

HOME COMMAND SIGNALS

From 1st July 1945 the War  
Diary for Home Commands was dis-  
continued.

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:-

<del>HOME COMMANDS</del>	<del>Policy</del>
(Classification by subjects where inclusion in an operational area is impracticable).	- 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>	- North Atlantic
(Classification by stations).	- 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 Flot) (1st March 1941).
- (e) Daily Convoy Summary (Report made by Admiralty to Comnav, giving arrivals and departures, with composition of convoy) (21st June 1943).
- (f) Air Staff Operational Summary (prepared by Air Ministry War Room) (1st July 1941, No.222)
- (g) Daily Operations Report for First Lord (prepared by Operations Division, Naval Staff) (13th September 1939).
- (h) List of abbreviations.
- (i) List of Convoy letters.

N.I.D. XIX

6th October, 1945.

War Diary

It is requested that the weekly War Diary supplied to N.I.D. XIX on Wednesday or Thursday of each week, should now be discontinued since the report for which it has been needed is now no longer sent out.

N.I.D. XIX would like to send warmest thanks for the efficiency and promptitude with which the War Diary has been made available for so many weeks.

(Signed) T. RUSSELL

1.10.1945  
Monday

War Diary

SITUATION REPORT

Foreign Station

Mediterranean

C. in C.  
Mediterranean  
operational  
control

At 0001A today C. in C. Mediterranean took over operational control of the area hitherto under the operational control of Vice Admiral Malta.

East Indies

Seychelles  
Naval Base,  
closing  
down of

It is no longer intended to station a tanker at Seychelles. Should fuel be required there in future a tanker will be sailed from Kilindini. There is, therefore, no further requirement for the Naval Base at Seychelles and it is intended to close it down.

Far East and Australia

Flag  
Change

Flag of Rear Admiral C.S. Daniel was struck in ANSON today and Captain A.C.G. Madden assumed command of T.G.112.2. The office of B.S.1 remains in ANSON.

1.10.1945  
Monday

War Diary

FOREIGN STATIONS

North Atlantic

SHALIMAR  
S/M

Intend to sail SHALIMAR 0900A 2nd October to  
Portsmouth.  
(3) Speed 11 knots E.T.A. a.m. 7th October.  
SHALIMAR acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(F.O. Gibraltar, 011048A to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

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1.10.1945  
Monday

FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean

Movement

Arrival - H.M.S. PALOMARES, U.S.S. GENERAL<sup>J.H.</sup> MACRAE.  
(N.O.I.C. Suez, 011054C to Admiralty.)

C. in C.  
Mediterranean  
operation  
controls

At 0001A October 1st C. in C. Mediterranean took over direct operational control of the area hitherto under the operational control of Vice Admiral Malta in addition to the area laid down in Mediterranean Station 752B of 17th July.

(2) Mediterranean Station 767B to 22nd July remained in force.

(3) C. in C. Mediterranean will take over the compilation Warships movements summaries for the Malta area from V.A.M. Mediterranean Station 758B of 19th July and 770B of 25th July refer.

(4) M.S.G.O. 1 is now being amended.

(C. in C. Mediterranean 011118 to Mediterranean Station, Admiralty)

MULLET  
for U.K.

Comar Bizerta.

Sail at 1200A October 2nd to Gibraltar for onward routeing by F.O.G.M.A. to U.K.

(3) S. of A. 9 knots. E.T.A. First Light 7th.

(6) MULLET acknowledge and sail to comply.

(C. in C. Mediterranean, 011122A to MULLET.)

CROOME  
destroyer  
for U.K.

Sail at 1200A October 2nd on completion of swinging to Gibraltar. For onward routeing by F.O.G.M.A. to U.K. My 151515 not to all refers.

(3) S. of A. 15 knots, E.T.A. 0800B 5th.

(6) CROOME acknowledge and sail to comply.

(C. in C. Mediterranean, 011142A to CROOME.)

DEVONSHIRE  
Cruiser,  
trooping.

Sailed DEVONSHIRE at 011900C to Colombo for onward routeing C. in C. Plymouth's 201633A\* September, not to all refers.

(2) E.T.A. 081030Z October S. of A. 20 knots.

(N.O.I.C. Suez, 012118C to Admiralty.)

\*DEVONSHIRE to Port Said for O/R to Sydney.

ENTERPRISE  
trooping

Sailed ENTERPRISE at 2000C/1 to Aden for onward routeing.

(2) 0830Z/4 S. of A. 20.5, knots.

(5) Normal requirements on arrival.

(Suez, 012122C to Admiralty.)

1.10.1945  
Monday

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FOREIGN STATIONS

East Indies

*Seychelles*  
SEYCHELLES

It is no longer intended to station a tanker at Seychelles. Should fuel be required there in future a tanker will be sailed from Kilindini. There is, therefore no further requirement for the Naval Base at Seychelles. Intend F.O. East Africa initiate action to close it down.  
(C. in C. E.I., 010914Z to Admiralty.)

O.21  
Dutch  
S/M  
for Java

Intend sailing H.N.M. Submarine O.21 for Batavia at 1000Z 3rd October.  
(2) S. of A. 12 knots. E.T.A. position (a) 1600Z/9th October.  
(3) 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. N.E.A. pass to C.S.5 and C. in C. Netherlands Forces in East.  
(S/M 4 010925Z to C. in C. E.I.)

TEVIOT

Sailed H.M.S. TEVIOT. My 300620\* refers.  
(N.O.I.C. Rangoon, 011027Z to N.O.I.C. Trincomalee)  
\* Sailing TEVIOT to Trincomalee.

Movement

Arrived F.S. GLOIRE, LOCH INSH.  
(Com. Aden, 011901 to Admiralty.)

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MondayFOREIGN STATIONSAmerica and West IndiesPolicy  
re stores  
and fuel  
U.S. portsRequest directions on policy with regard to stores and fuel to be supplied to H.M. Ships at U.S. Ports. Should supplies be kept to a minimum to normal level.  
(B.A.D., 011548Z to Admiralty.)M.V. HARRIET  
WALTON  
wrecked.M/V HARRIET WALTON (G.T.115) wrecked on Shoal Point Port Au Port September 22nd.  
Vessel total loss.  
(N.S.H.Q., 011720Z to Admiralty.)GIRDLENESS  
for U.K.(a) Departing Esquimalt BC 1900 G.M.T. Wednesday October 3rd, H.M.S. GIRDLENESS maintenance ship.  
(b) Balboa.  
(c) Z expected time of arrival 2200 G.M.T. Oct. 20th for onward routing by Compaseafon to U.K. via Panama Canal Admiralty is requested to signal U.K. destination to Compaseafon.  
(C.O.P.C. 011748Z to Compaseafon, Admiralty.)Far East and AustraliaMinesweeping  
in Hongkong  
area.Commodore Hongkong has assumed responsibilities for Minesweeping the Hongkong area.  
(2) Commander S.P. Herival, is undertaking the duties of Staff Officer Minesweeping on the staff of Commodore Hongkong in addition to his present duties.  
(3) He will conduct the clearance of all coastal waters between 113° 30' and 115° 00' E. including the Canton River.  
(4) Available minesweepers will be allocated to Commodore Hongkong as necessary with due regard to other commitments on the China coast.  
F.O.W.A. B.P.F., 010250 to C.T.G. 111.8.9.)LETITIA  
Hospital  
Ship.My 082356\* After arrival Manila about 15th October Hospital Ship LETITIA is at disposal of C. in C. A.E.P.A.C. for transport of Canadian and other R.A.P.W.I. to North America.  
(2) Comphlseafon pass to S.B.N.O. Leyte.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 010818Z to C. in C. Afpac.)  
\* Not identified in War Registry.



2.10.1945  
Tuesday

War Diary

GENERAL

Government  
statement  
on release  
from Forces.

Admiralty O21852A to All concerne, Home and  
Abroad.  
See Lion Copy.

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*General*  
*Government statement on release*  
*from the Forces.*

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UNCLASSIFIED.

021852A/October.

To: ALL concerned Home and Abroad (A) Date: 2.10.45.  
 502A (B3)

P/L BY W/T.

From: Admiralty.

IMPORTANT.

Not for promulgation before 2230 G.M.T. 2nd October.

Following is text of Government statement on release from the Forces. The original text, including a number of tabular appendices not suitable for signalling, will be promulgated by A.F.O. to be distributed by air to authorities abroad.

General Statement.

1. On 23rd August, the Minister of Labour and National Service stated in the House of Commons that, as a result of rapid survey of the man-power situation made immediately on the termination of the Japanese War, the numbers of men and women released from the Forces this year would be increased from  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a million to about a million. The Minister further stated on 5th September, that the numbers released before the end of the year would be almost 1,100,000 men and women. This represented an increased release of 350,000 - or about 47 per cent - compared with the plans announced before the end of the Japanese War.
2. A review of military requirements in the light of the present position has now been completed. It is the Government's aim to secure the earliest possible return to their homes of the maximum number of men and women, especially having regard to the needs of our civilian and export industries. But it is essential to maintain military forces adequate to meet our national commitments.
3. The Government intends to keep to the principle of release by age and length of service which has been accepted by men and women in the Services as fair and reasonable. The Government has also given its pledge to men and women in the Services to deal equitably between those at home and those overseas. At the time when the original estimate was made of the release of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a million men and women by the end of the year the limiting factor was the extent of our military commitments. The rate of release will now depend mainly upon transport facilities. It is the firm determination of the Government to organise those facilities so as to release at least three million men and women by June 1946. By the end of this year nearly  $1\frac{1}{2}$  million men and women will be released in Classes A and B. Taking into account releases on compassionate grounds, and wastage due to discharge on medical or other grounds, over  $1\frac{1}{2}$  million men and women will have left the services and will be free to take civilian employment. The effect of this new plan is greatly to accelerate the rate of release; in the last three months of the year the average weekly rate of release will be as high as 80,000 or an average of over 11,000 a day for seven days a week.

4. Large Forces are overseas and the return of men with a view to their release in their proper order will place a severe strain on the transport available. The Government will deal with this transport problem with the same urgency and resolution as with an operation of war and every kind of transport, in both ships and aircraft, will be mobilised to achieve the new programme.

Between October, 1945 and May, 1946 the Royal Air Force is scheduled to transport about one million personnel and nearly 250,000 tons of freight. Most of this transport will be over vast distances and is indispensable to the arrangements for release, repatriation and leave in all three Services.

Every Navalship coming home is being filled to capacity with men due to return to this country. Fighting ships are being used to convey personnel, notably aircraft carriers conveying prisoners of war. Also a number of ships are being converted for troop transport purposes. In addition to the demands upon transport for implementing the release scheme, transport is required for:-

- (1) Repatriation of ex-prisoners of war.
  - (2) Repatriation of men whose overseas tour has expired.
  - (3) Repatriation of Dominion and Colonial Forces.
  - (4) Leave.
  - (5) Moves of Occupational Forces.
  - (6) Drafting of replacements.
  - (7) Moves of Allied Forces for Occupational duties in the Far East.
  - (8) Repatriation of civilian and other civilian movement.
5. There appears to be some misunderstanding about the way in which the release scheme works as between the men at home and those overseas. The release groups to be released in a given period are notified to Commands all over the world well in advance of the release dates. A period is laid down for the release of specified groups and arrangements are then made so that all men in those groups, wherever they may be reach a dispersal centre in this country within the prescribed period. Men at home are released in the prescribed period and their release is therefore not held up pending the arrival of those from overseas who may have been delayed by transport difficulties.

#### Class B Releases.

6. The Class B release scheme will continue but it is hoped that the needs of civilian industries and services will largely be met by the additional releases in Class A. For example, in addition to 70,000 workers to be released in Class B for building and ancillary industries it is estimated that 150,000 workers in these industries will be released in Class A by the end of 1945.

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7. The conditions of release in Class B were recently reviewed and the Prime Minister announced in his broadcast on 3rd September that those released in Class B would receive their war gratuity, post-war credit and leave payment as soon as possible after release instead of at the end of the present emergency. The position has been further examined and it has been decided to limit the period for which a man released in Class B is liable to special control over his employment. Under the present arrangements those released in Class B are required to remain for an indefinite period in the employment for which they are released. It has now been decided that men released in Class B should be free from special control at the time when they would have been released if they had waited for their normal turn in Class A, subject to control for a minimum period of six months from the date of their release.
8. Men released in Class B will, save in exceptional circumstances, be placed in work near their homes and, so far as possible, with their previous employer. In every case they will have a right of appeal to a local Appeal Board against the direction to a particular job.

DETAILS OF REVISED PLANS.Total Releases from 18th June, 1945. to 30th June, 1946.

9. For the period from 18th June, 1945. when releases started up to the end of June, 1946, it is estimated that the revised programme will provide for the release of about 3 million men and women.

Releases from 18th June, 1945. to 15th September, 1945.

10. Up to 15th September, 1945. 217,732 men and 77,139 women - a total of 294,871 men and women - had been released in Classes A and B. Of these 12,374 were released in Class B since the middle of July.

Releases from 18th June, 1945. to 31st December, 1945.

11. In the new programme it is estimated that subject to transport facilities about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  million men and women will be released by the end of the year. This is double the figure of  $\frac{3}{4}$  million originally announced and represents an increase of about 400,000 or 37%, over the figure of nearly 1,100,000 announced on 5th September.

Groups to be released from the Royal Navy are as follows:-

MEN

<u>Period</u>	<u>Average age and Service Groups (Class A)</u>
September to December 1945.	19 to 31.
January to June 1946.	31 to 45.

This represents a total of 462,000 men released.

WOMEN.

<u>Period.</u>	<u>Average age and Service Groups (Class A)</u>
September to December 1945.	1 to 35.
January to June 1946.	36 to beyond 50.

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This represents a total of 61,500 women released.

There is considerable variation between the various branches in the level of age and service groups to be released at the respective dates. The age and service group numbers shown in this column show the level up to which, taking the average for the Navy as a whole, dispersals of naval ratings and R.M. other ranks will be in progress. The dispersal of some rating groups will have proceeded beyond these numbers while other branches, in particular the Regulating, Engine Room, Sick Berth and Supply and Secretariat Branches will not reach these levels. In W.R.N.S. ratings the branches where release will be slower are principally the Supply and Secretariat, Administrative, Switchboard operators and M/T drivers.

For officers, the average level is A. and S. Group 20 by December 1945 and 32 by June 1946; but the dispersal of Engineer, Instructor, Supply and Secretariat, and some categories of Warrant Officers will be slower.

The group numbers for release in each Service cannot be kept in exact parallel. A group in one Service may be far larger than a corresponding group in another Service. In each Service the number in one group may far exceed the number in the next group. Also there are differences between the needs of each Service according to their commitments. In all three Services release of individuals may have to be postponed on grounds of military necessity, but this step will be taken only in very exceptional cases and as a last resort. For example, in the interests of safety in air transport it may be essential to retain a certain proportion of experienced personnel.

#### Intake into the Forces.

12. The intakes into the Services which are planned for the period from mid-1945 to the end of the year are 160,000 men and 15,500 women. Of the 160,000 men about 110,000 are youths of eighteen, either in employment or leaving school. The balance of 50,000 of the men will be recruited from munition industries. The women to be recruited are volunteers. This rate of recruitment is necessary to enable the release programme to be carried out.

13. Details of strength of the Royal Navy are as follows -

	<u>18th June 1945</u>	<u>31st December 1945</u>	<u>30th June 1946</u>
Men	772,000	Men 609,500	Men 400,000
W.R.N.S.	73,000	W.R.N.S. 55,500	W.R.N.S. 15,000.

Details of men and women all Services are as follows -

5,136,400	3,842,700	2,232,800
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Figures in the third column will be increased on account of fresh intake in first half of 1946.

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Future Information.

14. A statement will be issued monthly showing the progress of releases, from the Forces. A statement will be issued at a later date showing the changes in numbers in civilian employment.

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for: D. of S.C.  
approved by A.C.N.P.  
(Q.A.M. 753.).

Full Admiralty Distribution.

A.45.  
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War Diary

2.10.1945  
Tuesday

FOREIGN STATIONS

North Atlantic

CARYSFORT  
destroyer  
for E.I.

Intend to sail CARYSFORT 1500A 2nd October to Malta for short work up prior to O/R to E.I. (A.M. 051901B July and 241808A September.)  
(3) Speed 15 knots. E.T.A. 0800A 5th October.  
(5) CARYSFORT acknowledge and sail to comply. (F.O.G.M.A., 020939A to V.A.M.)

South Atlantic

Corvettes  
for U.K.

Intend PEVENSEY CASTLE and LAUNCESTON CASTLE to Gibraltar for onward routeing to U.K. 1800Z Wednesday, 3rd October, Speed 14 knots, E.T.A. 1600Z Tuesday, 9th October. Communications on F.T. Routines changing to Gibraltar broadcast at 2000Z Sunday, 7th, A.M. 232001A September refers. (N.O.I.C. Freetown, 021129Z to F.Gib.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean

STYGIAN  
Gibraltar  
for U.K.

Intend to sail STYGIAN at 1300C/3 to Gibraltar for onward routeing to U.K.  
(3) Speed of Advance 11 knots E.T.A. a.m. 11th October, ship to report confirmed E.T.A. to F.O.G.M.A. 48 hours in advance.  
(S.N.O.R.S., 020945C to F.O.G.M.A.)

LIDDLESDALE  
(Gibraltar  
for U.K.)

Sail at 1600A October 2nd to Gibraltar for onward routeing by F.O.G.M.A. to U.K. My 151515 September not all refers.  
(3) S. of A. 15 knots. E.T.A. 1100A 5th.  
(6) Acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(C. in C. Mediterranean, 011632A to LIDDESDALE).

Force 61

Force 61 is constituted as follows.  
B.Y.M.S.2181 (Junior Officer) 2005, 2236 (?M M S) 196 131.  
(C.C.O. Alexandria, 021844FG to Admiralty.)



2.10.1945  
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FOREIGN STATIONS

East Indies

F.S.GLOIRE Your destination has been changed to Colombo.  
C. in C. E.I. 011134 not to all refers.  
(2) From eight degree Channel proceed direct  
and report E.T.A. Colombo to F.O. Ceylon (R)  
C. in C. E.I.  
(Com. Aden, 020621 to F.S. GLOIRE.)

Destroyers Should it be the intention to pay off, reduce to  
for U.K. reserve, or refit H.M. Ships RACEHORSE, REDOUNT  
refits etc. and ROCKET on arrival in U.K., considerable  
amount of preliminary work could be carried out  
to advantage whilst on passage and before officers  
and key ratings are withdrawn from ships.  
Information is, therefore requested as to intended employment of  
ships in company on arrival Portsmouth 20th October, 1945.  
(RACEHORSE 020707Z to D.11, Com. D. E.I.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

America and West Indies

Operational  
Naval  
Units

Cominch, 022145Z to Admiralty.  
See Lion Copy.

U.S. Ships,  
programme

Propose to route TENNESSEE, CALIFORNIA, six  
destroyers and one Fleet Oiler on following  
approximate schedule arrive Singapore 23rd October,  
depart 25th. Arrive Colombo, Ceylon 29th, depart  
1st November. Arrive Cape Town 13th departing  
16th. Request your concurrence.  
(Cominch, 022337 to Admiralty) Concur, 031820A.

*022 12225 Z Admiralty*

Distribution of this message is to be limited to those officers who are concerned with its contents.

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# TOP SECRET

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

022145Z October

From COMINCH

Date 3.10.45

Recd. 0527

CCM (NAVAL) C. IN C. CONFID.

Addressed: Admiralty,  
Info. COMNAVEU.

Pacific Summary Number 33.

Operational Naval Units.

Southeast Pacific None.

Pacific Coast

WASHINGTON, MARYLAND, SARATOGA, HORNET, BUNKER HILL, CORE, BARNES, SARGENO BAY, WAKE ISLAND, CAPE ESPERANCE, TRENTON, BOISE seven enroute Pearl.

Enroute U.S. IDAHO, NOELH, CAROLINA, NEW MEXICO, MISSISSIPPI, NEW YORK, MISSOURI, ENTERPRISE, RANDOLPH, WASP, RANGER, FANSHAW BAY, LONG ISLAND, SALAMAUA, MONTEREY, BATAAN, LANGLEY, PORTLAND, CONCORD, RICHMOND, 29 DD TEXAS, ARKANSAS, NEVADA, COLORADO, WEST VIRGINIA, SOUTH DAKOTA, ALABAMA, WISCONSIN, IOWA, PETROF BAY, SAGINAW BAY, VELLA GULF, WINDHAM BAY, TULAGI, STEAMER BAY, WHITE PLAINS, SHIPLEY BAY, VICKSBURG, TUCSON, AMSTERDAM, VINCENNE. 8 DD.

South Pacific ACHILLES.

Central Pacific

NEW JERSEY, TENNESSEE, CALIFORNIA, KING GEORGE V ANSON, DUKE OF YORK, ALASKA, IZUAM, YORKTOWN, HANCOCK SHANGRI LA, BOXER, ANTIEDAM, INTREPID, BENNINGTON, LEXINGTON, BON, HOYME RICHARD INDEFATIGABLE, INDOMITABLE, SLINGER, GILBERT ISLANDS, MAKIN ISLAND, CAPE GLOUCESTER, SUWANEE, CHENANGO, LUNGA POINT, HOGGAKN BAY, MATANIKAU, SIBONEY, SANTEE, BLOCK ISLAND, ANZIO, BOUGAINVILLE KITKUN BAY, RUDYERD BAY, SALHDNO BAY, KVUA GULF, MARCUS ISLAND, RULER, CHASER, VINDEK, STRIKER, COWPENS, CABOT BELLEAU WOODS, INDEPENDENCE, COLOSSUS, VENERABLE, VENGEANCE, WIJHITA, BOSTON, QUINCY, ST. PAUL, CHICAGO, CHESTER, PENSAGOLA, SALT LAKE CITY, SAN FRANCISCO, MINNEAPOLIS, NEW ORLEANS, TUSCALOOSA, LOUISVILLE, SHROPSHIRE, EURYALUS, SWIFTSURE, GAMBIA, DETROIT, MONTPELIER, CLEVELAND, DENVER, SANTA FE, BIIOXI, MOBILE, PASADENA, SPRINGFIELD, OILKES, BARRE, TOPEKA, DULUTH, OAKLAND, ATLANTA, DCUTON, OKLAHOMA, SPTY FLINT, SAN JUAN, NASHVILLE, RT. LOUIS, MIAMI, BERMUDA, ARGONAUT, BELFAST, NEWFOUNDLAND 196 DD.

At Pearl / .....

At Pearl TICONDEROGA, CORREGIDOR, MAKASSAR, STRAIT  
TREPOLI, ATTU KWAJALEIUXW get sound  
Baltimore 6 DD.

North Pacific 7 DD

Southwest Pacific VICTORIOUS, FORMIDABLE, IMPLACABLE, COPAHEE,  
KALININ BAY, SITKOH BAY, SPEAKER, ARBITER,  
REAPER, GLORY, BIRMINGHAM, ADELAIDE, HOBART  
21 DD.

Non-operational at sea.

En route Pearl None

En route U.S. None.

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Advance copy D.C. D.O.D.

V.C.N.S.  
A.C.N.S. (0)  
D. Map Room  
D.O.D. (8)  
D.C. (2)  
D.S.O.  
D.D.I.C. (2)  
D.N.I. (4)  
Hd. of M. (2)  
W.D.  
Ad. Blake

NMB/MMB

War Diary

3.10.1945  
Wednesday

SITUATION REPORT

Foreign Stations

South Atlantic

SS. ATLANTA  
CITY  
in collision

SS. ATLANTA CITY (Am. 5886 tons) Baltimore to Buenos Aires reported she was in collision with SS. TORO in lat. 33° 14' S. Long. 51° 49' W. (South of Rio Grande do Sul). One lifeboat with 14 survivors missing.

3.10.1945  
Wednesday

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FOREIGN STATIONS

North Atlantic

A.S.R.  
19 F.O.G.M.A. 301007A September have been relieved by KNARESBOROUGH CASTLE in A.S.R. position 19. E.T.A. Europa Point 1000A Friday 5th. (LANCASTER CASTLE, 030645A to Admiralty, F.O.G.M.A.)

KOOTENAY H.M.C.S. KOOTENAY arrived Ponta Delgada 0900Z 2nd October and departed 2050Z 2nd. S. of A. 20 knots. E.T.A. Halifax p.m. 6th. (S.B.N.O. Azores, 031011Z to Admiralty.)

ALGONQUIN Intend to sail H.M.C.S. ALGONQUIN at 1930A/3rd destroyer October to Trinidad for O/R to Esquimalt via Panama.  
(2) Ship will call at Ponta Delgada for fuel E.T.A. 1400A/6th October.  
(3) Speed 15 knots.  
(5) ALGONQUIN acknowledge and sail to comply. (F.O.G.M.A., 031222A to Azores.)

South Atlantic

SS. ATLANTA Collision lat. 33.14 S., long. 51.49 W. with CITY. SS. TORO. One lifeboat 14 survivors missing. Vessels in vicinity please keep sharp lookout for survivors. We are standing by Master DE KDSW. (ATLANTA CITY, 030302 to Admiralty.)

WASTWATER Intend H.M.S. WASTWATER at 0800Z Monday 1st whaler October to Gibraltar with option to water at Las Palmas. Speed 10 knots. E.T.A. 0800Z Monday 8th October. Ends. (F.O.C.W.A.F., 031016 to F.O.G.M.A.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean

THRASHER  
S/M

Intend to sail THRASHER M from Malta at 1600A 4th October by reverse of standard route L to arrive Gibraltar daylight 8th, October, for onward routeing to U.K.  
(2) Speed 11 knots.  
(Capt. S.L., O31133A to S. and A. in Western Mediterranean etc.)

SCYTHIAN  
S/M

Intend to sail SCYTHIAN at 1600/3 to Alexandria for resting and subsequent onward routeing to U.K.  
(3) S. of A. 10½ knots. E.T.A. 1200/4.  
(S.N.O.R.S., O31531C to F.O.L.E.M.)

ABERCROMBIE  
Monitor for  
U.K.

Intend to sail ABERCROMBIE at 1100C/4 to Alexandria for onward routeing Malta Gibraltar and U.K.  
(3) S. of A. 8 knots. E.T.A. 1100C/5.  
(S.N.O.R.S. O32116C to F.O.L.E.M.)

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East Indies

Movements

Arrived Singapore 2nd October. CAPRICE, VIRAGO, NATAL, L.S.T. 303, L.C.T.451, 1331, 1320, 1240, 1147. EMPIRE PIROU, EMPIRE MADGE, EMPIRE JONATHAN.

Departed Singapore 2nd October. CAVENDISH. F.O. Malaya, 030255Z to C. in C.E.I.)

Re closing down of bases at Bombay area.

A.G.M.151700 paragraph 5 (c). The transit camps in the Bombay area for personnel of age and service groups awaiting passage to U.K. will consist of H.M.S. BRAGANZA, CHEMBUR, MARVE and DEOLALI.

(2) The Landing Craft Base in Sassoon Dock Area will be vacated as soon as convenient:-

- (a) Demands for (?craft), such as A.M. 102155 September, have been met. My 020907 October refers.
  - (b) Remaining craft, together with spares, stores and workshop machinery have been removed to Cochin or otherwise disposed.
  - (3) The reduction in paragraph 2 above will decide the moment when other Bombay establishments, such as L.C.S.P.D.C. MSD (I) V.S.O. etc can be closed down.
  - (4) Estimate date of closing down of establishments in paragraph 3 above is first December, but one governing factor is shipping to lift away stores and craft.
  - (5) Estimated date final evacuation Bombay is first April.
- (C. in C. E.I., 030351Z to Admiralty.) *See 132057 Jan 46*

VIVID  
S/M

Intend to sail VIVID at 1200/3rd routed QBH 1623 to Suez for onward routing to U.K.

(2) E.9 A0400Z/10th S. of A. 8 knots.  
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 030538Z to N.O.I.C. Suez.)

NELSON  
battleship

NELSON leaves Colombo 11th October for U.K. calling Kilindini to adjust complement with HOWE.

(C. in C. E.I.S. 030614Z to Admiralty.)



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America and West Indies

H.M.C.S.  
ALGONQUIN  
destroyer  
programme

Following is intended programme to comply with N.S.H.Q.'s 192013 September not to all.

<u>Arrival</u>	<u>Port</u>	<u>Sail</u>
-	Gibraltar	1900 October 3rd.
1300 October 6th	Ponta Delgada	1900 October 6th
	Azores	
p.m. October 13th	Trinidad (Paint Ship Fuel)	1830 October 16th
p.m. October 19th	Colon	a.m. October 20th
-	Transit Panama Canal	October 20th Bean
p.m. October 20th	Balboa (Fuel)	2100 October 21st
p.m. October 25th	Acapulco (Fuel)	2100 October 26th
p.m. October 31st	San Francisco (Fuel)	2100 November 1st
p.m. November 3rd	Esquimalt	-

All times quoted are G.M.T.  
(2) Request fuelling arrangements may be made with Mexican authorities.  
(ALGONQUIN, 031318Z to N.S.H.Q., Ottawa.)

UNSEEN  
S/M  
training  
return to  
R.N.

Departure a.m. October 3rd - H.M.S. M. UNSEEN to Clyde. Speed 9 knots. E.T.A. 14th October. My 021601Z not to all refers.  
(Captain, D. Halifax, 031757Z to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa.)

Far East and Australia

Change of  
Boundary  
of South-  
west Pacific  
Area.

Boundary of S.W.P.A. modified as follows, effective 0300Z (G.C.T.) 2nd September. That portion of S.W.P.A. south of line Indo-China Coast at 16.00 N. to 07.40 N. 116.00 E. thence along the 1939 boundary line of the Philippines to 05.00 N. 127.00 E. thence 05.00 N. 130.00 E. to equator at 130.00 E. to equator at 140.00 E. to 02.20 S. 146.00 E. to 02.20 S. 159.00 E. thence south, is transferred to British Empire control. Temporarily, however, the former boundaries established for the control of shipping in S.W.P.A. and adjacent commands remain unchanged. (Cincpac. 030340 to Alpac.)

Dispositions  
signal No.32

C. in C. B.P.F. 030810Z to Admiralty A.C.N.B.  
See Lion Copy.

/B.P.F. ...

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030810Z Oct.

Date 3.10.45

Received 1950

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

C.C.M. NAVAL GEN. C.

Addressed: Admiralty A.C.N.B.

Info. N.Z.N.B., N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, V.A.Q. C. in C. E. I.  
F.O.I.C. Sydney, B.A.D. Washington, SBNLO Philippines,  
B.N.L.O. Subic Cmn. Hong Kong, B.N.L.O. Leyte Fowabrit  
pacflt. SENO Manus.

Disposition signal number 32.

(A) At Tokyo.

SWIFTSURE, QUICKMATCH, NAPAL, WIZARD, WESSEX, MANXMAN, SERBOL,  
CARELIA, FORT PROVIDENCE.

(B) At sea bound Tokyo.

ACHILLES, ULYSSES, VACPORT.

(C) Wakayama.

GAMBLA.

(D) At Okinawa.

VASNA, NORMAN.

(E) At Tsingtao.

BERMUDA.

(F) At Shanghai.

BELFAST, ARGONAUT, URSA, TYRLAN, TUSCAN, TUMULT, PLYM, REDPOLE,  
WIDEMOUTH BAY, BLACK SWAN, ALAGRITY HIND GLENEARN GUARDIAN.  
SAN AMADO, CEDERDALE.

(G) At sea bound Shanghai.

BROWN RANGER.

(H) At Hong Kong.

ANSON, INDOMITABLE, VENERABLE, VENGEANCE, SLINGER, ONTARIO,  
QUEENBOROUGH, CAMPERDOWN, TRAFALGAR, ARMADA, KEMPENFELT, WAGER,  
WHELP, WHIRLWIND, SIDON, SPEARHEAD, SCOTSMAN, BERRY HEAD,  
FLAMBOROUGH HEAD, ENCHANTRESS, WOODCOCK, WHIMBREL, HART, AMETHYST,  
PARRETT, FINDHORN, BARLE, ODZAN, DERG, HELFORD, KELANTAN, BALLARAT,

/MARYBOROUGH...

MARYBOROUGH, BURNIE, TOOWOOMBA, BENDIGO, GOULBOURN, GERALDTON, GAWLER, CESSNOCK, WOLLONGONG, PIRIE, LAUNCESTON, MILDURA, BATHURST, CASTLEMAINE, BROOM, FREEMANTLE, STRAHAN WATER, STOWELL, MONTCLARE. ARTIFEX, RESOURCE, DILLIGENCE, PIONEER, DEERSOUND, LANCASHIRE, AORANGI, SAN AMBROSIO, WAVE EMPEROR, WAVE GOVERNOR, OLNA, GREEN RANGER, RAPIDOL, IERE, GOLDEN MEADOW, DARST CREEK, SEVEN SISTERS, BACHUS, GERUSALEMME, PORT COLVILLE, DARVEL, THYRAS, PRINCE DE LIEGE, HERMELIN, PRINCESS MARIA PIA, KHETI, CITY OF DIEPPE, FORT CONSTANTINE, GLENARTNEY, MARUDU, SALVESTOR, SALVICTOR, KING SALVOR, SPRINGDALE, INTEGRITY, EMPIRE SAM, EMPIRE JOSPHINE?, AWRE?,

(J) At sea bound Hong Kong.

ARBITER, ERNE, WAVE KING, LARIAT, CAIRNS, FORT CHARLOTTE.

(K) At Manila.

SPEAKER, FORMIDABLE.

(L) At sea bound Manila.

COLOSSIS, GLORY.

(M) At Brunei.

USK.

(N) At Manus.

STRIKER, REAPER, LOTHIAN, FERNMOOR, BARBAIN, ASSISTANCE, ARNDALE, MARSE, MAERSK, EAGLESDALE, WAVE REGENT, LOMANOVIA, EDNA, ROBERT MAERSK, CORINDA, KISTNA, SANANDRES, CHEERLY, ARD 18, ARD 20, BONADVENTURE.

(O) At sea bound Manus.

BLACK PRINCE, WRANGLER, WAKEFUL, PHEASANT, CRANE, ARIADNE, UNICORN WAVE MONARCH, OXFORDSHIRE, EMPIRE CLYDE, FORT LANGLEY, KOLA, JAARSTROOM, ROCKWING,

(P) At Townsville.

KALGORLIE defects AIMWELL.

(Q) At Brisbane.

LEONIAN, ROCKGLEN, ROCKCLIFFE, refits and repairs AVON, BYMS 2064, 2153, DINGLEDALE, EMPIRE CREST.

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(R) At Sydney.

KING GEORGE V, RULER, CHASER, VINDEK, TYNE, TROUBRIDGE, TENACIOUS, TERMIDENT, TERPISCHORE, TEAZER, VORACIOUS, VOD, VIRTUE, APOLLO, IPSWICH, AROHA, LEWES, BARTHORPE, BULLISK COVE, HERON, PACHECO, GUDRON, MAERSK, FORT EDMONTON, FORT DR VEGAN, FORT WRANGLE, BOSPHORUS, SLESVIG, ADVANTAGE, ROCKMONT, refits and repairs INDEFATIGABLE, EURYELUS, GRENVILLE, URANIA, STAGPOOL, WEAZEL, AFD 17.

(S) At sea bound Sydney.

DUKE OF YORK, NEWFOUNDLAND, QUALITY, QUADRANT, QUIBERON, NIZAM, BARFLEUR, RAME HEAD, SAN ADOLFO.

(T) At Auckland.

Refit UNDAUNTED.

(U) At sea bound Auckland.

ARMATUS, TITJALENGKA.

(V) At sea bound Wellington.

MAUNGANUI.

(W) At Melbourne.

NAPIER, UNDINE, refit URCHIN.

(X) At Esperence Bay.

TIPTOE.

(Y) At Fremantle.

ADAMANT, THOROUGH, TURPIN, TOTEM, STUBBORN, TAPIR, MAIDSTONE.

(Z) At sea bound Fremantle.

