should remain Istanbul at least until 18th Sept. and hope that visit can be extended beyond that date. Turks are proposing 3 official parties, dinner from Vali day of arrival, lunch by Admiral Commanding

Squadron 2nd day, and dinner by Naval C. in C. 3rd day of visit.  
(2) Sincerely hope visit can be extended until 19th Sept, and request early reply. Turkish Navy seem so genuinely desirous to entertain our ships in (corrupt groups) possible, among other things transport ashore in Istanbul will be free for all officers and ratings during their visit.

(3) Further signal follows with important details of programme for 15th Sept.

(B.N.A. Ankara, 031258 to C. in C. Med. Info. F.O.L.E.M. Admty.)  
Approved 041209.

\* Turkish Govt. making arrangements for visit of Regent and Staff of AJAX.

My 031258 following are important extracts from programme being issued by Turkish General Staff for AJAX's arrival at Istanbul 15th Sept.

(2) 0700 L.C's for AJAX, MARNE, METEOR leave Istanbul and board vessels off Stefano Point. Details of anchoring requirement will be given to Commanding Officers, they will be off Dolmabagche Palace where YAVUZ and 2 destroyers will also be anchored.

(3) 0900 AJAX arrives in entrance of Bosphoros 1 mile from Selimyeh Barracks (Asiatic shore) salute de jure 21 guns. Salute returned at once. President may be at Dolmabagche Palace (not probable) and would be saluted after return of salute to country.

(4) 1130 Regent will leave AJAX, AJAX to salute when he leaves ship YAVUZ to salute when he lands Dolmabagche Palace. After Regent is ashore AJAX to salute Naval C. in C. in YAVUZ 15 guns.

(5) 1130 C.O. AJAX with Staff Officers and C.Os. destroyers calls on C. in C. YAVUZ. Official calls continue until about 1800 and no break for lunch.

(6) Dress of day 15th number 10's and after that date number 5 or 10 according to whether Turks will conform with us as regards dress and swords will not be worn.

(7) Admiral Altinca asks if C.O. AJAX will lay wreath on War of Independence Memorial in Taxim Square. Propose this is done as all concerned would greatly appreciate act. Ceremony would take place on (?16th) Sept. and other than party mentioned in my 031258 would probably be only official ceremony after 15th Sept.

Admty.'s approval has not been asked vide C.A.F.O. 1793/33.  
(D.N.A. Ankara, 031730C to C. in C. Med., see 071216C.)

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East Indies.

Force N. Sailed S.O. Force N in SUSSEX and VIGILANT.  
(B.S. 3, 030040Z to C. in C. E.I.)

Convoy D occupation forces. Convoy "Tiderace" D sailed.  
(2) For "Flashlight", EGRA, CITY OF AUCKLAND.  
(3) For "Shackle" TALMA, MORETON BAY, ITOLA, ITAURA, JALAVEERA, L.S.T. 324.  
(4) S.O.A. 10 knots. (5) R.D.G. E.S.  
(6) B.A.D. Washington pass to Cominch (C. & R.)  
(N.C.S.O., Rangoon, 030135Z to C. in C. E.I.S.)

Japanese surrender (negotiations) May have difficulty over parleys on 4th Sept. as B.S. 3 has been given a letter signed by the Japanese Army and Naval Commander at Liu Tiu Islands - stating "They are not allowed to negotiate directly with the C. in C. British E.I. representative before the formal agreement is made between the S.A.C.S.E.A.C. - The Supreme Commander of Japanese in the Southern Region." I have asked B.S. 3 to inform (?authorities) that Conference on board SUSSEX is being held by representatives of S.A.C.S.E.A. and is for the purpose of arranging details based on the general agreement signed at Rangoon.  
(S.O. Force N, 030303 FG to S.A.C.S.E.A.C.)

Ships on E.I. Stn. to be undarkened. All H.M. ships and Merchant Ships throughout E.I. Stn. are to proceed undarkened (5 groups missing). This includes ships engaged in current operations. 801C (070937/7) of 7th July is cancelled.  
(C. in C. E.I., 030438Z to All S.Os. etc., E.I.)

Troop transports. Position of troop transport at noon 3rd Sept. 1945.  
A. Arrivals SEARCHER sailing MORETON BAY, TALMA, EGRA all 2nd Sept. sealed orders.  
B. MORETON BAY embarked troops 31st August, TALMA and EGRA embarked troops 1st Sept., ETHIOPIA embarks troops 6th Sept. SEARCHER embarks R.A.P.W.Is. 3rd Sept.  
C. SEARCHER 4th Sept.  
D. ETHIOPIA waiting to embark troops.  
(P.S.T.O. Colombo, 030835Z to D. of S.T.)

Penang, surrender of Corrupt group. Landed at Penang at 0800 FG 3rd Sept. All going well. The locals seem very pleased.  
(B.S. 3, 030545Z to C. in C. E.I.)

Penang, Force N (SUSSEX, VIGILANT.) F.O. Force N landed at Penang at 0800 FG 3rd Sept. All going well. The locals seem very pleased.  
(B.S. 3, 030545Z to C. in C. E.I.)  
"Jurist" situation at 1800 FG 3rd Sept. Everything is going very satisfactorily.  
(2) Colombo C.C.O. pass to S.A.C.S.E.A.  
(B.S. 3, 031221Z to C. in C. E.I.)

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Operation "Zipper".            Operation (? "Zipper") Convoy J.M.C. 2 sailed 1800/3rd, CORBRAE, Cdre. EMPIRE, NEWFOUNDLAND, crane ship plus WALNUT BEND, EMPIRE MULL, SAN ZOTICO, TARASCON.  
(2) Last three routed to AK. in QC. 195 for (?Singapore). C. in C. E.I., 010618 not to all refers.  
(3) OPHIR sailed 1800/3rd in accordance with C. in C. E.I. 310614 (N.T. in W.D.) not to all, to R/V with J.M.A. one fast.  
(4) B.A.D. Washington pass to Connav.  
(N.O.I.C. Trincomalee, 031211Z to Admty.)

Monitor.                    Arrived ROBERTS.  
(Com. E. Africa, 031414Z to Admty.)

Movement.                Arrived L.S.T. 3504. Departed Dutch S/M TIJGERHAAI.  
(Com. Aden, 031531Z to Admty.)

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LEANDER, Departure 1530Z/2 LEANDER for U.K. (Rosyth).  
.cruiser. (N.O.I.C. Montreal, 021630Z to N.S.H.Q.)

Far East and Australia.

Hongkong, Following for C. of S.  
required Following are the estimated monthly requirements  
supplies. of essential dry goods and fuel for the colony  
of Hongkong.

(2) <u>Article</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Rice	17,500 tons
Beans	2,000 tons
Sugar	2,500 tons
Flour	3,500 tons
Tea	500 tons
Peanut oil	420 tons
Gas coal	400 tons
Gas coke	500 tons
Bituminous	12,000 tons
Anthracite	1,500 tons
Heavy boiler oil	500 tons
Diesel oil	30,000 gallons
Mogas	50,000 gallons
Kerosene	5,000 tons

- (3) The figure 5,000 tons quoted in N.O.I.C. Hongkong 010009 (not to all) should be amended to read 12,000 tons.
  - (4) Present situation. Food. Ten days stock of essential foods known to exist in private ownership, and a further limited quantity may be obtained from Macao. Fuel. No stocks whatsoever in hand.
- (C. in C. Hongkong, 030026Z to Admty.) *See 121148A*

Evacuation (1) Following signal passed to General MacArthur  
of Allied from Admiral Fraser, "Request you will confirm  
P.O.Ws. that in accordance with instructions I have  
received it is the responsibility of the U.S. to  
transport Allied prisoners of war to U.S. ex-  
cluding any special arrangements being made for  
Australians, New Zealanders and Indians and that it is the  
responsibility of the U.K. to transport them onwards away from the  
U.S.

(2) Request further confirmation that Allied P.O.W. evacuated  
from Hongkong by British ships may be received in camp at Manila  
prepared for Allied prisoners of war evacuated from Japan and the  
coast of China. Your 311517 (N.T. in W.D.) to C. in C. Britpacflt.  
does not make this clear."

(3) Reply to your 020358Z and S.A.C.S.E.A's 020901\* not to all  
must await reply to signal in para. 1. R.D.O. Manila pass to  
Brigadier Loup.  
(C. in C. Britpacflet., 030304Z to C. in C. Hongkong.)  
\* 020901 intended. Evacuation of P.O.W.

/C. in C. ...

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Evacuation of Allied P.O.Ws. (Contd.) C. in C. Hongkong 021103 (N.T. in W.D.)\* not to all subject to concurrence of C. in C. East Indies approved for OXFORDSHIRE to proceed to Bombay via Manila such patients for Australia, New Zealand and Canada as can be accepted by U.S. authorities should be landed at Manila.  
(2) C. in C. Hongkong is requested to arrange onward sailing of ship from Manila, wireless link as para. 4 of my 020215+ being provided as far as Singapore.  
(3) C. in C. East Indies is requested to inform C. in C. Hongkong earliest date of passage through Malacca Strait and route on entering S.E.A.C. area.  
(4) Request Admiralty decision whether OXFORDSHIRE should proceed from Bombay to U.K.  
(5) A.C.N.B., N.Z.N.B., N.S.H.Q. Ottawa please inform respective Governments.  
(6) R.D.O. Manila pass to Comphilseafron.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 030305Z to C. in C. Hongkong, Admty., etc.)  
\* 021303 intended, sailing of OXFORDSHIRE for Manila.  
+ re landing of P.O.Ws. at Manila from OXFORDSHIRE.

Monrads for Hongkong. Radar at Hongkong, your 271840\* (N.T. in W.D.) June it is proposed that the two in number Monrads Type N.Z.M.E.I. which are expected in Sydney shortly should be sent to Hongkong for Radar fixing and protection in that harbour.  
(2) Propose also that the order with N.Z.N.B. for the other four type N.Z.M.E.Ls. should be cancelled.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 030442Z to Admty.)  
\* Concerns requirements for 6 Radar type N.Z.M.E.I. (Modified) 130435Z (Navy 959) para. 3, refers.

Cook Is., U.S. maintain Token Garrison on. Information has been received that on the recommendation of State Department and in view of Post War implications U.S. authorities intend to maintain Token Garrison in Aitutaki and Penrhyn Island of Cook Group with the assigned mission of maintaining the airfields there.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 030451 to Admty.)

Movements. Your 280108\* E.T.As. Eniwetok. SAMESK 8th, SAMDART 11th, SAMSPERRIN 13th, SAMSTRULE 15th, SAMPHILL 15th, FORT ASTORIA 17th, SAMKANSA 19th, SAMSHEE unknown. Further information as available. (Eniwetok, 030634 to C. in C. B.P.F., Info. C. in C. E.I.)  
\* Ships of Vacuum Convoy to be routed to Leyte for onward passage to Singapore.

Hongkong Japanese landing craft. Your 011018 (N.T. in W.D.) Received corrupt. Quantity Japanese motor transport and shipping in Hongkong is negligible. What little there is will be essential for opening the Port in order to provide assistance and support to Chinese and American Forces in Hinterland in accordance with Chiefs of Staff Directive.

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Hongkong, Japanese Landing craft. (Contd.) A small number Japanese landing craft may eventually become available for Chinese when replacements are available. (C. in C. Hongkong, 030709 to N.A. Chungking.)

Hydrographic surveys, China coast. It is regretted that owing to Government decisions in regard to demobilisation of the Royal Australian Navy and of our own hydrographic commitments, the request contained in your 011845 cannot be acceded to. (A.C.N.B., 030906Z to Admty.)

Hongkong situation. (1) Hongkong Island Situation remains quiet although Japanese Executioner who fell into Chinese hands came to an untimely end. (2) Kowloon City and Environs. Docks now occupied by us and by 1600I/4th Sept. intend to take over maintenance of law and order from Japanese for City of Kowloon. On 5th Sept. Japanese will be disarmed, including officers. Swords of Japanese General and Admiral will be surrendered to me personally when surrender terms are signed. It will not be possible to put Japanese into prisoners cage-until our own prisoners can be embarked in EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA. (3) New territory. After that there will remain some 2,500 Japanese in new territory who will have to be rounded up. (C. in C. Hongkong, 031305Z to C. in C. B.P.F.)

C. in C. Hongkong. Rear Admiral Harcourt having assumed the duties of C. in C. Hongkong, and Head of Military Administration comes under the British Chiefs of Staff and ceased to be A.C. 11. (2) Suggest B.S. 1 now takes over command of T.G. 111.2. (Secretary to 1st S.L., 031825A to C.T.F. 111.) See 040715Z.

Request you transfer command of T.G. 111.2 to Rear Admiral Daniel temporarily. (2) C. in C. B.P.F. pass to C. in C. Hongkong and C. in C. E.I. (C.T.F. 111, 032347 to C. in C. Hongkong.)



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SITUATION REPORT.

Foreign Stations.

Mediterranean.

Adriatic.

1. SS. CHLORIS (Br. 1180 tons) is reported destroyed by fire and sunk today at Trieste.

East Indies.

Singapore,  
surrender.

2. The terms of agreement for occupation of Singapore were signed on board H.M.S. SUSSEX flagship of R. Admiral C.S. Holland, C.B. anchored off Singapore at 1805 today.

Indo-China.

3. C. in C. E.I. in CLEOPATRA anchored in Cap St. Jacques Roads at 1300 FG today.

Far East and Australia.

THRACIAN,  
destroyer.

4. THRACIAN which was captured at Hongkong by the Japanese has been recaptured in Tokio Bay apparently having been used as a radar experimental ship.

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North Atlantic.

- A.S.R. Stn. 19. Have been relieved by KNARESBOROUGH CASTLE on Air Station 19. Your 011026B refers, E.T.A. Gibraltar 0800B/7.  
(CAISTOR CASTLE, 041009Z to Gib. C.C.O.)
- Destroyers on passage to E.I. Intend to sail CARRON (S.O.) and CAVALIER 1400B/4th Sept. to Malta for short work up (A.M. 051901 July) and O/R to E.I. (A.M. 271204A and 271205A August).  
(3) Speed 15 knots, E.T.A. 0900B/7th Sept.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 041023 to V.A.M.)
- Portuguese ships for Far East. SS. ANGOLA left Lourenco Marques Sept. 1st E.T.A. Colombo 14th Sept. Your 281847\* August refers.  
(2) My (?231)801 August Port: sloop GONCALO VELHO left Lourenco Marques Sept. 1st E.T.A. Colombo 13th Sept. en route Macao.  
(3) Port: sloop GONCALVES ZARCO E.T.A. Colombo 10th Sept. My 311048 August refers.  
(4) Admty. please pass to other authorities concerned.  
(N.A. Lisbon, 041119A to Admty.)  
\* Sailing of Portuguese transport ANGOLA.
- A.F.D. 12. A.F.D. 12 position, course and speed 39.05 N. 11.05 W. 000° 6 knots. Wind N.N.W. force 1 to 2. Visibility over 10 miles sea slight.  
(DOCHET, 041214A to F.O.G.M.A.)
- KERSTEN MILES ex German vessel. (Corrupt group) intend to sail CROCUS 1600B/7th Sept. to Las Palmas with British motor vessel crew of 45 for KERSTEN MILES. E.T.A. 0700B/10th Sept.  
(2) Crew will bring bedding and mess traps but no provisions.  
(3) Arrange for the 24 Germans to be embarked in CROCUS for return Gibraltar same day.  
(4) You are requested to signal date when known KERSTEN MILES ready for use. H.M.S. will then be sailed to escort to Gibraltar.  
(5) Madrid's 281331 (N.T. in W.D.) July and Las Palmas 241705 (N.T. in W.D.) August not to all refer.  
(6) Admiralty pass to D. of S.T.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 041635B to R.O. Las Palmas.)
- Minesweepers. Your 031527A\*. If ships require fuel request they be directed to Ponta Delgada as Horta no longer has fuelling facilities.  
(2) Request E.T.A. Ponta Delgada.  
(S.B.N.O. Azores, 041811Z to C. in C. Plymouth.)  
\* Intend sail KENORA (S.O.), THUNDER, WASAGA, MINAS to Ponta Delgada for O/R Halifax.

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North Atlantic - Contd.

A.S.R. 20. Relieved by HADLEIGH CASTLE on station 20. Your O20949B refers. E.T.A. Europa Point 1400B/6th. (LANCASTER CASTLE 041920A to Gibraltar.)

OTTAWA, H.M.C.S. OTTAWA arrived Ponta Delgada 1600Z/3rd  
destroyer. Sept. and sailed after fuelling 0600Z/4th  
routed as in Admty's O30755 not to all, S.O.A. 20  
knots, E.T.A. Greenock p.m. 6th.  
(S.B.N.O. Azores, 041920Z to Admty.)

South Atlantic.

GOOD HOPE. Simonstown departure 0900B/4th Sept. GOOD HOPE  
By coastal route to Walvis Bay.  
(2) S.O.A. 15 knots, E.T.A. 1300B/6th Sept.  
(C. in C. S.A., 041054 to Admty.)

NORTHERN DUKE Capetown departure 1300B/4th Sept.  
D/F cali- CAPE WARWICK and NORTHERN DUKE for Walvis Bay,  
bration vessel Lagos, Freetown and onward routeing to Plymouth.  
My 111144 and 291036 August refer.  
(3) S.O.A. 9 knots, E.T.A. Walvis Bay 0600/8th  
Sept.  
(C. in C. S.A., 041406B to Admty.)

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Mediterranean.

Landing craft  
Med. In view of A.M. 202314\* August. Intend that the  
2 L.C.T.(3) Flotillas remaining in the Med.  
shall now be paid off into Pool Reserve vide  
para. 4 of my 141222 July.  
(C. in C. Med., 040959B to Admty., and 081554B.)  
\* Retention of 4 British and 3 Greek L.S.T. and  
4 British L.C.I. approved.

SUFFOLK,  
cruiser,  
trooping. Sailed SUFFOLK 031635C direct to Colombo.  
(2) E.T.A. a.m. 11th Sept., S.O.A. 20 knots.  
(N.O.I.C. Suez, 041008C to Admty.)

Destroyers  
for E.I. Stn.  
to relieve  
11th D.F. Sailed CAPRICE (S.O.) and CAMBRIAN at 031800C to  
Aden.  
(2) E.T.A. 070800Z., S.O.A. 15 knots.  
(N.O.I.C. Suez, 041014 to Admty.)

Visit of  
AJAX to  
Istanbul. Your 031258 para. 3 approved to extend visit  
until 19th Sept.  
(2) Please confirm that it is understood that  
MARNE and METEOR will proceed in company with  
AJAX to Istanbul.  
(3) Confirmed that peacetime procedure for  
saluting will be followed, your 311835 August.  
(C. in C. Med., 041209 to B.N.A. Ankara.)

SS. CHLORIS  
sunk. SS. CHLORIS destroyed by fire and sunk at Trieste  
transferred from sea transport service to Ministry  
of War Transport midnight Sept. 1st, 1945.  
(S.T.O.I.C. Trieste, 041600B to D. of S.T.)

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East Indies.

"Zipper" Convoy J.M.G. 2. Sailed 0030Z/4th  
convoy J.M.G. 2 MARINE, HONGSIANG, EDWARD B. HAINES.  
(N.C.S.O. Colombo, 040215Z to Admty., C. in C. E.I.  
etc.)

C. in C.E.I. CLEOPATRA anchored in Cap. St. Jacques Roads  
1300 FG/4th Sept.  
(C. in C. E.I. in CLEOPATRA, 040546 to C. in C.  
E.I. Stn., Admty.)

L.S.Is. Sailed PRINCESS BEATRIX and QUEEN EMMA for  
PRINCESS Rangoon, C. in C. E.I.'s 311209 refers.  
BEATRIX, (B.S. 3, 040930Z to C. in C. E.I.)  
QUEEN EMMA,  
for Rangoon.

HOWE, Request you sail HOWE to Kilindini when ready.  
battleship (2) Admty's 312005 not to all addressees refers.  
B.P.F. (C. in C. E.I., 041102Z to C. in C. S.A.)

PENN, air Do you still require PENN please? My 161041\* June  
target ship. refers.  
(C. in C. E.I., 041109Z to C. in C. B.P.F.)  
See 051418A and C. in C. B.P.F., 060550Z to  
C. in C. E.I.  
\* Allocation of PENN to B.P.F. cannot be spared  
before arrival of first ship of second D.F.

Operation Operation "Zipper" sailed 1850 FC/4th Sept.  
"Zipper". speed 7 knots to join convoy J.M.A. 3 slow in  
position NC. at 0001 FG/17th Sept.  
(2) My 031138 to C. in C. E.I. only refers.  
(N.C.S.O. Bombay, 041358Z to Admty.)  
See 060934Z.

S/M SEANYMPH. Amend E.T.A. Trincomalee 0100Z/10th Sept.,  
position 1700Z/4th Sept. 006° 32' S. 095° 33' E.  
(SEANYMPH, 041603Z to N.O.I.C. Trincomalee.)

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America & West Indies.

Cruiser LEANDER returning U.K. Following from LEANDER. Intend to proceed Rosyth, S.O.A. 16 knots. Ship will carry out full power trial on passage, E.T.A. Rosyth 0700Z/10th Sept.

(N.O.I.C. Montreal, 041340Z to B.A.D.)

Following from LEANDER:

Intend to proceed Rosyth, S.O.A. 16 knots. Ship will carry out full power trial on passage, E.T.A. Rosyth 0700Z/10th Sept. 011025Q.

(N.O.I.C. Montreal, 041340Z to B.A.D., N.S.H.Q.)

Japanese Surrender, (signing of) Following is text of message number CA. 4017 dated 2nd Sept. 1945, from General MacArthur. Begins: Formal surrender of the Japanese Imperial Government, Japanese Imperial General Headquarters, and all Japanese and Japanese controlled armed forces wherever located was signed on the battleship MISSOURI in Tokio Bay at 0908 hours, I time 2nd Sept., 1945. Ends.

(J.S.M. Washington, 041549Z to A.M.S.S.O.)

S/Ms. Concur with S.B.N.O. W.At. 031604. Subject to your approval, request SEA ROVER and STORM be sailed for Holy Loch. (F.O. S/M, 041556A to B.A.D.)

HERBRAND (Nor. tanker.) Explosion occurred August 31st on HERBRAND (Nor. tanker) off Portland M.E. Extensive damage. (N.S.H.Q., 0419C1Z to Admty.)

Far East and Australia.

Evacuation of Allied P.O.Ws. from Hongkong. (1) In order to provide suitable internment space for Japanese P.O.W. in Hongkong it is essential to evacuate all Allied P.O.W. in Sham Shui P.O.W. camp in EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA as soon as possible. (2) If these Allied P.O.Ws. cannot be received at Manila (?suggest) ship may be sailed to Canada, as she will take approx. 370 Canadians and 17 U.S.

(3) Admty. pass to B.A.D. (4) Kandy C.C.O. pass to S.A.C.S.E.A. (5) Isiko Manila pass to Com. 7th Fleet. (6) R.D.O. Manila pass to R.D.O. Guaqufor C. in C. Pac. Adv. (C. in C. Hongkong, 040159Z to C. in C. B.P.F.)

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"Armour"  
Force for  
Hongkong. (1) Request immediate information of "Armour" force as follows:-  
A. Composition of convoy naval units and escorts and then E.T.A. Hongkong.  
B. Composition and number of H.Q. and Military forces.  
C. As for B for R.A.F.T.  
D. Approx. details of Water Transport carried and whether self sufficient.  
E. As for D for Motor Transport.  
F. Logistic support.  
(2) Kandy C.C.O. pass S.A.C.S.E.A.  
(C. in C. Hongkong, 040308 to S.A.C.S.E.A.)

Hongkong. Eight Sam ships of Tiger convoy, E.T.A. Hongkong 6th Sept.  
(2) On completion of unloading propose these ships revert to trade.  
(3) If approved request C. in C. Hongkong be informed of their disposal.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 040630Z to Admty.)  
See A.M. 061645A to C. in C. Hongkong.  
C.T.G. 111.2 070241Z to Admty.

Hongkong, Before receipt of A.M. 031825 I had already changes of arranged nucleus of officers ashore and to command, etc. commission Government House tomorrow 5 Sept.  
(2) (?In) anticipation of approval now intend to turn over duties of C.T.G. 111.2 and A.C. 11 to B.S. 1 tomorrow 5 Sept. and to strike flag of A.C. 11 in INDOMITABLE. Any necessary local adjustments are being made until Commodore in charge or N.O.I.C. Hongkong have the necessary facilities to carry out their customary duties.  
(3) Appointment of new A.C. 11 is essential if carriers are to operate as a squadron.  
(4) B.S. 1 agrees.  
(5) If you agree request necessary promulgation to all concerned.  
(C. in C. Hongkong, 040715Z to C.T.F. 111, Info. C. in C. E.I. Admty.)

Directive re- C. in C. Pac. has issued directive on following Japanese vessels and small craft. lines regarding Japanese vessels and small craft effective when C. in C. Pac. is designated as Naval Representative for Supreme Commander Allied Powers.  
(2) A. All naval vessels not needed for transport of personnel or for minesweeping to be retained in Japanese waters and those which are operational to be concentrated at Tokio Bay and Sasebo.  
B. Suicide craft including midget submarines found in naval stations occupied by naval forces to be retained inoperative until further orders regarding their disposal.

/C....

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C. Steps to be taken to ensure suicide craft including midget submarines found outside areas occupied by Allied naval force can never be used offensively.

D. Fleet Commanders to inform C. in C. Pac. Info. S.C.A.P. of each Japanese naval or merchant vessel of 100 tons or more which is now or may later come under his control.

{ 3) Request you will conform.  
4) Base ship HONGKONG pass to C. in C. Hongkong.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 040758Z to C. in C. Hongkong.)

Royal Indian Navy, representation in Japanese occupation.

Your 311106. GODAVARI and CAUVERY would be very welcome for service on the China coast on the lines of communication to Japan and particularly in connection with repatriation of Indian P.O.W.

(2) Ships of their class are not included in the permanent naval occupation force for Japan at present agreed with authorities.

(3) Their employment on such duty would, it is considered, be influenced by decision whether British Indian troops are to be employed to occupy Japan.

(C. in C. B.P.F., 040839 to C. in C. E.I.)

THRACIAN, destroyer.

THRACIAN has been recaptured in Tokio Bay and apparently has been used as a radar experimental ship.

(2) She is being manned and prepared for steaming U.S. agreement obtained.

(C.T.F. 111, 041100Z to Admty.)

Hongkong, taking over of Kowloon.

EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA arrived today Tuesday, but as she did not berth till afternoon, it has not been possible to complete taking over in Kowloon today and disarming of Japanese will also be delayed slightly. Chief task at present is the prevention of looting by Chinese both on Hongkong Island and in Kowloon.

(C. in C. Hongkong, 041325Z to Admty.)

Tokio, C. in C. B.P.F.'s report.

From Admiral Fraser.

Today I drove quite unofficially into Tokio and after lunch made the first entry into the British Embassy which I found undamaged, untouched, fully furnished and very clean. We wrote our names in the book the last entry being Sept. 1941. The portraits of the King and Queen were still in place in the Ambassadors House. On the 17 miles drive into Tokio from Yokohama it was quite evident the city was razed to the ground but of the Japanese there was little evidence of malnutrition. The population were impassive and have shown no signs of hostility.

(C.T.F. 111, 041409Z to Admty.)



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Policy for evacuation of sick P.O.W. etc. Pac. area. Admiral Fraser sends: As a result of discussions with General MacArthur my interpretation of the Commonwealth and Dutch prisoner of war policy is as follows:

(1) Bed cases. All areas Commonwealth sick prisoners of war including China coast and Formosa will where possible be collected into Commonwealth hospital ships and sailed Australia. The hospital in Manila, on account of the climate which is particularly bad for tuberculosis, will only be used as a last resort overflow. American hospital ships with bad cases will sail for America and when Allied prisoners are embarked they will go also.

(2) Walking cases. A. Japan area. Evacuate by Allied ships and aircraft to Manila. Some may be evacuated direct to Australia in H.M. ships.

B. China and Formosa. It is confirmed these are also the responsibility of C. in C. A.F. Pac. Evacuate to Manila. S.C.A.P. has stated this will eventually overload Manila. Hongkong must therefore be prepared to act as a sorting and staging post at earliest possible moment. This will be a British responsibility but U.S. Medical assistance will be given.

(3) Special case of Canadians. C. in C. Pac. will evacuate all Canadians to west coast of America including bed cases. This will be an American lift via the Marianas.

(4) Provision shipping. I intend that H.M. ships shall be used to max. extent, possible. S.C.A.P. is asking joint Chiefs of Staff for allocation of shipping to clear from Manila and other collecting centres which may turn up.

(5) Action required A. by C. in C. Brit. Pac. Fleet,  
 (i) to make arrangements, if government approval can be obtained, in Australia, and New Zealand if necessary, for all bed cases up to 2,000 all nationalities capable of expansion.  
 (ii) To adapt ships now ferrying prisoners of war as necessary guidance will be given.  
 (iii) To keep Admiralty and countries concerned informed of general situation and numbers handled.

(B) By C. in C. Hongkong.  
 (i) To make Hongkong into a prisoner of war collecting and processing centre as soon as possible. S.C.A.P. hopes to have a complete hospital unit from the Philippines to render medical assistance in Hongkong within 10 days in addition to our own resources.

(C) By S.Os. handling prisoner of war evacuation. Situation reports to C. in C. B.P.F. Info. C.T.F. 111.37.

(6) The main difficulty at present is to make any estimate of the numbers sick, the countries to whom they belong and therefore the destinations. I shall require every hospital ship that is available and as much transport as possible. It must be remembered that our resources are very small compared with the Americans and we must try and fall in with their views as far as possible.

(7) I am only making these arrangements because I can find no other authority to take over. Allocation of H.M. ships needful will be made by me as circumstances dictate.

(8) The V.A. B.P.F. will be responsible for the Japan area and C. in C. Hongkong is requested to be responsible for the China coast and to assist C.T.F. 111.3 as far as possible.  
 (C.T.F. 111, 041452Z to C. in C. B.P.F., C. in C. Hongkong, etc.)  
 See 051745A. and C. in C. B.P.F., 060535 to C. in C. Hongkong.

See CTF 111. 147342Z Admiralty

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Formosa,  
P.O.W.

Following is text of message CSFX 16868 dated 3rd Sept. from C.G. services and supply China theatre to War Department, General MacArthur, Radio Guam and C.G. U.S. Forces China Theatre. Begins:

Further air ground aid service contact Taihoku, Formosa states following prisoners of war:  
American, Colonel H.W. Glattly plus 15 officers and 69 enlisted men, British, Colonel H.J. Kilpatrick who also commands camp, 29 British officers and 1121 British enlisted men, Australian, 2 officers and 10 enlisted men, Chinese serving in the U.S. forces in Philippines 2 enlisted men, Dutch Mercantile 1 officer and 11 enlisted men. Camp well organised and will be turned over 3 Sept.

Japanese and prisoners of war believe above covers all prisoners of war in Formosa. Contact reports if some hospitalized patients are to live, immediate medical need must be flown in or dropped within two days. All authorities on spot urge supply from Philippines, also early evacuation there. China theatre will drop or land medical supplies and food as soon as possible and Commanding General China theatre requests Cincafpac. to also make drops or landing there and to evacuate sick. Question of mass evacuation can be settled later. Request early reply. Information indicated C-54 hospital planes can land at Taihoku airport. For the present make drops only in the Taihoku area. We will relay information as received. Ends. (J.S.M. Washington 041711Z to A.M.S.S.O.)

Policy for  
ammunition  
supply based  
on submissive  
attitude of  
Japanese.

R.A.F.T's 291352\* August refers.

(2) R.A.F.T's para. 1A concur.

(3) GUDRUN MAERSK will be ready to leave Australia early Oct. On relief by GUDRUN MAERSK, CORINDA is to discharge her cargo at Hongkong or Singapore if practicable. Otherwise she is to return direct to Australia.

(4) R.A.F.T's para. 1B. Not more than five static A.Es. are required to support the Fleet during the

next few months para. 3 of my 260305 August refers. As selected by R.A.F.T. these will eventually be CORINDA, DARVEL, HERON, PACHECO and KHETI.

(5) Loads for static A.Es. are to be generally as in para. 4 of my 260305 Aug. reduced to conform to capacity of individual ships. Reductions in load are to be made by V.A.(Q) on 14 inch, bombs, depth charges and torpedoes.

(6) Submarine ammunition and torpedoes are to be included. Quantities to be assessed by V.A.(Q).

(7) PROME is to be used as a carrier in view of necessity to discharge in Australia all ammunition in freightships in and en route to Australia. She is to have the minimum of fitting out as a carrier. A.M. 311301 refers.

(8) R.A.F.T's para. 1c. KOLA is to be loaded at Sydney to relieve KISTNA. KISTNA will be withdrawn in due course to Hongkong or Singapore to discharge and to dock. (9) Foreign A.Es. will be used as carriers and not released until com-

pletions of lift to Singapore and Hongkong is in sight. Para. 8 of my 260305 Aug. refers. (10) V.A.(Q) and R.A.F.T. are requested to implement accordingly.

(C. in C. B.P.F., 042302 to V.A.(Q) B.P.F.)

\* Policy for ammunition supply intend to re-establish a shore armament depot at Hongkong.

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Foreign Stations.

East Indies.

Singapore.

1. Flag of F.O. Malaya was hoisted today in KEDAH.

Operation  
"Tiderace"  
occupation  
of Malaya  
ports after  
Japanese  
surrender.

2. The operation has been executed as planned, no fighting. It is expected to pass armoured <sup>"Armour"</sup> convoy through Singapore Main Strait a.m. 6th September. *(for Hong Kong)*

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Hongkong.

3. C. in C. Hongkong reports that Kowloon City is now under British control. Japanese are confined to certain areas.

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North Atlantic.

NESS,  
frigate.

Intend to sail NESS 1900B/5th Sept. to Port Said  
(A.M. 051501A August.)  
(3) Speed 12 knots, E.T.A. p.m. 12th Sept.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 051516B to F.O.L.E.M.)

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AJAX  
Istanbul.Proposed alternative time and position for R/V  
136° Kokino Pulo Light (Psara Island) six miles  
at 1830C/14th.C. in C. Med.'s 041217B\* (N.T. in W.D.) refers.  
(2) Request (?you will) confirm that times in  
all signals originated by B.N.A. Ankara are C  
times.(3) Request preliminary arrangements may be made for reception  
on board AJAX to return hospitality and for Captain's luncheon  
or dinner party for about ten guests.Athens pass to (5 groups missing) as information addressee.  
(Malta, 050936 to B.N.A. Ankara.)

\* Turkish destroyer to R/V AJAX.

Request approval para. 7 of B.N.A. Ankara's 031730 (?Sept.)  
(C. in C. Med., 051205B to Admty., approved 091348A.)Toulon  
transit  
camp.Medloc. Your 302017\* and my 211820 Aug. Comlab.  
reports subsequent to meeting of Planning Board at  
Marseilles on 22nd August that prospects of  
hutted camp constructed within three months are  
negligible.(2) Medical opinion now held that camp "is  
thoroughly unsuitable now and by 15th Sept. would be impossible"  
Danger of disease will be then serious.(3) In the absence of hutted camp by 15th Sept. R.A.F. personnel  
are being withdrawn from Medloc A with Air Ministry approval.(4) In the circumstances and if scheme A in Admty. 302017 Aug.  
is not available by end of Sept. at latest, consider it essential  
that Navy withdraw from Medloc, and arrange its own trooping  
by sea until such time as standards of camps and rail transport  
is adequate.(5) For this purpose a service of fast ships sufficient to lift  
1,750 personnel per week is required, VOLENDAM shortly expected  
in Mediterranean would be suitable for first lift.(6) Round trip Alexandria - Malta - Gibraltar - U.K. and back  
starting from Alexandria at seven day intervals is minimum  
service required for next 6 months.

(C. in C. Med., 051200 to Admty.)

\* Alternative transit camp arrangements are under consideration.

C. in C. Med.  
movements.C. in C. Med. will be absent from his H.Q. from  
6th Sept. to 10th Sept. signals requiring the  
immediate and personal attention of the C. in  
C. Med. to be addressed to C. in C. Med. Afloat  
in addition to C. in C. Med. and routed to SIRIUS

until p.m. 9th Sept. when they should be routed to Caserta.

SIRIUS is required to pass to N.O.I.C. Trieste.

(C. in C. Med., 052035B to Admty.)

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- Movements. Sailed RACEHORSE, CORFU, L.S.T. 321.  
Arrived PENN. Comic. T pass to authorities at Trinco.  
(B.S. 3, 050530Z to C. in C. E.I., Admty., N.O.I.C. Penang, etc.)
- VIRAGO Sailed VIRAGO in accordance with C. in C. S.A's  
destroyer. 311334 August, E.T.A. Addu Atoll 1130Z/9th.  
(N.O.I.C. Mauritius, 051017Z to Admty.)
- Operation "Tiderace." "Tiderace" executed as planned, no fighting.  
Expect to pass "Armoured" convoy through Singapore Main Straits a.m. Sept. 6th.  
(C. in C. E.I. in CLEOPATRA, 051045Z to C. in C. E.I. Colombo, etc.)
- Singapore surrender. S.E.A.C. Communique No. 597 dated 5th Sept. 1945.  
H.Q.S.E.A.C. The terms of agreement for the occupation of Singapore were signed on board SUSSEX, flagship of Rear Admiral C.S. Holland, CB., R.N., anchored off Singapore, at 1805 hours on 4th September. Lieut. General Sir Philip Christison Bart K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., represented Admiral Mountbatten at the signing of the agreement. The Japanese representatives were General Itagaki and Vice Admiral Fukudome. The ship carrying the Japanese Commanders was ordered to fly a large white flag and to have no ammunition or explosives on board, the breech blocks of its guns were to be removed and no other Japanese ship was to be within 10 miles of the R/V. A boat was sent from SUSSEX to bring the Japanese Commanders on board. Communications between SUSSEX and the Japanese vessel was made by International Code. The Japanese Commanders were ordered to bring with them certain information, charts and maps, already requested of them by our naval commander at Penang, which had not yet been supplied to him ends.  
(Supreme Allied Cdr. S.E.A.C., 051141Z to Admty.)
- F.O. Malaya. I have today hoisted my flag in KEDAH in accordance with your 311615.  
(F.O. Malaya, 051330Z to C. in C. E.I.)
- Italian submarine. Arrived Italian submarine <sup>BENEDICTO</sup>BRIN.  
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 051547Z to Admty.)

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Oil  
Fuel  
depot  
St. Johns  
Naval Base  
Newfoundland

Your 052147\*June concerning oil fuel depot at St. Johns Naval Base Newfoundland. Admiralty would welcome arrangement whereby a commercial company lease whole or part of depot on undertaking that whole depot would be maintained in good condition and would be available for Naval use in the event of an emergency.

(2) This solution would be complicated by lend/lease items. The matter has been discussed with Treasury here and it is suggested that Navy Department might be willing to come to some arrangement by which we acquired their rights in these items for cash. This would be differentiated from other deals in that properties are outside the sterling area and we should be in a position to acquire U.S. or Canadian dollars in due course when we lease the depot.

(3) Arranging for dollars to be paid for lend/lease equipment may, however, create an inconvenient precedent and you should discuss the matter with Treasury representative in Washington. If he agrees, you should approach U.S. Navy Department informally to discover whether they would sell lend-lease items of oil fuel depot. Tactics best calculated to secure a reasonable figure are left to you.

(4) Request you will report result of approach together with your opinion on:

(a) reasonableness of price;  
(b) prospects of leasing depot on conditions mentioned in paragraph 1 and, if possible, rent likely to be obtained.

(5) It is intended that actual disposal of oil fuel depot should eventually be handled by the Mission referred to in Admiralty Message 281407 August not to N.S.H.Q.

(Hd. of M(II) approved 1st S.L., 051050A to B.A.D., N.S.H.Q.)  
\* St. Johns Naval Base - Newfoundland Oil Fuel Depot Details.

Commissioned Merchant Ship      Speed 11 knots. HARTLAND POINT Departed Cristobal 1700/4 for London via Ponta Delgada Azores. E.T.A. Ponta Delgada 1100/17. (Compaseafon, 052034 to Cominch, Admty. etc.)

Escort Carrier ATHELING      ATHELING sails for U.K. at 061930Z. S. of A. 15 knots. (N.O.B. (for S.B.N.O.) Trinidad, 052116 to Admiralty.)

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Formosa      C.T.G.111.3 has been authorised by Com. 7th Fleet to proceed Keerun, Formosa. His intentions are:  
(a) To arrive Keerun 6th September.  
(b) To enter harbour if possible and give

/assistance...

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Formosa (Contd.) assistance to prisoners of war;  
(c) to leave about 12th September to join United States forces going to Shanghai.  
(2) N.A. Chungking has been informed.  
(C. in C. B.P.F. 050210 to Admiralty.)

S/M strength in B.P.F. 4th S/M Flotilla A.M. 290205 paragraph 3. Following submarines will be retained in 4th Flotilla: TOTEM, TAURUS, TACITURN, TIPTOE, TAPIR, TRUMP, TURPIN, THULE.  
(2) S/M 4 is requested to sail TRENCHANT, THOROUGH and STUBBORN for U.K. as convenient reporting intended dates of departure.  
(3) Further signal will be made concerning date of release of 8 S/M Flotilla with proposals for Dutch submarines.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 050235Z to S/M 4, Admiralty.)  
See 060839Z.

Fleet Train Ships for Hongkong. EROS and ERIN are required as early as possible at Hongkong. Request information present whereabouts and possibility of loading and sailing direct to Hongkong and not via Sydney. Admiralty Message 161736\* August refers.  
(V.A.(Q) 050704Z to Admiralty) See 060512.  
\* Admiralty intentions regarding Fleet Train and supplies to Singapore and Hongkong.

Cruiser BERWICK Trooping Departed Fremantle 2230Z 4th September BERWICK for Colombo. E.T.A. Colombo 1200Z 11th Sept. C. in C. B.P.F.'s 240529 not to all refers. S. of A. 20 knots.  
(N.O.I.C. Fremantle, 050751Z to C. in C. E.I. etc.)

Naval Hospital Ship OXFORDSHIRE. The following has been received from Admiral Fraser marked "Urgent Rush". Your 040050. OXFORDSHIRE is to be sailed for Sydney where all patients are to be landed. Ship replenished and returned to duty in this area immediately.  
(1) Reasons are (a) Manila is an unsuitable climate for Hospital patients.  
(b) All hospital ships must remain available as long as possible  
(c) Obtain Australian Government approval to do this and make arrangements for hospital accommodation.  
(d) Hope to make a statement of policy shortly.  
(e) Inform Admiralty. T.O.O. 040918Z Sept. 1945".  
(2) Please take necessary action and advise what arrangements have been made for hospital accommodation.  
(3) Patients total 480 seriously ill.  
(4) E.T.A. Sydney estimated 14th September. Our 050231Z (N.T. in W.D.) not to OXFORDSHIRE refers.  
(V.A.(Q) B.P.F. 050756Z to Brilist, Melbourne.)

/New Guinea...



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- New Guinea Surrender etc. (1) Embarked G.O.C. 1st Australian Army and proceeding to area south St. Georges Channel. Surrender Japanese C. in C. South Eastern Army arranged for 060100Z aboard GLORY.  
(2) On completion intend GLORY proceeds Lae with G.O.C. S.O.A. 20 knots. This will complete requirements of G.O.C. 1st Australian Army.  
(3) Intend detaching HART and AMETHYST after surrender to Janquinot Bay they should be refuelled by 0200Z/7 and will there await further orders from you.  
(4) If surrender arrangements go to plan anticipate GLORY will be available (corrupt group) for further orders from 0800Z/7, will have fuel for 2300 miles at 15 knots leaving 25 per cent remaining.  
(5) Request subsequent instructions.  
(6) A.C.N.B. pass to Land Forces Melbourne and R.A.D. N.O.I.C. Madang pass to Port Director Jacquinot Bay Landops Morotai, Port Director Lae H.Q. Fifth Australian Army. (C.T.G.111.5 050950Z to C. in C. B.P.F.) See 060315Z.
- Hongkong (Kowloon) Kowloon City under British Control now and all quiet. Japanese are confined to certain areas and will be disarmed tomorrow. They are being allowed to keep a certain number of rifles per barracks in case of attack by Chinese or bandits.  
(2) There are a certain number of armed troops from Chungking in Kowloon area but I have not been able to contact them personally to ascertain their number. They are not causing any trouble at present and claim to be on our side. (C. in C. Hongkong, 051359Z to Admiralty.)
- Air training target ships In view of impending decrease of Air Training requirements in Australian area allocation of BYARD as Air Training Target Ship to B.P.F. is cancelled (A.M. 130519 June and C. in C. B.P.F. 300721 August neither to all refer).  
(2) Allocation of PENN as Air Target Ship to B.P.F. is cancelled (A.M. 122240/June not to F.O. Air E.I. refers). PENN is allocated to C. in C. E.I. as an Air Target Ship when she can be spared, and for Air Target Ship duties at Singapore.  
(3) Further signal will be made regarding disposal of LEWES (B.P.F.) and Italian CARABINIERE (E.I.S.) (D.N.A.O. Approved V.C.N.S., 051418A to C. in C. B.P.F., C. in C. E.I.) See 080740Z. *See C. in C. B.P.F. 120237 Z Oct. 1945*
- Evacuation of p.o.w.etc. Does your 041452Z cover civilian internees or are separate arrangements being made for these. (Hd. of M.II, 051745A to C.T.F.111.)

/Situation...

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Situation report and Information on Ps. O.W. and Internees, in Chinese Cities on 3rd and 4th September

Following is text of message C.S.F.C.16939 dated 4th September from C.G.Service and Supply China Theatre, to War Department, C.G. U.S. Forces China Theatre, C.G. U.S. Forces India-Burma Theatre, General MacArthur and Radio Guam.

Begins: Following information received by radio up to 3rd September, 1945, 1500 hours is from G.5 Field Unit Team (recovery of personnel).

Mukden: New internment camp with 31 K.S. and several Canadians reported about 90 miles north of Mukden. Field Unit Team attempting immediate contact. Mukden area going fine. 29 military personnel evacuated 2nd September. Total evacuees from Mukden to date is 120.

Peining: No report.

Weihhsien: Camp now being air supplied by B.29s C.2 report says Weihhsien camp now in Communist hands. Japanese Greater East Asia Bureau dissolves; responsibilities taken over by Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Received Chinese report of concentration camp in Weihhsien (not internee camp); is not confirmed.

Hankow: No report.

Yangchow: No report.

Nanking: No report.

Shanghai: Anti-Japanese feeling increasing daily; looting continues. Japanese soldiers still in possession many buildings and indicating no hurried departure. Thousands of Japanese civilians moving freely; apparently intending to remain. Seemingly do not fully understand complete surrender. Local Chinese police hopelessly inadequate to control situation. Foreign police members are willing to resume duties when so instructed. Air Ground Aid Service Team report following: All prison centres contacted. There are six internment camps; five Catholic Centres, Prisoners of War total 13, four in hospital. Local national agencies are assisting internees. All emergency problems are being handled. An internee mail service has been set up. Internees morale rising.

Hanchow: No report.

Canton: 27 British and U.S. prisoners of War were released 31st August.

Hongkong: No report.

Hanoi: No report.

Hainan Island: Team arrived 2nd September. Japanese impatient to surrender; want to hand over arms and so forth to local air service team. Medical Officer just returned gives following information: Personnel: 3 U.S., 1 Officer and 2 enlisted men. 180 Aussies, 14 officers and 166 enlisted men. 175 Dutch, 35 officers and 138 enlisted men with 2 civilians. Hospital situation excellent; 150 beds under 3 Japanese Medical doctors, 8 nurses, 15 orderlies. Medicines sufficient. Sanitary measures good. Climate now warm and dry and few mosquitoes. Most patients have weak hearts. Japanese are very co-operative - guerillas are causing some trouble; Japanese keeping armed guard until occupation force arrive. No portable surgical hospital required.

Fort Bayard: 30th August Far Eastern Air Force supplied Fort Bayard by drop.

Formosa: Air ground aid service team arrived 1st September 3 camps, 1 hospital investigated. Total prisoner of war to date

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1280. United States, 16 officers, 69 enlisted men. British, 30 officers, 1121 enlisted men. Aussies: 2 officers, 10 enlisted men. Chinese (serving with United States Philippine forces) 2 enlisted men. Dutch: 1 mercantile officer, 11 enlisted men. Colonel H.J. Kilpatrick (British) completely organised the camps. Senior United States Officer is Colonel W.W. Clattly. Some patients in bad shape. Medical air being rushed. Incomplete reports state airfield suitable for C-54.

(Washington, 051545Z to A.M.S.S.O.)

Following is text of message CSFX 17025 dated 5th September from C.G., S.O.S. China Theatre to War Department, C.G., United States Forces China Theatre, C.G., United States Forces India Burma Theatre, General MacArthur, and Radio Guam. Begins: Following information received by radio up to 4th September, 1945, 1400 hours, from G-5 Field Unit Teams (recovery of Personnel) now in field.

Mukden. Diaren-Mukden railroad in use. Port in excellent condition. Russians reserving pier for our ships in event we desire it.

Peiping. No report.

Weishen. 3rd September, 3 mental patients evacuated to Hsian for Kunming. Camp morale good.

Hankow. No report.

Hsian. No report.

Shanghai. Attempts now being made to get Japanese to vacate American owned property. Japanese being difficult with United States personnel about complying with requests; they say their obligation is to turn everything over to China. Survey of airfield facilities, seaplane landing areas, wharf and go-down capacities now contemplated by air ground aid service team. Housing situation for personnel now becoming a problem. All hotels crowded. 4th September report indicates that internees capable of caring for selves are now being released to own homes. Camp food supply satisfactory. Looting still going on. Best airfield, Kwangham, closed by Japs who have parked planes across the field.

Hangchow. No report.

Canton. No report.

Hong Kong. No report.

Hanoi. Team now having complete liberty of action. Total prisoners of war and internees in citadel 4,779; of these 323 are civilians. Malaria, Beri Beri and Typhus taking toll; 300 seriously ill being moved to French Hospital under French doctors. Conditions unsatisfactory to bad in city. At Ciala (Hanoi airport) are 287 Indians; condition good. Political situation improving.

Hainan. No report.

Formosa. No report this date. Ends.

J.S.M. Washington, 052055Z to A.M.S.S.O.)

Policy for Evacuation of sick Ps. O.W. etc. in Pacific Area. Does your 041452 cover civilian internees or are separate arrangements being made for these. (Head. of M.II, 051745A to C.T.F.III, etc.) Reply: 071123.

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China Sea  
Air/Sea  
Rescue  
Craft

A.G.4346 5th September, Sectet.  
Reference Air Ministry signal A.G.2007 dated  
September 1st, paragraph 5, following received  
from A.C.S.E.A.:

" China Sea requirements are as follows:  
One long range rescue craft position 6° N. 106° E.  
One long range rescue craft 18° N. 113° E.  
This cover required for Singapore - Hongkong route.

One long range rescue craft position 29° N. 125° E. to cover  
Hongkong - Japan route.

This in addition to our Indian Ocean requirements.

(A.M. Kingsway, O51800A to Admty.)

See (A.M. 061817A to C. in C.E.I., C. in C. B.P.F.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Foreign Stations.

America & West Indies.

Canadian  
Atlantic  
Coast,  
appointment  
lapsed.

1. The appointment of C. in C. Canadian Northwest Atlantic lapsed today. The naval command will be exercised by an officer with the title of Commanding Officer Atlantic Coast, short title C.O.A.C. as was the case prior to 1943.

Far East and Australia.

Naval sub-  
commands  
B.P.F.

2. (a) Rear Admiral C.J. Harcourt has taken over the military administration of Hongkong with the title of C. in C. Hongkong.  
(b) Rear Admiral C.S. Daniel has taken over command of Task Group 111.2.  
(c) Task Group 111.4 is dissolved and ANSON forms part of Task Group 111.2 temporarily.  
(d) Appointment of A.C. 11 has lapsed for the present

Formosa.

3. C.T.F. 113 in BERMUDA with ARGONAUT and QUIBERON in company arrived at Kiirun Formosa, today. COLOSSUS and TUMULT are remaining outside to give air support.

New Guinea  
Surrender.

4. The surrender of Japanese C. in C. Southeastern Army and Naval Forces in S.E. Pacific was signed today at 0147Z aboard GLORY.

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Mediterranean.

Destroyers TRAFALGAR and CAMPERDOWN have arrived in Alexandria with gunnery defects.  
TRAFALGAR & CAMPERDOWN (2) Each ship has one 4.5 Mark three gun out of action, probably caused by premature with fuse for B.P.F. to relieve 4th D.F. DA. 230.  
(3) Inspection shows that TRAFALGAR requires one new gun complete and CAMPERDOWN requires one new gun complete and probably a new cradél.  
(4) It is estimated that TRAFALGAR will take 24 hours to repair and CAMPERDOWN several days.  
(5) As no spares are available in the eastern Mediterranean intend onward sailing both ships p.m. 7th Sept. so that repairs can be carried out either at Colombo or on joining B.P.F.  
(F.O.L.E.M., 061452C to C. in C. B.P.F.)

U.S. LOUIS American ship LOUIS KOSSUTH whilst approaching port today grounded in vicinity of Sancataldo Point at 1215, B.Y.M.S. 2014 and two harbour tugs assisted vessel and she was refloated at 1420 and entered harbour. Damage not yet ascertained. Diver's report is available further signal will be made.  
KOSSUTH, damaged by grounding at Bari, E. coast Italy.  
(N.C.S.O. Bari, 061645 to C. in C. Med., etc.)  
See 071215.

