

HOME COMMAND SIGNALS

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

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

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| <u>FOREIGN STATIONS</u>
(Classification
by stations). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - North Atlantic - South Atlantic - Mediterranean - East Indies - America and West Indies - Australia and New Zealand - U-boat Campaign |
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Additional subject headings are sometimes employed temporarily, e.g. when an important operation is in progress.

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

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

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1.11.1945
Thursday.

War Diary.

GENERAL

Thanks of
Parliament
to Fighting
Forces.

The gratitude of the House of Commons to the Services has been expressed in the following motion which was agreed on 30th October. Begins:-
"That the thanks of this House be accorded to all ranks of the Royal Navy and of the Royal Marines for the untiring vigilance and resource with which they have frustrated each new stratagem of the enemy: for their courage and devotion to duty which beat the U-Boats by which the enemy planned to reduce these islands to starvation and submission: for the unflagging zeal which they brought to the arduous duties of protecting the flow of food and materials vital to the life and work of our people and Allies: and when the long period of defence at last made way for attack, for the matchless skill and courage with which the great forces for the assaults were landed, supported and maintained in campaign in both hemispheres.

That the thanks of this House be accorded to all ranks of the Army for the indomitable resolution with which they met early adversity: for the thoroughness and patience with which they trained and planned for the assault: for their cheerful endurance of the perils and trials of warfare in many lands: for the gallantry and enterprise with which they wrested the initiative from the enemy and routed him from the shores of the English Channel to the furthest limits of Asia; and for today assisting in the restoration of those lands which have been liberated and in the administration of occupied enemy territory: and to the Home Guard for the keenness and self sacrifice with which they undertook voluntarily and in addition to their normal work the defence of these islands against the threat of imminent invasion.

That the thanks of this House be accorded to all ranks of the Royal Air Force for the dauntless heroism with which, in 1940, they faced overwhelming odds and in doing so, saved our beloved country and all humanity: for the resolute courage with which, undeterred by heavy losses, they harried the enemy's war industries and communications and crippled his powers of resistance: for the bravery with which they co-operated with the Navies and Armies seeking out and destroying the forces of the enemy wherever they could be found; and for their sustenance of those who carried on the fight for liberty behind the enemy's lines: and to the air transport crews for their resource and endurance in keeping the air routes open: and to the Royal Observer Corps for their ceaseless vigil in defence of their homeland.

That the thanks of this House be accorded to all those who, as volunteers in peacetime, sacrificed their leisure in order that, when the time came, they could give the greatest possible service to their country.

That the thanks of this House be accorded to the forces of the Dominions, India and the Colonial Empire who, in gallant comradeship with their brothers from these Islands, shared to the full the dark hours of adversity, the arduous toil of the struggle and the honours of final victory:

That the thanks of this House be accorded to the women of the Auxiliary and Nursing Services for the ready self-sacrifice and efficiency with which they performed their arduous duties of sustaining their brothers in action against the enemy:

/That...

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Thanks of
Parliament
to Fighting
Forces.
(Contd.)

That the thanks of this House be accorded to the officers and men of the Merchant Navy for the steadfastness with which they maintained our stocks of food and materials: for their services in transporting men and munitions to all the battles over all the seas: and for the gallantry with which, though a civilian service, they met and fought the constant attacks of the enemy: and to the skippers and crews of the fishing fleets who in the face of every danger went about their business undismayed and brought back urgently needed food for the nation;

That the thanks of this House be accorded to the Police, the Fire Service, the Civil Defence and Hospital Services and to all those who worked with them in combatting the effects of Air Raids; for the relief and comfort they brought to many thousands in suffering and distress: and for their unflinching endurance of hardship and dangers: and to the ferry pilots for their resourceful courage in keeping the fighting lines supplied with aircraft.

That this House doth acknowledge with humble gratitude the sacrifice of all those who, on land or sea or in the air, have given their lives that we today may live as free men and its heartfelt sympathy with their relatives in their proud sorrow: That Mr. Speaker do signify the said resolutions to the Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral, and to the Army Council and Air Council: to His Majesty's Secretaries of State for Dominion Affairs, for India and Burma, and for the Colonies: for the Home Department and for Scotland and to the Ministries of Health, War Transport, Agriculture and Fisheries and Supply and Aircraft Production to communicate the same to the persons referred to therein." Ends.