THULE, TRUMP, TACITURN, TABRUS?.

(1) At sea bound Esquimalt.

IMPLACABLE.

(2) Left B.P.F.

(A) For U.K.

VICTORIOUS.

/(B)...

(B) For Nei.

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(C) To A.C.N.B.

LISMORE, WIIYAU, TAMWORTH.

(D) For Canada.

PRINCE ROBERT.

(3) Radio Manila pass to Comphilseafon for S.B.N.L.O. Phillippines.

(4) Radio Leyte pass to B.N.L.O. Leyte.

(5) Radio Olongapo pass in plain language to B.N.L.O. Subic.

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Advance copies D.C.,O.D.

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1st Lord.  
1st S.L.(3).  
D.F.S.L.  
Contr.  
Vice Contr.  
4th S.L.  
5th S.L.  
V.C.N.S.  
A.C.N.S.(0)  
A.C.N.S.(W)  
A.C.N.S.(A)(2).  
O.D.(9).  
Vice Contr.(Air).  
D.C.(2).  
O.I.C.(2).  
D.of.P.(3).  
D.of.P.(Q)(3).  
M.(2).  
N.A.Mails.  
N.A.2nd S.L.(OD).  
D.M.S.(2).  
D.T.A.S.W.(2).  
D.T.S.D.  
D.C.O.D.(7).

D.C.O.D.(5).  
D.S.O.  
D.Map Room.  
D.G.D.(2).  
Air,  
D.N.A.O.(2)  
D.A.E.(4).  
D.A.M.R.(3).  
D.A.C.R.(3)  
D.N.A.R.(3)  
D.A.W.T.  
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Ad.Blake.  
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S.W.R. ) BATH.

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WednesdayFOREIGN STATIONSFar East and Australia - Contd.

B.P.F. From 2200Z 4th October the 11th Aircraft Carrier  
A/C Squadron is abolished and all Fleet and Light  
Squadron Fleet Carriers of the B.P.F. will belong to the  
changes. 1st Aircraft Carrier Squadron.  
(2) Attention is called to 268P 26th August.  
(3) New subject. Flag of Rear Admiral C.S. Daniel  
C.B. was struck in ANSON on 1st October from which  
date Captain A.C.G. Madden assumed command of T.G. 112.2. The  
Office of B.S.1 remains in ANSON.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 030839Z to B.P.F.)

Evacuation of R.A.P.W.I. Shipping Following is recommendation for R.A.P.W.I. personnel shipping after discussion with Lawrence and U.S. in light of S.A.C.S.E.A.'s proposal your reply and your 020010. Signals quoted not to or needed by all. Propose policy signal to S.C.P. from C. in C. B.P.F. on lines of following which is agreeable to U.S. at Manila as far as Manila is concerned. While sympathetic concerning China Coast proposal they feel unable to concur without reference to C.O.M.G.E.N. China. "Following discussion with your representative at Manila it is proposed that the British should undertake the following commitment as their contribution to the evacuation of fit R.A.P.W.I. from P.O.A.

- (a) Evacuation of Manila.
- (2) B.P.F. to provide following lifts in H.M. Ships and in Troopships (AP) presently in this theatre.
  - (a) To North America. IMPLACABLE and GLORY one trip each already in train. Total lift 3600.
  - (b) To Australia CVE SPEAKER one trip. LOTHIAN one trip. FORMIDABLE two trips. Total lift 3600. Plus casual lifts by ferry CVES.
  - (c) To Netherland East Indies. One trip each by IMPLACABLE and GLORY on return from North America. AP HIGHLAND BRIGADE. AP ARAWA and AP MORETON BAY. Total lift 6800.
- (3) The APS in paragraph 2C will start from Australia and one would collect the 500 Dutch and Indians from Palau. Other APS and FORMIDABLE could lift U.S. personnel from Australia to Manila. APS would all go on to S.E.A.C. area from N.E.I. carrying through such R.A.P.W.I. from Manila as space permits.
- (4) C. in C. Afpac's representative at Manila agrees with above.
  - (b) China Coast.
- (5) As majority of R.A.P.W.I. remaining on China Coast are British Civilians, it is proposed that arrangements be made for responsibility for evacuation of all remaining British on China Coast to be delegated to F.O.W.A. B.P.F. action on behalf of C. in C. B.P.F. and in concert with S.A.C.S.E.A.
- (6) If you approve this proposal movement to U.K. would be westward via Malacca Strait. F.O.W.A. would be directed to arrange for expected small number on China Coast who will have destination in America to be sent to Manila by prior arrangement with U.S. Authorities at Manila through S.B.N.L.O. Also to arrange for collection from Manila of any R.A.P.W.I. for S.E.A.C. and India. Any Australians would be returned via Manila by prior arrangement as above via Singapore or direct as opportunity offers.
- (7) Request your early approval or remarks.
- (8) Proposed allocation of ships follows in separate signal.
- (9) Admiralty pass to War Office DQMG (M).

/B.A.D. ...

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Far East and Australia

Evacuation  
of R.A.P.W.I.  
shipping.  
(Contd.)

B.A.D. pass to DD Mov. (Op) for DP Mov. on arrival  
Washington.  
(10) C. in C. Afpac. Manila and CG Afwespac. have  
by other means Sacsea Admiralty info. via VHC.  
NSS give info. B.A.D. Washington.  
(S.B.N.L.O. Manila, 030850 to C. in C. B.P.F.)

C E DARDALE  
Fleet  
Attendant  
Tanker

(a) Blank.  
(b) and (c) CEDARDALE.  
(d) Shanghai.  
(e) 0300Z/3.  
(f) 9.5 knots.  
(h) SUBIC (1) 0300Z/8.  
(2) Comphilseafron pass to B.N.L.O. Manila.  
(C.T.G.112.5, 031305Z to F.O.C.W.A., B.P.F.)

Destroyer  
for U.K.

Intend to sail D.29 with BICESTER, BRECON,  
COWDRAY, EGGESFORD from Colombo to U.K. on 3rd  
November.  
(S.E. B.P.F., 031933FG to C. in C. E.I. etc.)  
All British and U.S. Warships in Spare Area W.O.2.

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SITUATION REPORT

Foreign Stations

Mediterranean

M/S  
H.D.M.L.1226,  
loss of.

M/S H.D.M.L. 1226 blown up at 1540B today while sweeping in approaches to Alexandroupolis (Turkey - N. of Dardanelles). 3 killed, 3 wounded. Wounded and survivors were landed at Kavalla.

East Indies

Headquarters  
F.O.Air E.I.

Headquarters of Flag Officer Air East Indies is to be transferred to R.N.A. Station Katukurunda during December. All property in Colombo now occupied by Flag Officer is to be relinquished by 31st December.

Far East and Australia

B.P.F.  
A/C  
Squadron  
changes

From 2200Z today the 11th Aircraft Squadron is abolished and all Fleet and Light Fleet Carriers of the B.P.F. will belong to the 1st Aircraft Squadron.



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FOREIGN STATIONS

North Atlantic

LANCER  
A/S Trawler

Intend to sail LANCER 0900A 5th October to Plymouth.  
(3) Speed 11 Q'2 knots E.T.A. a.m. 9th October.  
(7) LANCER acknowledge and sail to comply.  
F.O.G.M.A., 041447A to C. in C. Plymouth, LANCER.)

LOCH ACHRAY  
frigate

Intend to sail LOCH ACHRAY 0900A 5th October to Port Said for onward routeing to Colombo.  
(3) Speed 12 knots E.T.A. a.m. 12th October.  
(5) LOCH ACHRAY acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 041607A to F.O.L.E.M.)

South Atlantic

Movement

H.M.S.A.S. GOOD HOPE and H.M.S. IMHOFF arrived.  
(Commodore Durban, 040751Z to Admiralty.)

Movement

Departures H.M. Ships October 3rd, H.M.S. PEVENSEY CASTLE, H.M.S. LAUNCESTON CASTLE. Proceeding to Gibraltar for onward routeing to Plymouth.  
(S.O.(I) Freetown, 041158 to Admiralty.)

U.D.F.  
Official  
War History

Union Government now preparing official U.D.F. War History of which S.A.N.F. will form separate part. Union official records contain material giving details of specific participation of individual S.A.N.F. vessels but lack broader strategical and operational background.

(2) It would be appreciated if I could be informed as to what progress has been made in London in preparation official history of war.

(3) Depending on reply to paragraph two, I would recommend that appropriate S.A.N.F. or U.D.F. Officer be permitted to visit Admiralty with a view to obtaining necessary background material.

(C. in C. S.A. 041559 to Admiralty.)

<sup>reply</sup>  
See 251806.

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FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean

Syrian  
Government

Government Syria resigned on 29th September.  
New Government formed 30th September under  
Saadullah Jabri as Prime Minister.  
(C. in C. M.E., 040800C to W.O.)

F.S. QUERCY

Sailed F.S. QUERCY at 1830/3 to Djibouti for  
onward routing to Colombo. Q.B.H. 1623  
Djibouti Approach then 8° channel to Colombo.  
(2) E.T.A. daylight 12th October, S. of A. 15  
knots. Comar Djibouti is requested to signal E.T.A. to F.O.  
Colombo.  
(N.O.I.C. Suez, 041200C to Admiralty.)

Destroyers  
for U.K.

Arrival H.M.S. ROCKET, REDOUBT, RACEHORSE.  
(N.O.I.C. Suez, 041202C to Admiralty.)

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Operation "Popcorn" (Andamans and Nicobars) Operation "Popcorn". C.B.S. Sailed EMPIRE CAPULET (Commodore) FORT RICHELIEU, SAMVANNAH, 0630Z 3rd. Speed  $8\frac{1}{2}$  knots. E.T.A. 0030Z 7th. Routed in accordance with C. in C. E.I.'s 170635 R.D. Group U.T. repetition U.T. (N.C.S.O. Calcutta, 040234Z to Admiralty).

Cable repair ship CABLE ENTERPRISE arrived Cocos 28th September. (N.C.S.O. Colombo, 040350Z to Admiralty.)

H.M.I. ships GODAVARI and CAUVERY re occupation Japan. Armindia telegram quoted in your 010559 to Fierin is being passed to you. (2) Intend to sail H.M.I. Ships GODAVARI and CAUVERY about 10th October from Bombay for Singapore. Request that on arrival you will take them under your orders for employment in the first instance as proposed in your 040839 September and subsequently in accordance with any arrangement made as a result of Armindia's 94755 11th September not to F.O. Bombay. (N.H.Q. India, 040503Z to C. in C. B.P.F.)

Headquarters F.O. Air E.I. Headquarters of Flag Officer Air East Indies is to be transferred to Royal Naval Air Station Katukurunda during December, 1945. (2) C.O. of Katukurunda is requested to draw up a detailed plan for the move. (3) All property in Colombo now occupied by Flag Officer Air is to be relinquished by December 31st 1945. (F.O. Air, E.I., 040605 to R.N.A.S. Katukurunda.)

Frigate WIDEMOUTH BAY. Arrived Shanghai WIDEMOUTH BAY. (C.T.G.111.3, 040800Z to F.O. West Area B.P.F.)

PHOEBE (Cruiser) Intend to sail PHOEBE at 1000Z/4th to Suez for onward routeing to U.K. (N.O.I.C. Aden, 040801Z to N.O.I.C. Suez.)

F.S. SOMALI Destroyer Escort Intend to sail F.S.SOMALI at 1500Z/4 routed North of Socotra and 8° Channel to Colombo. (2) E.T.A. 0530Z/10 S. of A. 16 knots. (N.O.I.C. Aden, 040817Z to C. in C. E.I.)

HONESTY Corvette Intend to sail HONESTY alone 430Z/4th routed Q to Suez for onward routeing to U.K. (N.O.I.C. Aden, 040833Z to N.O.I.C. Suez.)

Movements Arrived PHOEBE, ENTERPRISE, HONESTY, GRIPER tow(?) WLC 254 F.S. SOMALI. (N.O.I.C. Aden, 041025 to Admiralty etc.)

/Sitrep...

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East Indies - Contd.

Sitrep 1430 Ops. cipher October 4th. Secret.  
628 First. Burma. Tenasserim Coast. 1 Sikh LI  
Liaison visit Moulmein from Amherst.  
Second. Malaya. 14th Army. Total personnel  
disarmed now Naval 23,000, Army 75,724.  
Third. Java. 15 Corps. Situation Batavia quiet except  
some looting. Situation Bandoeng obscure but reported  
Indonesians have taken control out of Japanese hands by force  
and have opened fire on R.A.P.W.I. Japanese also report  
they have suffered casualties.  
Fourth. Siam. Nothing to report.  
Fifth. F.I.C. First meeting between French and Annamite  
R.E.P.S. took place 3rd October. The next meeting will be 6th  
October Armistice continues.  
(Alfsea, 041115 to W.O.)

Movements Sailed ENTERPRISE, KALAVATI, LOCH INSH, SIGFRA,  
M.M./S.300 M.F.V.1175, 1561, 1056, 1143, 1511,  
1096, 1131, 1112.  
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 041933C to N.O.I.C. Karachi.)

*Ships for U.K.* Sailed PHOEBE & HONESTY. Thy 040801 & 040833  
*refer.*  
(Com: Aden 041930C. to N.O.I.C. Suez.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

America and West Indies

Strategic bombing survey. (Japan) British contingent

British contingent to collaborate in investigation of bombing effects on Japan conducted by United States Strategic Bombing Survey, will leave for Washington within next ten days. Total numbers will not exceed 20. Exact composition of party and date of departure will be notified shortly.

(2) It is possible that certain of the British members may obtain all the information they require from records held in Washington in which case they could then return to U.K., remainder proceeding to Japan. These details can, however be arranged between Mr. Franklin D' Olier and Professor Thomas who is head of British contingent.

(3) Arrangements are being made for British personnel to be in uniform.  
(A.M. Whitehall, 040958Z to Rafdel Washington.)

SS. MOSLI tanker

MOSLI reported overdue at Curacao. Request info.  
(Cominch C. and R., 041526 to Admiralty.)

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Far East and Australia

A.F.D.18 for Hongkong.

Reference C. in C. B.P.F.'s 250735\* August and Admiralty's 241428+ August (not to all). Propose to make arrangements to tow A.F.D.18 to Hongkong as soon as possible. S.B.N.O. Manus is requested to state when Dock will be ready and to confirm that the additional moorings requested in Artifex 9 311230 August (not to all) have been supplied, also to report whether Tugs SHEERLY and ROCKWING are suitable for towing Dock to Hongkong.  
(F.O.W.A. B.P.F., 040050 to C. in C. B.P.F.)

PLYM frigate

(a) Blank. (b) and (c) PLYM. (d) Shanghai.  
(e) 0200Z/3. (f) 12 knots. (g) Route as in my 031035. (h) Hongkong. (i) 0800Z/7.  
(C.T.G.3,112, 040800 to F.O.W.A., B.P.F.)

/British...

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Far East and Australia - Contd.

British  
Troop H.Q.  
in China.

Following from Chiefs of Staff.

(1) We have given consideration to the future of Headquarters British Troops in China and the various organisations under control.

(2) General Carton de Wiart is returning to China shortly to examine and report to us on this matter. He is fully aware of our preliminary views.

(Cabinet Offices, 041900Z to G.O.C. British Troops in China.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

North Atlantic

S/M  
STATESMAN

Intend to sail STATESMAN 1900A 5th October to Portsmouth.  
(3) Speed 11 knots, E.T.A. p.m. 9th October.  
(7) STATESMAN acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 051030A to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

Destroyers  
for U.K.

Intend to sail D.22 LIDDESDALE with CROOME and AVONVALE in company at 0930A 6th October to home ports (C. in C. Mediterranean's 151515\* September, not to all, refers).  
Routed as safe navigation permits. Speed 15

knots.

LIDDESDALE is to part company as ordered by D.22 and proceed by current swept channels to Sheerness. E.T.A. a.m. 10th October, CROOME and AVONVALE proceed to Plymouth, E.T.A. 0730 9th October.

(7) D.22 is to signal weather report in accordance with C. in C. Plymouth's 291148 September (not to all).

(9) D.22 acknowledge and sail ships to comply.

(F.O. Gibraltar, 051744A to C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C. Nore, Capt. (D) 22.)

\* HUNT class destroyers being retained on Mediterranean Stations. Others to return to U.K. to reduce to reserve category B.

South Atlantic

KENILWORTH  
CASTLE  
for U.K.

Intend KENILWORTH CASTLE at 1800Z Saturday, 6th October, to Dakar, speed 14 knots, E.T.A. 0700 Monday 8th. Sailing from Dakar at 1800Z Monday 8th to Gibraltar for onward routing to U.K., speed 14 knots, E.T.A. 0700Z Saturday, 13th. (N.O.I.C. Freetown, 051009 to F.O.G.M.A.)

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TRIDENT

Intend to sail TRIDENT at 1900C/5 to Alexandria for resting and subsequent onward routeing Gibraltar and U.K.  
(3) S. of A.  $11\frac{1}{2}$  knots. E.T.A. noon C.6.  
(S.N.O.R.S., 051045C to F.O.L.E.M.)

Destroyers  
from E.I.  
for U.K.

Intend to sail RACEHORSE (S.O.) ROCKET and REDOUBT at 0800C/6 to Malta for onward routeing Gibraltar and U.K.  
(3) S. of A. 13.5 knots. E.T.A. 1000C/9.  
(S.N.O. Port Said, 051101 to C. in C. Mediterranean)

A. H. S. 36

My 301137 September and 011820 not to all continued air and surface search of likely areas have failed to find any trace of A. H. S. 36. As the vessel is now 10 days overdue at Rhodes regret she must be considered lost.  
(2) Besides 6 Greek crew vessel was carrying 49 British Naval ratings. Necessary casualty reporting action for British ratings is being taken.  
(3) Board of Enquiry will be convened.  
(F.O.L.E.M., 051113C to C. in C. Mediterranean)  
See 061217C to C. in C. Mediterranean.

OAKLEY  
destroyer

Sail at 1030A October 6th to Gibraltar for onward routeing by F.O.G.M.A. to U.K., my 151515 September refers.  
(3) S. of A. 15 knots, adjusted to arrive first light 9th.  
(5) Acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(C. in C. Mediterranean, 051136 to OAKLEY.)

Landing Ship  
and Craft  
in Mediterr-  
anean.

When Commander in Chief Mediterranean's 141222 July - Admiralty Message 202314 August also refers, was made, it was not anticipated that the political situation subsequent to the cessation of hostilities would be such as to render possible demands for the Army for extensive troop movements to widely separated areas of the Mediterranean. This possibility is now approaching probability and accordingly Authorities urgently requested.  
(a) To retain in full commission the four L.S.T. and four L.C.I. (L) and  
(b) to retain H.M.S. THRUSTER in the Mediterranean as a relief. Further T.124 crew being sent forthwith if replacement is essential.  
(2) These vessels would require to be manned with full engine-room complement but officer and seamen complement would be reduced to minimum necessary for steaming and manning a proportion of the armament.  
(3) In view of L.S.T.2 being of lease lend origin it would be of advantage if these could be replaced by L.S.T.3 of equivalent L.S.T. as the latter become available.  
(C. in C. Med., Naples, 051138A to Admiralty.) *su 231941*



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Mediterranean

H.D.M.L.  
1226,  
loss of.

Regret to report M/S H.D.M.L.1226 blown up at 1540B on the 4th October while sweeping in approaches to Alexandroupolis.  
(2) Details will be signalled when available.  
(S.B.N.O. Greece, 051217B to F.O.L.E.M.)

Submarines  
for U.K.

Intend to sail TORBAY and SUBTLE from Malta at 1100A 7th October to arrive Gibraltar daylight 11th for onward routeing to Portsmouth.  
(3) Speed TORBAY 11 knots. SUBTLE, 10.5.  
(Capt. S/M 1, 051515 to S.&A. concerned.)

Following information collated from Greek sources.

No further details yet received.

(2) At 1700B 4th October M.M.S./H.D.M.L.1226 mined and sunk in position 166° Alexandroupolis Light 3 miles.

(3) Killed or missing believed killed 3 wounded, 3 survivors unhurt First Lieut. and five ratings.

(4) Wounded and survivors landed Kavalla 0330 5th October by M.L.348 with Doctor on board.

(S.B.N.O. Greece, 051615B to F.O.L.E.M.)

SPRAGGE  
Mobile  
generating  
station for  
Hongkong.

Sailed SPRAGGE at 0800C/5th, to Aden for onward routeing.

(2) E.T.A. 0600Z/7th S. of A. 14 knots.  
(N.O.I.C. Suez, 051244 to Admiralty.)

S/Ms for  
F.E.

Sailed TRUNCHEON and TIRELESS routed to Aden.

(2) E.T.A. 0400Z/10th. S. of A. 12 knots.  
(N.O.I.C. Suez, 051950C to Admiralty.)

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HIGHWAY  
L.S.D. Departures HIGHWAY in accordance with my  
040458 (not identified) not to all addressees.  
E.T.A. Singapore 0830Z/12th.  
(F.O. Bombay, 050954Z to Admiralty.)

Sitrep 076470. 1439 Ops. Cipher 5th October. Secret.  
629 First. Burma. Tenasserim Coast.  
(Extract) Second. Malaya. Fourteen Army. Main H.Q.  
Fourteenth Army unloading Singapore 3rd October,  
Total personnel disarmed Japanese Army 76,085.  
Air Force 2,637. 5 Div. Mersing VK 8446 and  
Endau VK 5873 occupied by 1 Madras. 15 Corps. Main H.Q. 15  
Corps closes Singapore 2359 hrs. 6th October re-opens Batavia  
upon arrival. 26 Div. Main H.Q. 26 Div. embarked on  
PERSIMMON 1630 hrs. 4th October.  
Third. Java. N. t.r.  
Fourth. Siam. All dumps Bangkok area guarded by Siamese  
Force. Night 1/2 October Siamese Dacoits raided number 2  
Conc Area Arms Dump. Night 2/3 October Dacoits raided number 1  
Conc Area. Three Japanese killed, one wounded. Siamese  
investigating. Total Japanese disarmed Army 79,802, Navy and  
Air Force no change. Total Japanese conc. to 3rd October  
Chiengmai 4,880, Lampang 6,709, Nakon Sawan 1,748, Banpong  
9,000, Nakon Pathon no report Lopburi 8,253, Saraburi 4,373,  
Nakon Nayok 15,129, Ubon 1,567.  
Fifth. F.I.C. All quiet in Saigon.  
(H.Q. Alfsea, 051055FG to War Office.)

PALOMARES Intend to sail PALOMARES at 0800C/6 to Gibraltar  
Fighter for onward routeing U.K.  
Direction (3) S. of A. 10 knots. E.T.A. a.m./14.  
ship for (4) Ship to report confirmed E.T.A. when known  
U.K. direct to F.O.G.M.A.  
(S.N.O.P.G. 051145C to F.O.G.M.A.)

Closing A.M. 260743 September states intention of sending  
down of further 52 Major L.C. to S.E.A.C. This is in  
L.C. Bases addition to the 40 craft of the R.I.N. L.C.T.  
in India. Squadron. The First flight of which is now on  
passage from Canal Area. N.O.I.C. Suez  
011322 refers.  
(2) L.C.T. of R.I.N. Squadron may arrive in  
India with ramp doors welded and buoyancy barrels in position  
but it is not intended to carry out any work other than that of  
a "Patch and proceed" nature similar to that indicated in my  
021747 relating to Flight "Q".  
(3) If any work other than "Patch and Proceed" is to be  
carried out on these craft the closing down of L.C. Bases in  
India must be delayed. My 170459 September also refers.  
(4) Stores and spare gear for the Major L.C. mentioned in  
paragraph 2 of A.M. 151700 September will be earmarked for  
forward shipment as required.  
(5) Request confirmation at an early date that accommodation  
facilities will not be required in India for reducing C. and M.  
the 135 major L.C. referred to in reference quoted in paragraph  
4 above.  
(6) Signal references not to all.  
(S.O.R.N.E.I., 051155Z to C. in C. E.I.S.)

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East Indies - Contd.

R.M.Es.  
for  
Malaya

In view of shortage of Army Engineer manpower in South East Asia A.L.F.S.E.A. request consideration may be given to employment of Royal Marine Engineer referred to in V.A.(Q) (B.P.F. 170131 September for Army works in Malaya. (2) In event of approval being given request they may be sent to Singapore. V.A.(Q) B.P.F. is requested to inform A.L.F.S.E.A. of equipment deficiencies and any requirements for Army sources. (S.A.C. S.E.A., 051815Z to Admiralty.) See V.A.(Q) 070036Z to Admiralty.

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FOREIGN STATIONS

Far East and Australia

Netherlands  
Government  
Officials  
for Batavia

Request has been received from Netherlands Navy for Hired Transport ANDES to be diverted to Batavia to land 283 Netherlands Government Officials urgently required Batavia. If you consider diversion warranted request you take necessary action, vessel sailed Port Said 30th September. E.T.A. Melbourne 17th October thence Wellington.  
(A.C.N.B., 050203 to S.A.C.S.E.A.)  
See P.S.T.O.S.E.A.C., 061351Z to M. of W.T.

R.A.P.W.I.  
Sitrep  
No. 4  
dated 3rd  
October.

1945 refer my 280158\*.  
(2) Hongkong. Remaining after departure HIGHLAND MONARCH, TAKLIWA and TAIREA, P.O.W. 11 Australian, 4 New Zealand, 14 British, 95 Dutch. Internees 85 British and Canadian, 112 Australian, 225 American, 73 Miscellaneous.  
(3) Shanghai Area. No further information.  
(4) Shantung Area. No change.  
(5) Korea evacuation completed.  
(6) Manchuria. No further information.  
(7) Manila P.O.W. 4470 British, 1982 Australian, 26 New Zealand, 157 Canadians, 277 Asiatics. Internees 59 British, 1 Australian, 159 Asiatics. In hospital included in above 458 British, 47 Australian, 37 Canadian. Dutch P. of W. 6971 including 135 sick internees 45.  
(8) Okinawa. Evacuation complete except for about 60 sick British Commonwealth.  
(9) Palau. No change.  
(10) Macassar and Kuching. No further information.  
(11) Comphilseafron pass to S.B.N.L.O.  
(C. in C. B.P.F. 050623Z to Admiralty, N.Z.N.B. Wellington.)  
\* R.A.P.W.I. Sitrep No. 3 evacuation details.

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Relief

Intend to sail ST. AUSTELL BAY 1800A 6th Oct. to A.S.R. station 20.  
Speed 14 knots. E.T.A. 0800A 8th Oct.  
(3) On relief CAISTOR CASTLE return to Gibraltar.  
(4) ST. AUSTELL BAY acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 061115A to Admiralty.)

Ex-German  
M/V  
KERSTEN  
MILES  
for U.K.

Ex. German Merchant Ships KERSTEN MILES now in Las Palmas under White Ensign with British Merchant Ship crew on board is ready for towage to U.K. H.M.RT. BUSTLER arriving for this purpose about 12th October probable of speed in fair weather about 5 knots.  
(2) Intend KENILWORTH CASTLE escort tow to U.K.  
(3) On leaving Dakar you are to proceed to

Las Palmas arrive when convenient before dark 11th October.  
(4) If required you should fuel before leaving Dakar as none available Las Palmas.  
(5) On arrival Las Palmas contact H.M. Consul and Master KERSTEN MILES for back history. Thereafter report your intentions.  
(7) A.M. 031327A and Freetown 051009 neither to all refers.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 061903A to KENILWORTH CASTLE.)

South AtlanticTransport  
of Services  
Personnel,  
Women and  
Children  
to U.K.

271410 August.  
Para. 5. Although REINA DEL PACIFICO and DROTTNINGHOLM will relieve us of 1100 women and children of whom 840 are service families, the situation still remains acute opportunity was taken therefore, to inspect CARMARVON CASTLE at Durban and discuss with Captain and OC Troops the possibility of using the ship after next voyage exclusively for service women and

children from Union to U.K. M.W.T.R. to be compensated by reservation of future sailings until 31 proportion is restored. It was unanimously agreed that provided Board of Trade Boatage regulations could be waived for this voyage the ship could accommodate with reasonable comfort 1640 women and children elderly women and those with small children in cabin with saloon messing and remainder in standee sections on C. and E. decks with cafetaria messing.  
Three. If the scheme is approved various small alterations will be required which can be coped with locally and a few extra stewardesses and nurses and an augmented medical staff will be arranged.

/Four...

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South Atlantic

Transport  
of Services  
Personnel,  
Women and  
Children to  
U.K.(Contd.)

Four. About 100 O.Ss. would be embarked for duty as fatigues and baggage parties and could be accommodated in 3 section.

Five. If ship returns to U.K. via Cape under normal conditions she could only take about 400 women and children in cabins and remainder of ship would be available for any services personnel then offering. Present conditions are that the number of R.A.F. would not exceed 500 with about

100 Merchant Navy Officers and men. Naval personnel would be negligible as a later draft will be going to U.K. in TROUNCER on November 6th. Agreed with M.W.T.R.

(P.S.T.O., S.A., 061101B to D. of S.T.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean

D.14 in  
JERVIS  
to Gibraltar  
to stand by  
for Tangier

Sail in JERVIS at 1000A October 7th to  
Gibraltar A.M. 182320\* September not to all  
refers.  
S. of A. 15 knots E.T.A. 1st light 10th.  
Acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(C. in C. Mediterranean, 061204A to D.14.)  
\* British destroyer available to stand by at  
Gibraltar ready to proceed at short notice to  
Tangier.

A.H.S.36

Cancel my 051113.\* A.H.S.36 arrived  
Casteloriso further report will be made when  
details are received.  
(F.O.L.E.M., 061217C to C. in C. Med.)  
\* A.H.S. 36 overdue and presumed lost.

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B.P.F. on  
Passage  
to U.K.Intend to sail SOLENT (S.O.) and SLEUTH at  
0500 7th to Suez for onward routeing to U.K.  
E.T.A. Suez 0600Z 12th S. of A. 11 knots.  
Request arrangements for transit of canal.  
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 060901 to N.O.I.C. Suez.)Netherlands  
Government  
officials  
for BataviaPresume you are taking action A.C.N.B.'s  
050203\* not to C. in C. E.F. Reference  
diversions of ANDES.  
(P.S.T.O., S.E.A.C., 061351Z to M. of W.T.)MovementsArrivals Singapore 6th October.  
CAVENDISH, LOCH ECK, LOCH LOMOND.  
Departures Singapore 6th October.  
LOCH ECK, LOCH RUTHVEN, NORTHWAY.  
Departures 5th add with my 051631 (not identified  
in War Reg.) refer.  
(F.O. Malaya, 061631 to C. in C. E.I.)Movements  
of B.S.3  
and shipsArrival H.M.S. PALADIN wearing flag of B.S.3,  
Captain D.26 in H.M.S. SAUMAREZ, H.M.S. PURSUER,  
H.M.S. VOLAGE, H.M.S. TEVIOT, H.M. Ships  
BARONIA, BARTIZAN.  
Departure H.M.S. WOLFE.  
(N.O.I.C. Trincomalee, 061715Z to Admiralty.)



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FOREIGN STATIONS

America and West Indies

R.C.N.  
Destroyers  
KOOTENAY

Arrivals a.m. October 6th H.M.C.S. KOOTENAY  
from U.K.  
(Capt. (D) Halifax, 061912Z to Admiralty.)

Far East and Australia

A.F.D.18  
for  
Hongkong

Your 040050\* not to assistance on A.F.D.18.  
Following is position.

(a) Dock can be ready for towing but not  
operational on Monday 15th October.

(b) Dock can be ready and operational by  
Wednesday 14th November providing timber for  
blocks and additional cable is sent.

(2) Items (c) (d) (f) and (g) in artifexs 311230+ August not  
to all not yet received. Am hastening.

(3) Owing to leaks in numbers 1 and 19 tanks it is for  
consideration that A.F.D.18 should be docked prior to becoming  
operational as 15 inches of water in 19 tank equivalent to  
about 66 on. Can this be done at Hongkong.

(4) Length overall 380 feet. Beam to walls 72 feet.  
Beam over sponsons 90 feet. CHEERLY and ROCKWING available  
now but owing to unreliability of their diesel electric  
machinery consider escort is necessary.

(S.B.N.O. Manus, 060805 to F.O. Western Area B.P.F.)

\* Not identified in W.R.

+ Propose to make arrangements to tow A.F.D.18 to Hongkong.

Aircraft  
Carrier  
IMPLACABLE  
with  
R.A.P.W.Is.

IMPLACABLE's 042100\* (N.T. in W.D.) Army  
authorities concur. Now recommend ship  
proceed direct Vancouver. Rail transportation  
will be arranged.

(C.O.P.C., 061736Z to N.S.H.Q.)

\* Requesting if essential for R.A.P.W.Is. to  
undergo staging routine.

*Report on  
Present Attitude  
of Japanese People*

*See C.T.F.57 060128 CincCPFF attached*

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WARNING.—This is an unparaphrased version of a secret cypher or confidential code message, and the text must first be paraphrased\* if it is essential to communicate it to persons outside British or Allied Government Services.

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

60128/October. *15 October*

From: C.T.F. 57

Date: 8.10.45.

Recd: 1614.

C.C.M. (Naval) Gen. Con. *Japanese Attitude*

Addressed: C. in C. Brit. Pac. Fleet.

Following for C.O.I.S. Britpacfleet from B.N.L.O.Scop. Your O.

2. Present attitude of Japanese is complete co-operation with Allies in Naval Military Air political and civil matters with no repetition no signs of hostility to occupation forces. Ideas of democracy and freedom catching on and general public through free press express impatience with Government which they consider should always ~~(corrupt group)~~ and act ~~(corrupt groups)~~ of Allied policy. Lead being given by Emperor in personal broadcast press interview and call on Scop. Open criticism of Government and military in press and by individuals indicates feeling of security in suppression of military and protection by Allies. Influence of Emperor in bringing about and maintaining this attitude now and in future is of greatest important.

3. So far no repetition no indication of plans for resurgence of military. Full co-operation in destruction of war potential and apparent practically total destruction of naval and military records supports this view.

4. Present picture may be modified by return of large numbers of civilians and troops from abroad many of whom have not repetition not suffered defeat, future economic difficulties, unemployment and approach of winter. Undoubtedly some younger professional army and navy personnel and nationalists will discuss possibility of military come back and militaristic and nationalistic secret societies will probably attempt to form. They are not repetition not likely to receive popular support unless Government fail to cope with economic conditions. It is believed that any civilian Japanese Government will make every effort to suppress militarism in its own interests by active measures and by re-education of people. These will be supported by Allied military power and by military government sections such as Economic Control Section and Civil Information and Education Section, and therefore should achieve success. Similar considerations apply to big industrialists.

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\* Anticipate and act in advance

5. Conclusions. Japanese people do not yet clearly realise implications of defeat and new way of life and it is too early to state their ultimate aim. Present indications are that military resurgence is unlikely and impracticable for many years provided Allied control is maintained until democratic forces are firmly established and re-education of people completed. See also Macdermott's telegram to F.O. Number 1 being passed to C. in C. Britpacfleet.

CTF 57 060128. GWC BPF

Note: Circulation delayed as message received corrupt. Repetition groups still corrupt being obtained.

1st Lord.  
1st S.I. (3)  
D.F.S.I.  
N.A. to D.F.S.I.  
V.O.N.S.  
A.O.N.S. (0)  
Secretary  
P.A.S. (L)  
P.A.S. (S)  
M. (10)  
D.N.I. (5)  
D. of P. (3)  
O.I.C. (2)  
O.D. (9)  
D. of P. (4) (3)  
W.D.

mb  
(A.15)

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7.10.1945  
Sunday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

Frigate  
HOTHAM  
converted to  
Generating  
Stn. for F.E.

Intend to sail HOTHAM 1200A/7th Oct. to Port Said for O/R to Hongkong.  
Speed 15 knots, E.T.A. p.m. 12th Oct., ship will carry out engine trials whilst on passage (C. in C. Portsmouth's 021444 October.)  
HOTHAM acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(F.O. Gibraltar, 071042A to F.O.L.E.M., etc.)