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East Indies.

Hydrographic survey  
China coast. Following is a repetition 030346 group 60 begins:  
Addressed Admiralty. Info. C. in C. B.P.F.(Q),  
R.A.F.T., CHALLENGER, WHITE BEAR, from C. in C.E.I.  
A.M. 281824 August not to all see C. in C. E.I.'s  
280922 August. It is considered that CHALLENGER  
would be more suitable for such surveys than  
WHITE BEAR. D.T.G. 030346. Ends.  
(Colombo C.C.O., 060351Z to Admty., Info. C. in  
C. B.P.F.(Q))

Reduction A.M. 300751, para. 2A and B concur.  
Landing Craft The date of reducing "D" L.C.T. Squadron to C  
(tanks) E.I. and M cannot at present be accurately forecast.  
My 280821 August, not to all, refers.  
(C. in C. E.I.S., 060635Z to Admty.)

Disposition Following is a repetition of my 060802Z. A.I.G.  
signals, E.I. 82, Com. D. C. in C. B.P.F. East Indies Fleet  
disposition signals will in future be made weekly  
addressed to A.I.G. 82.  
(2) They will give dispositions of:-  
A. Fleet Units down to and including destroyers.  
B. Minesweeping Flotillas.  
C. L.S.Is. and L.S.Hs.(L).  
(3) Admiralty is requested to amend A.F.O.(S) 5/45 by adding  
F.O.S.E.I. Station, C. in C. B.P.F., Com. Aden, Com. Trinco.,  
Com. (D) E.I. Fleet to A.I.G. 82, D.T.G. 060802Z Ends.  
(Colombo C.C.O., 060811Z to Admty., A.C.N.B., C. in C. Pac.)

Situation Nr. 043C.  
reports. Indian Ocean Situation Reports addressed to A.I.G.  
96, 97 and 98 will be discontinued after the  
reports originated on 8th September.  
(2) I.G.O. 42 is cancelled.  
(3) E.I.C.O. 1209 para. 2 is cancelled.  
(C. in C. E.I., 060902Z to E.I. Stn.)

Operation "Zipper" convoy J.M.A. 3 slow sailed  
1400 FG/6th September plus LOSSIEBANK, OCEAN  
VALOUR, EMPIRE RANI and L.M.T. 3020 less MYRTLEBANK,  
BAHARISTAN, EMPIRE IRVING and one Mule ship also  
HERMES which sailed in advance my 041258\* refers.  
OCEAN VALOUR temporarily delayed.  
(N.C.S.O. Bombay, 060934Z to Admty., etc.)  
\* 041358.

Operation "Zipper" convoy J.M.A. 3 slow OCEAN VALOUR sailed  
1800 FG/6th Sept. My 060934 refers.  
(N.C.S.O. Bombay, 061136Z to Admty.)

SPUR and SPUR available to sail from Trincomalee 6th Oct.  
Policy, S/Ms to carry out 4 weeks A/S training at Bombay sub-  
training E.I. sequently proceeding U.K.  
(2) No further submarine can be provided as  
flotilla has been ordered to U.K.

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East Indies (cont)

SPUR and policy, submarines training E.I. (Contd.)

- (3) Recommend F.O.C.R.I.N. should take up question of training submarines at Bombay direct with Admiralty.
- (4) Request early confirmation that suitable berth and accommodation for SPUR is available.
- (5) Your O11101 not to Admiralty.
- (C. in C. E.I. Stn., 061032Z to Naval H.Q. India.)

Portuguese ships for Timor and Macao.

Portuguese ships. Transport KHOR KURWAI escorted by sloop Portuguese sloop BARTOLOMEU DIAS and P.S. GONCALVES ZARCO will be ready to leave Colombo about 16th Sept. speed on passage about 11 knots they would arrive Timor about 28th Sept. A.M. 281847 refers.

(2) Sloop P.S. GONCALO VELHO will be ready to leave Colombo about 22nd Sept., C.O. of P.S. BARTOLOMEU DIAS states destination of P.S. GONCALO VELHO is Macao.

(3) Transport SOFALA due to leave Lourenco Marques about 12th September for Timor via Fremantle or Colombo. Consider shipping Adviser Lourenco Marques 281422 August not to all refers.

(4) Sloop P.S. AFONSO DE ALBUQUERQUE at Durban.  
(C. in C. E.I., 061101Z to A.C.N.B., S.A.C.S.E.A., Info. Admty.)

*06125102Z Sept.*

Re lifting of restrictions on merchant ships in E.I.

No. 717 pass to N.C.S.Os. and S.T.Os. All merchant shipping may now proceed without escort and restrictions on numbers carried imposed by C.A.F.O. 470/45 may be considered in abeyance throughout E.I. Station except as follows. All shipping (?to be) escorted for the present in Malacca Strait south of (?003°) 20' N. Singapore Straits and waters to the (?south) eastward thereof including Java and Banda Seas.

Ships are to proceed undarkened and with navigation lights at full brilliance in all areas.

(C. in C. E.I., 061132Z to F.Os. and N.Os. i/c E.I. Stn., Admty.)

Movement.

Arrived ACTIVITY, L.S.T. 419 and L.S.T. 347.  
(F.O. Force N., 061301Z to C. in C. E.I.)

Ships for U.K.

Following is intended programme of sailings from Colombo to U.K. para. 3 of A.M. 201714 and my 291200 neither to all refers. SHAH 12th Sept., SEARCHER 19th Sept., ACTIVITY 26th Sept., STALKER 2nd Oct., HUNTER 9th Oct., ATTACKER 16th Oct., BEGUM 23rd Oct., AMEER 30th Oct.  
(C. in C. E.I., 061318Z to Admty.) *062200327Z*

Operation "Zipper".

Cancel my 301537 (N.T. in W.D.)\* Force of operation "Zipper" constituted as from 1200 FG tomorrow Friday as in my 291041+ Aug. except that H.M.I.S. KISTNA is deleted from Force 62.  
(C. in C. E.I.S., 061352Z to F.O. 3rd B.S., C.S.5, A.C. 21, F.O. Air E.I., Cdre. D.)

\* Forces 11, 12, 13, 14 and 68 will not be reconstituted to comply with 291041/8 until ordered by B.S. 3. + Details of forces constituted for Operation "Zipper". /China...



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China Sea,  
air-sea  
rescue  
craft.

Following received from Air Ministry begins:  
Ref. Air Min. signal A.G.2007 dated Sept. 1st,  
para. 5, following received from A.C.S.E.A.

"China Sea requirements are as follows:

One long range rescue craft position 6° N. one  
hundred and six degrees east.

One long range rescue craft 18° N. 113° E.

This cover required for Singapore - Hongkong route.

One long range rescue craft position 29° N. 125° E. to cover  
Hongkong-Japan route.

This in addition to our Indian Ocean requirements. 051800A Ends.

(2) Request you will concert action to comply and report  
arrangements made.

(V.C.N.S., 061817A to Cs. in C. E.I., B.P.F.)

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DUNCANSBY  
HEAD  
Escort  
Maintenance  
vessel for  
B.P.F.

Departing Esquimalt 1500 G.M.T. 9th September.  
DUNCANSBY HEAD escort maintenance vessel. San  
Francisco California E.T.A. 0100 G.M.T. 13th Sept.  
for onward routeing. S. of A. 10 knots.  
(C.O.P.C., 061851Z to C.W.S.F., C. in C. B.P.F.)

Weather  
Station V.  
U.S. Frigate

Originator departs Argentinia Sea Buoy 071530Z for  
Station Five.  
Located at 30.00 W. 52.30 N. Speed 12 knots via  
(b) 46.58 N. 54.35 W. (c) 46.23 N. 54.10 W.  
(d) 46.23 N. 52.52 W. E.T.A.(D) 080130 E.T.D. 082000Z.  
(READING, 061945 to N.O.B. Argentinia.)

B.A.D. future  
policy for  
Naval Staff

The future strength of the Naval Staff side of the  
B.A.D. is necessarily in part governed by the  
future of the Joint Staff Mission as a whole, which  
in turn will depend upon the nature and scope of  
any agreement which may be reached for continued  
collaboration between the British and American  
Chiefs of Staff.

(2) Certain reductions can, however, be recommended to take  
effect at once, or in the near future. It is proposed that  
Commander Egan, R.N. (Assistant Planning Officer) should be dis-  
charged without relief forthwith. It has further been  
recommended to the British Chiefs of Staff that the representatives  
in Washington of the Directors of Plans should be dispensed with  
very soon. Subject, therefore, to the views of the Chiefs of Staff in  
this matter, it is proposed to discharge Acting Captain Litchfield-  
Speer, R.N. (Director of Plans on the Naval Staff) without relief  
as soon as the moment appears ripe, probably at the same time as  
his Army and Air Force colleagues.

(3) It should be possible to dispense with the services in  
Washington of Acting Captain Morey, R.N. (Retd.) and Acting Temp.  
Lieut. Com. Leaf, R.N.V.R. (Staff Officer Trade, and his assistant),  
very shortly after the conclusion of the present conference on  
shipping control. Admiralty concurrence is, therefore, sought to  
discharge these officers as soon as practicable after that con-  
ference. (4) It is desirable to retain Acting Commander  
Hutcheson, R.N. (Retd.) in his present duty here as Staff Officer  
Operations, and for General Staff Liaison work with the Navy  
Department. In addition to his present duties he would take over  
the staff Officer Trade's interests on the departure of that  
officer. As far as can be foreseen, this Staff Officer for  
general duties will be required until the final dissolution of the  
British Admiralty Delegation, the date of which cannot at present  
be foreseen. If it is necessary for Commander Hutcheson to  
revert to the non-active retired list before that date, it will be  
necessary to ask for one Executive Officer (Lieut. Com. would  
suffice) with staff ability to relieve him.

(5) No recommendations for immediate reductions in officers  
on the Intelligence Staff or the communications section can  
yet be made. Discharges without relief in regard to  
Intelligence Officers will be undertaken as soon as circumstances  
make this possible. It is not anticipated that the services  
here of the Chief Signal Communications Officer (Acting Captain  
Walter R.N.) need be unduly prolonged, but the date for

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B.A.D. discharge cannot yet be assessed.  
 Future (6) In regard to the Naval Information Staff, proposals for reductions in strength are being made separately but subject to Admiralty's views, Policy for it is generally intended that their activities shall be pursued with the utmost vigour until Naval Staff circumstances arise which must circumscribe them. (Contd.) (7) The retention for the present of the Naval Meteorological Liaison Officer (Instructor Commander Bracelin R.N.) is necessary. The Americans are anxious to continue collaboration until a suitable international meteorological organisation has been reconstituted. (8) The above proposals and views are confined to the Naval Staff side. Reductions in the technical and administrative staffs in the U.S.A., including those of the N.A.R. will be the subject of separate recommendation. (B.A.D. 062255Z to Admty.)

Destroyer Departure p.m. 6th September H.M.C.S.  
 for U.K. QU'APPELLE to U.K. via Azores.  
 (Capt. D. Halifax, 062357Z to N.S.H.Q. Admty.)

Far East and Australia

Naval Rear Admiral C.J. Harcourt has taken over the sub-administration of Hong Kong with the title of C. in C. Hong Kong. Commands (2) Rear Admiral C.S. Daniel has taken command in B.P.F. of Task Group 111.2. (3) Task Group 111.4 is dissolved and ANSON forms part of Task Group 111.2 for the present. (4) The appointment of A.C. Eleven has lapsed for the present. Copies of documents mentioned in B.P.F. 268 P para. 2 should be addressed INDOMITABLE for S.O. 11th Aircraft Carriers Squadron until further orders. (Melbourne 060224Z to A.C.N.B. etc.)

New Guinea My 050950 not to C.T.F.111.  
 Surrender Surrender Japanese C. in C. South Eastern Army and Naval Forces South East Pacific signed 0147Z/6 aboard GLORY. (2) A.C.N.B. pass to Landforces Melbourne and Landops Morotai. (C.T.G. 111.5 060315Z to C. in C. B.P.F.)

Fleet Your 040948. Future position regarding food Train Ships supplies. for (1) Items (a) and (b) Please see my 290231 Aug., 020238 Hong Kong. and 050704 September. Item (c) A.M. 290450

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Fleet August refers. Anticipate TONGARIRO will  
 Train Ships become available for loading at Sydney about end  
 for September.  
 Hongkong (2) Request you consider feasibility of basing  
 (Contd.) V.S.I.S. on Hongkong replenishments for them and  
 for any shore storage available being freighted  
 from Australia. SS. TONGARIRO is not readily  
 adaptable for use as V.S.I.S. but is exceptionally  
 suitable for use as Victualling Store Carrier mainly for  
 refrigerated goods as except for upper tween decks she is  
 insulated throughout. Possible use of a Fort V.S.I.S. also  
 as Victualling Store Carrier on Sydney - Hongkong run should  
 also be considered.  
 (3) Request Capt. Tilley Assistant Director of Victualling now  
 at Hongkong may be apprised of this signal and his views  
 obtained.  
 (4) Details of stores shipped in accordance with C. in C.  
 B.P.F.'s 280821 August follow.  
 (V.A.(Q) 060512 to R.A.F.T.)

Policy for Refer your 021103 and 040159 (~~N.F. in W.D.~~)  
 Evacuation EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA should be sailed Manila  
 of sick with Ps. of W. and should disembark them there.  
 Ps. of W. Para. 2 of C.T.F.111 041452 refers.  
 etc. Separate signal will be made concerning further  
 Hongkong. movements.  
 Request you report numbers and nationalities  
 embarked to C. in C. Afpac. Info C.T.F.111, C. in  
 C. B.P.F. and V.A.Q.  
 (C. in C. B.P.F., 060535 to C. in C. Hongkong)

Destroyer Your 041109 not to all yes please.  
 PENN (2) Request PENN may be sailed as soon as you  
 Air target can spare her via Malacca Strait to join C.T.G.  
 Ship 111.2 at Hongkong.  
 (3) This affects Admiralty 281813\* August and  
 my 300721 August neither to all concerning  
 H.M.S. BYARD.  
 (4) C. in C. E.I. pass to Com. (D) E.I. R.A.D. pass to  
 S.B.N.O. Manus.  
 (C. in C. B.P.F. 060550Z to C. in C.E.I.)  
 Cancelled by 080740Z.

Arrival Arrived Kiirun. Entered harbour in BERMUDA  
 of B.P.F. with ARGONAUT and QUIBERON in company.  
 Ships in COLOSSUS and TUMULT remain outside to provide  
 Kiirun, air support.  
 N. Formosa (C.T.F.111.3 060610Z to C. in C. U.S. 7th Fleet).  
 Arrived off Kiirun a.m. today 6th September, and  
 after embarking pilot with chart of mined area  
 entered harbour and berthed alongside with BERMUDA, ARGONAUT  
 and QUIBERON without incident. COLOSSUS with TUMULT is being  
 kept at sea to provide air cover. The mining chart indicates  
 that the approaches are well covered by lines of mines and ships  
 should not attempt to enter harbour without a pilot.

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Arrival of B.P.F. Ships in Kiirun, N. Formosa. (Contd.)

(2) Aircraft R/C was carried out from first light when two doctors with medical supplies were flown in to Matsuyama airfield. Continuous fighter patrol was taken over from Comcardiv 27 at 0930 I and continued until dusk. In addition aircraft were employed for mine spotting and to provide the maximum escort while ships were entering harbour.

(3) On arrival I proceeded to Taihoku where the Military Hospital has been taken over for the prisoners of war. All prisoners of war remaining in Formosa to the number of 108, most of whom are desperately ill from malnutrition, are concentration there. A hospital ship is the only adequate way of dealing with this situation and the prompt arrival of MAUNGANUI, C.T.G.III.2 060601, not to all, will result in the saving of a number of lives.

(4) In spite of their privations the spirit of these men is wonderful. Their one wish is to get out of this island.

(5) Medical Officers with the necessary medical and maintenance personnel have been sent in from the Task Group.

(6) The Japanese attitude is correctly subservient. (C.T.G.III.3, 061442Z to Com. Seventh Fleet.)

4th S/M  
Flotilla

Paragraph 2 C. in C. B.P.F. 050235. Intend sailing TRENCHANT 21st Sept. THOROUGH and STUBBORN 1st Oct. for passage to U.K. (Capt. S/M 4 060839Z to C. in C. B.F., Admiralty.)

Radar  
equipment  
for Far  
East.

Your 030442Z para. 1. A Monrad is a completely mobile unit comprising 2 in number Radar Type M.E.1 supplied from New Zealand and a train of approx. 35 vehicles supplied from U.K. It is stored and manned to be self supporting and is designed to operate on an isolated site for several months as an independent unit.

(2) If it is intended to site the radar at Hongkong in, or adjacent to, a naval establishment with all personnel and stores facilities a Monrad will not be necessary.

(3) If the Monrad train, which otherwise would have to be despatched from the U.K., can be dispensed with, much delay will be avoided.

(4) Request your early remarks on the above.

(5) Action will be taken to cancel the four in number type N.Z.M.E.1. now surplus to requirements. Your para. 2 refers. (D.R.E., 061122A to C. in C. B.P.F.)  
See 100027Z.

Japanese  
Surrender  
Hongkong

I am now ready to accept Japanese surrender. Request Chinese and U.S. representatives proceed to Hongkong forthwith. (C. in C. Hongkong, 061314Z to N.A. Chungking.)

A/A Sloop  
AMETHYST  
B.P.F.

C.T.G.III.5 060003 (N.T. in W.D) para. 2 to H.M.R.T. AMETHYST now proceeding from Jacquinet Bay destination Manus. Route west of New Britain. Thence standard route. S.O.A. 15 kts. E.T.A. Manus 1400K/8. (DART, 061625 to C. in C. B.P.F.)

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Hongkong

C. in C. B.P.F. 040630Z. To facilitate reply to paragraph 3, M.O.W.T. request probable date on which ships will be discharged.  
(D.T.D., 061645A to C. in C. Hongkong.)

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Foreign Stations.

East Indies.

Singapore.

1. A preliminary inspection at Singapore naval base shows the 5000 ton floating dock and King George V graving dock operational. 40% of original workshop with equipment will be operational in 6 weeks time.

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Formosa,  
Kiirun.

2. C.T.G. 111.3 reports that general condition of P.O.W. continues to improve. Attitude of Japanese remains correct though there have been minor incidents of truculence at Matatnama airfield chiefly due with planes landing from carriers. Extracts from order of the Instrument of Surrender were read to major Gl. Dnagawa commanding Kiirun area this morning.

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North Atlantic.

Fleet M/S  
JEWEL for  
E.I.

N.O.I.C. Portland's 041230A. E.T.A. Gibraltar  
0800Z/9th Sept.  
(JEWEL 070925A to F.O.G.M.A., Admty.)

South Atlantic.

Ships manned  
by S.A.N.F.

Ships manned by S.A.N.F. present position is  
that Union Government wish that GOOD HOPE,  
TRANSVAAL and SWALE should return to South Africa  
within six months of the end of the war with Japan.  
I am about to ask Union Government whether same  
applies to TEVIOT, NATAL, BARBRAKE and SALVESTOR but before  
doing so I would be glad to know whether removal of these  
vessels from your commands early next year is acceptable.  
(C. in C. S.A., 071627B to Cs. in C. B.P.F., E.I.)

*Dec. 1941 130541Z Sept. C-USA*

Frigate.

Walvis Bay arrival 1300B September 6th GOOD HOPE.  
(C. in C. S.A., 071632 to Admty.)



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Mediterranean.

Dutch  
minelayer  
WILLEM VAN  
DER ZAAAN  
for Colombo.

Intend to sail D.S. WILLEM VAN DER ZAAAN 1800B/7  
Sept. to Port Said. (A.M. 271759A\* Aug. not to  
all.)  
(3) Speed 12 knots, E.T.A. p.m. 14th Sept.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 071138B to F.O.L.E.M.)  
\* Request you will sail H.N.M.S. WILLEM VAN  
DER ZAAAN on 1st Sept. to Gibraltar for onward  
routeing to Colombo.

Grounding of  
U.S. LOUIS  
KOSSUTH,  
Bari.

My 061647B\*. Divers report by S.S.V.O. Adriatic  
states:- (1) Skeg set up. (2) Rudder resting  
on skeg. (3) Starboard side below No. 5 hold one  
hole 6 inches long by  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch open. (4) Starboard  
side below No. 5 hold hole 2 ft. long by 1 inch  
open. (5) Bottom plating set up over fairly wide  
area from near stern post to No. 5 bulkhead recommends vessel  
proceed nearest available port for dry docking.  
(N.C.S.O. Bari, 071215 to C. in C. Med.)  
\* ?061645 intended. American ship LOUIS KOSSUTH grounded.  
Divers report to follow.

Visit of  
AJAX to  
Istanbul.

At Istanbul. Outline of programme of arrival of  
AJAX was forwarded to you and F.O.L.E.M. by bag  
leaving Ankara by air 5th Sept.  
(2) Will issue invitations for lunch party for 10  
on board AJAX at 1230 Monday 17th Sept.  
(3) Suggest "at home" on board AJAX 1600 to 1830  
for Tuesday 18th Sept. If approx. number of invitations to be  
issued is signalled will prepare a list.  
(4) Parties arranged for ship's company by British community  
are as follows:-  
Picnic Sunday afternoon 16th before visit and dance ashore about  
2000 Tuesday 18th September.  
(5) Consul General is giving an evening party for officers on  
Tuesday 18th Sept.  
(6) A further football match against a Turkish club is being  
arranged for Sunday afternoon 16th Sept.  
(7) Naval Attache is now at Istanbul. My 031730 refers.  
(B.N.A. Ankara, 071216C to C. in C. Med.)

12th M/S Flot.  
(retention of)

Request consideration be given to retention of 12th  
M/S Flot. in Med. after Oct. 1945 and until 38th  
M/S Flot. returns from B.P.F., A.M. 021521 June  
refers. (2) Early information is required in order  
that reliefs for L.F.S. Officers may be arranged  
in the Flotilla is to stay.  
(C. in C. Med., 071923B to Admty., approved 091219A)

A.F.D. 22.

Sailed MERMAID escorting ENIGMA towing A.F.D.22 to  
Aden. (2) MERMAID will report noon P.C.S. to  
F.O.L.E.M. (R) N.O.I.C. Aden, S.N.O.R.S.C.A.  
(N.O.I.C. Suez, 071947C to Admty.)

# SECRET

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070231Z/September.

Date. 7.9.45.

From C in C E.I.S.

Recd. 2113

E .I.C.O(NN) BY W/T

Addressed. Ships and Authorities concerned with Indian Ocean Situation Report East.  
Repeated Admiralty. A.C.N.B.

IMPORTANT.

Following in the vicinity of Singapore:-

H.M.S CLEOPATRA H.M.S ACTIVITY H.M.S ROTHER H.M.S LOCH KATRINE  
L.S.T. 419 347 Force 154 H.M.S SUSSEX H.M.S. ATTACKER H.M.S.  
VIGILANT H.M.S ROTHERHAM.  
Force 155. M/S Flotilla 6th and ORANGELEAF  
Force 157 H.M.I.S. GODAVART BARRACUDA. MULL OF GALLOWAY  
CROMWELL 23 M/L (mine layers) M/SF 7th H.M.S RACEHORSE  
H.M.S CORFU. L.S.T 321. H.M.S CHALLENGER H.M.S FISHGUARD  
H.M.S LOCH LOMOND.

In the vicinity 002 degs 30 mins 101 degs. M/SF 37 CHERRYLEAF  
proceeding Trincomalee.  
Force 12 7 BYMS 2 MM/S BELA accompanying vicinity of Port Swettenham  
in the vicinity of Sabang.

Force 68. H.M.S LONDON. H.M.S ROCKET H.M.S PHOEBE (?SCORCHER)  
In the vicinity 005 degs 30 mins 093 degs 30 mins.  
Following in the vicinity Penang. H.M.S. NELSON. H.M.S HUNTER  
H.M.S CEYLON. H.M.S NIGERIA. H.M.S REDOUFF. H.M.S PALADIN H.M.S  
TARTAR. H.M.S VOLAGE. H.M.S NUBLAN. H.M.S PENN. H.M.S KISTINA. EASDALE.  
S.ANVITO 110 H.D.M.L Flotilla H.M.S PELARD expected to leave  
Penang (?7th) for Port Swettingham Area. JMA 2 B JMB 2 slow JMG 2  
H.M.S TAFF H.M.S BRECON. 006 degs 091 degs 090 degs 8  
JMD 1 (one) A H.M.I.S. NARBADA 003 degs 30 mins 100 degs 30 mins  
135 degs 7

H.M.S LOC.1 RUTHVEN H.M.S LOCH CRAGGIE JMA 2 A JMC 2 006 degs 094  
degs 065 degs 8 064 degs D one C H.M.S LOSSIE 005 degs 30 mins  
098 degs 30 mins 140 degs 8

JMA one slow H.M.S LOCH QUOICH 006 degs 098 degs 120 degs 6  
JMC one A JMG one H.M.S WHITE BEAR H.M.S INVER 006 degs 098 degs  
30 mins 140 degs 8

JMA one Fast JMB one fast JME one fast H.M.S BULOLO H.M.S  
LARGS H.M.S HIGHWAY H.M.S AWE H.M.S KALE. H.M.S GORLESTON H.M.S  
LULWORTH H.M.S PURSUER H.M.I.S. CAUVERY 006 degs 098 degs 130 degs 10.  
JMA 2 C JMB 2 Fast. H.M.S SAIN FOIN 006 degs 089 degs 090 degs

13.  
JMD one B H.M.S LOCH SCAVAIG. H.M.S EVENLODE 005 degs 099 degs 140  
degs 6

JME one slow JMF one slow H.M.S. SHOREHAM. H.M.S SENNEN H.M.S. ULSTER  
QUEEN 005 degs 099 degs 140 degs 8.

JMR 2 slow JMF 2 slow H.M.S DEVERON 006 degs 090 degs 30 mins  
090 degs 8.

/ Convoy .....

*Disposition  
of  
Warships  
on 7.9.45.*

Convoy A 001 degs L.S.T 9304 H.M.S HROCKLEY MOOR 004 degs 106 degs 30 mins 035 degs Knots.9.  
Convoy A one H.M.S SMITER. H.M.S GLENGYLE. LN 870 H.M.S LLANSTEPHAN CASTLE ONTARIO 004 degs 040 degs 30 mins 106 degs 30 mins 035 degs 11

Ships operating in vicinity Pt. Swettenham H.M.S. ROYALIST H.M.S. KHEDIVE. H.M.S. STALKER. H.M.S EMPOROR H.M.S TRUMPETER. H.M.S AMEER. H.M.S EMERIES H.M.S VERULAM H.M.S RAPID H.M.S MYNGS H.M.S. CALFE. H.M.T BLACKMORE. H.M.T. BLEASDALE. H.M.S. CHIDDINGFOLD.

F.S. RICHELIEU 005 degs 30 mins 098 degs 30 mins 140 degs 15.  
H.M.S SEADOG 005 degs 30 mins 080 degs 290 degs 10.  
H.M.S. VENUS 005 degs 30 mins 080 degs 30 mins Trincomalle 15½  
SONAVATI 006 degs 090 degs 085 degs 11  
H.M.S. PRINS ALBERT 006 degs 088 degs 30 mins rendezvous JMA2 C at 0630Z 8th 16.

H.M.S FARNDALE 043 degs 30 mins 094 degs 100 degs 13.  
ECHODALE 006 degs 30 mins 093 degs 30 mins 100 degs 12½  
H.M.S SHAH 006 degs 30 mins 079 degs 30 mins Colombo 10½  
H.M.S PICKLE H.M.S POSTILLION 006 degs 30 mins 095 degs 130 degs 12.  
035 degs 43 mins 007 degs 082 degs Trincomalee 10

H.M.S SIBYL 007 degs 30 mins 089 degs 100 degs 11  
H.M.S BICESTER leaves Colombo a.m 7th for Trincomalee.  
SONDRA 009 degs 30 mins 082 degs Colombo 10 .  
L.C.I 287 009 degs 30 mins 070 degs 30 mins Mandapam 6½  
DILIGENCE leaves Trincomalee 7th eastbound

H.M.S CUMBERLAND leaves Trincomalee 0930Z 8th eastbound.  
H.M.S CAESAR leaves Trincomalee 8th eastbound.  
H.M.S TEVIOT vicinity 010 degs 097 degs  
L.C.T 2339 24(708) H.M.I.S. AHMEDABAD (?010 degs) 079 degs 30 mins Mandapam 5.

H.M.S LOCH GLENDHU 011 degs 30 mins 081 degs 30 mins Madras 12.  
H.M.S MONKSHOOD vicinity 011 degs 45 mins 097 degs  
H.M.S JED vicinity 013 degs 15 mins 092 degs 02 mins  
Convoy E H.M.S NADDER H.M.S FALMOUTH 014 degs 30 mins 096 degs 30 mins 170 degs 9.

All latitudes above North all latitudes below south.

H.M.S VIOLET vicinity 005 degs 100 degs  
DULLISK COVE 011 degs 096 degs Cocos 9¼  
H.M.S BERWICK 016 degs 099 degs 320 degs 20.

*COPIES* 070231Z *Admission*  
Advance Copy. D.C O.D.

A.C.N.S. (F)  
D.C. (2)  
O.D. (9)  
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D.M.S. (2)  
D.T.D. (2)  
D.T.D. (C)(2)

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Friday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Disposition of warships on E.I.S. C. in C. E.I.S., 070231Z, addressed ships E.I.Stn. See Lion Copy.

Submarine TORBAY. Intend sailing TORBAY unescorted 1030Z/10th Sept. to Suez routed and instructed as in my 010305 speed 10 knots.  
(Capt. (S) 2nd, 070310Z to C. in C. E.I.)

11th D.Flott. for U.K. Intend to sail Capt. (D) 11 with ROTHERHAM, RACEHORSE, REDOUBT, ROCKET from Colombo 22nd Sept. for U.K. A.M. 162006 August refers.  
(C. in C. E.I., 070706Z to Admty.)

Bases E.I. Stoppage of work on. Request all work be stopped pending further instructions. Your letter 1031 OUQ II 38 dated 15th August and my 010456 (not to all refer) On following items of R.N. projects in India.  
(2) Cocanada Dockyard number 2 note A.F.D. 57 to be built in dockyard number one.  
(3) Bombay bases A. Sassoon Dock. Electrical workshop static water tank and barrack alterations. B. CHEETAH I and II all work includes dredging C. Marvo Workshop. D. Thakurli storage all work not started and all hangars not at present in hand.  
E. Lowji storage all work.  
(4) Cochin L.C. Base, items, etc.  
(5) Coimbatore R.N. Air Repair Yard, items, etc.  
(6) Sulur R.N. Air Station, (Items, etc.)  
(7) R.N.A.S. Cochin, items, etc.  
(8) British ships accommodation, items, etc.  
F. Chembur Camp all work.  
(9) Main accommodation all work except those hard standing which can be easily completed for tented accommodation.  
(10) Cochin Molcab Depot, items, etc.  
(11) Chromepet stores A. Asiatic canteen B. Accommodation.  
(12) Bombay N.A.A.F.I.  
(13) The continuation of work on any individual item included in the above which is 75% or more complete may be decided locally.  
(C. in C. E.I., 070905Z to Army India Southern Army, Admty.)

CLEOPATRA. Cruiser. Request confirmation that CLEOPATRA is to join B.P.F. in accordance with A.M. 081810 June. She can be made available on conclusion of duty as flagship of C. in C. E.I. (Afloat).  
(C. in C. E.I., 071102 to Admty. (R) C. in C.B.P.F.)  
Reply 111215A.

Singapore convoy. Arrived 5th Convoy C Singapore portion escorted by LOCH KATRINE and ROTHER.  
(F.O. Malaya, 071102Z to Admty., C. in C. E.I.)

/Hongkong.....

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies - Contd.

Hongkong, S.A.C. 21121/Q (Ops.)  
relief Commodities received from this source relief  
supplies. supplies Hongkong. Your 030026Z Sept. (not to all)  
Giving you estimated monthly requirements of  
essential dry goods and fuel for C.A. use Hongkong.  
(1) Following is comparison of your estimated

monthly requirements of foodstuffs and monthly requirements  
included in approved civil relief programme on which procurement  
has just been initiated by War Office.

<u>A. Item.</u>	<u>B. Approved esti- mate (tons)</u>	<u>C. Your esti- mate (tons)</u>
Rice pulses, sugar, flour	9750 2200 925 420	17500 2000
tea oil seed fats	25 250	2500 3500 500 420

Monthly requirements of other foodstuffs included in approved  
programme total some 6000 tons.

(2) MacDougall is aware of position regarding provision of  
supplies under approved programme. In brief although procurement  
action has been initiated by War Office it will be some months  
before supplies become available under approved programme in any  
quantity. In meantime immediate essential requirements will be  
met to extent possible from available stocks provided for other  
areas and purposes subject to overall priorities throughout  
S.E.A.C.

(3) In view of foregoing MacDougall has been instructed to submit  
estimates of minimum essential monthly requirements earliest  
possible after his arrival. Request therefore you reconsider your  
estimates in light of MacDougall's knowledge of procurement  
situation.

(4) Details of initial shipments of relief supplies are contained  
in our signal S.A.C. 20476 of 311405Z August to C. in C. B.P.F.

(5) Request you arrange direct with B.A.A.C. Macao for delivery  
of some 4000 piculs rice offered by H.Q. British troops in China  
and inform this H.Q. amount rice and any others.

(S.A.C.S.E.A., 071205Z to C. in C. Hongkong.

Singapore Preliminary inspection shows 5,000 ton floating  
naval base. dock and King George V graving dock operational.  
(2) Ample facilities for shipping small craft.  
(3) 40% of original workshop with equipment will  
be operational in 6 weeks time.

(4) Repair materials in fair quantity are available which will  
probably be sufficient for workshop machinery.

(5) There is plenty of electrical power for workshops.

(6) Normal fire and water services available.

(7) There are 40,000 tons of low grade O.F. which Japanese  
have used for furnace fuel and diesel engines. Not recommended  
this fuel be used in H.M. ships.

(8) (?3)000 tons poor quality coal.

(9) 500 skilled European workmen could be accommodated in base  
area in fair accommodation in 2 months time.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Singapore  
naval base.  
(Contd.)

(10) Ample supply of coolies.  
(11) Expected that up to 2000 skilled and semi-skilled natives can be obtained and accommodated now.

(12) I propose to employ native labour sufficient to man existing facilities gradually increasing with capacity of yard. Progress will largely depend on supply of European supervisors.

(13) A Police Force, admittedly large, about 500, will be required to safeguard the naval base and F.O. Malaya is investigating possibility of local recruitment.

(14) R.M. Police or European officers to command native Police Force will be necessary.

(15) A skeleton of Administrative Officers will be provided from local resources to start off the base but technical officers will be exceedingly hard to find.

(16) To prevent dispersion of local labour intend to employ up to 6,000 for whom there is ample work now.

(17) F.O. Malaya concurs.

(C. in C. E.I. in CLEOPATRA, 071233Z to Admty.)

Monitor.

Departed ABERCROMBIE.  
(F.O. E.Af., 071310Z to Admty.)

BENEDITTO

Italian S/M  
BRIN for Med.

<sup>BENEDITTO</sup>  
Intend to sail Italian submarine BRIN at 0700Z/8th to Suez for onward routing to Mediterranean.

(2) E.T.A. 1500Z/14th, S.O.A. 8.5 knots.

(4) Request arrangements for transit of canal.  
(Com. Aden., 071506Z to Admty., N.O.I.C. Suez.)

Destroyers  
CAPRICE,  
CAMBRIAN  
for E.I. to  
relieve 11th  
D.F.

Arrived CAPRICE, CAMBRIAN.  
(Com. Aden., 071528Z to Admty., etc.)

Commando  
Brigades in  
S.E.A.C.

Your S.A.C. 20544 of 1 Sept. (not to India and A.L.F.S.E.A.)

(1) Our policy is to reorganise on the lines recommended in the R.A.W. Committee report and approved by Chiefs of Staff that all Commandos should be Marines. We therefore do not propose

to send out to you any Army Commandos.

(2) We will discuss with Admiralty and C.C.O. the question of the future of the Commando Brigade now in S.E.A.C.

(S.A., 071845A to S.A.C.S.E.A.)

Movements.

Sailed Penang 0300 FG/8th Sept. B.S. 3 in NELSON, NIGERIA, CEYLON, TARTAR, NUBIAN, RELENTLESS, PALADIN. Para. 2. Ships remaining at Penang. VOIKOV, KISTNA, EASEDALE, SALWEEN, YUEN SANG, KWAI SANG, HARPALYCE, EGRA, CITY OF AUCKLAND, L.S.T. 383, SAN VITO.

(B.S. 3, 072511Z to C. in C. E.I.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America & West Indies.

QU'APPELLE  
 destroyer.

Departure Halifax 2200Z/6th Sept. H.M.C.S.  
 QU'APPELLE with passengers embarked at 18 knots for  
 Ponta Delgada, Azores, thence Greenock, thence  
 Ponta Delgada, E.T.A. 0100Z/11th Sept.  
 (4) On arrival Ponta Delgada request QU'APPELLE  
 be fuelled and sailed to Greenock as directed by  
 Admiralty.  
 (C. in C. C.N.A., 070015Z to S.B.N.O. Azores.)

L.S.T. (3)  
 3512, for  
 U.K.

Departure H.M. L.S.T. (3) 3512 1300Z/7th Sept. to  
 Sydney, C.B., and to Clyde, speed 12 knots  
 (2) N.O.I.C. Sydney is requested to make departure  
 signal and E.T.A. Clyde.  
 (N.O.I.C. Quebec, 071511Z to N.O.I.C. Sydney, C.B.)

U.S. frigate  
 BEAUFORT  
 Weather Stn.  
 Ship.

Originator departs Argentinia Sea Buoy 0930Z/8th for  
 Wea. Sta. 7, speed 12 knots, E.T.A. Relief Point  
 0730Z/11th.  
 (BEAUFORT, 071715 to N.O.B. Argentinia, N.F.)

Frigate  
 WOONSOCKET.

For weather station three originator departs 1830Z/  
 8, speed 12 knots, E.T.A. 1030Z/11, E.T.D. C.C.Z.  
 0230Z/10.  
 (P.F. 32, WOONSOCKET, 071935 to N.O.B. Argentinia.)

Far East and Australia.

Movements.

Arrived Kiirun TYRIAN, TUSCAN.  
 (C.T.F. 111.3, 070201Z to Com. 7th Fleet.)

Reduction of  
 F.E. S/M  
 strength.

C. in C. B.P.F. 290132 and Admty. 290205 (as recd.)  
 both August neither to C.T.F. 111. Intend to  
 sail MAIDSTONE for Fremantle about 15th Sept.  
 on relief by MONTCLARE for base ship duties.  
 (2) Intend to retain three S class submarines of  
 8th Flotilla at Hongkong for patrols and emergency  
 power supply pending arrival of three submarines of 4th Flotilla.  
 (3) Submarine 4 is requested to sail submarines as in para. 2  
 as soon as possible reporting names.  
 (4) Intend to sail S class submarines from Hongkong in pairs for  
 U.K. via Singapore Straits, Ceylon and Suez as it is unnecessary  
 for them to go to Fremantle.  
 (5) MAIDSTONE will take over surplus submarines (3) of 4th  
 Flotilla at Fremantle. ADAMANT and remaining T class submarines  
 to sail for Hongkong after three to four days for adjustments  
 with MAIDSTONE.  
 (6) Submarine 8 to propose sailing date from Fremantle for  
 MAIDSTONE and surplus submarines after periods of leave, embarking  
 stores and spare gear and for self refit before passage. Ends.  
 (C.T.G. 111.2, 070231Z to Admty., see 110739Z.)

/Hongkong...

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Far East and Australia - Contd.

Hongkong. S.A.C.S.E.A's 040630Z an immediate decision as to disposal and destinations of these 8 Sam ships is requested in order that they may be sailed from Hongkong to relieve congestion in the port. (C.T.G. 111.2, 070241Z to Admty.)

19th D.F. After arrival Colombo mid Sept. request TRAFALGAR, relieving CAMPDERDOWN and ARMADA be routed to Hongkong via 4th D.F. Malacca Strait. in B.P.F. (2) On arrival at Hongkong of destroyers (Admty. 171155 Aug. not to all refers) intend QUALITY, QUEENBOROUGH and QUADRANT return to U.K. by route which will depend on whether they are required to adjust complement and embark gear in Australia. (C. in C. B.P.F., 070511Z to C. in C. E.I.)

Situation (1) General condition of P.O.W. continues to report, improve with no more deaths. Strong working Formosa. parties have been landed from ships to clean up hospital. Medical officers, Corpsmen and supplies arriving satisfactorily from Manila. Hope to embark today all medical officers and other ranks ex - P.O.W. who remained behind to look after the sick.

(2) Attitude of Japanese remains correct but there have been one or two minor incidents of truculence probably due to ignorance on Matatnama airfield chiefly in connection with planes landing from carrier.

(3) This morning I sent for Major Genr. Dnaogawa Commanding Kiirun area and after reading appropriate extracts from General Order Number One of the Instrument of Surrender made certain demands on him for supplies and transports required for the well being of the P.O.W. So far these have been promptly complied with. I also informed him that I would hold him personally responsible for the behaviour of the troops at the airfield and their attitude was to be changed forthwith. Do not anticipate any further trouble.

(4) The Major General displayed great interest in the last para. of General Order Number One and asked for a copy which was duly supplied to him.

(5) Strong air patrols over town and airfield are being maintained by Carrier aircraft. Intentions.

(6) If hospital MAUNGANUI arrives to time evacuation of all P.O.W. in Formosa should be completed by p.m. Monday 10th. Consider it undesirable to stay on here under these circumstances and if you concur intend then to proceed Okinawa to join C.T.F. 74 for Shangahi operation. MAUNGANUI will be sailed for Manila.

(7) Logistics San Amada (A.O.) will be sent to Okinawa from Kiirun CITY OF DIEPPE (A.K.S.) (A.F.) will be ordered either to Shanghai area or to Okinawa as more convenient. (C.T.G. 111.3, 070956Z to Com. 7th Fleet, C. in C. B.P.F.)

/Policy...



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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia - Contd.

Policy for  
Evacuation  
of sick  
P.O.Ws. etc.  
in Pac. Area.

Your 051745. U.S. authorities do not wish to disembark civilian internees but will take them pending other arrangements. When Hongkong is ready they should go there.  
(2) C. in C. B.P.F. pass to C. in C. Hongkong.  
(C.T.F. 111, 071123 to Admty.)

Movements.

Arrival 5th Zamboanga, H.M.A.S. BUNDABERG,  
Jacquinot Bay, H.M.A.S. KIAMA and M.L. 808.  
Departure 5th Townsville M.L. 813, M.L. 808 and  
LIMOSA, Brisbane, Darwin, H.M.A.S. HAWKESBURY,  
Morotai, H.M.A.S. BURDEKIN, Balikpapan, Thursday Island, M.L.  
825, Port Moresby, Jacquinot Bay, LAURIANA, Milne Bay 6th Sydney  
WILCANNIA, Morotai, Townsville H.D.M.L. 1321, Port Moresby,  
Manus H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH, Guam.  
(A.C.N.B., 071158 to Admty.)

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Saturday

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SITUATION REPORT

Foreign Stations

East Indies

Java

1. F.O. 5th Cruiser Squadron in H.M.S. CUMBERLAND left Trincomalee today to arrive at Batavia on 15th September and act as guardship until land forces can be sent.

Far East and Australia

Formosa

2. At Kiirun the conditions of P. O. W. continue to improve but there has been one death. Hospital is in reasonably good order. The evacuation of all remaining P. O. W. will commence immediately the general situation is entirely satisfactory.

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SaturdayGENERAL

With reference to paragraph 2 of A.G.M.287A of 27th August the various opportunities offered to War Only Officers and Ratings to defer their release in Class A were framed at a time when it was expected that the war against Japan might continue for a considerable period after the defeat of Germany. Before the conclusion of this period it was expected that the strength of the Navy would have been reduced to that required for the war against Japan by the implementation of the Re-allocation Plan and that subsequently, following the defeat of Japan, general demobilisation would be ordered in order to reduce the armed forces to their peacetime basis.

(2) In the altered circumstances brought about by the early surrender of Japan it is desired to clarify the position of those who have already volunteered to postpone their release under Class A of the Re-allocation Plan.

(3) Ratings who volunteered for further service under the provisions of A.F.O. 5734/44, signed an undertaking to serve "until the end of hostilities against Japan". These Ratings have, therefore, now completed their contract and may be released in the Age and Service Group appropriate to their particular rating group. All such Ratings are, however, to be given the opportunity to volunteer for further service under the terms of A.G.M.287A of 27th August.

(4) Ratings who have signified their willingness to defer release for a specified period of time without reference either to the defeat of Japan or to the end of the emergency period under the provisions of A.F.O. 3466/45 or under the special instructions issued to certain authorities are not affected by the cessation of hostilities and their agreements stand.

(5) There remains the large body of both Officers and Ratings including Royal Marines and W.R.N.S. who have agreed to postpone their release in Class A under the provision of the Release Instructions, paragraph 35 etc. or under A.F.O. 3122/45. The undertakings signed by these Officers and Ratings limited their service to the end of the period of the present emergency. This period is not at an end and will continue until terminated by Order-in-Council. In paragraph 47 of the release instructions and in paragraph 11 of A.F.O. 3122/45 these volunteers were informed that when general demobilisation started releases would begin again at Group 1 so that they would have an early opportunity for release under general demobilisation. With so much remaining to be done throughout the world the time for general demobilisation is not yet in sight. The agreements which these Volunteers have signed are, therefore, still in force, but in the altered circumstances they are considered to be too indefinite, and it has been decided that all Officers and Ratings who have volunteered for further service either under the release instructions, paragraph 35, etc. or under A.F.O.3122/45 are to be offered for following alternatives:-

(a) To continue to serve until 30th September, 1946 if their services are so long required.

(b) To continue to serve so long as their services are required but not beyond the period of the present emergency.

Further information about these two alternatives is contained in A.G.M.287A of the 27th August as amended by A.G.M.302A of the 30th August.

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(6) This message is to be brought to the notice of all Officers and Ratings including Royal Marines and W.R.N.S. who have volunteered to postpone their release in Class A under any of the various schemes that have been notified. In particular the message is to be brought to the notice of persons who have signed the agreements referred to in paragraph 5, and they are to be informed that their decision is required by 30th September, 1945.

(7) Reports required. For Ratings who select alternative (a) or (b) in paragraph 5 Forms 161 R are to be forwarded as directed in paragraph 10 of A.G.M. 287A of the 27th August. For Officers, reports are to be signalled as in A.G.M. 288A of the 27th August.

(8) In the event of any Officers or Ratings being unwilling to adopt either alternative (a) or (b) in paragraph 5, in view of the changed circumstances since the agreements were signed their names are to be forwarded to Administrative Authorities so that special consideration can be given to their cases.  
(Hd. of C.W.I., 080726A to General.)

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- F.T.D.13 Intend to sail F.D.T.13 1700 8th Sept. to Clyde unless otherwise ordered by Admiralty (A.M. 311120A August not to all).  
(3) Speed  $9\frac{1}{2}$  knots E.T.A. a.m. 15th September. (F.O.G.M.A., 081129 to F.O.I.C. Greenock, N.O.I.C. Genoa.)
- U.S. Convoy (1) Arrival Horta 1400/8th U.S. Convoy <sup>Watson</sup> ~~WATSON~~ I composed of U.S.L.T.160 (Commodore) Y.91 (Vice Commodore) L.T.374, Y.105, Y.41, Y.71, Y.50, Y.104, Y.42, Y.106, Y.78, Y.70, Y.81, Y.31, L.T.363. (S.B.N.O. Azores, 081459Z to Admiralty.)
- R.T.VAGRANT C. in C. Med. 292245 August and A.M. 011259 neither to all, request approximate date VAGRANT will leave Gibraltar for U.K. Defect list should be forwarded by quickest method to F.O.I.C. Southampton and VAGRANT sailed to that port. (Capt. I.C. R.Ts., 081729A to F.O.G.M.A.)

South Atlantic

- Trawlers My 1452/05 to SHOOTING STAR & SANDSTORM only you for U.K. are to proceed to Walvis Bay and there await amended sailing orders.  
(2) Acknowledge.  
(C. in C. S.A., 081036B to SHOOTING STAR, SANDSTORM)
- HOWE Amend paragraph 1 of my 071106\* to read as follows: battleship A.M. 161119 sail HOWE as requisite to arrive Simons Bay p.m. Sept. 12th subsequently sailing to arrive Capetown a.m. Friday Sept. 14th. (C. in C. S.A., 081102B to Com. Durban.)

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Mediterranean

EXMOOR destroyer EXMOOR is temporarily allocated to F.O.L.E.M. a.m. 171120 August.  
(2) Request you sail her to Alexandria when ready.  
(C. in C. Mediterranean (N), 080918B to V.A. Malta)

Minesweeper Intend to sail SERENE at 0900 September 9th to Port Said F.O.G.M.A.'s 031744 not to all refers.  
(2) S. of A. 12 knots. E.T.A. 2000C 12th.  
(5) SERENE acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(V.A.M., 081055 to S.N.O.R.S.C.A.)

Movements Major warships summary part 1 (I) 0001 to 2359/7th Arrivals Malta: SERENE, CARRON, CAVALIER, F.S. GAZELLE, F.S. ANNAMITE. Departures Malta: I.S. FABRIZZI, ALBACORE, I.S. FUCILIERE, I.S. ATTILIO REGOLO, I.S. POMPEO MAGNO.  
(2) Estimated position at 2001/8;  
(a) LOCH INSH 36.54 N. 11.34 E. basic eastbound to Malta 14 knots.  
(b) AJAX 38.23 N. 15.41 E. route "A" to Naples 15 knots.  
(V.A.M., 081153 to Admiralty.)

F.S. CAP DES PALMES will leave Toulon to Saint Nazaire for repairs calling at Oran and La Pallice to ferry material between these two ports.  
(2) Request approval.  
(3) Marine Paris pass to PREMAR II and Comar Bordeaux.  
(Almed, 081245B to C. in C. Med., C. in C. Plymouth.)

Landing Craft Mediterranean. To implement my 040959 all L.C.Ts. of the 5th and 7th Flotillas not required for lifts referred to in my 201208\* August, my 061248 and my 061647 are now to be paid off into pool reserve at Messina.  
(2) Numbers of craft to be reported to C. in C. and Admiralty as they are reduced.  
(C. in C. Med., 081554B to Capt. L.C. Med.)  
\* Retention of 4 British and 3 Greek L.S.T. and 4 British L.C.I. approved.

French ships Intend to sail French Sloop GIRUNDIA<sup>II</sup> French ship LANSQUENET<sup>II</sup> French ship GRENADIER and C.H.135 at 1000B/12th to Gibraltar for fuelling and victualling and onward routing to Brest, degaussing for GIRUNDIA<sup>II</sup> and LANSQUENET.  
(2) 10½ knots.  
(4) E.T.A. 0800B/13th.  
(Comar Oran, 081600B to F.O.G.M.A.)

(Cancelled by Comar Oran 100930B to F.O.G.M.A.)

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Movements  
to F.E.etc.

~~BOXHURST~~  
BOKSBURG

Arrivals L.S.E. (L.C.) 52, M.F.Vs. 1175, 1115,  
M.M.S.300, LOCH KILLISPORT, ARMADA, GRIBB,  
~~BOXHURST~~, Z.85, 81, 71, TRAFALGAR, CAMPERDOWN.  
Departures M.F.A. BRITISH COLONEL, TRAFALGAR,  
ARMADA, CAMPERDOWN, ELAN, LOCH ECK, M.F.Vs. 1526,  
1143, 1512, 1026, 1511, 1561, 1056, GRIBB,  
BOKSBURG ~~BOXHURST~~, L.S.T.(2) 2.  
(S.N.O.R.S., 081643 to Admiralty.)

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**Movements** Arrived Singapore September 7th: RACEHORSE, LOCH LOMOND, FISHGUARD, CHALLENGER, L.S.T.321., L.S.T.324.  
(F.O. Malaya, 080359Z to C. in C. E.I.)

**Movement Convoy D** Arrived 7th Convoy D. escorted by LOCH LOMOND and FISHGUARD.  
(N.C.S.O. Singapore, 080406Z to Admiralty.)

**Convoy from Singapore** Intend to sail:  
(a) Singapore, Bay of Bengal one. One Ship Rangoon, three ships Rangoon via Madras for bunkers.  
(b) DART.  
(c) 1300 to G 9th Sept.  
(d) Convoy disperses at T.H. a.m. 11th September.  
(2) Escort is then for disposal by C.E.I.E.  
(3) MEIRI one E refers.  
(N.C.S.O. Singapore, 080539 to Admiralty, C. in C.E.I.)

**Italian ships** There is no longer a requirement for Italian ships ERITREA and CARABINIERE on East Indies station. Propose to sail them for the Mediterranean.  
(C. in C. E.I., 061102Z to Admiralty.)

**Movements F.O. 5th C.S.** Arrival VENUS, BICESTER, FLARE.  
Departure Capt. (D) 6th in CAESAR, CUMBERLAND wearing flag of F.O. 5th C.S.  
(N.O.I.C. Trincomalee, 081601Z to Admiralty.)



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America & West Indies.