The above will be promulgated as on Notice Board A.F.O.
(Admiralty, 011223 to A Message Home and Abroad.)

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

A.S.R. 20
relief.

Relieved by KNARESBOROUGH CASTLE in position 20.
E.T.A. Gibraltar 1000A/3rd Saturday.
(LANCASTER CASTLE, 010830Z to F.O.G.M.A.)

WOLFE, S/M
depot ship.

Intend to sail WOLFE 1700A/1st Nov. to Portsmouth.
(3) Speed 14 knots, E.T.A. Outer Spit Buoy 0800A/
5th. (8) WOLFE acknowledge, sail to comply.
(F.O.G.M.A., 011050A to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

~~CAISSON~~...
CAISSON...

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Singapore.

Intend to sail H.M.R.T. ENCORE towing Caisson
0800A/2nd Nov. to Port Said for O/R Singapore.
(3) Speed 5 knots or better ship will report E.T.A.
when known.
(6) ENCORE acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A., 011414A to F.O.L.E.M.)

A.S.R. relief. Intend to sail ST. AUSTEL BAY 0800A/2nd Nov. to
A.S.R. Station 20. E.T.A. 2200A/4th Nov.
(2) On relief KNARESBOROUGH CASTLE proceed at 12
knots to A.S.R. Station 22 - 01.40 S. 11.05 W.
calling Freetown en route for fuel and fresh provision.

(3) My 011534 refers.
(4) Ships acknowledge and sail to comply.
(F.O.G.M.A., 011526A to Admty., etc.)

Ships
availableAdmty.'s 301826* Oct. Present force available
for A.S.R. duties.A.S.R. duties
etc.A. At Gibraltar two BAY class frigates, 4 CASTLE
class corvettes effective, CROCUS.

B. At Freetown FAL.

(2) Intend A. FAL leave Freetown about 7th Nov.
to establish post 21 about 9th Nov. My 311445

Oct. (Admty. and Capt. in Charge W.Af. only) refers.

B. On relief by ST. AUSTEL BAY 4th Nov KNARESBOROUGH CASTLE now
on A.S.R. Station 20 proceed to establish post 22 about 14th Nov.C. ST. BRIDES BAY sail 5th Nov. to relieve CAISTOR CASTLE now
on A.S.R. Station 19 latter returning Gibraltar and sailing for
Freetown about 14th Nov. arriving about 21st Nov.D. LANCASTER CASTLE sail for Freetown about 8th Nov. E.T.A. 15th
Nov.(3) Temporary allocation of ships would then be A. Stations 21
and 22, operated by Capt. in Charge W.Af. and based Freetown
FAL, KNARESBOROUGH CASTLE, CAISTOR CASTLE, LANCASTER CASTLE,
DOVEY (refitting in Bermuda.)B. Stations 19 and 20 operated by F.O.G.M.A. and based Gibraltar
two frigates, PORTCHESTER CASTLE, HADLEIGH CASTLE (defective until
mid-Dec.) CROCUS.(4) Five ships for each pair of stations is considered minimum
possible if ships are to be maintained in an operational state.(5) CROCUS can be employed as a temporary measure pending
arrival of reliefs referred in A.M. 301826 para. 3. C. in C. Med.
161058 Oct. not to C. in C. S.A. or Capt. in Charge W.Af. also
refers.(6) This temporary organisation should not affect intentions in
C. in C. Med. 310948* Oct. to F.O.G.M.A. only.
(F.O.G.M.A., 011534A to Admty.) * N.T. in W.D.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

South Atlantic.

CHARLOCK,
frigate,
repairs.

My 291242. Examination of CHARLOCK afloat at Simonstown reveals that in order to make good leaks in the after peak and machinery store it is necessary to withdraw the tail shaft and ship-builders stern tube. Time required about three weeks in dock.

(2) In order not to delay MAIDSTONE programme for docking mid Nov. intend to postpone docking of CHARLOCK until after this ship has been undocked. This will make date of completion of CHARLOCK about 12th Dec.