Frigates  
being re-  
turned to  
U.S.A.

CALDER and ESSINGTON arrived Ponta Delgada 0915Z/6th and sailed 1830Z/6th, S.O.A. 15 knots, E.T.A. New York a.m. 12th.  
(S.B.N.O. Azores, 071045Z to Admty., etc.)

South Atlantic.

A.F.D. 31.

Sailed H.M.R.T. REWARD and GROWLER with A.F.D. 31 (S.O.) in tow to Trincomalee in accordance with Admty. 251818 August and C. in C. S.A., 101214 Sept.  
(2) Estimated S.O.A. 5 knots. (4) H.M.R.T. REWARD will report  
(a) P.C.S. every second day, (b) Time of Shifting to B.A.M.S. area 7A. (c) E.T.A. Trincomalee.  
(Com. Durban, 071012Z to Admty., etc.)

Freetown  
A.S.R. cor-  
vette for  
U.K.

Departures H.M. ships 6th Oct. KENILWORTH CASTLE proceeding to Gibraltar for onward routeing to Plymouth.  
(S.O.(I) Freetown, 071230Z to Admty.)

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Sunday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean.

A/A sloop  
MAGPIE,  
damaged.

Ship was rammed by an Italian tug whilst shifting berth in a gale Oct. 6th.

(2) One scuttle damaged beyond repair and ship's side dented. Temporary repairs have been carried out. Dockyard assistance will be required on arrival at Trieste.

(3) A full report will be made by letter to Capt. (D) Malta, and N.C.S.O. Bari.

(4) Request new scuttle be ordered.  
(MAGPIE, 071104A to Capt. (D) Malta.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Mobile Naval  
Air Base  
Personnel.

Request confirmation that DOMINION MONARCH is being routed via Singapore to disembark Monab personnel. A.C.N.B's. 261436 Sept. and W.O. Agreed signal 76745 of 28th Sept. neither to all refer. (D. of S.T., 070014A to Saceea.)

Proposed  
R.M.Es. for  
Malaya.

Request early reply to S.E.A.C. 051815 as arrangements for disposal are already initiated in view of F.O. Malaya's report that R.M.E. is not required.  
(V.A.(Q), 070036Z to Admty.)

Destroyers  
from E.I.S.  
for U.K.

The following programme is prepared subject to your approval for D.11 in ROTHERHAM with RAPID, RAIDER and RELENTLESS.  
(2) Arrive Suez 1700B/17 passage of Canal.  
18. Collect mails Port Said, leave Port Said sunset  
19. Arrive Alexandria a.m. 20 for fuel and maintenance leave Alexandria p.m. 22. Arrive Malta a.m. 25 for fuel and maintenance. Leave Malta a.m. 27. Arrive Gibraltar a.m. 30. Leave Gibraltar a.m. 1st Nov. Off Ushant a.m. 4th Nov. (C. in C. E.I., 071116 FG to C. in C. Med.)  
Sailed D.11 in ROTHERHAM with RAPID, RAIDER and RELENTLESS at 0900Z/6th E.T.A. 0400Z/13th acknowledge to D.11.  
(2) Request you sail the above ships at 1000Z/13th after fuelling to arrive Suez 1500Z/17th.  
(C. in C. E.I., 071118 to Com. Aden.)

Cruiser  
CEYLON from  
E.I. to U.K.

Intend to sail CEYLON on 8th to Suez for O/B to U.K. E.T.A. 0400/12th S.O.A. 14 knots.  
Request arrangements for transit of canal on arrival (N.O.I.C. Aden, 071652 to S.B.N.O. Suez.)

Movements.

Arrivals TRUMPETER. Departures NELSON bearing flag of B.S. 3. CLEOPATRA, MOORSMAN, ROYALIST wearing flag of A.C. 21.  
(Comic Trincomalee, 072315 to Admty.)

7.10.1945  
Sunday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America & West Indies.

Canadian Arrival p.m. Oct. 6th H.M.R.T. TENACITY towing  
Base Supply H.M.C.S. PROVIDER from Bermuda.  
ship PROVIDER (Capt. (D) Halifax, N.S., 070211Z to S.B.N.O. W.  
Atlantic Area, etc.)

Far East and Australia.

L.S.I.(M) Sailed LOCH SCAVAIG, MALACCA with QUEEN EMMA in  
QUEEN EMMA tow and LOCH MORE escorting.  
in tow, after (N.O.I.C. Saigon, 071632 GH to C. in C. E.I.)  
damage by ground mine, &  
frigates from  
Saigon to E.I.

Return of cor- Having completed service with B.P.F. H.M.N.Z.S.  
vette H.M.N. ARBUTUS arrived Auckland 6th October.  
Z.S. ARBUTUS (N.Z.N.B. Wellington, 072046Z to C. in C. B.P.F.)  
to New Zea-  
land from  
B.P.F.

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Monday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

M.F.V. con-  
voy to  
Malta from  
Gibraltar.

Intend to sail CARDIGAN BAY (S.O.), escorting  
N.A.T. ROUNDSHOT and M.F.Vs. 1085, 267, 1076, 1114,  
1133, 1193, 1194, 1199, 1552, 1527, 1124, 1022 at  
1400A/8th Oct. to Malta. Speed 7 knots or better,  
E.T.A. p.m. 14th Oct. CARDIGAN BAY is to report  
P.C.S. together with weather report, at 1200A daily  
(F.O.G.M.A., 081001A to F.O. Malta, C. in C. Med.)



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Monday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

S/M SEANYMPH  
on passage  
to U.K. from  
B.P.F.

Intend to sail SEANYMPH at 1700C/8 to Gibraltar  
for onward routeing U.K.  
S.O.A. 11 knots, E.T.A. a.m. 16. Ship to report  
confirmed E.T.A. to F.O.G.M.A. 48 hours in advance.  
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 081012C to F.O.G.M.A.)

S/M SEADOG  
on passage  
to U.K. from  
E.I.S.

Intend to sail SEADOG from Malta at 1600A/9th Oct.  
to arrive Gibraltar daylight 13th for onward  
routeing to Portsmouth. Speed 11 knots.  
(Capt. S/M 1, 081400 to Various.)

Fr. light  
cruiser LE  
FANTASQUE  
on passage  
to E. I.

Sailed F.S. LE FANTASQUE at 061915C to Aden.  
E.T.A. a.m. 12th Oct., S.O.A. 16½ knots.  
(Suez, 081946C to Admty., Aden.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

It. Fleet  
Destroyer  
CARABINIÈRE.

Sailed CARABINIÈRE. My 080427 not to Admiralty  
refers, E.T.A. Aden 0830.  
(F.O. Bombay, 080427Z to Admty.)

Cruiser  
CEYLON on  
passage  
to U.K.

Sailed CEYLON, my 071652Z refers.  
(Aden, 080724Z to N.O.I.C. Suez.)

Cruiser  
ENTERPRISE  
trooping.

Arrival ENTERPRISE.  
(F.O. Bombay, 080827Z to Admty., etc.)

Question of  
transfer of  
frigates  
TEVIOT or  
SWALE to  
S.Af. Govt.  
under con-  
sideration.

Disposal of ships company of TEVIOT at present  
repairing at Trincomalee depends on outcome of  
A.M. 202226. Is result yet available? Ship not  
required for further service on East Indies Station.  
(C. in C. E.I., 081051Z to Admty.) *See 252238.*  
*Admty to C. S. A.*

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America & West Indies.

S/M AMPHION  
on experi-  
mental cruise  
damage while  
diving,  
report on.

Whilst diving at 470 feet yesterday 7th loud cracking was heard under control room port side. Depth was reduced and on surfacing floor of refrigerator was found buckled upward and flooded to depth of 4 inches. R.Port and Starboard compensation tanks have been water tested to 20 pounds square inch and both appear to be tight as far as can be estimated in present weather. Floor of refrigerator has been partially lifted for examination and no point of leakage can be seen. Full examination cannot be carried out without removing refrigerator room. Propose to remove refrigerating room on arrival at Bermuda for examination and testing of R.port compensating tank and examination of pressure hull in vicinity. Rate of leakage on surface with 20 pound pressure R.tanks is negligible but further check when main ballast tanks are full will be carried out at Bermuda. Ship is only considered fit for shallow dive. Call for fuelling at Bermuda is essential. If removal of refrigerator at Bermuda is approved, request dockyard assistance for this. It will be necessary to provide 800 pound refrigerator store and outfit as well (?). E.T.A. Bermuda Spit Buoy 1100 G.M.T. Wednesday 10th. Requirements 150 tons diesel oil, 150 gallons special mineral oil and 10 tons fresh water.  
(AMPHION, 081305Z to F.O. S/Ms.)

Far East and Australia.

Ships allo-  
cated to  
T.F. 112 for  
R.A.P.W.I.

The following ships allocated to T.F. 112 for R.A.P.W.I. on departure Sydney, my 080818Z (N.T. in W.D.) refers.  
(2) A. ARAWA, E.T.D. Sydney 12th Oct. approx. E.T.A. Shanghai 26th Oct. approx. Planned R.A.P.W.I. capacity 950. B. TAMAROA, E.T.D. Sydney 24th Oct. approx. Planned R.A.P.W.I. capacity 950. Speed on passage 25½ (?) knots. (3) Request a desired destination of TAMAROA B in due course. Forecast of number of R.A.P.W.I. requiring evacuation after departure of GLENEARN, your 060620,\* not to all, refers, HIGHLAND MONARCH and ships in para. 2, giving destinations and dates of availability.  
(4) A.C.N.B. pass to P.B.S.T.O. Australia.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 080820Z to F.O.W.A., B.P.F.)  
\* N.T. in W.D.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

Hunt des-  
troyer OAKLEY  
from Med. to  
U.K. for  
reserve.

Intend to sail OAKLEY 1600A/9th Oct. to Portsmouth.  
Speed 15 knots, E.T.A. a.m. 13th Oct.  
OAKLEY acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 091045A to C. in C. Portsmouth, OAKLEY)

A/A sloop  
OPOSSUM  
for B.P.F.

Intend to sail OPOSSUM 1600A/9th Oct. to Malta  
for O/R to B.P.F. Ship requires short work up  
at Malta. H.A. practises only required.  
Speed 15 knots, E.T.A. 0900A/12th Oct.  
OPOSSUM acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 091138A to V.A. Malta, etc.)

A.S.R.  
relief  
Atlantic.

Intend to sail ST. BRIDES BAY 0800A/10th Oct. to  
A.S.R. Station 19.  
(2) Speed 14 knots, E.T.A. 1000A/12th Oct.  
(3) On relief KNARESBOROUGH CASTLE return to  
Gibraltar. (4) ST. BRIDES BAY acknowledge and  
sail to comply.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 091514A to Air Min. Admty., etc.)

Lifting craft  
26 for  
Colombo.

Intend to sail H.M.R.T. CHARON towing lifting craft  
26 0900A/10 Oct. to Port Said for O/R to Colombo.  
Speed 7 knots, E.T.A. p.m. 21 Oct. CHARON  
acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 091706A to F.O.L.E.M., etc.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

A/S trawler  
from E. I.  
to U.K.

Sail at 0900A/10th Oct. to Gibraltar calling at  
Algiers for water. F.O.G.M.A. is requested to  
issue onward route to U.K.

S.O.A. 7½ knots, E.T.A. Algiers 1500A/13th, you  
are to report your E.T.A. Gibraltar direct to  
F.O.G.M.A. Acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(C. in C. Med., 091116A to LOCH MELFORT.)

Newspaper  
article on  
Naval Patrols  
off Palestine  
and S. coasts  
Italy & Greece.

News Chronicle Monday 8th October carries front  
page story about increase in naval patrols along  
Palestine coast in effort to prevent illegal  
entry Jewish refugees. Reference is also made to  
reinforcement of coastal patrols along southern  
coast lines of Italy and Greece.

(2) Have any movements taken place which would  
serve as a basis for this report?

(D.O.D.(F), 091234 to C. in C. Med.)

See F.O.L.E.M. 111337C to C. in C. Med.

Movements.

Arrival PHOEBE, VIVID.

(N.O.I.C. Suez, 091928C to Admty., N.O.I.C. Aden.)

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East Indies.

Movements. Arrived Singapore 8th Oct. (C.S.5) GLENROY, SERENE, NISON, CUMBERLAND (C.S.5) HOGUE, SMILAX. Departed EMINENT, NATAL, BROGUE, INVERT, BLACKMORE, VENUS, VIRAGO, DECCAN. (F.O. Malaya, 090001Z to C. in C. E.I.)

Assault carrier Sailed HUNTER routed through 8° and Guardafui Channels for onward routing to U.K., E.T.A. Suez 0600Z/18th Oct. (C. in C. E.I., 090105Z to N.O.I.C. Suez.)

S/M SELENE Intend to sail SELENE at 0500Z/10th to Suez for onward routing to U.K. She will require docking at Port Said. E.T.A. Suez 0400Z/15th, S.O.A. 11 knots. Request arrangements for transit of canal. (Com. Aden, 091206Z to N.O.I.C. Suez.)

Proposals for disposal of H.Q. S.O.G. & Base Staffs. C O H Q 2154 of 9th Oct. Your S.A.C. 22545/C O 19 Sept. para. 2. Request H.Q. and Cadre. be despatched to U.K. as early as convenient. Request approx. date of departure from Ceylon. (C.C.O., 091210Z to S.A.C.S.E.A., C. in C. E.I.)

*See 22/2352*

Programme for D.18 and Hunt des-troyers from E.I. for U.K. The following programme is proposed subject to your approval for D.18 in FARNDALE with CALPE, CHIDDINGFOLD and BLEASDALE.

<u>Place</u>	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Leave</u>
Suez	-	a.m. 28th Canal
Alexandria (oil)	a.m. 29th	p.m. 31st Oct.
Malta (oil)	a.m. 3rd Nov.	a.m. 6th Nov.
Gibraltar (oil)	p.m. 9th Nov.	a.m. 11th Nov.
Portsmouth	p.m. 14th Nov.	
Sheerness	p.m. 15th Nov.	

(C. in C. E.I., 091601 FG to C. in C. Med., etc.)

Movements. Arrivals, JAMAICA, Capt. D.29 in BICESTER, COWDRAY, BRECON, EGBESFORD, PETARD. (N.O.I.C. Trinco., 091614Z to Admty.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

Far East and Australia

4th S/M  
F. to  
Hongkong  
At 0001Z 14th October intend sailing ADAMANT to Hongkong with H.M. Submarines TACITURN, TOTEM, TAURUS, TRUMP and THULE in company proceeding - (route), through Sunda Strait thence as safe navigation permits through Karimate Strait China Sea. Thence via searched channel reporting E.T.A. to Commodore Hongkong 48 hours before arrival. S. of A. 10 knots.  
(S.4, 090135Z to C. in C. B.P.F. etc.)

A.F.D.18  
for  
Hongkong,  
tugs for  
My 060805 delete ROCKWING from Para. 4.  
(2) ROCKWING can only carry four days' water and has an approximate endurance of two thousand miles only one Leading Seaman and four Seamen borne and no further accommodation available. Water and furnace oil could presumably be obtained from dock on passage if ROCKWING is used.  
(3) "Rock" Class Tugs details as follows: length 105 feet. h.p. 1000, maximum speed 9.5 knots when not towing. Hawsers one 18 inch Manila 90 fathoms, one 5 inch wire, 90 fathoms, one 14 inch Manila 90 fathoms, all have to be manhandled. ROCKWING has at present R.N.P.S. crew with one signal rating and one telegraphist both general service.  
(4) My 060805 add CHEERLY and ROCKWING to info. addresses.  
(Manus, 090424Z to F.O.W.A. B.P.F.)

Formation  
of 20th  
M.S.F.  
(R.A.N.)  
20th M.S.F. will be constituted as at 16th October with S.O. Captain R.V. Wheatley R.A.N. in SWAN.  
(2) Flotilla will eventually comprise SWAN, ECHUCA, KATOOMBA, DUBBO, DELORAINÉ, LITHGOW, MILDURA, TOWNSVILLE, ROCKHAMPTON, WARRAMBOOL, ARARAT, BUNBURY and COWRA and these vessels will come under operational and administrative control of N.S.20 on arrival at Sydney or Brisbane as directed by A.C.N.B.  
(A.C.N.B. 090906 to N.Os. I.C. and P.Ds.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

Boom Defence  
Vessels.

PRECISE, PRECEPT and PREFECT arrived Horta p.m. 5th with sailing order to Azores. Ships were sent to Ponta Delgada for fuel as there is no fuel available at Horta. Ships departed Ponta Delgada 1610Z/9th, S.O.A. 10 knots, E.T.A. Bermuda p.m. 17. (S.B.N.O. Azores, 101028 to Admty.)

Frigates  
for B.P.F.

Intend to sail BIGBURY BAY (S.O.) and WHITESAND BAY 1600A to Malta for M/R to E.I.  
(2) Ships require final gunnery work up at Malta A.M. 29124A? July and 051325A August refers. Speed 15 knots, E.T.A. 0900/13th Oct. BIGBURY BAY acknowledge and sail to comply. (F.O.G.M.A., 101159A to C. in C. Med., BIGBURY BAY.)

Destroyer  
RACEHORSE  
on passage  
from E.I.  
to U.K.

C. in C. E.I.S. 171552 September.  
Intend to leave Gibraltar p.m. Monday 15th Oct. so as to arrive Portsmouth Friday 19th Oct. C. in C. Med. concurs. (RACEHORSE, 101512 to F.O.G.M.A.)

LAUNCESTON  
CASTLE,  
A.S.R. cor-  
vette, S.  
At. for U.K.

Intend to sail LAUNCESTON CASTLE 0800A/11th Oct. to Plymouth. (A.M. 281721A Sept.) Speed 12 knots, E.T.A. a.m. 15th Oct. Whilst in Plymouth Command ship is to report P.C.S. and weather report at 0600Z and 1800Z daily to C. in C. Plymouth. LAUNCESTON CASTLE acknowledge and sail to comply. (F.O.G.M.A., 101835A to C. in C. Plymouth, LAUNCESTON CASTLE.)



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Cruiser PHOEBE from E.I. for U.K. Intend to sail PHOEBE at 0900C/11th to Gibraltar for onward routeing to U.K. S.O.A. 13 knots, E.T.A. a.m. 17th ship to report confirmed E.T.A. direct to F.O.G.M.A. when known. (S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 101150C to F.O. Gib.)

~~Destroyers S/Ms~~ from E.I. RACEHORSE take ROCKET and REDOUBT under your orders on passage to U.K. and sail at 0900A/11th Oct. to Gibraltar for onward routeing by F.O.G.M.A. to U.K. C. in C.'s 171552 Sept. not to all refers. S.O.A. 14 knots, E.T.A. 0900A/14th. REDOUBT is to enter Algiers to land C.B.S. reporting her E.T.A. direct to Comar Algiers thence proceeding direct to Gibraltar reporting E.T.A. to F.O.G.M.A. Commander Crichton R.N. is taking passage in RACEHORSE to join JERVIS. Acknowledge and sail ships to comply. (C. in C. Med., 101426A to REDOUBT.)

Reforming 42nd M.L. Flotilla. Intend reforming the 42nd M.L. Flotilla to consist of the four boats at present included in the 42nd and 43rd M.L. Flotillas. The boats concerned are 348, 350, 357 and 360. (2) The C.O. of M.L. 357 will assume duties of S.O. 42nd M.L. Flotilla. (C.C.F. Med., 101506 to C. in C. Med.)

S/M VIVID from E.I. on passage to U.K. Intend to sail VIVID at 1700C/11 to Malta for onward routeing to U.K. S.O.A. 9 knots, E.T.A. 1000C/16. (S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 101826C to C. in C. Med., Malta C.C.O.)

F.S. SENEGALAIS. Sailed F.S. SENEGALAIS at 2030C/10 R.O. Djibouti for onward routeing to Aden. E.T.A. a.m. 14th Oct. S.O.A. 15 knots. Comar Djibouti is requested to signal E.T.A. to Colombo. (N.O.I.C. Suez, 102134C to Admty., N.O.I.C. Aden, Comar Djibouti.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

L.S.H. (L)  
LARGS for U.K.

Intend sailing LARGS for Suez at 0700/10th Oct. for onward passage to U.K.  
(2) E.T.A. Suez 0715/20th, S.O.A. 12½ knots.  
(F.O. Bombay, 100423Z to N.O.I.C. Suez.)

Fighter Dir-  
ection ship  
ULSTER QUEEN  
for U.K.

Sail at 0100Z/11th Oct. for Aden, for onward passage to U.K. E.T.A. Aden Fairway Buoy 0500Z/16th, S.O.A. 14 knots. Acknowledge.  
(F.O. Bombay, 100503Z to ULSTER QUEEN.)

Future policy  
for Bahrein  
P.G.

C. in C. E.I.S. minute number 2798/E.I. 10570/45 dated 27th August, 1945.  
(2) Pre war Bahrein Naval Base was only for recreational purposes consisting of sports ground two swimming pools an officers club and a canteen. Now it is a depot and wireless station capable of housing 20 officers and 130 men. If a pre-war S.N.O.P.G. could fly out here for consultation with me and see present lay out a future proposed plan could be drawn up.  
(3) Rear Admiral Poland (retired) recently returned to U.K. from R.A.L. Alexandria was S.N.O. shortly before the war.  
(S.N.O. Persian Gulf, 100748Z to Admt.)

S/M SUPREME  
on passage  
from B.P.F.  
to U.K.

Intend to sail SUPREME at 1400Z/10th to Suez for onward routeing to U.K. E.T.A. 0400Z/15th, S.O.A. 12 knots. Request arrangements for transit of canal.  
(Com. Aden, 100758Z to N.O.I.C. Suez.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America & West Indies.

S/M AMPHION  
damaged on  
experimen-  
tal cruise.

Arrived Bermuda 1100Z AMPHION.  
(S.B.N.O. West Atlantic Area, 101423Z to Admty.)

Far East and Australia.

ARGONAUT,  
4th C.S.

A. -. B. & C. ARGONAUT. D. Shanghai. E.  
2330Z/9. F. 15 knots. G. By Hongkong searched  
channel. H. Hongkong. I. 0230Z/13. J. -. L.  
Following passengers on board. Capt. Coulborne  
ex Master BROWN RANGER, G.H. Pedder, Red Cross  
Representative, 3 officers and one rating Nil Div. Staff. C. in  
C. B.P.F.'s 050601 refers. 2 C.P.Os., 14 P.Os. and 55 leading  
rates and below, age and service groups below 29.  
(C.T.G. 112.3, 100100 to F.O.W.A.B.P.F.)

Disposition  
signal No.3.

A. At Tokio, ACHILLES, ULYSSES, VACPORT.  
B. At Shanghai, BERMUDA, BROWN RANGER.  
C. At sea bound Shanghai OLNA.  
D. At Hongkong, COLOSSUS, ARBITER, REDPOLE, ERNE,  
PLYM, WIDEMOUTH BAY, CAIRNS, GLENEARN, GUARDIAN,

SAN ANDRES, LARIAT, defects WAVE KING.

E. At sea bound Hongkong, ARGONAUT, BLACK PRINCE, HOGUE,  
TIPTOE, TURPIN, TAPIR, USK, BONAVENTURE, ARNDALE, WAVE MONARCH,  
ROBERT MAERSK.  
F. At Manila REAPER, LOTHIAN. G. At sea bound Leyte OXFORDSHIRE.  
H. At Manus PHEASANT, CRANE, APOLLO, EMPIRE CLYDE, FORT LANGLEY,  
KOLA, JAARSTROOM, ROCKWING.  
J. At sea bound Manus GAMBIA, NORMAN, GRENVILLE, UNDINE, URANIA,  
MANXMAN, VASNA, GUDRUN, MAERSK, ADVANTAGE.  
K. At Townsville, defects AIMWELL.  
L. At sea bound Brisbane LEWES, FERNMOOR, UNICORN.  
M. At Sydney DUKE OF YORK, STRIKER, NEWFOUNDLAND, QUALITY,  
QUADRANT, NIZAM, BARFLEUR, HICKORY DALE, HICKORY BURN, HICKORY  
STREAM, TONGARIRO, refits SANADOLFO. At sea bound Sydney  
INDOMITABLE, FORMIDABLE, SPEAKER, QUEENBOROUGH, WRANGLER, WAKEFUL,  
ARIADNE, TJITJALENKA.  
N. At sea bound Suva TERPSICHORE. P. At Burnie VOX.  
Q. At sea bound Adelaide IPSWICH. R. At Fremantle H.THULE,  
TRUMP, TACITURN, TAURUS. S. At sea bound Vancouver GLORY.  
(2) Left B.P.F. A. To A.C.N.B. QUIBERON, KALGOORLIE.  
B. To N.Z.N.B. MAUNGANUI, AROHA. C. To U.K. THOROUGH, STUBBORN.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 100722Z to Admty., etc.)

MAIDSTONE,  
depot ship  
8th S/M F.  
from B.P.F  
to U.K.

Propose to sail MAIDSTONE Oct. 25th from Fremantle  
for U.K. via The Cape with approx. 440 Naval ex  
P.O.W. embarked survivors of EXETER and destroyers.  
(2) MAIDSTONE is much overdue for docking and  
speed is greatly reduced. If arrangements can be  
made it would be desirable for ship to be docked  
for short bottom scrape either A. at Durban about

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Wednesday.

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MAIDSTONE  
depot ship  
8th S/M F.  
from B.P.F.  
to U.K.  
(Contd.)

9th, 12th Nov. B. Capetown area between 12th,  
18th Nov.  
(3) If you concur propose MAIDSTONE spend approx.  
8 days in harbour including Capetown if docked  
at Durban being sailed to arrive U.K. about 14th  
Dec.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 100851Z to C. in C. S.A.)

*a 300507Z*

Ships  
allocated  
to T.F. 112  
for R.A.P.W.I.

Your 080820. Request TAMAROA be sailed to Hong-  
kong for evacuation of R.A.P.W.I. for U.K. and  
India.  
(F.O.W.A.B.P.F., 100910Z to C.T.G. 111.8.9.)

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North Atlantic.

S/Ms STYGIAN Intend to sail STYGIAN and SUBTLE independently  
from B.P.F. at 1000A/12th October to Portsmouth.  
SUBTLE from Speed 10½ knots, E.T.A. a.m. 17th Oct.  
E.I. for U.K. Whilst in Plymouth Command ship is to report  
P.C.S. at 0600Z and 1800Z daily to C. in C.  
Plymouth.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 111046A to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

PEVENSEY Intend to sail PEVENSEY CASTLE 1000A/12 Oct. to  
CASTLE, Portsmouth, (A.M. 281721A Sept.)  
A.S.R.corvette Speed 12 knots, E.T.A. a.m. 16 Oct.  
South Atlantic Within the Plymouth Command ship is to signal  
for U.K. P.C.S. and weather report at 0600Z and 1800Z daily.  
PEVENSEY CASTLE acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 111054A to C. in C. Portsmouth,  
PEVENSEY CASTLE.)

Convoy 1. Convoy one departed Horta S.O.A. 7 knots, E.T.A.  
Charleston a.m. 28th routed through 33° N. 39°  
W. thence Charleston.  
(S.B.N.O. Azores, 111135Z to Admty., etc.)

NIGER, M/S Intend to sail NIGER 0800A/12th Oct. to Port Said  
H.Q. ship for O/R to E.I. (A.M. 272053A Sept.)  
E.I. Speed 12 knots, E.T.A. p.m. 18th Oct.  
NIGER acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 111640 to F.O.L.E.M., S.N.O.R.S.C.A.,  
NIGER.)

South Atlantic.

Frigate Arrived HALLADALE.  
HALLADALE (Com. Durban, 110904Z to Admty., Cs. in C. S.A.,  
E.I.)  
E.I.)

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Mediterranean.

Corvette  
HONESTY  
from E.I.  
for U.K.

Intend to sail HONESTY at 1400C/11 to Alexandria  
for onward routing Gibraltar and U.K.  
S.O.A. 10 knots, E.T.A. 0930C/12.  
(S.N.O.R.S., 111130C to F.O.L.E.M.)

Newspaper  
article on  
Palestine  
Situation  
and Naval  
Patrols of.

Ref. A.M. 091234, para. 2. One definite night  
patrol only was carried out on 24th Sept. by  
HAYDON but in addition destroyers on two occasions  
when on passage between Jaffa to Haifa have  
carried out sweep.

(2) With the concurrence of the High Commissioner  
and Military authorities I have been showing the  
flag off the Palestine coast lately with  
ARETHUSA and destroyers and more recently myself  
in SIRIUS when local authorities were entertained on board and  
large numbers of sailors made trips to Jerusalem. These visits  
have been greatly appreciated and I was asked to continue them.  
(3) At present I am keeping two destroyers off the coast one at  
Haifa and the other at Jaffa.  
(4) Local authorities are of the opinion that their stabilising  
influence is out of all proportion to anything they can actually  
achieve.  
(5) Local papers made news headlines of these visits which have  
in fact been perfectly normal peace-time showing of the flag.  
(F.O.L.E.M., 111337C to C. in C. Med.)

\* News Chronicle Monday, 8th October carries front page story  
about increase in naval patrols along Palestine coast in effort  
to prevent illegal entry Jewish Refugees. Have any movements  
taken place which would serve as basis for this report.

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East Indies.

Movements. Colombo Oct. 11th arrivals LONDON, departures VICTORIOUS, NELSON.  
(C. in C. E.I., 111343 to Admty., F.O.C.R.I.N.)

Programme for return of NELSON to U.K. Propose following programme for NELSON subject to concurrence of Admiralty and C. in C. Med.

Arrive	Place	Leave
1500/19th Oct.	Kilindini	1630/22nd Oct.
1600/30th Oct.	Suez	0730/31st Oct.
p.m. 31st Oct.	Ismalia	0730/1st Nov.
p.m. 1st Nov.	Port Said	p.m. 1st Nov.
1100/5th Nov.	Malta	1600/9th Nov.
0800/13th Nov.	Gibraltar	1600/13th Nov.
p.m. 17th Nov.	Spithead	

(C. in C. E.I., 11136Z to Admty., C. in C. Med.)

SPRAGGE mobile gene- rating stn. for B.P.F. Sailed SPRAGGE. (Aden, 111514Z to Colombo.)

**TOP SECRET**

*Recd. in K12*

*24/10/45*

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**WARNING :** This is an unparaphrased version of a secret cypher or confidential code message, and the text must first be paraphrased\* if it is essential to communicate it to persons outside British or Allied Government Services.

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111556 October

TC: B.A.D.  
Info: D.H.N.D.

DATE: 11.10.45.

NAVAL CYPHER (DD)

*Disposal of Japanese Fleet.*

FROM: Admiralty.

IMPORTANT GUARD

My Byrnes mentioned to Foreign Secretary General MacArthur's proposal to sink Japanese Fleet and invited our views. H.M.G. of course have to consult the Dominion Governments but Admiralty have expressed themselves in favour of reply to Mr. Byrnes on following lines:-

- (a) We consider that the U.S. Navy have a title to lay down the policy for the disposal of the Japanese Fleet.
- (b) Our chief wish is to have an opportunity for carrying out a technical investigation of some of the Japanese ships, and to have access to technical and other naval intelligence.
- (c) We strongly support the scrapping of submarines.
- (d) We equally support the scrapping of the surface fleet.
- (e) If, however, the United States consult the Russian and other Allied Governments, there is likely to be pressure for a division. As indicated above, we very greatly prefer that all the Japanese ships should be sunk, but, if it is necessary to have a division, whether of the surface fleet alone or of both surface fleet and submarines, we should wish, in consultation with the Dominion Governments, to put in a claim for a full British Empire share.

2. Tripartite Commission established under Potsdam decisions is now approaching stage of allocating German major units. Russians may be expected to be difficult.

3. If suitable opportunity presents itself you should mention para.1 to Cominch saying it would be greatly appreciated if he felt able to instruct U.S. representatives on Tripartite Commission to give us discreetly what support they can. For your own information U.S. representatives are inclined to regard disposal of German Fleet as academic question and in the absence of such instructions may be unduly inclined to mediate.

111556  
P.A.S.(L) (86)  
Approved 1st Sea Lord

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D. of P.  
D.N.I.  
D.O.D. (H)  
Head of M.(6) & for F.O. (Mr. Sterndale Bennett)

jh

W.D. —

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~~BIGOT MOST CANCELLED~~

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Far East and Australia.

Programme of  
 SUFFOLK,  
 trooping. Following programme intended for SUFFOLK Oct.  
 leave Sydney a.m. 15th, arrive Fremantle a.m.  
 20th, depart a.m. 21st arrive Colombo a.m. 27th,  
 depart a.m. 28th arrive Aden Nov. p.m. 1st depart  
 a.m. 2nd, arrive Suez a.m. 5th Transit Canal  
 5th depart Port Said a.m. 6th arrive Channel 12th.  
 (C. in C. B.P.F., 110030Z to Admty.)

Naval C.O.S.  
 to C. in C.  
 Hongkong  
 relieved by  
 Air Comdre. (1) Air Commodore Reynolds C.B.E. has taken over  
 the duties of Chief of Staff to C. in C. Hongkong.  
 (2) Propose Capt. E.G.A. Clifford proceeds to U.K.  
 unless you have other instructions for him.  
 (C. in C. Hongkong, 110150 to C. in C. B.P.F.)

UNICORN,  
 A/C repair  
 ship, pro-  
 posed re-  
 turn to U.K. UNICORN is no longer required in British Pacific  
 Fleet after completion present duties early Nov.  
 (2) Propose ship should return to U.K. leaving  
 Sydney late November.  
 (C. in C. B.P.F., 110452Z to Admty.) *app 241602-*

A.C.N.B.  
 operational  
 control of  
 ships named. Request you assume operational control of ships  
 included in info. address\* on their arrival  
 IPSWICH at Adelaide, remainder ~~at~~ Morotai.  
 (2) F.O.W.A.B.P.F. 090428 (N.T. in W.D.) not to all  
 refers.  
 (C. in C. B.P.F., 110646Z to A.C.N.B., etc.)  
 \* F.O.W.A.B.P.F., S.O. M/S 21, S.O. M/S 22, Admty.  
*Molucca, MOLUCCAS,* Adelaide, V.A.Q., GAWLER, CESSNOCK,  
 WAGGA, STRAHAN, MILDURA, GERALDTON, LAUNCESTON,  
 PIRIE, WOOLONGONG, BROOME, STAWELL, CASTLEMAINE,  
 IPSWICH.

Proposed  
 R.M.Es.  
 for Malaya. V.A.(Q) 070036. A decision must now be given  
 about the disposal of these R.M.Es. I propose  
 they be sent home.  
 (C. in C. B.P.F., 110735Z to Admty.)

R.A.P.W.I.  
 sitrep No. 5  
 dated 10th  
 Oct. 1945. (2) Hongkong no further information. (3) Shanghai  
 area, Int. 300 approx. evacuated in H.M. ships  
 otherwise no change. (4) Shantung area, unknown  
 number of R.A.P.W.I. left Tsingtao in U.S. ships  
 8th Oct. Otherwise no change. (5) Manchuria  
 no further information. (6) Manila, fit P.O.W.  
 Brit. 1496, Aust. 225, Asiatics 372, Dutch 6695.  
 Fit Int. Brit. 31, Canada 3, Asiatics 45, Dutch 80, Sick R.A.P.W.I.  
 Brit. 90, Aust. 39, Dutch 253. (7) Palau, P.O.W. Indian, fit  
 406, sick 27, Dutch fit 93, sick 10. (8) Okinawa R.A.P.W.I. small  
 number sick. (9) Macassar and Kuching no further information.  
 (10) Comphlseafiron pass to S.B.N.L.O. Phil. Admty. pass to  
 War Office.  
 (C. in C. B.P.F., 110851Z to Admty., etc.)

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North Atlantic

ALAUNIA  
Auxiliary  
Repair  
Ship for  
B.P.F.