C. in C.C.N. As of 6th September, 1945, the appointment of  
W. At. Commander in Chief Canadian Northwest Atlantic  
lapsed. The Naval Command on the Canadian  
Atlantic Coast will be exercised by an officer  
with the title of Commanding Officer Atlantic  
coast short title C.O.A.C. as was the case prior to 1943.  
(2) Request Admiralty and Cominch will promulgate to the  
necessary British and Navy Authorities.  
(N.S.H.Q., 081630Z to Admty.)

S/Ms for U.K. H.M. submarines UNRUFFLED and UNITED who have  
this for action depart Bermuda Sea Buoy 1300/09  
for Rothesay. Speed 11 knots, E.T.A. P.22, 2100.  
(Comnob Bermuda, 082013 to N.C.S.O. Clyde.)  
Amended 101201.

Far East and Australia.

C. in C.B.P.F. Admiral Fraser sails in DUKE OF YORK with WHELP  
movement. and WAGER from Tokio 9th Sept. E.T.A. Hongkong  
area 13th Sept.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 080605Z to C. in C. Hongkong.)

PENN, air My 060550 is cancelled see Admty. 051418 not to  
target ships. all which crossed.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 080740Z to C. in C. E.I., Admty.  
D.10.)

Hongkong, LEONIAN loads 1st, 2nd and 3rd class mooring at  
moorings. Brisbane and will be ready to sail about 1st Oct.  
(2) Request you will report whether any moorings  
are required at Hongkong.  
(3) If moorings required LEONIAN will be sailed  
towing BARTHORPE to Hongkong and will leave moorings and,  
BARTHORPE at Hongkong before proceeding to Ceylon.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 080658Z to N.O.I.C. Hongkong.) See Com C-El 201254.

Nominal lists (2) Following information is to be prepared by  
of classified R.A.P.W.I. Authorities during processing A.  
Brit. Comm. Official number. B. Rank or rating. C. Name and  
and Dutch initials full Christian names for naval officers  
R.A.P.W.I. and internees. D. Regiment ship or unit. E. Name  
and address of next of kin. F. Recovered from.  
G. State of health.

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Nominal lists of classified Brit. Comm. and Dutch R.A.P.W.I. (Contd.)

(3) This information is to be handed or passed by fast air mail as follows:-  
A. Canadian Nationals to C. in C. Af. Pac.  
B. Australian Nationals to Foreland Manila for No. 3 Australian reception groups or direct to L.H.Q. Melbourne whichever is the quicker.  
C. All other Nationals to Bristas. Manila for onward transmission to Brilist Melbourne or direct R.O. Brilist Melbourne whichever is the quicker.

(4) In case 3C above Brilist Melbourne will be responsible for passing information to Governments concerned.

(5) V.A.(Q) pass to Land Forces and Brilist Melbourne. B.A.D. pass to B.A.S. Washington, Rdo. Leyte pass to S.B.N.L.O. Philippines, Rdo. Manila pass to C. in C. Af. Pac., C. in C. Af. Pac. pass to Bristas Manila, Admty. pass to W.O. (C. in C. B.P.F., 081202Z to C. in C. Hongkong, S.B.N.L.O. Philippines.)

It is necessary to define "internee" for the purpose of reporting numbers of British Commonwealth and Dutch R.A.P.W.I. in C. in C. Af. Pac. and China areas.

(2) An internee is defined as one who has never during Japanese War been a member in any capacity Civil or Military of any recognised Combatant Forces.

(3) All remainder are regarded as P.O.Ws.

(4) V.A.(Q) pass to S.R. Neth. N. Officer at Melbourne Land Forces Melbourne and Brilist Melbourne. C. in C. Af. Pac. pass to Bristas Manila. S.A.C.S.E.A. pass to Armindia. Admty. pass to W.O. B.A.D. Washington pass to B.A.S. Washington.

(5) R.D.O. Leyte pass to S.B.N.L.O. Philippines, R.D.O. Manila pass to C. in C. Af. Pac.

(C. in C. B.P.F., 081211Z to C. in C. Hongkong, V.A.B.P.F.)

Situation report Kiirun, Formosa.

Conditions of P.O.W. continue to improve but there has been one death. Hospital in reasonably good order and has ample supplies of all kinds.

(2) Expect to berth MAUNGANUI in harbour 1000I. tomorrow Sunday and evacuation of all remaining P.O.W. will commence immediately. MAUNGANUI will

be sailed for Manila on completion.

(3) All American doctors and Corps men have been evacuated. Colonel Charignon and party of 8 have arrived.

(4) General Situation entirely satisfactory. (C.T.G. 111.3, 081229Z to Comdr. 7th Fleet.)

APOLLO (fast mine-layer.)

(1) My position, course and speed 24° 28' N. 144° 30' E. 360°, 24 knots.

(2) Mail and personnel can be transferred at sea. (APOLLO, 081359Z to C. in C. B.P.F.)

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Malaya.

1. Landing on beaches at Port Swettenham by 25th Indian Infantry Division and in Sepang area by 37th Indian Infantry Division all in assault formations commenced this morning.

America & West Indies.

SS. SAMDON  
on fire.

2. SS. SAMDON (Br. 7219 tons) caught fire at New York this morning causing considerable damage to boilers.

Far East and Australia.

Formosa.

3. All P.O.W. known to be remaining on Formosa were successfully evacuated and embarked this afternoon in H.S. MAUNGANUI at Kiirun.

C. in C.B.P.F.

4. Admiral Fraser sailed in DUKE OF YORK with WHELP and WAGER from Tokio for Hongkong area.

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North Atlantic

JEWEL  
 Fleet  
 minesweeper

Intend to sail JEWEL at 2000B 9th September to Port Said calling at Malta to adjust complement.  
 (3) Speed 12 knots E.T.A. Malta 0800B 13th Sept.  
 (F.O. Gibraltar, 091216B to F.O.L.E.M.)

ST. LAURENT  
 destroyer

H.M.C.S. ST. LAURENT arrived Ponta Delgada 0800Z/8th and departed Halifax. S. of A. 21 knots, E.T.A. Halifax 1900Z 11th.  
 (4) F.O.I.C. Greenock's 051427Z refers.  
 (S.B.N.O. Azores, 091052Z to C. in C. C.N.A.)

Movement

Departure Halifax 1600Z/9th September ROSAMUND and MYSTIC. E.T.A. Ponta Delgada a.m. 15th September.

(2) On arrival Ponta Delgada, request ROSAMUND and MYSTIC be fuelled and sailed to U.K. as directed by Admiralty.  
 (C.O.A.C., 091720Z to B.N.O. Azores.)

U.S. Convoy  
~~WATSON~~ I.  
 Watson

U.S. Convoy <sup>Watson</sup> ~~WATSON~~ I negative U.S.L.T. 374 & Y 105 departed Horta 1745Z 9th. S. of A. 6.5 knots expected T. of A. New York 2nd October.  
 (2) L.T. 374 and Y.105 delayed with engine defects and will sail to overtake on completion of

repairs.  
 (3) My 081459Z refers.  
 (S.B.N.O. Azores, 091812Z to Admiralty.)

South Atlantic

Movement

My 041406B. Walvis Bay departure 1400B September 8th CAPE WARWICK, and NORTHERN DUKE for Lagos.  
 (2) S. of A. 9 knots. E.T.A. Lagos p.m. 17th September.  
 (C. in C. S.A. 090926B to Admiralty.)  
 Cancelled by 101046

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Mediterranean

Destroyers for B.P.F. Sailed D.19 in TRAFALGAR with CAMPERDOWN and ARMADA at 15 knots to Aden for onward passage E.T.A. p.m. 12th September. (N.O.I.C. Suez, 091023C to Admiralty.)

Submarine Cables; restoration of Further to my 090945 August. The Director of Submarine Cable Service of French P.T.T. and London Authorities have agreed to the following programme for restoration Algiers-Marseilles 1879 and 1880 cables.  
(a) Repair Gibraltar-Algiers number two which is faulty and unworkable.  
(b) Restore Gibraltar-Malta number two.  
(c) Restore Algiers-Marseilles 1879.  
(d) Restore Algiers-Marseilles 1880.  
(e) Join Algiers-Bizerta to Marseilles-Bone number two to form an Algiers-Bone circuit.  
(2) Programme should be undertaken by C.S. EMILE BAUDOT on completion of repairs. ST. MARGARETS can be made available to assist on return to Mediterranean.  
(3) Request you will instruct EMILE BAUDOT accordingly. (C. in C. Med., 091031B to Almed., Admiralty.)

M.S. Flotilla Your 071923B. Approved to retain 12th M.S.F. until relieved. (A.C.N.S.(F), 091219A to C. in C. Mediterranean)

Visit of AJAX to Stamboul Your 051205B. Approved. Cost to be a charge to Navy Votes. (Hd. of M.(II) Approved 4th S.L., 091348A to C. in C. Med.)

Revised forecast of ships destined for E.I. Station and B.P.F. E.T.A. Malta A.M. 311822 July, cancel September and October. Following is revised forecast:-  
September; HEEMSKERK, CARYSFORT (Few days practices only) ZEPHYR. (Few days practices only) CHAPLET, VAN GALEN, 4 Hunts. (refitting in Med.) possibly 4 A/A Sloops and 4 "Bay" Frigates.  
October; NORFOLK, COSSACK, COCKADE, FINISTERRE, SOLEBAY, CHEVIOT, CHEQUERS, CHARITY, 2 Hunts (refitting in Med.)  
November; OCEAN, LAGOS, CONSTANCE, CONTEST, CONSORT, GRAVELINES, ZODIAC, (few days practices only), ZAMBESI (few days practices only.)  
(D.O.D.(F), 091720A to V.A.M.)  
*Cancelled by DOD(F) 281657A VAM*

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Sit. report (1) Penang; Royal Marines landed 3rd Sept. all  
No. 30. Japanese left Island by 5th. L.S.I.(M)s returned  
Rangoon to lift (?R.A.F.) regiment who arrived  
Penang 10th Sept. to relieve Royal Marines.  
(2) Sabang: PHOEBE relieved Cdre. D. and LONDON  
as guard ship 8th Sept. Royal Marine force remaining to guard  
stores and preserve law and order.  
(3) Singapore: C. in C. E.I. in CLEOPATRA, Capt. M.S., F.A.  
in PELORUS with M/S Flotilla 6 and R.F.A. R.A.F. ORANGE LEAF  
arrived Singapore 3rd Sept. CLEOPATRA anchored Singapore Roads  
4th. 5th Division landed Keppel Harbour as planned 5th Sept.  
without incident. F.O. Malaya hoisted Flag in KEDAH. Hongkong  
convoy swept through Singapore Strait, 6th Sept.  
(4) Keppel Harbour port capacity 4 thousand tons per day 16  
alongside berth docks crane and machinery good order.  
(5) Naval base 5 thousand ton floating dock and K.G. V graving  
dock operational. 40% workshop with equipment will be operational  
in 6 weeks time outfit available.  
(6) Port Swettenham landing on (corrupt group) beaches by 25th  
Indian Infantry Division and in Sepang area by 37th Indian  
Infantry Brigade all in assault formation commenced a.m. 9th Sept.  
(7) Lift is by Force W. Naval Force Cdr. F.O.W. in BULOLO all  
available fleet units under V.A. 3 and Assault Carrier under A.C.  
21 supporting operation in case of treachery 37th M/S Flotilla  
and 7 B.Y.M.S. from Penang previously swept the area.  
(8) Java F.O. 5th C.S. in CUMBERLAND left Trincomalee 8th Sept.  
to arrive Batavia 15th to make early contact with F.O.I.C. W.  
and act as guard ship until land forces can be sent.  
(C. in C. E.I., 090659Z to R.N.L.O. Delhi.)

Operation  
"Zipper"

Operation "Zipper". Convoy J.M.A. 3 fast sailed  
1445 FG/9th Sept.  
(N.C.S.O. Bombay, 090836Z to Admty., C. in C. E.I.)

Destroyer,  
movements  
from Singapore

(1) PETARD will leave Singapore at 1800 on 10th  
Sept. with mails for Trincomalee calling at  
"Zipper" area on 11th Sept. thence via Penang  
and Babang.  
(2) Intend REDOUBT and PENN carry out similar  
trips leaving Singapore 12th and 14th Sept.  
respectively.  
(3) Authorities are requested to sail destroyers accordingly  
reporting E.T.A. at next port of call.  
(C.S. 2, 090952Z to S.O. Force N, etc.)

Sitrep. Keppel  
Harbour and  
Singapore Town  
area.

(1) Accommodation for officers and men satisfactory.  
(2) Electric light water drains satisfactory.  
(3) Dry docks pumped and found in good condition.  
(4) Commercial port working well civilian stevedore  
labour coming forward well. Port capacity  
increasing rapidly.

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Sitrep. Keppel (5) Skilled labour for dockyard work and ship  
Harbour and repairs coming forward well.  
Singapore (6) Civilian population well fed and well behaved  
Town area. except for a certain amount of looting.  
(Contd.) (7) F.O. Malaya's office set up ashore in Union  
Buildings.  
(8) Tug situation satisfactory. Harbour craft  
mostly in poor condition detail survey in hand.  
(9) Detail survey of Naval base in hand.  
(F.O. Malaya, 091151 to C. in C. E.I. Ashore.)

C. in C.E.I. Departed Singapore 8th C. in C. in CLEOPATRA,  
in CLEOPATRA. 9th LOCH KATRINE.  
(F.O. Malaya, 091341Z to C. in C. E.I.)

Italian ships C. in C. E.I. 061102. Proposal approved.  
to return (2) C. in C. Med. is requested to inform Italian  
Med. authorities of intended return of these two ships.  
(A.C.N.S.(F), 091811A to Cs. in C. E.I., Med.)

Fr. ships The following French ships are expected to leave  
for Indo- the Med. for Indo-Chinese waters between now and  
China. the end of Sept. ANNAMITE, GAZELLE, SOMALI, GLOIRE,  
LE FANTASQUE, QUERCY, BEARN, SUFFREN, the latter  
three on trooping and supply duties.  
(2) Further signal will be made in due course  
giving details of movements and arrangements for support of  
French ships generally.  
(A.C.N.S.(F), 092150A to Cs. in C. E.I., Med., N.A. Paris.)

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America & West Indies.

S/Ms for U.K. H.M. submarines UNRUFFLED and UNITED departed Bermuda 1315Z for Rothesay.  
(S.B.N.O. W.At., 091330Z to Admty.)

Movement. H.M.C.S. ST. THOMAS arrived Esquimalt 1405Z/9th September.  
(N.O.I.C. Esquimalt, 091422Z to N.S.H.Q.)

DUNCANSBY HEAD. DUNCANSBY HEAD departed Esquimalt 1500Z/9th Sept. for San Francisco, S.O.A. 10 knots, E.T.A. San Francisco, 0100Z/13th Sept.  
(N.O.I.C. Esquimalt, 091510Z to N.S.H.Q.)

Movement for U.K. Departure p.m. 9th Sept. ROSAMUND and MYSTIC to U.K. via Azores.  
(Capt. (D) Halifax 091701Z to Admty.)

Far East and Australia.

Shipping for B.P.F. Confirmed that HIGHLAND MONARCH and TAKLIWA will be needed.  
(2) Probable that two or three further ships will be wanted about mid Oct. Could this be met from S.E.A.C. resources.  
(3) More definite statement will be made as soon as sufficient information is available.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 090104Z to S.A.C.S.E.A.)

AIRE, command ship logistic supply group. Intend AIRE to act as base and communications ship for S.B.N.L.O. Philippines.  
(2) Concurrence of U.S. authorities is being sought.  
(3) AIRE is not to proceed further than Leyte pending decision.  
(4) If U.S. authorities concur AIRE is to report to S.B.N.L.O. Philippines for duty and further orders.  
(5) B.N.L.O. Leyte pass to S.B.N.L.O. Philippines.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 090117Z to C.E.F., B.P.F.)  
Cancelled by 120010Z.

Situation (1) All P.O.W. known to be remaining on Formosa report Kiirun, successfully evacuated and embarked in H.S. MAUNGANUI p.m. today Sunday. Their condition is steadily improving but a number are still dangerously ill.  
(2) In view of weather reports am not sailing MAUNGANUI at present. Essential we should have fine weather passage.

/ (3) ...



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Situation (3) Am obtaining signed declaration from Senior report Kiirun. Japanese Military Officer that no allotted P.O.W. (Contd.) remaining there on the island.  
(4) General situation remains satisfactory with Japanese fully co-operative.  
(5) A party has been sent out to examine and photograph the coppermine at Kinkase KI where some of the worst atrocities occurred. The Japanese military authorities have been told to supply lists of all their personnel employed at the various camps in order justification be done.  
(C.T.G. 111.3, 091015Z to Cdr. 7th Fleet.)

Survey of Torres Strait and Approaches. Para. 1 of A.C.N.B. 130400 August\* (being passed to B.A.D.) reveals a decrease in depth and width compared with former survey. This Channel is therefore no more stable than the Channel close northward of Booby Island and would be subject to tidal conditions for the passage of heavy ships to much the same degree. The extra navigational difficulties as compared with the Booby Island Channel, therefore, render this Channel less suitable. In view of the foregoing concur in your paras. 3 and 4.

(2) Your para. 6. Concur that in present circumstances the early establishment of this Channel is no longer necessary, but it is considered that surveys should be extended as soon as convenient to define a route from Double Island passing southward of Kirkcaldie Reef thence northward to join the Great Northeast Channel so as to avoid the tortuous navigation through Vigilant Channel. The Chart F.6038 indicates the probability of finding a suitable passage.

(3) Your para. 7. Concur.

(4) Concur in your para. 8. In any case consider that before any dredging is undertaken a track through Endeavour Strait to join up with the Great Northeast Channel would need to be surveyed by modern methods to make certain that isolated pinnacles of 36 feet or less do not exist, since if such were discovered in the fairway the same limitations would apply to this passage as to Prince of Wales Channel.

(5) In order to gain experience of the practicability of using the Prince of Wales Channel, C. in C. B.P.F. is requested to route a large vessel that way when a suitable opportunity arises and to ask her to make a detailed report.

(1st S.L., 091032A to A.C.N.B., C. in C. B.P.F.)

\* Concerns soundings area in Western Approaches to Prince of Wales Channel.

S/Ms for U.K., (1) Intend to sail SELENE, SUPREME, SEASCOUT at 0001Z/11th Sept. and SOLENT, SLEUTH at 0001Z/12th Sept. for U.K. via Singapore Strait and Colombo.

(2) Report E.T.A. 24 hours in advance to C. in C. E.I. (3) S.O.A. 11½ knots.

(C.T.G. 111.2, 092255Z to C. in C. E.I.)

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Foreign Stations

East Indies

Operations  
completed

- (1)a Operations "Jurist" and "Beecham" are completed and following force numbers have lapsed: 11, 68, 57.  
(b) Force 154 constituted for operation "Tiderace" is disbanded.  
(c) Forces constituted for operation "Zipper" are disbanded viz; Numbers 62, 64, 65 and 70.

Far East and Australia

Escorts  
etc.

2. C. in C. Pacific reports that there are now no Japanese submarines at sea. All units of B.P.F. may sail without Escort except where in the opinion of the officer initiating a movement, an escort is necessary for communication purposes or because of danger of mines.

2nd Cruiser  
Squadron  
transfer  
of flag.

3. The flag of C.S.2 has been transferred from H.M.S. BERMUDA to H.M.S. BELFAST.

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North Atlantic.

SS. KERSTEN MILES  
 ex German. From inspection of merchant ship KERSTEN MILES made by Master and Chief Engineer it is apparent that only satisfactory course is for the ship to be towed to Gib. forthwith Master acting under owners' instructions is unable to take over ship until gas free certificate is issued but is willing to embark crew and act as steaming party if ship is towed to Gib. and agrees that this is the only possible course. It is impossible to obtain gas free certificate for at least one month. Even after this time if ahead turbine will function it is doubtful whether ship could maintain 5 knots and in any case astern turbine is out of action. Request therefore that tug may be sent from Gib. forthwith. If tug can be sent Spanish Authorities can arrange for CROCUS to remain in Las Palmas to await arrival.  
 (CROCUS, 101335A to F.O.G.M.A., see 111236B.)

S/Ms from B.P.F. Intend to sail SANGUINE (S.O.) and SEA DEVIL 1800/10th Sept. to Rothesay.  
 (3) Speed 12 knots, E.T.A. p.m. 15th Sept.  
 (6) SANGUINE acknowledge and sail ships to comply.  
 (F.O. Gib., 101611B to Greenock C.C.O.)

QU'APPELLE destroyer. H.M.C.S. QU'APPELLE arrived Ponta Delgada 1130Z/10th and departed at 1740Z/10th.  
 (2) S.O.A. 21 knots, E.T.A. Greenock 1100Z/13th.  
 (S.B.N.O. Azores 102055 to Greenock.)

South Atlantic.

TEST frigate. Arrived TEST.  
 (Cdre. Durban, 100714Z to Admty.)

Movements. Cancel my 090926B, not to CAPE WARWICK. CAPE WARWICK and NORTHERN DUKE are now proceeding Luanda for water.  
 (2) Consul General Luanda has been informed.  
 (4) Further signal will be made when E.T.A. Lagos is known.  
 (C. in C. S.A., 101046 to Admty.)

A.F.D. 31. Expect to sail A.F.D. 31 from Durban with REWARD and GROWLER on Sept. 15th for Trincomalee through Z. 28° 31' S. 32° 43' E. and then in accordance with para. 3 of A.M. 251818 Aug. which is being passed to Com. E.A.  
 (C. in C. S.A., 101214B to Com. Durban, see 121032B)

HOWE, battleship. Sailed HOWE by route R. 10 to Simons Bay.  
 (2) S.O.A. 15 knots, (3) E.T.A. 1600Z/12th Sept.  
 (Cdre. Durban, 101540Z to Admty., C. in C. B.P.F.)

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Mediterranean.

AJAX visit to Istanbul, H.R.H. Regent of Iraq. Take MARNE and METEOR under your orders, and sail as soon as practicable after H.R.H. The Regent of Iraq has embarked p.m. Sept. 12, by current swept channels, adjusting speed to R/V with two Turkish destroyers in position 38° 41' N. 25° 43' 30" E. at 1800C/14 Sept., thence to Istanbul to arrive at entrance to Bosphorus 0900C/15 Sept.  
(2) B.N.A. Ankara's 051620\* and 031730+ refer neither to all.  
(C. in C. Med., 100928B to AJAX.)  
\* Turkish destroyers to R/V AJAX.  
+ AJAX, MARNE and METEOR leave Istanbul.

Fr. ships for Brest. Cancel my 081600B intend to sail Fr. sloop GIRUNDIA II, LANSQUENET, GRENADIER and C.H. 135 at 1000B/11 to Gibraltar for fuelling and victualling and onward routing to Brest degaussing for GIRUNDIA and LANSQUENET. (2) 10½ knots.  
(Comar Oran 100930B to F.O.G.M.A.)

Movement. SIRIUS is to embark bands of NORFOLK and AURORA and leave Trieste a.m. Sept. 13th for Malta.  
(C. in C. Med., 100938B to SIRIUS.)

Destroyer flotilla changes. At 1200B/15th Sept. the 22nd D.F. will cease to exist. LIDDESDALE, WHADDON, CLEVELAND, ATHERSTONE will then be transferred to the 3rd D.F.  
(2) Composition of the 3rd D.F. will then become:-  
5th Division MILNE, MUSKETEER, MARNE, METEOR, MATCHLESS, LOOKOUT. 6th Division LIDDESDALE, WHADDON, CLEVELAND, ATHERSTONE.  
(3) Para. 6 my 081418 June not to all refers.  
(C. in C. Med., 100952B to Med. General.)  
Re- When remaining type 2 and 3 HUNT have left the station the 22 D.F. will be abolished and LIDDESDALE, WHADDON, CLEVELAND and ATHERSTONE will be formed into the 2nd Division of the 3rd D.F.

LOCH INSH frigate, on passage to E.I. Intend to sail LOCH INSH at 1600B/11th Sept. to Alexandria. F.O.G.M.A's 050856 not to all and M.T.M. 452 refer. (2) S.O.A. 14 knots adjusted to arrive first light 14th. (5) LOCH INSH acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(V.A. Malta, 101135B to F.O.L.E.M.)

Minesweepers for E.I. Sailed SEA BEAR (S.O.) and MOON at 092300C to Aden. (2) E.T.A. a.m. 14th Sept., S.O.A. 12 knots.  
(N.O.I.C. Suez, 101253C to Admty., Com. Aden.)

CARNARVON CASTLE, Prince Mohamed Ali. Agree CARNARVON CASTLE calls Alexandria en route Port Said to disembark Prince Mohamed Ali by tender.  
(2) Request you advise S.S.T.O. Alexandria, E.T.A. in order to avoid delay to vessel.  
(P.S.T.O. Med., 101745B to S.S.T.O. Taranto.)

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Mediterranean - Contd.

Fr. ships (1) Marine Paris informs me British Admiralty  
for Far East. concurs ANNAMITE, GAZELLE, be sailed to Far East.  
(2) Request you sail both ships as soon as  
training is completed to Port Said, calling on  
way at Alexandria for victualling and bringing  
French S.Ps., ships do not need shore firing practice.  
(3) Marine Paris orders following onward trip Suez, Djibouti,  
Aden for fuelling. Colombo or Trincomalee as ordered by C. in  
C. E.I., thence Singapore, Saigon.  
(4) Admty. pass to Marine Paris.  
(Almed., 101755B to V.A.M.)

Re visit of At Istanbul. I called yesterday on Admiral Ulgen  
AJAX, the new C. in C. principally to discuss details  
Istanbul. of AJAX visits.  
(2) Received most friendly welcome and formed  
good impression of new command in particular of  
Nemiral Necati Ozdeniz, Commanding Active Squadron. Latter  
served 2 years in German Battlecruiser VON DER TANN during last  
war.  
(3) Admiral Ulgen requests his heartiest congratulations and good  
wishes may be conveyed to First Sea Lord, he commanded Active  
S<sub>Q</sub>uadron in YAVUZ when WARSPITE visited Istanbul in 1939.  
(B.N.A. Ankara, 101821C to Admty. for D.N.I.)

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Survey  
China  
Coast

WHITE BEAR cannot be spared from production work in Singapore area at present. Ships can be employed on China coast now making best use of the weather. CHALLENGER, the more suitable for actual surveying could be sailed for Hong Kong before end of September. A dispersal party ex- WHITE BEAR for work at Hong Kong could be shipped but preferably not until December if CHALLENGER is sent WHITE BEAR could relieve CHALLENGER in due course. WHITE BEAR's O11813 and A.M.'s O11840 refers.  
(C. in C. E.I., 100551Z to C. in C. B.P.F.) See 261551.

Merchant  
ships  
routeing.

Intend:

(1) Cancelling M.E.I.R.I. as soon as the whole world is declared a non-combat area.  
(2) Merchant shipping to be routed in accordance with the wishes of the Master taking into account established approach routes through minefields and navigational dangers as promulgated by Q message.  
(3) Any temporary special routine instructions to be promulgated by F.O.N.I.C.S. and cancelled as necessary.  
(4) Route signals to be discontinued and departure V.E.S.C.A. to M.E.R.C.O.'s made in plain language in accordance with S.D.G.6. Route to be included showing minimum number of positions.  
(5) Arrival V.E.S.C.A. to M.E.R.C.O.'s as at present in plain language.  
(6) Shipping to report position and E.T.A. 48 hours before arrival at destination.  
(7) All C.Bs. and S.Ps. to be withdrawn except W.I.M.S.3.  
(C. in C. E.I., 100609Z to Admiralty.)

Clearance  
of Minefields

M/L H.M.S. DABCHICK and REDSHANK left Colombo 9th September to clear controlled minefields at Kilindini, Mauritius and Addu Atoll in that order.  
(2) N.Os. I.C. of 3 ports are requested to confirm by signal that the controlled minefield charts and tracings are available for minelaying officer on his arrival.  
(F.O. Ceylon, 100950Z to N.O.I.C. Kilindini, Mauritius, Addu Atoll)

Operations  
completed

Operations "Jurist" and "Beecham" are to be considered as completed and following force numbers now lapsed: 11,\* 68, 157.  
(2) Force 154 constituted for "Tiderace" is disbanded. VIGILANT is transferred to operational control of B.S.3.  
(3) Following forces constituted for "Zipper" are also disbanded and forces number lapsed: 62, 64, 65, 70.  
(4) Following forces remain constituted under 18 Capt. M/S F.A. (a) Force 155 Fleet M.S. Flotillas and attendant oiler.  
(b) Force 12 auxiliary M.S.  
S.Os. pass ships in company concerned.  
(C. in C. E.I., 101002Z to Capt. E.I. Escort, Capt. M.S., N.O.I.C. Penang, Admiralty.) \*Could read 47, 122.

/Convoy....

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Convoy (1) Singapore/Bay Bengal number two.  
 No. 2 (2) 0630 10th.  
 (4) 9 knots.  
 (5) As return routed by N.C.S.O. Rangoon except  
 new position AB 02° 51' N. 100° 53' E. convoy  
 disperses at position (TH) and ships proceed independently.  
 (6) LOCH MORE, ROTHER  
 (7) 2 columns 4 4.  
 (9) QC 218 QCA 525 QCH 371.  
 (10) DILWARA - Calcutta, SAMCONNON - Colombo, SALDAR - Madras,  
 SAMVANNAN - Colombo, EKMA - Madras, FORT TURTLE - Colombo,  
 KAROA - Madras, FORT FRONTENAC - Colombo, SAMSTEEL - Non Starter.  
 My 091646 refers.  
 (14) As issued by N.C.S.O. Rangoon.  
 (15) U.G.  
 (N.C.S.O., 101031 to Admiralty .)

S/M Arrived H.M.S. THRASHER, L.S.T. 3025.  
 THRASHER (N.O.I.C. Aden, 101455Z to Admty.)

Movement Arrived Singapore 10th C. in C. in CLEOPATRA,  
 C. in C. LOCH SCAVAIG, H.M.A.S. MANUNDA.  
 Departed LOCHMORE, ROTHER.  
 (F.O. Malaya, 101940 to C. in C. E.I.)

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America & West Indies.

DUNCANSBY  
HEAD.

DUNCANSBY HEAD departed Esquimalt Sept. 9th for East Indies via San Francisco. (C.O.P.C., 102051Z to Admty.)

RAME HEAD  
(Escort  
maintenance  
ship) for  
B.P.F.

Intend sailing RAME HEAD to San Francisco 17th September to complete with fuel and for onward routing by C.W.S.F. Admty's. 251155Z (N.T. in W.D.) March not to C.O.P.C. refers. (C.O.P.C., 102204Z to B.A.T.M., N.S.H.Q., Admty.)

Far East and Australia.

Hongkong,  
Monrads.

Your 061122\*. It is intended that the N.Z. Radar Section of the Monrads only should be set up in Hongkong, the personnel are being trained in Sydney. (C. in C. B.P.F., 100027Z to Admty.)  
\* Request remarks re Monrad train for Hongkong. Can it be dispensed with.

BELFAST  
(cruiser).

Arrived Kiirun, BELFAST. (C.T.G. 111.3, 100032Z to Com. 7th Fleet.)

Movement.

A. Task Unit 112.1.2. B. BLACK SWAN, WIDEMOUTH BAY. C. BLACK SWAN. D. Manus. E. 0700K/10th, Sept. F. 15 knots. G. Plum. H. Hongkong. I. To be reported 24 hours before arrival. K. Q.N. 7, Q.N.A. 45, Q.N.Y. 4, Q.P.F. 33, Q.P.H. 136, Q.P.E. 93, Q.N.H. 54, Q.P.D. 65, Q.P.C. 80, Q.P.A. 56. L. Cora, Port Wave as requisite. (S.B.N.O. Manus, 100554Z to C. in C. Hongkong.)

Movement,  
destroyer.

Arrived Kiirun, QUADRANT. (C.T.G. 111.3, 100700Z to Cmdr. 7th Fleet.)

Escorts B.P.F.  
cancellation  
of.

C. in C. Pac. has received report from Japanese that there are now no Japanese submarines at sea. (2) All units of B.P.F. may sail without escort except where in the opinion of the officer initiating a movement an escort is necessary for communication purposes or because of danger from mines. (C. in C. B.P.F., 100815Z to C. in C. B.P.F., C. in C. E.I., Admty.)

/Flag...



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Flag of C.S. 2. The flag of C.S. 2 Combiteruron 2 has been transferred from BERMUDA to BELFAST. (C.T.G. 111.3, 101016Z to Admty.)

Formosa, Kiirun. Nothing further to report, situation continues satisfactory, weather conditions prevent MAUNGANUI sailing at present. (Coonawarra W/T, 101026Z to C.T.G. 111.3, Com. 7th Fleet, etc.)

C. in C.B.P.F. programme. Admiral Fraser in DUKE OF YORK E.T.A. Buckner Bay a.m. 11th to visit Com. 5th Fleet, E.T.D. a.m. 12th E.T.A. Hongkong a.m. 14th Sept. (C. in C. B.P.F., 101155Z to C. in C. Hongkong, C.T.G. 111.2, C.T.G. 111.3, C.T.F. 112, C.T.F. 37., etc.)

A/Cs for evacuating P.O.Ws. etc. E.T.A. Manus, IMPLACABLE 17th, FORMIDABLE 23rd, GLORY 30th, All Sept. (2) Approx. capacities for a period of 16 days after embarking personnel named below  
A. IMPLACABLE 150 fit officers and 2000 fit other ranks or 25 sick officers, 250 sick other ranks plus 120 fit officers, 1350 fit other ranks.  
B. FORMIDABLE 1300 fit or 250 sick plus 900 fit.  
C. GLORY approx. as FORMIDABLE.  
(3) Request you will approach S.C.A.P. regarding employment of these ships for evacuation of P.O.W. and convey to him the proposal that ships should be operated by C. in C. B.P.F. in conformity with S.C.A.P.'s general wishes.  
(4) Request you will also convey to S.C.A.P. the following suggestions:  
A. IMPLACABLE available for one or two lifts from Japan to Manila thereafter replenishing and available for lifts from (R) Manila.  
B. FORMIDABLE and GLORY available for lifts from (R) Manila.  
C. Lifts from Manila to following alternative destinations in order of priority, India, Australia, North America. (C. in C. B.P.F., 101247Z to C.T.F.)

Evacuation of P.O.Ws., etc. Evacuation of R.A.P.W.I. refer C.T.F. 111, D.T.S. 041452\*.  
(2) Evacuation in accordance with para. 2 of above signal from Japan, China coast including Hongkong and Formosa to Manila, is now proceeding by means of U.S. Naval ships. U.S. aircraft assisted by H.M. ships and EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA in the main, it is believed that this commitment will be covered, though the position of internees is still far from clear. The assistance of HIGHLAND MONARCH and TAKLINA to give a direct lift from Hongkong to S.E.A.C. will also help much.  
(3) The real problem appears to be the onward lift from Manila as there is considerable doubt whether U.S. authorities dispose of sufficient shipping for sometime to come, or will be able to agree

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Evacuation of P.O.Ws. etc. (Contd.) to a move of R.A.P.W.I. destined U.K. across the Pacific as outlined in para. 4 of A.M. 291905 Aug. (4) Accordingly three of the B.P.F. aircraft carriers are being placed at the disposal of S.C.A.P. with a total lift of some 5000 R.A.P.W.I. (5) Should S.C.A.P. ask, as seems probable that these ships be routed through Malacca Strait to S.E.A.C. could you receive these numbers. It is not desired that aircraft carriers proceed beyond India nor can they be provisioned to do so carrying these numbers. (6) There will still be at least a further 10,000 U.K. and Indian R.A.P.W.I. for S.C.A.P. to clear from Manila routed either East or West about. (C. in C. B.P.F., 101313Z to S.A.C.S.E.A., (R) Cs. in C. E.I., Hongkong.) *see 210916Z*  
\* Subject recovery British prisoners of war. General principles to be applied and responsibility for conduct of this operation as laid down in Combined Chiefs of Staff Directive under ref. C.O.S.(W) 758.

Govt. Policy of Commonwealth internees, responsibility for. (1) There are approx. 2,000 British Commonwealth internees in Hongkong and another 6,000 in Shanghai and North China. Latter information obtained from reliable Japanese source. (2) 1,000 ex Hongkong, including 550 women and children are proceeding to Manila in EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA on 12th Sept. approx. This is to make room in Hongkong but no further will be sent to Manila vide C.T.F. 111's 071123. (3) Guidance on the following points is requested on Government policy in dealing with Commonwealth internees:  
A. Does the British Government accept responsibility for feeding, clothing and then evacuating internees to their countries of origin  
B. If internees do not wish to be evacuated does the British Government accept any responsibility in feeding and clothing them until able to fend for themselves.  
C. What priority of passage do internees have vis a vis prisoners of war.  
(4) If British Government accepts responsibility for evacuating internees request information on what shipping is available in view of internees not being covered by C.O.S. (W) 758 and your 291905. It appears most unlikely that any U.S. transportation will be available for internees.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 101317Z to Admty.)

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Far East and Australia

Formosa

1. The general situation at Kiirun is entirely satisfactory with prisoners of war rapidly improving. C.T.G.111.2 has sailed for the Shanghai area.

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North Atlantic

SS. KERSTEN  
MILES  
(Ex-German)

Following is a repetition of my 111230B begins:  
Addressed H.M.S. CROCUS repeated C. in C. Med.  
Admiralty from F.O.G.M.A. (Corrupt Group).  
Possibility of tug being despatched now (under)  
consideration.  
(2) Remain Las Palmas until further orders.  
(3) Your 101353 refers. T.O.O. 111230 September ends.  
Las Palmas please pass to CROCUS.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 111236B to CROCUS.)

S/Ms. E.T.A. 1000A 12th September. H.M.S. TIRELESS  
in company again.  
(TRUNCHEON, 111858A to F.O.G.M.A.)

South Atlantic

TEST  
Frigate

Sailed TEST coastal to Capetown calling at  
East London.  
(2) Speed of advance 14 knots.  
(3) E.T.A. East London 0600Z 12th September  
E.T.A. Capetown 0600Z 14th September.  
(N.O.I.C. Durban, 111424Z to Aden, C. in C. S.A.,  
C. in C.E.I.)

NIGELLA  
Corvette

Sailed H.M.S. NIGELLA route as follows (route).  
to Colombo.  
(2) S. of A. 10 knots.  
(3) E.T.A. Diego Suarez p.m. 18th September.  
(Cdr. I.C. Durban, 111624Z to Admiralty, C. in C.  
E.I.)

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Mediterranean

Trawlers  
for U.K.

Intend to sail trawlers VICTORIAN (S.O.), LYDIARD at 1300C/12 September to Malta for onward routeing Gibraltar for Plymouth.  
(3) S. of A. 8 knots E.T.A. p.m. 17th September.  
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 111055C to V.A.M.)

Situation  
Greece

My 071327B. Threatened extension of strikes has not taken place and, with arrival of H.M.S. LOOKOUT, continued presence of cruiser at Piraeus now considered unnecessary provided one remains in Greek waters.

(2) If situation in Athens does not deteriorate, propose to visit Suda Bay from 14th to 19th September proceeding thence to Malta. H.M.S. AJAX is due to leave Istanbul on 19th and H.M.S. SIRIUS is expected to leave Malta for the Levant about 22nd Sept.  
(3) S.B.N.O. Greece and Greek Military concur.  
(C.S.15, 111516B to F.O.L.E.M.)

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East Indies.

S/M. E.T.A. Aden 130200Z. 20 tons O.F. required. Duration stay as required for fuelling. (SUBTLE, 110331Z to N.O.I.C. Aden.)

Destroyer Flotilla organisation. 068C following is organisation of 29th D.F. 57th Division BICESTER (29th D.F.) BRECON, 58th Division COWDRAY, EGGESFORD. (C. in C. E.I., 110416Z to Admty.)

A/S Base ship. Ref. your 050543 July. Admty's 261144 July and my 071825 not to all. Request instructions for disposal. (S.O.R.N.E.(I), 110437Z to C. in C. E.I.)

Operation "Zipper". Operation "Zipper" G.M.A. 3 slow sailed 1000 FG/11th, speed 8½ knots. (N.C.S.O. Calcutta, 110526Z to Admty., etc.) Operation "Zipper" G.M.A. 3 fast sailed 1220 FG/11th speed 10 knots. (N.C.S.O. Calcutta, 110916Z to Admty.)

Operations "Masterdam" and "Bibber", *(Saigon and Bangkok)* Operation "Masterdam". Limited naval object to escort and ensure safe arrival of Capt. and force of 20th Indian Division from Rangoon to Saigon and to open Port Saigon. (2) S.O.A.G.W.2, Capt. T.I.S. Bell, D.S.C., R.N. is appointed Naval Force Cdre. for Planning and Execution. Outline plan in F.P. 1 and Port II of F.P. 1 and 2 to be supplied by N.O.I.C. Rangoon is for guidance. (3) Naval forces allocated are WAVENEY, 3 L.C.I.(L) available B.Y.M.S. 1 L.S.T. carrying port party for Saigon and for operation "Bibber." (4) C. in C. E.I. Stn. will arrange, A. Convoy escort. B. Sailing of L.S.T. with port party. C. Sailing of B.Y.M.S. and L.C.I.(L) from Singapore. (5) Following programme is guide to planning:- D-day is 2nd Oct. D-9 slow convoy leaves Rangoon D-7 WAVENEY arrives Singapore fast convoy leaves Rangoon D-6 WAVENEY, B.Y.M.S. and L.C.I.(L) leave Singapore D-3 WAVENEY, B.Y.M.S. and L.C.I.(L) arrive Saigon River D-2 sweeping starts D-day convoys arrive. (6) Saigon Control Commission will be requested to arrange for pilots to meet WAVENEY, p.m. D-3 (5 groups missing) sweep. (7) At Saigon Naval Force Commander is to assume the title of N.O.I.C. Saigon. (8) Transport of French Forces in PRINCES BEATRIX, QUEEN EMMA, F.S. RICHELIEU and LE TRIOMPHANT to arrive after D-day convoys also under consideration. (C. in C. E.I., 110612 to S.O.A.G.W.Z. in WAVENEY.)

S/M for U.K. Intend to sail TUDOR at 1400Z/11th routed Q.B.H. 1623 to Suez for onward routing to U.K. She will require about 5 days for engine overhaul. (2) E.T.A. 1400Z/16th, S.O.A. 10 knots. (Com. Aden, 110900 to N.O.I.C. Suez.)

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Bahrein and  
Aden W/T  
Stations.

A.L.M. 03175/45 of 26th April, 1945.  
It is not clear from records in Colombo whether the Government of India has accepted the manning of Aden and Bahrein W/T Stations as a permanent commitment. It is understood that the R.I.N. wish to accept the commitment and no objection is seen as long as the stations remain under the operational control of C. in C. E.I. and the Admiralty remain responsible for maintenance and technical development.  
(2) If the above proposals are agreed request action be initiated between H.M. Government and the Government of India to put the matter on a firm basis.  
(C. in C. E.I., 110957Z to Admty.)

R.I.N. re-  
presentation  
occupation  
Japan.

94755. Personal from Auchinleck to Fraser. Please refer to C. in C. B.P.F. 040839 Sep. addsd. C. in C. E.I., Info. S.A.C.S.E.A. and F.O.C.R.I.N.  
(1) I should like to think that R.I.N. sloops GODAVARI and CAUVERY could be included in naval occupational force for Japan and that these sloops could be given opportunity to enter Japanese ports and their sailors place their feet on Japanese soil.  
(2) As decision already taken that British Indian troops will form part of Allied land forces to occupy Japan I feel it is appropriate that there should also be R.I.N. representation in naval occupational forces.  
(3) Would be grateful if U.S. authorities could be approached with a view to R.I.N. representation being made possible.  
(Armindia 111050 to C. in C. B.P.F.) *see 040503Z Sep*

*see Army 12180 Oct. Armindia*

HOWE and  
NELSON  
battleships.

A.M. 312005 (N.T. in W.D.) August not to all. After completion of visit to Capetown HOWE should proceed as requisite to replace NELSON in East Indies Fleet, and NELSON should be sailed for U.K.  
(2) ROBERTS and ABERCROMBIE should return to U.K. to reduce to category B reserve if you have no further use for these ships.

(3) Ships should bring home the max. possible number of personnel filling up if necessary with personnel other than naval.  
(V.C.N.S., 111310A to Cs. in C. E.I., B.P.F., etc.) *see 262304A*

Repatriation  
of R.A.P.W.I.  
from  
Singapore.

Request following ships may be sent to Singapore as soon as possible in the following order:  
(1) ALMANZORA. (2) TEGELBERG. (3) ~~NEW~~ HOLLAND.  
(4) LARGS BAY. (5) ESPERANCE BAY. (6) ARAWA.  
(7) HIGHLAND CHIEFTAIN. (8) SOBIESKI. (9)  
CILICIA. (10) TAMAROA. (11) ANTENOR.

(2) Balance of Indian fit R.A.P.W.I. available for embarkation ex Singapore approx. 4000. Request you select most suitable "Zipper" ships for these numbers and despatch as soon as possible and advise expected time of arrival.  
(3) Agreed F.O. Malaya R.A.P.W.I., D.S.T.O. Port Commandant.  
(4) H.Q. Alfsea. 6414 and 6415. Q Mov. of 8th Sept. refers.  
(F.O. Malaya, 111355Z to C. in C. E.I.)

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Singapore  
convoy.

Sailed LOCH RUTHVEN escorting TARASCON, EMPIRE CLARION, <sup>SAN</sup>ZOTICO, TEGELBERG, CITY OF CANTERBURY, ALMANZORA and RANCHI for Singapore at 1630 FG today Tuesday LOCH RUTHVEN will report E.T.A. position AD.

(2) EMPIRE MULL straggler will be sent on as quickly as possible. (Capt. Shipping Control, 111426 FG to F.O. Malaya.)

Movements.

Arrived Com. (D) E.I. in LONDON, ROCKET. Sailed STYGIAN.

(N.O.I.C. Trinco., 111544Z to Admty.)

Arrived TUDOR, M.M.S. 276, 303, 304. Departed TUDOR, THRASHER, L.S.T. 3025.

(Com. Aden., 111629Z to Admty.)



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America and West Indies

German submarines U.530 and 977 Ex-German Submarine U.530 and 977 left Rio Santiago River Plate 1000Z 11th September escorted by U.S. Navy tug CHEROKEE. Route passing through following points 035° 35' S. 054° 30' W. 033° 02' 050° (754') 023° 24' 042° 55'. Estimated speed 10 knots. E.T.A. off Raza Island light 15th September Route from Rio de Janeiro to Trinidad not yet known. (B.N.A. Buenos Aires, 111442Z to Admiralty.)

SS. SAMDON on fire SS. SAMDON caught fire at New York a.m. 9th causing considerable damage to boilers. (N.S.H.Q., Ottawa, 111640Z to Admiralty.)

Pacific operational Naval Units Cominch 111940 to Admiralty, Comnavu. See Lion Copy.

Surplus ships Disposal of Your 231548 August. Vessels in sub-paragraphs 1(d), (e), (f) and (g) are not required. It will not, however, be possible to give a decision on 1(b) and 1(c) until our Post War Fleet requirements have been decided. We would, therefore, be most grateful if frigates and Corvettes could be kept either in operation or on a high reserve until above decision is made, i.e. for the next few weeks. Vessels in category (a) were dealt with in A.M. 051221 to C.N.M.O. only. C.N.M.O.'s 061020 refers. (Hd. of M.(II), Approved V.C.N.S., 112110A to N.S.H.Q., C.N.M.O., C.O.A.C., C.O.P.C.)

Movement H.M. S/M SEA ROVER arrived Bermuda. (S.B.N.O. W.At., 112150Z to Admiralty.)

S/M UPRIGHT Departure Halifax H.M. Submarine UPRIGHT for Rothesay Clyde 2130Z 11th Sept. at 8.5 knots. (Route). E.T.A. Clyde p.m. 24th September. (C.O.A.C., 112156B to Capt. Submarine Flotilla No.7.)

Far East and Australia

Reduction of F.E. Submarine Strength Your 070231 and S/M 4 0906 E.I. The following factors may be effect your decision on the date of sailing MAIDSTONE. (a) T Class submarines of 4th Flotilla are now on cruises which it is inexpedient to curtail.

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From: Cominch

Date: 12.9.45

Recd: 0215

C.C.M. (Naval) C. in C.Gen. Sec. by W/T

To: Admiralty  
Info: Comnavcu

Pacific Summary Number 30.

Operational Naval Units

South East Pacific.

None

Pacific Coast.

NEW YORK RANGER, COMMENCEMENT BAY, CORE, BOGUE,  
WAKE ISLAND, CARD, LANGLEY, BALTIMORE, TRENTON, VINCENNES,  
26 DD.

Enroute U.S.

MASSACHUSETTS, MARYLAND, ESSEX, SARATOGA,  
CAPE ESPERANCE, BARNES, TAKANIS BAY, NASSAU, SAN JACINTO,  
SAN DIEGO, ASTORIA, 3DD.

Enroute Pearl.

TULAGI, WHITE PLAINS, COPSHEE, PUGET SOUND, CASABLANCA,  
PRINCE WILLIAM, KWAJALEIN, HOLIANDIA, 2DD.

South Pacific.

None

Central Pacific.

SOUTH DAKOTA, IOWA, WEST VIRGINIA, COLORADO, INDIANA,  
ALABAMA, WISCONSIN, TENNESSEE, NEVADA, TEXAS, ARKANSAS,  
CALIFORNIA, NORTH CAROLINA, NEW MEXICO, MISSISSIPPI, IDAHO,  
MISSOURI, NEW JERSEY, ANSON, DUKE OF YORK, KING GEORGE V,  
ALASKA, GUAM, YORKTOWN, SHANGRI LA, BON HOMME,  
RICHARD BENNINGTON, LEXINGTON, HANCOCK, RANDOLPH, TICONDEROGA  
ANTLETAM, INTREPID, INDEFATIGABLE, INDOMITABLE, SPEAKER,  
KABASHAN BAY, SIBONEY, MAKIN ISLAND, LUNGA POINT,  
GILBERT ISLANDS, ROI, THETIS BAY, MUNDA, HOGGATT BAY,  
KITKUN BAY, NEHENTA BAY, FANSHAW BAY, MANILA BAY,  
SAVO ISLAND, BLOCK ISLAND, SANTEE, VELLA GULD, SUWANEE,  
CHENANGO, CAPE GLOUCESTER, SALERNO BAY, WINDHAM BAY,  
LONG ISLAND, KULA GULF, SIBONEY, PETROF BAY, KASLAN BAY,

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ATTU, SITJOG BAY, ANZIO, INDEPENDENCE, COMPENS, BELLEAU WOOD,  
CABOT, MONTEREY, BATAAN, COLOSSUS, VEGERABLE, QUINCY,  
CHICAGO, BOSTON, ST. PAUL, PENSACOLA, CHESTER,  
SAFELAKE CITY, SAN FRANCISCO, MINNEAPOLIS, NEW ORLEANS,  
TUSCALOOSA, LOUISVILLE, WICHITA, PORTLAND, SHROPSHIRE,  
SWIFTSURE, HOBART, GAMBLE, NEWFOUNDLAND, COLUMBIA, MIAMA,  
BI MINGHAM, BERMUDA, BURYALUS, ARGONAUT, DETROIT, SAN JUAN,  
PASADENA, SPRINGFIELD, WILKES BARRE, TOPEKA, DULUTH,  
ATLANTA, OAKLAND, DAYTON, OKLAHOMA CITY, FLINT, VICKSBURG,  
TUCSON, AMSTERDAM, RICHMOND, CONCORD, NASHVILLE, ST. LOUIS,  
DENVER, MONTPELLIER, CLEVELAND, BILOXI, SANTA FE, MOBILE,  
235 DD.

At Pearl.

BOXER, CORREGIDOR, MATANIKAN, MAKASSAR STRAIT,  
SHAMROCK BAY, SAGINAW BAY, BOUGAINVILLE, ADMIRALTY ISLANDS,  
TRIPOLI, KALININ BAY, 22 DD.

North Pacific.

2 DD.

Southwest Pacific.

VICTORIOUS, FORMIDABLE, IMPLACABLE, SALAMAUA,  
RUDYARD BAY, RULER, VINDEK, SLINGER, CHASER, REAPER,  
VENGEANCE, ARBITER, STRIKER, ACHILLES, BELFAST, 14 DD.

Non Operational at sea.

Enroute Pearl.

None

Enroute U.S.

None

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Advance copy sent D.C. O.D.

V.C.N.S.  
A.C.N.S. (1)  
D. Map Room  
O.D. (9)  
D.C. (2)  
D.S.O.  
O.I.C. (2)  
D.N.I. (5)  
M. (2)  
W.D.  
Ad. Blake

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Reduction of F.E. submarine strength (Contd.)

(b) Relief of 3 S. class submarines by Ts. cannot, therefore, be effected till approximately 20th October.

(c) Estimate 10 days required for turnover between MAIDSTONE and ADAMANT at Fremantle.

(d) S Class S/Ms would, therefore, be detached for approximately 6 weeks.

(e) There is no immediate need for MAIDSTONE's return to U.K.

(2) Concur in sailing S Class S/Ms no longer required to U.K. Presume you have concurrence of C. in C. E.I.S. for this movement.

(C. in C. B.P.F., 110739Z to C.T.G.111.2, C. in C. Hong Kong, Admiralty.)

Formosa Sitrep Kiirun.

General situation entirely satisfactory with prisoners of war rapidly improving. Have sailed for the Shanghai area. MAUNGANUI and HELFORD are remaining until the weather moderates.

(C.T.G.111.2, 110935 to Com. 7th Fleet, C. in C. B.P.F.)