Intend to sail ALAUNIA 1900A 12th October to Port Said for O/R to E.W. (A.M. 142206A Sept. not to all).  
Speed 12½ knots. E.T.A. 0600A 18th October.  
ALAUNIA acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 121133A to F.O.L.E.M., S.N.O.R.S.C.A., ALAUNIA.)

South Atlantic

Strength  
of South  
African  
Navy in  
peace-time.

Chief of General Staff of South Africa last night announced in the Press that peace-time South African Navy for the period ending 31st March 1947 would consist of four frigates, eight Fleet minesweepers, two Boom vessels, one controlled minelayer, six harbour defence motor launches and one survey vessel. Also a Naval College and Headquarters and Training Staffs.  
(C. in C. S.A. 121106 to Admiralty.)

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Mediterranean.

S/M TORBAY  
on passage  
from E.I.  
to U.K.

Intend to sail TORBAY from Malta at 1100A/13th  
Oct. to arrive Gibraltar daylight 17th for onward  
routeing to Portsmouth. Speed 11 knots.  
(Capt. S/M 1, 121017 to Ships and Authorities  
concerned.)

Movements.

Arrival CEYLON. SOLENT. SLEUTH.  
(Suez, 121244C to Admty., etc.)

Newspaper  
article on  
naval patrols  
off Palestine,  
Italy and  
Greece.

Answer to A.M. 111710 Oct. is no, so far as  
southern coastline of Italy is concerned.  
(2) See also F.O.L.E.M. 111337 October.  
(3) Reply regarding Greek waters will follow.  
(C. in C. Med., 121304 to Admty.)  
See 131135A.

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East Indies.

LONDON,  
proposed  
programme  
for passage  
from E.I.  
to U.K.

Following programme is proposed for LONDON subject to concurrence of Admiralty and C. in C. Med.  
(2) Arrive Suez a.m. 26th Oct. thence Canal passage arrive Port Said 27th Oct. Leave Port Said a.m. 30th Oct., call Gibraltar 5th Nov. for charts and mail. Arrive Sheerness 9th Nov.  
(3) 48 hours is required at Port Said to complete with water and recreation for passengers and ships company.  
(C. in C. E.I., 121039Z to Admty., C. in C. Med.)  
See C. in C. Med., 140928A to C. in C. E.I.  
Admty., 141831 to C. in C. E.I.

S/M SEASCOUT  
on passage  
to U.K.  
from B.P.F.

Intend to sail SEASCOUT at 1300/13th to Suez for onward routing to U.K. E.T.A. Suez 0400Z/18th S.O.A. 12 knots. Request arrangements for transit of Canal.  
(Com. Aden, 121457Z to N.O.I.C. Suez.)

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

Admiralty welcomes proposals in your 111050 Sept. which the Viceroy has strongly supported in a telegram (174875 of 6th Oct.) to the Secretary of State.  
(2) The size and composition of the Commonwealth occupational forces in Japan is under discussion with the American authorities in Washington, and it is hoped that it will be found possible to include these vessels.  
(V.C.N.S., 121810 to Arminia.)

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America & West Indies.

Proposed visit of U.S. ships to Singapore etc.

Cominch's 022337 to Admiralty. C.N.O. assumes Admiralty authorising visit of ships to Singapore, Colombo, Capetown and would appreciate Admiralty confirmation that local British Naval Commanders have been informed. (B.A.D., 122225Z to Admty.) See Admty. 141008 to B.A.D.

Far East and Australia.

Return of 27th and 28th D.Fs. to U.K.

Admty. 251718 Aug. not to all. Propose A. 27 D.F. be sailed for U.K. leaving Sydney first ships end of Oct. last ships mid Dec. B. 25 D.F. return to U.K. as ships of 8 D.F. join Brit. Pac. Fleet. (C. in C. B.P.F., 120234Z to Admty.) *app 202111.*

A/C target ships.

LEWES is no longer required. Para. 3 of A.M. 051418 Sept. refers. (C. in C. B.P.F., 120237Z to Admty.)

Assistance for return of Fr. Nationals from Indo-China.

Your 120254 (N.T. in W.D.) para. ? French Embassy inform me as follows begins:-  
Fr. Haut Commissaire for Indo-China does not contemplate the evacuation of the Fr. Civilian Population from Hanoi but only that of the sick and children should the case require. Likewise the evacuation of the Annamites from Kwang Howwan will be carried on by Fr. Authorities. Ends.  
(2) They will be grateful for any assistance that can be given for the return to Europe of any French Nationals evacuated from Hanoi and area.  
(3) C. in C. Hongkong please pass to F.O.W.A. and VENERABLE. (Britchin Chungking, 120254 to C. in C. (?Hongkong))

Shipping for transfer of naval personnel from Australia.

From P.B.S.T.O. Request advice of ships and dates for proposed lift of five thousand naval personnel from Australia November after STRATHEDEN and ANDES Admiralty 052336A to C. in C. refers. Very early information requested by V.A.(Q) to assist necessary naval administrative prior planning regarding personnel. (V.A.(Q) 120719Z to D. of S.T.)

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RUBY return  
to U.K.Intend to sail RUBY 13th Oct. to Plymouth.  
Speed 10 knots, E.T.A. 18 Oct.  
RUBY acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 131044A to C. in C. Plymouth, RUBY.)Destroyer  
FINISTERRE  
for Malta  
to work up.Intend to sail FINISTERRE 1600A/13th Oct. to Malta  
to work up. A.M.\*052250A not to all refers.  
Speed 15 knots, E.T.A. 0900A/16th Oct.  
FINISTERRE acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 131144A to F.O. Malta, etc.)  
\* N.T. in W.D.Fighter  
Direction  
Ship  
PALOMARES  
from E. I.  
for U.K.Intend to sail PALOMARES 2000A/13th Oct. to  
Plymouth unless otherwise ordered by Admiralty.  
Speed 10 knots E.T.A. first light 18th Oct.  
PALOMARES acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(F.O. Gibraltar, 131612Z to C. in C. Plymouth,  
PALOMARES.)  
Your 131612A acknowledged.  
(PALOMARES 131700A to F.O.G.M.A.)Canadian  
destroyer  
CRESCENT on  
passage to  
Esquimalt.H.M.C.S. CRESCENT arrived Ponta Delgada 1000Z/  
12th and sailed 1940Z/12th to Esquimalt via King-  
ston San Juan and Panama, S.O.A. 15 knots, E.T.A.  
Kingston p.m. 20th, E.T.A. San Juan 19th.  
(2) CRESCENT's 121913Z (N.T. in W.D.) not to all  
refers.  
(S.B.N.O. Azores, 131819Z to Admty.)South Atlantic.Rescue tug  
REWARD's  
defects,  
assisting  
in tow of  
A.F.D. 31.At 0202C today 13th Oct. a heavy grinding sound  
was heard by the Engineer Officer on watch from  
number 6 Port Main Engine Cylinder. Engine was  
immediately stopped and examination made. When  
piston and liner were removed frame was found to be  
badly cracked. Water had entered liner and scored  
liner and piston Bat Sy.\* Defect shows every sign  
of collapse of Rubber Rings as has been previously  
experienced. Frame is of cast iron and is a twin  
unit. Impossible to repair same. Defect will require maker's  
attention as this entails complete casting for two cylinders.  
REWARD is proceeding on one engine at present but there is a pin  
hole leakage in the gear oil pipe on starboard engine which may  
develop into a crack and then we shall have to stop entirely  
to effect repairs. In view of the long passage before us it would  
be absolutely futile for REWARD to attempt it on one engine.  
Signal from S.O. on board A.F.D. H.E. 1 follows. Request  
instructions.

(REWARD, 131100Z to Admty.)

See Admty. 151848A to C. in C. S.A., A.F.D. 31, 161231Z to Admty.

\* As received.

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Rescue tug  
REWARD's  
defects,  
assisting in  
tow of  
A.F.D. 31.  
(Contd.)

(1) REWARD unable to complete passage his 131100Z refers. Max. speed of tow with one tug 3 knots.  
(2) Request immediate relief for REWARD of suitable power and endurance to be sent.  
(3) Intend proceeding along ordered route to meet replacement tug at R/V to be arranged later. My Position at 1207C lat. 23.37 S. long. 39.57 E. S.O.A. 3.5 knots.  
(4) Owing to delays experienced so far it will now be necessary for A.F.D. 31 to replenish stock of fresh water. Propose proceeding to Diego Suarez to do this.  
(5) From experience gained it is considered essential that a minimum of one stand by tug accompany now for remainder of voyage.  
(6) Request that any future signals addressed to me be passed through GROWLER.  
(A.F.D. 31, 131115Z to Admty.)  
See Admty., 141155 to C. in C. Med., C. in C. E.I.  
A.F.D. 31, 161231Z to Admty.  
REWARD's 131100 and A.F.D. 31's 131115. Intend sailing PRUDENT from Simonstown a.m. Oct. 14th to R/V with A.F.D. 31 calling at Durban for fuel.  
(2) GROWLER pass to REWARD and A.F.D. 31.  
(C. in C. S.A., 132306B to Admty. See 141216 and A.F.D. 31 161231Z to Admty.)



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CEYLON on Intend to sail CEYLON at 1400C/14th to Malta  
passage to U.K for onward routeing Gibraltar and U.K.  
S.O.A. 15 knots, E.T.A. 0800C/17th.  
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 131045C to C. in C. Med.)

Newspaper article on Para. 3 of my 121304A, no, so far as Greece is  
naval pat- concerned also.  
rols off (C. in C. Med., 131135A to Admty.)  
Palestine,  
Italy and  
Greece.

Proposed or- The organisation of the four A/A sloops and four  
ganisation BAY class frigates attached to the Mediterranean  
of A/A sloops Station has been under review.  
and frigates. (2) Alternatives appear to be A. to organise all  
8 ships into one flotilla with one ship commanded  
by a Capt. R.N. as leader. B. To organise them  
into two divisions according to class each  
division having a commander as S.O.  
(3) It is intended that these ships shall be employed on local  
duty at Gibraltar, Malta and in Levant and the Northern Adriatic  
normally two in each area and it will therefore be very rare  
for more than two ships to be in company. A. This appears  
inappropriate and it is considered preferable for B. to  
be adopted with the ships of both divisions administered by  
Capt. D. Malta.  
(4) If alternative B. is adopted it will be necessary for the  
two commanders to be appointed from U.K. as none are available  
from station resources.  
(C. in C. Med., 131209A to Admty.) 14-301949

S/M SIBYL Intend to sail SIBYL at 1800C today 13th Oct. to  
on passage Alex. for resting and subsequent O/R Gib. and U.K.  
from E.I. S.O.A. 11 knots, E.T.A. 1300C/14.  
to U.K. (S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 131642C to F.O.L.E.M.)

10th M/S F. M/S 10 in COURIER is to slip at 0900A/15th and  
for B.P.F. proceed to carry out tests on measured mile.  
(2) LIBERTY, WELCOME and HARE are to sail at 1200A/  
15th R/V with M/S 10 in COURIER.  
(3) Ships in paras. 1 and 2 above are then to  
proceed in company to Port Said for O/R to B.P.F.  
(4) S.O.A. 11.5 knots, E.T.A. to be signalled to S.N.O.R.S.A.  
Ships acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(C. in C. Med., 131647A to S.O. M/S F. 10.)

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East Indies.

11th D.F. Intend to sail ROTHERHAM (D.11), RAPID, RAIDER  
on passage and RELENTLESS at 1030Z/13th to Suez for  
from E.I. O/R to U.K. E.T.A. Suez 1500Z/17th, S.O.A. 13  
to U.K. knots. Request arrangements for transit up Canal.  
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 130714 to N.O.I.C. Suez.)

*See below.*

S/M Depot Sailed WOLFE for O/R to U.K. Route through 8  
ship WOLFE degree Channel and Guardafui Channel, E.T.A. Suez  
from Colombo 1800C/23rd.  
for U.K. WOLFE is 22,000 tons displacement. Length 575 ft.  
31 ft. draft.  
(C. in C. E.I., 131043 to N.O.I.C. Suez.)

Re-organi- Following are required to remain under operational  
sation of control of C. in C. E.I. under terms of A.M.S.S.O.  
part of E.I. 132200 Sept. Your 260259 Sept. refers.  
Ships. A. One sloop NARBADA to be relieved by KISTNA.  
B. 37th M/S F. as in E.I. Fleet state number 170B.  
C. PUNJAB, BIHAR, DECCAN. D. M.M.S. 130 and 131.  
E. ~~SONAVATI~~. F. LLANSTEPHAN CASTLE. G. BARACUDA.

H. 6 motor launches of 56th Flotilla.  
(2) Intend following revert to operational control of F.O.C.R.I.N.  
on dates shown A. ASSAM end October. B. SIND now. C. 7 frigates  
as soon as R.N. crews pay off. D. One corvette (CHARLOCK) early  
November on return from refit in South Africa. E. Coastal forces  
less craft in para. 1H available now. F. 60th and 61st L.C.T.  
Flotillas now.

(3) Separate signal will be made regarding NASIK.

(4) Signals quoted not to all addressees.

(C. in C. E.I., 131106Z to N.H.Q. India.) *amended by 060800 Nov.*

Movements. Arrival Singapore 12th Oct. L.S.T. 3503, HIGHWAY,  
SUSSEX, GLOIRE, ROTHER.  
(F.O. Malaya, 131256 to C. in C. E.I.)  
Arrived ROTHERHAM (D) 11, RAPID, RAIDER, RELENTLESS  
JEWEL, SIGFRA I.S. CARABINIERE.

Departed ROTHERHAM, RAPID, RAIDER, RELENTLESS, TRUNCHEON,  
TIRELESS, SEASCOUT.  
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 131529 to Admty., etc.)

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LIVERPOOL

Intend to sail LIVERPOOL 1800A 14th October to Malta. (A.M. 141400 September not to all refers).  
Speed 15 knots. E.T.A. 1300A 17th October.  
LIVERPOOL acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 141107A to C. in C. Med., LIVERPOOL)

R.T.  
CHARON  
defect

Burst boiler tube stopped weeping tubes expended filling boiler now and will proceed to light fires expect to have steam by 2300Z tomorrow 15th.  
Request tug to stand by in case of need my position at 1800Z Cap Carbon 207° 27 miles.  
(CHARON, No T.O.O./14 to F.O.G.M.A.)

South AtlanticRescue tug  
REWARD's  
Defects.  
Assisting in  
Tow of  
A.F.D. 31.

My 132306 and A.F.D.31, 131115 consider a minimum of 3 effective tugs will be required for approach and entry into Diego Suarez therefore unless other towage can be provided from elsewhere intend sailing S.A.R. and H. tug SIR WILLIAM HOY, from Durban about October 17th for Diego Suarez.

(2) SIR WILLIAM HOY will require to fuel at Beira on passage and is unsuitable for ocean towage.

(3) From previous experience approximate cost of HOY will be minimum of £250 per day.

(4) Expect to sail PRUDENT p.m. October 14th her endurance while towing is about 12½ days.

(5) GROWLER pass to REWARD and A.F.D.31.

(C. in C. S.A. 141216 to Admiralty.) See A.F.D.31 161231 to Admiralty.

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Mediterranean

Programme  
of LONDON  
for passage  
to U.K.

No objection your 121039Z.\*  
(C. in C. Med., 140928A to C. in C. E.I.)  
\* Re programme proposed for LONDON.

Assault  
Carrier  
STALKER  
from E.I.  
to U.K.

Sail on completion of disembarkation of aircraft  
p.m. today October 14th to Gibraltar for O/R to  
U.K.  
S. of A. fifteen knots. E.T.A. a.m. 17th.  
Exact E.T.A. to be reported to F.O.G.M.A. when  
known.  
Acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(C. in C. Mediterranean, 141122A to STALKER.)

Towage of  
A.F.D. 31.  
R.T. REWARD's  
Defects.

In view of C. in C. Mediterranean 101802\* and  
A.F.D. 31's 131115, neither to all ENTICER is to  
be sailed from Malta to East Indies Station with  
despatch to assist in the towage of A.F.D. 31,  
and for Station duties thereafter.  
(D.O.D.(F), 141155 to C. in C. Med., C. in C.  
E.I.) See C. in C. Med. 161637A to ENTICER.  
\* Towage of 60 ton crane lighter.

Mobile  
Generating  
HOTHAM  
for B.P.F.

Sailed HOTHAM at 140600C to Colombo via  
Guardafui and 8 Degree Channel E.T.A. p.m. 23rd  
October. S. of A. 16 knots.  
(N.O.I.C. Suez, 142000C to Admiralty, F.O.  
Colombo.)

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East Indies

**ENTERPRISE** Port Outer Main Circulator developed serious  
trooping. defect on passage from Bombay. Circulator is  
Defect being stripped now and defects already  
revealed include stripped blades and broken  
nozzle box and appear to be beyond capacity of  
ship's staff to repair. In order to avoid  
delay in trooping programme request ship may proceed on three  
engines on return passage to U.K. Anticipated date of  
departure from Colombo 9th October, a.m.  
(ENTERPRISE 140705 to C. in C. E.I.)

Italian sloop ERITREA (I.S.) will not return Mediterranean  
ERITREA to for the present.  
evacuate (2) As requested by S.I.N.O. number 361/S of  
Italian 8th October to C. in C. E.I. only ERITREA (I.S.)  
Nationals will proceed Singapore to evacuate Italian  
from Far Nationals who have been Prisoners of War or  
East. Internees in Japanese hands in Malaya and N.E.I.  
(3) N.O.I.C. Trincomalee is requested to sail  
ERITREA (I.S.) 16th October accordingly.  
(4) S.N.O.(A) Singapore is requested to arrange  
onward movements to Batavia if required.  
(C. in C. E.I., 141058Z to C. in C. Med.)

S/M Intend to sail TRENCHANT and SCORCHER a.m.  
TRENCHANT 0800Z/15th to Suez for O/R to U.K.  
from B.P.F. S.O.A. TRENCHANT 8 knots and SCORCHER 11 knots.  
S.M. E.T.A. Suez respectively 0600Z 22nd and 0900Z  
SCORCHER 20th.  
from E.I. (N.O.I.C. Aden, 141550Z to S.N.O.R.S.C.A.)  
both for U.K.

Proposed C. in C. E.I., 121039 approved.  
programme (D.O.D.(H), Approved A.C.N.S.(O), 141831 to  
for LONDON C. in C. E.I.)  
from E.I.  
to U.K.

NELSON C. in C. E.I. 111136\* approved.  
to U.K. (D.O.D.(H), Approved A.C.N.S.(O), 141832 to  
C. in C. E.I.)  
\* Proposed programme for NELSON subject to  
concurrence of Admiralty and C. in C. Med.

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America and West Indies

Proposed  
visit of  
U.S. ships  
to  
Singapore  
etc.

Your 122225\*. Admiralty concurrence was  
contained in A.M. 021820 to Cominch. Appropriate  
British Naval Authorities have been informed.  
(Hd. of M.II, 141008 to B.A.D.)

\* C.N.O. assume Admiralty authorising visit  
of ships to Singapore Colombo and Capetown and  
would appreciate Admiralty confirmation.

\* N.T. in W.D.

Escort  
Carrier  
PUNCHER  
trooping  
to Canada

Arrival H.M.S. PUNCHER, A.M. 14th from U.K.  
(Capt.(D) Halifax, 141221Z to Admiralty.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Foreign Stations.

Far East and Australia.

Changes in  
Flag Appoint-  
ments in  
B.P.F.  
taking place  
in due course.

V.A. Vian to relieve V.A. Rawlings as V.A. Second  
in Command B.P.F. to date 27th October, also re-  
taining appointment of V.A. Commanding 1st Air-  
craft Carrier Squadron. Flag will be flown in  
INDEFATIGABLE temporarily. V.A. Rawlings will  
return to U.K. in DEVONSHIRE.

R.A. Archer to relieve V.A. Edelsten as R.A.D.  
V.A. Edelsten to relieve R.A. Fisher as F.O.  
Western Area, and to assume command of 1st B.S.  
vice R.A. Daniel, flag being flown in ANSON.  
Captain Barraclough to assume command of the  
Fleet Train with rank of Commodore 2nd Class  
(title C.O.F.T.)

The Air Train under C.O.M.A.T. will be separate  
from the Fleet Train, and both C.O.F.T. and  
C.O.M.A.T. will be responsible directly to C. in  
C. B.P.F. (signed - p. 73)

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North Atlantic.

Destroyers on Intend to sail RACEHORSE (S.O.), ROCKET and  
passage from REDOUBT at 1700A (date omitted) to Home Ports  
E.I. to U.K. (C. in C.) Med., Malta 101428A not to all and  
A.M. 131246 refer.

(3) REDOUBT is to part company as ordered by S.O.  
and proceed via current swept channels to Sheerness

E.T.A. p.m. 19th Oct. RACEHORSE and ROCKET are to proceed to  
Portsmouth E.T.A. a.m. 19th Oct.

(4) C. in C. Portsmouth is requested to sail ROCKET to Sheerness  
on completion of off loading material for VERNON.

(5) Whilst within the Plymouth Command RACEHORSE is to signal  
P.C.S. and weather report at 0600Z and 1800Z daily to C. in C.  
Plymouth.

RACEHORSE acknowledge and sail ships to comply.

(F.O.G.M.A., 151034A to C. in C. Nore., etc.)

South Atlantic.

Defects in  
rescue tug  
REWARD.

Ref. REWARD 131100. Request you will take  
necessary action and order REWARD to Durban, or  
as may be necessary for temporary repair to star-  
board engine, and further report on extent of  
damage to port engine. Necessity or otherwise for  
her return to U.K. should also be stated after  
examination.

(C. in C. Rescue Tugs, 151848 to C. in C. S.A.)



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Mediterranean.

Suez Canal.

A.M. 200745 and your 271031. At request of British Directors Admiralty have agreed to date being advanced to early next month.  
(P.A.S.L., 151519 to F.O.L.E.M.)

Frigate  
LOCH ACHRAY  
on passage  
to E.I.

Sailed LOCH ACHRAY at 0705C to Colombo E.T.A.  
250930Z. S.O.A. 14 knots.  
(N.O.I.C. Suez, 151725C to Admty., F.O. Ceylon.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Movements. Arrived Singapore 14th Oct. GLASGOW, BULOLO, GAZELLE, ANNAMITE, CARNATIC. Departed MYNGS, L.S.T. 3020, LOCH MORE. (F.O. Malaya, 150312Z to C. in C. E.I.)

Proposed programme of ENTERPRISE trooping from Colombo to U.K.

Following is intended homeward programme of ENTERPRISE all times G.M.T.

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Leave</u>
	Colombo	0630/19th
a.m. 24th	Aden	p.m. 24th
p.m. 27th	Suez	a.m. 28th
	Port Said	p.m. 28th
a.m. 29th	Alexandria	a.m. 30th
a.m. 3rd Nov.	Gibraltar	p.m. 3rd
a.m. 6th	Spithead	

(Colombo, 150330Z to Admty.)

Fleet M/S JEWEL with convoy of landing craft. Departed JEWEL, L.C.Q. 386, L.C.T. 1216, 1360, 1292, 1358, 1218, 1294, 1310, 1225, 1315, 1295, 1177, 1180. (Com. Aden, 151020Z to F.O. Ceylon, N.O.I.C. Cochin.)

Movements. Colombo 15th Oct. arrivals nil. Departures LONDON, NIGELLA, FIERY CROSS, B.Y.M.S. 2223. (F.O. Ceylon, 151057Z to F.O.C.R.I.N. Admty.)

R.A.P.W.I. Transport. On completion disembarkation Dutch R.A.P.W.I. CIRCASSIA is to embark Australian R.A.P.W.I. and sailed for Australia. (2) Agreed A.L.F.S.E.A. (S.E.A.C., 151127Z to D.S.T.O. Singapore.)

British TAKLIWA, 7936 tons R.A.P.W.I. ship from Hongkong, aground Gt. Nicobar, and on fire. SS. TAKLIWA carrying 800 Indian R.A.P.W.I. from Hongkong to Madras ran aground south end Great Nicobar about 2000Z/14th Oct. caught fire and put passengers ashore. (2) SAINFOIN arrived vicinity daylight today Monday. \* SS. EMPIRE CROSSBOW also standing by. A.C. 21 in ROYALIST also TRUMPETER, KALE and VENUS will arrive this afternoon. (3) SAINFOIN at 0235Z having about 300 survivors on board, remainder on beach, hopes to embark all by 0900Z. Ship burning fiercely no hope of salvage. Wind S.W. 6, squalls force 8, cyclonic storm forming. (C. in C. E.I., 151156 to Admty., etc.)

\* New SAINFOIN.

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Far East and Australia.

Question whether corvettes named are required for service in S.W.P.A.

Your B.P.F/1404P dated 13th Sept. 1945, it is not considered there are any islands in the New Zealand area which require searching.

(2) ARABIS and ARBUTUS could however be made available subject to approval of New Zealand Government, for service in South West Pacific Area if required by A.C.N.B.

(3) It is doubtful what assistance can be given by R.N.Z.A.F. which is fully employed, until relevant operational requirements are known. R.N.Z.A.F. are presently examining records of searches already made which information will be forwarded in due course.

(4) R.N.Z.A.F. will in the near future have a flying boat (Catalina) unit established in Fiji. Any request on Government level for the assistance of this unit would be considered. (N.Z.N.B., 150302Z to C. in C. B.P.F.) *See 312147Z r 080504NW.*

Alterations in Flag Officers Appointments B.P.F.

The following alterations in F.Os. appointments have been approved and will take place in due course.

A. Vice Admiral Vian to relieve Vice Admiral Rawlings as Vice Admiral Second in Command B.P.F. to date 27th October also retaining appointment of Vice Admiral Commanding 1st Aircraft Carrier Squadron. Flag will be flown in INDEFATIGABLE

temporarily. Vice Admiral Rawlings will return to U.K. in DEVONSHIRE.

B. Rear Admiral Archer to relieve Vice Admiral Edelston as R.A.D.

C. Vice Admiral Edelston to relieve Rear Admiral Fisher as Flag Officer Western Area and to assume command of 1st Battle Squadron vice Rear Admiral Daniel. Flag will be flown in ANSON.

D. Captain Barraclough to assume command of the Fleet Train with rank of Commodore 2nd Class - short title C.O.F.T.

(2) The air train under C.O.M.A.T. will be separate from the fleet train and both C.O.F.T. and C.O.M.A.T. will be responsible directly to C. in C. B.P.F.

(C. in C. B.P.F., 150743 to B.P.F. General Message 383P.)

Re-embarkation of guard from Can. Cr. ONTARIO at Hongkong, and proposed re-turn to Canada.

It will shortly be possible for the men landed by ONTARIO as guards in Hongkong to be re-embarked.

(2) There is no further requirement for ONTARIO on the China coast.

(3) Propose she should sail for Canada when ready.

(4) Request destination.

(F.O.W.A.B.P.F., 151003 to C. in C. B.P.F.)

"Bibber" Sitrep No. 2, Saigon.

Convoy R.B.S. 1, arrived 14th comprising L.S.T. 3037, 3035, 3036, 3010, 3006, 3017, 3009, 3502, 5, 311, 421, 382, 280, 385, 326, 1021, also LOCH KATRINE and ECHOS DALE. (2) 5 L.C.T., 4 L.C.I. (L) 1 L.C.H. and LULING arrived 15th Oct.

*Bangkok*

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Bibber Sitrep  
No. 2.  
Saigon. *Bangkok*  
(Contd.)

- (3) Suitable hards for L.S.Ts. have been constructed in the river at Paknam.  
(4) Force 12 still sweeping between Paknam and river mouth so far with negative results but a small Siamese coaster was sunk by mine on 10th Oct. in the entrance where B.Y.M.S. have not yet swept.  
(5) My 111015 (N.T. in W.D.) refers.  
(Bangkok, 151316 to C. in C. E.I.F.)

Carrier  
movements  
from  
Hongkong.

Your 150829 (N.T. in W.D.) VENERABLE (IX?) delayed awaiting concurrence of Chungking. Intend sailing COLOSSUS with C.A.G. on Sat. 20th Oct. in accordance with your 120806 (N.T. in W.D.) (F.O.W.A.T.B.P.F., 152147 to C. in C. B.P.F.)

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North Atlantic

B.Y.M.S.  
for E.I.

Intend to sail B.Y.M.S. 2244 (S.O.) and 2015 at 1500A 16th October to Malta for O/R to E.I. Speed 10½ knots. E.T.A. p.m. 20th October. B.Y.M.S. 2244 acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 161101A to C. in C. Med. etc.)

Destroyer  
TETCOTT  
to U.K.  
for Reserve

Intend to sail TETCOTT 1800A 16th October to Portsmouth a.m. 131246 (N.T. in W.D.) refers. Speed 15 knots E.T.A. 0900A 20th October. TETCOTT acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 161209A to C. in C. Portsmouth, TETCOTT).

General  
Purpose  
Carrier  
ACTIVITY  
on passage  
to U.K.

Intend to sail ACTIVITY 1700A 16th to Clyde (A.M. 131844 refers). Speed 14 knots E.T.A. Clock Light 0800A 21st October. ACTIVITY acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 161616 to N.O.I.C. Greenock, ACTIVITY.)

Ex-German  
KERSTEN  
MILES in  
tow from  
Las Palmas  
to U.K.

H.M.S. KENILWORTH CASTLE and H.M.R.T. H.M.S. BUSTLER with KERSTEN MILES in tow sailed from Las Palmas 0900Z Tuesday 16th October. Speed 7 knots.  
(KENILWORTH CASTLE 161300Z to F.O.G.M.A.)

South Atlantic

Escort for  
A.F.D.31 to  
Seychelles

Sailed H.M.S. HALLADALE to R/V and escort A.F.D.31 to Seychelles C. in C. E.I. 151844 (N.T. in W.D.) and C. in C. S.A. 160921 (N.T. in W.D.) not to all addressees refer. A.F.D.31 is to repeat position, course and speed to HALLADALE. GROWLER pass to A.F.D.31.  
(Com. Durban, 161024Z to Admiralty etc.)

Defect in  
R.T. REWARD  
on passage  
with A.F.D.31

Reference your 131115\* and REWARD's 131100, REWARD informs me he now considers that after repairs to his gear lubricating oil pipe at

/Seychelles...

\* 131115 from A.F.D.31 intended.

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Defect in  
R.T.REWARD  
on passage  
with A.F.D.31.  
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Seychelles he would be able to continue to  
Trincomalee on one engine only.  
(2) It is, therefore, suggested that if no  
other suitable arrangements can be made to  
accompany tow as stand by tug with GROWLER and  
PRUDENT for remainder of passage. If PRUDENT  
is used it will be necessary to re-fuel her at  
sea or detach her for a considerable part of  
the passage to re-fuel elsewhere.  
C. in C. S.A. is 132306 and 141216 refers.  
(A.F.D.31, 161231Z to Admiralty.)

Passage of  
A.F.D.31

A.F.D.31 due to improve weather and likelihood  
of handling difficulties at Diego Suarez.  
A.F.D.31 is now proceeding to Seychelles.  
A.F.D.31's 160710 and my 161134 refer.

(2) HALLADALE sailed from Durban at 1024Z  
to act as escort. Com. Durban's 161024 refers.  
(3) Provided C. in C. E.I. has no objection and subject to  
discretion of C.O. of A.F.D.31 intend Dock should proceed West  
of Comoro Island to new position "D" 10° 00' S. 42° 00' E.  
thence to "E" 08° 00' S. 50° 00' E. thence requisite to  
Seychelles.

My 141704\* PRUDENT delayed by bad weather expected time of  
arrival Durban about 24 hours late.

Signals quoted not to addressees.

GROWLER acknowledge and pass to A.F.D.31.

(C. in C. S.A. 161401 to Admiralty, C. in C. E.I., HALLADALE)

\* Sailed PRUDENT coastal to Durban.

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Mediterranean

Alexandria  
Fixed  
Defences

Request reply may now be given to my 261443\*  
September.  
(F.O.L.E.M., 161325 to Admiralty).  
\* Request information whether payment should  
be made. Concerning fixed defences at  
Alexandria Harbour.

A/A Sloop  
OPOSSUM  
for B.P.F.

Sail at 1500A 18th to Port Said for O/R to  
B.P.F.  
S.O.A. 15 knots. E.T.A. to be signalled to  
S.N.O.R.S.C.A.  
Acknowledge.  
(C. in C. Med. 161603A to OPOSSUM.)

Rescue Tug  
ENTICER on  
passage to  
E.I. to  
assist tow  
of A.F.D.31

Sail 1600A 17th from Malta to Port Said for  
O/R to E.I. Station. Admiralty's 141155\*  
refers.  
S.O.A. 11 knots. E.T.A. to be signalled to  
S.N.O.R.S.C.A.  
Acknowledge.  
(C. in C. Med. 161637A to ENTICER.)  
\*ENTICER to be sailed to E.I. Station to assist  
in towage of A.F.D.31 and for station duties  
thereafter.

Cruiser  
SIRIUS  
for  
Haifa

Intend to sail SIRIUS to arrive Haifa Saturday  
20th October in accordance with previous  
arrangements with High Commissioner. Reason  
given for visit will be co-operation with 2  
staff colleges.  
(F.O.L.E.M., 162210C to C. in C. Med.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

East Indies

Movements

Arrival - FARNDALE (D.18), CALPE, CHIDDINGFOLD, BLEASDALE, BANN.  
(R.N.O. Bombay, 160314Z to Admiralty etc.)

Fighter  
Direction  
Ship  
ULSTER  
QUEEN  
on passage  
from E.I.  
to U.K.

Intend to sail ULSTER QUEEN at 0900Z/16th to Port Said for O/R to U.K.  
E.T.A. Suez 0400Z/20th. S. of A. 15 knots.  
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 160557Z to S.N.O.R.S.C.A.)

French  
SENEGALAIS,  
Trooping  
and Supply  
Ship on  
passage to  
Colombo.

Intend to sail F.S. SENEGALAIS at 1600Z/16th Routed north of Socotra and 8° channel to Colombo.  
(2) E.T.A. 1200Z 22nd. S. of A. 15.5 knots.  
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 160749AR, C. in C. E.I.)

Proposed  
Programme  
for  
Destroyers  
on passage  
to U.K.

The following programme is proposed subject to your approval for D.10 in TARTAR with NUBIAN and PALADIN.

(a) a.m. 1st November arrive Suez p.m. 1st November leave Port Said a.m. 2nd November arrive Alexandria p.m. 4th November leave Alexandria a.m. 7th November arrive Malta a.m. 9th November leave Malta a.m. 12th November arrive Gibraltar p.m. 14th November leave Gibraltar a.m. 18th November arrive Plymouth.  
(b) Fuel at Alexandria Malta Gibraltar.  
(C. in C. E.I., 161118EF to C. in C. Mediterranean etc.)  
Concur D.O.D.(H), 171930 C. in C. E.I.  
Approved C. in C. Med. 171837A C. in C. E.I.

Movements

Arrivals. Singapore 16th October. L.S.T.304 from Batavia SOMALI (Fr.) L.S.E.51 from Batavia. FREESIA from patrol.  
Departures from Singapore 16th October CUMBERLAND to Trincomalee. SUFFREN to Saigon. SOMALI to Saigon.  
(F.O. Malaya, 161631 to C. in C. E.I.)



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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

Movement of  
carrier  
VENERABLE at  
Hongkong.

My 1210(?30)+ (N.T. in W.D.)  
Chinese Government agree and have so informed  
local authorities.  
(2) C. in C. Hongkong please repeat to C. in C.  
B.P.F.  
(N.A. Chungking, 160800Z to F.O.W.A.)  
\* Could be 30, sailing of VENERABLE must be  
delayed. *see 160233 Nav.*

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North Atlantic.

S/M SPARK  
on passage  
from B.P.F.  
to U.K.

Intend to sail SPARK 1400A/17th Oct. to Portsmouth.  
Speed 11 knots, E.T.A. a.m. 22nd Oct.  
Whilst within the Plymouth Command ship is to  
report P.C.S. at 0600Z and 1800Z daily to C. in C.  
Plymouth.