CLEOPATRA Cruiser

Unless C. in C. British Pacific Fleet requires CLEOPATRA she should remain in the East Indies Fleet.

(2) C. in C. East Indies 071102.

(D.O.D.(F) Approved V.C.N.S., 111215A to C. in C. B.P.F., C. in C. E.I.)

Movements

Arrival 7th.

Madang: MANOORA.

Jacquinot Bay: SHEPPARTON.

Port Moresby: M.L.825.

Morotai: BIRCH GROVE PARK.

Departures 8th.

Morotai: COOTAMUNDRA, JUNEE, LATROBE, GLENELG for Ambon.

9th Sydney: WARREGO for Darwin.

Tarakan: DIAMANTINA for Naura.

Townsville: DIAMOND SNAKE for Sydney.

Jacquinot Bay: VENDETTA for Rabaul.

(A.C.N.B., 112031Z to Admiralty.)

Japanese War Criminals

Reference your telegram of 3rd September. Every effort should be made to secure names of all war criminals. Names of local commanders of varying grades and of the higher Command having responsibility are required.

C. in C. Hongkong should apprehend and take into custody suspected persons denounced as war criminals also collect evidence. Even if impossible to obtain good evidence at once arrests of suspected persons should still be made. Courts should not be set up until further instructions.

Taking evidence must not delay immediate evacuation of P.W. but in any case a sufficient statement must be obtained to identify the alleged war criminal. If time does not permit more than this

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War  
Criminals  
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further evidence will be completed at home or if practical on board ship. In cases where the P.W. or internee is not being evacuated to the U.K. it is desirable to take the complete evidence before evacuation. Affidavits can be used as evidence under Army Order 81/45.

War Office telegram to S.A.C.S.E.A. for D. of I. (who was asked to inform Navy) deals with interrogation of P.W. ex-Japan and Japanese occupied territories (cipher 68061 D.D.M.I./P.W. dated 20th August, 1945).

Instructions will follow regarding the handing over or otherwise of persons alleged to have committed war crimes against other Allied nationals.

In cases of crimes committed collectively these should be investigated against all concerned including superior officers initially responsible for orders. Superior orders is no defence (see M.M.L. Chap. XIV, para. 443 Amendment No. 12.)

Detailed procedure your command now under consideration.  
(W.O.A.G.3, 112110 to C, in C. Hongkong)

Japanese  
submarines  
remain at  
sea.

Your 050516.

Japanese have reported to S.C.A.P. that no submarines remain at sea.  
(B.P.F., I.L.O., 112155 to C. in C. B.P.F.)

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North Atlantic

A.S.R.20 Intend to sail ST. BRIDES BAY 2000B 12th September to A.S.R. position 20 to relieve HADLEIGH CASTLE.  
(2) Speed 13 knots E.T.A. 1300B 14th September.  
(3) On relief HADLEIGH CASTLE return to Gibraltar.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 120949B to ST. BRIDES BAY, C.T.G.125.2.)

Coastal Force workshop Tender Intend to sail DERBY HAVEN 2000B 12th September to Port Said (F.O.L.E.M.'s 110050C to F.O.G.M.A. only).  
(2) Speed 15 knots, E.T.A. 0900B 18th September. (Gibraltar, 121657B to F.O.L.E.M., S.N.O.R.S.A. Derby Haven.)

South Atlantic

TEST Arrived TEST.  
Frigate (N.O.I.C.<sup>E</sup> London, 120711Z to Admiralty.)

A.F.D.31 My 101214\* Delayed approximately 5 days.  
(C. in C.S.A., 121032B to Com. Durban, C. in C. E.I.)\* Expect to sail A.F.D.31 from Durban with REWARD and GROWLER.)

Movement Capetown arrival GOOD HOPE.  
(C. in C. S.A., 121452B to Admiralty.)

Pointe Noire (facilities at). The following is the text of a message from British Consul Pointe Noire begins:  
No facilities for H.M. Ships at Pointe Noire apart from oil. No coal, no repairs, no provisions, Mutual Aid has finished. Ships should not call during week end when nothing is available. Wireless communication very uncertain and inadequate, therefore, H.M. Ships should not be routed to Pointe Noire. Ends.  
(2) Have these difficulties only just arisen as it seems that a large number of H.M. Ships of all descriptions have made use of Pointe Noire during the last few years.  
(3) Can you confirm that H.M. Ships should not be routed to Pointe Noire in future.  
(S.O.(I) Capetown, 121459 to S.O.(1) Freetown)  
See 141117Z to S.O.(1) Capetown.)

Movement HOWE Simonstown arrival HOWE.  
(C. in C. S.A. 121810 to Admiralty.)

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Mediterranean

French Ships for Far East (1) My 101755 refers.  
(2) French material for ANNAMITE and GAZELLE will be sent to Malta on the 13th September by British or French aircraft.  
(3) Request sailing both ships be delayed until material has been received.  
(Almed., 121040B to V.A. Malta.)  
See 151127.

Strength of Mediterranean Fleet The planned strength of the Mediterranean Fleet by 30th June 1946, is:-  
2 Light Fleet Carriers.  
5 Cruisers, 16 Destroyers, 8 Escorts, 8 submarines.  
(2) The above is intended to include the Gibraltar local defence force but does not include ships which will be required for Air/Sea rescue duties in the Atlantic.  
(3) It is intended that ultimately the Mediterranean Fleet will include Battleships and Fleet Carriers.  
(D. O.D. (F), Approved V.C.N.S., 121201 to C. in C. Med., F.O.G.M.A., V.A.M.)

Frigate LOCH KILLISPORT for E.I. Sailed LOCH KILLISPORT at 0900C/12th to Aden for onward routing.  
(2) E.T.A. daylight 16th September. S.O.A. 14 knots.  
(N.O.I.C. Suez, 121906C to Admiralty.)

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East Indies

M.Vs. for Singapore Sailing H.M.S. BRECON escorting DILIGENCE, FELIX ROUSSEL, PULASKI, LEVERN BANK for Singapore today 12th at 1700FG. H.M.S. BRECON will report E.T.A. position A.D.  
(Capt. Shipping Control, 120141Z to F.O. Malaya.)

Carrier SHAH for U.K. Sailed H.M.S. SHAH to Suez for onward routing to U.K. E.T.A. Suez 0600Z 23rd.  
(C. in C.E.I., 120320 to N.O.I.C. Suez)

Italian ships for Mediterranean Intend following programme for Italian ships. ERITREA and CARABINIERE.  
17th September ERITREA leave Trincomalee for Colombo.  
20th September CARABINIERE and ERITREA leave Colombo in company for Mediterranean.  
(2) Comic. Trincomalee is requested to sail ERITREA accordingly 17th September.  
(C. in C. E.I., 120614Z to Colombo, Trincomalee). Cancelled by 150251Z.

RICHELIEU French battleship Take H.M.S. RELENTLESS under your orders and and sail from Singapore as soon as ready after 1600 G.M. today September 12th for Trincomalee passing through swept channel of 1 fathom bank in daylight C. in C. E.I.S.'s 110949\* not to all refers.  
(2) Report your expected time of arrival to Comic. (T) (R) S.N.O.A.(T), C. in C. E.I.S. and

B.S.3. (3) F.B. RICHELIEU and H.M.S. RELENTLESS acknowledge.  
(B.S.3, 120646Z to F.B. RICHELIEU.) \* Not identified in W.R.

Convoy No. 4 Sailed:  
(1) Singapore/Bay of Bengal Number 4.  
(2) 0630Z 12th September.  
(4) 9.5. knots.  
(5) As return routed by N.C.S.O. Rangoon except new position AB 02° 51' N. 100° 53' E. convoy disperses at position TH and proceeds independently to destination.  
(6) ~~LOCH LOMOND~~  
(7) Four ships one column.  
(9) QC.222, QCA.530, less 520, 527, 528, 529, QCH.371.  
(10) DEVONSHIRE Calcutta, ITOLA Vizagapatam, TALAVEERA Madras, KARAPARA Madras.  
(?) As issued by N.C.S.O. Rangoon.  
(15) S.W. E.T.A. and requirements will be signalled by escort at point of dispersal. M.E.I.R.I. S.E.C. IF(?) refers.  
(N.C.S.O. Singapore, 120947Z to Admiralty.)

Portuguese Ships for Timor Intend to sail Portuguese ships 16th September for Timor as in para. one of my 061101.  
(2) Sloops will require fuel and water at Darwin on completion of operations at Timor. Fuel required is light furnace oil of about 0.688 specific gravity modification to Iranian Marine Diesel.



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Portuguese Ships for Timor (Contd.) (3) (?SAO THOME) will return direct to Portuguese E. Africa from Timor calling at Colombo if necessary.  
(C. in C.E.I., 121016Z to A.C.N.B.)  
See 150640Z.

Convoy movement Intend to sail:  
(a) Singapore/Bay of Bengal 5, 2 ships Madras, 1 ship Vizagapatam.  
(b) LOCH SCAVAIG.  
(c) 0630Z 13th September.  
(d) Convoy disperses at position Tare How a.m. 15th September. Escort is then to return Singapore.  
(e) 3 Peter 2 M.E.I.R.I. section 1 paragraph 4 refers.  
(N.C.S.O. Singapore, 121033Z to Admiralty etc.)

Ship using Operation "Zipper" Route. Sailed from position SC by "Zipper" and "Tidrace" route 0430Z 12th WORCESTERSHIRE knots 13.5.  
Requirements unknown.  
(Capt. Shipping Control, 121102Z to C. in C.E.I.)

Operation "Item" Convoy Operation "Item" convoy J.M.B.3 fast sailed 0450Z.  
(N.O.I.C. Cochin, 121153 to Admiralty.)

Dutch S/M TIJGERHAAI on passage to S.W. Pacific Cancel previous destination. Proceed Batavia by following route:-  
Position A 006° 20' S. 104° E.  
Position B 006° 20' S. 105° 30' E.  
West of Thartway Island to position C 670° N. Wellington light 25 miles thence N. of A Thousand Islands to  
Position D 005° 40' S. 106° (753') E. then as ordered by C.S.5.  
(2) Report E.T.A. position D.24 hours in advance to C.S.5 and position at time of reporting.  
(C. in C.E.I.S., 121249Z to TIJGERHAAI.)

Portuguese sloop for F.E. Arrival GONÇALO VEHLO. - Departure H.M.S. SHAH, H.M.S. BERWICK,  
(F.O. Ceylon, 121250Z to Admiralty.)

Destroyers for F.E.etc. Arrived TRAFALGAR, CAMPERDOWN, ARMADA, COQUETTE, PROVIDENCE, LOCH ECK.  
Departed LOCH FYNE, SIGFRA, PLADDA, M.F.V.s 1113, 1088, 1054, 1125, 1123, 1141, 1510, 1111, 1540, M.M./S, 276, 303.  
(Com. Aden, 121440 to Admiralty.)

Movement Cutter FISHGUARD Departed Singapore 11th FISHGUARD.  
(F.O. Malaya, 121756 to C. in C.E.I.)

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America & West Indies.

Re AMPHION  
experimental  
cruise.

My 241231\* July as amended by S/M 3 101107+  
in order to insure against bad weather on ocean  
passages and to give Commanding Officer complete  
freedom of action during tropical patrol propose  
AMPHION should fuel at Trinidad on 23rd Oct.  
E.T.A. Holy Loch will then by 3rd Nov.  
(F.O. S/M 121146A to Admty.) See S/M 3 131230A.  
\* Concerning tropical and Arctic cruise for AMPHION  
+ Intend sailing AMPHION on 15th.

Movement.

BUCHANNESS arrived Balboa 9th Sept. Departs  
Cristobal 12th 1400 for London. Speed 11 knots.  
Route to interested parties by other means E.T.A.  
London 30th 1800.  
(C.R.D. Panama Sea Frontier, 121606 to Admty., etc.)

ORCADIA  
for U.K.

Slip at 1500Z/13th Sept. and 12 knots proceed Ponta  
Delgada routed from Sambro Light Vessel to B.  
E.T.A. a.m. 19th Sept.  
(4) On arrival Ponta Delgada request S.B.N.O.  
Azores fuel and sail ORCADIA to U.K. as directed  
by Admiralty.  
(Capt. D. Halifax, 121747Z to ORCADIA.)

Far East and Australia.

AIRE base  
and com-  
munication  
ship.

In view C. in C. Pac. 110156 (N.T. in W.D.) my  
090117 is cancelled. This signal not to or  
needed by all.  
(2) Request B.N.L.O. Leyte arrange sailing of  
AIRE to Hongkong to join C.E.F. B.P.F.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 120010Z to B.N.O. Leyte.)

R.A.P.W.I. Mov. (2) EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA leaves Hongkong 12th Sept.  
No. 1 dated E.T.A. Manila 14th Sept. P.O.W. Brit. and Allied  
11th Sept. 560. Can. 340. Int. men 450. Women and children  
1945. 550.

(3) OXFORDSHIRE from Hongkong E.T.A. Manus 14th  
Sept. for Sydney. P.O.W. sick Brit. 110. Indian  
50, N.Z. 2. S.Af., 2. Norway 1.

(4) MAUNGANUI at Kiirun leaves shortly for Manila and Australia.  
P.O.W. sick 100. (5) SPEAKER at Manila empty for Japan.  
(6) RULER Japan loading. (7) IMPLACABLE leaves Sydney 13th Sept.  
empty for Japan.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 120133Z to Admty.)

/R.A.P.W.I....

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R.A.P.W.I. Int. indicates Internees.  
 Sitrep No. 1 (2) Hongkong P.O.W. British about 400, Indian  
 dated 11th 2000 including 250 sick, Int. 1000 P.O.W. and Int.  
 Sept. 1945. embarked in EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA see R.A.P.W.I.  
 Mov. are additional to above.  
 (3) Hainan all P.O.W. Dutch 177 British 262  
 Indian 487 believed many sick.  
 (4) Formosa evacuation almost complete.  
 (5) Shanghai P.O.W. well 251 various sick Italian 2, British 1  
 Int. men 3200, women 2700.  
 (6) Nanking Int. men 280 women 360.  
 (7) Weishen (Shangtung) Int. men 680 women 730.  
 (8) Manchuria P.O.W. British 245, Dutch 50, Int. 60.  
 (9) Korea P.O.W. British 1600, Australian 80.  
 (10) Japan P.O.W. between 10,000 and 20,000 details lacking.  
 (11) Manila arrivals in SPEAKER and U.S. ships and aircrafts  
 from Japan and U.S. ships from Formosa P.O.W. British 1830,  
 Australia 40, Canadian 50, Dutch 20, New Zealand 4, others 10.  
 (12) Int. shown in para. 5, 6, 7 mostly British but include U.S. 720  
 (C. in C. B.P.F., 120134Z to Admty.)

8th M/S F. Request onward sailing of ships of 8th M.S.F. via  
 Malacca Strait to Hongkong, Admty. 291551 August  
 not to all refers.  
 (2) Ships allocated C.T.G. 111.2 on passing Singa-  
 pore.  
 (C. in C. B.P.F., 120429Z to C. in C. E.I.) *see 211044Z*

Administra- Following from Gimson (?for Colonial) Office. Begins:  
 tion at Reference my telegram of 1st Sept. MacDougall and  
 Hongkong. first members of Civil Affairs unit have arrived. I  
 have discussed with him and Executive Councillors  
 the position regarding the civil side of the  
 military administration. MacDougall affirms that  
 what has been done here already in civil affairs is in line with  
 policy of His Britannic Majesty's Government's policy on the broad  
 issues. I have of course been concerned primarily with taking  
 things over from the Japanese in as good order as possible and  
 facilitating transfers without loss or friction whilst at the same  
 time guarding against lack of supplies ensuring continuance of  
 essential service. Preserving law and order generally saving  
 any part of the population from grave hardship especially those  
 which might arise from currency. This transfer has proceeded  
 smoothly. The departments that have been functioning in addition  
 to the ordinary civil departments like the Civil Secretarial and  
 Executive Council the Secretarial for Chinese Affairs, Public  
 Works, Public Health and Medical Departments, Police Department  
 have included departments under the following - Accommodation  
 Officer, Controller of Food (with 4 Deputy Controllers) Rice,  
 Fuel (with 3 Deputy Controllers), Communications, Land Transport,  
 Water Transport, Electricity, Publishing and Printing and Docks.  
 MacDougall's legal adviser however explains that full fledged  
 civil administration as established is more than was immediately  
 contemplated and in fact conflicts with terms of military  
 administration proclamation. There is especial difficulty in

/regard...

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stration at  
Hongkong.  
(Contd.)

regard to the staffing of a civil administration on the lines of the pre-hostilities administration. I myself propose with your permission to take an early opportunity of proceeding homewards with the proclamation referred to in my telegram of 1st Sept. appointing me Lieut. Governor has been amended as I gather MacDougall and his legal adviser will now advise the Commander in Chief.  
(C. in C. Hongkong 120756Z to Admty.)

Disposition C. in C. B.P.F., 120800 to Admty., etc.  
Signal No.29. See Lion Copy.

Hongkong  
supplies.

Your 030026 Sept. concerning monthly requirements for relief supplies. This is answered by S.A.C. S.E.A's S.A.C. 21121/Q Ops. 7th Sept. As stated therein War Office Civil Affairs have long term procurement action in hand.

(2) Meanwhile your immediate requirements must be met by local allocation as suggested by S.A.C.S.E.A.

(3) Future demands should be made to S.A.C.S.E.A. copy to War Office and Admiralty.

(Hd. of M., 121148A to C. in C. Hongkong.)

Monrads. Admiralty 271840B June, refers. Owing to change in strategic requirements following on defeat of Japan, two in number only radar type N.Z. MEI (modified) will be required. The request for the remaining four should now be cancelled. N.Z.N.B. contribution and co-operation in making these sets available is much appreciated. C. in C. B.P.F. is requested to make arrangements direct with N.Z.N.B. Wellington for onward routing of the two sets still required.

(D. of Radio Equipment, 121306A to N.Z.N.B.)

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120800/Sept.

From C. in C. B. P. F.

Date. 13.9.45.

Recd. 0805.

C. C. M. Naval Gen. WW BY W/T

+ Addressed. Admiralty. A. C. N. B. N. Z. N. B. N. S. H. Q. Ottawa,  
V. A. Q. B. F. C. in C. E. I. F. O. I. C. Sydney.  
B. A. D. Washington.

Disposition Signal No. 29. Changes since my 05100A

- A. Hokkaido BARFLEUR  
 B At Tokyo NEPAL WESSEX APOLLO SERBOL ERNE  
 C At Sea bound Tokyo QUICKMATCH NORMAN.  
 D. At sea bound Shanghai. COLOSSUS ARGONAUT  
 BERMUDA BELFAST QUIBERON TUMULT TERAIN  
 TUSCAN CITY OF DIEPPE.  
 E. At Buckner Bay DERG defects Wave K F  
 At Keelung (Ksirun) HELFORD MAUNGANYI  
 BARLE QUADRANT URSA SAN AMADO  
 G. at sea bound Keelung PLYM  
 H. At Hongkong CHASER VINDEX ONTARIO REDPOLE  
 PARRET GAWLER TAMWORTH LAUNCEYTON MONTCLARE  
 RESOURCE PIONEER DEERSOUND AORANGI BROWN RANGER  
 GREEN RANGER GERUSALEUME.  
 J. At Sea bound Hongkong. DUKE OF YORK STRIKER  
 WHELP WAGER FLAMBOROUGH HEAD ENCHANTRESS ALACRITY  
 HIND BLACKSWAN WIDEMOUTH BAY WOLLONGONG GLENARN  
 GUARDIAN LARIAT.  
 K. At Same (Hainan) QUEEN BOROUGH  
 L. At Subic SAN ADOLFO  
 M. At sea bound Subic. PHEASANT WOODCOCK WHIMBREL  
 CRANE BALLARAT CESSNOCK PIRIE  
 N. At Manila SPEAKER  
 O. St Sea bound Manila EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA  
 P. At Leyte AIRE WHIRLWIND  
 Q. At Manus AMETHYST HART MAN MAN ARIADNE ASSISTANCE  
 KHETI FORT CONSTANTINE BERKY HEAD  
 R At Sea bound Manus INDEFATIGABLE NAPIER TENACIOUS  
 TRAZER IPSWICH LOTHIAN FERNMOOR DINGLEDALE  
 OXFORDSHIRE FORT PROVIDENCE FORT WRANGELL CHEALY  
 S. At Milne Bay, damaged EMPIRE CREST  
 T. At sea bound Townsville VIRTUE  
 U. At Brisbane SLINGER ARBITER SAN ANDRES  
 V. At Sydney. GLORY REAPER CAIRNS JAARSTROOM  
 W. At Sea bound Sydney Tyne TERPSICHORE.  
 X. At Melbourne VORACIOUS  
 Y At Fremantle PROME  
 Z At Sea bound Wellington EMPIRE CLYDE.

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- (2) Submarines. A. At Hongkong SIDON SPEARHEAD SCOTSMAN  
 B. Left Station for Singapore and U.K.  
 SUPREME SELENE SEASCOUT SOLENT SLEUTH.  
 C. At Fremantle TRECHANT TIPTOE 021 024  
 TACITURN  
 D. At Sea bound Fremantle.  
 TITGERHAI  
 E. At Dunbury THOROUGH STUBBORN  
 F. At Portland TAPIR  
 G. At Melbourne TURPIN  
 H. At sea bound Melbourne TOTEM  
 J. At Launceston THULE TAURUS.  
 K. At sea bound Wallaroo TRUMP.

120800.  
 Advance Copy. D.C. O.D.

1st Lord  
 1st S.L. (3)  
 D.F.S.L.  
 4th S.L.  
 5th S.L.  
 N.A. to D.F.S.L.  
 V.C.N.S.  
 Vice Contr. (Air)  
 A.C.N.S. (F)  
 A.C.N.S. (A) (2)  
 D.C. (2)  
 D.S.O.  
 O.D. (9)  
 D.N.A.O. (2)  
 D.A.W.T.  
 D.A.C.R. (3)  
 D.A.E. (4)  
 D.A.M.R. (3)  
 Air Br.  
 D. of S.T. (15)  
 D.A/S.W.  
 D.A/U.D.

D. of P. (Q) (3)  
 M. (2)  
 N.A. 2nd S.L. (O.D.)  
 Mails.  
 D. of S. (3)  
 D. of P. (3)  
 D.M.S. (2)  
 D.S.V.P. (3)  
 D.T.D. (4)  
 D.T.D. (C) (3)  
 O.I.C. (2)  
 D.C.O.D. (7)  
 Ad. Blake.  
 W.D.  
 D. Map Room.  
 D.T.S.D.

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FOREIGN STATIONS

North Atlantic

F.S.  
Movements

Intend to sail GIRUNDIA 2 (S.O.) GRENADIER,  
LANSQUENENT and C.H.135 at 1200B/13th September  
to Brest.

Speed 10.5 knots. E.T.A. 0700/17th September.  
(Gibraltar, C.C.O., 130932B to PREMAR II)

S/Ms  
for E.I.

Intend to sail TRUNCHEON (S.O.) and TIRELESS  
1700B 13th September to Malta for P/R to E.I.

Speed 12 knots E.T.A. a.m. 17th September.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 131122B to V.A.M.)

Canadian  
Destroyer  
OTTAWA  
on passage  
to  
Halifax  
from U.K.

H.M.C.S. OTTAWA arrived Ponta Delgada 0700Z 13th  
and departed after fuelling at 1700Z 13th in  
accordance with F.O.I.C. Greenock's 101035A.  
(2) S. of A. 15 knots, E.T.A. Halifax p.m. 18th.  
(S.B.N.O. Azores, 132106Z to C. in C. C.N.A.)





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103(A) *M. d. 24/10*  
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131650/September

From: AIMED.

Date: 22.9.45.

Recd: 0230

C.C.M. NAVAL GTN (CON)

Addressed: C. in C. Medn.

Info: V.A. Malta, MARINE Paris, Admiralty.

1. French ships due to Far East are as follows with approximate date of arrival at Malta:-

QUERCY 18th September:  
ALGERIEN 5th October

TOURVILLE 25th October  
BARFLEUR / Far January 1946  
SENEGALAIS 1st October  
JULIUS VERNE 25th November

GLOIRE 26th September  
EMILE BERTIN, SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA,  
FLORN 15th October  
DUQUESNE 15th December  
BEARN SUFFREN 20th September  
CHEVREUIL 12th October  
CAP DES PALMES 30th December

2. Request liaison party be provided to F.S. QUERCY in spite of short notice.

3. Your 121435 September, not to all, refers.

4. Admiralty pass MARINE Paris.

*Aimed* 131650

*Cur mld.*  
*See 261215A JAN 46.*

As read. (yearly)

A.C.N.S. (F)  
D.C. (2)  
D.S.O.  
O.D. (9)  
D.A./S.W.  
D.A./U.D.  
D.M.S. (2)  
M.  
N.A. 2nd S.L. (OD)  
Mails.  
W.D.  
C.I.C. (2)  
D.N.I. (5)  
B.N.L.O. (FN) (2)  
D. of F. (3)  
D. of P. (Q) (3)

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East Indies.

Ships manned by S.A.N.F. on E.I.S. **NATAL**, BARBRAKE and ship companies of SWALE and TEVIOT will be returned to S.A. probably well within the 6 months limit. C. in C.S.A's 071627 not to Capt. E.I. Escorts refers.  
 (2) There is no longer work on East Indies Station for GOOD HOPE and TRANSVAAL.  
 (3) Admiralty requested to state whether SWALE and TEVIOT are being transferred to S. African Government, Pink List 3rd Sept. page 34 refers.  
 (C. in C. E.I., 130541Z to C. in C. S.A.) ~~See 171212.~~

Convoy movement. Intend to sail A. Singapore - Bay of Bengal 62 ships Calcutta 1 ship Madras 1 ship Vizagapatam. B. LOCH RUTHVEN. C. 0630Z/14th September. D. Convoy disperses at position TH. a.m. 16th Sept. E. F.A. (2) Meiri section 1 para. 4 refers. (N.C.S.O. Singapore 130541 to Admty., etc.)

Dutch S/Ms for S.W. Pacific. C. in C. Netherland Forces in East 120935 (N.T. in W.D.) not to all. Request Dutch submarines at Fremantle may be sailed as convenient to position A 6° 20' S. 104° E. then to Batavia by following route position B. 6° 20' S. 105° 30' E. west of Thwartway Island to position C. 234° North  
 Watcher Light 25 miles, thence north of a Thousand Islands to position D. 5° 40' S. 106° 53' N. thence as ordered by C.S. 5.  
 (2) E.T.A. at position D. to be reported 24 hours in advance to C.S. 5 and position at time of reporting.  
 (3) Request W/T watches and signal publications held may be signalled to C. in C. E.I. and C.S. 5.  
 (C. in C. E.I., 130547Z to C. in C. B.P.F.)  
 Amended 131030Z. ~~See 270417Z.~~

S/M SUBTLE, on passage to U.K. Intend to sail SUBTLE at 1200Z/13th to Suez for onward routing to U.K.  
 (2) E.T.A. 1200Z/18th, S.O.A. 11 knots.  
 (3) Request arrangements for transit of Canal. (Com. Aden, 130740 to N.O.I.C. Suez.)

Convoy No. 5. Sailed 1. Singapore - Bay of Bengal 5. 2. 0630Z/13th Sept. 4. 13 knots. 5. As return routed by N.C.S.O. Rangoon except new position AB. 02° 51' N. 100° 53' E. convoy disperses at position TH. and proceeds independently. 6. LOCH SCAVAIG 2 ships one column. 9. QC. 222, QCA. 530 less 520, 527, 528, 529, QCH. 371. 10 MORETON BAY/Madras RAJULA/Madras ITAURA non-starter, my 121033Z refers. 14. As issued by N.C.S.O. Rangoon. 15. Three P. E.T.As. and requirements will be signalled by escort at point of dispersal Meiri section I.F. refers.  
 (N.C.S.O. Singapore, 130931Z to Admty., etc.)

/Landings...

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Landings  
west coast  
Malaya.

Following is a repetition of my 122345 Bugrep One 12th Sept. Morib Beaches. Discharge continues according to plan. Beach presents considerable problem with mud sub stratum and (?low) tide and are no longer practicable for L.S.T. A.1 major landing craft and majority L.C.M.(I) drying out for discharge.

Discharge figures up to 0600/12th Sept. (D+3) as follows:- Personnel 33561, vehicles 2426, of which 30 bogged beyond recovering, stores 613 tons, unusually low merit discharge figures attributable bad beach and lack of amphibians (954 Dukws short planned figures) stores discharged one day behind schedule but situation now improved and reaching daily figure of approx. 800 tons.

Coastal road had signs of collapse and unlikely beach can operate beyond D+13 22nd Sept. rapid development (?motor transport) promises to absorb balance of discharge.

Molcab is not being established in area. Shipco now fully operational. D+3 personnel and stores convoy already partly discharged all other personnel ships discharged and sailed. One battalion 74th Indian Infantry Brigade re-embarked over beach today for Penang.

Corps Commander 34th Indian Corps proceed (?Kuala Lumpur) tomorrow 13th Sept. to accept Japanese surrender and establish Corps H.Q. Port Dickson Beach TRUSTWORTHY landed effects today 12th Sept. over 2 beaches touching down at 0745 in strong rain. Landed (?12)30 23rd Indian Division successfully disembarked. Beach pronounced good apart from exit and a third beach not employed on account obstruction yesterday with one exception all L.C.T.(I) which left India for operations "Zipper" remain state A.1 on D+3. (S.O.B.G.(W), 131051 GH to Admty., etc.)

Convoy No. 3. Sailed (1) Singapore - Bay of Bengal No. 3. (2) 0630/11. (4) 10.5. (5) As return routed by N.C.S.O. Rangoon except new position AB. 02° 51' N. 100° 53' E. convoy disperses at position TH. and proceed independently to destinations. (6) ?FISHGUARD 5 ships one column. (9) QC. 222, QCA. 530 less 520, 527, 528, 529, QCH. 371. (10) MONOWAI Colombo, BAHARISTAN Rangoon, SAMSTEEL Madras, H.S. AMARAPOORA Madras, ISLAMI Madras. (14) As issued by N.C.S.O. Rangoon. (15) JI. E.T.As. and requirements will be signalled by escort at point of dispersal. Meiri section I.F. refers. (N.C.S.O. Singapore, 131313Z to Admty., etc.)

Movement, Arrived ABERCROMBIE.  
Monitor. (N.O.I.C. Seychelles, 131330Z to Admty.)

Movements. Arrived 12th Singapore C.S. 5 CUMBERLAND, VERULAM, SYBYL. Departed 12th Singapore for (W) in BULOLO, RICHELIEU, LOCH LOMOND, GORLESTON, DART, L.C.T. 11, 163, 199. (F.O.M., 131349 to C. in C. E.I.)

/Cruiser...

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Cruiser  
BERWICK  
to U.K.

1205Z/13 sailed BERWICK to Suez for onward routing to U.K. E.T.A. Newport Rock 1600Z/19th.  
(3) If necessary ship will call Aden when E.T.A. will be signalled.  
(4) Request ship may call Plymouth to disembark draft of 17 ratings.  
(C. in C. E.I., 131553Z to N.O.I.C. Suez.)

Movements.

Arrived SUBTLE. Departed TRAFALGAR, CAMPERDOWN, ARMADA, COQUETTE, PROVIDENCE, LOCH ECK, SUBTLE. (Com. Aden, 131646Z to Admty., etc.)  
From S.C.B.G.W., 13th Sept. "Zipper" Assault Area arrived and sail northward CLEOPATRA wearing flag of C. in C. E.I.S.  
Arrived BULOLO from Singapore wearing flag of F.O.W. (N.O.I.C. Trincomalee 131835 to Admty.)

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E.1  
Rec? 2.10.45

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132200Z/September

Addressed C. in C. India  
Info S.A.C.S.E.A.

Date 13.9.45

X. COS.B.

From A.M.S.S.O.

OZ. 5685. Following from Admiralty.

IMMEDIATE Your 46/C.O.S. /.

It would be of great assistance if ships of the Royal Indian Navy, particularly sloops, escorts and minesweepers, could continue under the operational control of Commander in Chief, East Indies as required by him to meet his occupational commitments.

2. So far as commitments of Commander in Chief, East Indies cannot at present be foreseen, it is desirable that the Royal Indian Navy should continue at present strength in above categories for the next nine months.

132200Z

see 26110Z

/ Chiefs of Staff Message which received a limited circulation.

Received in War Registry at p.m. 1st October.  
Circulated by A.M.S.S.O. to Defence Office,  
Foreign Office,  
A.M.C.S. (C)  
S. of State India  
and Admiralty.

1st S.L. (3)  
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O.D. (9)  
D.T.A.S.W. (3)  
D.M.S. (2)  
M. (2)  
N.A. 2nd S.L. (2)  
Mails  
W.D.

D.C.F.M. (2)  
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D.C.O.D. (7)  
D.C.O.M. (4)  
D.S.V.P. (3)  
O.I.C. (2)  
D. of P. (3)  
D. of P. (Q) (3)  
R.I.N.L.O. (2)  
Dep. R.I.N.L.O. (2) } Bath by Courier  
S.W.R. (6)

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ThursdayFOREIGN STATIONSAmerica and West Indies

Currency  
difficulties  
requiring  
evacuation  
of non-  
essential  
Military  
from China.

G/2163/S cipher 13th September. 343572.  
For M.O. 12.  
(1) Difficulty of obtaining local currency here making difficult maintenance British military and civilian personnel.  
(2) Ambassador requests numbers in China be reduced.  
(3) Request immediate authority to evacuate non-essential military personnel to India.  
(4) Memorandum outlining present position and requesting reconsideration of our military policy in China follows by bag.  
(H.Q. British troops in China, 131220H to W.O.)

S/M  
AMPHION  
experimental  
cruise

My 101107 AMPHION delayed, 48 hours.  
(S/M 3, 131230A to F.O. S/M)

R.C.N.  
Manning  
commitments

Future manning commitments in the R.C.N. dictate reduced complements for all ships in commission. Request your proposal for R.N. peace time complements of light fleet carriers and Crescent class destroyers may be forwarded as soon as convenient to C.N.M.O. for information.

N.S.H.Q. desire if possible to cut present overall complements by at least one fifth.  
(C.N.M.O. 131723 to Admiralty.)

Movement

Departure p.m. 13th September H.M.S. ORCADIA(?) to U.K. at 12 knots routed via Azores E.T.A. Azores a.m. 19th September.  
(Capt. D. Halifax, 132041Z to Admiralty.)

Naval Base  
Newfoundland.

Your 281407 August.  
Concur in proposed arrangements for planning disposal of facilities at St. John's Newfoundland. The Mission would work on the lines of the original St. John's Mission, and it is proposed should consist of Martin, representing C.E. in C., a Lands Branch representative to be sent from home, Rear Admiral Sebastian representing technical departments, and Chamption representing Secretary, with Cooper deputising as necessary. Lands Branch representative should report to Washington. Ottawa pass to B.A.T.M.  
(B.A.D., 132315Z to Admiralty.)

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Far East and Australia

Service  
and  
Civilian  
transport  
to U.K.

My 221307 (N.T. in W.D.) August not to all.  
Estimated service requirements to United Kingdom  
latter half September, October, November and  
December are now respectively as follows Navy  
3,850, 3,000, 7,300, 2,000. Army 1,065, 120,  
150. Air Force 25, 100, 158, 150. Naval  
Invalids 150 each month. Estimated total  
17,475.

(2) Estimates service dependent evacuee and civilian remain as  
stated in my 271120 August (N.T. in W.D.) not to all.

(3) Requirements to India at present are negligible.

(4) To obviate banking up of service personnel in Australia  
between now and end December request that maximum number berths  
be made available United Kingdom in OTRANTO and DOMINION MONARCH  
E.T.D. Sydney 4th and 15th October respectively. (b) Vessels  
contained in your 292141A August not to all.

(5) Further request STRATHMORE on completion disembarkation  
Wellington return United Kingdom via Australia to embark to  
capacity.

Your 230212Z refers.

(A.C.N.B., 130951Z to D. of S.T.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Foreign Stations.

South Atlantic.

Movement.

1. HOWE, battleship, arrived Capetown today.



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North Atlantic.

A.S.R.  
reliefs.

Relieved by ST. BRIDES BAY on A.S.R. position  
20IMI 20. Your 120949B refers. E.T.A. Gibraltar  
1000B/16.  
(HADLEIGH CASTLE, 141010Z to F.O.G.M.A.)

South Atlantic.

Frigate  
E.I.Escort  
Force.

Capetown arrivals TEST.  
(C. in C. S.A., 140831B to Admty., etc.)

Cessation  
of S.A.  
Situation  
Reports.

The last South Atlantic situation reports  
addressed A.I.G. 125 and A.I.G. 359 will be  
promulgated on 16th Sept., 1945.  
(C. in C. S.A., 141056 to General (?))

Pointe Noire  
facilities.

Your 121459\*. Difficulties referred to have been  
cumulative since departure of B.N.L.O. Pointe  
Noire. The B.V.C. does not appear very helpful  
with naval matters.

(2) Observing that there is no coal at Pointe Noire  
(F.O.C.W.Af's message to C. in C. S.A., T.O.O. 121409 Aug. refers,) also no provisions (C.C.O. Freetown's T.O.O. 042145 Sept. to C. in C. S.A. refers,) it is considered that H.M. ships should not be routed to Pointe Noire in future.

(3) Your attention is invited to F.O.C.W.Af's letter to C. in C. S.A. ref. No. 104/4/1 dated 14th August 1945 on the transfer of administration of the West African station.

(S.O.(I) Freetown, 141117Z to S.O.(I) Capetown.)

HOWE,  
battleship,  
from B.P.F.

Capetown arrival HOWE.  
(C. in C. S.At., 141402 to Admty.)

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Mediterranean.

Dutch ships A.M. 131645 not to all.  
 for Opns. In order that D.S. <sup>JACOB VAN</sup> HEEMSKERCK and VAN GALEN may  
 in S.W. Pacific take part in impending operations Dutch naval  
 authorities desire that ships should adhere as  
 closely as possible to the following programme:-

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart</u>
19th Sept.	Malta	19th Sept.
23rd Sept.	Aden	24th Sept.
28th Sept.	Colombo	28th Sept.
1st Oct.	Soemba Strait	

- (2) Admiralty concur, subject to movements after Colombo being in accordance with C. in C. E.I. operational requirements.  
 (3) D.S. <sup>JACOB VAN</sup> HEEMSKERCK will signal requirements for fuel, water and stores 24 hours before arrival at each port of call.  
 (A.C.N.S.(F), 141408A to C. in C. Med., etc.)

- Fr. ships (1) Propose to sail QUERCY, BEARN and SUFFREN  
 for Far as soon as loading completed to Malta for stores  
 East (Saigon) and charts. Short A.A. working up ashore and at  
 sea is required.  
 (2) Request ships be sailed from Malta as soon as  
 ready to Port Said calling on way to Alexandria  
 to embark lubricants.  
 (3) Marine Paris orders following onward trip. Suez for  
 fuelling. Djibouti, Aden for fuelling. Colombo or Trincomalee  
 as ordered by C. in C. E.I. Thence Singapore and Saigon.  
 (4) Request approval.  
 (Almed, 141635B to C. in C. Med.)  
 Approved 151253B and 171845A.

Situation Further to our F.X. 42669 dated 11th Sept. para.  
 report Athens/ C 2 (B). Following is interim report on strike  
 Piraeus. area Athens - Piraeus.  
 (1) So far strike action only taking place in  
 above area and has applied principally to British  
 and American employed labour. Numbers out in  
 Greek Government and civil concerns negligible until 13th Sept.  
 (2) Out of approx. 10,000 British employed, 5600 were out on 8th  
 Sept. but by 10th Sept. number had fallen to 3900 by 11th Sept.  
 to 1600 and by 12th Sept. strike appeared virtually finished.  
 (3) Most serious situation occurred in docks where although dock  
 workers had not struck, owing labour situation in depots military  
 stores on quays could not be cleared and were being heavily  
 pilfered.  
 (4) Although on 12th Sept. situation apparently better on surface  
 reported that Greek Government intended take extremely firm line  
 against labour demands including refusal any wage increase. Night  
 12/13 Sept. strike deteriorated and due increased activity  
 agitators approx. 1,100 civil labourers out morning 13th Sept.  
 Rumours of threatened general strike Athens - Piraeus scheduled  
 for 14th Sept. which is national holiday.  
 (5) Strike appears political in object and not directed against  
 British and Americans. Ultimate aim possibly fall of existing  
 Greek Government.  
 (A.F.H.Q., 141942B to W.O.)

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Mediterranean - Contd.

3rd Destroyer Med. Station 881B is cancelled.  
Flotilla. (2) From 1200B Sept. 15th the 3rd D.F. will be  
constituted as follows:-  
5th Division MILNE, MUSKETEER, MARNE, METEOR,  
MATCHLESS, LOOKOUT.  
6th Division HAYDON, TALYBONT, STEVENSTONE, BRISSENDEN.  
(C. in C. Med., 141819B to Med. Station 896B.)

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East Indies.

Minesweeping forces, B.P.F. etc. In view of A.M. 292330 (N.T. in W.D.) August request confirmation that 181st M/S F. will be brought up to strength before leaving U.K. A.M. 291551 August also refers. (C. in C. E.I., 140214 to Admty.)

Operation "Item". Operation "Item" sail G.D. R.B. NASSARIUS 1030 (?FG) 14th "Item" route PC. 1400 FG/19th thence as directed by escort knots 11½ holds 28, (?36), 37, 38, 39, 40 one ship pad 214 1 H/F M/F L/F reception 3 operators QC. 227, (?dash) 226 QCA. 547 (?dash) 535, 536 QCA. 547 (?dash) 535, 536 and 541 to 546. (N.O.I.C. Madras, 140502Z to Admty.)

Convoy E arrival Singapore. Arrived 13th, convoy E plus EDWARD B. HAINES and EMPIRE MULL. (N.C.S.O. Singapore, 140825Z to Admty., etc.)

Convoy No. 6. Sailed (1) Singapore - Bay of Bengal 6. (2) 0630Z/14th Sept. (4) 12 knots. (5) As return routed by N.C.S.O. Rangoon except new position AB. 2° 51' N. 100° 53' E. Convoy disperses at position TH. and proceeds independently. (6) LOCH RUTHVEN four ships one column. (9) QC. 222, QCA. 530 less 520, 527, 528, 529, QCH. 371. (10) TALMA Madras, DERBYSHIRE Calcutta, CHESHIRE Calcutta, ITAURA Vizagapatam. (14) As issued by N.C.S.O. Rangoon. (15) FA. E.T.As. and requirements will be signalled by escort at point of dispersal Meiri Sec. One F. refers. (N.C.S.O. Singapore, 140917Z to Admty., etc.)

2nd D.F. not for E.I.F. In view of A.M. 101835A (N.T. in W.D.) ZENITH and remainder 2nd D.F. are not now sailing to join East Indies Fleet. (C. in C. E.I., 141002Z to Admty.)

Operation "Bibber" opening Bangkok River. Operation "Bibber". Limited naval object to open the Bangkok River and to escort and ensure safe arrival of elements and vehicles of ~~7th~~ Indian Division from Rangoon to Bangkok. (2) S.O.A.G. W.4 Capt. R.A. Currie, D.S.C., R.N. is appointed Naval Force Commander for planning and execution outline plan in FP. 2 and part 2 of FP. 1 and FP. 2 to be supplied by N.O.I.C. Rangoon is for guidance. (3) Naval Forces allocated are:- NITH, 27 L.S.T. 6 (C.T.) T 201, (L.S.) 2, one L.C.H., 6 L.C.I. (L) available B.Y.M.S. not L.S.T. carrying port party available maintenance craft. (4) C. in C. E.I. will arrange, A. convoy escort, B. sailings of L.S.T. carrying port parties from Saigon, C. sailing of B.Y.M.S. from Saigon, D. sailing of L.C.T., L.C.I. (L), L.C.H. and maintenance craft from Singapore.

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East Indies.

Operation "Bibber"

opening Bangkok River. (Contd.) (5) Following programme is guide to plan, D-day is 14th Oct. D-10 convoy leaving Rangoon D-6 NITH and B.Y.M.S. entrance Bangkok River D-5 sweep starts D-day convoy arrives Bangkok. (6) Arrangements will be made for pilot to meet (cutter?) up channel at entrance to Bangkok River p.m. D-6 and to be therein for sweep. (7) At Bangkok Naval Force Cdr. is to assume title of N.O.I.C. Bangkok one L.C.H. is allocated for communication with NITH if the latter is unable to enter river. (C. in C. E.I., 141005Z to S.O.A.G. W.4 in NITH.)

\*RANCHI

Singapore convoy arrival. 15 Singapore. Arrived 14th "Zipper" ALMANZORA, TEGELBERG, \*VVNIHI\* CITY OF CANTERBURY, FELIX ROUSSEL, PULASKI, LEVERNBANK. (N.C.S.O. Singapore, 141055 to Admty.) \* As recd. corrupt groups.

Movements. Colombo 14th Sept. Arrivals L.S.T. 3033, CAPRICE, CAMBRIAN. Departures SAVIOLA, FREESIA. (F.O. Ceylon, 141316Z to Admty.)

M.Vs. for Malaya. Sailed 1100Z/14th CIRCASSIA, NIEUW HOLLAND, ARWADWA, LARGS BAY, SAMBURGH, escorted by LOCH MORE, S.O.A. 10 knots, LOCH MORE will report E.T.A. position AD. (Capt. Shipping Control, 141414Z to F.O. Malaya.)

Fleet M/S for B.P.F. Arrived SEA BEAR, MOON. (Aden, 141605Z to Admty., etc.)

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America & West Indies.

L.S.T. to U.K. Departure 1325Z/14th Sept. L.S.T. (3) 3506 to Portsmouth. (2) E.T.A. Portsmouth a.m. 24th Sept. (3) S.O.A. 12 knots. (N.O.I.C. Sydney, Cape Breton, 141402Z to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

DUNCANSBY HEAD for E.I. 67 ratings are arriving Quebec for **DUNCANSBY HEAD** Monday 17th Sept. Request you will delay sailing from San Francisco to enable ratings to join. My 141917Z refers, not to all. (B.A.T.M. Ottawa, 141919Z to B.A.D.) See 171850.

Surplus R.C.N. Admty.'s 112110\* and my 111942+ frigates and corvettes. (2) It is felt that present escort vessels other than destroyers are obsolescent due to the rapid development in speed and under-water endurance of submarines. Consequently R.C.N. requirements for escort vessels are predicated mainly on being able to provide sea training for as many reserves as may be authorized in the future. (3) Present plans contemplate retaining some 18 frigates and 12 algerines for training and/or in reserve. (4) Admiralty is to be requested to hasten a decision regarding any requirement they may have for surplus R.C.N. frigates and CASTLE corvettes since the demands of demobilization render it necessary for surplus vessels to be disposed of at a very early date. (N.S.H.Q., 142118Z to C.N.M.O.) *See 270025A.*  
\* Not possible to decide whether vessel required until post war plans are completed.  
+ Planning for post war navy etc.  
Note: Message presumably passed for information.

S/M on passage to U.K. My 2310 position 43.15 N. 49.41 W. (UPRIGHT, 142331Z to C.O.A.C.)

Far East and Australia.

Movements. Arrivals 9th Manus <sup>Koebung,</sup> TOOWOOMBA, ~~KOMPANG~~, MORESBY, BENALLA, ECHUCA, HORSHAM, PARKES, KATOOMBA, WARRNAMBOOL, GLADSTONE, H.D.M.Ls. 1322, 1324, 1329, 1355, ~~ALICE~~, LYSANDER, HOLLANDIA.  
Departures 11th HOLLANDIA, MARTINDALE for Langemak, Jacquinet Bay, SWAN for Rabaul, ~~MORABAI~~, POYANG for Darwin, Port Moresby M.L.825 For Milne Bay 12th Darwin, R.N.N. TROMP for Batavia. (A.C.N.B. 140021Z to Admty., etc.)

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Re Portu-  
guese ships  
for Timor.

Only fuel available at Darwin is Admiralty furnace and diesel oil and approx. 420 tons Admiralty diesel slightly contaminated with furnace oil S.G. .842 at 75°. Your 121016. Admty. pass to B.N.A. Lisbon. •  
(A.C.N.B., 140426Z to C. in C. E.I.S.)

Policy eva-  
cuation of  
Commonwealth  
P.O.Ws. and  
Internees  
from Shanghai.

The policy to be adopted regarding the evacuation of British Commonwealth released Prisoners of War and internees from Shanghai must be the responsibility of S.C.A.P. acting through Comgenchina and Com. 7th Fleet.  
(2) U.S. Authorities will not accept responsibility for the transportation of British Commonwealth internees. Pending Admiralty reply to my 101317Z, not to all addressees, concerning British Government policy for internees the following policy is given for guidance  
(3) Priority for evacuation should be given as follows:-  
A. The sick who cannot be cared for locally.  
B. British Commonwealth prisoners of war.  
C. British Commonwealth internees not domiciled in Shanghai.  
D. British Commonwealth internees domiciled in Shanghai.  
(4) There is at present no shipping available to lift those in 3C and D. When available it is likely to be limited and every endeavour should be made to persuade those domiciled in Shanghai to remain there for the present. This particularly applies to the considerable number of Commonwealth subjects who will never before have left Shanghai. It should be pointed out that difficulties of transportation will inevitably mean a long wait at Hongkong under climatic conditions more adverse than those at Shanghai.  
(5) The main difficulty which it is anticipated will be encountered will be highly inflated prices and black market. It will probably be necessary to make special provision for Europeans until currency questions can be stabilised.  
(6) Severe shortages of meat, butter and fats are anticipated.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 140715Z to C.T.G. 111.3.)

Repatriated  
P.O.Ws. and  
Internees from  
Hongkong.

Following is text of message 130826 from B.N.L.O. Manila begins:  
Nocturnal P.P. from B.N.L.O. AEIEE.  
(1) EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA arrived 0900I/13th Sept. American authorities will receive only Allied P.O.W. These are approx. 900.  
(2) Remainder are internees consisting of 387 males, 352 females, 136 children, total 875 majority suffering from malnutrition diseases. These cannot be received.  
(3) Depending on destination of ship possibility of embarking some volunteer able bodies British P.O.W. now at Manila to assist ship's company in caring for passengers is being investigated.  
(4) Request instructions and destination of ship Comnaval China not addressed pass information C. in C. Hongkong. C., in C. Afpac. C.G. Afwespac. have information. Ends. Please inform me who is Nocturnal.  
(N.A. Chungking, 140925Z to C. in C. Hongkong.)

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Far East and Australia - Contd.

Situation in China. H.Q. Brit. Troops in China, 141030 to W.O. See Lion Copy.

Transport of Equipment for R.M. Engineers in Far East. Your 280552 August. Position regarding equipment required for 2nd Battalion, R.M. Engineers is as follows.  
(2) All outstanding accommodation stores for 2nd battalion sailed for Sydney with 2nd half of this battalion third week July.  
(3) CANARA and SHIRBANK carried to Sydney (a) bulk of heavy plant with running spares for 1st and 2nd battalions (b) transport with running spares for 1st battalion (c) bulk of light plant and tools for 1st battalion.  
(4) ESSEX sailed end July for Sydney (a) light plant and tools for 2nd battalion (b) residue of light plant and tools for 1st battalion (c) 6 No. Concrete Mixers.  
(5) SAMCOLNE completed loading at Grangemouth destination Singapore carries (a) balance of heavy plant for 1st and 2nd battalions (b) bulk of transport (about 70 vehicles) for 2nd battalion (c) depot spares for plant and transport 1st and 2nd battalions (d) balance of surveying and drawing office gear. Above consigned Admiralty S.C.E. Singapore.  
(6) SAMTRUSTY completed loading Immingham destination Singapore carries (a) balance of transport (31 vehicles) for 2nd battalion (b) 4 No. Mobile water purification sets additional to battalion equipment. Above consigned Molcab 4 though not part of Molcab.  
(7) In view of altered situation it is assumed that items referred to in paras. 2 and 3 of your 060142 August are not now required. Transport for the two battalions includes 36 No. dumpers  
(8) Equipment referred to in paras. 2 to 6 can be distributed when disposition of available R.M.Es. between E.I. and B.P.F. commands has been decided.  
(Hd. of M.II, 141137A to V.A.(Q) B.P.F.) See 170131Z.

Commonwealth and Dutch P.O.W. Policy Pac. area. Following is a re-encyphered version of my 141452 begins C.T.F. 111 sends action to Admiralty and Info. to C. in C. B.P.F.O. my 041452. Request I may be informed what arrangements have been made. S.C.A.P. Cax. 51672 D.T.G. 041205 to Warcos not to you, asked for immediate transfer of British shipping from the Atlantic.  
(C.T.F. 111, 142342Z to Admty.) See 171716A.



# SECRET

IN<sup>117A</sup>

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.)

*Situation in China*

141030 H September

From : H.Q. British Troops in China

Date 15.9.45

Recd. 0010

CIPHER

To : The War Office  
Info. C. in C. India, Alfsea

343974

G/2173/S cipher 14th September SECRET

For M.C. 12

My G/2163/S of Sept. 131220 to Troopers only.

1. A serious financial situation is arising here in that while the cost of living is still rising it is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain Chinese currency. The Ambassador is pressing therefore that all personnel not required in China be evacuated.

2. The present situation of BTC is as follows.

(A) H.Q. War Establishment not completely filled - fully employed.

(B) Number one Training Group. Some Officers assisting American P.W. Teams. Remainder (approx. 20) at Sian. Not fully employed.