SPARK acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 171046A to C. in C. Portsmouth, SPARK)

Cruiser  
PHOEBE on  
passage from  
E.I. to U.K.

Intend to sail PHOEBE 0900A/18th Oct. to Sheerness  
(A.M. 131255 refers.)  
Speed 13/2 knots, E.T.A. 1230Z/22nd Oct.  
Whilst within the Plymouth Command ship is to  
signal P.C.S. at 0600Z and 1800Z daily to C. in  
C. Plymouth.

PHOEBE acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 171454A to C. in C. Nore, PHOEBE,  
Com. i/c Sheerness.)

South Atlantic.

KHEDIVE,  
assault  
carrier.

KHEDIVE arrived.  
(Com. Durban, 170604Z to Admt.)

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Mediterranean.

S/Ms on Intend to sail SOLENT and SLEUTH at 1300C/17 to  
passage from Malta for O/R to U.K.  
B.P.F. to U.K. S.O.A. 11 knots, E.T.A. a.m. 21.  
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 170910 to C. in C. Med.)

Control of An answer to my 211243\* Sept. would be appreciated.  
coast in (C. in C. Med., 171029 to Admty.)  
Med. Approach. \* No object is seen in C. in C. Med. having con-  
trol of the coast between the Cape St. Vincent -  
Morocco Line and Cape Bojader as adjacent waters  
are under F.O.G.M.A. and transfer proposed by  
Admiralty to F.O.G.M.A. who concurs.

SELENE. Intend to sail SELENE at 1800C today to Alex.  
for docking and subsequent onward routeing to U.K.  
S.O.A. 11 knots, E.T.A. 1200C/18.  
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 171106C to F.O.L.E.M.)

Cruiser Sail at 0830A/18th to Gibraltar for O/R to  
CEYLON on Portsmouth.  
passage from S.O.A. 15 knots adjusted to arrive Gibraltar  
E.I. to U.K. 0730A/21st.  
Acknowledge.  
(C. in C. Med., 171153A)

Destroyer Sail at 1600A/18th to Gibraltar for O/R to U.K.  
ZETLAND for S.O.A. 15 knots.  
U.K. to go ZETLAND is to enter Algiers to disembark stores  
in reserve. from Malta, E.T.A. Algiers 0800A/20th and sail  
when ready to Gibraltar signalling E.T.A. to  
F.O.G.M.A. Acknowledge.  
(C. in C. Med., 171229 to ZETLAND.)

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East Indies.

Assault carrier EMPEROR for transport of N.A.E.U. and M.W.U. to Singapore.

Request EMPEROR may be sailed to Singapore from Trincomalee with Naval Air Embarkation Unit and Mobile Workshop Unit.  
(2) If approved request EMPEROR may carry out the following programme Sunday 21st sail from Trincomalee, Friday 26th arrive Singapore disembarking N.A.E.U. and M.W.U. and Sunday 28th sail from Singapore, Friday 2nd Nov. arrive Colombo (F.O. Air E.I., 170532Z to C. in C. E.I.)  
C. in C. E.I., 181247Z.

Br. TAKLIWA R.A.P.W.I. ship from Hongkong.

My 151156. SAINFOON completed embarkation of all crew and passengers SS. TAKLIWA by p.m. 16th, despite heavy swell and surf on Coal Reef. SAINFOON arrives Madras 19th Oct.  
(2) TAKLIWA nearly high and dry and burnt out in Parsons Point, and is considered total loss.  
(C. in C. E.I., 171330 E.F., to Admty., etc.)  
*See 260438*

Coal Situation Hongkong.

C. in C. Hongkong has reported that the coal position there is serious and that only a fortnight's stock remains. It is appreciated that the supply of coal for civil purposes is not a naval commitment, but it is desired to assist S.A.C.S.EA. if possible in relieving the immediate situation. Request you will consider whether collier CITY OF RANGOON now at Singapore can be sent to complete discharge at Hongkong.  
(2) Collier EMPIRE BOSWELL with 3,620 tons of Welsh coal is due Colombo for orders about 4th Nov. This vessel was intended for B.P.F. but there is no objection to her temporary retention in East Indies if CITY OF RANGOON is sent to Hongkong.  
(Secretary to 4th S.L., 171528 to C. in C. E.I.)  
See C. in C. E.I., 181101 to F.O. Malaya, etc.)  
See 4th S.L., 192040 to C. in C. E.I.

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America & West Indies.

Canadian  
destroyer  
CRESCENT on  
passage from  
U.K. to  
Esquimalt.

Expect to arrive Kingston en route Panama approx.  
1400Z/20th Oct. Request five hundred tons oil  
fuel and fresh provisions be supplied on arrival.  
(CRESCENT, 172147Z to N.O.I.C. Bermuda.)

Return of  
Aux. A/C  
carriers to  
U.S.A.

Return of the 10 C.V.Es. in your 151937.(N.T. in  
W.D.) Oct. has been taken up with Navy Dept.  
Navy Dept. ask from what port each of these ships  
is to be sailed back to the United States to  
assist them in deciding to which ports in the  
United States they should be routed. Request early  
reply accordingly.  
(B.A.D., 172231Z to Admty.)

Far East and Australia.

Future of  
R.N.V.R. in  
New Zealand.

A.M. 062231 (N.T. in W.D.). Future of R.N.V.R.  
was discussed with His Excellency the Governor  
during recent visit of First Naval Member to Fiji.  
(2) It is considered most desirable that Fiji  
R.N.V.R. should continue in peace-time so that a  
nucleus for providing Port Services and defences

is immediately available.

(3) If Commander Hill remains in Fiji on demobilisation from  
R.N.Z.N.R. as it is understood he may, there would be no objec-  
tion to his Commanding the force provided that any expenses were  
borne by the Fiji Government. He is strongly recommended for this  
appointment.

(4) It is understood that the force could be self-supporting  
as regards instructors and stores for some time to come. R.N.Z.N.  
would provide both if required at a later date on repayment basis.

(5) It is considered that the employment of some of the Western  
Pacific High Commission Ships makes it undesirable for them to  
fly the White Ensign and it is suggested they should be amended on  
a civilian basis, Officers and men being enrolled in the R.N.V.R.  
is possible. Consideration could be given to their administration  
by the Commanding Officer, R.N.V.R.

(6) The New Zealand Naval Board would be glad to continue the  
responsibility of administering the force in peace-time  
provided that no financial responsibility is incurred.  
(N.Z.N.B., 170517Z to Admty.)

Closing down  
D.G. ranges  
on Austra-  
lian mainland.

Intend permanently close down D.G. ranges on  
mainland of Australia. Brisbane 15th Oct, Fre-  
mantle 31st Oct., Sydney and Darwin 30th Nov.  
Coiling maintenance and repair facilities remain  
at each port. Ranges north of Australia to be  
used for calibrating minesweepers. Colombo C.C.O.  
pass S.I.D.G. India and S.I.D.G. Ceylon.  
(A.C.N.B., 171137 to Admty.)

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Far East and Australia - Contd.

26th D.F.  
sailing from  
Colombo  
for U.K.

Intend to sail 26 Destroyer Flotilla from Colombo  
17th Nov. for U.K.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 171754 to Capt. (D), D.F. 26,  
etc.)

Movement,  
destroyer  
UNDAUNTED.

Departure Auckland UNDAUNTED for Sydney E.T.A.  
21st Oct.  
(N.Z.N.B., 172301Z to Admty., etc.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Foreign Stations.

America & West Indies.

SS. NARBADA  
aground.

SS. NARBADA (Br. 8,988 tons) reported aground  
off Soldier Point, St. Laurence River today.

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North Atlantic.

Whaler  
WASTWATER  
for U.K.  
conversion  
to fishing.

Intend to sail WASTWATER 1800A/18th Oct. to  
Plymouth. Speed 10 knots, E.T.A. a.m. 23rd Oct.  
Whilst within the Plymouth Command ship is to  
report position course and speed and weather  
report at 0600Z and 1800Z daily to C. in C.  
Plymouth.

WASTWATER acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(F.O. Gib., 181035A to C. in C. Plymouth,  
WASTWATER.)



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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Future move-  
ment of Cr.  
ARETHUSA  
from Med.

It is intended that ARETHUSA shall leave Trieste without cruiser relief on Oct. 27th and after visiting Malta proceed to Chatham to reduce to reserve vide A.M. 141400 Sept. not to all.  
(2) N.O.I.C. Trieste is to sail ship accordingly.  
(3) A visit to Northern Adriatic will probably be paid by Fleet Destroyers shortly after departure of ARETHUSA.  
(C. in C. Med., 181128 to C.S. 15.)

Assault carrier  
HUNTER on  
passage from  
E.I. to U.K.

Intend to sail HUNTER at 1000C/19th to Gibraltar for O/R to U.K.  
S.O.A. 15 knots, E.T.A. p.m. 24th Sept. to report E.T.A. direct to F.O.G.M.A. when known.  
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 181901 to F.O.G.M.A.)

A/C VICTORIOUS  
on passage  
from B.P.F.  
to U.K.

Intend to sail VICTORIOUS at 0900C/20 to Gibraltar for O/R to U.K.  
S.O.A. 15 knots, E.T.A. a.m. 24th ship to report accurate E.T.A. when known direct to F.O.G.M.A.  
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 182324 to F.O.G.M.A.)

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Transport for more troops to Batavia and Palembang.

(1) If proposed 5th Division move finally sanctioned by S.E.A.C. Further operational red ensign requirements about 6000 men and 450 vehicles from Singapore to Batavia and Palembang about 22nd Oct. will arise.

(2) Intend using EKMA, ISLAMU, TALMA and ELLENGA for personnel and possibly DUNERA if commitment increased.

(3) D.S.T.O. N.E.I. is requested to sail TALMA and ELLENGA to Singapore to meet this commitment.

(4) Intend using SAMTRENT and SAMSHEE for M.T. and possibly one other if vehicles arrive up to strength. (5) Agreed.

(D.S.T.O. Singapore, 180232C to P.S.T.O. S.E.A.C.)

List of ships and units to remain under operational control of C. in C. E.I.

Para. 2H of your 131106 not to last 2 addressees. Situation regarding L.C.T. Squadron is not clear as 62nd Flotilla is not mentioned.

(2) R.I.N. have no use for L.C.T. Squadron but would retain 6 L.C.Ts. provisionally, to transfer stores etc. from R.I.N. bases being reduced.

Request you will say where the remaining craft should be handed over to R.N. authorities.

(F.O.C.R.I.N., 180801Z to C. in C. E.I.) 251608EF

Landing craft on E.I.S. Proposed base at B.D. Depot Changi.

Consideration of the figures quoted in D.C.O.D. Fort 1A A.M. 070110 and 151700 September, and of the present disposition of Landing Craft on station indicates that if India bases are to be closed down according to plan then craft must be disposed approx. as follows:

A. At Indian ports mainly Cochin, Major L.C. 65 in commission and 110 in care and maintenance minor

L.C. 100 manned 570 in C. and M.

B. Based on Singapore major L.C. 109 in commission 12 in C. and M. minor L.C. 345 manned 310 in C. and M. The above figures do not include 120 craft to be used as harbour craft.

(2) In order to repair and maintain this large number of landing craft at Singapore a base with necessary facilities must be provided at an early date. It is out of the question to start constructing a L.C. base owing to prior claim of Civil Engineering work on rehabilitation of naval base. Adaptation and improvisation must therefore be resorted to.

(3) After thorough reconnaissance of possible sites in conjunction with F.O. Malaya consider that Boom Defence Depot Changi is only practicable solution. This can be operated as an emergency base now using M.B.M.Us. (minor) 107 and 108 it can be fully developed to undertake repair and storage of craft in para. 1B within 6 months. Amount of construction work necessary is small. Request early approval to develop this depot for use as L.C. base.

(4) All necessary personnel and equipment will be provided from India. (5) F.O. Malaya agrees.

(C. in C. E.I., 181014Z to Admty.) Approved 201435.

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East Indies - Contd.

Coal Situation Hongkong. A.M. 171528 not to all. There is no Admiralty collier in sight which could reach Hongkong from Ceylon by the end of this month.  
(2) Request you approach 14th Army with a view to the release of either CITY OF RANGOON or FORT LOUISBERG to meet Hongkong's needs. Armindia's 051710 September not to all indicated employment of these ships was to supply coal to Singapore and repeat and Hongkong.  
(3) Ref. to N.O.I.C. Port Swettenham's 141201 not to all. It is realised that naval collier WARINA is short of coal already but it is hoped that MARTABAN will reach Malaya in first week November. (C. in C. E.I., 181101 to F.O. Malaya, etc.) See 211234.

Assault carrier F.O. Air E.I.'s 170532\* is approved. Loading will take place at Colombo 20th Oct. and EMPEROR sail from Colombo 21st October.  
EMPEROR for transport of N.A.E.U. and M.W.U. to Singapore. (2) S.N.O.(A) Trincomalee is requested to sail EMPEROR to arrive Colombo first light 20th Oct. (C. in C. E.I., 181247Z to S.N.O.(A) Trinco.)  
\* Request EMPEROR may be sailed to Singapore from Trincomalee with naval air embarkation unit and mobile workshop unit.

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America & West Indies.

Return of Aux. A/C carriers to U.S.A. Your 172231. These vessels will sail from Clyde. (Head of M.II, 182234 to B.A.D.)

Far East and Australia.

Destroyer to assist Masters of colliers with Chinese port authorities Ching-wang Tao. SAMSETTE and SAMLAMU are due to commence loading coal at Chingwang Tao on October 22nd. In order to provide direct communication and to assist masters of ships in their dealing with local Chinese port authorities, consider desirable that one destroyer of Task Group 112.3 should visit port from Oct. 24th for about three days. If approved request necessary action may be taken with Chinese to clear visit.

(2) H.M.A. now in Shanghai has been consulted and agrees but requests Admiralty will inform Foreign Office. (C.T.G. 112.3, 181059Z to C.T.F. 112.)

Opening of ~~Seigon~~ *Bangkok* "Bibber" No. 3. Force 12 have completed check sweep of Siamese Swept Channel from river mouth to Paknam one mine detonated B.Y.M.S. will now start sweeping river to Klangtoi wharfs.

(2) 6 L.S.T. proceed up river and commenced discharge at Paknam yesterday 17th Oct. expect to discharge approx. 6 L.S.T. daily henceforth empty L.S.T. will be sailed to Singapore each day.

(3) Convoy R.B.S. 2 arrived Bar anchorage at 1100G/18 consisting of L.S.T. 315, 410, 337, 368, 3008, 3021, 3024, 3501, 3503, 3019 and L.S.E. 1 also EMPIRE TAVOY; EMPIRE RAJA and BELRAY.

(4) EMPIRE COPPERFIELD did not join convoy R.B.S. 25. My 151316 refers.

(N.O.I.C. Bangkok, 181344G to C. in C. E.I.)

A/C Carrier IMPLACABLE Departed Vancouver 1845 G.M.T. 18th Oct. IMPLACABLE C.V. to Hongkong E.T.A. 0230 G.M.T. Nov. from Vancouver 2nd for storing and onward routing in accordance with C. in C. B.P.F. 110815 calling at Tokio for fuel if necessary. S.O.A. 17½ knots. (C. in C. Pacific Coast, Vancouver, 181859Z to N.S.H.Q., N.O.I.C. Hongkong.)

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LOOKOUT  
from Med,  
to U.K.Intend to sail LOOKOUT 1230A/19th October  
to Plymouth.  
Speed 15 knots E.T.A. 1230A/22nd October.  
LOOKOUT acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 190922A to C. in C. Plymouth,  
LOOKOUT)S/Ms on  
passage  
from E.I.  
to U.K.Intend to sail VIGOROUS (S.O.) and  
VISIGOTH 1900A/19th October to Clyde (Holy  
Loch).  
Speed 9 knots E.T.A. a.m. 27th October.  
Whilst within the Plymouth Command VIGOROUS  
is to report P.C. and S. with weather report  
0600Z and 1800Z daily to C. in C. Plymouth.  
VIGOROUS acknowledge and sail S/Ms to comply.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 191022A to N.O.I.C. Greenock etc.)Intend to sail SCYTHIAN 1900A/19th October to Portsmouth.  
Speed 11 knots E.T.A. a.m. 24th October.  
Whilst within the Plymouth Command SCYTHIAN is to report  
position course and speed at 0600Z and 1800Z daily to C. in C.  
Plymouth.  
SCYTHIAN acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 191122A to C. in C. Portsmouth, SCYTHIAN).Relief for  
A.S.R.  
Station 20Intend to sail LANCASTER CASTLE 0800A/20th  
October to A.S.R. Station 20.  
(2) Speed 12 knots. E.T.A. 0400A/22  
October.  
(3) On relief ST. AUSTELL BAY return to  
Gibraltar.  
(4) LANCASTER CASTLE acknowledge and sail to  
comply.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 191146A to Admiralty etc.)D.8 in  
COSSACK  
for B.P.F.Intend to sail D.8 in COSSACK 0900A 20 to  
Malta to work up and for O.R. to B.P.F.  
Speed 14.3 knots. E.T.A. 0615A 23rd October.  
D.8. Acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(F.O. Gib., 191214A to F.O. Malta, etc.)

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Mediterranean.

Controlled minelayer SANDMARTIN and B.D.V. on passage to U.K. Intend to sail SANDMARTIN (S.O.) and RENNET at 1400C/19th to Malta for O/R U.K. S.O.A. 6½ knots, E.T.A. p.m. 25th. (S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 190930C to C. in C. Med.)

Destroyers on passage from E.I. to U.K. Intend to sail D.11 in ROTHERHAM with RAPID, RAIDER and RELENTLESS at 1800C/19th to Malta for O/R Gibraltar and U.K. S.O.A. 15 knots, E.T.A. 1000C/22nd. D.11 acknowledge and sail to comply. (S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 191050C to C. in C. Med.)

S/M SUPREME on passage from B.P.F. to U.K. Intend to sail SUPREME at 1400C today Friday 19th Oct. to Alexandria for resting and subsequent O/R to U.K. S.O.A. 11½ knots, E.T.A. 0700C/20. (S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 191050C to F.O.L.E.M.)

Monitor ABERCROMBIE on passage from E.I. to U.K. Sail at 0900A/21st to Gibraltar for O/R to Chatham. S.O.A. 8 knots, E.T.A. to be signalled to F.O.G.M.A. Acknowledge. (C. in C. Med., 191209A to ABERCROMBIE.)

Aux. Repair ship ALAUNIA Intend to sail ALAUNIA at 0600C/20 to Colombo. S.O.A. 12½ knots. On departure from Suez ship will report her E.T.D., and E.T.A. Colombo to all addressees in this signal.. (S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 191250C and 191652C to F.O. Colombo.)

Medloc transition camp. Ref. A.M. 111514 (N.T. in W.D.) Sept. (personal from 4th Sea Lord) and your 151038 Sept. in reply. Situation now is:- A. War Office state that conditions at Toulon transit camp have been considerably improved. Further, that work on a winter camp site at La Crau (about 12 miles from Toulon) is in full swing. This site aims to provide summer tentage with essential hutted ancillaries by 1st Nov. completion to winter tented scale by 1st Dec. and conversion to 50% hutted accommodation by 31st Dec. B. W.O. intend to continue use of Medloc throughout winter and to increase the traffic by running a second train. C. Overall personnel shipping shortage is still acute and additional shipping obtained from Americans is more than balance by increased rate of release dictated by Government demobilisation plans. D. Your suggestion of using partially manned British warships on trooping from the Med. in lieu of Medloc has been fully examined, but it is anticipated that every ship we can produce will be required to lift the large numbers from Australia and East Indies, whence there is obviously no land alternative to sea transport. (2) Only other alternative to Medloc would be to obtain naval share of air trooping route Italy-U.K. But this would involve partial kits being shipped by freight and accommodation problems in Naples. (3) In view of above facts it is considered that we must continue to use Medloc while explaining the circumstances to all concerned as you have already done in your 151031 Sept. (D. Movements, 192202 to C. in C. Med.)

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East Indies

Movement  
NELSON

Arrived H.M.S. NELSON.  
(Kilindini 191332 to Admiralty etc.)

Coal  
Situation  
Hong Kong

As it is understood that S.A.C.S.E.A. is sending FORT LOUISBOURG from Singapore to Hong Kong with 5900 tons of coal my 171528 is cancelled.  
(D. of S. 192040 to C. in C. E.I.) See also 211234.

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America and West Indies

Fleet M/S  
NERISSA  
on passage to  
U.K.

Ship at 1600Z/20th October and at 12 knots  
proceed Ponta Delgada. E.T.A. a.m. 26th Oct.  
On arrival Ponta Delgada, request S.B.N.O.  
Azores fuel and sail NERISSA to U.K. as  
directed by Admiralty.  
(Capt. D. Halifax, N.S. 191521Z to NERISSA)

SS. NARBADA  
aground

SS. NARBADA en route Montreal to Falmouth  
reported aground off Soldier Point St. Lawrence  
River 18th October.  
(N.S.H.Q., 192140Z to Admiralty.)

Far East and Australia

Frigates  
for U.K.  
from Hongkong

PARRET, DERG, USK and BARLE departed Hongkong  
18th October. My 070625\*(N.T. in W.D.)  
paragraph 1 refers.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 190011Z to Admiralty.)  
\* Intend sail PARRET, BARLE, USK and DERG  
shortly from Hongkong via Malacca Strait.  
for U.K.

Future  
Policy  
of T.G.  
112.3  
Proposal  
Dissolve  
T.G.112.5

I have been considering future policy of  
T.G.112.3 in light of present situation.  
Relevant factors are:-  
(a) Desirability of giving ships some sea  
time.  
(b) Approach of winter makes it necessary for  
visits to North China ports to be made soon if  
they are to take place before next Spring.  
(c) We do not want to give the Chinese the  
impression that Shanghai is being used as  
a permanent base. Changing prominent ships and visit to other  
ports will militate against this.  
(d) Mr. T.V. Soong in his interview with me stated categorically  
that no discrimination would be made against British ships as  
regards visit to Chinese ports. My 120901 refers. American  
ships are now visiting North China ports including Weihaiwei.  
(e) Institution of Yangtse patrol is politically impossible at  
present. Americans are also revising their ideas in this  
respect.  
(2) Following are my general proposals:  
(a) Task Group 112.5 should now be dissolved.  
(b) Task Group 112.3 to consist of 3 Cruisers, 4 Destroyers and  
2 Sloops of which one Cruiser and either one Destroyer or Sloop  
should normally be at Hongkong. Advantage should be taken of  
these visits to carry out practices, maintenance and replenish-  
ment.  
(c) Until conditions are more stable minimum of one Cruiser  
and one Destroyer should always be at Shanghai.

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Far East and Australia

Future  
Policy of  
T.G.112.3  
Proposal  
Dissolve  
T.G.112.5  
(Contd.)

- (d) Visit to other Chinese Ports to be commenced at the beginning of November.  
(3) My detailed proposals are:  
(a) BERMUDA, BLACK SWAN and ARMADA to remain at Shanghai.  
(b) Cmdr. T.G. in BELFAST with one additional cruiser if available, and TYRIAN, TUSCAN and TUMULT to carry out following programme:

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Leave</u>
Blank	Shanghai	Tues. Oct. 30th
Thurs. Nov. 1st	Tsing Tao	Monday Nov. 5th
Tues. Nov. 6th	Weihaiwei	Monday Nov. 12th
Tues. Nov. 13th	Chingwang Tao	Friday Nov. 16th
	(2 destroyers to Taku)	
Sat. Nov. 17th	Jinsen	Tues. Nov. 20th
Thurs. Nov. 22nd	Shanghai	-

(4) I appreciate that these proposals go beyond policy stated in Admiralty O31749, but conditions have now changed for the better and visit can be justified on score of goodwill and in conjunction with renewal of former friendship contracts. Since U.S. Cruiser TUSCALOOSA is actually at Weihaiwei a visit there has been included.

(5) His Majesty's Ambassador now at Shanghai has been consulted in regard to visit in paragraph 3(b) above and agrees. He asks that Foreign Office should be informed.

(6) If approved request programme in paragraph 3(b) may be cleared with Chinese authorities.

(7) I have informed Commander 7th Fleet verbally and he concurs. (C.T.G.112.3 190815Z to C.T.F.112) Approved 221910.

Destroyer to  
assist  
colliers  
with  
authorities  
at Chingwang  
Tao.

Your 181059\*. Approved para. 02 N.A. Chunking and Admiralty are requested to take action. (F.O.W.A., 191335 to C.T.G.112.3)

\* Requesting a destroyer of T.G.112.3 be sent to assist Masters of SAMSETTE and SAMLAMU due to load coal at Chingwang Tao in dealing with local Chinese port authorities. Para. 2 requested Admiralty inform F.O.

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FOREIGN STATIONS

North Atlantic

H.M.S.  
HUNTER  
Procedure for  
ships  
returning  
from abroad

First destination in U.K. of H.M.S. HUNTER is Belfast to disembark personnel of 807 Squadron and unload 12 Seafire III.  
(2) No Officer accommodation is available at Lee-on-Solent, and Officers should sent on leave, addresses being reported to Admiralty.  
(3) On completion, ship is to be sailed to Tail of the Bank Clyde in accordance with A.M.131246 (not to HUNTER).  
(D.O.D.(H) 201252A to F.O.G.M.A.)

WAVE M/S

Intend to sail WAVE 1200A 21st October to Port Said for O/R to B.P.F. (a.m. 131527 not to all).  
Speed 12 knots E.T.A. 0400A 28 October.  
WAVE acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 201617 to F.O. Levant.)

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Saturday

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FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean

M/S 10  
Movement

Intend to sail M.S.10 in COURIER with HARE, WELCOME and LIBERTY at 0630C/21 to Aden for Colombo.

S. of A.  $12\frac{1}{2}$  knots, on departure from Suez M.S.10 will report his time of departure and E.T.A. destination to all in this signal.  
(S.N.O.R.S., 200910C to N.O.I.C. Aden.)

NIGER  
M/S  
H.Q. Ship

Intend to sail NIGER at 0600C/21 to Aden for Colombo.

(2) Routed as safe navigation permits.  
(3) S. of A.  $12\frac{1}{2}$  knots.  
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 200920C to N.O.I.C. Aden.)

LARGS  
L.S.H.(L)  
for U.K.

Intend to sail LARGS at 1730C/20 to Gibraltar for onward routeing U.K.

(2) Routed B.C. 1008 positions 400 302 direct to 227 thence basic westbound route omitting position 93.  
(3) S. of A. 13 knots, E.T.A. p.m. 26th.  
(S.N.O.R.S., 200945C to F.O.G.M.A.)

28th M.T.B.  
Flotilla

Your submission No. 3269 Med. 45/00296/1 of 23rd July. Boats of 28th M.T.B. Flotilla should be paid off as soon as possible. Request you take up with Comnavnav the question of their re-delivery to U.S. Navy.  
(Hd. of M. Approved A.C.N.S.(O) 201351 to C. in C. Mediterranean).

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

THOROUGH S/M for U.K. Intend to sail THOROUGH at 1800C/21st to Suez for onward routing to U.K. E.T.A. Suez 0700C/26th, S.O.A. 12 knots.  
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 201812C to S.N.O. Port Said, Admiralty.)

L.C.T. 7020 overdue, AHMEDABAD aground. L.C.T. 7020 left Madras 15th Oct. for Vizagapatam and is overdue since 17th Oct. Air search prevented by weather until 19th Oct. This and search of coast by police without result.  
(2) AHMEDABAD left Vizag. 17th Oct. to search and grounded 028° Sacramento Light 8½ miles during cyclone storm. SEPTIM standing by. BHADRAVATI arrives vicinity 21st Oct.  
(C. in C. E.I., 201401 to Admty.)

Disposition of landing craft on Stn. if India bases are closed down according to plan. Your 181014 not to last two addressees. D.C.O.D. forecast 1A is based on Admiralty estimate of S.E.A.C. requirements in landing craft during rehabilitation period.  
(2) These figures are subject to review in light of your estimate of actual requirements in consultation with C. in C. B.P.F. and S.A.C.S.E.A. and any cut which will accelerate reduction to figures shown in forecast 1B would be welcome.  
(3) In the meantime it is approved for you to use Boom Defence Depot Changi as temporary Landing Craft Base to the extent you require.  
(V.C.N.S., 201435 to C. in C. E.I.)

A.F.D. 31. A.F.D. 31 met at 201715C in position 09.45 S. 42.59 E.  
(HALLADALE, 201717C to Admty., C. in C. E.I.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America & West Indies.

PUNCHER When loaded and ready about 24th Oct. sail  
escort carrier PUNCHER New York to Clyde.  
(trooping.) (C.N.O., 201659 to C.E.S.F.)

NERISSA Departures p.m. Oct. 20th NERISSA to Azores thence  
Fleet M/S. to U.K. at 12 knots, E.T.A. Azores a.m. 26th Oct.  
my 191521Z refers.  
(Capt. D. Halifax, 202101Z to N.S.H.Q.)

Far East and Australia.

MAIDSTONE Request MAIDSTONE be sailed 25th Oct. for Cape-  
for U.K. town and U.K. My 100851 and C. in C. S.A. 121712  
neither to all refer.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 200507Z to A.C.N.B. Melbourne.)

FORMIDABLE For S.B.N.L.O. Unless otherwise directed by  
to embark S.C.A.P. intend FORMIDABLE E.T.D. Sydney 24th Oct.  
Indian R.A. shall proceed Rabaul to embark to full capacity  
M.P. Rabaul. Indian R.A.M.P. of which between five and six  
thousand are there awaiting repatriation.  
(2) Ship will be equipped to carry 100 sick.  
Desired that full advantage be taken of this  
accommodation. Additional accommodation for fit will be 1200  
approx.  
(3) Request A.C.N.B. will arrange, A. for ship to be sailed for  
Rabaul when ready. B. For ship to be loaded Rabaul and for  
appropriated officers to be embarked with R.A.M.P. to take  
charge of them on passage. C. For ship to be onward routed to  
Singapore.  
(4) C. in C. E.I. is requested to assume operational control of  
ship on arrival Singapore and to arrange with S.A.C.S.E.A. for  
disembarkation India.  
(5) Ship is required to return Sydney on completion this  
assignment and is available to S.A.C.S.E.A. for lift of troops  
from India to N.E.I. en route provided ship is not unduly  
delayed. Request S.A.C.S.E.A. will signal intentions.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 200511 to S.C.A.P., S.A.C.S.E.A., A.C.N.B.)  
See 240823Z.

China Theatre Comgen China, 201525Z Oct.  
Intelligence See Lion Copy.  
Report No.  
155, 19.10.45.

# SECRET

F E V A  
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WARNING: This is an unparaphrased version of a secret cypher or confidential code message and the text must first be paraphrased\* if it is essential to communicate it to persons outside British or Allied Government Services.

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

*China Theatre Intel report*

201525Z/October

From: Comgen China.

Date: 21.10.45.

Recd: 1440.

CYPHER

Addressed: War Office.

078728. 11957 Cipher 20 October.

Daily China Theatre Intel Number 155 for 19 October 1945. Korea. 7th Phib Force reports 15 October at Jinsen (120640 - 30730) Lsts Began loading disarmed Japs for move to Japan. North China. Marine third Phib Corps air reconnaissance gives 15 October 6 new road blocks under construction about 10 miles south Tuntisien (11640-4000), believed impassable heavy vehicles. Report 18 October gives 4 more road blocks south of Funghsien. Total then 65. Marine (?Units HL) Tsientsin to repair road. Abandoned airfield reported 1 mile north of Peitaiho (11930-30950), unusable without extensive repair. Tangshan airfield, about four miles northwest of Tangshan (11810-30940), reported 13 October in hands of Chinese Lieutenant claiming to represent Central Government. This officer on 1 October accepted surrender of 850 Japanese air force men at field, sealed the warehouse, but left Japs armed for protection against guerrilla forces. 17 October Seventh Marines had started disarming Jap (corrupt groups ( 3 letters missing)) Taknhqby Prqmcue area. Marines report 17 October 23 Jap officers and 737 enlisted men sent from Peitaiho toward Tangshan. Runway Tangshan about 6000 feet long, 300 feet wide. 27 unserviceable Jap planes there. Cub strip Chihuangtao ready for operation. Water depth piers 5, 6 and 7 at Chihuangtao is three feet. At Farm 2 1/2 miles SSW Tientsin gap detachment reported to Marines clash with about 150 men 8th Route Army, with third minute fire fight. Japs say thirteen Japs dead, 204 (probably should be 2 or 4) missing. Third Ship Corps says 16 October Chinese Navy had disarmed Jap Tsingtao Naval forces, but Jap Army units not yet disarmed. All Japs units moved north and east of Tsingtao except medical personnel. First marine division reported following major items of Japanese equipment in usable or replaceable condition received during period 6 11 October (complete list will follow in weekly summary). 20148 rifles; 20 5054 bayonets; 4 713 swords; 1 7 1 3 pistols; 415 LMGs; 199 HMGs; 401 grenade dischargers; 270 auto rifles; 334 mortars; 15 revolvers; 11 ~~rpt~~ 11 AT guns; 13 mountain guns; 111 flame throwers. Later report gave figures for Jap items received 15 October by 1st Marine Division 39 (?) rifles; 503 pistols; 4221 swords; 34 bayonets; 1 LMG; 2 grenade dischargers; 1 auto rifle; 175 shot guns; 2117 binoculars; 30 telescopes.

201525Z

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and Admiralty.

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1st Lord  
1st S.L. (3)  
D.F.S.L.  
4th S.L.  
5th S.L.  
V.C.N.S.  
A.O.N.S. (0)  
A.C.N.S. (A) (2)  
A.C.N.S. (W)  
D. Map Room  
D.C. (2)  
D.S.O.  
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D.N.I. (7) & for D.N.L.O.  
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D. of P. (Q) (3)  
D.T.A.S.W. (3)  
D.C.O.D. (7)  
M. (2)  
C.N.I. (2)  
C.C.L.S.  
W.D.  
Ad. Blake.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia - Contd.

- R.A.P.W.I. Refer my 110851.  
Sitrep No.6 (2) North China so far embarked for Hongkong and  
17.10.45. onward routeing R.A.P.W.I. 537 for North America  
159 R.A.P.W.I. still held in internment camps  
Shanghai 3060. Weishen 1013, Tientsin 67, Peking  
25, in addition Shanghai 600 in U.S. Army Billets.  
(3) Awaiting repatriation from North China. Read now 950 Nov.  
70 Dec. 80 later 550 further applications for repatriation  
expected.  
(4) Hongkong no recent information.  
(5) Manchuria evacuation completed by U.S. forces.  
(6) Manila fit P.O.W. Brit. 566 Aust. 1 Asiatics 163 Dutch 6695  
fit int. Brit. 19 Canada 5 Asiatics 26 Dutch 80 sick R.A.P.W.I.  
Brit. 24, Aust. 20.  
Asiatics 2, Dutch 235, evacuation will be complete by 24th Oct.  
except for Dutch.  
(7) Palau and Okinawa no change.  
(8) Macassar and Kuching no further information.  
(9) Rabaul P.O.W. India fit 4100 sick 400 further 600 expected.  
(10) Australia P.O.W. Brit. 728 New Zealand 3, Int. Brit. 52  
R.A.P.W.I. Hongkong 86, Misc. 40, sick 100, approx. included in  
above.  
(11) New Zealand information has been requested and will be  
included in next Sitrep.  
(12) Comphlseafron pass to S.B.N.L.O. Phil. Admiralty pass to W.O.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 200637Z to Admty.)

P.O.W. Indian P.O.W. embarked. None seriously sick.  
Have one Indian T.B. cot case from Hongkong.  
VENERABLE Work of Colonel Nordlinger of United States G.Five  
Team General P.E. Gallagher United States Army  
and Lieut. Commander Simpson (?Jones) R.N.V.R. perfectly splendid.  
All P.O.W. were already at Kaiphong. They moved to do San Penin-  
sula for embarkation. Intend proceeding Ceylon direct.  
WAGER returning to Hongkong empty.  
(VENERABLE, 201615Z to C. in C. B.P.F.)