(C) Number two Training Group. (Cadre) One Officer left in charge Stores Pucheng, remainder enroute Shanghai to help British Internees.

(D) Number three Sigs. and Cipher Group. Fully employed.

(E) Number four Base and L of C Group. Fully employed.

(F) Number five Group (BAAG). Mostly in Hongkong. Adm. personnel remain present locations.

(G) Number six Group (E Group) returned to India.

(H) Numbers 7 and 8 Groups. Not under Command.

I /

I request that I may be given authority to evacuate surplus personnel to India at my discretion.

3. Can you indicate the future of BTC. Unless the Chinese wish a Training Group to remain which is most unlikely I suggest that the only Military requirements in China will be a Military Attache and Staff and possibly a small signal, cipher and MT Detachment for the use of the Embassy until normal civil communications are restored. In this connection see Embassy Telegram to Foreign Office number 979 of 29th August.

4. If, as seems likely, BTC is to cease, one of the main problems will be the disposal of MT Wireless Equipment, Weapons and Miscellaneous Stores and Equipment.

Alternatives:

- (A) Evacuate to India
- (B) Evacuate to Hongkong
- (C) Sell to Chinese
- (D) Give to the Chinese

(A) and (B) above would need large airlift. (C) would not be applicable to all stores.

5. I realise that a final decision may not be possible immediately but I would be glad of any indication as to the disposal of personnel and stores in order that preparations may be made. I anticipate that the disposal of stores and property will take some three months.

6. I also request information as to the future of numbers 7 and 8 Group. Particularly GLO as, now that hostilities have ceased, it is likely that the Chinese will raise this question.

7. Troopers only. This signal replaces memorandum referred to in my G/2163/S para. 4.

141030 H

1st Lord  
1st S.L.(3)  
D.F.S.L.  
N.A. to D.F.S.L.  
V.C.N.S.  
Sec.

P.A.S.(L)      D. of E.  
P.A.S.(S)      D. of P.(3)  
M.(2)          D.N.I.(5)  
D. of F.      N.L.

Received in War Registry  
at 0709/17th

Circulated by W.O. to  
internal depts., A.M.,  
F.O., Colonial Office,  
India Office and Admiralty

W.D.  
C.E.1

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Foreign Stations

Mediterranean

Destroyer  
Flotillas

At noon today the 22nd Destroyer Flotilla will  
cease to exist.  
Destroyers from it will be transferred to the  
3rd Destroyer Flotilla.

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North Atlantic.

Movement. Propose sail VERITY and ACTIVE to U.K. 24th Sept.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 151142B to C. in C. Med.)

SS. KERSTEN Your 131640 acknowledged. Spanish authorities  
MILES unable to arrange embarkation of Germans before  
(ex German) Tuesday 18th.  
(2) Intend sailing at 1600B/18th for Gibraltar,  
E.T.A. 1000B/21st Friday.  
(3) Number of Germans will be signalled when known.  
In view of hostility between officers and men suggest that  
officers be left in Las Palmas until my return.  
(4) One officer and 4 ratings will be left aboard KERSTEN MILES.  
(~~WEDGEPORT~~, 151145 to F.O.G.M.A.)  
H.M.S. CROCUS

FOSSBECK, Intend to sail FOSSBECK 0900/16 Sept. Freetown.  
boom carrier (5) FOSSBECK acknowledge and sail to comply.  
for Takoradi. (F.O.G.M.A., 152256 to FOSSBECK.)

South Atlantic.

WEAR, A.M. 292232 May and S.B.N.O. W.At. 131637 neither  
frigate. to all.  
When ready about 23rd Sept. S.B.N.O. W.At. is  
requested to sail WEAR for Portsmouth to give leave  
and adjust complement.  
(2) On completion C. in C. Portsmouth is requested to sail WEAR  
for Bermuda.  
(D.O.D. (F) 152207A to S.B.N.O.W.At.)

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Mediterranean

Medloc  
and  
Transition  
camp.

Medloc ref. Med. Station Message 829B.  
Everything possible is being done to improve  
the conditions over the Medloc route to bring them  
up to the standard we demand, and the matter is  
receiving the urgent attention of the Government.  
(2) There are now alternatives open to us:  
(a) To stop using Medloc and revert to sea

trooping.

(b) To continue to use Medloc.

If we adopt (a) we shall have to reduce drastically the lifts  
from the Mediterranean, as there is still an acute shortage of  
shipping for personnel movements throughout the world. This  
would delay the return of the men to United Kingdom from the  
Mediterranean, which is unacceptable.

(3) We must, therefore, continue to use Medloc through the  
winter and all personnel going by this route are to be advised  
to have warm clothing available in their hand luggage and are to  
be informed; (a) of the reasons which necessitate the use of  
this route, and (b) that everything possible is being done by the  
Service Authorities to improve the conditions of the journey, and  
in particular the camp at Toulon.

(C. in C. Mediterranean, 151031B to F.Os. I/C N.Os. I/C Med.)

*See 192202 oct.*

Destroyers  
for F. E.

Following programme is intended for HOGUE and  
ALGONQUIN:

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Port</u>	<u>Sail</u>
-	Malta	p.m. 16th
Daylight 19th	Alexandria	p.m. 19th
0700B 20th	Port Said	-
-	Canal Transit	20th
p.m. 20th	Suez (Fuel)	a.m. 21st
p.m. 24th	Aden (Fuel)	a.m. 25th
October 1st	Colombo	-

(2) ALGONQUIN will not enter Alexandria but will carry out  
bombardment at Ras El Kanayis on 19th, my 101207 refers. On  
completion she will proceed to R/V HOGUE at 0700B 20th at Port  
Said.

(V.A. Malta, 151105B to F.O.L.E.M.)

GLASGOW  
and  
JAMAICA  
cruisers

Following programme is intended for GLASGOW and  
JAMAICA. My 151109 refers.

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Port</u>	<u>Sailed</u>
-	Malta	p.m. 19th
0800B 22nd	Ras El Kanays	
	Bombardment Range	1600 22nd
0600B 23rd	Port Said	a.m. 23rd
p.m. 23rd	Suez	p.m. 24th
a.m. 28th	Aden (Fuel)	a.m. 29th
a.m. 5th October	Colombo	

(2) It is not expected that ships will require fuel before  
reaching Aden.

(3) GLASGOW has two boilers due for six monthly cleaning on  
24th October.

(V.A. Malta, 151122B to F.O.L.E.M.)

French  
ships  
for F.E.

Materials in your 121735 not arrived. Request  
permission to proceed if materials do not arrive  
Malta tomorrow 16th September. Para 3 of your  
121040.

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Mediterranean

French ships for F.E.(Contd.) (2) In this event suggest materials be despatched by air to Cairo. (GAZELLE, 151127 to Almed.)

Hunt, Destroyer allotted F.O.L.E.M. Intend to sail H.M.S. HAYDON (S.O.) at 0900A September 16th to Alexandria. C. in C. Med. 080918 and 211118 August neither to all refers. (3) S. of A. 15 knots adjusted to arrive 1st light 19th. (V.A.M., 151206B to F.O.L.E.M.) Amended by 161019A

French ships for Far East. (Saigon) Almed's 141635. Approved as far as Mediterranean Station is concerned with following modifications:  
(a) Para. 1. Stores and Charts should be drawn at Alexandria.  
(b) Para. 2. Almed is requested to ensure that ships are completed with such lubricants as are available before leaving French ports.  
(2) V.A.Malta is requested to arrange work up as in para. 1 and sail ships when ready to Alexandria for onward routing by F.O.L.E.M. and as required by C. in C. E.I.  
(3) Admiralty pass to Marine Paris.  
(C. in C. Mediterranean 151253B to V.A.M. Almed.) See 171845A.

F.S. SOMALI for F.E. Propose to sail SOMALI as soon as training is completed to Port Said calling at Alexandria for victualling and to embark lubricants. Ship does not need shore firing practice.  
(2) Marine Paris orders following onward trip Suez for fuelling. Djibouti-Aden for fuelling. Colombo or Trincomalee as ordered by C. in C. E.I. thence Singapore Saigon.  
(Almed. 151310B to C. in C. Med.)

Frigates allocated to F.O.G.M.A. A.M. 121202 (N.T. in W.D.) not to V.A.M. refers. It is intended that ST. BRIDES BAY, CARDIGAN BAY, ST. AUSTEL BAY should remain under your orders.  
(2) Request you will sail ACTIVE and VERITY as soon as convenient to U.K.  
(C. in C. Mediterranean 151457B to F.O.G.M.A.)

SERENE (Minesweeper) Sailed SERENE to Aden for onward routing.  
(2) E.T.A. 0600Z/19th. S. of A. 12 knots.  
(Suez C.C.O., 151956 to Admiralty.)

NESS frigate for E.I. Sailed NESS at 1800C/15 to Aden for onward routing.  
(2) E.T.A. 0500Z/20, S. of A. 12 knots.  
(Suez, 151954 to Admiralty, Aden.)

Situation Greece (1) General strike in Greece does not appear to have materialised. Further to our FX.43436\* of 14th September.

\* Interim report on strike area Athens/Piraeus.

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Greece.  
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(2) Strike situation. Athens reported very satisfactory and 95% W.D. workers returned to work 14th September.

(3) Some striking in provinces but not on large scale. Two textile factories Patras struck 13th September. 25% textile workers Salonika struck

12th September.

(4) Dissension among K.K.E. leaders owing failure strike according to reliable information.  
(A.F.H.Q., 152000B to War Office.)

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F.O.C.R.I.N's Request your remarks on C. in C. B.P.F's 040839.  
proposal (C. in C. E.I., 150247Z to F.O.C.R.I.N.)  
H.M.I.S. See 170603. r 251207  
GODAVARI and  
CAUVERY should  
serve on the  
China coast.

It. ships (1) Cancel my 120614.  
for Med. (2) CARIBINIERE will now sail from Colombo last  
week Sept. and ERITREA about second week Oct.  
(C. in C. E.I., 150251Z to F.O. Ceylon.)

Air Sea Air sea rescue A.M. 061817 and my 110609 neither to  
Rescue - C.T.F. 111 traffic on Saigon-Hongkong route  
China Seas starts about 18th Sept. and Hongkong-Japan shortly  
etc. afterwards.  
(2) For details of flying programmes and A.S.R.  
Control A.H.Q. Hongkong should be consulted.  
(3) Indications are that commitment is continuous  
as long as service transport is heavy duration uncertain.  
(4) Singapore-Saigon section covered by E.I.F. starts fourth  
week Sept.  
(C. in C. E.I., 150331 to C. in C. B.P.F.)

TRIDENT, Intend to sail TRIDENT 1030Z/18 Sept. routed and  
submarine. instructed as in my 010305 (not identified.)  
(2) S.O.A. 11 knots.  
(S/M 2, 150333Z to C. in C. E.I.)

Portuguese Portuguese ships my 121016 refers.  
ships ANGOLA will probably not be ready to leave Colombo  
for Timor. until 17th Sept. and will proceed when ready  
escorted by Portuguese sloop GONCALVES ZARCO only.  
(2) Portuguese sloop BARTOLOMEU DIAS will sail  
16th Sept. and arrive Liquica 26th Sept. This is  
as in my 121016 also Comdg. Officer of Portuguese sloop  
BARCOLOMEU DIAS states that it will be more convenient for him  
to arrive in advance of the remainder.  
(C. in C. E.I., 150604Z to A.C.N.B.) See 171257Z. v 251020A.

St. Pauls Is. S.A.C. 21936/Q Ops. Your 3832/QG T.O.O. 100930  
weather July. (1) Chiefs of Staff have stated it is not  
reporting their intention that Military Aircraft should use  
station. the Ceylon-Australia route when the Singapore route  
is developed. Planning by this Command for the  
construction of a weather reporting station on St.  
Pauls Island has therefore ceased.  
(2) It has been suggested to the Chiefs of Staff that interested  
parties should be informed that a R/C of this island has been  
carried out and that plans and information are available here.  
(S.A.C.S.E.A., 150755Z to Land Forces, Melbourne.)



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Monitor. Sailed ABERCROMBIE 1100Z/15th Sept. in accordance with C. in C. E.I.S. 140549 direct Aden. S.O.A. 9 knots. E.T.A. 1100Z/22nd. (N.O.I.C. Seychelles, 151330Z to N.O.I.C. Aden.)

Minesweepers Sailed SEABEAR and MOON. My 141505 not to all for B.P.F. refers. Last messages QC. 228, QCA. 548, QCB. 322, QCH. 378, QC. 22Y 821. (Com. Aden, 151534Z to F.O. Ceylon.)

Movement. <sup>x</sup> Arrived Singapore 14th Sept. DILIGENCE, BRECON, <sub>Not as</sub> TENBY, CAESAR, L.S.T. 3021, 588. Departed 14th Sept. F.O.(N) in SUSSEX, CEYLON, SIBYL, LOCH RUTHVEN, MELITA, POSTILLION, DECCAN, AIMWELL, and GOZO, RIFLEMAN, PUNJAB, PICKLE. (F.O. Malaya, 151628 to C. in C. E.I.)

Closing down Your 280821 August and A.M. 101835. Following of bases in India. refers solely to amphibious operational units and their supporting facilities. (2) Naval amphibious units east of Canal area during rehabilitation period will be of approx. following strength.

Landing ships 80, Major Landing Craft 165 manned 135 in C. & M. Minor Landing Craft 450 manned 1000 (including all American types) in pooled reserve or awaiting disposal.

(3) You should advise Admiralty of any units you consider should be permanently allocated for harbour service or other non-operational duties, so that these and their personnel can be reclassified and removed from amphibious operational strength and Lease and Lend obligations safeguarded.

(4) Base Mobile and Engine Overhaul Parties should retain their identity but restrictions concerning their sub-division as laid down in A.F.O.1661/45, para. 10, can be relaxed at your discretion. Further signal will be made giving proposed revised numbers for these and other amphibious operational personnel units.

(5) As regards proposals in para. II of your 280821 -  
A. Approved, B. Approved. Presumed that Mandapam will be closed down next and that Cochin will remain a main rear base for Major Landing Craft and Molcab Depot during rehabilitation period.  
C. Approved. Your early recommendations concerning the various shore establishments in the Bombay area are requested.  
D. Approved. A.M's 300751 August and 080153 Sept. neither to all refer.

E. Approved, subject to para. 4 above.

F. Proposals concerning R.I.N. contribution other than that referred to in A.M. 300751 August are under consideration.

G. Approved. Consider L.C.M.S.O. Sub-depot and Maintenance Base equipment from Vizagapatam should be moved en bloc as far as practicable, followed by equipment from Mandapam and that Bombay and Cochin should remain but be reduced progressively as rear base requirements diminish.

H. Approved, subject to para. 5.

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Closing down of bases in India. (Contd.) (6) Ref. your para. III following action is under consideration for Lease-Lend ships and craft concerned above.  
(a) L.S.T.(2) to be released on relief by L.S.T.(3) or earlier if possible.  
(b) Such L.C.I.(L) as you require to be retained.  
(c) Minor Landing Craft to be returned to America as circumstances permit. They may be used in meantime but Landing craft personnel will be reduced to those required to man British Craft.  
(D.F.S.L., 151700A to C. in C. E.I.) *See 030351 Z Oct. + 162057 Jan 46.*

Work be stop- ped on items on R.N.fri- gates in India. Your T.O.O. 070905 Sept. regarding R.N. projects in India. Contract and labour problems may cause considerable delay if work is subsequently to be resumed on projects temporarily suspended. If therefore you can give early firm decisions regarding the projects as listed we consider it preferable to withhold executive action to stop work pending these decisions. Request you also mail full details of all items listed in your signal since we find difficulty in checking some of them against the lists in our possession.  
(Armindia, 151800 to C. in C. E.I.F.)

Escort carriers (lifts.) C. in C. E.I.'s 061318 A.M's 051252 and 111937 and Capt. (Air) Med's 081240 none to F.O.L.E.M., VA.M. and F.O.G.M.A.  
C. in C. E.I. is requested to route Escort Carriers as follows to embark Martinets:  
(a) via Alexandria SEARCHER to embark about 20 Martinets, HUNTER to embark those remaining after SEARCHER.  
(b) via Gibraltar. SHAH to lift 3 Martinets.  
(2) C. in C. E.I. is requested to inform authorities concerned of E.D.As. at Med. loading ports.  
(3) Capt. (Air) Med. is requested to arrange embarkation of Martinets accordingly.  
(A.C.N.S.(F) 152138A to C. in C. E.I.) See 171011Z, 200327Z.

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RAMEHEAD.

Departing Vancouver B.C. 1700 G.M.T. 17th Sept.  
RAMEHEAD. A. Escort maintenance vessel.  
E. C. in C. B.P.F. is requested to signal final  
destination to C.W.S.F. list of Navy No. 2676.  
(C.O.A.C., 151607 to C.W.S.F., C. in C. B.P.F.)

Far East and Australia.

ST. MARGARETS  
cable ship.

Request you advise whether you have suitable  
employment for cable ship ST. MARGARETS, if so  
she will be sailed to meet your requirements A.M.S.  
201034 August and 121208 Sept. refer.  
(V.A.(Q) B.P.F., 150216Z to C. in C. E.I., (R)  
C. in C. B.P.F.)

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Hongkong

Japanese signed surrender of Hongkong at  
Government House today.

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North Atlantic

A.S.R.22

Have taken over A.S.R. Station 22.  
(KENILWORTH CASTLE, 160900Z to F.O.C.W.Af.)

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Mediterranean

Destroyers for F.O.L.E.M. My 151206 paragraph 1 delete all references to EXMOOR. C. in C. Med. 151515 not to all refers. (V.A.M., 161019A to F.O.L.E.M.)

French Ships for Far East Intend to sail F.S. GAZELLE (S.O.) and F.S. ANNAMITE at 1300A September 16th to Alexandria. Almed.'s 101755 and 151647 neither to all refer. (3) S. of A. 13 knots E.T.A. first light 19th. (5) GAZELLE acknowledge and sail ships to comply. (V.A.M., 161043A to F.O.L.E.M.)

Movements Intend to sail with H.M.S. MARNE and METEOR at 0830/19th for Piraeus E.T.A. 1330/20th. (2) H.M.S. AJAX will leave Piraeus a.m. 21st for Alexandria. F.O.L.E.M.'s 151250C\*not to all refers. (AJAX, 161844 to S.B.N.O. Greece.) \*N.T. in W.D.

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East Indies Fleet Disposition Signal No. 2.

At Colombo: SUFFOLK, SEARCHER, CAPRICE, CAMBRIAN, CARABINIERE.

At Sea bound Colombo: CLEOPATRA, CAMPERDOWN (B.P.F.), TRAFALGAR (B.P.F.), 8th M/S Flotilla (B.P.F.) ARMADA (B.P.F.)

At Trincomalee: LONDON, RICHELIEU, AMEER, TRUMPETER, COWDRAY, EGGESFORD, CAVENDISH, BICESTER, CALPE, BLEASDALE, CHIDDINGFOLD, RACEHORSE, ROCKET, REDOUBT, NUBIAN, PENN, PETARD, VIRAGO, LE TRIOMPHANT, EMPRESS, RELENTLESS.

At Sea bound Trincomalee: SUSSEX, ROYALIST, HUNTER, STALKER, KHEDIVE, EMPEROR, ATTACKER, ACTIVITY, BRECON.

At Sea bound Bombay: BEGUM.

At Sea bound Calcutta: ROCKSAND, SANSOUINO.

At Sea bound Suez: BERWICK, SHAH.

At Sea bound Aden: ABERCROMBIE.

At Kilindini: ROBERTS.

Left Station: FENCER.

At Durban: ESKIMO, ROEBUCK.

At Capetown: HOWE.

At Singapore: NELSON, CAESAR, PALADIN, BLACKMORE, TARTAR, MYNGS, ROTHERHAM, SAUMAREZ, VERULAM, VIGILANT, FARNDAL, SAINFOIN, 6th M/S Flotilla, Part of 7th Flotilla.

Malacca Straits Area: 37th M/S Flotilla.

At Sabang: NIGERIA, PHOEBE.

At Sea bound Sabang: VENUS.

At Port Swettenham: PURSUER, RAPID, BULOLO, SEFYON, GLENROY, PERSIMMON, LARGS.

At Penang: CEYLON, VOLAGE, RAIDER.

At Batavia: CUMBERLAND, TROMP, Part of 7th M/S Flotilla.

At Hongkong: SMITER, GLENGYLE, LLANSTEPHAN CASTLE.  
(C. in C. E.I., 160645 to E.I. Fleet, Dispositions.)

Situation report number 31

(1) Penang L.S.I.(Ms) Left 13th. Sept. for Sabang and Trincomalee with Royal Marines embarked.

(2) Sabang NIGERIA has relieved PHOEBE as S.N.O.

(3) Singapore BS.3 in NELSON remaining as S.N.O.A. remainder of fleet units except a few destroyers withdrawn of Trincomalee after surrender ceremony

12th September.

(4) "Zipper". All Fleet Units withdrawn 10th/September. Discharges over Morib Beaches continue according to plan. Mud Sub-Stratum presents difficulties, and discharge of stores behind programme. 33561 personnel and 2426 vehicles discharged in first 72 hours. 23rd Indian Division touched down a.m. 12th September on beaches between Port Dickson and Cape Rachado according to plan in heavy rain and low visibility.

(5) Java. C.S.5 with CUMBERLAND, AWE, KALE, PINCHER, PICKLE, CHAMALEON, PUNJAB, BIHAR and 4 L.C.I.(Ls) arrived Batavia 15th September. TROMP joins C.S.5 16th September.

(6) No further weekly situation reports will be made.  
(C. in C. E.I., 161108Z to Admiralty.)

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America & West Indies.

31st M.S.  
Flotilla.

Request remaining ships of 31st Minesweeping Flotilla be sailed from Azores for Sydney N.S. and instructed to jettison ready use ammunition and depth charges within five miles of position 47° 15' N. 59° 40' W.  
Halifax C.C.O., 161420Z to Azores.)

Far East and Australia.

Sailing of  
Dutch S/Ms  
at Fremantle.

Comply C. in C. E.I. 130547 (N.T. in W.D.) and signal expected dates of movements.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 160025Z to S/M 4.) See 170520Z.

TRENCHANT  
submarine.

Intend sailing TRENCHANT 0330Z/21st Sept. for Aden direct and U.K. through A. and B.  
(2) C. in C. E.I.S. is requested to signal onward route from position B.  
(S/M 4, 160820Z to C. in C. B.P.F.)

Hongkong,  
surrender.

For Chiefs of Staff. Japanese signed surrender of Hongkong at Government House today Sunday 16th September.  
(C. in C. Hongkong, 160840 to Admty., N.A. Chungking.)



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Flag changes

(70, Ceylon)

1. The flag of R.A. J.M. Mansfield will be hoisted in LANDGUARD at 0800/20th Sept. and the flag of R.A. R.S.G. Nicholson, D.S.O., D.S.C., struck at sunset same day.

Far East and Australia.

Australia.

Bay

2. It is intended to discontinue the use of <sup>Lewis</sup> ~~SERVIS~~ BAY as an exercise base for B.P.F., and the title and duties of Capt. X will shortly lapse. It is intended that personnel and equipment will be removed to Hongkong.

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North Atlantic.

U.S. Army  
repair ship.

U.S. army repair ship MADISON <sup>JORDAN</sup> MANCHESTER sailed without warning during dark hours 16/17th in accordance with previous orders.  
(2) Ship did not report anticipated S.O.A. or E.T.A. Philadelphia, and gave no warning of impending departure, my 141212Z refers.  
(S.B.N.O. Azores, 171020Z to Gib. C.C.O.)

R.T.

My 121737B (N.T. in W.D.) VAGRANT will sail 0900B/19th Sept. E.T.A. Southampton p.m. 23rd Sept. (Gibraltar, 171228B to Admty.)

Dutch A/A  
ship and  
destroyer.

Intend to sail D.S. JACOB VAN HEEMSKERCK and VAN GALEN 0400B/18th Sept. to Malta. (A.M. 141408A not to all.)  
(3) Speed 25 knots, E.T.A. 1900B/19th Sept.  
(5) JACOB VAN HEEMSKERCK acknowledge and sail ships to comply.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 171512B to V.A. Malta.)

Fleet  
minesweepers.

ROSAMUND and MYSTIC arrived Ponta Delgada 1630Z/15th and departed 0900Z/17th to Plymouth.  
(2) S.O.A. 12 knots, E.T.A. Plymouth p.m. 21st.  
(5) Admty's. 111809Z refers.  
(S.B.N.O. Azores, 171809Z to C.C.O. Plymouth, Admty.)

South Atlantic.

HOWE,  
battleship.

A.M. 111310. Intend to sail HOWE from Capetown, Sept. 20th, routed through positions - D. 27° 10' S. 45° 01' E. E. 00° 59' S. 74° 03' E. thence if ordered by C. in C. E.I.  
(C. in C. S.A., 171121 to Admty., C. in C. E.I.)  
See C. in C. E.I., 191703, 201431B.

H.M.S.A.  
frigates.

In view of C. in C. E.I.'s 130541 propose to revert H.M.S.A. ships GOOD HOPE and TRANSVAAL to S.A.N.F. operational and administrative control.  
(C. in C. S.A., 171212 to Admty., appd. 191307A.)

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Mediterranean.

S/M.

Arrival THRASHER.  
(N.O.I.C. Suez, 171014C to Admty.)

EXMOOR,  
for U.K.

Intend to sail EXMOOR at 1600A/17th Sept. to Gib.  
for onward routing to U.K. C. in C. Med. 151515  
not to all refers.  
(3) S.O.A. 15 knots, E.T.A. 1300B/20.  
(6) EXMOOR acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(V.A.M., 171046A to F.O.G.M.A.)

Cruisers.

Intend to sail GLASGOW (S.O.) and JAMAICA on  
completion of exercises p.m. 19th Sept. in  
accordance with my 151122.  
(2) Speed will be adjusted to arrive off Ras el  
Kanayis bombardment range at 0800B/22nd, E.T.A. Port Said 0600B/  
23rd.  
(5) GLASGOW acknowledge and sail ships to comply.  
(V.A.M., 171608A to S.N.O.R.S.C.A., F.O.L.E.M.)

F.S. FORBIN.

Marine Paris has ordered F.S. FORBIN now in  
Bizerta be stationed in Cherbourg on completion  
repairs about end of Sept.  
(2) Ship will be routed by Comar Bizerta calling  
at Algiers and Casablanca carrying personnel. (3) Request approval  
(Almed., 171633A to C. in C. Med.)

SHALIMAR,  
S/M.

E.T.A. Suez 1300Z/19th Sept.  
(SHALIMAR, 171701Z to N.O.I.C. Suez.)

Fr. ships  
for Far East.  
Saigon.

(1) Your 151253B refers.  
(2) I understand stores referred to para. A that  
should be embarked in Alexandria are N.A.A.F.I.  
stores whereas Naval stores should be embarked in  
Malta as agreed between Admty. and Marine Paris.  
(3) As agreed with petroleum section North Africa  
ships will embark before leaving French harbours at least one  
third of their full capacity in lubricants available in these  
harbours remainder will be embarked in Alexandria or canal zone.  
(4) Request approval.  
(Almed., 171845A to C. in C. Med.)

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WOLFE  
Depot  
Ship

Intend following programme for H.M.S. WOLFE. Leave Trincomalee 7th October for Colombo to dock and carry out short self refit subsequently proceeding U.K. C. in C. E.I. 011041Z not to Trincomalee. (C. in C.E.I., 170600 to Admiralty) See 190238Z.

R.I.N.  
ships  
for  
service  
on China  
coast etc..

Your 150247\*. Please see Arminia telegram 94755+ 11th September. This expresses my view. (F.O.C.R.I.N., 170603 to C. in C.E.I.)  
\* Concerning F.O.C.R.I.N.'s proposal GODAVARI and CAUVERY should serve on China Coast.  
+I should like to think that R.I.N. sloops GODAVARI and CAUVERY could be included in naval occupational force for Japan.

R.I.N.  
ships  
operational  
control

Propose H.M.I.S. GODAVARI, H.M.I.S. CAUVERY, H.M.I.S. SUTLEJ, H.M.I.S. JUMNA revert to your operational control on 20th September by which date H.M.I.S. GODAVARI and H.M.I.S. CAUVERY will have arrived Colombo.  
(2) It is preferred that H.M.I.S. KISTNA and H.M.I.S. NARBADA and all escorts and M.S. remain under operational control C. in C.E.I. for the present to assist in meeting operational commitments on E.I. Station as suggested in A.M. S.S.O. 132200 addressed C. in C. India.  
(3) If you concur substance of paragraph 1 will be promulgated generally.  
(C. in C. E.I., 170619Z to F.O.C.R.I.N.) See 200448Z.

Changes  
of flag

The flag of Rear Admiral J.M. Mansfield will be hoisted in H.M.S. LANDGUARD at 0800 Thursday 20th September and the flag of Rear Admiral R.S.G. Micholson D.S.O., D.S.C., struck at sunset on the same day. The flag of Rear Admiral

Mansfield ~~C.S.~~ F.O. Ceylon is to be transferred to P.W.S.S. Colombo.  
((C. in C.E.I., 170637Z to Admiralty). See 181004Z.

Air-Sea  
rescue  
in  
Indian  
Ocean, and  
in China  
Sea.

Admiralty message 261350 August and 061817 refer. A.C.S.E.A. requirements cannot be met by the 12 available R.N. corvettes all of which are in worn-out condition.  
(2) Including Singapore/Saigon route there are seven positions to be continuously patrolled. Estimate minimum 18 ships necessary, allowing for maintenance and defects but not for long refits.  
(3) This estimate based on commitment of three or four months duration only, ships being extended rather than committed to periodic refits necessary for continued service.

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Air-Sea rescue in Indian Ocean and in China Sea. (Contd.)

(4) Duration and extent of ocean air-sea rescue service is requested. Upon this depends firm Admiralty policy regarding planning of:  
(a) Disposition and disposal of escort force. It is assumed that 20 escorts in A.M. 101835 do not include an A.S.R. force and therefore para. 3 above is correct.  
(b) Maintenance facilities to be retained on the station particularly at outlying ports.  
(5) Intend for the present to augment corvettes by frigates. This is extravagant solution particularly in manpower but no alternative if Air Ministry requirements are to be met.  
(6) No request yet received for Aden/Rasal Hadd route A.M. 061758 refers.  
(7) Understand from A.C.S.E.A. that further transocean routes are expected to open up shortly but details not firm. (C. in C.E.I., 170814Z to Admiralty.)

HONESTY corvette

When ready after return from present voyage request you will sail HONESTY to U.K. for reduction to reserve.  
(2) Complement should be reduced to steaming party and all ratings above A.S.G.30 or with less than eighteen months' service on the station are to be discharged to TANA names to be reported.  
(3) Admiralty 232005 May refers. (C. in C.E.I., 170827Z to F.O. East Africa.) *see 271223*

11th Destroyer Flotilla for U.K.

Intend D.11 with ROTHERHAM, RAPID, RAIDER, RELENTLESS, leave Colombo 6th October for U.K. Two ships will spend 4 days in Colombo to adjust complement. (C. in C.E.I., 171011 Admiralty.)

Escort Carriers (lifts)

Comply with Admiralty 152138 which is being passed to you. (Capt. D.(32), 171011Z to SEARCHER, SHAH, HUNTER.)

Relief supplies Hongkong

Ref. paragraph 3 of A.M. 121148 September not to A.L.F.S.E.A. Demands for immediate requirements should be made to A.L.F.S.E.A. copy to S.A.C.S.E.A. War Office and Admiralty and not direct to S.A.C.S.E.A. (S.A.C.S.E.A., 171237Z to C. in C. Hongkong.)

Portuguese ships for Timor

My 150604. Owing to further slight delay to ANGOLA all 3 ships have now proceeded independently  
(2) GONCALVES ZARCO. E.T.A. Dili 27th September. ANGOLA E.T.A. Timor 28th September. (C. in C.E.I., 171257Z to A.C.N.B.)

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Trawler  
and B.D.V.

Sailed LOCH MELFORT and RENNET. My 161508 refers.  
Holds relevant Queen messages. Request arrange-  
ment for transit of canal on arrival Suez.  
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 171547Z to N.O.I.C. Port Sudan.)

PROTECTOR  
"netlayer"

On completion of trials, your 281107 August not  
to all refers, H.M.S. PROTECTOR is to be sailed  
to U.K.  
(D.O.D.(F)(Approved V.C.N.S.), 171626A to C. in C.  
E.I.) *see 291617 Z.*

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America & West Indies.

DUNCANSBY HEAD. Sailing of DUNCANSBY HEAD is being delayed pending arrival of draft B.A.T.M's. 141919 refers. Request final destination may be signalled in order that disposition of passengers on board may be arranged.  
(B.N.L.O. San Francisco, 171850 to C. in C. E.I.)

H.M.L.S.T 3513. Departure H.M. L.S.T. (3) 3513, 0405Z/17th Sept. via Cabot Straits to Sydney to fuel thence to Clyde.  
(2) N.O.I.C. Sydney requested to make departure signal advising route taken and E.T.A. Clyde.  
(Quebec, 172138 to Admty.)

ALGONQUIN destroyer on passage. As manning situation and demobilization programme necessitates return of H.M.C.S. ALGONQUIN to Canada request that programme for ship in V.A. Malta 151105 not to all be cancelled and ship sailed to Halifax. C.N.M.O. 131558 not to all also refers.  
(N.S.H.Q., 172210Z to Admty., F.O.L.E.M.)  
See Admty. 191152A to F.O.L.E.M. and N.S.H.Q., 192013Z.

RAMEHEAD escort maintenance ship B.P.F. RAMEHEAD departed Vancouver 1715 G.M.T. Sept. 17th in accordance with C.O.P.C's 151607 and sailing orders R.D.I. dated Sept. 14th S.O.A. 11 knots, E.T.A. San Francisco 1900 G.M.T. 20th Sept.  
(N.O.I.C. Vancouver 172310Z to N.S.H.Q.)

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CLEOPATRA, to remain in E.I. Fleet. CLEOPATRA not required, Admiralty 111215 refers.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 170115Z to Admty., C. in C. E.I.)

~~Jervis Bay~~ <sup>Jervis Bay</sup> exercise base for B.P.F. My 180501 May and 090906Z July neither to all, intend to discontinue the use of ~~Jervis Bay~~ <sup>Jervis Bay</sup> as exercise base for B.P.F. the title and duties of Captain X will shortly lapse.  
(2) Intend therefore the following be moved forward to Hongkong as opportunity offers.

~~Jervis Bay~~ <sup>Jervis Bay</sup> A. ~~Jervis Bay~~ training team. B. Radar target balloon gear and personnel and one of the compressors mentioned in my 090705 June to Admiralty only. C. Photographic Rake Marking Party and Equipment. D. P.C.C. Gear Station and personnel now based at Sydney my 080054 August not to all refers.

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*Jervis Bay.*  
~~JERVIS BAY,~~  
exercise base  
for B.P.F.  
(Contd.)

- (3) Personnel in para. 2A to D inclusive who will require accommodation number approx. 10 officers and 30 ratings.  
(4) N.O.I.C. Hongkong should report when personnel and equipment in paras. 2 and 3 can be received V.A.(Q) is then requested to implement move.  
(5) Policies for targets and R.U. are contained in my 290610 August and my 070507 respectively neither to all.  
(6) My 090906 July not to all is cancelled.  
(7) Admiralty pass to EXCELLENT.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 170129Z to Admty.)

Employment of My 280552 August not to C. in C. E.I. and A.M.  
R.M. Engineers 141137 refer.

- (2) Second Battalion R.M.E's 15757 strong is not required in Australia or Hongkong. Intend to ship them to U.K. as soon as passage is available unless they are required at Singapore some adjustment of A.S.G. would be made with first battalion.  
(3) At present they have no accommodation, stores, transport, tools or plant but shipment has been arranged vide A.M. 141137.  
(4) As SS. ESSEX also carries equipment for Monab 9 and M.S.R.10 it is hoped to arrange for her to proceed to Singapore without unloading at Sydney if R.M.E's are not required at Singapore the equipment is likely to be of future use there.  
(5) Very early information is requested as to destination of R.M.E's if not to U.K. sea passages to U.K. have been applied for.  
(V.A.Q.B.P.F., 170131Z to Admty.)  
See Admty., 190215A to C. in C. E.I.

MAIDSTONE,  
S/M depot  
ship.

A. N. 1 B and C MAIDSTONE, D. Hongkong. E. 10001/17th Sept. F. 12K5. G. Route. Thence to Subic. After leaving Subic route Hemlock to Sibutu passage via Makassar and Lombok Straits reporting E.T.A. to N.O.I.C. Fremantle 48 hours before arrival.  
(C.T.G. 111.27, 170425 to C. in C. B.P.F., etc.)

Dutch S/Ms  
for Java.

Your 160025. Expected departures Dutch submarines to Batavia. K.15 and O.24 19th Sept. O.23 21st Sept.  
(2) K.14 28th Sept. and O.21 3rd Oct. after being docked.  
(3) C. in C. E.I. pass to C. in C. Netherlands Forces in East.  
(Submarine 4, 170520Z to C. in C. B.P.F.) *See 270417Z*

/Re....



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Re Admty.'s  
policy due  
to sudden  
end of war.

From Admiral Fraser.

I am not certain of Admty.'s. policy in new  
circumstances arising from sudden end of war.

(2) There appears (?left) in the event of (re-  
adjustment?) 2 main points:-

A. Reconstitution of fleet on an active service  
basis. B. Early demobilization of all hostilities

only officers and men who can be spared.

(3) With regard to para. 2 above, with Fleet consisting of 80  
to 90% of reserve officers and men most of whom have just completed  
fairly arduous service on (?active) operations, it is obvious  
that reaction and urge to get home are very great.

(4) As long as evacuation of P.O.W. and similar vitally useful  
tasks continue there is no difficulty.

(5) As requirements diminish I would like to send ships home in  
their proper order as soon as they can be spared and ir?respective  
of future strength of fleet which will presumably be entirely  
active service.

(6) Provided that a programme on these lines can be arrived at  
and promulgated and also that age and service group reliefs go  
on as fast as can reasonably be expected in ships which expect  
to be (?due to) go home, I do not think any one out here would  
object to a faster speed of demobilization at home than had  
hitherto been contemplated.

(7) Presumably the faster demobilization progresses and the  
faster ships are paid off the sooner active service reliefs will  
be available.

(8) The congestion at home and the potential rate of acceptance  
of demobilized men in civil life are factors which I cannot  
gauge.

(9) The fact however remains that both officers who assert that  
the lower ranks are mainly reserve, hostilities only ratings  
have same urge for demobilization and the leadership of these  
officers must be affected thereby.

(10) Although recognizing that the broad facts are not before me  
I nevertheless think that the policy should now be as follows:-

A. Demobilize at home as fast as possible, pointing out that this  
is necessary to re-start peacetime industries immediately.

B. Maintain wartime increases of pay abroad as compensations and  
promulgate that age and service group system will be prolonged to  
max. extent possible.

C. Every ship abroad which can be spared from operational duties  
to be sent home in rotation, adjusting complement as far as  
possible.

D. Publicise fact that these measures are necessary,

(i) so that operational requirements can be met, (ii) so that navy  
can be reconstituted on an active service basis as soon as possible.  
(iii) and that it is recognized that some apparent unfairness may  
result but that it is the most practical method of demobilizing  
greatest number in shortest space of time.

(11) After consultation with my F.Os. my opinion is that T.L.  
must be prepared to face probability of unrest in the fleet unless  
it is evident that every effort is being made to demobilize and  
to return home ships not required for duty.

(12) It is only when this policy is clear that I can make  
definite proposals for ships to leave the station.

(C.T.F. 111, 170715Z to Admty.)

/Hongkong...

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Hongkong, My 230559 August - R.A.F.T. reports Hongkong chart  
chart depot. depot undamaged but stripped.  
(2) Chart depot and staff transferred from  
AORANGI to Hongkong depot today, 17th.  
(3) Wong Choy late Chinese assistant, and 4  
Chinese attendants are available for re-  
employment and will replace navigators, Yeoman and Seamen.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 170739Z to Admty.)

Canadian & In order to plan cruiser movements would be  
N.Z. Cruisers. grateful for early information whether Canadian  
and New Zealand cruisers are likely to remain with  
Britpacflt.  
(C.T.F. 111, 170750Z to Admty.)

Ref. use of Your 061645 and subsequent signal date time group  
Sam ships received corrupt. In event of Japanese approval  
at Hongkong. being given for early repatriation of Japanese  
prisoners, may remaining six Sam ships? be used  
for this purpose.  
(C. in C. Hongkong, 170834Z to Admty.)

Australian Following from Chiefs of Staff.  
requirements. Ref. Seacos. 463 and S.A.C. 20863.  
(1) The provision of personnel and assault shipping  
for Australian requirements from outside your  
theatre is impracticable.  
(2) It is possible that one L.S.I. and seven L.S.T. for Timor may  
have been included in error, as, according to telegram No. 269  
from Australian Government, their preparations are complete for  
despatch of occupational force. We are seeking clarification on  
this point.  
(3) In the meantime, in view of the fact that all your commitments  
are now occupational and not operational and Australian needs  
are just as pressing, you should release on loan at once, one  
L.S.I. and fourteen L.S.T. to the Australians for use in S.W.P.A.  
You should submit revised requirements for M.T. ships, taking  
into account the loss of L.S.T. life.  
(4) Admiralty will instruct C. in C. E.I.F. to make detailed  
arrangements for the transfer with A.C.N.B.  
(5) We expect to meet Australian dry cargo shipping without  
calling on your resources.  
(V.C.N.S., 171707 to A.C.N.B.)

Commonwealth Your 142342\*. Matter is under consideration by  
and Dutch Chiefs of Staff and it is hoped that a reply will  
P.O.W. policy. be made within 24 hours.  
(V.C.N.S., 171716A to C.T.F. 111, C. in C. B.P.F.)  
\* Re transfer of British shipping from Atlantic.

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SITUATION REPORT

Foreign Stations

East Indies

TEVIOT  
frigate  
(damage)

H.M.S. TEVIOT struck wreck in Rangoon Harbour and sustained damage. Two magazines and fore-peak flooded. Temporary repairs are being effected for her to proceed to nearest docking port.

Far East and Australia

Hongkong  
Commodore

Commodore D.H. Everett D.S.O. M.B.E. hoisted his broad pendant as Commodore Hongkong in H.M.S. TAMAR today.

Arrival of  
T.G.111.3  
off  
Yangtse

Task Group 111.3 consisting of BELFAST, ARGONAUT, TYRIAN, TUMULT, QUIBERON, PLYM, COLOSSUS, BERMUDA, TUSCAN arrived and anchored off Yangtse Bar today.

Flag  
appointments

Admiral Sir Louis Hamilton will resume duty as First Naval Member of Australian Naval Board to date 20th September and Acting Rear Admiral G.D. Moore will resume duty as F.O.I.C. and Admiral Superintendent Sydney to date 21st September.

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North Atlantic

Vagrant  
R.T.

Intend to sail home VAGRANT 0900B 19th September to Southampton (A.M. 081729A not to all).  
(3) Speed 11 knots E.T.A. p.m. 23rd September.  
(7) VAGRANT acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 181103B to N.O.I.C. Southampton.)

VERITY  
(destroyer)

In view of visit of Admiral Collinet and F.S. SIMOUN intend sailing VERITY 27th instead of 24th September.  
Your 161047A refers.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 181207B to C. in C. Mediterranean.)

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Mediterranean.

Bulgarian ports - opening of to Allied shipping.

At first extremely cordial meeting of the Heads of the Naval Section A.C.C. I put the following questions to Capt. 1st rank Bogomoloff.  
A. When will Varna and Burgas be open Allied ships.  
B. Strength and present disposition of all Bulgarian naval units including those under the operational control of the Soviet.  
C. 1939 and present strength of naval personnel and present rate of recruiting.

D. Number and type of German craft sunk in Varna and/or Burgas and how many of each type have been removed up to date.  
(2) He declared that (a) and (b) were not within his province but informed me that there were approx. seven minesweepers under Soviet operational control. He professed ignorance of (c) due to "demobilization which was in progress." When pressed about the peace time strength of the personnel he vaguely agreed that he would find out. After so much evasion I was surprised to receive a concrete answer to (d). Approx. 65 wrecks of which 50 have been raised most of them wooden hulled minesweepers. 20 Bulgarian motor boats estimated. 3 L.C.T s. also raised.  
(3) My U.S.A. colleague put questions mainly dealing with facility at port of Varna the answer to which follows by bag.  
(4) It appears obvious that anything of naval importance other than innocuous questions of pilotage will have to be brought up at meetings of commissioners.  
(A.C.C. Bulgaria Brit. Del., 180915B to Admty.)

At the second of the joint meetings of the A.C.C. today the following naval questions were on the agenda. (1) Communication of Capt. 1st rank Tishkin about the whereabouts of the Greek motor schooner EVANGELIA (article 11 of the armistice agreement) (2) operations of the Bulgarian flotilla in minesweeping in the Black Sea (article 1 of the armistice agreement) (3) operations of the Bulgarian flotilla in minesweeping in the Danube (article 1 of the armistice agreement.)  
(2) In answer to (1) Captain Tishkin stated that steps are being taken to trace this vessel. Results were at present negative and it was possible the ship now bore a different name. This answer was similar to the reply given by his predecessor Admiral Abaamov on 29th February 1945. General Oxley asked whether the Bulgarian Government admitted having possessed this ship, that they must be made to find her or to produce a substitute and that they could not evade responsibility for her disappearance. I then observed that the matter was first raised on 20th February, 1945 and asked whether Bulgarian master whose names and addresses in Burgas were known had been interrogated. A negative answer together with assurance that this would be done was given. General Oxley concluded that he hoped the necessary pressure would be brought to bear on the Bulgarian Government to return this vessel. From a trustworthy source I have obtained the information that the vessel has been renamed repainted and is in Odessa with Russian crew.

/ (3) ...

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(3) In answer to this Captain Tishkin outlined the organisation of Bulgarian Navy and stated that its minesweepers had come under the operational control of the Soviet from Oct. 1944 to the present time; that sweeping was still in progress as small danger from mines still exists. Approaches to Varna and Burgas were clear for "small vessels". Number of mines swept in this operation could not be obtained. When asked if the approaches were

clear for entry of possible U.N.N.R.A. vessels of approx. 6000 tons Captain Tishkin replied that these would be preceded by minesweepers.

(4) Seven Soviet minesweepers operated in the Danube under Soviet control. Their work was highly praised and certain officers and ratings received Soviet decorations. Danube could be considered free of mines within a 150 metres channel from Vienna to the mouth. Sweeping continues to widen the channel. There was small percentage of casualties. No record was kept of the number of mines swept.

(5) Question of U.N.N.R.A. supplies to Yugoslavia via Varna and Burgas was touched on. General Teherepanov the Chairman stated that the whole question was under consideration and could be brought up at a later date. A statement would be made on the 25th Sept. dealing with railway facilities from Varna and Burgas. (A.C.C.B. Brit., 181755B to W.O., C. in C. Med.)

Changes of flag.

Flag of R.A. J.M. Mansfield C.B., D.S.O., D.S.C. will be hoisted in CARADOC instead of LANDGUARD. 0637Z of 17th Sept. refers. (C. in C. E.I., 181004Z to E. I. Stn.)

F.S. SOMALI.

Intend to sail SOMALI at 1500A/19th Sept. by Q.B.B. 488 and basic eastbound route to Alex. for O/R to East Indies in accordance with Almed 151310. (2) Speed 15 knots, E.T.A. 0700C/22nd Sept. (V.A. Malta, 181046 to F.O.L.E.M.)

Dutch minelayer.

Sailed D.S. WILLEM VAN DER ZAAAN to Aden for onward routeing. (2) S.O.A. 12 knots, E.T.A. a.m. 22nd Sept. (N.O.I.C. Suez, 181650 to Admty.)

Destroyers for E.I.

Sailed CARRON and CAVALIER at 1645C/18 to Aden for onward routeing. (2) E.T.A. 0900C/22, S.O.A. 15 knots. (N.O.I.C. Suez, 181914C to Admty.)

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East Indies.

Enemy merchant ships. Approx. 50 enemy merchant ships some Ex Allied captured at Singapore will arrive shortly from other ports in the area. Request Admiral Marshall Senior Inspecting Officer D.N.O. staff may be flown to Singapore as soon as possible. Intend to use certain suitable ships immediately pending his arrival. Request instructions re insurance of ex Allied ships which are taken over.  
(F.O. Malaya, 180430Z to C. in C. E.I.) *See 22/16 4/ Nov. & 11/10/12 May 46.*

TEVIOT, frigate, damaged. TEVIOT struck wreck in Rangoon Harbour. Following damage sustained:  
(a) S.A. magazine flooded hole 12 feet long 2 inches wide. (b) Frontal ballast 4 inch magazine flooded from S.A. magazine. (c) Refrigerator room flooded hole 10 feet by 1 foot port side.  
(d) A/S dome removed compartment not flooded. (e) Fore peak flooded stem hole 2 feet x 2 feet keel hole 6 inches x 2 inches.  
(2) Draught forward 11 feet 0 inches, draught aft 13 feet 0 ins.  
(3) Intend putting Tingle on C and E with wedging and shot mat over (a) and consider her then seaworthy for voyage to nearest docking port.  
(4) Request instructions. (5) Enquiry proceeding.  
(N.O.I.C. Rangoon, 180605Z to C. in C. E.I.) See 190351Z.

Movements. Arrived Singapore 17th Sept. LOCH LOMOND, EVENLODE. Departed Singapore 17th SAUMAREZ, L.ST. 519, 347, 303.  
(F.O. Malaya, 180831 to C. in C. E.I.)

East Indies Escorts and Air Sea Rescue. Can an answer now be made to A.M. 261351 August as this directly affects the size of East Indies Escort force it will be necessary to maintain.  
(2) C. in C. E.I. in his 170814 has reported that A.C.S.E.A. expects further trans-ocean routes to be opened up shortly. Can this be confirmed and early indication given of any additional air-sea rescue commitment involved.  
(A.C.N.S.(F), 181230A to Air Min. Info. C. in C.E.I.)

Transference of landing craft to S.W.P. area. Ref. C.O.S.S.E.A. 354 to S.A.C.S.E.A. and A.C.N.B. only. C. in C. E.I. is requested to arrange in consultation with A.C.N.B. for one L.S.I.(L) with unit equipment of minor landing craft and 14 L.S.T. to be transferred temporarily from Force W to A.C. N.B. for occupational duties in S.W.P.A. (2) Ships transferred should be known as Force A and should be under the command of an officer designated by C. in C. E.I. They should be temporarily attached for administration and logistic support to an Australian naval authority designated by A.C.N.B.  
(3) All ships and craft are to be completed to full capacity of stores before transfer. L.S.E.(L.S.) need not accompany the L.S.T. at present, but matter will be reviewed when first M.S.(L.S.) arrives in S.E.A.C. (4) Total number of L.S.T. for service in Far East will probably be reduced to approx. 60 in the near future and this figure will include the 14 L.S.T. referred to above.  
(V.C.N.S., 181605A to C. in C. E.I., A.C.N.B.) *See 25/1152 & 25/1251  
See 10/1920 Dec (72nd)*

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America and West Indies

STORM  
S/M

H.M.S. STORM E.T.D. Overfalls Light 2200Z Sept. 19th for Bermuda direct. Speed 10 knots, E.T.A. Bermuda 1600Z Sept. 22nd.  
(B.M.S. Philadelphia, 181545Q to STORM.)

Far East and Australia

Commodore  
Hongkong

Cdre. D.H. Everett D.S.O., M.B.E. has a.m. this day assumed the duties of Commodore Hongkong broad pendant being hoisted in H.M.S. TAMAR.  
(Commodore Hongkong, 180052 to C. in C. B.P.F.)

DULLISK  
COVE  
Ordnance  
Stores  
for  
Hongkong

Intend following action for DULLISK COVE which has a gun mounting store containing many useful spares for B.P.F.  
(a) On arrival Sydney about 27th September boiler clean and fill any spare capacity with additional G.N. mounting spares.  
(b) On completion sail for Hongkong leaving about October.  
(c) When situation permits all gun mounting spares to be transferred to gun mounting store Hongkong dockyard.  
(2) Spares are all in easily handled cases, there are no heavy lifts.  
(3) Request Commodore Hongkong report on state and capacity of gun mounting store Hongkong and possibility of storing spare mountings up to 4 + 5 inch twin Mark IV.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 180453Z to R.A.F.T., Commodore Hongkong.)

Guam

C. in C. Pacific/C in C. P.O.A. Advance Headquarters Guam will be closed at 1900Z/19 September. Headquarters for all functions C. in C. Pacific/C. in C. P.O.A. will be consolidated at Pearl Harbour. Address C. in C. Pacific/C. in C. P.O.A. Pearl.  
(C. in C. Pacific Adv. H.Q., 180540 to Alpoa.)

GLENEARN  
Base  
Headquarters  
Ship.

From Admiral Fraser. I cannot surrender GLENEARN to S.A.C.S.E.A. at this stage. You will have seen how I am using Aircraft Carriers to overcome the shortage of personnel ships at my disposal.  
(C.T.F.111, 180643Z to Admiralty.)

/A.F.D.17...



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A.F.D.17

Further to my 250735\* not to V.A.Q. expect repairs to A.F.D.17 will be completed end October.

(2) Request policy for disposal.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 180848Z to Admiralty.)  
\* Re proposed re-allocation of A.F.Ds.

Arrival of  
T.G.111.3  
off Yangtse

Arrived and anchored off Yangtse Bar all ships in company. After discussion with Com. Seventh Fleet following arrangement made:

- (a) BELFAST, ARGONAUT, TYRIAN, TUMULT, QUIBERON, PLYM to go up to Shanghai tomorrow, Wednesday.
- (b) BERMUDA, TUSCAN to sail for Tsingtao tomorrow, Wednesday to contact internees in Shantung area.
- (c) COLOSSUS to remain in Outer anchorage as Wusung is not yet clear of mines. Am investigating possibility of using her to convey internees should this prove necessary.
- (2) Com. Seventh Fleet informs me that Yangtse up to Hankow is still mined.
- (3) Internees from Shanghai Camps are reported to be in good shape with sufficient food and few sick.  
(C.T.G.111.3, 181057Z to C.R.F.111 to Admiralty.)

Flag  
appointments

Admiral Sir Louis Hamilton will resume duty as First Naval Member to date 20th September, 1945, and Acting Rear Admiral G.D. Moore will resume duty as F.O.I.C. Sydney and Admiral Superintendent Sydney to date 21st September, 1945.  
(A.C.N.B., 181141Z to S.O., H.M.A. Squadron, All N.Os. I/C, H.M.A. Ships.)

U.S.  
Operation  
Plan

Com. 5th Fleet 181215, 3rd Fleet, 5th Fleet, Norpac.  
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From Com, 5th Fleet

Date, 20.9.45.

Recd. 0231

O.T.P. BY T.K.

Addressed 3rd Fleet, 5th Fleet, Norpac,  
Info: Army, Cominch, Allied F.O's and L.O's  
(Pac.)

## IMMEDIATE

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This my operation plan 9-45.

### Organization.

- U.S.  
Op-plan
- A. Special Group TG.50.1 Fleet Flagship NEW JERSEY Captain Wooldridge.
  - B. TF.51 Southwestern Japan Force VADM Oldendorf forces formerly assigned central control forces less mine force.
  - C. TF.52 mine force RADM Struble forces assigned.
  - D. TF.53 Eastern Japan force RADM Jones forces formerly assigned Eastern control forces less British forces.
  - E. TF.54 Amphibious forces with Task Groups 1 to 5 assigned 5th Amphibious Force and 6 to 9 assigned 3rd Amphibious Force.
  - F. TF.56 Northern Japan Force RADM Denebrink forces formerly assigned Norpacfor remaining Japanese Empire waters.
  - G. TF.57 British Support Force VADM Rawlings forces assigned.
  - H. TF.58 Fast Carrier Force VADM Towers forces assigned.
  - I. TF.59 Army Forces of occupation Groups 1 to 5 assigned 6th Army 6 to 9 assigned 8th Army.
  - 1. This operation plan is derived from Concpac-Cincpoa ADCAN .140301/September and his Op. plan Number 12-45 (Revised) Cincpac has directed Com. 5th Fleet to assume responsibility for Naval operations in Empire waters. The area previously assigned to Comnorpac will be limited on the East by a line from Cape Lopatka to latitude 42 00 North longitude 155 00 East. The boundary between the 6th and 8th Armies has been changed to place entire prefecture of Nagano in the 8th Army area.

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2. This Fleet in conjunction with United States Army Forces will conduct operations in Japanese waters and at designated locations ashore in order to gain and exercise Military political and economic control of the Japanese Empire.
3. (A) (WKL) Operate as directed by Com. 5th Fleet.
- (B) (1) Assume responsibility for area assigned 5th Fleet in Appendix 3 to Annex B Cincpoa Opplan 12-45 change Number 1.  
(2) TF.55 designation continues available to CTF.51.
- (C) Conduct minesweeping in areas of responsibility of 5th and 7th Fleets as directed.
- (D) Assume responsibility for area assigned 3rd Fleet in Appendix 3 to Annex B Cincpoa Opplan Number 12-45 change Number 1.
- (E) Transport land and establish ashore in zone of 5th Fleet responsibility designated elements of the 6th and 8th U.S.S. Armies.
- (F) Assume responsibility for that area formerly assigned Comnorpac West of the line from Cape Lopatka to latitude 42 00 North longitude 155 00 East.
- (G) Support other forces as required.
- (H) Conduct operations as directed.
- (I) Conduct operations as directed by Com. Gens 6th and 8th Armies.  
(1) This plan is effective at 000Z/20th September, 1945.  
(2) Carry out existing orders unless otherwise ordered by Com. 5th Fleet.
4. Logistics in accordance with existing 5th Fleet and Norpac directives.
5. (A) Communications in accordance with Pac 70B Annex G to Cincpoa Op-Plan 12-45 (revised) and existing directives of Com. 3rd Fleet and Comnorpac except where specifically changed by Com. 5th Fleet.  
(B) Use Zone Z (G.C.T.) in the date time group of all communications except visual signals to or within ground forces. Use zone 1 (-9) time for local time within the Japanese Archipelago.  
(C) Com. 5th Fleet in New Jersey.

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Advance Copy to Duty Capt. O.D.

Note: Passed to Admiralty for information.

See overleaf.....

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SITUATION REPORT.

Foreign Stations.

Mediterranean.

C. in C. Med.  
transfer of  
H.Q.

1. C. in C. Mediterranean will transfer his headquarters to Malta on 25th Sept. On the same date a command post will be established in Navy House, Naples. Operational control will be assumed at Malta at 1200A on 25th Sept. and at same time Caserta headquarters will close and naval command post Naples will open.

Far East and Australia.

Movement.

2. C.S. (2) in BELFAST arrived at Shanghai today.

Guam.

3. C. in C. Pacific advance H.Q. closed at 1900Z today. H.Q. for all functions of C. in C. Pacific will be consolidated at Pearl Harbour.

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North Atlantic.

Spanish  
training  
ships.

Training ship GALATEA and VIRGEN<sup>DE LA</sup> CARIDAD left  
Ferrol Sept. 18th, former for Canary Islands  
latter for Vigo.  
(Coruna, 191200 to Admty.)

HARTLAND POINT. HARTLAND POINT arrived Ponta Delgada 1000Z/18th  
and departed 1100Z/19th for London routed through.  
(2) S.O.A. 10 knots, E.T.A. Royal Sovereign Light  
Vessel 1930Z/25th.  
(S.B.N.O. Azores, 191550Z to Admty.)

ORCADIA,  
Fleet M/S.

ORCADIA arrived Ponta Delgada 1530Z/19th and  
departed 2100Z/19th for U.K.  
(5) ORCADIA is to report S.O.A. and E.T.A.  
Plymouth to action addressees of this signal and  
F.O.G.M.A.  
(S.B.N.O. Azores, 192359Z to ORCADIA, Admty.)

South Atlantic.

H.M.S.A.  
frigates  
GOOD HOPE &  
TRANSVAAL.

Your 171212 approved.  
(A.C.N.S.(F) 191307A to C. in C. S.A.)

*see 011246 Dec*

*(to report to S.A.N.F.  
op. control)*

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Mediterranean.

Alexandria fixed defences. Reference Admiralty Message 112033 April, 1945, concerning fixed defences at Alexandria harbour. (a) It is desired to complete transfer of the system as soon as possible, (b) it is desired to secure payment from the Egyptians as soon as possible as detailed in A.M. quoted above, (c) the transfer should be made with the cable in situ, (d) Lt. Cdr. Naish, R.N.V.R. is proceeding by air to Alexandria to take charge of A/S F.D. Station during transfer. He has been informed of the political and historical aspects of the problem. (2) Admiralty should be informed of the progress of negotiations. (3) Egyptians may be reminded of the mutual value of retaining British Naval Mission to advise them on A/S F.D. and other matters.  
(Controller, 190211A to F.O.L.E.M.) *FOLEM 26 11443 C. Army. See 18/12/11 APRIL/48*

Coastal forces on E.I. Stn. Coastal forces on East Indies station are now much in excess of requirements and unnecessary waste will increase daily. Intend to send Captain Coastal Force East Indies Captain Kerr to visit Admiralty and give exact situation here. (2) Request he be given Admiralty policy and be returned to East Indies Station as early as possible. (C. in C. E.I., 191041Z to Admty.)

Return of ALGONQUIN\*to Canada. Request you will comply with N.S.H.Q.'s 172210. (D.O.D.(F), 191152A to F.O.L.E.M.) \* Destroyer.

Gunboats. COCKCHAFER, SCARAB and APHIS are to be sailed in company when ready about early Dec. via Ceylon to Singapore, where guns and mountings are to be fitted. (2) C. in C. E.I. is requested to arrange shipment of guns and mountings to Singapore. (D.O.D.(F), 191616A to Cs. in C. Med., E.I.)

Sitrep Pola area No. 32, 19th Sept. minesweeping. Have swept further 5 cables to westward of area reported in Sitrep No. 31. 13 G.R., 1G Y, 2 explosive conical floats 3 chain obstructor swept and consider this has now cleared A R 146. (2) 8th M.L. Flotilla commenced clearing further turning water with negative result. (S.O. M/S 19, 192000A to C. in C. Med. (N))

C. in C. Med. transfer of H.Q. C. in C. Med. will transfer his H.Q. to Malta on 25th Sept. on the same date a Command Post will be established in Navy House, Naples to provide necessary liaison with A.F.H.Q. This command post is to be addressed for signal purposes as C. in C. Med. (Naples.)

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- C. in C. Med. transfer of H.Q. (Contd.)
- (2) Programme for change over will be as follows:-  
(a) All signals for C. in C. Med. are to be routed to both Caserta and Malta C.C.O. from 1200A/24th Sept. until 1200A/25th Sept. up to which time operational control will remain at Caserta.  
(b) At 1200A/25th Sept. operational control will be assumed by Malta, and at the same time the Caserta H.Q. will close and Naples Command Post will open. From this time signals are to be addressed in accordance with para. 3 below and routed accordingly.
- (3) Signal instructions after establishment of C. in C. Med. in Malta (1200A/25th Sept.):-
- (a) Signals for C. in C. Med. are to be re-routed to Malta C.C.O.  
(b) In addition C. in C. Med. (Naples) is to be included in the address of all signals under the following headings. Warship Movements and Programmes. Minesweeping Reports. All policy and planning matters. Dockings, refits and repairs of major war vessels and merchant ships. Such signals are to be routed to Naples C.C.O.  
(c) C. in C. Med. (Naples) does not require signals concerning refits and dockings of minor war vessels, nor signals about stores, victualling, personnel or drafting which are of a routine nature.
- (4) In the case of signals listed in para. 3(b) C. in C. Med. (Naples) should normally be included as an information addressee only. When necessary to make C. in C. Med. (Naples) an action addressee, the signal is also to be repeated to C. in C. Med. Signals are never to be addressed with both C. in C. Med. and C. in C. Med. (Naples) as action addressees.
- (5) C. in C. Med. (Naples) will receive all Admiralty and other General Messages.
- (6) Correspondence for C. in C. Med. including that for the command post is to be routed to Malta. Correspondence is to be reduced to a minimum between 22nd and 28th Sept.
- (7) The office of Captain M/S Med. will be transferred to Malta on 24th Sept. It is pointed out that M.S.R.T., N.C.S.O. Med., F.M.O. and S.I.D.G. are member of C. in C. Med.'s Staff and that their offices will be transferred to Malta.
- (8) The Med. Shipping Intelligence Room will remain at Naples together with offices of M.W.T.R. Med., Regional Director W.S.A. and P.S.T.O. Med. All signals for these three authorities and Vesca Summaries from S.O.(I) Gibraltar and S.O.(I) Levant and Eastern Med. are to be routed to Naples C.C.O.
- (9) To facilitate administrative arrangements for the transfer signals for C. in C. Med. (Caserta, Malta or Naples) are to be kept to an essential minimum between 22nd and 28th Sept. (C. in C. Med., 192132A to Med. Stn.)

Movements.

Arrivals BERWICK, SHALIMAR, STATESMAN.  
(N.O.I.C. Suez, 192210C to Admty.)

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- R.E.Ms. Request your views on V.A.(Q) B.P.F.'s 170131 September concerning 2nd Battalion R.E.M.'s Are these required for Singapore? (Hd. of M(II) 190215A to C. in C.E.I., C. in C. B.P.F., V.A.(Q) B.P.F.)
- WOLFE depot ship C. in C. E.I. 170600. Request all shipment of stores and spare gear for WOLFE and 2nd S.F. may stop forthwith. (S/M 2, 190238Z to Admiralty.)
- TEVIOT frigate (damaged) Your 180605. On completion temporary repairs H.M.S. TEVIOT is to be sailed for Trincomalee. (2) Constructors Cdre. Craig, Assistant F.N.C.O. will arrive Rangoon as soon as possible to advise on extent fresh temporary repairs for voyage. (C. in C. E.I., 190351Z to N.O.I.C. Rangoon.)
- ST.MARGARETS Cable repairs Your 150216. Request ST. MARGARETS be sailed Colombo to undertake two telegraph cable repairs before proceeding to Mediterranean. (C. in C.E.I., 190955Z to V.A.(Q), C. in C. B.P.F.)
- LARGS L.S.H.(L) H.M.S. LARGS will leave Colombo first week October for U.K. A.M. 121209 refers. (C. in C. E.I., 191014Z to Admiralty.)
- Proposals for disposal of H.Q. S.O.G. and Base Staffs. First. There is no further operational requirement in S.E.A.C. C.C.O. however, requires a small Cadre to be formed in U.K. to conserve experience. C.C.O. is being asked what his requirements for this Cadre will be from S.E.A.C. Second. S.O.G. will now be disbanded except that a small interim H.Q. and Cadre representing all existing S.O.G. resources except C.O.P.P. will be retained. H.Q. and Cadre will consist of all possible regular ranks, total strength is estimated at not more than 30 including Commander S.O.G. and staff Officer. This H.Q. and Cadre may eventually proceed to U.K. under orders from C.C.O. Third. Dispose of remaining personnel as follows: C.O.P.Ps. to be returned complete to U.K. R.M. detachment 385 to provide bulk of interim H.Q. and Cadre, remainder to be discharged to Fleet Pool. S.B.S. volunteers to go to C.D.O. Group in India, remainder to base reinforcement depot. Fourth. Stores to be reduced to the basis of personal weapons and equipment and those items essential for interim H.Q. and Cadre. Fifth. Request Commander S.O.G. be instructed to submit. (S.A.C.S.E.A., 191051Z to C. in C. E.I.)

Inland S.O.G. 270506Z C.C.O. R.I.S  
CCO 091210Z Otd. Saisa. C.C.O. /Re...



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Re ocean Air/Sea Rescue Your 261351A reference duration of patrols required for Ocean Air/Sea rescue in A.C.S.E.A. Cover for Masirah - Karachi - Rangoon - Penang - Singapore - Hongkong route will be required at least until occupational forces withdrawn from Far East. Traffic on Masirah - Karachi section may be reduced next year if North Arabian route proves capable of handling traffic. Reference cover for Colombo - Cosos - Australia route. Corvettes at Cocos will no longer be required when route via Singapore is opened or Naval loads Australia cease, whichever is the earlier, but those at Colombo will be required indefinitely for Colombo - Singapore direct route which will be used in addition to Calcutta - Rangoon - Singapore route.  
(A.M., Kingsway, 191130A to Admiralty.)

Programme of movements R.M. engineers etc. to Singapore. C. in C. E.I., 191756 to F.O. Malaya. *v 270943Z*  
See Lion Copy.

China British forces Your cipher G.2163/S\* September and cipher G/2173/S<sup>+</sup> September. Future of B.T.C. is under consideration. Cannot give any indication as to disposal of equipment or stores at this stage. Meantime we see no objection to your evacuating non-essential personnel to India.  
(W.O., 191900A to Britchin.) *See 21.Sep*  
\* 131220 + 141030. Difficulty of obtaining local currency making difficult maintenance British military and civilian personnel.

SEAMEW (Gunboat) Further operational requirement for SEAMEW is under consideration. Request report by signal on her present condition.  
(D.O.D.(F), 191605A to C. in C. E.I., and S.N.O.P.G.)

HOWE Request you sail H.M.S. HOWE to Kilindini as in my 041102 not to H.M.S. HOWE. Your 171121 refers.  
(C. in C. E.I., 191703Z to C. in C. S.A.)

Malaya beaches unloading on. BU(GR)EP 2 - 19th September. Moris Beaches. Discharge continues over all beaches and although now much improved is such that there is a backlog of 11000 tons to overcome before work can be finished on D + 9 convoy. There is a discharge of coal of 54000 tons facing the Army which they consider they will complete 5 days late on schedule. Port Swettenham recovers an average 1500 tons daily. Beaches from the first have presented extremely unfavourable physical features and with neap tides and minimum beaching

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# MESSAGE.

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*Programme Movements  
R.M.E. Singapore.*

UNCLASSIFIED

191756FG/September

From : C.in C. E.I.

Date : 23.9.45

Recd : 1312

P/L by W/T

To : F.O. Malaya.  
INFO : Admiralty, Admiralty Bath, S.A.C.S.E.A., N.O.I/C.  
Port Swettenham, V.A.(Q) B.P.F., C.in C. B.P.F.

Following is intended programme for movement of Royal Marine Engineers and C.E. in C. Department Representatives to Singapore.

A. <u>Serial</u>	B. <u>Unit</u>	C. <u>E.T.A.</u> <u>Singapore</u>	D. <u>Offrs</u>	E. <u>Rtms.</u>	F. <u>African</u> <u>O.Rs</u>	G. <u>Vehs</u>	H. <u>Strs.</u> <u>D.W. tons</u>	I. <u>Remarks</u>
1	C.E. Port Party follow up.	30/9	11	5	Nil	15	277	Nil
1	GP HQ and 123 Coy Eapawg	30/9	30	50	485	22	750	Nil
3	Remainder No.2 Ofgap	30/9	Nil	20	Nil	5	Nil	Major part of Unit already in Singapore
4	124 Coy Eapawg	8/10	10	30	350	22	250	Nil
5	CE Port Party follow up	8/10	18	17	Nil	30	260	Nil
6	Ofgap No.4	8/10	2	58	Nil	4	43	Nil
7	Elec. and Mech. Coy R.M.E.	8/10	5	200	Nil	15	3	Includes one 30 ton lift.
8	Ofgap No.6	8/10	2	58	Nil	4	30	Nil
9	NLGAP No.2	18/10	2	60	Nil	4	13	Nil
10	C. and D Port Constr Coys R.M.E.	18/10	16	457	Nil	34	406	Nil
11	CE Port Party Follow up	Oct.	3	Nil	Nil	37	3000	In H/T MATIANA
12	NLGAPS Nos.5 and 6	End Oct.	4	20	Nil	8	26	Nil
13	Ofgap No.4	Dec.	2	58	Nil	4	30	Nil

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Note. Above are self contained units which should not be split up.

Para. 2. In addition R and S Port Construction Parties and Nigap No.1 are due to go to Singapore on completion of work at Port Swettenham. Stores for Molcab construction are in MATIANA.

- 3. E.T.As are uncertain owing to shipping difficulties.
- 4. V.A.(Q) B.P.Fs 170131 September on possible employment of 1500 R.Ms at Singapore has been passed to you.
- 5. Request your remarks.

191756FG

*See 270943Z*

- 1st Lord
- 1st S.L. (5)
- D.F.S.L.
- N.A. 2nd D.F.S.L.
- 2nd S.L.
- 3rd S.L.
- Vice Contr.
- 4th S.L.
- 5th S.L.
- V.C.N.S.
- A.C.N.S. (F)
- A.C.N.S. (A) (2)
- A.C.N.S. (W)
- Sec.
- Dep. Sec.
- D. of P. (3)
- O.D. (9)
- D.C. (2)
- M. (2)
- D.T.D. (4)
- D. of S.T. (15)
- D. of S. (3)
- D. of V. (3)
- V. Contr. (Air)
- D. of P. (Q) (3)
- D.N.A.O. (2)
- Air Br.
- D.A.C.R. (3)
- D.A.E. (4)
- D.A.M.R. (2)
- D.A.W.T.
- D.A.S.
- D.T.S.D.
- D.G.D. (3)
- D.57.O.B.
- D.C.O.M. (4)
- Ad. Blake (3)
- W.D.

- C.E. in C.
  - M.A.S. (4)
  - A.C.N.P. (4)
  - D. of M.
  - G.C.R.M. (4)
  - D.C.O.D. (7)
  - D.S.D. (2)
  - Dep. Contr. (3)
  - D. (4)
  - D.A.S. (4)
  - C.E. in C. (4)
  - S.W.R. (6)
- } Bath (21)

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Malaya gradient 4 L.C.T.(L) and 16 L.C.M.(I) have  
beaches been neaped in common graveyard for 5 or 6 days,  
unloading but one now refloated.  
on.(Contd.) To eliminate beaching a system of controlled  
?D.M. lines some 4 cables off the beach is  
being employed. Store ships are cleared by  
L.C.M.(I) which there transfer their cargoes to  
L.V.T. plying on independent course to the shore and up (?over)  
the beach. By this means approximately 400 tons a day is being  
worked. Use of L.V.T. has obvious advantages, but tends to  
(?cut) up beach.  
M/T discharge is by L.C.T.(I) which must dry out. Personnel  
ships are cleared by L.C.I.(L) augmented by L.C.G.(L) and L.C.T.  
(R) which transfer their load to L.C.A. plying off beach.  
It has been found that one L.C.T.(R) can carry 450 fully  
equipped troops.  
Anticipate Morib (?beach) will close down very shortly discharge  
then being distributed between Regiment and Port Dickson.  
Cumulative figure for Morib beach up to 0600 19th Personnel  
42519, vehicles 33 (?15) stores 5902 tons.  
857 hours of work have been lost through neaping and gale  
warning.  
At midnight 19th - 20th September N.O.I.C. Regiment assumes  
overall charge of Zipper Area and Shipping Control.  
Port Dickson Beaches. These Beaches present better physical  
features than those at Morib the discharge presents no  
comparable problem.  
Vessel only is collaborating (as received) and that an L.S.T.(1)  
which beached smartly at 12 knots in initial L.S.T. (1) Assault  
Wave on D + 3 has gone some distance into Jungle from which it  
did not (corrupt group) emerge 7 days later. A small village  
had sprung up under its bow.  
Now anticipate these beaches will close early in October when  
discharge is principally through Port Swettenham or Singapore.  
Back loading from Port Dickson by L.C.T.(1) has already begun to  
Malacca.  
Chartered (corrupt group) for Port Dickson Beaches up to 0600  
19th personnel 19983, vehicles 1458, stores 4132 tons.  
Wind has occasionally reached Velocity of 50 miles per hour over  
Beaches.  
(S.O.B.C., 192323 to Admiralty, S.A.C.Sea, etc.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America & West Indies.

Movements for U.K. Departure a.m. Sept. 19th H.M.C.S. KOOTENAY, U.K. (Capt. D. Halifax, 190311Z to Admty.)  
Departure: Halifax 0300Z/19th Sept. H.M.C.S. KOOTENAY with passengers embarked at 18 knots for Ponta Delgada, Azores thence Greenock.  
(4) On arrival Ponta Delgada request KOOTENAY be loaded (?) and sailed to Greenock as directed by Admiralty.  
(5) Request F.O.I.C. Greenock sail KOOTENAY with passengers embarked for Halifax about 29th Sept. (C.O.A.C., 190330Z to S.B.N.O. Azores.)

Pacific summary operational Cominch 191408 to Admiralty.  
naval units. See Lion Copy.

ALGONQUIN My 172210 not to C.O.P.C. Destination of  
destroyer. ALGONQUIN should be Esquimalt B.C. Request ship be sailed to Esquimalt via Panama. (N.S.H.Q., 192013Z to Admty., F.O.L.E.M.)

Far East and Australia..

Movements of Admiral Fraser (C.T.F. 111) intends following C. in C.B.P.F. movements leave Hongkong by destroyer p.m. 22nd etc. for Manila embarks in DUKE OF YORK at Manila 24th leaves p.m. 24th for Manus E.T.A. about 29th thereafter may fly to Sydney.  
(2) Vice Admiral Rawlings (V.A.B.P.F.) leaving Tokio in KING GEORGE V 20th E.T.A. Manus 25th and Sydney about 30th.  
(3) Rear Admiral Brind (C.S. 4) assumes title and duty of C.T.F. 37 on departure of V.A.B.P.F. from Tokio.  
(4) All dates September.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 190452Z to Admty., B.A.D.) See 200734.

S/Ms B.P.F. S/M 8 160532 and C.T.G. 111.2 100301 neither to all for U.K. etc. (2) S/M 4 is requested to sail TAPIR, TURPIN, TOTEM from Fremantle 6th Oct. for Hongkong to relieve SPEARHEAD, SCOTSMAN and SIDON, E.T.A. Hongkong 20th, on relief C.T.G. 111.2 is requested to sail the three S class for U.K. via Singapore.  
(3) ADAMANT will not be ready to leave Fremantle before 10th Oct. and it is intended that 10 days shall be allowed for adjustment of Flotilla personnel ADAMANT and remaining 5 T class submarines will therefore sail from Fremantle 10 days after arrival of MAIDSTONE.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 190459Z to S/M 4, S/M 8.)

Movement, Arrived Shanghai C.S. 2 in BELFAST, ARGONAUT,  
C.S. 2. TYRIAN, TUMULT, QUIBERON, PLYM.  
(C.T.G. 3 T.F. 111, 190630Z to C.T.F. 111.)

/Disposition...

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"O.T.P." are excepted from this rule.)

191408/September

From Cominch

Date. 20.9.45.

Recd. 0415

C.C.M. (NAVAL) C. IN C. (SEC)

To Admiralty.  
Info Comnavcu.

Pacific summary number 31.

Operational naval units.

Southwest Pacific.

None.

Pacific Coast.

Washington New York SARATOGA, ENTERPRISE, RANGER,  
COMMENCEMENT BAY, WAKE ISLAND, NASSAU, TRENTON POISE,  
PEKRIA 7 DD.

Enroute U.S.

ROI, THETIS BAY, KADASHAN BAY, PRINCE WILLIAM, CASABLANCA,  
BALTIMORE 6 DD.

Enroute Pearl.

MARYLAND, MISSOURI, PUDET SOUND, CAPE ESPERANCE, TAKANIS  
BAY, HOLLANDIA, LONG ISLAND, SHAMROCK BAY, KASAAN BAY,  
FANSHAW BAY, SAVO ISLAND, NEHENTA BAY, MANILA BAY, PORTLAND  
VINCENNES, RICHMOND, CONCORD 5 DD.

South Pacific.

ACHILLES,

Central Pacific.

SOUTH DAKOTA IOWA WEST VIRGINIA, COLORADO, INDIANA, ALABAMA,  
WISCONSIN, NEW JERSEY, TENNESSEE, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA, TEXAS,  
ARKANSAS, NORTH CAROLINA NEW MEXICO MISSISSIPPI, IDAHO,  
KING GEORGE FIFTH, ANSON, DUKE OF YORK, ALASKA, GUAM,  
YORKTOWN, SHANGRI LA, BON HOMME, RICHARD BENNINGTON,  
LEMINCTON, HANCOCK, RANDOLPH TICONDEROGA, ANTIETAM, INTREPID  
INDISPATIGABLE, INDOMITABLE, MUNDA, HOGGATT BAY, KITKUM BAY,  
MATANIKAU, MAKIN ISLAND, CAPE GLOUCESTER, SUWANEE, CHENANGO,  
PIPEROP, BAY, KULA GULF, SIBONEY, BLOCK ISLAND, ANXIO, SALERNO  
BAY, BOUGAINVILLE, TULAGI, SAGINAW BAY, MARCUS ISLAND, COPAHEE  
WHITE PLAINS, KALININ BAY, WINDHAM BAY, SITKOH BAY, GILBERT  
ISLANDS, VELLA GULF, SANTEE RUDYERD BAY, SPEAKER, STRIKER,  
GILMER, INDEPENDENCE, COWPENS, BILLEAU, WOOD CABOT, MONTEREY,  
BARBARI, COLOSSUS, VENERABLE, QUINCY, CHICAGO, BOSTON,  
ST. PAUL, PENSACOLA, CHESTER, SALT LAKE CITY, WICHITA, SAN  
FRANCISCO, MINNEAPOLIS, NEW ORLEANS, TUSCALOOSA, LOUISVILLE,  
SHROPSHIRE, DETROIT, SAN JUAN, PASADENA, SPRINGFIELD, WILKES,  
BARRI, TOPEKA, DULUTH, ATLANTA, OAKLAND, DAYTON, OKLAHOMA  
CITY, FLINT, VICKSBURG, TUCSON, AMSTERDAM, MONTPELIER,  
GREENLAND, DENVER, SANTA FE, BILOXI, MOBILE, NASHVILLE,  
ST. LOUIS, MIAMI, COLUMBIA, SWIFTSURE, BURYALUS, BELFAST,  
BERNUDA, ARGONAUT, NEWFOUNDLAND, GAMBIA, 200 DD.

At Pearl.

BOXER, CORREGIDOR, MAKASSAR STRAIT, ADMIRALTY ISLANDS, BOGUE,  
ANTU KWAJALEIN CARD LANGLEY 28 DD.

/North Pacific

11021

**North Pacific.**

2 DD.

**Southwest Pacific.**

VICTORIOUS, FORMIDABLE, IMPLACABLE, SALAMAU, RULER, VINDEK,  
ARBITER, REAPER, SLINGER, VENGEANCE, GLORY, BIRMINGHAM,  
HOBART, 17 DD.

Non repeat non operational at Sea.

Enroute Pearl.

None,

Enroute U.S.

None.

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- V.C.N.S.
- A.C.N.S.(1)
- D.Map Room
- O.D.(9)
- D.C.(2)
- D.S.O.
- D.N.I.(5)
- M.(2)
- Ad.Blake.
- W.D.

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Disposition signal No.30 changes, since my 120800.

A. At Tokio QUICKMATCH, NORMAN, WAKEFUL, MANXMAN, VASNA. B. At sea round Tokio SWIFTSURE, BROWN RANGER. C. At Wakayatu GAMBIA, NIZAM. D. At Nagasaki SPEAKER. E. At sea bound Tisngtao BERMUDA, TUSCAN. F. At Shanghai COLOSSUS, ARGONAUT, BELFAST, TUMULT, TYRIAN, QUIBERON, PLYM, CITY OF DIEPPE. G. At Hongkong DUKE OF YORK, STRIKER, QUADRANT, URSA, WAGER, WHELP, FLAMBOROUGH HEAD, ENCHANTRESS, PHEASANT, WOODCOCK, WHIMBREL, CRANE, BLACK SWAN, ALACRITY, HIND, FINDHORN, USK, ODZANI, WIDEWORTH BAY, AIERE, KELANTAN, BALLARAT, MARYBOROUGH, BURNIE, TOOWOOMBA, BENDIGO, WHYALLA, GOULBURN, GERALDTON, CESSNOCK, WOOLONGONG, PIRIE, GLENEARN, WAVE EMPEROR, WAVE GOVERNOR, OLNA, RAPIDOL, IERE, GOLDEN MEADOW, DARST CREEK, SEVEN SISTERS, GUARDIAN, FORT COLVILLE, DARVEL, THYRASS, PRINCE DE LIEGE, HERMELIN, PRINCESS MARIA, PIA, KHETI, MARUDU, SALVESTOR, SALVICTOR, KING SALVOR, INTEGRITY, LARIAT, QUEENBOROUGH. H. At sea bound Hongkong BERRY HEAD, HART, ARTIFEX, DILIGENCE, LANCASHIRE, FORT CONSTANTINE, SPRINGDALE. I. At Sama (HAINAM), WHIRLWIND. K. At Subic BARLE, SAN AMADO, SAN AMBROSIO. L. At Manila MAUNGANUI, HELFOR. M. At sea bound Manila GERUSALEMME. N. At Manus sea bound Leyte IMPLACABLE. O. At Manus SLINGER, TENACIOUS, APOLLO, LOTHIAN, FERNMOOR, WAVE REGENT, FORT PROVIDENCE. P. At sea bound Manus FORMIDABLE, RULER, VINDEK, ARBITER, EURYALUS, TROUBRIDGE, WIZARD, CAIRNS, ARBUTUS, SAN ADOLFO, VAXPORT, TJITJALENGKA, SAN ANDRES. Q. At sea bound Brisbane OXFORDSHIRE, UNICORN. R. At Sydney INDEFATIGABLE, TYNE, TERPSICHORE, TEAZER, ARIADNE, PACHEO, BOSPHOROUS. S. At sea bound Sydney NAPIER, VIRTUE, BARTHORPE, DULLISK COVE. T. At Wellington EMPIRE CLYDE. U. At Melbourne TOTEM, TAPIR. V. At Hobart THULE, TAURUS, VORACIOUS. W. At Wallaroo TRUMP. X. At Port Lincole TACITURN. Y. At Albany THOROUGH, STUBBORN. Z. At sea bound Fremantle MAIDSTONE.

(a) At Darwin DEFECTS, AIMWELL.  
 (2) EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA left station for U.K. via Singapore. TIJGERHAAI detached to Batavia.  
 (C. in C. B.P.F., 190757Z to Admty.)

Movement. C.T.G. 111.3 in BELFAST arrived Shanghai 1630/19.  
 (C. in C. B.P.F., 190758Z to Admty.)

Visit of C.T.F. 111 to Chungking. Intend proceeding to Chungking by air from Hongkong on Sunday 23rd Sept. to see Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek to discuss question of movements of H.M. ships in Chinese waters.  
 (C.T.F. 111, 191510Z to Admty., Info. C. in C. B.P.F., see 210300A.)



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SITUATION REPORT.

Foreign Stations.

East Indies.

F.O. Ceylon. 1. Rear Admiral J.M. Mansfield today hoisted his flag as Flag Officer Ceylon in succession to Rear Admiral R.S.G. Nicholson.

Far East and Australia.

Flag officer Western Area B.P.F. 2. Rear Admiral D.B. Fisher, C.B., C.B.E., has been appointed Flag Officer Western Area B.P.F. (short title F.O.W.A., B.P.F.) and will be responsible for British Naval Operations in area of China coast up to and following the West coast of Korea as far east as 126° E. and as far south as 16° N. and including Formosa and Hainan.

Flag titles. 3. Rear Admiral Brind (C.S. 4) assumed title and duty of C.T.F. 37 on departure of V.A.B.P.F. in KING GEORGE V from Tokyo for Sydney today.

Movement. 4. H.M. ships BERMUDA and TUSCAN arrived at Tsingtao (China) today.

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North Atlantic.

WELLARD  
trawler  
for U.K.

British naval patrol vessel WELLARD arrived  
19th 2000.  
(R.O. Las Palmas, 201137A to F.O.G.M.A.)

EXMOOR  
destroyer.

Intend to sail EXMOOR 1700B/20th Sept. to Ports-  
mouth. (2)Route. (3) Speed 15 knots, E.T.A.  
Needles 0600B/24th Sept.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 201207B to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

QU'APPELLE  
destroyer.

H.M.C.S. QU'APPELLE arrived Ponta Delgada 1700Z/  
19th and departed 0900Z/20th to Halifax, S.O.A.  
18 knots E.T.A. Halifax 1200Z/24th September.  
(S.B.N.O. Azores, 201642Z to C. in C. C.N.W.At.)

South Atlantic.

A.F.D. 31.

Sailed H.M.R.T. REWARD and GROWLER with A.F.D. 31  
in tow to Trincomalee in accordance with Admty.  
251818 August and C. in C. S.A., 101214 Sept.  
(2) S.O.A. 6 knots.  
(Com. Durban, 200941Z to Admty.)

GOOD HOPE  
frigate.

Capetown departure 1800B/19th Sept. GOOD HOPE  
for Kilindini.  
(3) S.O.A. 15 knots, E.T.A. Kilindini 1000B/27th  
Sept.  
(C. in C. S.A., 201026B to F.O. E.Af., Admty.)

HOWE,  
battleship.

Departure HOWE for Kilindini in accordance with  
C. in C. E.I. 191703 not to all.  
(3) S.O.A. 14 knots, E.T.A. Kilindini 0700B/28  
Sept.  
(C. in C. S.A., Capetown, 201631B to Admty.,  
Com. E.A.)

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Mediterranean.

Suez Canal. Your 162008 Dec. Part of the administration of Suez Canal Company has been transferred to Paris as foreshadowed in A.M. 140245 Dec. Sections dealing with (a) transit and pilots, (b) orders for supplies obtained from sources other than Egypt and France, (c) control of workshops, are still in London.  
(2) It is desirable that whole administration should be reunited in Paris, and it is proposed to agree that transfer of above remaining sections to Paris should take place as soon as possible after December 31st next when Company's financial year ends. This interval will allow redeployment to get under way, and it would be difficult to justify any longer delay before resumption of normal administration in Paris.  
(3) Above concerns central administration of Company's affairs. It is assumed in view of para. 1 of your 162008 Dec. that you will have no objection. Pressure is presumably also to be expected before long for the reversion of local administration to normal peacetime arrangements.  
(A.C.N.S.(F), 200745A to F.O.L.E.M., C. in C. Med.) *See 271031C*

*Admin. 151519 Oct. FOLEM*

PALOMARES, Intend sailing PALOMARES at 0800C/24th to Suez  
F.D.S. for onward passage to U.K., S.O.A. 10 knots 0700C/  
29th.  
(N.O.I.C. Massawa, 201101C to N.O.I.C. Suez, Admty.)

BERWICK, Intend to sail BERWICK at 0800/21st Sept. to  
trooping. Gibraltar for onward routeing to Plymouth.  
(S.N.O.R.S., 201105C to F.O.G.M.A.)

TUDOR, Intend to sail TUDOR at 1200C/22nd to Gibraltar  
S/M. for onward routeing to U.K.  
(3) S.O.A. 11 knots, E.T.A. to be reported to  
F.O.G.M.A. 48 hours before arrival.  
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 201540C to F.O.G.M.A.)

F.S. SUFFREN My 141635B and your 151253B refers. Owing to  
for F.E. urgency French ship SUFFREN will be sailed direct  
to Alexandria where she will embark stores.  
(Almed., 201605A to C. in C. Med.)

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East Indies.

Movements. Arrived Singapore 19th Sept. MATIANA, WHITE BEAR, FISHGUARD. Departed Singapore 19th Sept. ROTHERHAM, PULAKI. (F.O. Malaya, 200001 to C. in C. E.I.)

F.O. Ceylon. Rear Admiral J.M. Mansfield has today 20th Sept. hoisted his flag as Flag Officer Ceylon in succession to Rear Admiral R.S.G. Nicholson. (F.O. Ceylon, 200130Z to Admty.)

Escort carrier Delete SEARCHER and HUNTER from my 171011. (lifts.) (2) Owing to congestion of aircraft in C.V.Es. mentioned in F.O. (Air) E.I's 080551 and number of passengers space will not be available for shipment of Martinet until C.V.Es sailing subsequent to ATTACKER. My 061318 refers. (3) A.M. 152138 will be complied with as soon as opportunity occurs after 16th Oct. (4) Signals quoted not to all. (C. in C. E.I., 200327Z to Admty.)

R.I.M. ships Your 170619 not to F.O. Bombay concur conclude Opn. Control you have included GODAVARI and CAUVERY due to their probable employment under C. in C. B.P.F. and that you wish me to arrange further details with him direct. Please confirm. When JUMNA's refit is completed would like to exchange her for NARBADA who is fitted as my flagship. (2) Request you sail CAUVERY and GODAVARI for Bombay in company as convenient. (N.H.Q. India, 200448Z to C. in C. E.I.)

Molcabs (build up) Following is intended programme for lift of build-up of Molcabs No. 1 and 2. Read in 7 columns.

Unit	Personnel	E.T.A. Singapore	Ship	Vehicle	Stores	Remarks
Molcab No. 2	240	27th Sept.	L.S.T.237	68	Tons dead weight 80	1st lift
Molcab No. 1	208	2nd Oct.	MALIKA	59	Tons dead weight 700	2nd lift
Molcab No. 2	280	Not known	Not yet allocated	54	Tons dead weight 1000	2nd lift

844 consider 2 Molcab necessary as nucleus for permanent landing craft base in view of para. 2 of A.M. 151700 Sept. which reads as follows: begins - Naval Amphibians Units East of Canal area during re-habilitation period will be of approx. following strength - landing ships 80, major landing craft 165 manning and 135 in care and maintenance of minor landing craft 450 factor, 1000 (includes all American type) in pool reserve or awaiting disposal. Ends. (3) Request your views. (C. in C. E.I. Stn., 201009 to F.O. Malaya.)

/LEONIAN...

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LEONIAN. Would appreciate confirmation of movement of Boom Carrier LEONIAN. Your 070212 and C. in C. B.P.F. 080658 to N.O.I.C. Hongkong refers.  
(2) ETHIOPIAN is now loading a cargo of mooring material for carriage to Singapore before returning to U.K. (C. in C. E.I., 201254 to V.A.(Q) B.P.F.)

Java, A. Approach channels, max. available draft in feet  
Sourabaya, Northern entrance 23, Southern entrance 16,  
conditions Entrance to naval harbour 15. No qualified pilots  
in port. available. K. Commercial harbour. I. Berths  
alongside quay max. draft 23 feet. Total length  
2300 feet, max. draft 13 feet, total length  
4000 feet.

(2) Tugs, harbour craft, water boats, repair facilities, labour of all kinds etc., considered adequate.  
(3) Cranes on wharfs. 2 of 10 tons, 1 of 5, 9 of 3, 1 of 1½ (?) 3 tons coaling gantry. Floating. 1 of 30 tons, 2 of 20, 1 of 10.  
(4) Condition of Godowns and note and capacity, not yet known.  
C. Naval harbour details condition store sheds, etc., not yet available. Cranes on wharves 8 of 1 to 5 tons floating 1 of 75, 1 of 15.  
(C.S. (5), 201528 GH to C. in C. E.I.)

TEVIOT, Your 130541, para. 3.  
SWALE, Question of transfer of either TEVIOT or SWALE  
frigates. to South African Government is under active  
consideration in London. You will be informed of  
decisions.  
(A.C.N.S.(F), 202226A to Cs. in C.E.I., S.A.)

*SWC-CEI 081051Z Oct. Army.*

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America and West Indies

R. Canadian  
Navy  
Manning  
situation

(1) Carriers. Possible delay indicated in completion of MAGNIFICENT would help considerably in manning ship. Request earliest advice as to any revision in present completion date.

(2) Destroyer. It is probable that manning situation will necessitate laying up first two CRESCENTS as soon as they arrive in Canada.

Majority of remaining Canadian Destroyers will probably have to be laid up for six months or so.

The composition of Destroyer Force is being kept under review but a final decision is unlikely for some time.

(3) Meanwhile it is clear that commitment to man any further CRESCENT or other R.N. Destroyers cannot be undertaken for at least six months.

Your 131605 (N.T. in W.D.) refers.  
(N.S.H.Q., 201832Z to C.N.M.O.)

Air/Sea  
Rescue  
Stations  
(no longer  
required)

A.A.F. Headquarters advises that Air/Sea Rescue Stations 12, 13, 14, 15, 21 and 22 are no longer required. Please convey the appreciation of the Army Air Forces to the Admiralty and the Brazilians for their splendid co-operation. (Cominch, 202120 to Comnaveu, Cinclant, Admiralty) See 212149 and 221924.

Far East and Australia

Dutch  
submarines  
O.23

Intend sailing H.M. Submarine O.23 1000Z 21st September for Batavia routed as in my 170724 and C. in C. E.I. 130547.

(2) E.T.A. at position (D) will be signalled 24 hours in advance to C.S.5 and position at time of reporting.

(4) C. in C. E.I. pass to C.S.5 and C. in C. Netherlands Forces in East.  
(S.4, 200224Z to C. in C. E.I.)

Movement

Arrived Tsingtao H.M. Ships BERMUDA and TUSCAN.  
(C.T.F.111.35, 200600Z to C.T.F.111.3)

Re (C.S.4)

My 190452 para.3 C.S.4 is now C.T.F.57.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 200734Z, to Admiralty.)  
Rear Ad. Brind (C.S.4) assumes title and duty at C.T.F.37 on departure of V.A.B.P.F. from Tokyo.

/Flag...

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Flag Officer  
Western Area  
B.P.F.  
(F.O.W.A.  
B.P.F.)

Rear Admiral D.B. Fisher C.B.C.B.E. has been appointed Flag Officer Western Area B.P.F. (short title F.O.W.A., B.P.F.) and will be responsible for British Naval Operations in the area of the China Coast up to and following the West Coast of Korea as Far East as 126° E. and as far S. as 16° N. and including Formosa and Hainan.

(2) He will retain title of C.T.F.112 and all ships in his area will form part of Task Force 112. Task Groups under Admirals Daniel and Servaes will operate under for B.P.F. on the duties already assigned to them by C. in C. B.P.F. These duties may be altered by F.O.W.A. B.P.F. as circumstances require. Their Task Group designations will remain unchanged until further orders.

(3) F.O.W.A. B.P.F. will assign forces between the above Task Groups as the situation requires and may form any other Task Group he considers necessary C. in C. B.P.F. will assign the Naval Forces to F.O.W.A. B.P.F. for the above commitments.

(4) Commodore Hongkong will be responsible to F.O.W.A. B.P.F. for the Naval development of Hongkong and for providing necessary facilities for ships of B.P.F. He will be responsible to C. in C. Hongkong in matters concerning port duties and Naval defence affecting the Colony of Hongkong.

(5) F.O.W.A. B.P.F. will normally communicate with C. in C. B.P.F. on matters of policy and not direct to Admiralty. He is authorised to communicate direct with Naval Attache, Chungking.

(6) B.S.1 and C.S.2 will continue to administer within their respective spheres and deal direct with C. in C. B.P.F. on Administrative matters.

(7) Captain Escort Forces as Type Commander of Escorts is responsible to F.O.W.A. B.P.F. for Administration and for provision of escorts for operation in Western Area B.P.F. Senior Officers present of submarines and minesweepers are similarly responsible to F.O.W.A. B.P.F.

(8) Effective 1200Z/20.

(9) Colombo pass to S.A.C.S.E.A. and N.A. Chungking.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 200744Z to B.P.F.) Amended by 230045Z.

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North Atlantic.

A.S.R.  
Stn. 19.

Intend to sail LANCASTER CASTLE 2000B/21st Sept. to A.S.R. position 19 to relieve ST. AUSTEL BAY.  
(2) Speed 12 knots, E.T.A. 0700B/24th Sept.  
(3) On relief ST. AUSTEL BAY return to Gibraltar. (F.O.G.M.A., 211028B to LANCASTER CASTLE, ST. AUSTEL BAY, C.T.G. 125.2.)

HARTLAND  
POINT.

A.F.O. 3814/43\* para. 4 taking passage in HARTLAND POINT E.T.A. ROYAL SOVEREIGN Light Vessel 1930Z Skipper F. Leadbetter 1413 T.S. R.N.R. Shpt. E. Enderson P/MX 99111 W.N. Hall, A.B., (S.D.) P/JX 197440, A. Rowlands, A.B., (H.D.S.D.) D/JX 196849, M.D. James, L.C.A. C/NX 1785, D.R. Mackay Sea LT/JX 180206.  
(2) 2 R.A.F. officers and 24 other ranks and 17 bags mail. (S.B.N.O. Azores, 211045Z to N.O.I.C. Port of London, Admty.)  
\* Survivors and other passengers in H.M. ships and merchant vessels reports (N.27571/4 19 Aug. 43)

H.M.C.S.  
KOOTENAY,  
destroyer.

E.T.A. Ponta Delgada 1500Z Sat. Sept. 22nd. Telemotor steering broken down ship in secondary steering. Air pump defective requires to be repaired before sailing.  
(KOOTENAY, 211748C to S.B.N.O. Azores.)

South Atlantic.

SALVESTOR,  
salvage  
vessel.

I presume there would be useful employment for SALVESTOR for considerably longer than date in C. in C. B.P.F.'s 180229, (N.T. in W.D.) If so it is for consideration that she be recommissioned with R.N. crew as present indications are that Union Government will wish the ship's company to be returned to South Africa by about the end of February, 1946.  
(C. in C. S.At., 211200B to Admty.)

Ex German  
S/Ms U.530  
and 977.

Ex German submarines, U.530 and 977 left Rio de Janeiro 1215Z/20th Sept. escorted by U.S. Navy Tugs CHEROKEE route, speed 10 knots, E.T.A. Trinidad 1400Z/2nd Oct.  
(B.N.S.O. Rio de Janeiro, 211330Z to C. in C. S.B.N.O. W.At.)



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Mediterranean.

- SIRIUS, cruiser. Intend to sail SIRIUS at 0630A/22 Sept. to Alex. C. in C. Med's 121108 amended by 130918 refers.  
(2) S.O.A. 15 knots, E.T.A. 1700C/24th.  
(5) SIRIUS acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(V.A.M., 210941 to F.O.L.E.M.)
- Destroyers for U.K. Intend to sail CLEVELAND (S.O.) and ATHERSTONE at 1700A/21st Sept. to Gibraltar for onward routeing to U.K. C. in C. Med.'s 151515 not to all refers.  
(3) S.O.A. 15 knots, E.T.A. 1200B/24th.  
(V.A.M., 211042A to F.O.G.M.A.)
- F.O.L.E.M. visits to Cyprus, Rhodes and Haifa. Intend to sail from Alexandria in SIRIUS p.m. Tuesday 25th Sept. and proceed to A. Rhodes, B. Cyprus to visit Governor. C. Palestine to visit Haifa and to see High Commissioner returning Alexandria 6th Oct.  
(F.O.L.E.M., 211052C to C. in C. Med.)
- F.S. GLOIRE for Far East. (1) Urgent propose to sail GLOIRE 22nd Sept. p.m. direct to Alexandria.  
(2) Ship will embark at Alexandria stores and charts and be sailed to Port Said for fuelling and embarking lubricant if not taken at Alexandria.  
(3) Marine Paris ordered following onward trip Suez, Djibouti, Aden for fuelling, Colombo or Trincomalee as ordered by C. in C. E.I. thence Singapore or Saigon.  
(Almed., 211110A to C. in C. Med.)
- Movements. Sailed HOGUE in company with DERBY HAVEN at 210600C to Aden for onward routeing.  
(2) E.T.A. p.m. 24th Sept. S.O.A. 15 1 2 knots.  
(N.O.I.C. Suez, 211152C to Admty.)
- Control of coast. After discussion with F.O.G.M.A. who has recently visited Casablanca, propose that operation of ships at Casablanca should be conducted by A.L.O.U.E.S.T. under my general operational control instead of by Comar Casablanca. My 161800 July and 301909 July (neither to all) refer.  
(2) It will be noted that this will involve A.L.O.U.E.S.T. being recognised as an Allied operational authority which has not so far been the case as far as I am aware.  
(3) Admiralty pass to N.A. Paris.  
(C. in C. Med., 211241A to Admty.)  
M.S.G.O. I, para. one refers. No object is seen in C. in C. Med. having control of the coast between the Cape St. Vincent - Morocco Line and Cape Bojador as Adjacent Waters are under F.O.G.M.A. and Admiralty propose to transfer control to F.O.G.M.A. who concurs.  
(C. in C. Med., 211243A to Admty.)  
*Request for reply 171029 Oct.*
- S/M Arrival SEADOG.  
(N.O.I.C. Suez, 211958C to Admty.)

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East Indies.

DEVERON, Intend to sail DEVERON from Colombo 25th Sept.  
frigate, to Bombay where she is to be transferred to R.I.N.  
transfer (C. in C. E.I., 210307 to F.O. Bombay.)  
to R.I.N.

Re position My 1910(41?).  
of landing Captain Kerr will report at Admiralty a.m. 24th  
craft, E. Sept.  
Indies Stn. (C. in C. E.I., 210614Z to Admty.)

Minesweeping COQUETTE (M.S.8) and PROVIDENCE who arrived Colombo  
Flotilla today 21st are being fitted with third electrode  
fitting of to modified L sweep before being sailed to  
sweeps. Singapore for onward routing to Hongkong, C. in  
C. B.P.F.'s 120429 not to all refers.  
(2) Other ships of 8th M/S Flotilla will be  
similarly fitted at Colombo as this modification is most  
necessary to make them fully operational and stores required may  
not be available further east, time required three days for first  
two ships two days for remainder.  
(C. in C. E.I., 211044Z to C. in C. B.P.F.)

R.A.P.W. S.A.C. 22906. For Press guidance only. Not for  
publicity publication H.Q. S.E.A.C.  
of reports. The repetition of the statement of policy of  
Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, Supreme Allied  
Commander, South East Asia, with regard to  
publicity for R.A.P.W.I. and atrocity stories  
first prisoners of war, after being released by the Japanese,  
because some of these prisoners are reported to have stated that  
they had received instructions not to talk of Japanese atrocities  
or say too much about anything these prisoners are not believed  
to have come from South East Asia Command, but a number of  
enquiries have been made at this H.Q. Ends.  
(S.A.C.S.E.A.C., 211509Z to Admty.)

ST. MARGARETS V.A.(Q) B.P.F.'s 150216. If you have no require-  
cable ship. ment for ST. MARGARETS request she be sent to Med.  
to relieve RETRIEVER.  
(2) RETRIEVER is now operating at Alexandria and  
is required in U.K. for return to the French.  
(D.A.S.M., 211606A to C. in C. E.I., V.A.(Q) B.P.F.)

S/Ms Intend to sail VIGOROUS and VISIGOTH at 1200Z/22nd  
VIGOROUS, routed Q.B.H. 1623 to Suez for onward routing to  
VISIGOTH. U.K. (2) E.T.A. 1400Z/28th, S.O.A. 9 knots.  
(Com. Aden, 211608Z to F.O. S/M, S/M 1 etc.)  
Amended 221506.