Return of Your 120234 approved.  
27th and (V.C.N.S., 2022111 to C. in C. B.P.F.)  
28th D.Fs.  
to U.K.



21.10.1945  
Sunday

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SITUATION REPORT

East Indies

Dutch  
East  
Indies

A detachment of Dutch troops landed on Billiton Island today.

21.10.1945  
Sunday

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FOREIGN STATIONS

North Atlantic

CEYLON  
cruiser  
for U.K.

Intend to sail CEYLON 1830A 21st October to  
Portsmouth (A.M. 151309 not to all refers.)  
(3) S. of A. 15 knots E.T.A. first light 25th  
OC (CEYLON'S 210852Z not to all refers.)  
(7) CEYLON acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 211112A to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

NERISSA  
M.S.

On arrival at Ponta Delgada NERISSA should be  
sailed to Plymouth for onward routing to  
Granton for inspection. E.T.A. should be  
reported to C. in C. Plymouth.  
(D.M.S. 211702 to S.B.N.O. Azores.)

21.10.1945  
Sunday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

ALAUNIA  
aux. repair  
ship for  
B.P.F.

Ref. S.N.O.R.C.A.'s 191250C Oct.  
(1) Sailing Suez 0600C/21st Oct.  
(2) E.T.A. Colombo 1200C/1st Nov.  
(ALAUNIA, 210530C to F.O. Ceylon.)

ENTICER  
R. Tug.

Intend to sail ENTICER at 0600C/22 to Aden and  
Colombo. S.O.A. 11 12 knots.  
(S.N.O. Port Said, 211131C to Aden.)

OPOSSUM  
A/A sloop.

Intend to sail OPOSSUM at 0600C/23 to Aden for  
Colombo. (2) Routed as safe navigation permits.  
(3) S.O.A. 15 knots.  
(Port Said, 211655C to Aden.)

ULSTER QUEEN  
fighter dir-  
ection ship  
for U.K.

Intend to sail ULSTER QUEEN at 0700C/22nd to  
Gibraltar for onward routing U.K. (3) S.O.A.  
13½ knots, E.T.A. a.m. 28th.  
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 211701C to F.O.G.M.A.)

Dispositions  
and employment  
of M.A/A  
sloops and BAY  
class frigates  
Mediterranean.

The following are the present intentions regarding  
the disposition and employment of the M.A/A sloops  
and BAY class frigates allocated to the Med. Stn.  
(2) Two ships will normally be allocated to each  
of F.O.G.M.A., F.O.L.E.M., Northern Adriatic and  
Malta.

(3) It is intended that individual ships shall not  
remain permanently in the same area it will not be  
possible to issue an advance programme of changes  
of area owing to the varying commitments involved but it is the  
intention not to keep any ship in the same area for longer than  
two months on end. Duty at Malta will be of shorter duration.  
(C. in C. Med., Malta, 191728 to F.O.G.M.A., Trieste, F.O.L.E.M.)

*NIGER Movement -  
M/S Hec Aquatics  
Ship*

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FOREIGN STATIONS

East Indies

Movements

Arrivals Singapore 20th October.  
CAVENDISH L.S.T. 3026.  
Departures LOCH CRAGGIE, INVER, L.S.T.8,  
FRIENDSHIP, POSTILLION, PERSIAN, PELORIS,  
LENNOX, GOZO, CAUVERY, GODAVARI.  
(F.O. Malaya, 210230Z to C. in C. E.I.)

Flag Officer  
(Title)

Intend Rear Admiral A.R.M. Bridge should  
continue to use title Flag Officer (A.U. East  
Indies).  
(C. in C. E.I., 210914 EF to Admiralty.)

ATTACKER  
(Assault  
carrier)

Sailed H.M.S. ATTACKER for Suez in accordance  
with 201824 not to N.H.Q.(I).  
(F.O. Bombay, 211023 to Admiralty.)

Coal  
situation  
Hongkong  
Release of  
Colliers

A.M. 171528 not to all and C. in C. E.I.181101  
refer FORT LOUISBURG sailed for Hongkong  
October 21st with approximately 5980 tons coal.  
(2) CITY OF RANGOON stock remaining 2000 tons  
expected to be emptied during next few days.  
(F.O. Malaya, 211234 to C. in C. E.I.)

NIGERIA  
cruiser  
programme

First. . Arrive Suez transit canal.  
Second. Deposit Port Said.  
Third to fifth at Alexandria.  
Eighth to tenth at Malta.  
Thirteenth to fifteenth at Gibraltar.  
Nineteenth arrive Chatham.  
(2) All dates November.  
(C. in C. E.I., 211941 EF to Admiralty, C. in C.  
Mediterranean, Approved 221830) Concur C. in C.  
Med. 221200).

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21.10.1945  
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FOREIGN STATIONS

America and West Indies

NERISSA  
F. M/S

Departures Halifax 1930Z/20th. October  
H.M.S. NERISSA at 12 knots for Ponta Delgada  
routed.  
(3) On arrival Ponta Delgada request NERISSA  
be fuelled and sailed to U.K. as directed by  
Admiralty.  
(C.O.A.C. 211537Z to S.B.N.O. Azores.)

Far East and Australia

Movement  
SUFFOLK  
trooping

Departed Fremantle 0200Z 21st October. H.M.S.  
SUFFOLK for Colombo E.T.A. a.m. Saturday 27th  
October routed through position (a) 17° 00' S.  
100° 00' E. thence direct unless otherwise  
ordered by C. in C. E.I.S. S. of A. 21 knots.  
(N.O.I.C. Fremantle, 210315Z to C. in C. E.I.)

22.10.1945  
Monday

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SITUATION REPORT

East Indies

Sumatra

Japanese instrument of Surrender was signed  
at Padang today.

22.10.1945  
Monday

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FOREIGN STATIONS

North Atlantic

A.S.R.  
Station 19  
(relief)

Intend to sail PORCHESTER CASTLE 1900A 22nd  
October A.S.R. Station 19.  
(2) Speed 12 knots, E.T.A. 0600A 25th October.  
(3) On relief ST. BRIDES BAY return to  
Gibraltar.  
(4) PORCHESTER CASTLE acknowledge and sail to  
comply.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 220909A to Admiralty, Comdr.  
U.S.N.F. Europe).

ZETLAND  
destroyer  
for U.K.

Intend to sail ZETLAND 1900A/22nd October to  
Portsmouth.  
(3) Speed 15 knots. E.T.A. a.m. 26th October.  
(9) ZETLAND acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 220933A to Combrax, Portsmouth.)

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MondayWar DiaryFOREIGN STATIONSMediterraneanSOLENT  
and SLEUTH  
S.Ms.  
for U.K.Intend to sail SOLENT (S.O.) and SLEUTH from Malta at 1100A 23rd October by reverse of standard route (L) to arrive Gibraltar at Daylight 27th for onward routeing to Portsmouth.  
(2) Speed 11 knots.  
(Capt. 1st S.F., 221108 to S. and A. concerned)NIGERIA  
programmeConcur your 211941 as far as Mediterranean Station is concerned.  
(C. in C. Med., 221208 to C. in C. E.I.)TRENCHANT  
(S/M)Capt. Alexandria. Intend to sail TRENCHANT at 1200C/23, to Alexandria for fitting of new shaft and subsequent onward routeing to U.K.  
(3) S. of A. 8 knots E.T.A. 1100C/24.  
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 221441C to F.O.L.E.M.)\*  
See page  
103  
NIGER  
M/S  
H.Q. ShipIntend sailing from Suez 1830C/21 E.T.A. Aden a.m. Friday 26th. S.N.O.R.S.C.A.'s 200920C refers.  
(NIGER, 211800C to N.O.I.C. Aden.)  
*should be entered on 21st Sunday.*Destroyers  
for U.K.Sail in ROTHERHAM with RAPID, RELENTLESS and RAIDER at 1130A 24th to Gibraltar for onward routeing to U.K.  
(2) S. of A. 15 knots E.T.A. Gibraltar to be signalled to F.O.G.M.A.  
(5) Acknowledge.  
(C. in C. Mediterranean, 221817 to S.O. A/C Carriers, A.C.6.)



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BEGUM  
(Deck  
landing  
Training)

Sail at 0730Z/23rd October for Suez for onward passage to U.K. in accordance with para. (4) of C. in C. E.Is. 031106 not to all. (2) E.T.A. Suez 0630Z/31st October. S. of A. 15 $\frac{1}{2}$  knots.  
(5) Acknowledge.  
(F.O. Bombay, 221014 to BEGUM.)

Sitrep  
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(1) Burma. Total Japanese disarmed surrendered personnel. Army 52,021. Navy, Air Force no change. Kempei Tai personnel Tavoy Jail evac. by L.C.T. to Rangoon 18th October. 17 Div. 9 FF Rif. less two Coys.

Moulmein.  
(2) Andamans. Nothing to report.  
(3) Malaya. 5 Div. 1 Buregt. embarked for Palambang 20th October. E.T.A. 23/24 October. H.Q. 9 Bde. and 123 Bde. to move Sourabaya.  
(4) NEI.  
A. Java. Quiet in Batavia except some shooting in centre of town. Twelve Indonesians killed, two I.O.Rs. wounded. In Bandoeng Indonesians are to form Liaison Committee with Mil. Adm. 37 Bde. intends taking over guards R.A.P.W.I. camp Bandoeng 21st October. In Semarang high tension exists between Japanese and Indonesians. Japanese now control Indonesians locally after by fighting, with casualties both sides. R.A.P.W.I. Camps under our control C.R.A.'s Bde. less 2 Ind. A. Tk. arrived Batavia and will move Semarang.  
B. Sumatra. Four hundred and eighty R.A.P.W.I. arrived Medan by train from Rantau Arep. T. Camp 21st October. Lt. Gen. Nishiyoyeda reported to Comd. ALF Sumatra 20th October.  
(5) Siam. First of Dutch ex. P.W. now concentrating. 800 Choburi, 1700 Thamuang. Trg. of these to begin ensuing week. Total Japanese disarmed, no change. Discharge of L.S.T. Convoy continues. Fly in Bangkok 20th October. Personnel 609, stores 20 $\frac{1}{2}$  tons. Conc. of Japanese 56 Div. Chiangmai and Lamp N.G. now approx. half completed. H.Q. 56 Div. arrived Chiangmai 18th October.  
(6) FIC. 32 Bde. Tps. 9/14 Punjab crossed to East Bank Saigon River at Br. RJ2259 and cleared road block RJ2360 without Casualty. 20th October and night 20/21 October some sniping Bns. RJ 1762 and own Mors in action. 80 Bde. Japanese SP by Sqn. 16 Cav. secured Chaballom RJ 0851 cross roads RJ1047 Binh Dien RJ0944 against some opposition but without Casualty. 100 Bde. 23rd October will commence Ops. to Est Forces Bien Hoa RJ3574 Thu Dau Mot RJ1578. French forces 21st October began clearing area N.E. of Canal De Tha?? Dui RJ 2358. Opposition met but no Casualties and ferry RJ2760 reached. 24th October French begin Ops. on Axis Road Saigon-Mytho. (A.L.F.S.E.A., 221230EF to W.O.)

Re proposals C.O.H.Q. 2170 of 22nd October.  
for disposal Reference C.O.H.Q. 2154 T.O.C. 091210Z\* October.  
of H.Q. S.O.G. As it is understood disbandment of S.O.G. and  
and Base Staffs closing down of Hammenheil Camp is now approach-  
ing completion propose to retain Col. Tollemache  
and Major Cliffe in U.K. if they can be spared.  
They are required to establish Cadre in U.K.  
and start its work.  
(C.C.O. 221235Z to S.A.C.S.E.A.)  
\* Request C.O.H.Q. and Cadre be despatched to U.K.

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FOREIGN STATIONS

East Indies - Contd.

LONDON &  
CUMBERLAND  
trooping  
duties

LONDON and CUMBERLAND will be employed on trooping duties on return to U.K.  
(2) In view of urgency of trooping requirement only essential defects will be made good. Ships are to report details of any defects by signal in order that, if necessary, yards may be allocated. Maximum speed required 20 knots.  
(3) Ships will recommission with about 2/5ths special nucleus complement. 8" cordite is to be reduced to 25% outfit.  
(D.O.D.(H) Approved V.C.N.S., 221731 to LONDON, CUMBERLAND, C. in C. B.P.F.)

ALAUNIA  
and  
AUSONIA  
(Repair ships)

Your 171624. ALAUNIA will arrive Singapore early November.  
(2) AUSONIA is not allocated to Singapore.  
(C. in C. E.I. 221801EF to F.O. Malaya.)

NIGERIA  
programme

Your 211941 approved, subject to concurrence of C. in C. Med.  
(D.O.D.(H) 221830 to C. in C. E.I.)

Movements

Arrived ROBERTS sailed LOCH ACHRAY, NEBB, BOKSBURG, GRIBB, SIGFRA, M.F.V. 1167, 1107, 1174, 1126, 1509, 1560, 1055, 168, 182, 183, 275. R.F.A. SALVADOR, M.F.V.1060 remains Aden with defects.  
(N.O.I.C.Aden, 221901Z to F.O. East Africa, F.O.Ceylon)

Monitor  
movement

Sailed ROBERTS.  
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 221903C to S.N.O.R.S.C.A.)

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America and West Indies

PUNCHER  
E.C.  
Trooping

Departure p.m. October 22nd H.M.S. PUNCHER at 15.6 knots New York thence U.K. E.T.A. Ambrose Light Vessel 1200Z/24th October. My 221457 not to all refers.  
(Capt. D. Halifax, 222127 to N.S.H. Ottawa.)

Far East and Australia

INDOMITABLE  
A/C

Departed Sydney 0115/22 October.  
INDOMITABLE for Fremantle E.T.A. breakwater 0900H 28th October.  
C. in C. B.P.F. 150910 not to all refers.  
S. of A. 1/4 knots.  
(F.O. Sydney and N.S.W., 220129Z to N.O.I.C. Fremantle.)

NIZAM,  
NAPIER  
destroyers  
for U.K.

When ready about 30th October request NIZAM be sailed from Sydney to Melbourne to refuel.  
(2) Thereafter request NIZAM and NAPIER be sailed in company via Fremantle, Cocos and Colombo to destination in U.K. as required by Admiralty.  
(C. in C. B.P.F. 220234Z to A.C.N.B. Melbourne)  
See 240604 Melbourne.) *203005Z Nov.*

Movement  
GLORY  
C.V.L.

H.M.S. GLORY C.V.L. departed Pearl 19 hours Z 21st S.O.A. 19 knots. E.T.A. Esquimalt Zero hours 27th.  
(Com. Hawaiian Seafron, 220238 Com. West Seafron.)

NORMAN  
destroyer  
for U.K.

Request:  
(a) NORMAN be sailed 22nd November from Sydney to Melbourne to refuel.  
(b) NORMAN be added to ships in para. 2 of my 220234.  
(2) My 220234 and C. in C. E.I. 191026 (N.T. in W.D.) passed to NORMAN.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 240604Z to A.C.N.B. Melbourne)

R.A.P.W.I.  
at Rabaul  
Shipment of

SONTAY E.T.A. Adelaide 24th October for Sydney has been allocated by V.A.Q. for lift of Indian ramp from Rabaul to India. Request A.C.N.B. will arrange.

(a) For ship to be sailed for Rabaul when ready.  
(b) For ship to be loaded Rabaul to capacity with fit R.A.P.W.I. for India.  
(c) For ship to be onward routed to Singapore.

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R.A.P.W.I.  
at Rabaul  
Shipment  
of  
(Contd.)

(2) S.A.C.S.E.A. is requested to arrange  
onward routing and disembarkation India.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 220820Z to A.C.N.B. Melbourne,  
S.E.A.C.) *See 060155Z Nov.*

Future  
Policy  
of T.G.112.3  
etc.

Admiralty and Foreign Office concur in proposals  
in C.T.G. 112.3's 190815.  
(Admiralty. P.A.S.(L), 221910 to C.T.F.112,  
Chungking.) *See 070820 Z Nov.*

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Mediterranean.

TRAFALGAR  
destroyer.

E.T.A. Sea Buoy 260800B.  
(TRAFALGAR, 231210 to Aluslo At., Port Said.)

SEASCOUT  
& SCORCHER,  
S/Ms for U.K.

Intend to sail SEASCOUT and SCORCHER at 1800C/25  
to Malta for onward routeing Gibraltar and U.K.  
(3) S.O.A. 11 knots, E.T.A. a.m. 29th. Ships to  
report accurate E.T.A. when known.  
(S.N.O. Port Said, 231610C to C. in C. Med.)

Landing ships  
in Med.

Your 051138 and A.M. 061134. Arrangements are  
being made for L.S.T. (2), 3, 4, 77 and 394 to be  
relieved by L.S.T. (3) as latter become available.  
(2) On arrival on the station, L.S.T. (3) are to  
be manned in accordance with your para. 2.  
(3) L.S.T. (2) are to be sailed to U.K. on relief  
by L.S.T. (3).  
(A.C.N.S.(O) 231941 to C. in C. Med. Naples.)

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East Indies.

Fleet des-  
troyers  
for U.K.

Intend to sail FARNDALE (D.18), CALPE,  
CHIDDINGFOLD and BLEASDALE at 1700/23rd to Suez  
for onward routeing to U.K.  
(2) E.T.A. Suez 1700C/27th, S.O.A. 13.5 knots.  
(Aden, 230929C to S.N.O. Port Said.)

BEGUM.

Sailed BEGUM for Suez in accordance with my 221014  
not to N.H.Q.(I).  
(F.O. Bombay, 231351 EF to Admty.)

HUNT des-  
troyers  
for U.K.

Arrived and sailed FARNDALE (D.18), CALPE,  
CHIDDINGFOLD, BLEASDALE, L.C.I.(L) 163 and 11.  
Flight Q.B. L.C.I.(L) Squadron passed Aden 1600C,  
E.T.A. Cochin 2nd Nov.  
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 232147C to Admty.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America & West Indies.

PUNCHER  
escort carrier  
termination  
of R.C.N.  
commission.

It is desired to terminate R.C.N. commission of PUNCHER after arrival Halifax about 20th Dec.  
(2) Request U.S. authorities be approached with view to having ship proceed from Halifax to a U.S. port for paying off and return to U.S.A. Para. 2 A.M. 191840 August not to N.M.C.S. refers.  
(N.S.H.Q., 230033Z to Admty.)

H.M.C.S.  
CRESCENT  
destroyer.

H.M.C.S. CRESCENT departed Kingston 232000Z for Cristobal en route Esquimalt E.T.A. 241700Z S.P.D. 26.  
(R.N.O. Jamaica, 232010Z to Cristobal.)

Far East and Australia.

Movement,  
INDOMITABLE  
A/C.

F.O.I.C. Sydney 220129. INDOMITABLE sailed with following aircraft and engine embarked  
A. serviceable and preserved 17 Seafire L.F. III  
8 Martinet - total 25.  
B. Unserviceable and preserved 3 Seafire F.III,  
4 Seafire L.F. III, 2 Firefly - total 9.  
C. (1) (R) (1) unserviceable Griffon II.  
(F.O.N.A.P., 230709Z to Admiralty.)

Movement,  
APOLLO, fast  
minelayer.

A. -. B. and C. APOLLO. D. Shanghai. E. 0400Z/23.  
F. 17 knots. H. Tokio. I. 0700Z/26.  
(C.T.F. 112.3, 231411 to F.O.W.A. B.P.F.)

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SITUATION REPORT

Foreign Stations

Mediterranean

Greek M/S  
PINIOS  
mined and  
sunk

Greek M/S PINIOS mined and sunk this morning while employed on mine destruction in Gulf of Arta (Greece).

Far East and Australia

C. in C.  
B.P.F.  
change  
of  
Headquarters  
from Sydney  
to Hongkong

C. in C. B.P.F.'s present intention is to leave Sydney with his Staff on 1st December and to set up his Headquarters at Hongkong in 3rd week in December.  
V.A.Q. and Staff will move to C. in C.'s B.P.F.'s headquarters at Sydney about 1st December from Melbourne and continue duties of Senior Officer ashore in Australia.

Hongkong  
Piracy

Pirates are again active in vicinity of Hongkong and strong anti-piracy patrols are being carried out by H.M. Ships with air co-operation.



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North Atlantic

WASTWATER  
Whaler

Intend to sail WASTWATER 1000A/25th October  
to Plymouth.  
(3) Speed 10 knots E.T.A. p.m. 29th October.  
(F.O. Gibraltar, 241701A to C. in C. Plymouth.)

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OPOSSUM S.N.O.R.S.C.A.'s 211655 October.  
A/A Sloop Sailed Suez. E.T.A. Aden 0600C/28th October.  
for B.P.F. (OPOSSUM, 240755C to S.N.O.R.S. and S.C. N.O.  
I.C. Aden.)

PINIOS Regret to announce PINIOS hit a mine and sank  
Greek M.S. at 1049/24th. 1 survivor. Details follow.  
mined and (S.O.160 M/S Flot, 241430B to S.B.N.O. G.?)  
sunk My 241430B\* position 243° 9.45 miles from  
Fort Aktion Light. Existing sweep waters 8  
cables wide. 3 Dan Buoys line pointed North edge of swept  
area 1st Dan Buoy 42° 9.65 miles from Fort Aktion Light.  
Remaining two bearing 275° from first Dan. Think existing  
current drifted the ship on unswept area without being noticed  
in time by C.O. Ship was employed on mine destruction.  
(S.O. 160 M.S.F., 242350B to S.B.N.O. Greece.)  
\* Not identified in War Registry.

Movements Taken A.T. ROUNDSHOT and M.F.Vs. 1085, 267,  
M.F.Vs. for 1076, 1114, 1133, 1194, 1199, 1152 Q 1527,  
E.L. 1124, 1032 under your orders and sail at  
1400A October 26th to Port Said. You are  
to act as Escort and navigational guide to  
destination.

(2) Proceed direct to position 251 thence by basic Eastbound  
route. All craft hold approach routes to intermediate  
ports.

(3) S. of A. 7 knots E.T.A. p.m. November 1st exact  
E.T.A. is to be signalled when known.  
(C. in C. Mediterranean, 241622A to FALK.)

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Cruiser

Intend to sail ENTERPRISE at 1810 24th to Suez for onward routing to U.K.  
(2) E.T.A. Suez 1800/27th S. of A. 18.5 knots.  
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 241003C to S.N.O.R.S.C.A.)

Escort  
carriers  
for U.K.

It is confirmed that escort carriers will sail from Ceylon on dates given in A.M.172010 except H.M.S. EMPEROR sails 20th November and H.M.S. PURSUER, 27th November. H.M.S. EMPEROR and H.M.S. PURSUER are calling at Bombay for personnel lift to U.K. thereby increasing time on passage by about 4 days.  
(C. in C. E.I.S. 241010EF. to Admiralty)

Repatriation  
of Aux.  
Italian  
Pioneer  
Group from  
Ceylon.

(1) C. in C. Ceylon urgently requires repatriate No. 103 Aux. Italian Pioneer Group strength approx. 900 at present unemployed. Their early move from Ceylon necessary for reasons of health and morale.  
(2) A.G.'s (?corrupt group) G.H.Q.(I) state that if Italian P.W. Units at present employed in Ceylon are returned to India it is most unlikely that employment can be found for them. G.H.Q. (I) already has large number of un-employable tradesmen whose disposal and action present very difficult problem. Accordingly G.H.Q. (I) welcomes suggestion that Italian aux. pioneer labour be repatriated direct to Italy when no longer required here.  
(3) C. in C. E.I.F. in signal T.O.O. 160919Z October to Admiralty is investigating possibility of using Italian Fleet Units manned by steaming parties for repatriating these personnel.  
(4) In view of fact that above may conflict with overall policy concerning repatriation Italian P.O.W. from other countries in Empire request your views earliest on policy of unpatriating 103 group and other groups from India. S.E.A.C. now as they can be released provided shipping available.  
(S.A.C.S.E.A., 241045 to W.O. Rept. Admiralty.)

MYNGS  
destroyer  
for U.K.

Propose following programme for D.2 in MYNGS  
Colombo depart 25th October. Aden arrive a.m. 31st October. Depart a.m. 1st November, Suez, arrive a.m. 14th November. Transit cancel by daylight. Port Said depart a.m. 5th November. Alexandria arrive a.m. 6th November, depart a.m. 8th November. Gibraltar arrive a.m. 13th November  
Depart 14th a.m. November. Portsmouth arrive p.m. 17th November.

(2) Consumption trials to be carried out in the Red Sea.  
(C. in C. E.I., 241120 EF. to C. in C. Mediterranean, Admiralty concur C. in C. Mediterranean, 270938.)

/Sitrep...

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Sitrep (1) Burma. 12th Army. 17 Div. Gen. Kimura  
648 Lt. Gen. Sakurai evac. by air to Rangoon 22nd  
October. 9 FF Rif. now complete Moulmein.  
Tavoy. All Japanese less working parties  
now conc.

(2) Andamans. Port Blair Area. 8 Raj. Rif. moving from  
Ross Island to mainland 23rd October. Det. 1 Raj. Put. and  
attached troops sailed for Carpnicoabar p.m. 23rd October.  
E.T.A. Carpnicoabar 0700 hrs. 24th October. Total Japanese  
personnel disarmed. Army 2,989. Navy 493. Air Force nil.

{3} Malaya. 14th Army. Nothing to report.  
{4} NEI.  
(a) Java. Bandoeng. 5/8 Punjab arrived 22nd October. Own  
troops now guarding A.P.W.I. Semarang. CRA Bde. of 23 div.  
landed 23rd October. Situation quiet but tension between  
Japanese and Indonesians due murder Japanese civilians in jail.  
200 Indonesians attacked Japanese at Cheribon QY 9924.  
(b) Sumatra. Medan power station (?over) by British troops  
October. Japanese instrument of surrender signed Padang 22nd  
October. 21st October det. Dutch troops landed Billiton Island.  
Key points Tandjoengpanden taken over. Situation quiet.

(5) Siam. Total Japanese personnel in conc. areas 90,652.  
Total Japanese personnel disarmed. Army 103,500 Navy Ari Force  
no change total flying Bangkok 21 and 22nd October. Personnel  
11,095, stores 44½ tons. 33 Bde. now complete. Discharge convoy  
27 L.S.Ts. expected complete 24th October.

(6) FIC. 32 Bde. 23rd October 4/2 GR position BR RJ 1962  
fired on. One G.O.R. wounded rebel, casualties not known.  
100 Bde. 23rd October Thu. Duc. RJ 2862 occupied without  
opposition. Consolidation in progress. French Forces.  
Two Junks loaded with armed Annamites sunk near Thu Duc ferry.  
No survivors seen. French casualty - one wounded. Summary  
casualty figures in Saigon fighting from Break of truce to  
incl. 14th October. Annamites casualties inflicted by British  
troops, 32 killed, 6 wounded, 6 P.W. Estimated further 8 killed  
15 wounded. British casualties 7 killed, 8 wounded. Annamites  
casualties inflicted by French troops. None confirmed but  
believed several killed and many wounded. French casualties,  
6 killed, 20 wounded. Annamite casualties inflicted by  
Japanese troops. 105 killed, 5 wounded, 329 P.W. Estimated  
further 10 killed, 200 wounded. Japanese casualties, 2 J.O.Rs.  
killed. Phnom Penh 90 per cent Rly. personnel now resumed work.  
(A.L.F.S.E.A., 241220 EF to W.O.)

EGGESFORD  
destroyer

Destination of EGGESFORD in U.K. is Portsmouth.  
(3) EGGESFORD is allocated to the Basic A/S  
Training Flotilla and on completion of adjustment  
of complement and leave C. in C. Portsmouth is  
requested to sail her as required by OSPREY.  
(D.O.D.(H), 241257 to C. in C. E.I., C. in C.  
Portsmouth.)

/Rear...

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East Indies

Rear  
Link  
Force  
"W".

Rear Link Force "W" closes at Bombay 25th Oct. Signals and correspondence formerly addressed to Rear Link Force "W" are to be disposed of in accordance with administrative agreement in 254C of 18th October. 268C of 23rd October refers.

(2) Amend paragraph 1 of 254C of 18th October to read - "S.O. BG Force "W" and S.O. LS TW are established ashore at Singapore. C.C.O. Singapore is automatically responsible for their signals.  
(C. in C. E.I., 241546 EF to NR 270C.)

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America and West Indies

OSSORY                      Anticipate H.M.S. OSSORY will sail to U.K.  
Fleet M.S.                  Sunday 28th October.  
                                  (C.O.A.C., 241414Z to B.A.D. Washington.)  
~~Amended by 221816Z.~~

C.V.Es.                      Your 151937 (N.T. in W.D.)  
for U.S.                      Navy Department ask that 10 C.V.Es. be sailed to  
                                  Norfolk, Virginia.  
                                  (B.A.D., 242227Z to Admiralty.)

REVELSTOKE                H.M.C.S. REVELSTOKE arrived 2200Z/24 ends.  
Motor                        (C.C.O. Kingston, Jamaica, 242210Z to  
Minesweeper                S.B.N.O. Western Atlantic).

Far East and Australia

Transport                  My 116018\* is cancelled.    My 190132+ also refers.  
movements                  (2) Ships will now call Rabaul Peleliu and  
R.A. P.W.I.                  Morotai. Further signal will be made.  
                                  (C. in C. B.P.F., 240720Z to A.C.N.B., S.E.A.C.)  
                                  \* HIGHLAND CHIEFTAIN allocated to S.B.N.O.  
                                  Philippines.  
                                  + Request HIGHLAND CHIEFTAIN be sailed 21st  
                                  October for Manus.

HIGHLAND CHIEFTAIN now on passage Manus expected time of arrival 26th October. Request A.C.N.B. will arrange:  
(a) To divert ship to Rabaul.  
(b) For ship to be loaded to capacity with R.A.P.W.I. for India leaving space for 536 R.A.P.W.I. to be embarked Peleliu.  
(c) For ship to be sailed thence to arrive off Peleliu Island in daylight. E.T.A. Peleliu being passed Com. Marianas and Iscom. Peleliu.  
(2) Com. Marianas is requested to arrange for loading of 433 Indians and 103 Dutch R.A.P.W.I. at Peleliu and for ship to be onward sailed to Morotai.  
(3) Request A.C.N.B. will arrange -  
(a) For 103 Dutch R.A.P.W.I. to be disembarked Morotai.  
(b) For space vacated to be filled at Morotai with R.A.P.W.I. for India.  
(4) Intend ship should come under operational control of S.A.C.S.E.A. on departure Morotai. It would be appreciated if future movements of ship could be arranged so that ship will become available either for Shanghai, T.E.I. or Rabaul depending on developments.  
V.A.(Q) pass to P.B.S.T.O. Australia, Comphlseafron pass to S.B.N.L.O. Phil., N.O.I.C. New Guinea pass to G.O.C. 1st Australian Army, Admiralty pass to War Office, S.A.C.S.E.A. pass to P.S.T.O.I.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 240746Z to C.C.O. Melbourne, S.E.A.C.)

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C. in C.  
B.P.F.  
Headquarters  
at Hongkong

My present intention is for myself and staff to leave Sydney on 1st December. About this date V.A.Q. and staff will move from Melbourne to my Headquarters in Sydney to continue the duties of Senior Officer Ashore in Australia. (2) Probable date of setting up in my Headquarters in Hongkong is third week in December.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 240752Z to Admiralty, C. in C. Hongkong, C. in C. E.I.)

FORMIDABLE  
to embark  
Indian  
R.A.M.P.

Departed Sydney 0815Z 24th October FORMIDABLE for Rabaul E.T.A. 1700K 28th October. C. in C. B.P.F. 200511 not to all refers. S. of A. 20 knots. Route etc. My 230044\* and 230625\* neither to all refer. C.C.O. Lae pass to G.O.C. First Aust. Army. (F.O.C. Sydney and Coast of N.S.W., 240823Z to C.C.O. Melbourne).  
\* N.T. in W.D.

Hongkong  
Piracy

Pirates are again active in vicinity of Hongkong and strong anti-piracy patrols are being carried out by H.M. Ships with air co-operation. One junk manned by R.N. is also in use.

(2) (?Boats) have had a good deal of success and junks are now proceeding freely. Am in negotiation with Canton authorities to enable ships to follow pirates if necessary to Islands outside Hongkong area and have suggested appointment of a Chinese Liaison Officer who would be empowered to authorise landings as required. Have also proposed inauguration of convoys between Hongkong using H.D.M.Ls. as escorts.

(3) Chinese communists have now captured leader and 80 supporters of one notorious and well armed gang in Canton estuary and it is probable the leader and chief supporters will be executed.

(4) Control of anti-piracy operations now taken over by Cdre. Hongkong.

(5) When coaster traffic starts running it will probably be necessary to consider further measures.  
(C. in C. Hongkong, 241244Z to Admiralty.)

UNICORN  
A/C repair  
Ship  
proposed  
return to  
U.K.

Your 110452 approved.  
(D.O.D.(F), Approved A.C.N.S.(F), 241602 to C. in C. B.P.F.)

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GENERAL.

Re-termina-  
tion of  
Lend Lease.

Due to the termination of Lend-Lease it is necessary to conserve existing stocks of American type spare gear to the max. possible extent.

(2) With the exception of spare gear required for minesweepers or vessels on passage only those items of American type spare gear required for immediate fitting should be demanded.

(3) Demands for spare gear required for minesweepers or vessels on long passages should be limited to the absolute minimum necessary to ensure operation availability or completion of passage. All demands for American type spare gear made on S.P.D.Cs. under the provision of A.F.O. 6151/43 and C.A.F.O.'s 151/44 and 809/44 prior to the date of this signal will be cancelled. Items still required and which meet the conditions referred to in paras. 2 and 3 should be re-demanded on Form S.140 (A.F.O.2535/44)

(4) Except in the case of extreme urgency demands should not be made on American S.P.D.C.'s (see C.A.F.O. 809/44 para. 9.)

(5) The above has already been promulgated to Administrative and Repair Authorities in Home and Northwest European Waters.

(6) F.Os. pass to Sub-commands including British S.P.D.C.'s, L.C.M.S.O.'s and C.F.M. S.O.'s.

(E. in C. Bath,\*251331 to C. in C. Med., F.O.G.M.A., Cs. in C. E.I., B.P.F.) \* Approved Vice Controller.

Releases,  
speeding  
up of.

As a result of the recent speed up in releases it is now planned to disperse by 31st Dec., 1945, officers of the various categories in Age and Service Groups up to and including the Groups listed below. Owing to shipping difficulties it may not be possible for every officer in the

groups concerned to have reached the U.K. and to have been dispersed by the 31st Dec., but it is anticipated that cases in which this is not possible will be few.

Planned dispersal dates of officers in later Age and Service Groups will be promulgated periodically.

Commissioned Officers

	<u>Group</u>
Executive, special and electrical, R.N.V.R.	22
Combined operations executive officers	29
Naval air arm officers (except F.D.O.)	30
Engineers	10
Air Engineers	25
Supply	16
Cypher	25
Doctors	20
Dental officers	22
Instructors and schoolmasters	21
Chaplains (Church of England)	18
Royal Marines	24
W.R.N.S. officers	
Administrative officers	20
Non-administrative:	
Cypher	D.E.M.S.
Censor	Press
Duty Staff	Sea Transport
Plotters	Squadron Staff
All N.C.S.	F.D.O.
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speeding  
up of.  
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<u>Commissioned Officers</u>	<u>Group</u>
<u>W.R.N.S. Officers</u>	
Non-Administrative (Contd.):	
S.D.X. Navigation Analysis	}
Intelligence Topographical	
T.A.T. Radar	
T.A. W/T	
Boom Defence	
Aircraft Engineer	}
Orthoptists	
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All other non-administrative officers to be dispersed up to Group 40 - secretarial, fleet mail, air radio and communication, C.B., Asst. A.E.O., A/C recognition, night vision, Sp. duties, Instr. Film.