Destroyers, Arrival BARMILL, Capt. D.6, in CAESAR, Capt. D.18  
& movements. in FARNDALE, BARBOURNE departed PHOEBE,  
CHIDDINGFOLD, BLEASDALE, L.S.E. 50.  
(Comic Trincomalee, 211620Z to Admty.)

/Personnel...

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Personnel - A.2418 cipher 21st Sept. 345005.  
ex China Ref. troopers 74801 (M.O.12) of 191900A. Can you  
evacuation of. give general disposal instructions for officers  
and O.Rs. to India in accordance troopers authority  
Owing financial situation here and maint.  
difficulties essential all surplus personnel be  
evacuated ex China earliest in accordance with Ambassador's  
request. Estimate 12-15 officers mainly infantry instrs. avail-  
able.  
(H.Q. Brit. troops in China, 211600H to Alfsea.)

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S/M UNA. Arrivals a.m. Sept. 21st UNA from U.K.  
(Capt. D. Halifax, 211237Z to Admty.)

WEAR,  
frigate,  
& S/M for U.K. WEAR S.O. with S/M SEA ROVER departs Bermuda Sea-  
buoy 1200/24th for U.K. at 11 knots.  
(C.N.O.B. Bermuda, 211659 to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

S/M AMPHION (trials.) AMPHION sailed from Holy Loch 21st Sept. to carry  
out endurance trials under Arctic and tropical  
conditions and will return to Holy Loch on 9th  
Nov. Four days should be added to all dates in  
the programme contained in Capt. S/M 3's 151508  
which has been passed to all addresses.  
(2) Cominch is requested to inform all U.S. authorities concerned.  
(D.O.D.(H), 211824 to S.B.N.O. Azores, F.O.G.M.A., Cominch, etc.)

Japanese S/Ms Have been in touch with B.A.D. and Navy Department  
re sinking of. concerning the assessment of submarine attacks by  
R.A.N. Forces in S.W.P.A. from information  
received many sinkings of Japanese submarines are  
at present not accounted for by records held by  
Cominch. Observing that history of many attacks  
carried out by R.A.N. Forces in S.W.P.A. during period 6th Dec.  
1941 until termination of hostilities may not have been received  
either by Cominch or Admiralty and in any case certain attacks  
will presumably require reclassification in view of Japanese  
Intelligence recently available request that records all attacks  
carried out by R.A.N. ships be forwarded to me very earliest date  
in order that any R.A.N. successes where due may be determined.  
Where any of these attacks have been assessed by Australian  
Commonwealth Naval Board in accordance with Admiralty's 1916/9/42  
request note of assessment be included.  
(Australian Naval Attache Washington 211903Z to A.C.N.B., Admty.)

S/M AMPHION (Contd.) A.M. 211824, following is repetition of S/M 3's  
151508 begins:  
(1) Intend to sail AMPHION at 1700/17th Sept. to  
patrol in the Denmark Strait until 28th Sept.  
thence to patrol area to seaward of line joining  
09° 10' N. 60° 20' W. 08° 25' N. 58° 55' W. and 06° 30' N. 57°  
01' W. calling at Bermuda 6th Oct. for fuel and provisions.  
(2) Leaving patrol to call at Trinidad 25th Oct. for fuel and  
provisions thence direct to Holy Loch, arriving 5th Nov.  
(D.O.D.(H), 212102A to Cominch, N.S.H.Q., S.B.N.O. Azores.)

Air sea rescue stns. no longer required. Withhold action on my 202120 pending clarification  
by Army; Comnavu 211452 refers.  
(Cominch 212149 to C. in C. Lant, Comnavu.)  
Cancelled by 221924.

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L.S.T. 3511,  
for U.K.

Tentative sailing date H.M. L.S.T. (3) 3511 for U.K. via Sydney a.m. Sept. 26th. Gun trials and compass adjusting on passage to Sydney. (N.O.I.C. Quebec, 212216Z to Admty.)

Submarine  
losses.

Detailed information from Japanese sources reaching Cominch in next two weeks is expected to show some forty submarine losses unaccounted for. It is believed that Cominch will propose a re-examination of all attacks in the affected areas for purposes of re-assessment. (B.A.D., 212303Z to Admty., A.C.N.B.)

Far East and Australia.

Re visit to  
Chungking  
by C.T.F. 111.

Your 191510, not to N.A. Chungking, reporting intention to proceed Chungking Sunday, 3rd Sept. to discuss question of movements of H.M. ships in Chinese waters.

(2) Policy is that H.M. ships would for the present operate in Chinese waters as part of Combined force under U.S. Command. Discussion with Generalissimo involves risk of this system being terminated and of restrictions being imposed by Generalissimo on movements of H.M. ships. (3) It is therefore preferred you should not visit Chungking unless H.M. Ambassador has already given approval to the visit and arrangements have proceeded too far.

(4) If visit takes place, you should not raise question of movements of H.M. ships with Generalissimo unless expressly so instructed.

(5) Foreign Office are communicating with H.M. Ambassador in same sense.

(V.C.N.S., 210300A to C.T.F. 111, see 221405A.)

From Admiral Fraser. Your 210300. As stated Generalissimo has promised to see me on Monday Sept. 24th and it is too late to change.

(2) I have just visited Canton in motor launches flying the White Ensign and have flown up to Canton, F.A.A. aircraft without asking for previous approval and with notification only to local authorities.

(3) The welcome received and pleasure displayed as a result of visit, during which we were asked to come at any time we wish, makes me doubt whether policy of remaining under American command is correct.

(4) Judging from this visit, I feel the time is now ripe to discuss this question. Factors to be borne in mind are that Chinese officers have served in British Fleet and facilities for shipping a Chinese army through Hongkong are now being made available.

(5) Unless I can have some (?authentication) I feel the visit will be wasted.

(C.T.F. 111, 211500Z to Admty.) See 221405A.

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<p>Re visit of C.T.F. 111 to Chungking. Position at Shanghai, etc.</p>	<p>Personal for Admiral Fraser. Hear you are arriving at Chungking shortly. Admiral Kincaid arrives there Monday 24th remaining until Wednesday 26th and if you can stay long enough suggest that if you could meet him and discuss the future control and movements of T.G. 111.3, it would be most desirable. Admiral Kincaid agrees.</p>
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(2) He informs me that Generalissimo does not wish that U.S. and British Naval forces should be dealt with as one unit. For this reason it is his intention that T.G. 3 of T.F. 111 should not take part in the amphibious operations entailed in the landing of U.S. Marine Divisions at Tsing Tao and Taku at the beginning of Oct.

(3) Bikanir is at Tsing Tao and will leave there about 3rd Oct. before landings take place.

(4) Would like COLOSSUS to go to Weihaiwei forthwith, she can do no good anchored off Yangtse Bar and mining situation (?prevents) her anchoring off Wu Sung. Two ships mined there in the last four days including one U.S. L.S.T. anchored at Weihaiwei she could carry out flying practices and be readily available to run evacuees to Hongkong if required.

(5) After American landings propose to take cruisers and destroyers to visit North China ports and possibly Dairen and Keijo. In view of my para. 2 above Admiral Kincaid would prefer to discuss these movements with you. The British Naval buoy is occupied by his flagship and the adjacent buoy and berths up and down stream by other U.S. flagships. British flagship is thus relegated to a position so far up stream as to be out of view from the Bandaberg. This impairs to some degree the value of our representation and has aroused strong local animosity here where "face" counts for so much. I have represented this strongly and matter has been discussed in frank and friendly fashion but so far without effect.

(C.T.G. 111.3, 211537Z to Ambassador Chungking, C.T.F. 111.)

<p>Evacuation of P.O.W.. etc.</p>	<p>(1) Intend subject to final agreement of C. in C. Af. Pac. that aircraft carriers IMPLACABLE, FORMIDABLE and GLORY should lift P.O.W. from Manila eastabout to Vancouver for U.K. The movement of these ships via S.E.A.C. proposed in my 101313 replied to by S.A.C.S.E.A.'s 160837, neither to</p>
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nor needed by all, is therefore not now expected to arise.

(2) Allowing for the lift provided by 1 trip of ships in para. 1 above and air lift to Australia it is estimated that there will remain to be lifted from Manila the following numbers of P.O.W.

- (R.A.M.P.) many of whom have not yet arrived there:-
- (a) Destination U.K. 4800, (b) Destination Australia 1000,
  - (c) Destination India 400 (d) Dutch for N.E.I. 6700 (e)
  - Destination Canada 300 (f) Destination unknown 300.

(3) Hongkong will be cleared by LLANSTEPHAN CASTLE, GLENGYLE, HIGHLAND MONARCH, TAKLIWA and PEIREA to a stage at which the remainder can be evacuated by casual lift.

(4) There will remain some 8000 internees at Shanghai and North China of whom say 4000 will want to be lifted. There is as yet no information from Shanghai on how many must be moved. These persons will probably be concentrated at Hongkong for onward lift.

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- Evacuation of P.C.W. etc. (Contd.)
- (5) With reference to Chief of Staff's message No. 725 in A.M. 181435 not to be needed by all, a final assessment of the additional shipping resources required cannot yet be made. It is however quite clear that Britpacfleet resources alone cannot clear P.O.W. and internees in reasonable time.
- (6) It is desired (a) to avoid any possibility of delay in turning round ships by correct phasing with movement of Britpacfleet carriers and arrival of R.A.P.W.I. at Manila and Hongkong. (b) To strike a reasonable balance between movement of R.A.P.W.I. and movement of age and service groups.
- (7) Propose therefore that of the three ships offered STRATHMORE after discharging and ALLINGTON, be diverted to carry R.A.P.W.I. from Manila to U.K. via Malacca Strait. If S.A.C.S.E.A. concurs request approval of Chiefs of Staff.
- (8) Unless U.S. authorities agree to assist it will probably be necessary to ask for a further allotment of shipping at a later date which will be done after the meeting which is being arranged between representatives of S.A.C.S.E.A., C. in C. Britpacfleet and U.S. authorities at Manila.
- (9) Admiralty pass to Cabinet Offices for Chiefs of Staff. Comphilseafon pass to S.B.N.L.O. Phil. and Comgenafwespac. B.A.D. Washington pass to B.A.S., N.S.H.Q Ottawa pass to B.A.T.M.
- (10) (a) Radio Manila pass to Comphilseafon. (b) Radio Guam pass to C. in C. Pac. Adv. (c) Radio Tokio pass to C. in C. Afpac. (d) Radio Honolulu pass to C. in C. Pac. Rear and to Radio Yokohama for S.C.A.P.
- (C. in C. B.P.F., 210916Z to S.A.C.S.E.A., Admty.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Foreign Stations.

South Atlantic.

Air-sea  
rescue stns.  
dissolved.

1. Task Group 27.6 South Atlantic patrol dissolved today. Brazilian Air Sea Rescue vessels no longer required and Air Sea Rescue Stations 12, 13, 14, 15, 21 and 22 discontinue duty.



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FOREIGN STATIONS.

South Atlantic.

BANN,  
frigate.

My 171516 not to Admiralty. Simonstown departure  
BANN for Colombo calling Diego Suarez for fuel.  
(3) S.O.A. (?12) knots. E.T.A. Diego Suarez 1500A/  
1st Oct.  
(C. in C. S.At. Stn., 220931B to Admty.)

Air sea  
rescue Stns.  
dissolved.

Ref. Cominch 221924, not to or needed by all.  
T.G. 27.6 South Atlantic Patrol hereby dissolved.  
Air sea rescue duty Brazilian vessels no longer  
required. Air sea rescue stations 12, 13, 14, 15,  
21 and 22 discontinue duty.  
(C. in C. Lant, 222352 to N.O.B. Rio de Janeiro.)

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Mediterranean.

THRUSTER,  
L.S.T.(1)

Your 301522 August. Request L.S.T.(1) THRUSTER may be sailed as soon as practicable to U.K. where she is to be laid up in Reserve Fleet Category C pending disposal.  
(1st Lord, 220449A to C. in C. Med.)

Fr. ships  
for F.E.

Sailed F.S. GAZELLE and ANNAMITE at 211800C to Djibouti then Aden Almed's 101755B not to all addressees. (2) 261600Z, S.O.A. 12.5 knots.  
(N.O.I.C. Suez, 222012C to Admty., N.O.I.C. Aden.)

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East Indies.

- F.S. GLOIRE. Add to ships in para. 1 of A.M. 092150 Sept. F.S. GLOIRE also for trooping and supply duties. (D.O.D.(F), 221411A to C. in C. E.I.)
- S/Ms for U.K. Add VISIGOTH to my 211608 sailed VIGOROUS (S.O.) and VISIGOTH in accordance with my 211608 holding relevant Q messages. (Com. Aden, 221506 to Admty.)
- B.D.Vs. Request BARBOUR be sailed for Kilindini on completion of refit 27th Sept. to complete with 1st class mooring work. BARRIER should be sailed for Trinco. to replace BARBOUR at an early date. (B.D.O. Ceylon, 222330 to D.B.D. Admty.) See 250043A.

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America & West Indies.

S/M STORM.

STORM arrived Bermuda ends.  
(S.B.N.O. W.A., 221130Z to Admty.)

SS. HILARY  
A. HERBERT.

Your 212315. Proceed on your voyage. Consider you are too far from last reported position of HILARY A. HERBERT.

(D.T.D., 221359Z to SS. STEPHEN SMITH.)

Following received from SS. STEPHEN SMITH:

"Re your 211920Z, am capable and willing to render assistance to HILARY A. HERBERT. Present P.C.S. at 2300Z 33° 26' N. 37° 26' W. 271° speed 12 knots. Advise - Master T.O.O. 212315Z" ends.

The following reply to above message has been made - begins:

"Your 212315. Proceed on your voyage. Consider you are too far from last reported position of HILARY A. HERBERT." Ends.

(D.T.D., 221534A to Cominch (C. & R.))

Japanese War  
Criminals.

Cabinet Offices, 221901Z to J.S.M. Washington.  
See Lion Copy.

Air-sea  
rescue stns.

Discontinue air-sea rescue stations my 202120,  
Army confirms. This cancels my 212149.  
(Cominch, 221924 to C. in C. Lant, Comnavcu.)

Far East and Australia.

R.C.N. ships  
and manning  
situation.

Your 170750. N.S.H.Q. Ottawa have stated that it is not possible to consider commitments abroad until the manning situation is clear. It is anticipated therefore that no R.C.N. destroyers will join the B.P.F. and that R.C.N. ships now with the B.P.F. will shortly be withdrawn.

(2) We have no reason to believe that New Zealand Cruisers will not remain with British Pacific Fleet.

(V.C.N.S., 220208A to C.T.F. 111, Info. C. in C. B.P.F.)

ACHILLES,  
cruiser.

Departure Auckland H.M.N.Z. ACHILLES for Manus Island, E.T.A. 0108Z/30.

(N.Z.N.B., 220425Z to C. in C. B.P.F., Admty.)

/R.A.N. ...

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*Japanese War Criminals*

221901Z/September.

From. Cabinet Offices.

Date. 22-9-45.

Recd. 2006.

CYPHER.

To. J.S.M. Washington.

075267.

NOD 981.

Reference DON 975.

Preliminary British views on subject-Japanese War Criminals.

1. Your para. 2(A). Present views some clearing organisation on lines of CROWCASS necessary. Agreeable to this organisation being predominantly American with suitable participation by interested powers.
2. Your para. 2(B) and (C). Noted that policy for dealing with and definition of war criminals should be broadly same as for European theatre. Initiative in original trials of major war criminals came from America. Are Americans setting in motion any organisation for Far East?. If so who are the parties to the agreement?.

As regards minor war criminals feeling here is that greatest possible latitude both administrative and legal should be left to Commanders overseas so that Commanders in each theatre are responsible for collecting lists of war criminals for submission respective National Offices.

We consider that the Allies, if they so desire, should be empowered to send Investigating Teams into any Theatre and that Military Commanders should be instructed to accord these teams the necessary facilities.

3. Your para. 3(A). We have instructed S.A.C.S.E.A. to arrest and detain all suspects and collect evidence. Understand similar instructions have been issued with regard to Australian Command. Consider that in view of many obvious difficulties in this theatre such as identification it would be impracticable to include large number of trials for offences of comparatively trivial nature. Intention should rather be to bring to trial all Japanese who are directly or indirectly responsible for disease death bodily harm or serious indignity illegally inflicted upon any British or other Allied Nationals. No definite yardstick can be laid down until further evidence has been sifted. We attach particular importance to the rounding up of all personnel of the KEMPEI (Military Police) and similar organisations which in our view should be treated as criminal organisations.

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4. Your para. 3(B). Allies should submit names to own National Offices who would establish prima facie cases within the national orbit.

5. Your para. 4. At first sight we are inclined to accept the suggestion that an Allied War Crimes Commission appears to be an unwieldy body and unnecessary provided that there is a CROWCASS organisation. However in the interests of latitude locally (see second above) there must be in the theatre some organisation or liaison groups linked with and adjacent to CROWCASS to decide upon prima facie cases.

Summary Recommendations concerning Japanese War Crimes and Atrocities adopted by UNWCC on 29 Aug. 45 under consideration from same standpoint.

221901Z.

1st Lord.  
1st S.L. (3)  
D.F.S.L.  
N.A. to D.F.S.L.  
2nd S.L.  
V.C.N.S.  
A.C.N.S. (H)  
A.C.N.S. (F)  
Secretary.  
Dep. Secretary.  
Parl. Secretary.  
P.A.S. (L)  
P.A.S. (S)  
D. of P. (3)  
D. of P. (Q) (3)  
M (10)  
W.D.  
Ad. Blake.  
D.N.I. (5)  
O.I.C. (2)

Received in War Registry at 0745/27  
Circulated by Cabinet Offices to  
Cabinet Offices Depts. & Admiralty.

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R.A.N. Your 210721 not to all. Unless you wish LISMORE  
minesweepers. and KALGOORLIE to relieve A.M.S. now in Hongkong  
area propose that they should revert to your  
operational control on completion of present refits.  
(2) TAMWORTH and WHYALLA now on passage to  
Australia revert to your control on arrival at Moratai.  
C.T.G. 111.2 210245 not to all refers.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 220541Z to A.C.N.B.)

R.A.P.W.I. Refers my 120133.  
Mov. No. 2 (2) EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA, E.T.A. Singapore 23rd  
dated 22nd Sept. for U.K. P.O.W. Brit. 1020, Int. for U.K.  
Sept. 1945 720 for Australia via Singapore, 170 for S.A. 10.  
(3) H.S. OXFORDSHIRE E.T.A. Sydney 22nd Sept.  
(4) H.S. TJITJILENGKA from Japan E.T.A. Auckland  
4th Oct. for Sydney Brit. 382, Aust. 54, Brit.  
will land Auckland.  
(5) H.S. MAUNGANUI from Kiirun and Manila E.T.A. Auckland 5th  
Oct. R.A.P.W.I. 370 no details.  
(6) H.S. GERUSALEMME at Manila with P.O.W. ex Hainan no details.  
(7) H.S. VASNA loading Japan.  
(8) SPEAKER from Japan unloading Okinawa 17th Sept. P.O.W. U.S.  
317 Brit. and others 889 Int, Chinese 124 believed now returned  
Japan to reload.  
(9) Evacuation by air from Japan to Manila via Okinawa continues.  
(10) VINDEX from Hongkong E.T.A. Manus 25th Sept. for Sydney  
P.O.W. Aust. 113 Int. Brit. 68, Swiss 1.  
(11) RULER from Japan E.T.A. Sydney 6th Oct. P.O.W. Brit. 322,  
Aust. 49, Int. 114.  
(12) IMPLACABLE E.T.A. Manila 23rd Sept. to load for Vancouver  
FORMIDABLE and GLORY follow approx. E.T.A. Manila 28th Sept. and  
4th Oct.  
(13) GLENGYLE left Hongkong 18th Sept. for Madras Int. Brit. 600  
approx.  
(14) LLANSTEPHAN CASTLE left Hongkong 18th Sept. for Madras P.O.W.  
India 800 approx.  
(15) U.S.S. GASPER left Manila 20th Sept. for San Francisco P.O.W.  
Brit. for U.K. R.N. 36, Army 341, R.A.F. 3, merchant Navy 10.  
(16) Comphlseafnon pass to S. B.N.L.O. Phil. B.A.D. pass to B.A.S.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 220621Z to Admty.)

R.A.P.W.I. Refer my 120134Z Hongkong including R.A.P.W.I. ex  
Sitrep No.2 Hainan evacuated to Hongkong P.O.W. British 300,  
dated 19th Australian 149, India 1687 (inc. 250 sick) Dutch  
Sept. 1945. 177, Int. 330, 3 Formosa and Hainan evacuation  
complete 4 Shanghai, Nanking, Weishen no change  
5 Manchuria P.O.W. 245 Dutch, 50 Int. 60 reported  
being evacuated through Dairen to Okinawa by U.S.  
7th Fleet 13th Sept. 6 Korea P.O.W. British 1600, Aust. 80  
believed being evacuated by 7th Fleet 7 Japan P.O.W. British 5360  
Aust. 837, N.Z. 3, Can. 239, South Africa 5, Dutch 4626, Int.  
Brit. 55, India 132, others 19, figures subject to reduction by  
evacuation Kyusho details unknown but believed many have already  
reached Okinawa, 8 Okinawa awaiting onward passage R.A.P.W.I.  
estimated between 4000 and 5000, 9 Manila P.O.W. Brit. 2462, Aust.  
513, Can. 540, India 10, Dutch 1750, Int. Brit. 53, India 18 in

/hospital...

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R.A.P.W.I.  
Sitrep No. 2  
dated 19th  
Sept. 1945.  
(Contd.)

hospital included in above P.O.W. 730 Int. 22 10  
Palau P.O.W. India 400, Dutch 100, 11 Macassar  
P.O.W. Brit. 467, Dutch 508, Int. 1600 believed  
mainly local 12 Kunching P.O.W. Brit. 904, Aust.  
177, Dutch 179, India 41, Int. 600 presumed local  
13 Comphlseafrom pass to S.B.N.L.O. Phil.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 220615Z to Admty., A.C.N.B.)

Movement,  
destroyer  
QUIBERON.

A. B. C. QUIBERON. D. Shanghai. E. 0230Z/22.  
F. 15 knots. H. Subic. I. 1000Z/25.  
(C.T.G. 3, 220754Z to T.F. 111.)

Sam ships.

Ref. C. in C. Hongkong's 170834 to Admiralty we  
agree that in case of need and provided no Japa-  
nese shipping available 6 Sam ships may be used  
for one voyage only to Japan with P.O.W.

- (2) Request early advice of action taken and information when  
and where these ships will become available for further employment.
  - (3) Also request names of two ships which have already been  
released.
- (D. of S.T., 221013A to D.S.T.O. Hongkong.)

Visit to  
Chungking  
by C.T.F. 111.

The views expressed in paras. 3 and 4 of your  
211500 are noted.  
H.M. Government's policy is as set out in para. 2  
of A.M. 210300A, the instructions in para. 4 of  
A.M. 210300A therefore stand.  
(Hd. of M., 221405A to C.T.F. 111.)

B.P.F., Admty.  
policy re  
release of  
officers and  
ratings.

Your 170715.

- (2) Admiralty policy regarding release of officers  
and men has been promulgated fully in various  
signals all of which you should have received. The  
views expressed in your para. 10 will be kept in  
mind.
- (3) The future strength of the Armed Forces and the  
question whether any modification is necessary to  
the present method of release in Age and Service Group order are  
under consideration by the Government and a public announcement  
is expected by the end of this month. It seems likely that the  
Age and Service Group principle will be maintained with a general  
speed up in the rate of release and perhaps acceptance of the  
fact that those at home will not always wait for their release  
till the whole of their Age and Service Group has returned to U.K.
- (4) For some time the strength of the Navy is likely to be con-  
siderably in excess of normal peacetime requirements, and there  
is no possibility at present of re-constituting the Fleet as a  
whole on an active service bases as you suggest since the number  
of officers and ratings serving on regular engagements is about  
20,000 below even pre-war numbers.
- (5) The response to A.F.O. 362/45 has been negligible and the  
lower qualifications allowed by A.G.M. 323A Sept. have little

/chance...



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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

B.P.F. Admty.  
policy re  
release of  
officers  
and ratings.  
(Contd.)

chance of attracting many volunteers until the post war rates of pay can be announced. It is hoped the Government decisions will be available in time for an announcement before the end of the year. It was however desirable to provide opportunities for H.O. ratings to transfer before releases had proceeded too far. Meanwhile it is hoped the war time increments can remain for the

present, but policy on these issues cannot be forecast beyond the next three months.

(6) The planned strength of the B.P.F. by June 1946, has already been communicated to you and it is desired that ships in excess of these numbers should return to U.K. as soon as they can be spared adjusting their complements as in A.M.'s 012203 and 081502 Sept. as far as is practicable so as to reduce the demands of ships for Age and Service Group and other reliefs. Reductions to peacetime complements are given in A.M. 152214 Sept.

(7) With regard to para. 11, you may rest assured, if indeed you are in any doubt, that demobilisation of the Fleet is proceeding as fast as Government policy and practical considerations allow and that it is Their Lordships' intention to maintain the Fleets in the East at strength no more than sufficient to perform the duties which may be assigned to them.

(8) Their Lordships trust that you will succeed in making these intentions clear to the officers and ships' companies under your command.

(1st Lord, 221704A to C.T.F. 111, See 271250Z.)

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Sunday.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Foreign Stations.

North Atlantic.

Air-sea  
rescue stns.

1. Air-sea rescue stations Nos. 21 and 22 are discontinued from today.

Far East and Australia.

Visit of C.  
in C.B.P.F.  
to Chungking.

2. Admiral Fraser, C. in C. B.P.F. is proceeding to Chungking today to visit Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

T.Gs. organi-  
sation of.

3. Following organisation has been ordered by Flag Officer Western Area, B.P.F. and is effective forthwith -

C.T.F. 112, Rear Admiral Fisher, F.O.W.A., B.P.F., and R.A.F.T. in MONTCLARE.

C.T.G. 112.2 R.A. Daniel in ANSON.

C.T.G. 112.3 R.A. Servaes (C.S.2) in BELFAST.

C.T.G. 112.4 Commodore Murray-Smith (Comat) in PIONEER.

C.T.G. 112.5 Capt. Love Group in BLACK SWAN.

Groups constituted as follows -

T.G. 112.2 ANSON, VENGEANCE, VENERABLE, KEMPENFELT, QUEENBOROUGH, WHELP, WAGER, WHIRLWIND.

C.T.G.112.3 BELFAST, BERMUDA, ARGONAUT, COLOSSUS, URSA, TUMULT, TUSCAN, TYRIAN.

T.G. 112.4 PIONEER, DEERSOUND, FORT COLVILLE.

C.T.G. 112.5 BLACK SWAN, ALACRITY, HIND, AIRE, WIDEMOUTH BAY, HELFORD, FLAMBOROUGH HEAD.

The following ships not allocated to specific groups will be operated by C.T.F. 112, INDOMITABLE, PRINCE ROBERT and ONTARIO, and all escorts not otherwise allocated, minesweepers and submarines and miscellaneous vessels joining from other commands.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

- A.S.R. 20. Intend to sail CAISTOR CASTLE 1200B/24 Sept. to A.S.R. position 20. (2) Speed 12 knots, E.T.A. 0800B/26th Sept. (3) On relief ST. BRIDES BAY return to Gibraltar.  
(Gib. C.C.O., 231038B to Admty., CAISTOR CASTLE.)
- ACTIVE, My 181247B intend to sail ACTIVE 1000B/24th Sept..  
destroyer. to Plymouth. (3) Speed 15 knots, E.T.A. Breakwater 0900A/27th Sept. (6) ACTIVE acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 231046B to C. in C. Plymouth, ACTIVE.)
- KOOTENAY, H.M.C.S. KOOTENAY arrived Ponta Delgada 1400Z and  
destroyer. departed 2000Z/22nd for Greenock routed as in A.M. 030755 Sept. not to all. (2) S.O.A. 20 knots, E.T.A. Greenock p.m. 25th.  
(S.B.N.O. Azores, 231416 to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)
- A.S.R. Stns. Air-sea rescue stations Nos. 21 and 22 are no  
21 and 22 longer required.  
discontinued. (2) One of the Freetown corvettes should be transferred to Gibraltar to reinforce air-sea rescue force. Remaining three should be sailed for U.K.  
(A.C.N.S.(F), 232001A to F.O.G.M.A., Info. Cdre. i/c Freetown, Comnavcu.)  
See 281721A.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

ZENITH,  
destroyer.

Intend to sail ZENITH at 1400A/24th Sept. to Gibraltar for onward routing to Rosyth. A.M. 141124 not to all refers. (3) S.O.A. 15 knots, E.T.A. 1000B/27th. (6) ZENITH acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(V.A.M., 231114A to F.O.G.M.A.)

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Sunday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Opn. "Masterdam." Port of Saigon. Operation "Masterdam" convoys from Rangoon are delayed my 220538 refers.  
(2) Operation of opening up the port is to continue on the dates planned my 110612 refers.  
(3) French troops in PRINSES BEATRIX, QUEEN EMMA, French battleship RICHELIEU and F.S. LE TRIOMPHANT will arrive Saigon 3rd Oct.  
(4) Port party in L.S.T. 3041 will arrive 2nd Oct. my 150946 refers.  
(C. in C. E.I., 230521Z to S.O.A.G.W.2 in WAVENEY.)

Capt. D.11. Arrived Capt. D.11 E.A. in ROTHERHAM, no departures (N.O.I.C. Trincomalee, 231620Z to Admty.)

B.Y.M.S's for E.I. Ref. para. 4 of A.M. 141401 (N.T. in W.D.) Sept. (not to S.E.O. Granton) B.Y.M.S. 2205, 2015, 2244 and 2043 will leave U.K. in company on 4th Oct. Sailing date of remainder of flotilla will be reported later.  
(D.M.S., 231629A to C. in C. E.I., etc.)

SANDMARTIN (controlled minelayer for U.K.) Intend to sail SANDMARTIN at 1300Z/24th as escort to M.F.V. 210 (S.O.), 206, 208, 221, calling at Port Sudan for water, then to Suez routed Q.B.H. 1623, SANDMARTIN for onward routeing to Plymouth.  
(2) E.T.A. Port Sudan 0300Z/29th, S.O.A. 6 knots. (Com. Aden, 231633Z to R.N.C. Port Sudan.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

Flag officer B.P.F. General 330 R.T.O.O. 200744 is to be  
Western area amended as follows:-  
B.P.F. Para. 4. Amend to read:- Commodore Hongkong will  
be responsible to F.O.W.A. B.P.F. for the naval  
development of Hongkong and for providing necessary  
facilities for ships of the B.P.F.  
He will be responsible to C. in C. Hongkong in matters concerning  
port duties and naval defence affecting the colony of Hongkong.  
Para. 5. For H.M. Ambassador to China read Naval Attache Chung-  
king, Colombo pass to S.A.C.S.E.A. and N.A. Chungking.)  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 230045Z to B.P.F.)

H.M.N.Z.S. The duties on which H.M.N.Z.S. ARBUTUS was em-  
ARBUTUS, ployed have now lapsed ship is proceeding to  
(radar re- Auckland E.T.A. about 7th Oct., thereafter re-  
pair ship.) verting to control of N.Z.N.B.  
(2) I am most grateful for ARBUTUS contribution  
to B.P.F.S. effort.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 230150Z to N.Z.N.B.)

Target vessel While every endeavour will be made to provide 4th  
for 4th S/M S/M Flotilla with a target vessel while at Hongkong  
Flotilla. consider that a specially fitted vessel to be  
permanently attached to the Flotilla is a require-  
ment.  
(2) Request you take this matter up direct with  
Admiralty if you concur with a view to obtaining a  
suitable vessel.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 230212Z to F.O. S/M, S/M 4.)  
Reply 241216A.

T.Gs., 330 P\* 20th Sept. not to all. Following organisa-  
organisation tion has been ordered by F.O. Western Area B.P.F.  
of. and is effective forthwith begins: C.T.F. 112  
Rear Admiral Fisher F.O.W.A., B.P.F. and R.A.F.T.  
in MONTCLARE, C.T.G. 112. 2 Rear Admiral Daniel  
B.S. 1 in ANSON, C.T.G. 112.3 Rear Admiral Servaes,  
C.S. 2 in BELFAST, C.T.G. 112.4 Commodore Murray-Smith, Comat in  
PIONEER, C.T.G. 112.5 Captain Love Group in BLACK SWAN.  
(2) Groups will be constituted as follows: T.G. 112.2 ANSON,  
VENGEANCE, VENERABLE, KEMPENFELT, QUEENBOROUGH, WHELP, WAGER,  
WHIRLWIND, C.T.G. 112.3 BELFAST, BERMUDA, ARGONAUT, COLOSSUS,  
URSA, TUMULT, TUSCAN, TYRIAN, T.G. 112.4 PIONEER, DEERSOUND, FORT  
COLVILLE, C.T.G. 112.5 BLACK SWAN, ALACRITY, HIND, AIRE,  
WIDEMOUTH BAY, HELFORD, FLAMBOROUGH HEAD.  
(3) The following ships in my command not allocated to specific  
groups will be operated by C.T.F. 112 INDOMITABLE, PRINCE ROBERT,  
ONTARIO escorts not otherwise allocated minesweepers, submarines,  
C.V.Es. GUARDIAN. Miscellaneous units joining from other commands.  
(4) All Fleet Train Units in the Pacific including hospital ships  
will continue to be operated by C.T.F. 112 when not specifically  
allocated to other groups.  
(5) Further signal will be made regarding administration. Ends.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 230510Z to B.P.F. General.)

\*200744 September.

/Hongkong...

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia - Contd.

Hongkong  
supplies.

Your 200253Z Sept. to Admiralty and further to Admiralty signal T.O.O. 121148A Sept. to C. in C. Hongkong and this H.Q.'s signal S.A.C. 22272/O Ops. T.O.O. 171237Z Sept.

(1) It is emphasized that demands for relief supplies for Hongkong must be made by C. in C.

Hongkong to Alfsea copy to Admiralty, W.O. and S.A.C.S.E.A.  
(2) Arrangements are in hand for the provision of the following gases and oils required in C. in C. Hongkong's signal T.O.O. 190526 F.G. Sept. not to you. A. Anhydrous ammonia 120 by 100 pound cylinders. B. Freon gas 100 pounds. C. Arctic C heavy oil 12 drums. D. D.T.E. Heavy Med. Oil 6 drums. E. Oil suitable for Freon Compressors 1 drum.

(3) Requirements in 2 above are for operation of cold storage plant.

(S.A.C.S.E.A., 230606 to V.A.(Q) B.P.F.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Foreign Stations.

East Indies.

Rangoon,  
L.S.T. 3007  
damaged.

L.S.T. 3007 struck wreck in Rangoon Harbour today sustaining damage. Vessel considered non-operational but can steam to repair port.

America & West Indies.

Danish SS.  
NORDHAVET,  
loss of.

SS. NORDHAVET (Danish, 4,617 tons) Barry for Montreal, grounded on Cape St. Mary's and abandoned in sinking condition. Survivors have been picked up by the SS. DOMBY and landed at St. Johns Newfoundland. Vessel later sank in approx. 46° 47' N. 54° 08' W.



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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

CHAPLET,  
destroyer.

Intend to sail CHAPLET 1600B/24 Sept. to Malta.  
(3) Speed 15 knots, E.T.A. 0900B/27 Sept.  
(5) CHAPLET acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 241105B to F.O. Malta.)

Trawlers  
for U.K.

Intend to sail DRANGEY (S.O.) and NORTHERN DAWN  
0800B/25th Sept. to Plymouth.  
(3) Speed 10 knots, E.T.A. 29th Sept.  
(7) DRANGEY acknowledge and sail ships to comply.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 241221 to C. in C. Plymouth, DRANGEY).

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

SHAH, G.P.  
carrier  
for U.K.

Intend to sail SHAH at 0800C/25 to Gib. for  
onward routeing U.K.  
(S.N.O.R.S., 241920C to Gib.)

Cruisers  
for E.I.

Sailed GLASGOW with JAMAICA at 1500C/24 to Aden  
for onward routeing.  
(2) E.T.A. 0845Z/28, S.O.A. 15 knots.  
(N.O.I.C. Suez, 241932C to Admty., N.O.I.C. Aden.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

ST. MARGARETS (cable ship). Your 211606. Depending on date of arrival Colombo V.A.Q.B.P.F. 200723 refers, ST. MARGARETS may be required for twocable repairs locally.  
(2) This should not delay her more than 3 weeks when she will be sailed to relieve RETRIEVER.  
(C. in C. E.I., 240518 to Admty., Info. V.A.Q.)

WOLFE, depot ship. Intend to sail WOLFE 12th October from Colombo for U.K.  
(C. in C. E.I., 240638Z to Trincomalee.)

Cruisers for U.K. Intend cruisers leave Colombo for U.K. in following dates. A. 15th Oct. LONDON.  
B. 22nd Oct. NIGERIA. C. 29th Oct. CUMBERLAND.  
(C. in C. E.I., 240639Z to C.S. 5, B.S. 3.)

MYNGS, destroyer, for U.K. Intend to sail D.2 in MYNGS 25th Oct. from Colombo for U.K.  
(C. in C. E.I., 240642Z to F.O. Ceylon, Trincomalee.)

Destroyers for U.K. Intend ROEBUCK and ESKIMO proceed direct to U.K. on completion of refits at Durban mid Oct.  
(C. in C. E.I., 240646Z to C. in C. S.A., Durban.)

L.S.T. 3007 damaged. H.M. L.S.T. 3007 has struck wreck in Rangoon Harbour.  
(2) Damage assessment by Flotilla Officers  
A. ship not holed. B. Five fuel tanks leaking.  
C. Tank deck distorted. D. Starboard shaft bearings over heating.  
(3) Vessel considered non-operational but can steam to repair port.  
(4) Report will be amplified after survey by assistance F.N.C.O.  
(5) Enquiry proceeding.  
(N.O.I.C. Rangoon, 240710Z to C. in C. E.I.)

ABERCROMBIE (monitor). Intend to sail ABERCROMBIE at 0500Z/25th to Suez routed Q.B.H. 1723 for onward routeing to Chatham.  
(2) E.T.A. Suez 1600/3 Oct. S.O.A. 7 knots.  
(Com. Aden, 241005Z to N.O.I.C. Suez.)

Portuguese ship for Timor. Sailed ALFONSO DE ALBUQUERQUE from Colombo p.m. 24 Sept. E.T.A. Timor a.m. 4th Oct.  
(C. in C. E.I., 241302Z to A.C.N.B.)

Sitrep No.28 to 0100 hrs. 23rd Sept. evacuations. H.Q. Alfsea 241400 to Troopers and C. in C. E.I.  
See Lion Copy.

Movements. Arrived Singapore 24th Sept. BEACHY HEAD, GOMBROON, LOCH QUOICH, L.S.T.327, W.C.H.168.  
Departed Singapore 24th Sept. L.S.Ts. 3021, 3033, 538, 15 in number, L.C.I.(L)s, PALADIN.  
(F.O. Malaya, 241631Z to C. in C. E.I., Admty.)  
/Destroyers...

# MESSAGE.

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189A  
IN

*Evacuations of RAPWI*

241400 September

From: H. Q. ALFSEA

Date: 25/9/45

Reed: 1722

P/L

Addressed: Troopers  
Info: C. in C. E.I.

5431 RAPWI. Sitrer No. 28 up to 1800 hours 23rd September, 1945.

Part I. First F I C. Following sorties flown 21st September, 1945.  
One to DL, D5 Saigon. One to B6 UBCN. One to PHNOM PENH 11 degs 40' north 104 degs 50' east.

2 Java Z. Kebajoran airfield 7 degs 46' north 106 degs 45' east suitable for receiving all aircraft up to and including Liberators.

PART II. - No reports received.

Part III.

1 Sumatra. Evacuations to date as follows:  
798 British, 263 Australian, 3 Canadian, 578 Indian, 11 U.S. 480 Dutch  
8 A Miscellaneous. Grand total RAPWI ex Sumatra to date 2216

2 Java. Evacuations to Singapore as follows.  
80 British, 14 Canadian, 1 Indian, 58 U.S. Grand total RAPWI initially ex Java to date 153.

Part IV.

1 Singapore. Further evacuations 20th September by air. 444 Australian to Australia. 21st September by sea FELIX ROUSSEL 178 British, 1127 Indian to Madras. Grand total RAPWI ex Singapore to date 2624.

2 Java. Evacuations to date. 15th September by air 43 British to Calcutta. 19th September by air 24 U.S. to Calcutta. 21st September by air 22 Australian to Australia. Grand total RAPWI finally evacuated ex Java 89.

3 Penang. Further evacuations 22nd September by sea EMPIRE MALTA 126 Indian to Calcutta. Grand total RAPWI ex Penang 721.

4 Hong Kong. Further evacuations 14th September by sea OXFORDSHIRE 110 Australian, 50 Indian, 5 Miscellaneous to Australia. Grand total RAPWI ex Hong Kong 2065.

All informed.

*HR*

241400

1st Lord  
1st S. L. (3)  
D. F. S. L.  
N. A. to D. F. S. L.  
2nd S. L.  
V. C. N. S.  
A. C. N. S. (F)

Secretary  
Dep. Secretary  
P. A. S. (L)  
P. A. S. (D)  
A. C. N. S. (4)  
C. W. (Cas) (3)  
M. (20) and for W. O., F. O.

N. L. (6)  
N.  
C. N. I.  
O. D. (9)  
D. C. (2)  
W. D.

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East Indies - Contd.

Destroyers  
for U.K.

Intend to sail destroyers from Colombo for U.K. on  
following devices.

A. 13th Oct. D.18 U.K. FARNDALE, CALPE,  
BLACKMORE, BLEASDALE, CHIDDINGFOLD.

B. 20th Oct. <sup>D.10</sup>TARTAR, NUBIAN, PETARD, PALADIN.

(C. in C. E.I., 240649Z to S.O. D. Flotillas E.I.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America & West Indies.

S/Ms for U.K. STORM and SEA ROVER both have seriously defective gyro compasses and consequently they are being sailed for U.K. in company with WEAR leaving Bermuda today 24th Sept. C.O. STORM has been instructed to exercise his discretion whether to take submarines to Plymouth or Holy Loch after parting from WEAR informing relevant authorities accordingly.  
(S.B.N.O. W.A., 241319Z to Admty.)

CRESCENT,  
CRUSADER,  
fleet  
destroyers.

Your 211425 not to all. After short work up to fit ship for Atlantic crossing H.M.C.S. CRESCENT should be sailed to Esquimalt B.C. via Panama.  
(2) Similar policy is to be followed in the case of CRUSADER. Request commissioning date for CRUSADER be signalled.  
(N.S.H.Q., 241510Z to C.N.M.O.)

Movement.

Arrival p.m. 24th Sept. H.M.C.S. QU'APPELLE from U.K.  
(Capt. D. Halifax, 241721Z to N.S.H.Q.)

SS. NORDHAVET.

SS. NORDHAVET (Danish) grounded on St. Mary's Cape 24th Sept. abandoned in sinking condition. Survivors picked up by DOMBY.  
(N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 241918Z to Admty.)  
See 281959Z.

DUNCANSBY  
HEAD.

DUNCANSBY HEAD has been sailed to Suva for fuel and onward routeing. Passengers for Australia referred to my 171850 have been transferred to RAME HEAD. Since final destination DUNCANSBY HEAD has not yet been designated, request this be signalled to Suva.  
(B.N.L.O. Sanfran, 242214 to C. in C. E.I.)

Far East and Australia.

PRINCE ROBERT  
Auxiliary  
A/A ship.

N.S.H.Q. Ottawa 212028 (N.T. in W.D.) PRINCE ROBERT Number Primo of 13th July indicates no accommodation for repatriates.  
(2) Request therefore ship be sailed to Tokio to refuel and for onward passage to Esquimalt.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 240052Z to F.O.W.A., B.P.F.)

/ARBUTUS...

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Far East and Australia - Contd.

ARBUTUS,  
radar re-  
pair ship.

It is a source of much pleasure to the N.Z.N.B. that ARBUTUS has been able thus to contribute to the great work of the B.P.F. Your 230550. (N.Z.N.B., 240315Z to Sydney R.N.)

GLENEARN,  
L.S.I.(L)

Arrived Yangtse entrance GLENEARN.  
(C.T.G. 112.3, 240400 to C.T.F. 112.)

Target ship  
for 4th S/M  
Flotilla.

C. in C. B.P.F.'s 230212 concur in need for such a vessel being attached to 4th Submarine Flotilla. Suggest a frigate if available be earmarked for this duty.  
(F.O. S/M, 241216A to Admty.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Foreign Stations.

Far East and Australia.

STRAHAN,  
A/S vessel  
damaged.

1. H.M.R.A.N. STRAHAN was damaged by underwater explosion probably magnetic mine in 22° 09.5' N. 114° 05.2' E. at 2300Z (off Hongkong). Main engine and steering gear out of action, four casualties. Ship towed back to harbour by WAGGA and INTEGRITY.



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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

Portuguese ships for Timor.

Your 150604. Ministry of Marine communicates BARTOLOMEO DIAS has been instructed to arrive Dili 27th in company with GONCALVES ZARCO as latter ship is carrying Commander of the Expeditionary Force.

(2) Please repeat to other authorities concerned. (N.A. Lisbon, 251020A to C. in C. E.I.)

BERWICK, trooping.

Intend to sail BERWICK 1300B/25 Sept. to Portsmouth calling Plymouth to land naval draft.

(3) Speed 20 knots, E.T.A. Plymouth Breakwater 2100B/27 Sept. (F.O. Gibraltar, 251032B to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

Re air-sea rescue stns.

Cominch 202120, and 221924 not to all refers. I desire to add my appreciation to that of Cominch for the quality and the spirit of co-operation which has characterized the operation of air-sea rescue stations 21 and 22. (Comnaveu, 251114 to Admty.)

A.S.R. stns. (discontinued)

Report name of ship detailed in A.M. 232001A Sept. Para. 2 sail remaining A.S.R. ships to Gibraltar for O/R to U.K. when ready. (F.O.G.M.A., 251120B to Com. 1/c Freetown.)

KERSTEN MILES ex German ship.

Intend sailing a.m. Thursday 27th with KERSTEN MILES. E.S.O.A. 4 knots.

(2) Intend embarking 7 German officers and 1 rating for passage Gibraltar. Remaining officer ex Captain of CORRIENTES is being permitted to remain on medical certificate. (CROCUS, 251842B to F.O.G.M.A.)

South Atlantic.

A.S.R. Stn. 21.

Your 241330Z A.S.R. Station 21 closed down, am returning to Freetown. (PEVENSEY CASTLE, 251200Z to F.O.C.W.Af.)

CAMBRIA, cable repair ship.

Ref. my 201210\* cable ship CAMBRIA intend leave Rio de Janeiro about 30th expect to work about 2 months off North Brazilian coast on cable repair. (B.R.L.O. Rio de Janeiro, 251351Z to Admty.)

\* Requesting instructions regarding disarmament of CAMBRIA.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

THRASHER,  
S/M for U.K.

Intend to sail THRASHER at 1800C/27 to Malta for onward routeing to Gibraltar and U.K.  
(3) S.O.A. 10½ knots, E.T.A. 1700C/1st Oct.  
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 251210C to Malta, C.C.O.)  
Amended 252002C.

Transfer of  
Z craft  
to Mideast.

First. Of original offer Z craft ex C.M.F. 14 have now been transferred to Mideast.  
Second. Remaining 3 are now en route to Bari for overhaul prior to sailing. Estimated date of availability ex Bari mid Oct. earliest.  
Third. With advent bad weather and uncertainty of provision of escort vessel problematical whether these craft will reach Mideast.  
Fourth. Suggest therefore craft remain to assist in urgent ammunition dumping programme. If you agree remaining 3 crews of 208 Ind. Z craft Op. Coy. at present in Italy will be despatched to join remainder unit in Mideast.  
Fifth. Request immediate reply.  
(A.F.H.Q., 251852A to C. in C. Mideast.)  
See W.O. 271430A to A.F.H.Q., C. in C. M.E.

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East Indies.

B.D.Vs. Your 222330 received addressed to D.B.D. not understood being a matter for your Administrative Authority.  
(D.B.D., 250043A to B.D.O. Ceylon.)

Operations "Dulcie" and "Parakeet". Limited naval object to transport and land military forces for occupation of Padang ("Dulcie") and Medan ("Parakeet").

(2) Capt. G.B. Sayer, D.S.C., R.N. is nominated Force Cdr. for "Dulcie" and is to assume title of N.O.I.C. Padang on arrival. Cdr. C.P. ~~McG.~~ <sup>McG.</sup> Armstrong, R.N., is nominated Force Cdr. for "Parakeet" and is to assume title of N.O.I.C. Medan on arrival.

LSI(S)

Force plan 4 will be forwarded to N.O.I.C. Madras when received for issue to Force Cdr. (?and) is for guidance.

LSI(L)

(3) Following naval forces are allocated PERSIMMON, SAINFOIN, SEFTON, PRINS ALBERT, 10 L.S.T., 4 L.C.T.(?L) (L.S.) 2.

(4) C. in C. E.I. will arrange sailing of 4 L.C.T. to arrive Medan on D-day. Mining prevents ships of more than 15 ft. draught entering this port.

(5) D-day for arrival of convoys is 10th Oct.  
(C. in C. E.I., 250658Z to S.O.A.G.W.6.)

ABERCROMBIE, Sailed ABERCROMBIE, my 241005 refers.  
monitor. (Com. Aden, 250811Z to N.O.I.C. Suez.)

Transference of landing craft to S.W.P. Area. Force A constituted as follows A.M. 180605 refers. S.O. Capt. J.P. de W. Kitcat, R.N., with title of S.O. Force A in L.S.I.(L), GLENGYLE which is fitted as H.Q.'s ship, 12th L.S.T.(2) flotilla and 4th L.S.T.(2) flotilla.

(Cont: overleaf.)

(2) Ships will be available as follows - A. GLENGYLE ready to leave Colombo 30th Sept. B. 12th L.S.T. flotilla, L.S.T. 324, 160, 303, 321, 408, 419, ready to leave Singapore about 30th Sept. L.S.T. 9 ready to leave Hongkong about 29th Sept. C. 4th L.S.T. flotilla, L.S.T. 8, 11, 163, 199, 346, 383, 403, ready to leave Sumatra port on completion of discharge about 12th Oct.

(3) L.S.T. 405 of 12th L.S.T. flotilla is unserviceable at Colombo and cannot be made serviceable. L.S.T. 336 of 4th L.S.T. flotilla is unserviceable at Port Said.

(4) Request information to which port ships should be sailed.  
(C. in C. E.I., 251152 to A.C.N.B.) See 251251 (F.E. & Australia.)

R.I.N.sloops from China Coast. 148C. Following R.I.N. sloops are hereby transferred to operational control of F.O.C.R.I.N. GODAVARI, CAUVERY, SUTLEJ, JUMNA, KISTNA.  
(C. in C. E.I., 251205Z to India Command.)  
My 150247. In view of my 251205 request you arrange further details direct with C. in C. B.P.F.  
(C. in C. E.I., 251207 to F.O.C.R.I.N.)

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Transference of Landing Craft  
to S.W.P. ~~E.I.N.~~ sloops  
area. ~~from China~~  
Coast.  
(Contd.)

Ships addressed are allocated for duty under A.C.N.B. Melbourne. They will form Force A on leaving East Indies Station. S.O.A.G.W.3 Captain J.P. de W. Kitcat, R.N., in GLENGYLE\* is to assume the title of S.O. Force A on leaving East Indies Station. Ships will be sailed for Australian ports as follows:-

GLENGYLE from Colombo about 30th Sept.

12th L.S.T. Flotilla from Singapore about 30th Sept.

4th L.S.T. Flotilla on completion of (?discharge) in Sumatra operation about 12th Oct.

(C. in C. E.I., 251216Z to S.O.A.G.W.3, GLENGYLE.)

\* Corrected by War Registry.

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America & West Indies.

DUNCANSBY HEAD. Out San Francisco 0230/25th DUNCANSBY HEAD, E.T.A. Suva 1900/14 "Chops" Comhaw 1st Oct. (Comwestseafron, 250500 to Comhawseafron, Comsopac.)

Submarines for U.K. Ref. my 211659 and 211659? Departed 1800/24 with submarine STORM. STORM to designate its destination with SEA ROVER. (C.N.O. Bermuda, 251141 to C. in C. Portsmouth, N.S.H.Q., WEAR.)

SS. NORDHAVET (sunk). NORDHAVET (Danish) en route from Montreal to Antwerp struck submerged object in approx. position 46.37 N. 54.10 W. at approx. 0320 G.M.T. 24th Sept. Vessel sank in approx. position 46.47 N. 54.08 W. at 1100 G.M.T. 24th. All crew taken on board SS. DOMBY without injury and landed St. Johns at 0030 G.M.T. 25th. (N.C.S.O. St. Johns, 251800Z to Admty.)

U-Boats in U.S., etc. From British Tripartite Naval Inspection Commission. Ref. your 191308 (N.T. in W.D.) Written report now being completed states - A. Operable - U.889 both surface and submerged T.35, Z.39. B. Requiring repair U.2513 - 2 months, U.3008 - 2 months, U.234 - 1 month, U.873 - 1 month, U.190 - 1 month, U.858 - 1 month, U.805 - 3 months, U.1228 - 3 months. C. Inoperable - nil. U.530 and U.977 being inspected at Trinidad about 4th Oct. Separate report will be forwarded. (B.A.D., 252045Z to D.H.N.D. Berlin.)

Far East and Australia.

Operational naval units Pacific Summary No. 32. (Cominch 252057 to Admiralty, Comnaveu.) See Lion Copy.

B.P.O.W. in MAIDSTONE All British P.O.W. from Macassar total 459 including survivors of EXETER, STRONGHOLD and ENCOUNTER were embarked in MAIDSTONE 24th Sept. (2) MAIDSTONE now on passage to Fremantle. (C. in C. B.P.F., 250138Z to Admty.)

/C. in C. ...

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to those officers who are concerned with its contents.

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252057/September

From: Cominch.

Date 26/9/45  
Recd. 0140

C.C.M. (Naval) C. in C.'s Sec.

To: Admiralty.  
Info: Comnaveu.

Pacific Summary No. 32

Operational Naval Units:

South East Pacific: None.

Pacific Coast:

WASHINGTON, ENTERPRISE, CASABLANCA,  
MONTEREY, BALTIMORE, TRENTON,  
RANGER, BOGUE, WAKE ISLAND, NASSAU,  
CARD, BOISE, ASTORIA, 9 D.D.

En route U.S.:

ROI, THETIS BAY, HOLLANDIA, SHAMROCK  
BAY, KABASHAN BAY, KASSAN BAY,  
ADMIRALTY ISLANDS, VINCENNES, 2 D.D.

En route Pearl:

NEVADA, TEXAS, ARKANSAS, WEST  
VIRGINIA, SOUTH DAKOTA, ALABAMA,  
INDIANA, WISCONSIN, IOWA, COLORADO,  
NEW YORK, TICONDEROGA, LONG ISLAND,  
SALAMAUA, FANSHAW BAY, SAVO ISLAND,  
NEHENTA BAY, MANILA BAY, VICKSBURG,  
TUCSON, AMSTERDAM, 18 D.D.

South Pacific:

ACHILLES.

Central Pacific:

NEW JERSEY, TENNESSEE, CALIFORNIA  
KING, GEORGE V, ANSON, DUKE OF YORK,  
ALASKA, GUAM, YORKTOWN, SHANGRI  
LA BON HOMME RICHARD, HANCOCK,  
ANTIETAM, INTREPID, BENNINGTON,  
LEXINGTON, INDEFATIGABLE,  
INDOMITABLE, MUNDA, MAKIN ISLAND,  
CAPE GLOUCESTER, SUWANNEE, OHENANGO,  
PETROF BAY, LUNGA POINT, HOGGATT  
BAY, KITKUN BAY, MATANIKAU, KULA  
GULF, SIBONEY, SANTEE, BLOCK ISLAND,  
ANZIO, WHITE PLAINS, TULAGI, KALININ  
BAY, BOUGAINVILLE, SAGINAW BAY,  
COPAHEE, MARCUS ISLAND, GILBERT  
ISLANDS, VELLA GULF, RUDYERD BAY,  
SLINGER, STRIKER, VINDEK, CHASER,  
RULER, SALERNO BAY, COWPENS, CABOT,  
INDEPENDENCE, BELLEAU WOOD,  
COLLOSSUS, VENERABLE, VENGEANCE,  
BOSTON, QUINCY, ST. PAUL, CHICAGO,

/ WICHITA

Central Pacific (Contd.): WICHITA, CHESTER, PENSACOLA,  
SALT LAKE CITY, SAN FRANCISCO,  
MINNEAPOLIS, NEW ORLEANS,  
TUSCALOOSA, LOUISVILLE, SHROPSHIRE,  
DETROIT, MONTPELIER, CLEVELAND,  
DENVER, PASADENA, SPRINGFIELD,  
WILKES-BARRE, SANTE FE BILOZI,  
MOBILE, TOPEKA, DULUTH, ATLANTA,  
OAKLAND, DAYTON, OKLAHOMA, CITY  
FLINN, SAN JUAN, NASHVILLE, ST.  
LOUIS, COLUMBIA, MIAMI, BERMUDA,  
ARGONAUT, BELFAST, EURYALUS,  
SWIFTSURE, GAMBIA, NEWFOUNDLAND,  
200 D.D.

At Pearl: IDAHO, MISSISSIPPI, MISSOURI,  
NORTH CAROLINA, NEW MEXICO,  
MARYLAND, BOXER, HORNET, SARATOGA,  
CORREGIDOR, MAKASSAR STRAIT,  
TRIPOLI, ATTU, PUGET SOUND, CAPE  
ESPERANCE, TAKANIS BAY, BATAAN,  
PORTLAND, RICHMOND, CONCORD,  
30 D.D.

North Pacific: 2 D.D.

South West Pacific: VICTORIOUS, FORMIDABLE, IMPLACABLE,  
WINDHAM BAY, STIKOH BAY, SPENCER,  
ARBITER, REAPER, GLORY, BIRMINGHAM,  
ADELAIDE, HOBART, 16 D.D.

Non-operational at sea:

En route Pearl: None.

En route U.S.: None.

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Advance copies D.C.  
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V.C.N.S.  
A.C.N.S. (F)  
D. Map Room  
D.O.D. (H) (4)  
D.O.D. (F) (2)  
D.C. (2)  
D.S.O.  
D.D.I.C. (2)  
D.N.I. (4)  
Head of M. (2)  
W.D.  
Admiral Blake

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Far East and Australia - Contd.

C. in C.B.P.F. Admiral Fraser intends departure Hongkong p.m. movement. 26th Sept. in DUKE OF YORK for Manila, DUKE OF YORK and escort form T.G. 111.1.  
(2) E.T.D. Manila p.m. 28th Sept.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 250246 to Admty., C. in C. Pac.)  
Amended by 260007Z.

ST. MARGARETS cable ship. Departed Fremantle 0224Z/25th Sept. ST. MARGARETS for Colombo E.T.A. 0800Z/8th Oct. V.A.(Q) B.P.F.'s 200723 not to all refers.  
(3) S.O.A. 10 knots.  
(N.O.I.C. F., 250752Z to C. in C. E.I.S., F.O.I.C. Ceylon.)

Visit of C. From Admiral Fraser in Chungking.  
in C.B.P.F. I have seen the Generalissimo who welcomed me.  
to Chungking. (2) I stayed the night with him and next day had lunch with Madam.  
(3) Have today seen Admiral Kincaid, C. in C. 7th Fleet.

(4) My general impressions are - (a) The Generalissimo does not like American and British forces mobilised as combined forces.  
(b) Cdre. Western Fleet does not wish to take the responsibility of ordering British ships to Chinese ports thus putting the burden on him.

He was most friendly but I told him we must remain as we are for the present and asked him to refer his difficulties to Admiral Nimitz. He will ask, I think, for British forces to be withdrawn from his Command.

(c) The Chinese Admiral here has asked me if I will minesweep waters off Amoy and Swatow. I said I would do so to help and he assured me that the Chinese Government would be grateful. I can arrange this from Hongkong and will inform British Ambassador.

(5) I feel that if we ask for permission to visit Chinese ports in a manner that does not infringe Chinese sovereignty it would be granted but have been greatly handicapped by not being allowed to discuss anything.

(6) It appears that we are faced with either - (a) Withdrawing the northern British force or (b) separating from the Americans and asking permission independently for the action of British forces.

(7) Request further orders which must be made soon to C.T.F. 111 repeated Naval Attache Chungking.

(N.A. Chungking, 251040 to Admty.)

Transference of L.C. from E.I. to S.W. Pac. Force A A.M. 181605 refers will be under the operational and administrative control of N.O.I.C. Moluccas. (2) It will be initially based on Morotai. (3) Request name of L.S.I.(L) and type of L.S.T. be signalled. Colombo C.C.O. pass to F.O. Force W.  
(A.C.N.B., 251251 to C. in C. E.I.)



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SITUATION REPORT.

Foreign Stations.

East Indies.

Port  
Swettenham.

1. N.O.I.C. Port Swettenham established. Title  
Shipco lapsed.

America & West Indies.

SS. ANNA  
H. BRANCH,  
fire.

2. ANNA H. BRANCH (Am. 7,247 tons) on passage from  
Mobile to Naples in position 36° 57' N. 53° 30' W.  
reports flooding of 3 hold and that fire can be  
controlled.

Far East and Australia.

C. in C.B.P.F.  
Movement.

3. Admiral Fraser left Hongkong for Manila in  
DUKE OF YORK.

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North Atlantic.

A.S.R. 20.

Have been relieved on A.S.R. position 20 by CAISTOR CASTLE. E.T.A. Gibraltar 0800B/28th. (ST. BRIDES BAY, 260800Z to F.O.G.M.A.)

Frigate,  
(converted  
to genera-  
ting stn.  
for F. E.)

Intend to sail SPRAGGE 1700B/26 Sept. to Port Said for O/R to Hongkong (C. in C. Portsmouth's 212200A not to all.)  
(3) Speed 15 knots, E.T.A. a.m. 2nd October.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 261207B to F.O.L.E.M.)

ENTERPRISE,  
trooping.

Intend to sail ENTERPRISE 1700B/26th Sept. to Port Said calling Malta.  
(3) Speed 20 knots, E.T.A. Malta Breakwater 1800B/28th Sept. E.T.D. Malta 1930B/28th Sept. E.T.A. Port Said 1730B/30th Sept.  
(5) ENTERPRISE acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(Gib. C.C.O., 261233B to Admty.)

South Atlantic.

A.F.D. 31.

H.M.R.T. REWARD, CROWLER and A.F.D. 31 entered harbour, my 250851 refers.  
(Com. Durban, 261002Z to Admty.)

PORTCHESTER  
CASTLE,  
corvette.

Intend to sail PORTCHESTER CASTLE to Gibraltar at 1800Z/1st Oct. speed 13 knots, E.T.A. p.m. 8th Oct.  
(N.O.I.C. Freetown, 261322 to F.O.G.M.A.)

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Mediterranean.

S/M on  
passage to  
U.K. from  
E.I.

Sail at 1530/27th Sept. speed 11 knots.  
E.T.A. Gib. to be reported to F.O.G.M.A. 48 hours  
in advance. F.O.G.M.A. is requested to arrange  
O/R to U.K.  
(F.O.L.E.M., 261335C to STATESMAN.)

Alexandria  
fixed  
defences.

No reply has yet been received from the Egyptian  
Authorities whether they intend to take over  
anti-submarine fixed defences at Alexandria.  
(2) A.M. 190211 para. B. Information is requested  
whether payment should be as in your 112033 April  
or as in F.O.L.E.M. 405/00305/6 of 4th June, 1945.  
(3) Understand from Lt. Cmdr. Naish that H.D.A's and relevant  
C.Bs. may be given to Egyptians.  
(F.O.L.E.M., 261443C to Admty.)

*Report rpf FOLEM 161325 Oct. Admty.*

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East Indies.

Movements. Arrived Singapore 25th Sept. TAKLIWA, CHALLENGER, WAVENEY, LULING, STAFFORDSHIRE, ARMADA, TRAFALGAR, CAMPERDOWN.  
Departed Singapore 25th Sept. SAN <sup>ZOTICO</sup>~~ZOTICO~~, EMPIRE CLARION, DEWDALE, SUIYANG.  
(F.O. Malaya, 260001 to C. in C. E.I.)

Re H.M.I. ships. A.M.S.S.O. 132200 addressed C. in C. India. Your 170619 and subsequent signals refer. Following H.M.I. ships are at present under your operational control.

(1) One sloop. (2) 12 minesweepers of 37 M/S Flotilla. (3) 3 minesweepers attached 7th M/S Flotilla. (4) H.M.I. ships ASSAM and SIND. (5) H.M.I.S. SONAVATI. (6) H.M.I.S. BARRACUDA. (7) H.M.I.S. NASIK. (8) H.M.I.S. LLANSTEPHAN CASTLE. (9) M.M.S. 130 and 131. (10) 7 M.Ls. of 55 Flotilla. (11) 9 M.Ls. of 56 Flotilla. (12) 9 M.Ls. of 49 Flotilla. (13) 11 H.D.M.Ls. of 121 Flotilla. (14) 4 H.D.M.Ls. of 136 Flotilla. (15) One L.C.T. Squadron consisting of 36 L.C.Ts., 3 L.C.T., 1 L.C.T.(E).

(2) In addition to the above, 9 frigates and 1 corvette are expected to be turned over to the R.I.N. in the near future, of which 7 frigates and 1 corvette will come under you for operations if needed.

(3) Government of India have requested information (a) which of these will be required by you under the terms of A.M.S.S.O. 132200. (b) When the ships not required likely to be reverted to the control of F.O.C.R.I.N.

Your early remarks would be appreciated.  
(A.H.Q. India, 260259 to C. in C. E.I.S.)

NELSON. Present intention is for NELSON to sail for U.K. on 11th Oct. having adjusted complement.  
(C. in C. E.I., 260503Z to NELSON, B.S. 3.)

Ships of R.I.N. Following for Admiralty. Concur A.M.S.S.O. 5685 H.I. ship in categories named will be maintained at present strength for nine months and will be at the disposal of C. in C. E.I.F. and C. in C. B.P.F. as required.  
(C. in C. India, 261110Z to Admty.)

N.O.I.C. Port Swettenham established lapse of title Shipco. F.O.N.I.C. 735. N.O.I.C. Port Swettenham is established. The title Shipco has lapsed all signals formerly addressed Capt. Shipping Control should be addressed N.O.I.C.  
(C. in C. E.I., 261112Z to S. & A.E.I. Stn.)

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Survey of Your 240735 August and my 100551Z Sept.  
China coast. CHALLENGER joined operation "Masterdom" at  
Singapore on 26th Sept. and after checking survey  
at Saigon proceeds to Hongkong.  
(C. in C. E.I., 261551 to C. in C. B.P.F.)

Morib beaches (?B.U.G.R.E.P.) 3 26th Sept. Morib beaches.  
Malaya - Beach closed at 2359/25th Sept. after 17 days of  
(discharge on) which some 36 hours were lost through gale warning.  
The following discharge figures were returned:-

<u>Discharge</u>	<u>Consolidated figure</u>		<u>Best days work</u>
(?Personnel)	44474	25000	D-day
Vehicles	4305	1020	D-day
Stores	11671 tons	11(?79) tons	D + 16.

Threatened breakdown in discharge through bad beach characteristics was entirely overcome by adoption of transfer line principle where landing craft loads were transferred to amphibians. Mechanical performance (?figures) have been surprisingly high in respect of all landing craft. Total losses incurred amounted to: no major landing craft, 3 L.C.M.(I) and 1 of each L.C.V.(P), L.C.A., L.C.P.(L). My 262302 part 1. *Complete copy of this signal see lion copy.*  
(S.O.B.G.(W), 262302 GH to Admty.)

NELSON. A.M. 111310. Request approx. date on which NELSON will be sailed for U.K.  
(V.C.N.S., 262304A to C. in C. E.I.)  
*(See previous page.)*

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Recd in W.D.  
8/10/45

262302/September

Date 6.10.45.  
Time 0610

From S.O.B.G. (W)

Naval Cypher (W) CORRECTION

TO: Adm, SACSEA, C. in C.E.I. (A), C. in C.E.I., S.O. Force W., F.O. Malaya, N.O.I.C. Port Swettenham, N.O.I.C. Port Dickson  
Info: SOAG (W) 6, SOAG (W) 1, SORNE India, R H Q (W) Bombay

(?BUGREP) 3 26th. September. MORIB Beaches. Beach closed at 2359 25th. September, after 17 days of which some 36 hours were lost through gale warning. The following discharge figures are returned.

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Morib Beaches have afforded a convincing example of the most disadvantageous discharge conditions, their only advantages being facilities of beach exit although on to very questionable Terrain and over minimum road metal. The figures returned give little indication that the obstacle would surmount by Naval discharge personnel both ferry control and beach parties. Excellent co-operation has prevailed throughout between Naval and Military beach personnel and their effective team work has resolved every problem with conspicuous success.

Port Dickson Beach. Discharge continued over beach and though part at average rate 800 tons daily.

Principal activity is now mounting of operation IMPERSONAL (Force 62) comprise: 4 L.S.T. (I) 30 L.C.T. (I) 18 L.C.I. (L) together with L.S.E. L.C.T. (I) (E).

/Force

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Force 62 sailed in 2 sections on 25th. and 28th. September. Unit subsequently returning Port Dickson from Batavia to complete operation TARTARUS.

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Note: Message now complete.

1st Lord  
1st S.L. (3)  
D.P.S.L.  
3rd S.L.  
4th S.L.  
V.C.N.S.  
A.C.N.S. (0)  
D. Map Rm.  
D.C. (2)  
D.S.O.  
O.D. (9)  
O.I.C. (3)  
D.N.I. (5)  
D. of P. (3)  
D. of P. (2) (3)  
D. of S. (3)  
M. (35)  
C.N.I. (2)  
D.C.O.D. (7)  
D.C.O.M. (4)  
W.D.

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America & West Indies.

SS. NORDHAVET sunk. My 241918Z NORDHAVET (Danish) now reported sunk 1120 Sept. 24th.  
(N.S.H.Q., 261959Z to Admty.)

SS. ANNA H. BRANCH, fire in. ANNA H. BRANCH reports at 261730Q P.C.S. 36.57 N. 53.30 W. 077, 11.5. Flooding hold No. 3. Believes fire can be controlled. Proceeding to Naples.  
(Com. E.S.F., 262345 to Admty.)

Far East and Australia.

C. in C.B.P.F. movements. Amend my 250246 not to all as follows. Admiral Fraser leaves Hongkong p.m. 26th leave Manila p.m. 28th Sept.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 260007Z to Admty., C. in C. Pac. B.A.D.)

C. in C.B.P.F. Admiral Fraser left Chungking at 0130Z this morning Hongkong your 260104Z (N.T. in W.D.) refers.  
(Machin, Chungking, 260230Z to C. in C. Hongkong.)

Dispositions. C. in C. B.P.F., 260812Z to Admty.  
See Lion Copy.



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*Disposition*

260812Z/September.

From: C. in C. B.P.F.

Date. 27.9.45.

Reed. 1830.

C.C.M. (Naval) Gen O.

To: Admiralty, A.C.N.B. N.Z.N.D. N.S.H.Q. Ottawa. V.A. (Q) B.P.F.  
C. in C. E.I. F.O.I.C. Sydney, B.A.D. Washington.  
Disposition Signal.

Changes since my 190757.

- (A) At Tokyo. SWIFTSURE WIZARD, BROWN RANGER.
- (B) At Jinsen COLOSSUS TUMULT.
- (C) At Tsingtao. BERMUDA, RUSCAN
- (D) At Shanghai. URSA GLENEARN, GUARDIAN.
- (E) At sea bound Shanghai. BLACK SWAN, ALACRITY, HIND,  
SAN AMADO
- (F) At Okinawa ERNE LARIAT.
- (G) Bound Okinawa, NORMAN VASNA
- (H) At Hong Kong. WHIRLWIND, WART, BARLE, HALFORD  
ARTIFEX, DILLIGENCE, LANCAASHIRE,  
GERUSALEMME, FORT CONSTANTINE, EMPIRE  
JOSEPHINE, EMPIRE SAM.
- (I) At sea bound Hong Kong; SPEAKER CAMPERDOWN, TRAFALGAR  
ARMADA STAWELL, SAN AMBROSIO, WAVE REGENT,  
SLINGER, AMETHYST, DERB
- (J) At Manila; QUIBERON WAVE GOVERNOR.
- (K) At sea bound Manila. FORMIDABLE
- (L) At sea bound Sandakan; USK.
- (M) At sea bound Morotai; WHYALLA, TAMWORTH
- (N) At Manus; ARBITER, VINDEK, MANXMAN, CAIRNS ARBUTUS,  
VACPORT, FORT PROVIDENCE, FORT WRANGEL,  
SANANDRES, CHEERLY.
- (O) At sea bound Manus; GLORY, STRIKER, REAPER, ACHILLES,  
NEWFOUNDLAND, QUALITY, NIZAM, BARFLEUR,  
ULYSSES, BONAVENTURE, ARNDALE, SANADOLPHO,  
MAUNGANUI, KOLA.
- (P) At Brisbane; UNICORN FORT LANGLEY.

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- (Q) At sea bound Brisbane; EMPIRE CREST, BINGLEDALE.
- (R) At Sydney, NAPIER, TENACIOUS, VIRTUE, APOLLO, BARTHORPE, OXFORDSHIRE, PROME.
- (S) At sea bound Sydney; KING GEORGE FIFTH, EURYALUS TROUBRIDGE, TERMAGENT, IPSWICH, FORT EDMONTON, SLESVIG, AIMWELL
- (T) At sea bound Auckland; TJITJALENGKA.
- (U) At Melbourne; VORACIOUS.
- (V) At Adelaide; TRUMP, TACITURN.
- (W) At Busselton THOROUGH, STUBBORN.
- (X) At sea bound Freemantle; VICTORIOUS, TURPIN TOTEM TAPIR
- (Y) At sea bound Darwin; KALGOORLIE
- (Z) At sea bound Esperance Bay; TIPTOE.
- (AA) At sea bound Pearl Harbour IMPLACABLE.

2. Loft Station.

- (A) For United Kingdom; TRENCHANT.
- (B) For E.I.S. St. Margarets.
- (C) For N.E.I. 024, 023.

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| 5th S.L.          | D. of S. (3)     |
| V.C.N.S.          | D. of P. (3)     |
| A.C.N.S. (F)      | D.M.S. (2)       |
| V.C.N.S. (A)      | D.S.V.P. (3)     |
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| D.A.W.T.          | W.D.             |
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SITUATION REPORT

Foreign Stations

Far East and Australia

Aircraft  
Carrier  
Squadrons

It is intended that the 1st Aircraft Carrier Squadron shall now include all Fleet Carriers and light Fleet Carriers of the British Pacific Fleet and that the 11th Aircraft Squadron shall be abolished.

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FOREIGN STATIONS

North Atlantic

ZENITH  
E.I. to  
U.K.

Intend to sail ZENITH 0900B/28th Sept. to Clyde  
(C. in C. H.F.'s 261348A not to all).  
Speed 15 knots. E.T.A. 1100B 2nd October.  
ZENITH acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 271202B to Greenock etc.)

WELLARD  
Trawler

Intend to sail WELLARD at 2000B 27th Sept. to  
Plymouth.  
(3) Speed 8 knots E.T.A. a.m. 3rd October.  
(7) WELLARD acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 271210B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

South Atlantic

S.A.  
manned  
Frigates

Following is a re-encypherment of C. in C. S.A.  
241635B\* begins: Union Authorities confirm they  
do not wish to man any more Frigates. My  
311154 August Ends.  
(C. in C.S.A. 271018 to Admiralty.)  
\*Former version received undecypherable.

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~~SUEZ CANAL~~

Amdiralty message 200745 paragraph 3\* No objection to whole administration of Suez Canal Co. being transferred to Paris.  
(F.O.L.E.M., 271031C to Admiralty.)  
\* Part of the administration of Suez Canal Co. has been transferred to Paris.

*Admiralty 151519 Oct FOLEM*Frigate  
LOCH INSH  
for E.I.

Sailed LOCH INSH at 0900C/27th to Aden.  
E.T.A. 0600Z/1. S. of A. 14 knots.  
Capt. requires to repair defective Windlass on arrival.  
(Suez, 271322C to Admiralty, Aden.)

SOMALI  
French  
Destroyer

Sailed F.S. SOMALI 2015C/26 to Djibouti for onward routeing to Aden.  
E.T.A. 0300Z/30. S. of A. 15 knots.  
(N.O.I.C. Suez, 271324C to Admiralty, N.O.I.C. Aden.)

SUFFREN  
French  
Cruiser

F.S. SUFFREN sailed, at 271100C to Aden for water and onward routeing.  
(2) E.T.A. a.m. 30th September. S. of A. 18 knots.  
(Suez, 271326C to Admiralty, Marine Paris.)

Transfer  
of Z Craft  
to Middle  
East.

76515 Tnl. cipher 27th September.  
Cite FHGDM. Your FX 45669 cipher 25th September.  
No objection retention Z craft as suggested.  
(W.O. 271430A to A.F.H.Q., C. in C. Middle East.)

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East Indies

Dutch Submarines for Java Intend sailing H.N.M. S/M K.14 0330Z 29th September for Batavia routed as in my 170520Z and in C. in C. E.I. 130547.  
(2) S. of A. 10 knots. E.T.A. position (a) 1600Z/6th October.  
(4) E.T.A. at D will be signalled 24 hours in advance to C.S.5 and position at time of reporting.  
(5) C. in C. E.I. pass to C.S.5 and C. in C. Netherlands Forces in East.  
(S/M 4, 270417Z to C. in C. E.I.)

Proposals for Disposal of H.Q. S.O.G. and Base Staffs. Reference S.A.C.S.E.A.'s signal S.A.C./22545/C.O. D.T.G. 191051, COPP S.O.G. consisting of H.Q. and COPPs 1356 and nine ceased under command small operations group p.m. 26th September, 1945 and moved to Colombo for passage to U.K., strength 23 officers and 37 other ranks and ratings.  
(Cdr. S.O.G., 270506Z to C. in C. E.I.S.)

PHOEBE Cruiser for U.K. Sailed PHOEBE to Suez via Aden for onward routing to U.K. routed via 8° channel and N. of Socotra. E.T.A. Aden 0700C/4th October. Suez 1200B/9th.  
(C. in C. E.I., 270930 to N.O.I.C. Suez.)

Programme of movements of R.M. Engineers Request immediate reply to para. 4 of my 191756 and indication of likely future R.M.E. requirements.  
(C. in C. E.I., 270943Z to C. in C. B.P.F.)

M/S organisation Malaya The appointment of Capt. M/S F.A. will lapse on 5th October 1945.  
(2) From this date M/S forces in the Singapore Area not allocated by C. in C. E.I. to F.O. or force Commander for specific operations are placed under the operational control of S.N.O. Singapore for meeting the requirements of M/S programmes promulgated by C. in C. E.I.  
(3) A Lt. Cdr. as S.O. M/S and an electrical officer M/S Ex.Staff or Capt. M/S are being appointed to the Staff of S.N.O. Singapore.  
(C. in C. E.I., 270945Z to F.O. B.S.3 etc.)

Early Information on Future Service and Port of Arrival of H.M. ships in U.K. from E.I. Request units returning to U.K. from East Indies Station may be informed as early as practicable of their port of arrival and also if possible, their future service. An announcement in the press to enable the dependents of officers and men to meet their menfolk would be a very great concession.  
(C. in C. E.I., 271041Z to Admiralty.)

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East Indies - Contd.

HONESTY  
Corvette  
for U.K.

Intend to sail HONESTY at 1200Z/28th September to U.K. in accordance with C. in C. E.I.S. 170827Z calling Aden for fuel and onward routeing passing through the following positions. (Positions given)  
(2) S. of A. 12 knots. E.T.A. Aden 1200Z 4th October.  
(F.O.E.A., 271223 to Com. Aden.)

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America and West Indies

Disposal of surplus ships

Your 180934 (N.T. in W.D.) In view of paragraph 3 of N.S.H.Q.'s 142118 we concur in proposal to declare surplus for disposal frigates in excess of eighteen and all corvettes.  
(Hd. of M.II, Approved V.C.N.S., 270025A to C.N.M.O.)

Far East and Australia

H.M. R.A.N.  
STRAHAN  
A/S Vessel  
damaged

STRAHAN damaged by under-water explosion probably Magnetic Mine in position 22 09.5 114 05.2 at about 2300Z/25th September. Main engines and steering gear out of action. Four casualties, none serious. Ship was towed back to harbour by WAGGA and INTEGRITY.  
(F.O.W.A., 270255 to A.C.N.B.)

Admiralty  
Short and  
Long Term  
Policy re  
R.N. Base  
in  
Australia

With the cessation of hostilities the question of the retention of the present fleet facilities for Royal Navy at Cockburn Sound and Fremantle, and their further development for a possible future emergency requires announcement. The problem of maintenance dredging in the Success and Parmelia Banks is of immediate importance.

(2) As a result of Dominion Office cable number 907, dated 27th December, 1941, and A.M. 272125 December, 1941, modified by later signals,

certain work was taken in hand and has now reached the stage set out generally in paragraph 3.

(3) Progress to date is as follows:

(a) Success and Parmelia Banks dredged to stage 2, i.e. 28 feet below water ordinary spring tides for a width of 300 feet.

(b) Battleship berths inside Fremantle harbour dredged to 38 feet.

(c) Dredging of site for 15,000 ton floating dock of 48 feet is 95% complete.

(d) Armament storage completed to 8,000 tons, together with mine and torpedo defect.

(e) Storage in Cockburn Sound area completed to 120,000 square feet (portion missed) and victualling stores and 100,000 cubic feet refrigerator stores.

(f) Wharves completed at Woodman's Point and Rockingham.

(g) Following lighters could be allocated to Fremantle by mid-1946. Total dumb tonnage 1,500 self propelled 8 in number for various duties.

(4) In considering future dredging the Naval Board feel the

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Short and  
Long Term  
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R.N. Base  
in  
Australia  
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following factors must be kept in mind:  
(a) Ultimate need for Cockburn Sound because the congestion in Fremantle would preclude its use as a Fleet base.  
(b) Difficulty of access for heavy draught ships, vide my letter number 050629, dated 14th September, 1945.  
(c) Preservation of assets.

(5) If it is decided to maintain the channels through Success and Parmelia Banks, also battleship berths inside Fremantle harbour, as a short term policy one dredge of the trailing suction type, with hopper capacity 900 barge yards and dredging capacity of 100 barge yards hours, will be required for 6 months each year.  
(6) Analysis of all available records indicates that silting up of channels through Success and Parmelia Banks was considerable between the years 1922 - 42 and that work carried out prior to 1922 was largely thrown away.  
(7) Admiralty's remarks are requested in regard to (a) the short and (b) the long term policy it is recommended should be followed.

(A.C.N.B., 270420Z to Admiralty.) *See 290526Z Oct and 061941 Dec.*

Further to my 270255 preliminary examination indicates only minor damage which can be repaired locally. Confirmed four casualties all not serious. Your 270016 not to Admiralty refers.

(F.O.W.A., 270635Z to A.C.N.B., Admiralty.)

Movement

Arrived Shanghai GUARDIAN, TUSCAN, BLACK SWAN, ALACRITY HIND.  
(C.T.F.112.3, 270300Z to F.O.W.A., B.P.F.)

Aircraft  
Carrier  
Squadrons

A.M. 221303. Intend that the first Aircraft Carrier Squadron shall now include all Fleet Carriers and Light Fleet Carriers of the British Pacific Fleet and that the Eleventh Aircraft Squadron shall be abolished.  
(2) A.G.M. 230153 February will be amended.  
(D.O.D.(F), Approved V.C.N.S., 271450A to C.T.F.11.)

B.P.F.  
Admiralty  
Policy re  
release of  
Officers and  
ratings etc.

I appreciate A.M. 221704 which is clear to me except for paragraphs 6 and 7.  
(2) The planned strength of B.P.F. by June 1946 is greater than I can effectively support without Australia and is also greater than I can usefully employ during these next six months.  
(3) Paragraph 7 of A.M. implies that this view would be taken into account.  
(4) I feel quite sure that with the lack of

airfields outside Australia, the very meagre facilities for the upkeep of the Fleet at Singapore and Hongkong, and the complete absence of any recreational facilities or amenities we should endeavour to reduce the fleet now below the June 1946 strength building up again later.

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B.P.F.  
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release of  
officers and  
ratings etc.  
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- (5) KING GEORGE V should certainly from a personal point of view go home. If not going home the best I could do would be to send her for a cruise to New Zealand, the necessity for which seems very difficult to explain.
- (6) I therefore propose that prior to a build up to the planned strength of the fleet in June 1946 we should reduce as circumstances allow to two BB, 8 CL, 2 or 3 C.V.L.s, 24 D.Ds.
- (7) If approved, I would propose following movements up to January 1946 after adjustment of complements.
- (8) INDOMITABLE to U.K. leaving Sydney about middle October. KING GEORGE V leaving first week November. FORMIDABLE about first week December.
- (9) I feel diffident in raising this question again but the matter is of great importance. Unless their Lordships have knowledge of serious operation in the next six months which I do not foresee, I think a reduction of this nature is the correct policy.  
(C.T.F.111, 271250Z to Admiralty, C. in C. B.P.F.)

*(Adm. Fraser, C. in C. B.P.F.)*

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SITUATION REPORT

Foreign Stations

Far East and Australia

Indo-China  
Saigon

Preliminary report by C. in C. E.I. shows that the Dockyard at Saigon's present efficiency is 50%. There are eight sunk vessels in the port. Quays and wharves are in good condition with exception of fuelling jetties.

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FOREIGN STATIONS

North Atlantic

LOOKOUT  
destroyer  
for U.K.

Following is provisional programme for LOOKOUT  
further signal will be made.  
(a) On arrival of D.3 in Levant LOOKOUT R/V  
with MILNE.  
(b) After short time in company LOOKOUT to proceed  
Malta.  
(c) Sail to arrive Gibraltar about 20th October  
subsequently returning to U.K.  
(C. in C. Mediterranean, 281248A to F.O. Levant.)

WHADDON  
destroyer

Intend to sail WHADDON 0900B/29th September to  
Plymouth. (C. in C. Med. 151515B not to all).  
(3) Speed 15 knots E.T.A. 0800B 2nd October.  
(7) WHADDON acknowledge and sail to comply. Ends.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 281539B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Corvettes  
on  
Discontinuation  
of A.S.R.  
Stations  
21 and 22.

A.M. 232001 September, not to all. Three corvettes  
ex Freetown should be sailed to home ports to give  
leave and to be retained in commission pending  
decision as to their future service.  
(D.O.D.(H), 281721A to F.O.G.M.A.)

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Mediterranean

S/M  
TORBAY  
on  
Passage  
to U.K.  
from E.I.

Intend to sail TORBAY at 0900C 28th to Malta for onward routeing to Gibraltar and U.K.  
(2) Routed Q.B.C.1008 position 400 302 thence direct to 227.  
(3) S. of A. 10½ knots E.T.A. 0880C/2nd Oct.  
All times C.  
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 280856C to F.O. Malta.)

French  
Cruiser  
GLOIRE  
for  
Far East.

Sailed F.S. GLOIRE at 1855C/27 to Aden for onward routeing.  
E.T.A. 1400Z/01. S. of A. 17 knots.  
Requirements signalled direct from Port Said.  
(Suez, 281128C to Marine Paris, Admiralty, Aden.)

Revised  
forecast  
of ships  
destined  
for E.I.  
Station  
and B.P.F.  
arrive  
Malta.

Cancel A.M. 091720. Following is revised forecast:-  
October - NORFOLK.  
November - COSSACK, COCKADE, FINISTERRE, SOLEBAY, CHEVIOT, CHEQUERS, CHARITY, 1 A/A Sloop, 3 Bay Frigates.  
December - OCEAN, LAGOS, CONSTANCE, CONTEST, CONSORT, GRAVELINES.  
(D.O.D.(F), 281657A to V.A.M.)

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East Indies

HOWE  
battleship

Arrived HOWE  
(F.O.E.A. Kilindini 280555Z to C. in C.E.I.)

Preliminary  
report on  
Saigon  
Dockyard

Admiralty 091810.\* Dockyard's present  
efficiency is 50%.  
(2) Details of facilities and machinery to  
carry out repair or refit of shipping. Larger  
Dry Dock, dimensions 122 metres x 22 metres x 7.5  
metres. Minor damage only. Flooding and  
draining machinery and power in working order.

Smaller dry dock unusable major repairs required, floating dock,  
capacity 300 tons, submerged but now refloated. Building  
slipway for 200 ton vessels and three small hauling slipway  
usable.

(3) Following shipyard buildings undamaged:  
Plate Iron Factory, Carpentry Plant, Dock Workshop, Sawmill  
and Offices. The Boat-building plant, the iron refinery and  
casting plant are all usable. Machine assembling plant  
destroyed and temporarily located in warehouse.

(4) Electrical installations suffered most but power house  
received only superficial damage. Three out of six transform-  
ing plants were destroyed remainder usable. Much wiring? is  
required. As there is no electric power available in sheds,  
stores, workshops east of the large dock due to removal of high-  
tension lines. Good supply of cable is available.

(5) Three out of six warehouses are destroyed, another is half  
destroyed.

(6) There are 8 sunk vessels in the port. Quays and wharves  
are in good condition with the exception of fuelling jetties.

(7) Lengths of wharves and depths alongside are:  
Customs Wharf 1,000 metres 6.5 metres at numbers 1 and 2  
Wharves M.M. Wharf, 400 metres, 8 metres at number 1,  
7 metres at numbers 2 and 3 wharves.

(8) The port has 9 cranes as under:  
1 x 50 ton floating crane, 1 x 15 ton fixed crane.  
6 x 1.5 tons travelling cranes: 4 of these need repairing.  
1 x 4.5 tons travelling crane.

(9) Water supply available at Quays. The maximum amount of  
water that can be supplied by Water Boats is about 1,000 tons  
daily.

(10) There are two Japanese Army Water Barges of 90 tons each,  
one of which has to be towed, and six Navy Water Barges  
averaging 100 tons, two of which are at present unusable.  
Other miscellaneous small craft, including Coasters, Oil Barges,  
Launches, Fishing Boats and one fire-extinguishing boat, number  
over 100. There are two Dredgers, both out of order.  
Available tugs of all sizes total 20, about third of these being  
unusable.

(11) There are 16 French Pilots. C.O.I.S. 9993/281 of 12th  
September to D.N.I. (not to N.A. Paris) also refers.  
(C. in C.E.I., 280613Z to Admiralty, N.A. Paris.)

\*Requested report of condition of Saigon Dockyard special ref.  
to Water supplies and availability of water boats or barges.

French  
Escort  
Vessels  
for E.I.

Intend to sail F.S. GAZELLE and ANNAMITE at  
1430Z 28th (route) thence to Trincomalee.  
E.T.A. 0930Z 6th October, S. of A. 13 knots.  
Admiralty pass to Marine Paris, Almed Pass to  
PREMAR 3.  
(Com. Aden, 280921Z to C. in C. E.I.)

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America and West Indies

Movements  
of Fleet  
M/S from  
U.K.

St. Johns Newfoundland 27th September.  
Arrivals COWICHAN from Azores. MALPEQUE from  
Azores. Departures nil.  
(F.O.N.F., 280235Z to S.B.N.O. Azores.)

Far East and Australia

R.A.P.W.I.  
Sitrep  
No. 3 dated  
26th Sept.  
1945.

Refer my 220615\*  
(2) Hongkong no further information.  
(3) Shanghai area no change about 2000 of the total  
6000 internees want early repatriation to  
countries of origin.  
(4) Shantung area, no change, about 450 of the total 1500  
internees want repatriation to countries of origin.  
(5) Manchuria no further information.  
(6) Korea P.O.W. Brit. and Aust. 1340 evacuation to Manila  
continues.  
(7) Japan evacuation of main islands completed.  
(8) Okinawa awaiting onward passage R.A.P.W.I. estimated  
between 3000 and 4000 Brit. and Aust. and between 2000 and 3000  
Dutch.  
(9) Manila P.O.W. Brit. 55, Aust. 2, Indian 10, Canadian 15, in  
hospital included in above Brit. 618, Aust. 57, Canadian 40,  
Dutch P.O.W. 3728 including 111 sick.  
(10) Palau no change.  
(11) Maccassar, 508 Dutch P.O.W., 1620 Dutch internees, believed  
mostly local all British P.O.W. evacuated see my 280159.  
(12) Kuching no further information.  
(13) Comphilseafrom pass to S.B.N.L.O. Phil.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 280158Z to Admiralty etc.)  
\* Evacuation details.

R.A.P.W.I.  
Mov. No.3  
dated 28th  
September  
1945.

Refer my 220612.  
(2) H.S. TJITJALENKA as in my 220612.  
(3) H.S. MAUNGANUI as in my 220612.  
(4) H.S. VASNA loading Okinawa for onward passage  
to Sydney possibly calling Manila. See my  
240831 not to all.  
(5) H.S. OXFORDSHIRE leaves Sydney empty north-  
bound 29th September.

H.S. EMPIRE CLYDE leaves Auckland empty 1st October northbound.  
(6) IMPLACABLE from Manila E.T.A. Esquimalt 11th October,  
P.O.W. 2127 British.  
(7) FORMIDABLE E.T.A. Manila 30th September, GLORY E.T.A.  
Manila 6th October to embark destination undecided but one ship  
for West Coast, one ship for Australia.  
(8) SPEAKER E.T.A. Manila about 2nd October to embark P.O.W.  
for Australia.  
(9) VINDEK as in my 220612.  
(10) STRIKER left Manila 27th Sept. for Australia P.O.W. 60  
Aust.

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Mov. No.3  
dated 28th  
September,  
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- (11) U.S.S. DYKEMAN left Manila 24th September for America P.O.W. 521 British, 44 Canadian.
- (12) U.S.S. ADMIRAL HUGHES left Manila 25th September for San Francisco, P.O.W. 1220 British.
- (13) U.S.S. GENERAL HOWZE left Manila 27/Sept. for San Francisco P.O.W. 613 British, 25 Canadians.
- (14) U.S.S. GASPER as in my 220612.
- (15) COLOSSUS leaves Jinhon approx. 28th September for Manila P.O.W. 354 British and

Australian.

- (16) MAIDSTONE from Macassar E.T.A. Fremantle 30th September, P.O.W. 459 British
- (17) Evacuation by air Okinawa to Manila continues.
- (18) Comphlseafron pass to S.B.N.L.O. Phil.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 280159Z to Admiralty etc.)



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SITUATION REPORT.

Foreign Stations.

Mediterranean.

SS. EMPIRE  
PATROL  
on fire.

1. SS. EMPIRE PATROL (Br. 3334 tons) from Kios to Rhodes carrying Greek refugees reported on fire in 31° 56' N. 32° 04', off Port Said, at 1240. TROUNCER and other ships have been ordered to the rescue. Fire is reported out of control.

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North Atlantic.

Ships for U.K. Intend to sail LADY ELSA (S.O.) and LE TIGRE  
1700B/29th Sept. to Plymouth.  
(3) Speed 9 knots, E.T.A. 4th Oct.  
(7) LADY ELSA acknowledge and sail ships to comply.  
(F.O. Gib., 291008B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

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Mediterranean.

H.M.C.S.  
ALGONQUIN,  
destroyer.

Intend to sail H.M.C.S. ALGONQUIN at 1600A/30th Sept. to Gibraltar for onward routing to Esquimalt via Panama. N.S.H.Q. 192013 and C. in C. Med. 291051 neither to all refer.

- (3) S.O.A. 15 knots, E.T.A. 0900B/3rd Oct.
- (6) ALGONQUIN acknowledge and sail to comply. (V.A. Malta, 291132 to F.O.G.M.A.)

F.S.  
SENEGALAIS  
for Far East.

- (1) Propose to sail F.S. SENEGALAIS as soon as training is completed to Alexandria for fuelling and embarking lubricant and stores. Request shore firing practice.
- (2) Marine Paris orders following onward trip Port Said and Suez if necessary, Djibouti, Aden, Trincomalee thence Saigon. (3) Request approval. (Almed, 291210A to C. in C. Med., app. 300908A.)

Italian  
warships.  
EMAUUELE FILIBERTO DUCHA  
NICOLDO SO DA

Cancel Med. Stn. 766 B. 835 913 B. Following are now category A ships, all battleships, cruisers. AOSTA, POMPEO MAGNO, REGOLO, destroyers D.A. RECCO, FABRIZI. All others in category B. (C. in C. Med., 291528 to Med. St. E.) See 161503 Feb-46.

SS. EMPIRE  
PATROL  
on fire.

At 1240 EMPIRE PATROL made S.O.S. and reported on fire stem to stern and taking to boats. Position 31.56 N. 32.04 E. shew as carrying 497 Greek refugees of which 210 were women and 208 were children and infants.

- (2) TROUNCER ordered to rescue arrived 1530.

Reported fire out of control, some refugees still on board, many in water.

(3) Other ships sent expected to arrive as follows, tug TITAN, and 4 A.S.R. launches 1800, SS. AFGHANISTAN 2030, KLOCOMMA ? 11 M.F.Vs. and MIAOULES 2230, MERMAID 0100.

(4) All times C, tug TITAN is equipped for fire fighting. (F.O.L.E.M., 291846C to C. in C. Med.) See 301219C.

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East Indies.

CARADOC  
cruiser.

Intend to sail CARADOC from Colombo 24th Oct.  
for Devonport.  
(C. in C. E.I., 291244Z to F.O. Ceylon, CARADOC.)

PROTECTOR,  
net layer  
for U.K.

A.M. 171626 Sept. and S.O.R.N.E. (E) 281705 Sept.  
neither to all. One hours steaming trial at full  
power satisfactorily completed.

(2) R.I.N. Dockyard expect to complete refit on  
Sat. 6th Oct. after which M/F D/F Calibration and  
possibly deperming and D.G. ranging will remain  
to be done.

(3) Intend to embark one third outfit of ammunition only.

(4) Expect to be ready to proceed to U.K. on Friday 19th Oct.  
(PROTECTOR, 291617Z to C. in C. E.I.)

Movements.

Arrived VIVID, RACEHORSE, ROCKET, REDOUBT.  
Departed GLASGOW, JAMAICA.  
(Com. Aden, 291645Z to Admty.)

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North Atlantic.

A.S.R. Stn. 19. Intend to sail KNARESBOROUGH CASTLE 2000A/30th Sept. to A.S.R. position 19 to relieve LANCASTER CASTLE.  
(2) Speed 12 knots, E.T.A. 0700A/3 Oct.  
(3) On relief LANCASTER CASTLE return to Gib.  
(4) KNARESBOROUGH CASTLE acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 301007A to Admty.)

S/M TUDOR. Intend to sail TUDOR 1700A/30 Sept. to Portsmouth.  
(3) Speed 11 knots E.T.A. a.m. 5 Oct.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 301047A to Portsmouth.)

KERSTEN MILES When ready having embarked German officers and ex German ship ratings referred to your 251842B Sept.\* para. 2 you are to return Gibraltar.  
(2) Inform KERSTEN MILES despatch of ocean tug from U.K. will be requested.  
(3) Naval party referred to your 151145 Sept. para. 4 is to be left on board KERSTEN MILES as justification White Ensign being worn and to afford any assistance to Master if so required. You are to instruct officer detailed to inform me immediately through R.O. in the event of any misconduct on part of crew either on board or ashore. Ends.  
R.O. Las Palmas pass to CROCUS.  
(Gibraltar C.C.O., 301325 to CROCUS.)  
\* CROCUS intend sailing 27th with KERSTEN MILES.

South Atlantic.

A.F.D. 31. Intend sailing REWARD, GROWLER, with A.F.D. 31 in tow Oct. 5th in accordance with A.M. 251818 August and C. in C. S.At. 101214 not to C.S. Durban. My 271151 also refers.  
(Commodore i/c Durban, 301031 to Admty.)

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Mediterranean.

- F.S. Approved your 291210. So far as Med. Station is concerned shore firing practice will be carried out at Malta.  
SENEGALAIS, for Far East. (C. in C. Med., 300908A to Almed.)
- AVONVALE, Intend to sail AVONVALE at 1500A/1st Oct. to destroyer. Gibraltar for onward routing to U.K. C. in C. Med's 151515 not to all refers. Routed Q.B.B. 123 (C) and basis westbound route to position 89 thence to destination as safe navigation permits.  
(3) S.O.A. 15 knots, E.T.A. 1100B.  
(6) AVONVALE acknowledge and sail to comply. (V.A.M., 301023 to F.O.G.M.A.)
- A.H.S. 36 A.H.S. 36 which sailed from Alexandria 22nd Sept. overdue. was due Rhodes on 25th Sept. and is now five days overdue. Winds on her route up to 25th Sept. were variable in direction, light to moderate. Since then, winds are thought not to have exceeded force five.  
(2) Air search was arranged on 29th Sept. as soon as information was received that craft was overdue. Result negative. All H.M. ships and merchant vessels in area have been warned. Further air search has been arranged.  
(3) A.H.S. 36 was carrying 49 Royal Naval ratings in addition to Greek crew of 6.  
(F.O.L.E.M., 301137C to C. in C. Med.)
- F.S. QUERCY. Sailed at 1930C/1st Oct. and proceed to Port Said by basic eastbound route.  
(2) Speed 13 knots. (3) E.T.A., Port Said 0700C/2nd Oct.  
(F.O.L.E.M., 301157C to F.S. QUERCY.)
- SS. EMPIRE My 291846. Known survivors 489 of which TROUNCER PATROL has 402. Possible some more are in Sardine Fleet on fire. which was in vicinity.  
(2) On board at time 497 refugees, 12 Greek Sacred Regiment, 4 U.N.R.R.A., 49 crew. Total 562.  
(3) Situation regarding fire not known by MERMAID and tug JAMES E. HUGHES standing by with ship completely abandoned. Fire-float MYRLAND and tug BRIGAND proceeding to assist.  
(4) A.S.R. aircraft Co. operated throughout night with flares after day searches. Aircraft co-operation continuing.  
(5) TROUNCER, DEVONSHIRE and small craft returning to Port Said having carried out further search today Sunday.  
(F.O.L.E.M., 301219C to C. in C. Med.)

/B.Y.M.S. ...

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B.Y.M.S. for Eastern Fleet Intend to sail B.Y.M.S. 2161 (S.O.) 2264 and 2036 at 1800A/1st Oct. to Alexandria for onward routing to Eastern Fleet. F.O.G.M.A., 150922 not to all and my 241121A refers.  
(2) S.O.A. 9 knots, E.T.A. 1700/5th.  
(F.O. Malta, 301601 to F.O.L.E.M.)

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Dispositions C. in C. E.I. 300549 September.  
E.I. Fleet See Lion Copy.

F.S. SUFFREN Intended to sail F.S. SUFFREN at 1500Z 30th  
for F.E. routed north of Socotra 8° channel and coastal to  
Trincomalee.  
(2) E.T.A. 0600Z 6th Oct. S. of A. 18 knots.  
(Com. Aden, 300941Z to C. in C. E.I.)

French ships A.M. 092150 and 221411.  
for F.E. The following ships are expected to leave the  
Mediterranean for Indo-Chinese waters during  
first half of October:-  
F.S. EMILE BERTIN (Flag of Vice Admiral Auboyneau)  
SENEGALAIS, ALGERIEN.  
F.M.M.S.D. 335, D. 351, D. 321, D. 334.  
(2) A paraphrased version of this signal has been passed to  
Marine Paris under T.O.O. 301217A.  
(D.O.D.(F), Approved A.C.N.S., 301145A to C. in C.E.I.)

Movement From Com. Aden.  
Arrived F.S. SUFFREN.  
C. in C. E.I., 302001Z to Admiralty.)



# MESSAGE.

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IN

*Dependent 21. Fleet.*

300549/September

From C. in C. East Indies.

Date. 1.10.45.

Recd. 1415

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P/L BY W/T

To Admiralty, A.C.N.B., C. in C. PAC (ADV and Pearl) C. in C. S.A.,  
Com. 7th Fleet, F.O.L.E.M. V.A. (Q) B.P.F., Com. E.A. F.O.'s East  
Indies St., C. in C. B.P.F., Com. Aden, Trincomalee, Com. (D) East  
Indies Fleet.

NR 4. at Colombo. Ceylon.

STALKER CARRON CAVALIER at Sea Bound Colombo.  
JAMAICA GLASGOW SMITER LARGS ULSTER QUEEN at Trincomalee.  
CLEOPATRA, LONDON, AMELR, ROYALIST, HUNTER, KHEDIVE EMPEROR.  
ATTACKER CALPE, PETARD RELENTLESS, CÆSAR, ROTHERHAM FARNDALE,  
RAPID RAIDER TARTAR at sea bound Trincomalee.  
CHIDDINGFOLD NELSON BLEASDALE at Madras.  
PERSIMON LLANSTEPHAN CASTLE at Sea bound Madras.  
SENTON at Calcutta.  
SANSOVINO at Cochin.  
EMPRESS at Bombay.  
BEGUM at sea bound Bombay.  
CARABINIERE BICESTER BRECON COWDRAY EGGESFORD at Sabang.  
NIGERL. VIRAGO CAPRICE at Penang.  
VOLAGE at Port Swettenham.  
PURSUER BULOLO GLENROY at Singapore.  
PALADIN, BLACKMORE, MYNKS, SAUMAREZ, VIGILANT, VENUS, SAINFOIN,  
TRUMPETER. Singapore area.  
37th 6th 7th M/S Flotillas CAMERLIN CAVENDISH at sea bound  
Singapore.  
GLENGYLE 8th M/S Flotilla at Batavia.  
SUSSEX, CUMBERLAND at sea bound Batavia.  
HINEMSKERCK VAN CALLEN at Samarang.  
TROMP at sea bound Saigon.  
RICHELIEU LE TRIOMPHANT at sea bound Aden.  
NUBLAN PENN at Darwin.  
VERULAM at sea bound Hong Kong.  
TRAFALGAR CAMPERDOWN, ARMADA at sea bound Aden.  
PHOEBE at sea bound U.K.  
ACTIVITY at Kilindini.  
ROBERT'S HOWE at Durban.  
ESKIMO ROEBUCK at sea bound Port Blair.  
ROCKLAND left station.  
R. CHEORSE ROCKET REDOUBT SEARCHER ABERCROMBIE.

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D.C. (2)  
O.D. (9)  
D.T.A.S.W. (3)  
M. (2)  
W.D.

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Far East and Australia

S/Ms  
for U.K.

At 0330Z/3rd October intend to sail THOROUGH to Aden direct and STUBBORN to Colombo both en route U.K.  
(Capt. S.4., 300346Z to C. in C. B.P.F.)