<u>Warrant and ex-Warrant Officers</u>	<u>Group</u>
Executive	22
Engineer	10
Air Engineer	25
Supply	1
Wardmasters	1
Schoolmasters	21
Royal Marines	24
(D.C.N.P., 251523, A. G.M. abroad, Med. E.I., S.W. Pac., etc.)	
Amended by 270305.	

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

A.S.R. Stn. 19 relief. Have been relieved by PORTCHESTER CASTLE on A.S.R. station 19, E.T.A. Gib. 1015/27th Oct. (ST. BRIDES BAY, 250808 to F.O.G.M.A.)

HUNTER, assault carrier for U.K. Intend to sail HUNTER 1600A/25th Oct. to Belfast calling at Plymouth to land passengers ship will signal details of draft direct to C. in C. Plymouth. (2) Speed 15 knots, E.T.A. Plymouth p.m. 28th Oct. (8) HUNTER acknowledge and sail to comply. (F.O.G.M.A., 250945A to C. in C. Plymouth, N.O.I.C. Belfast, see 260905.)

17th D.F. E.T.A. ROTHERHAM, RAPID, RELENTLESS, RAIDER, Gibraltar Breakwater 0800A/27th Oct. (2) Propose ships sail for U.K. p.m. 27th. (3) Acknowledge. (D.11, 251117A to F.O.G.M.A.)

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South Atlantic.

U.D.F. Your 041559. Preliminary narrative of war at  
official sea and war diaries of C. in C. S.At. are available  
War History. in Admiralty. These are considered sufficient,  
for purpose required.

(2) Facilities will be granted to accredited  
representative of South Africa to have access  
to relevant records, subject to usual conditions, namely that the  
secrecy as determined by the Admiralty of records made  
available are maintained and that no extracts therefrom are made  
public without the prior approval of the Admiralty.

(3) Union High Commissioner in London was informed in May, 1944  
that Admiralty would afford facilities to a representative of the  
Union Defence Force Historical Service to have access to  
Admiralty records for purpose in question.  
(U.S.(L), 251806 to C. in C. S.A.)

Re transfer  
of frigates  
TEVIOT &  
SWALE to  
S.Afr. Govt.

TEVIOT having been damaged, it is not desired to  
keep her in operation, nor can she now be con-  
sidered suitable as an alternative to SWALE. A.M.  
202226 Sept. refers.

(2) C. in C. S.A. is requested to inform D.S.A.N.F.  
accordingly, and seek his concurrence in re-  
patriation of S.A.N.F. personnel.

(3) It is requested that C. in C. E.I. will make  
proposals for TEVIOT. C. in C. E.I. 081051 refers.  
(A.C.N.S.(O), 252238 to Cs. in C. S.A., E.I.)

See 031045 B Nov.  
r 060924 EP (EI)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

TRODDAY  
danlayer.

Take TRODDAY under your orders and sail at 1800A today Oct. 25th to Port Said for O/R to B.P.F.O. (3) S.O.A. 10 knots, E.T.A. 1800A/29th. (6) Acknowledge and sail to comply. (C. in C. Med., 251114A to WAVE.)

WOLFE  
S/M depot  
ship.

Intend to sail WOLFE at 1700C/26th to Gibraltar for O/R to U.K. (3) S.O.A. 14 knots, E.T.A. a.m. 1st Nov. ships to report accurate E.T.A. to F.O.G.M.A. when known. (7) Ship has 22000 tons displacement 575 ft. length and 31 ft. draught. (S.N.O. Port Said, 251120 to F.O.G.M.A., C. in C. Med.)

PINIOS .

Regret to report that PINIOS (G.S.) struck a mine and sank at 1049/24th Oct. in position 243° 9.45 miles from Fort Aktion Light while engaged in M/S operations in Q.B.Y. 190. British personnel on board. (S.B.N.O. Greece, 251156B to Admty.)

Marseilles  
berthing of  
ESSEX class  
carriers, etc.

C.R. No. 1319. Re Telecon Admiral Callahan and Admiral Lewis. Strongly recommend against use Marseilles for ESSEX class carriers. Max. dimensions acceptable 700 feet length 80 feet beam 29 feet draft. Cruiser type carriers can be accommodated but recommend against use this port by all carriers if practicable. Ships cannot be docked or undocked except in calm weather. Present weather conditions average one good day in four. Mooring outside and loading from Lighters unacceptable account weather conditions. ESSEX class carriers can be accommodated Naples. Comnavnaw 181536\* not to all refers. Naples lift however does not include troops from North European Theatre. Army desires max. use Marseilles and will probably request allocation suitable ships to compensate if carriers assigned Naples. Le Havre states cruiser type carriers cannot even with camels be accommodated alongside pontoon dock account overhang. Only alternative is mooring in basin and loading from L.C.Ts. which is considered unacceptable because of weather. Cruisers can be handled alongside and three can be accommodated simultaneously. Estimate turnaround time 24 hours. Recommend scheduling arrivals at two or three day intervals. Ships can be refuelled Admiralty Grade Oil at Plymouth subject slight delay dependent on time of arrival and weather. Present cross channel lift together with UKAY. troops planned feed QUEEN MARY and EUROPA. Use of Southampton by carriers will require additional cross channel lift and reconsideration by army of staging facilities at Le Havre and Southampton. (Comnavu, 251737 to C.N.O. C.T.F. 124.3.)

\* Naples capable of accommodation 2 ESSEX class C.Vs. at one time.

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East Indies.

SS. STIRLING CASTLE diversion of. S.A.C.S.E.A. decision as result of political implications in Australia and N.E.I. necessitates diversion of STIRLING CASTLE to Malaya.  
(2) Intend requesting this diversion on 27th Oct. Vessel passes Colombo approx. 28th.  
(P.S.T.O. S.E.A.C., 250637Z to S.A.C.S.E.A., C. in C. E.I.) See 260514.

A.F.D. 31. (1) P.C.S. at 1123C/25th Oct. 07.42 S. 50.19 E. 068° 4.5 knots.  
(2) HALLADALE now assisting by towing in tandem with REWARD.  
(REWARD, 251200C to Admty., C. in C. E.I.)

A.F.D. 22. After ENIGMA has delivered A.F.D. 22 request you sail her to Kyaukpya to tow N.L.D. 9 to Spere. After delivery of N.L.D. 9 she should be sailed Hongkong for duty.  
(C. in C. E.I., 251221 EF to Trinco.)

GRIPER, R.T. After GRIPER has delivered L.O. 25 request you sail her to Calcutta to tow 60 ton floating crane to Singapore after delivery of crane she is to be sailed to Batavia for duty.  
(C. in C. E.I., 251223 EF to N.O.I.C. Trincomalee.)  
*See 121211 NOV*

Re list of ships and units to remain under operational control of C. in C.E.I. Your 180801 not to S.O. Force W. It is confirmed that there is now no operational requirement for the 3 R.I.N. L.C.T.(I) Flotillas.  
(2) Approved to retain 6 provisionally as in your para. 2. Intend remainder be reduced to C. and M. Cochin crews being disposed of as required by you.  
(3) Cdre. in C.R.N.E. Durban's 181639 (N.T. in W.D.) not to all refers.  
(C. in C. E.I., 251608 EF to F.O.C.R.I.N.)

HUNT des-troyers for U.K. Following programme is prepared for 29th D.F. and BLACKMORE all dates Nov.

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Leave</u>
<del>6th</del> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Colombo	<del>3rd</del> 6 <sup>th</sup>
6th	Bombay	7th
13th	Aden	14th
18th	Suez	19th
19th	Port Said	20th
23rd	Malta	25th
29th	Gibraltar	30th

(2) BLACKMORE arrive Devonport 3rd Dec., BRECON, EGGESFORD arrive Portsmouth 4th Dec., BICESTER, COWDRAY arrive Chatham 5th Dec.  
(C. in C. E.I., 262200 to Admty.) Concur C. in C. Med., 271108

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America & West Indies.

PUNCHER  
escort  
carrier.

PUNCHER originator departs Ambrose L.V. New York 1630Z/26th Oct. for Belfast, Ireland. Speed 17. Via Ambrose to 40.27 N. 68.00 W. thence 43.20 N. 59.00 W. thence G.C. to Inistrahull thence N. Belfast. E.T.A. Pile Light 1700Z/2nd Nov. (New York, 252046 to Comthree, N.O.I.C. N.I.)

Return of  
Lend-Lease  
ships to  
U.S.A.  
ferry crews.

Shortage of passage accommodation makes the return of ferry crews which have brought Lend-Lease ships to the U.S.A. a problem which will become more acute as the Canadian construction programme comes to an end it is hoped therefore that ships will be sailed to arrive on dates selected by B.A.M.S.R. so as to avoid delay and accommodation difficulties. Request first two C.V.Es. may arrive U.S.A. 20th

Nov. and 2nd two on 8th Dec. so that crews can return to U.K. in 30th Nov. and 18th Dec. sailings of the QUEEN MARY. Further signal will be made about later C.V.Es. when more information about passage opportunities is available.

(B.A.D., 252210Z to Admty.) *Admty 170312NW BRD*

Far East and Australia.

MAIDSTONE,  
S/M depot  
ship for U.K.

MAIDSTONE departed Fremantle 0215Z/25th Oct. for Singapore, E.T.A. a.m. 12th Nov. N.O.I.C. Simonstown is requested to provide onward routing to U.K. S.O.A. 11.5 knots. (N.O.I.C. Fremantle, 250440Z to C. in C. S.A., N.O.I.C. Simonstown.)

ONTARIO,  
cruiser.

Request ONTARIO be sailed by shortest practicable route to Esquimalt. Ship reverts to control of N.S.H.Q., on arrival. (2) Your (?0)51003 N.S.H.Q. 162153 and my 250517Z none to all refer. (C. in C. B.P.F., 250518Z to F.O.W.A. B.P.F.)

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North Atlantic.

HUNTER,  
assault  
carrier.

F.O.G.M.A.'s 250945A Oct. not to all. HUNTER to  
comply with Admiral Air's 221634 Oct. surplus air  
ratings Ex 807 Squadron and Air Ratings borne  
for passage should not be landed at Plymouth.  
(Admiral Air, 260905 to HUNTER.)

South Atlantic.

ROEBUCK &  
ESKIMO,  
destroyers  
for U.K.

C. in C. E.I.'s 240646 (N.T. in W.D.) Sept.  
Intend to sail ROEBUCK and ESKIMO from Simonstown  
about Nov. 15th for U.K.

(2) Approx. programme as follows:

<u>Place</u>	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Depart</u>
Takoradi	Nov. 23rd	Nov. 24th
Freetown	Nov. 27th	Nov. 28th
Gibraltar	Dec. 5th	Dec. 7th

thence ROEBUCK to Devonport and ESKIMO to Chatham. F.O.C.R.F.'s  
241401 Oct. refers.

(C. in C. S.A., 261022 to Admty.)

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Mediterranean.

VIVID,  
S/M for U.K.

Intend to sail VIVID from Malta at 1000A/27th Oct. by reverse of standard route L to arrive Gibraltar daylight 1st Nov. for onward routing to Holy Loch.  
(2) Speed 9 knots.  
(S.1, 260927 to S. & A. concerned Med.)

CARYSFORT,  
destroyer.

Sail at 1630A Oct. 27th adjusting speed so as to arrive off Ras el Kanayis Range at 0800C/30th in accordance with my 261144 not to all. (W-) on completion of bombardment practice proceed to Port Said E.T.A. first light 31st.  
(6) Acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(C. in C. Med., 261506A to CARYSFORT.)

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East Indies

Br. TAKLIWA  
R.A.P.W.I.  
ship from  
Hongkong

TAKLIWA request report total passengers on board at time of casualty. Assume inquiry being held copy of findings should be forwarded to D. of S.T. Referring C. in C. E.I.171330 October request date from which vessel confirmed total loss.  
(D. of S.T., 260238 to D. of S.T.)

Situation  
report 650,  
Malaya etc.

Alfsea 261120 to E.F. W.O. and Sitrep. advanced.  
See Lion Copy.

Re EMPRESS  
Assault  
carrier  
proceeding  
N. Zealand.

C. in C. B.P.F. 260240. No Admiralty objection.  
(D.O.D.(F) (Approved V.C.N.S.), 261207 to  
C. in C.E.I.)

Bibber Sitrep  
Number 5.  
Re-opening  
Saigon.  
Supplies.

On present form ~~X~~L.S.T. 3035 should arrive Singapore 1st November loaded 1000 tons rice. (2)4 more L.S.Ts. are berthed ready to load. Time of completion dependant on local lighterage and labour. Brigadier Langley now co-ordinating rice organisation. Situation expected to be clear tomorrow 27th October.  
(C.C.O. Bangkok, 261310G to C. in C. E.I.)

PROTECTOR  
Netlayer  
for U.K.

Intend to sail PROTECTOR at 0600C/27th to Suez for onward routeing to Devonport.  
(2) E.T.A. Suez 0600C/31 S. of A. 13.5 knots.  
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 261811 to S.N.O.R.S.C.A.)



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*Situation Report  
Malaya etc.*

261120EP/October

From Alfson

Date. 26.10.45.

Recd. 1044.

*T/L*

To The War Office & Sitrep Addressees

MOST IMMEDIATE

1428/Ops. cipher 26 Oct. Secret.  
Sitrep 650.

1. Burma. Mergui. Airstrip now suitable Dakotas.
2. Andamans CAR Nicobar. No incidents. Japanese co-operative. Nancowry. Our Sitrep 648 of 24 Oct. correction numbers disarmed surrendered Japanese Navy 493 Army 2,811 Air Force 178.
3. Malaya. 14th Army. 5 Div. 4,860 Japanese evacuated to Gempang to A.M. 25th October. Hand over 123 Bde. on Singapore Island to 5 Para Bde. completed 23 Oct. 34 Corps. 50 Tk. Bde. opened Malacca 23rd October after take over 123 Bde. commitments on mainland. 453 Sub. Area take over comd. Selangor State from 50 Tk. Bde. 24 Oct. 25 Div. 7/16 Punjab second train arrived Kota Bharu 23 Oct. Coys 7/16 Punjab left for K Krai WA 2585 and K Trengganu WD 3961 23 and 24 Oct. 53 Bde. area. Civil disturbances and demonstrations 21 to 24 Oct Taiping VD 4802 Sungei Siput VJ 8899 Parit Buntar VD 1537 Ipoh VJ 8872 Kuala Kangsar VJ 7294. One Offr. 12 I.O.R injured by bricks at Parit Buntar. Own tps. compelled open fire when crowds refused disperse Sungei and Ipoh and 4 civilians killed 6 wounded. Ring leaders arrested. In all cases demonstrators demanded rice. 74 Bde. area. Armed bandits believed Siamese raided area K Sanglang QX 8173 and Tongu Pu (or Tong Pu) QT 0900.
4. NEI.
  - A. Java. Batavia Bandoeng all quiet. Semarang. Coy. 3/10 GR reinforced airfield. GD. No serious RAMPW problem. 739 Japanese civilians and 400 Japanese Army embarked 24th October for Batavia. Ambarawa. 272 Japanese held by Indonesians released and escorted Semarang barracks Patrol 3/10 GR Magelang WA 7458 23rd October well received. Air demonstration by 16 Thunderbolts over Soerabaya 25th Oct. and over Semarang and Datavia on return. 24 Oct. recce. party left Datavia for Kangean Bali and Bawean Islands.
  - B. Sumatra. Nothing to report.
5. Siam. Recce. party for Borneo leaves Bangkok 27th Oct. E.T.A Singapore via Rangoon 29th Oct. Total disarmed surrendered personnel 92,762.
6. FIC. 32 Bde. Night 24/25 Oct. 3 in. mortar fire on area rebel activity BR RJ 1359 by 4/2 GR. 3 snipers killed BR RJ 1763 own cas. nil. By firing BR RJ 1763 and IJ 1962. No details. 80 Bde. Evening 24 Oct. large fires factory RJ 204511 till morning 25th Oct. Japanese fighting fire sniped from Island /RJ .....

RJ 205508 and South bank canal De Derivation. Island raided first light but nothing to report. Hy. sniping own tps. posn. North bank canal De Derivation answered by 2 in. mortar. Further three fires put out in Dde. area during night. 100 Dde Morning 25th Oct. Thu Dau Mot (or Khu Dau Mot) occupied without opposition. French forces. Mytho (or Mitho) occupied. Waterborne op. complete surprise. Land ops. towards Ben Luc RH 9637 going slowly. No opposn. but many rd, obstacles. Ldg. To Long RJ 1903 opposed but initial opposn. overcome and op. progressing. Cwn cas. so far 3 killed 9 wounded. Summary of cas. from 10 Oct. to 1000 hrs. 21 Oct. British killed 14 wounded 23. French killed 6 wounded 20. Annamites killed 252 wounded 20 to PW 329. Japanese killed 3 wounded 3. Annamite figures not accurate due to probable Japanese exaggeration and lack of figures from French.

261120. EF.

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America & West Indies.

OSSORY  
fleet mine-  
sweeper.

On completion of embarking D/Cs approx. 2000Z/30th Oct. slip and proceed at 12 knots to Ponta Delgada E.T.A. a.m. 5th Nov.  
On arrival Ponta Delgada request S.B.N.O. Azores fuel and sail OSSORY to U.K. as directed by Admty. (Capt. D. Halifax, 262101Z to OSSORY.)  
Amended by 292011Z, see 301812Z.

Far East and Australia.

EMPRESS,  
assault  
carrier.

V.A.Q. reports accommodation is not available in Australia for 300 New Zealanders understood to be in EMPRESS no possibility of early onward passage from Australia to New Zealand is in sight.  
(2) Consider therefore that only satisfactory solution is for EMPRESS to proceed to New Zealand.  
(3) Urgency of EMPRESS return to Colombo appears to arise from return of ship under provisions of lease lend.  
(4) Request therefore you will seek very early Admiralty approval to retain EMPRESS for the necessary period to meet para. 2 above.  
(5) EMPRESS is proceeding to Melbourne pending decision.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 260240Z to C. in C. E.I.)  
Reply C. in C. E.I., 271239 EF.

R.A.P.W.I.  
movements .  
No. 7  
24.10.45.

My 200638. (2) H.S. VASNA Sydney. (3) H.S. EMPIRE CLYDE E.T.A. Hongkong 26th Oct. (Int. for U.K., 363 for Aust. and N.Z. 41 for S. Africa l.)  
(4) H.S. LETITIA E.T.A. Manila 30th Oct. (5) H.S. OXFORDSHIRE and GERUSALEME at Hongkong. (6) H.S. IMPLACABLE empty E.T.A. Hongkong 2nd Nov. for Manila. (7) GLORY E.T.A. Esquimalt 26th Nov.  
(8) LOTHIAN E.T.A. Singapore 29th Oct. for India R.A.P.W.I. for U.K. 8 for India 177 for Malaya 8 for S. Africa 4. (9) U.S.A.T. GENERAL BREWSTER left Manila 20th Oct. for San Francisco P.O.W. Brit. 527 Int. Brit. l. (10) U.S.S. MEXICO E.T.D. Manila 25th Oct. P.O.W. 37. (11) U.S.S. WILLIAM B. CHANNING E.T.A. Sydney 12th Nov. with Manila Camp Party. (12) REAPER E.T.A. Manus 28th Oct. for Sydney R.A.P.W.I. for Aust. 27 for N.Z. 6. (13) ARBITER E.T.A. Sydney 27th Oct. R.A.P.W.I. Brit. 22. Aust. 13. Misc. 4. (14) EMPIRE LAGAN left Hongkong for Madras and U.K. R.A.P.W.I. for U.K. 148 India 49. (15) BONAVENTURE left Hongkong 19th Oct. for Australia R.A.P.W.I. 40. (16) VENERABLE left Haiphong 20th Oct. for Ceylon R.A.P.W.I. for India 282. (17) ARAWA E.T.A. Shanghai 2nd Nov. to embark for U.K. (18) HIGHLAND CHIEFTAIN E.T.A. Rabaul 26th Oct. for Palau, Morotai and India. (19) TAMAROA E.T.D. Sydney 27th Oct. for Hongkong. (20) FORMIDABLE left Sydney 24th Oct. for Rabaul and India. (21) SONTAY E.T.D. Sydney early Nov. for Rabaul and India. (22) Compilseafon pass to S.B.N.L.O. Phil. Admty. pass to W.O. (C. in C. B.P.F., 260250Z to Admty.) + 050145Z Nrf.

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SS. STIRLING  
CASTLE,  
re diversion.

Your 250637Z Oct. STIRLING CASTLE has given E.T.A. Fremantle 2200Z/28th Oct. Request your intentions regarding proposed diversion.  
(A.C.N.B., 260514 to P.S.T.O. S.E.A.C.)

Frigates  
for U.K.

After adjusting complements at Colombo it is intended ships addressed proceed to U.K. leaving Colombo 24th Nov.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 261802 EF to JED, KALE.)

GIRDLENESS,  
M.S.(L.C.)  
for U.K.

Times Z. GIRDLENESS departs Cristobal 2100/26 for Portsmouth U.K., via New York. Speed 10. Route direct via Windward, E.T.A. New York 1000/4 November.  
(New Zealand Stn., 262357 to Compaseafon.)

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SaturdayFOREIGN STATIONSNorth Atlantic

11th Destroyer Flotilla Intend to sail D.11 in ROTHERHAM with RAIDER and RELENTLESS in company 1900A 27th October to Home Ports.  
(F.O.C.R.F. 241401 not to ships refers).  
(2) Speed 15 knots. E.T.A. ROTHERHAM at Portsmouth 0800A 31st October.

RAPID and RAIDER at Plymouth 1900A 30th October, RELENTLESS at Sheerness 1900A/31st October.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 270947A to N.O.I.C. Sheerness.)

LARGS L.S.H.(L) Intend to sail LARGS 2000A 27th October to Clyde.  
(3) Speed 13 knots. E.T.A. 0800A 1st November.  
(5) SP 2416 (77) not held.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 271023A to N.O.I.C. Greenock, LARGS.)

SOLENT and SLEUTH S/Ms. Intend to sail SOLENT (S.O.) and SLEUTH 1200A 28th October to Portsmouth  
(3) Speed 11 knots. E.T.A. a.m. 2nd November.  
(7) SOLENT acknowledge and sail S/MS to comply.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 271231A to C. in C. P.O.)

Italian Submarines for Taranto Intend to sail U.S.S. CHAIN escorting 7 Italian Submarines 1200A 28th October to Taranto.  
(3) Speed 9 knots. E.T.A. a.m. 3rd November.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 271639A to Taranto, F.O.I.L.)

ULSTER QUEEN Fighter Direction Ship Intend to sail ULSTER QUEEN 1800 28th, October to Clyde unless otherwise ordered by Admiralty.  
(3) Speed 14 knots. E.T.A. a.m. 2nd November.  
(9) ULSTER QUEEN acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 271723A to ULSTER QUEEN, F.O.I.C. Greenock)  
See 281101 and 311929

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

MYNGS,  
destroyer  
programme.

Concur your 241120 so far as Med. Station is concerned.  
(C. in C. Med., 270938A to C. in C. Med.)

THISBE,  
minesweeper,  
for B.P.F.

Sail at 1600A/28th October to Alexandria for stores and for onward routing to B.P.F. to rejoin 8th M/S Flotilla.  
(3) S.O.A. 12 knots, E.T.A. 1400C/31st.  
(6) Acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(C. in C. Med., 271002A to THISBE.)

Programme  
for BLACKMORE  
and 29th D.F.

Concur dates of passage through Med. of ships your 252200.  
(C. in C. Med., 271108A to C. in C. E.I.)

U.S. BENJAMIN  
F. COSTON,  
mined.

Following has been read on 375 k/cs. at 1227/27. C Q from F V O S.O.S. S.O.S. DE KSFN. We have been mined position 43.31 N. 09.37 E.  
(Duty Capt., Admty. 271245 to Malta W/T.)  
See 281108A.

18th D.F.  
for U.K.

Intend to sail D.18 in FARNDALE with CHIDDINGFOLD, BLEASDALE and CALPE immediately on arrival p.m. 28th to Alexandria for onward routing Gibraltar and U.K. (3) S.O.A. not to exceed 15 knots, D.18 to report E.T.A. to F.O.L.E.M. on departure from Port Said. (5) D.18 acknowledge.  
(S.N.O. Port Said, 271831C to F.O.L.E.M.)

LONDON,  
cruiser.

Intend to sail LONDON at 0900/30 to Gibraltar for onward routing to U.K. (3) S.O.A. 20 knots, E.T.A. a.m. 3rd Nov.  
(S.N.O. Port Said, 271840 to F.O.G.M.A.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

East Indies

- JASMINE  
 \*Corvette Intend to sail H.M.S. JASMINE at 0600Z 28th October coastal route to Durban.  
 (2) S. of A. 10½ knots.  
 (3) E.T.A. 0600Z 29th October.  
 (N.L.O. East London, 270851Z to Admiralty.)
- Destroyers  
 for U.K. Intend to sail D.10 in TARTAR, NUBIAN, PALADIN, at 1520C 27th to Suez for onward routeing to U.K.  
 (2) E.T.A. Suez 1700C 31st S. of A. 13 knots.  
 (N.O.I.C. 271037 to S.N.O.R.S.C.A.) *See below.*
- PURSUER  
 and  
 EMPRESS  
 Assault  
 Carriers In view of C. in C. B.P.F.'s 260240 and Admiralty's 261207 cancel my 240110 N.T. in W.D.)  
 (2) Intend PURSUER to leave Colombo for U.K. direct 20th November EMPRESS to leave Colombo for U.K. via Bombay 27th November.  
 (3) No references to all addressees.  
 (C. in C. E.I., 271234 to Admiralty.)  
 Your 260240 in view of Admiralty's 201207\* agreed EMPRESS to proceed New Zealand.  
 (2) Request every effort be made to expedite her subsequent return to Colombo not later than 25th November.  
 (3) Neither reference to all.  
 (C. in C. E.I. 271239EF to C. in C. B.P.F.)  
 \* Not identified in War Registry.
- 10th D.F.  
 for U.K. Arrived and sailed TARTAR (D.10). NUBIAN, PALADIN, sailed PROTECTOR.  
 (N.O.I.C. Aden, 271831C to Admiralty.)
- R.I.N.  
 OUDH  
 minesweeper  
 stranded OUDH stranded on wreck in Singapore Roads and is in no danger, it is hoped she will float off tonight.  
 (2) Two forward compartments are flooded.  
 (F.O. Malaya, 271901GH to C. in C. E.I.)

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Saturday.War Diary.FOREIGN STATIONS.America & West Indies.H.M.C.S.  
CRESCENT,  
destroyer.

(Times Z.) H.M.C.S. CRESCENT departed Balboa 261600 for Esquimalt via San Pedro. Speed 15, route coastal, E.T.A. San Pedro 031300 Nov. (C.P.C.Frontier, 271700 to C.O.P.C., Admty.)

Far East and Australia.DEVONSHIRE,  
cruiser,  
trooping.

Request you sail DEVONSHIRE as convenient p.m. 31st Oct. to Fremantle for onward passage to Colombo and U.K. (C. in C. B.P.F., 270041Z to F.O.C. Sydney.)

Armament  
store ships.

Request A.E.'s PRINSES MARIA PIA, CORINDA, GUDRUN MAERSK, DARVEL and KHETI be sailed to Singapore for discharge at first opportunity. (2) Any submarine ammunition on board these A.E.'s should be discharged at Hongkong before ships are sailed. (V.A.Q., 270246Z to F.O.W.A.)

GLORY A/C.

On completion of max. replenishment possible in Canada about 4th Nov. request C.O.P.C. sail GLORY by Great Circle Route to Hongkong. S.O.A. should be about 18 knots.

(2) After completion with fuel and any further stores required at Hongkong, request GLORY be sailed for Manila.

(3) Intention is that GLORY should lift R.A.P.W.I. from Manila to Singapore or N.E.I. and then return to Sydney, possibly via Moratai.

(4) Comphlseafron pass to S.B.N.L.O. Philippines.

(C. in C. B.P.F., 270248Z to N.O.I.C. Hongkong, C.O.P.C.) *See 140517 Nov 2*UNICORN, A/C  
repair ship  
re proposal  
to return to  
U.K.

Can reply now be given please to my 110452. (2) In view of the length of service abroad of this ship a return to U.K. to recommission is in any case considered essential. Ship would be employed to carry returning age and service groups. (C. in C. B.P.F., 270434Z to Admty.)

22nd M/S F.  
disbanding of.

The 22nd M/S F. will be disbanded on the 1st Nov. 1945. Ships will revert to the operational and administrative control of Naval Officer-in-Charge as directed by A.C.N.B. (C.C.O. Melbourne, 270704Z to Admty., C. in C.B.P.F.)



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SITUATION REPORT.

Foreign Stations.

Mediterranean.

SS. BENJAMIN F. BENJAMIN<sup>F.</sup>COSTON (U.S. 7176 tons) Genoa to Port  
COSTON Said mined ~~today~~<sup>yesterday</sup> north of swept channel into  
(mined.) Leghorn (43° 31' N. 09° 37' E.) Ship in tow of  
HOY.

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Sunday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

COLDSTREAMER  
A/S trawler.

Your 131854Z\* arrived.  
(2) COLDSTREAMER will be sailed to Plymouth on completion minor defects about 31st Oct.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 280933A to C. in C. Portsmouth.)  
\* COLDSTREAMER to escort ~~CAISSON~~  
caisson to Gibraltar.

ULSTER QUEEN  
fighter  
direction  
ship.

F.O.G.M.A. 271723 not to all. Destination of  
ULSTER QUEEN is Plymouth.  
(3) Pending decision on final disposal complement  
should be reduced to 3/5ths while giving leave.  
(D.O.D.(H) 281101 to F.O.G.M.A., ULSTER QUEEN.)  
My 271723A destination Devonport E.T.A. a.m. 1st  
November.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 281529A to N.O.I.C. Greenock,  
ULSTER QUEEN.)

South Atlantic.

TROUNCER, Arrived TROUNCER.  
assault carrier.(N.O.I.C. Durban, 280514Z to Cs. in C. E.I., S.A.)

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War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

COMET,  
destroyer  
for B.P.F.

Capt. D.8 has requested that COMET be sailed to Malta to join COSSACK by 15th Nov. in order that ships may proceed east in company, about 17th Nov. (C. in C. Med., 280928A to Admty.)

NORFOLK,  
cruiser.

Sail at 0900A/29th Oct., adjusting speed so as to arrive off Ras el Kanayis range at 1200C/31st Oct. My 151050 refers.  
(2) On completion of bombardment practice proceed to Alexandria, E.T.A. Breakwater 0800C/1st Nov.  
(5) Acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(C. in C. Med., 281021A to NORFOLK.)

U.S. BENJAMIN F.  
COSTON  
mined.

U.S. ship BENJAMIN<sup>F.</sup>COSTON mined on 27th Oct. in position 43.31 N. 09.37 E. north of swept channel into Leghorn ship now in tow of HOY with ROUSAY in company. Engines and steering out of action but in no danger sinking.  
(2) N.O.I.C. Leghorn repeat further reports to Admty.  
(C. in C. Med., 281108A to Admty.)

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Sunday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Frigates  
for U.K.

Intend USK, DERG and BARLE leave Colombo a.m. 30th October for Suez en route U.K. calling Aden for fuel if required. S.O.A. 12 knots.  
(C. in C. E.I., 281011 EF to S.N.O. Red Sea and S.C)

CUMBERLAND,  
cruiser.

*L. presumably  
'canal'*

Propose following programme for CUMBERLAND Admty.'s 291701 not to all refers.  
Colombo depart 0700 EF/29th Oct. Suez arrive 0700B/5th Nov. Transit canal by daylight. Port Said depart 0700B/6th Nov. Gibraltar arrive 0700Z/10th Nov. Depart on completion of fuelling. Chatham arrive 15th Nov.  
(C. in C. E.I., 281404 EF to Admty.)

PURSUER,  
assault  
carrier  
for U.K.

Intend to sail PURSUER from Colombo 20 Nov. for U.K.  
(C. in C. E.I., 281411 to Admty.)

S/M SPUR  
for U.K.

Request you sail SPUR for U.K. Monday 5th Nov.  
(C. in C. E.I., 281426 to F.O. Bombay.)

Movements.

Arrived OPOSSUM, ENTICER. Sailed L.C.Q. 537, L.C.Ts. 917, 1357, 744, 743, 908, 1211, 1363, 1155, 1336, 1291, 1244, 1298, 1100, 745, L.C.H. 167, L.C.T.(I)s 341, 306. Requirements Cochin as previous flights.  
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 281857 to Admty.)

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MondayWar DiaryFOREIGN STATIONSNorth AtlanticABERCROMBIE  
Monitor

Intend to sail ABERCROMBIE 1800A 29th October to Chatham.  
 (3) Speed  $7\frac{1}{2}$  knots E.T.A. a.m. 6th November.  
 (F.O.G.M.A., 291015A to N.O.I.C Sheerness).

South AtlanticJASMINE  
corvette

Arrived JASMINE.  
 (Com. Durban, 290551Z to Admiralty.)

TROUNCER  
assault  
carrier

TROUNCER has arrived at Durban with a number of defects including extensive weather damage to flight deck. Time required to effect permanent repairs is 5 to 6 weeks.  
 (2) Temporary (R) temporary repairs only are being put in hand without working overtime this should enable her to sail for Cape Town in about 14 days to embark aircraft.  
 (3) TROUNCER's 270820 (N.T. in W.D.) Com. Durban's 290831 (N.T. in W.D.) and a.m. 291405 Sept. (N.T. in W.D.) none to all refer.  
 (C. in C. S.A., 291141 to Admiralty.) See 301520.

CHARLOCK  
(Corvette)

CHARLOCK has developed hull defects while on trials necessitating further docking. As naval repair facilities in some South African ports including Port Elizabeth are closing down, ship has been sailed for Simonstown.  
 (C. in C. S.A., 291242B to Admiralty, (R) C. in C. E.I.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean

ATTACKER,  
 Assault  
 Cruiser  
 for U.K.

Intend to sail ATTACKER immediately on completion of canal transit at approximately 1900C/29 to Alexandria for onward routing U.K.  
 (3) E.T.A. 0930C/30.  
 (5) ATTACKER acknowledge.  
 (S.N.O. Port Said, 290915 to F.O.L.E.M.)

Italian  
 warships  
 required  
 for  
 repatriation  
 of 900 men  
 of Italian  
 Pioneer Group.

Your 241651A para. 3. MIRAGLIA is not suitable for this purpose since her range is too small and her stability very poor. *RAIMONDO*  
 (2) A cruiser of the GARIBALDI or MONTECUCCOLI Class would have sufficient range but two voyages would be necessary since for a trip of that length draft would have to be limited to 400 - 500.  
 (3) Concur that the cruisers are too heavily employed at present in the Mediterranean and cannot be spared from their present duty.  
 (F.O.I.L., 291028A to C. in C. Med., C. in C. E.I.)

SELENE  
 S/M  
 for U.K.

Intend to sail SELENE from Malta at 1500A 30th October by reverse of standard route (L) to arrive Gibraltar daylight 3rd November for onward routing H.  
 (2) Speed 11 knots.  
 (Captain (S) 1, 291131A to Mediterranean local.)

ENTERPRISE  
 cruiser  
 trooping

Sail to pass position 309 at 0900C/30th October and proceed to Gibraltar.  
 (2) Speed 19 knots.  
 (3) E.T.A. Gibraltar 0700A/3rd November.  
 (5) Acknowledge.  
 (F.O.L.E.M. 291248C to ENTERPRISE.)

METEOR  
 destroyer

My 181728 intend to sail METEOR to U.K. in company with D.18 in FARNDALE leaving Malta November 6th. C. in C. E.I. 091601 refers. Neither to all.  
 (C. in C. Med., 291448A to Admiralty.)

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WRANGLER and WAKEFUL destroyers Request WRANGLER and WAKEFUL be sailed in company from Sydney 8th November to Fremantle for onward passage to Colombo and United Kingdom.  
(2) Request ships may top up with fuel at Onslow.  
(3) S. of A. 15 knots.  
(C. in C. E.I., 290236Z to A.C.N.B. Melbourne.)

BLACKMORE destroyer BLACKMORE is to form part of 29th D.F. from 30th October for passage to U.K.  
(C. in C. E.I., 291224 to Captain D. 29).

N.O.I.C. Bangkok Captain R.A. Currie D.S.C. R.N. has assumed duties of N.O.I.C. Bangkok which port will be administered by C. in C. E.I. W/T Station not yet established ashore but H.M.S. NITH at Bangkok is guarding C.D. and V.  
(C. in C. E.I., 291615EF to All concerned NR)

Re replacement of Persian craft by H.D.M.Ls. Your 261612\* to S.N.O.P.G. only. If Foreign Office consider that it is diplomatically desirable to replace lost and destroyed Persian craft suggest that H.D.M.Ls. which Persians are at present considering purchasing should be offered to them as compensation (?without) charge.  
(2) It is possible, however that there might be some unfavourable reaction from the Iraqis to this project.  
(S.N.O.P.G., 292206 to Admiralty.) *De 25/9/47 Nov.*  
\* F.O. Telegram despatched by W.R. to S.N.O.P.G. at request of F.O. *Dec 21/226 Nov*

# MESSAGE.

Recd 7/15/45

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IN

CONFIDENTIAL

291130EF/October.

From: B.M.A. (M).

DATE: 3.11.45.

RECD: 0325.

CYIPHER

To: H.Q. ALFSEA, The War Office.

IMPORTANT

030233. 1083 BMA (M) Cypher 29th October.

BMA (M) Officer with landing party on Christmas Island reports as follows:-

1. Population. General and political morale of population generally high. Island being administered by local non political committee. Population approximately 500.
2. Currency. No currency has been issued or is considered necessary.
3. Food. 17 tons rice and sugar have been landed and this will last some months. Other food supplies satisfactory.
4. Health. Health satisfactory. Hospital buildings intact but all equipment withdrawn by Japs. Simple drugs are available and dresser attends to patients.
5. Harbour facilities. Buoys Nos. 1 and 2 Piers have been removed by Japs. Buoys on triangle pier are intact. Japanese ship of approx. 1,000 tons sunk alongside jetty but it is estimated wreck could easily be disposed. No. 1 and 2 jetties in good condition. No. 3 jetty slightly damaged but has power light and water supply available and two original cranes in full working order. Two lighters in condition.
6. Phosphates. Minimum of 50,000 tons of dry phosphates ready for immediate shipment. Preliminary survey of plant and equipment indicates installations have been reasonably well maintained. Certain essential equipment has been removed.
7. Essential services. Ample supply drinking water exist and pumping stations in reasonable repair. Total electric power available 300 k/w 2300 k/w generators. Wire totally removed by Japs. Sufficient fuel and lubricating oil to last till end of year at present rate of consumption. Telephone system reduced but covers whole island. Entire W/T equipment has been removed though both mast are serviceable. Attempting rig jury transmitter. Greater part of workshop machine tools and equipment removed.
8. Report by Mr. T.P. Crowell former District Officer Christmas Island follows by fast air.

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CHRISTMAS  
ISLAND.



9. Ref. para. six above arrangements are being made to fly to Singapore Mr. John R. Paris Manager of Christmas Island Phosphate Company who is now in Australia. Request your advice regarding disposal of large quantity of phosphates now known to be ready for export from island. Troopers Tel. 76684 (CAL) dated 28 September 45 to Alfsea refers.

10. War Office please pass to Colonial Office.

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Received in War Registry 1030/6  
Circulated by War Office to War Office  
Depts., Colonial Office and Admiralty.

1st Lord	W.D.	
1st S.L. (3)	Ad. Blake	
D.F.S.L.	D.57 O.B.L.	
4th S.L.	C.E. in C.	
5th S.L.	W.G.F.	
V.C.N.S.	D. of L.D. (2)	
A.C.N.S. (0)	D.W.D.	
A.C.N.S. (A) (2)	D. of S.T. (15)	
A.C.N.S. (W)	D. (4)	} Bath (11)
D. Map Room	C.E. in C.	
D.C. (2)	S.W.R. (6)	
B.S.O.		
O.D. (9)		
O.I.C. (2)		
D.N.I. (5)		
D. of P. (3)		
D. of P. (W) (3)		
D.T.A.S.W. (3)		
D.C.O.D. (7)		
M. (2)		
C.N.I. (2)		
C.C.L.S.		

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Re transfer H.M. Ships to Chinese Understand some H.M. Ships are being transferred to Chinese. Request information on this subject and whether any ships now serving in B.P.F. are being earmarked for this purpose.  
(C. in C. B.P.F. 290158Z to Admiralty.)  
Reply 301357.

Indian ramp from Rabaul HIGHLAND BRIGADE. E.T. of D. Sydney 3rd Nov. is allocated lift Indian ramp from Rabaul to India. Request A.C.N.B. will arrange:  
(a) For ship to be sailed for Rabaul when ready.  
(b) For ship to be loaded Rabaul to capacity with fit R.A.P.W.I. for India.  
(c) For ship to be onward routed to Singapore.  
(2) S.A.C.S.E.A. is requested to arrange onward routeing and disembarkation India.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 290234Z to A.C.N.B. Melbourne, S.E.A.C. Kandy)

INDOMITABLE A/C Departed Fremantle 2311Z/28 H.M.S. INDOMITABLE for Colombo, E.T.A. Nov. 7th. S. of A. 15 knots.  
(Fremantle, 290402 to C. in C. E.I.)

Re Admiralty short and long term policy re R.N. base in Australia dredging. Decision concerning matters raised in my 270420Z September\* is awaited. Meanwhile maintenance dredging of Cockburn sounders being continued as a charge to Admiralty account. My 270534 was 248 and 270809 249.  
(A.C.N.B. 290526Z to Admiralty.)  
\* Concerning maintenance dredging in the Success and Pamela Banks.

FORMIDABLE A/C Departed Rabaul 0600Z/29th October for Singapore. E.T.A. Johore Shoal Buoy 0200Z 5th November. F.O.I.C. Sydney's 230625 October, refers. Fuel required at Singapore 2000 tons. N.O.I.C. Rabaul pass to N.O.I.C. Moluccas.  
(FORMIDABLE, 290631 to N.O.I.C. Rabaul, C. in C. E.I., F.O. Malaya.)

LEWES A/C target ship Request early reply to my 120237 not to all concerning future of LEWES.  
(2) Machinery of this ship is now in a very bad condition and considerable work is necessary to prepare her for a voyage to U.K. In view of limited labour available it is recommended that ship should be paid off and scrapped in Australia.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 290819Z to Admiralty.)

A.C.30 Transfer of broad pendant. The Broad Pendant of A.C.30 will be transferred from STRIKER to ARBITER to date 31st October.  
(R.A.A.S.30, 292331Z to A.C. Squadron 30.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Foreign Stations.

East Indies.

Java.

1. Situation very unsettled in Java especially at Sourabaya - Brigadier Mallaby murdered while attempting to mediate. Allied Force Commander Netherlands East Indies issued warning that unless Indonesians who murdered Brigadier Mallaby and attacked British forces surrender the whole weight of sea, land and air forces will be used to crush them. 011255 EF.

Far East and Australia.

Transfer of  
H.M. ships  
on loan to  
Chinese Navy.

2. The following ships are to be transferred to the Chinese Navy on loan, PETUNIA (corvette), AURORA (cruiser), one HUNT class destroyer, two U class submarines and eight H.D.M.Ls. Chinese crews are now being assembled in China for these vessels. Vessels will not be transferred till the crews have completed training in U.K. which is unlikely to be before middle of 1946.

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Tuesday.

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General.

Volunteers for postponement of release.

More volunteers for postponement of release in response to A.F.O. 5626/45 (A.G.M. 287A) are required from (a) Engineer Officers, qualified to perform sea-going duties, in age and service groups 11 to 40.

(b) Instructor Officers and Schoolmaster Officers in Age and Service Groups 20 to 40.

(2) Commanding Officers are to ensure that all such officers are or have been given the option of volunteering to serve.

(a) Until 30th September, 1946 provided their services are so long required, or, (b) For so long as their services are required but not beyond the expiration of the present emergency.

(3) Officers who for any reason have had no previous opportunity of volunteering within the appointed time limit are those particularly affected but non-volunteers have also the option of reconsidering their position. For this purpose the time limits by which reports should reach the Admiralty is extended, for Engineer, Instructor and Schoolmaster Officers only, to 30th November, 1945.

Reports should be made by signal in the form laid down in para. 11 of A.F.O. 5626/45.

(D.C.N.P., 302007 to A.G.M. Home and Abroad 632A.)

North Atlantic.

SS. F.A.C.  
MUHLENBURG.

Following from W.S.A. "Do you require assistance, if you deem it advisable you may call any W.S.A. ship not carrying troops to stand by for assistance. Advise time you estimate to effect repairs at Azores. "

(C.N.O. C. & R., 300130 to F.A.C. MUHLENBURG.)

A.S.R.  
20, relief.

Intend to sail KNARESBOROUGH CASTLE 1600A/30th Oct. to A.S.R. Station 20.

(2) Speed 12 knots, E.T.A. 1200A/1st Nov.

(3) On relief LANCASTER CASTLE return to Gibraltar.

(F.O.G.M.A., 300909A to Admt., C.T.G. 125.2, KNARESBOROUGH CASTLE.)

FROBISHER,  
(cadet  
training.)

Intend to sail FROBISHER 0700A/31st Oct. to Malta.

(2) Speed 14 knots, E.T.A. 0800A/3rd Nov.

(5) FROBISHER acknowledge and sail to comply.

(F.O.G.M.A., 301449A to C. in C. Med.)

H.M.N.S. PIET  
HEIN (dest.)  
on passage to  
N.E. Indies.  
(ex H.M.S. SERAPIS)

Intend to sail H.M.N.S. PIET HEIN 0400A/31st Oct. with despatch to Port Said for O/R to Colombo (C. in C. Nore's 241719Z not to all.)

(3) Speed 24 knots, E.T.A. 1200A/3rd Nov.

(6) PIET HEIN acknowledge and sail to comply.

(F.O.G.M.A., 301533 to PIET HEIN.)

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Tuesday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

South Atlantic.

CHARLOCK,  
frigate.

• Simonstown arrival CHARLOCK at 1900B/29th October.  
(C. in C. S.A., 300822 to Admty.)

TROUNCER,  
assault  
carrier.

Your 291141. Request information if TROUNCER will  
be fit for D.L.T. in sheltered waters.  
(D.N.A.O., 301520 to C. in C. S.A.)

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Tuesday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

EMILE BERTIN  
 Fr. cruiser.

Intend to sail EMILE BERTIN wearing flag of Vice Admiral Aboyneau at 0600C/31 to Djibouti and Colombo.  
 (3) S.O.A. 20 knots. Ship to report time of departure from Suez and E.T.A. Djibouti to addressees in this signal.  
 (S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 300855 to Comar Djibouti.)  
 See 312102C.

F.O. French  
 1st cruiser  
 Division.

Rear Admiral Battet has hoisted his flag in F.S. TOURVILLE as F.O. Commanding 1st Cruiser Division.  
 Ends.  
 (2) Request Admiralty inform authorities concerned.  
 (3) 1st Cruiser Divisions consists of TOURVILLE, DUQUESNE and SUFFREN.  
 (C. in C. Med., 300944A to Admty.)

ARETHUSA,  
 cruiser.

Sail at 1000A/31st October, to Gibraltar for onward routing to U.K.  
 (2) S.O.A. 15 knots, E.T.A. Gibraltar to be signalled direct to F.O.G.M.A. (4) Acknowledge.  
 (C. in C. Med., 301031A to ARETHUSA.)

C. in C. Med.  
 programme.

C. in C. Med. Fleet accompanied by Flag Lieut. and Lt. Comm. Wylde 1 cypher officer and 1 steward will carry out the following programme:-

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Leave</u>	<u>Transport</u>
-	Alexandria	a.m. 5/11	Aircraft
a.m. 5/11	Rhodes	p.m. 5/11	AURORA
0900B/6/11	Leros	1400B/6/11	AURORA
1000B/7/11	Famagusta	a.m. 9/11	Aircraft
a.m. 9/11	Beirut	p.m. 9/11	Aircraft
p.m. 9/11	Haifa	p.m. 11/11	Aircraft
p.m. 11/11	Cairo	-	-

(2) The Commander in Chief and party. will be accommodated in AURORA (?from) his arrival at Rhodes until his departure Famagusta and also during his stay at Haifa.

(3) Programme for AURORA to implement the above will be as follows:

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Leave</u>
-	Alexandria	0800B/4/11
0900B/5/11	Rhodes	2300B/5/11
0900B/6/11	Leros	1400B/6/11
1000B/7/11	Famagusta	0900B/9/11
1800B/9/11	Haifa	p.m. 11/11
p.m. 12/11	Alexandria	-

(4) Car transport to and from airfields to be arranged by authorities as follows:

(a) F.O.L.E.M. to Mariut airfield. (b) S.N.O. Dodecanese from Kalato airfield to Rhodes. (c) N.O.I.C. Cypriot Ports Famagusta from Famagusta to Lakatamia airfield. (d) N.O.I.C. Beirut from and to Beirut airfield. (e) S.N.O.L.A. from and to Ramat David airfield.

(F.O.L.E.M., 301132C to S.N.O. Dodecanese, AURORA, S.N.O.L.A., N.O.I.C. Beirut.)

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Tuesday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Organisation of A/A sloops and frigates  
Mediterranean. Your 131209 para. 2B. Approved.  
(2) Two commanders will be appointed in due course.  
(A.C.N.S.(O) 301949 to C. in C. Med., Info.,  
F.O.G.M.A., V.A.M.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Sitrep 654. Alfsea, 301100 EF to W.O., Sit. Addressees.  
 See Lion Copy.

CARADOC Intend to sail CARADOC at 1730C/30th to Suez for  
 escort depot onward routing to U.K.  
 ship for U.K. (2) E.T.A. Suez 1710C/3rd Nov. S.O.A. 13 knots.  
 (N.O.I.C. Aden, 301122 to S.N.O. R.S. Port Said.)

Re sailings My 271038 (N.T. in W.D.) not to all refers.  
 of transports (2) D.S.T.O. Port Said's 291130\* has just been  
 from M. East - received one hour after DURBAN CASTLE's arrival  
 lack of addressed Ministry of War Transport Representative  
 information. Ceylon and repeated to P.S.T.O. M.E. only.  
 (3) This is the first advice received here of the  
 ship's call at Colombo and D.S.T.O. Port Said's  
 211600 October\* of which his 291130 is not in  
 any case understood why no sea transport authority at destination  
 is addressed or what concern a troop transport is of the Ministry  
 of War Transport Representative only by courtesy of whom I have  
 now received the present signal.  
 (4) Am informed by P.S.T.O. India and P.S.T.O. S.E.A.C. that they  
 both experience the same lack of information of sailings from  
 Middle East, earnestly request more co-operation on this question  
 and that C. in C. E.I. P.S.T.O. S.E.A.C., P.S.T.O.I. and D.S.T.O.  
 Ceylon be included in address of all sailing signals for ships  
 proceeding to Ceylon ports and further east.  
 (5) Agreed P.S.T.O. S.E.A.C.  
 (D.S.T.O. Ceylon 301605 EF to P.S.T.O. M.E., Info., C. in C. E.I.)  
 \* N.T. in W.D.

Movements, Colombo 30th Oct. Arrivals U.S.S. CALIFORNIA,  
 2 U.S. battle- TENNESSEE, LANSDOWN, LARDNER, NELSON, STEVENSON,  
 ships and 6 THORN, STOCKTON, H.M.S. BICESTER, BRECON,  
 U.S. destroyers EGGESFORD, COWDRAY.  
 Departures AMEER, BARLE, USK, DERBY, YINGCHOW,  
 M.M.S. 201.  
 (F.O. Ceylon, 301708 EF to F.O.C.R.I.N., Admty.)

SPUR, S/M. Your 281426 would be grateful if SPUR could be  
 retained until 12 Nov. complete sea training cycle  
 which was interrupted by docking, Co., SPUR agrees.  
 (F.O. Bombay, 301713 EF to C. in C. E.I.)  
 Concur 011304 EF

DERBY HAVEN Arrivals DERBY HAVEN.  
 coastal force (N.O.I.C. Trincomalee, 302245 EF to Admty.)  
 workshop  
 tender.



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301100EF/October

From Alfsea.

Date 30.10.45.

Rec'd 0923

CIPHER

To: The War Office.  
Sitrep Addressees.

MOST IMMEDIATE

1456 cipher 30 Oct. 079726.

Sitrep 654.

1. Burma. Rain all RD Taungup-Prome closed RD all traffic. Landslides various PTS miles 32 to 34. Work hampered by rain. Move 82 (WA) Div. now not before 5 Nov. Total disarmed surrendered Japanese Navy 1,365 Army 68,500 Air Force 27. 17 Div. Night 25/26 Oct. Dacoits active Mudon. Patrol 1 W Yorks arrested four recovered some stolen property.

2. Andamans. Total personnel disarmed Carknicobar Navy 1,327 Army 5,060. Disarmament complete. Nancowry. Japanese Commands certified all Arms surrendered.

3. Malaya. Fourteenth Army. 5 Para BDE now complete take over GDS Singapore. 8725 Japanese EVAC to Rempang up to 1800 hours 28 Oct. 5 Div. 9 Bde. embarked Singapore 29 Oct. 34 Corps. 22/23 Oct. 22 cases Armed Robbery Trengganu WB 3961. AJA were in complete control until one Coy 7/16 Punjab arrived. Situation now quiet. Kuala Lipis WF 0623 28 Oct. large crowds stoned troops and were dispersed by fire. 5 rioters killed. Situation now quiet. Bentong VP 8944 28 Oct. troops stoned but dispersed crowd without firing.

4. NEI. A. Java. Japanese report reinforcements moved to AIRFD Kalidjati QX 9161 and situation quiet 29 Oct. 49 Bde. Soerabaya 28 and 29 Oct. own troops attacked by Indonesians armed with rifles and some automatics. Port Area and AIRFD WD 5085 quieter and secure. 5 RAJ RIF report 14 AFV S BR WD 4976. CRA Bde. 28 Oct. Patrol to Pekalogan RV 1424 reports signs previous atrocities but Internees now well looked after.

B. Sumatra. All quiet.

5. Siam. Nothing to report.

6. FIC. 32 Bde. Night 28/29 Oct. PL 9/14 Punjab engaged rebels killing one area RJ 2158. 80 Bde. 29 Oct. ration VEHS 9 FFR fired on area RJ 1451 one JOR nearby wounded 20 rebel suspects arrested.

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" Circulation Overleaf/.....

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1st Lord  
1st S.L. (3)  
D.F.S.L.  
4th S.L.  
5th S.L.  
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Ad. Blako  
D.N.L.O. (2)

JD

30.10.1945  
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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America & West Indies.

S/M AMPHION trials. Your 252019 Oct. Result of trial dive to 300 feet showed no leak in pressure hull and no evidence of pressure building up in R rank. Max. deflection of tank bulkhead one sixteenth of an inch. Request permission to continue programme proposed in my 211307 October sailing from Bermuda Saturday 3rd November arriving Trinidad for fuel and provisions Thursday 15th November and Holy Dock 26th November. (S.B.N.O. W.At., 301329Z to Admty.) Approved 311442, and 011551Z.

ONTARIO, cruiser. Understand ONTARIO sailed Hongkong 28th October en route Esquimalt. Request confirmation and intended programme. N.S.H.Q. 242310 not to C.O.P.C. and C. in C. B.P.F. 250518 refer. Sydney C.C.O. pass to F.O.W.A.B.P.F. (N.S.H.Q., 301435Z to F.O.W.A.B.P.F.)

Pacific Summary No. 37 operational naval units. C.N.O. 301804Z to Admty. See Lion Copy.

OSSORY, fleet minesweeper for U.K. Departure 1740Z/30th Oct. 1945 OSSORY in accordance with Capt. D. Halifax's 262191Z and 292011Z. (N.O.I.C. Shelburn, 301812Z to C.O.A.C.)

Far East and Australia.

B.P.F. M/S Report No. 1. (1) Hongkong 8th M.S.F. carrying out widening of approach channel with negative results. (2) Amoy. All mine lines covered by 21st M.S.F. 15 mines unaccounted for but considered to have broken adrift. (3) 21st M.S.F. now proceeding to Task C of my para. 2 of 260654 October. (N.T. in W.D.) (4) 8th M.S.F. commence clearing West Lamma channel after boiler cleaning. (5) B.Y.M.S. 2064 and 2153 are still in Brisbane awaiting spare engine parts. S.P.D.C.(D) 110032 refers. (C. in C. B.P.F., 300602Z to F.O.W.A.B.P.F.)

Re cruise of H.M. ships to Northern China ports. (?Ref.) C. in C. Hongkong 280614 (not to all.) (1) Chinese reply to H.M. Ambassador's note about proposed cruise to northern ports still not received. (2) Understand that Generalissimo on October 20th gave order that all requests pertaining to movements of warships must be submitted to his H.Q.

/for...

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301804Z October.

From: C.N.O.

Date 31.10.45.

Recd 0115.

COM(NAVAL)GEN. BY T/P

To: Admiralty.

Info: COMNAVEU.

Pacific Summary No. 37. Operational Naval Units.

Southeast Pacific. None Pacific Coast. / COLORADO, MARYLAND, ARIZONA, IOWA, WISCONSIN, ALABAMA, SOUTH DAKOTA, INDIANA, TEXAS, NEVADA, WEST VIRGINIA, TICONDEROGA, SHANGRI LA, COMMENCEMENT BAY, VELLA GULF, SHIPLEY BAY, BOGUE, COPAHEE CARD, SARGENT BAY, SAGINAW GAY ROI, WAKE ISLAND, CASABLANCA, COWPENS, SALT LAKE CITY, BALTIMORE, ATLANTA, TOPEKA, AMSTERDAM, TRENTON, OAKLAND, VICKSBURG, TUCSON, SAN DIEGO, 9 DD.

En Route U.S. SARATOGA, SALZMANN, HOLLANDIA, RUDYERD BAY, PETROF BAY, WINDHAM BAY, BRETON, SHAMROCK BAY, FANSHAW BAY, KADASHAN BAY, CA PE ESPERANCE, THETIS BAY, INDEPENDENCE, CHICAGO, DAYTON.

En Route Pearl. HORNET, CAPE GLOUCESTER, BOUGANVILLE, SANTEE, KALININ BAY, LONG ISLAND, KASAAN BAY, ATTU TULAGI, STEAMER BAY, TAKANIS BAY, WHITE PLAINS, CABOT, ST. LOUIS, 5 DD.

South Pacific. One D.D.

North Pacific. Eight D.D.

At Pearl BENNINGTON, TRIPOLI, CORREGIDOR, MAKIN ISLAND, BAIROKO, Admiralty Islands and ANZIO, ALTAMARA COR., BELLSAU WOOD, DENVER, 15 D.D.

South West Pacific. TENNESSEE, CALIFORNIA, DUKE OF YORK, KING GEORGE the Fifth, FORMIDABLE, INDEFATIGABLE, SPEAKER, SLINGER, REAPER, VINDEK, STRIKER, RULER, CHASER, BRIMINGHAM, VINCENCOES, ADELAIDE, BRYALUS, NEWFOUNDLAND, HOBART, 33 D.D.

Central Pacific. NEW JERSEY, ANSON, ALASKA, GUAM, LEXINGTON, INTREPID, BOXER, ANTIETAM, IMPLACABLE, INDOMITABLE, SIBONEY, PUGET SOUND, LUNGA POINT, BARNES, NASSAU, SAVO ISLAND, PRINCE WILLIAM, CHENANGO, SUNAPEE, VELLA GULF, BLACK ISLAND, SALERNO BAY, ARBITER, VENERABLE, VENGEANCE, SOLOSSUS, WICHITA, BOSTON, QUINCY, ST. PAUL, CHESTER, TENSACOLA, SAN FRANCISCO. NEW ORLEANS, TUSCALOOSA, MINNEAPOLIS, LOUISVILLE, SHROPSHIRE, DETROIT, MONTEPELLIER, CLEVELAND, BELOXI, PASADENA, MOBILE, WILKESBARRE, SAN JUAN, SPRINGFIELD, SANTE FE, OKLAHOMA CITY, FLINT, NASHVILLE, COLUMBIA, MIAMI, BERMUDA, ARGONAUT, BELFAST, GAMBIA, ACHILLES, SWIFTSURE, BLACK PRINCE, ONTARIO, 156 D.D.

/Contd.

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Non-operational - At Sea.En Route Pearl . . . None.En route U.S. . . . None.

301804Z.

1st Lord.  
 1st S.L. (3).  
 D.F.S.L.  
 Controller.  
 Vice Controller.  
 4th S.L.  
 5th S.L.  
 V.C.N.S.  
 A.C.N.S. (W).  
 A.C.N.S. (A) (2).  
 A.C.N.S. (O)  
 Vice Contr. (Air).  
 D. Map Room.  
 O.D. (9)  
 D.C. (2).  
 D.S.O.  
 O.I.C. (2).  
 D of P. (Q) (3)  
 D of P. (3).  
 M. (2)  
 N.A. Mails.  
 D.M.S. (2).  
 D.T.A.S.W. (3).  
 D.T.S.D.  
 D.C.O.D. (7).  
 D.C.O.P. (5).  
 D.N.A.O. (2).  
 D.A.E. (4).

D.A.M.R. (3).  
 D.A.C.R. (3).  
 D.N.A.R. (3).  
 D.A.W.T.  
 Air Branch.  
 D of S. (3).  
 D. Movements. (4).  
 D.G.D. (3).  
 H.W.R. (2)  
 Admiral Blake. (4).  
 W.D.  
 P.I. } Bath (7)  
 S.W.R. (6). } by courier.

JBL

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

Re cruise of H.M. ships to Northern China ports. (Contd.) for approval. Delay is therefore inevitable. (3) General Carton de Wiart took matter up with Generalissimo on Friday who promised to give orders to expedite replies. No tangible results hitherto.

(4) C. in C. Hongkong please repeat to C. in C. B.P.F.

(A.N.A. Chungking, 300900Z to F.O.W.A.)

*See 300300 Z Nav.*

Re UNICORN return to U.K. Your 270434. Following repeats A.M. 241602. Begins, your 110452 approved. Ends. (D.O.D.(F), 300424 to C. in C. B.P.F.)

Naval component of occupational force, Japan. Subject is formation of Naval Component of Commonwealth occupational force ashore in Japan. (2) It is not yet known whether we shall be allocated our own port or part of an American controlled port but in either case it is clearly important that the Port Party should be an efficient one.

(3) This personnel will have to be provided from the resources available to you or C. in C. E.I.

(4) Request you will forward your proposals. (1st Sea Lord, 301145 to C. in C. B.P.F.)

Transference of H.M. ships to Chinese Navy on loan. Your 290158Z (to Admiralty only.) Following ships are to be transferred to Chinese Navy on loan. PETUNIA to be taken over in Dec. 1945, by Chinese crew who have been trained in U.K. AURORA. One HUNT class destroyer. Two U class submarines. Eight H.D.M.Ls.

Chinese crews for these vessels are now being assembled in China and advance party is expected to leave China in Nov. Vessels will not be transferred until Chinese crews have completed training in U.K. which is unlikely to be before middle of 1946.

U.S. have already been informed of these proposals.

(Hd. of M., 301357 to C. in C. B.P.F., Info. C. in C. Med.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

North Atlantic

A.S.R.  
Stn.19  
relief

Intend to sail CAISTOR CASTLE 1900A 31st October to A.S.R. Station 19.  
(2) Speed 12 knots E.T.A. 0600A 3rd November.  
(3) On relief PORCHESTER CASTLE return to Gibraltar.  
(4) CAISTOR CASTLE acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 310941A to Admiralty etc.)

COLDSTREAMER  
A/S Trawler

Intend to sail COLDSTREAMER 0900A 1st November to Plymouth.  
(3) Speed 11 knots, E.T.A. a.m. 5th November.  
(8) COLDSTREAMER acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 311041A to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Re ULSTER  
QUEEN  
Fighter  
Direction  
Ship to  
Clyde.

Paragraph one of A.M. 131246 should be complied with unless Admiralty instruct otherwise.  
Your 250945 and 271723 refer.  
( D.O.D.(F), Approved A.C.N.S., 311929 to F.O.G.M.A.)

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assault  
carrier  
for U.K.

Sail to pass position 309 at 1130B 1st November and proceed to Gibraltar through position 227 then through Bizerta War Channel thence as safe navigation permits.  
 (2) Speed 15 knots.  
 (3) E.T.A. Gibraltar 1000A 6th November.  
 (5) Acknowledge.  
 (F.O.L.E.M., 311106C to ATTACKER.)

CARYSFORT  
destroyer

Intend to sail CARYSFORT at 0600B/1st November, to Aden and Colombo.  
 (2) Routed as safe navigation permits.  
 (3) S. of A. 15 knots ship to report time of departure from Suez and E.T.A. Aden to all addressees in this signal.  
 (S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 311120C to Aden.)

THOROUGH  
S/M

Intend to sail THOROUGH at 1000B/1st to Gibraltar for onward routeing U.K.  
 (3) S. of A. 11 knots E.T.A. p.m. 8th.  
 (6) All times B for "Baker".  
 (S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 311132C to F.O.G.M.A.)

SCORCHER  
S/M

Intend to sail SCORCHER from Malta at 1200A 1st November by reverse of standard route L to arrive Gibraltar a.m. 5th November for onward routeing to Rothesay.  
 (2) Speed 10.5 knots.  
 (Capt. S.l., 311145 to A.I.G. Mediterranean Station, F.O. Malta.)

PROTECTOR  
net layer

Intend to sail PROTECTOR at 0800B/1 to Malta for onward routeing Gibraltar and U.K.  
 (3) S. of A. 15 knots, E.T.A. a.m. 4th.  
 (N.O.I.C. Port Said, 311145C to C. in C. Med.)

F.S.  
CHEVREUIL  
escort vessel  
for F.E.

(1) Propose to sail F.S. CHEVREUIL as soon as working up programme completed from Malta to Alexandria for fuelling and embarking stores.  
 (2) Marine Paris orders following onward trip Port Said Suez if necessary Djibouti Aden Colombo Singapore Saigon.  
 (3) Request approval.)  
 (Almed., 311642A to C. in C. Med.)

WAVE and  
TRODDAY  
10th M/S  
for B.P.F.

Time departure from Suez 1730C October 31st.  
 E.T.A. Aden 2130C November 5th. TRODDAY in company.  
 (WAVE, 311731C to S.N.O.R.S.C. Area.)

Movement

Arrivals - NELSON, BEGUM, CARYSFORT, PROTECTOR.  
 Departures - WAVE, TRODDAY, F.S. EMILE BERTIN.  
 (S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 311805C to Admiralty.)

/Sitrep...



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FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean - Contd.

Sitrep (1) Area in F.O.L.E.M.'s 21840C(?) /Sept. cleared  
No. 25 and checked to a depth of thirty fathoms.  
minesweeping One G.V. mine cut since Sitrep number 24.  
Area is fit for use by BULLFINCH who has not,  
been informed.  
(2) Coastal Waters close north and east of  
St. Georgio where work by Fleet Sweepers is not possible will  
be searched by M.Ls. at first opportunity.  
(3) 44th M.L.F. have (a) searched between Konki Light and  
Lagosa Island and (b) searched area 2 miles to westward of line  
joining Paki Island and Kanakia Island both with negative  
results.  
(? 311809B to F.O.L.E.M.)

EMILE EMILE BERTIN sailing from Suez at 2100C 31st  
BERTIN October Speed of Advance 20 knots. E.T.A.  
French Djibouti 1400C 3rd November. S.N.O. R.S.C.A.'s  
Cruiser 300855C\* refers.  
(Admiral F.N.E.O. 312102C to Almed, C. in C.  
Mediterranean, Marine Paris.)

BEGUM . Intend to sail BEGUM at 0800B/1 November to  
assault Gibraltar for onward routeing U.K.  
Carrier (3) S. of A. 15 knots. E.T.A. p.m. 6 ship to  
report accurate E.T.A. to F.O.G.M.A. when known.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said, 312215C to F.O.G.M.A.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Loss of  
L.C.T. 7020.

A.M. 261521. L.C.T. 7020 is considered lost. Regret following officers and men are missing presumed drowned at sea.

Ty. Sub. Lieut. D.W. Bowers, R.N.V.R. Ty. Sub. Lieut. D.E.T. Wicks, R.N.V.R. Ty. A/S/Lt. F. Smith

R.N.V.R. A.J. Bissatt, A.B. C/JX 406013/CO. J. Harding, A.B. D/JX 290376/CO. T. Barlow, A.B. L/Sig. C/JX 379306. A.F. Best, A.B. AA3 C/JX 407744/CO. D.H. Hargreen, A.B. P/JX 327922/CO. G. Goodwin, A.B. AA3 D/JX 369358/CO. S.J. Buckner, Sto. 1 C/KX 171922/CO. O. Cummins, Sto. 1 C/KX 526285/CO. A.F. Rochelle, Sto. 1 D/KX 526122/CO. W. Gibbins, A.B. D/JX 416445/CO. Next of kin have not been informed. (S.O.R.N.E.(I), 311105 EF to Admty.)

D.2 in MYNGS  
for U.K.

Intend to sail D.2 in MYNGS at 1300C/1st Nov. to Suez for O/R to U.K.

(2) E.T.A. Suez 1400C/4th carrying out constipation trials in Red Sea.

(3) D.2 requests to enter canal on arrival and anchor for night at Ismailia.

(N.O.I.C. Aden, 311240 to S.N.O.R.S.C.A.)

Movements,  
frigates.

Intend sailing NATAL from Colombo 15th Nov. for South Africa. NATAL report accommodation available for officers and ratings for repatriation.

(2) After adjusting complement LOSSIE leaves Colombo 10th Nov. for U.K.

(C. in C. E.I., 311327 EF to LOSSIE, NATAL.)

Movements.

Arrivals at Singapore 31st Oct.

RICHELIEU, GLOIRE, LOCH CRAGGIE, ROCKLAND, L.S.T. 347, 3033, WILLIAM VAN DER Zaan, GLENROY.

Departures, SUSSEX (C.55), CAESAR (D.6), CARRON, CAVALIER, LOCH TARBERT, BULOLO (F.O.W.)

(F.O. Malaya, 311631 to C. in C. E.I.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America & West Indies.

S/M AMPHION  
trials.

Your 301329, approved.  
(D.O.D.(H), 311442 to S.B.N.O.W.At.)

Far East and Australia.

APOLLO, fast  
minelayer.

A. -. B. & C. APOLLO arrived 0800Z/30 and sailed.  
D. Shanghai. E. 0030/3. F. 16 knots. G.  
Standard route Hongkong. I. 0001Z/3.  
(C.T.G. 112.3, 310155Z to F.O.W.A.B.P.F.)

Hainan, taking  
over of Japa-  
nese ships by  
Chinese.

Request you will inform all concerned that I have  
received information from Chinese authorities  
that Chinese Second Army Group 4 have taken over  
ten Japanese ships at Hainan Island and that  
these ships are being used for transporting coal  
from Formosa and Japanese Nationals from Hainan  
to Formosa. Comphlseafnon pass S.B.N.L.O.  
Philippines.  
(C. in C. H.K., 301400Z to C. in C. B.P.F.)

Re searching  
islands in  
N.Z. area.

Can reply now be given to my 150302 Oct., please  
re searching of Atolls.  
(N.Z.N.B., 312147Z to C. in C. B.P.F.)

Destroyers  
exchange.

NORMAN taken over from R.A.N. on 29th Oct. and  
manned by crew ex QUEENBOROUGH turned over to  
R.A.N. on same date.  
(NORMAN, 312330Z to Admty., C. in C. B.P.F.)