(C. in C. S.A., 011500 to C. in C. E.I.) *See 101576 Dec.*

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

10th D.F.
for U.K.

Intend to sail D.10 in TARTAR with NUBIAN and PALADIN immediately on arrival about 1530B/1 to Alexandria for onward routeing Malta, Gibraltar and U.K.
(3) S.O.A. as necessary to arrive first light 2nd November.
(S.N.O.R.S., 010930B to F.O.L.E.M.)

SUPREME, S/M
for U.K.

Intend to sail SUPREME from Malta at 1500A/2nd Nov. by reverse of standard route L. to arrive Gibraltar daylight 6th Nov. for onward routeing to Portsmouth.
(2) Speed 11.5 knots.
(Capt. (S) 1, 011038 to A.I.G. 80, SUPREME.)

KAI, M/S
repair and
depot ship.

KAI is now ready to proceed. My 161507 Oct. refers.
(2) Request (A) confirmation that she is to be sailed to U.K., (B) port of destination.
(C. in C. Med., 011053A to Admty.)

Revised Medloc
Schedule.

From P.S.T.O. Mediterranean.
In view of release from Med. of ERIDAN and DUNNOTAR CASTLE revised Medloc schedule after sailing of CHAMPOLLION according my C.28695 of 16th Oct. will be as follows.
Dates mentioned are arrival at and departure from Toulon respectively.

BATORY.	11th November	12th November
ASCANIA	13th November	14th November
VILLE D'ORAN	15th November	15th November
VOLENDAM	17th November	17th November
MEDINA VICTORY	19th November	20th November
CHAMPOLLION	21st November	22nd November
BATORY	22nd November	23rd November
PRINCESS KATHLEEN	24th November	25th November
VILLE D'ORAN	25th November	27th November
ZASCANIA	27th November	28th November
VOLENDAM	29th November	30th November

(2) Owing limitation of tonnage now available and in order to maintain train evacuation ex Toulon essential that shortened turnrounds must be temporarily effected position will be eased on introduction to service of MARECHAL JOFFRE and ORBITA.

(3) Essential PRINCESS KATHLEEN makes one trip but vessel will have to call Malta in both directions for bunkers and water.

(4) Agreed.

(A.F.H.Q. Caserta, 011650A to P.R.S.T.O. M.E.)

SUFFOLK,
cruiser,
trooping.

Intend to sail SUFFOLK at 0600C/2nd to Suez for O/R to U.K.
(2) E.T.A. 1830C/4th, S.O.A. 21.5 knots.
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 011705 to S.N.O.R.S.C.A.)

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Mediterranean - Contd.

Danlayers
for B.P.F.

Take ORSAY under your orders and sail at 1200A/
2nd Nov. to Port Said for onward routeing to
B.P.F.

(3) S.O.A. 10 knots, E.T.A. p.m. 6th.

(5) Acknowledge.

(C. in C. Med., 011752A to VALLAY.)

Palestine
Sitrep 1.

Night 31st. Oct./Nov. Palestine railways blown
in 50 places. Organised attack on Lydda Station.
Casualties included one British other rank killed
and one wounded. 2 police launches sunk one
damaged and beached. MUSKETEER and MARNE sailed
to reinforce C.S. 15 now at Haifa.

(F.O.L.E.M., 012153B to C. in C. Med.)

NELSON (B.S.3)
for U.K.

Intend to sail NELSON wearing the flag of B.S. 3
at 0700B/2 to Malta for onward routeing Gibraltar
and U.K. (2) Routed. (3) S.O.A. 13½ knots,
E.T.A. 0830A/5.

(S.N.O.R.S., 012301B to C. in C. Med.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

LUCIA, Intend to sail LUCIA from Colombo 21st Nov. to U.K.
depot ship. (C. in C. E.I., 011133 EF to Admty.)

Sitrep 656. (1) Burma. 82 W.A. Div. Rd. Taungup-Prome
weather clearing generally. Work on all landslides
continuing.

(2) Andamans. Port Blair. Suspected Japanese war
criminals being segregated Ross Island 2 November. Similar action
being taken Nancowry Car Nicobar.

(3) Malaya. 14th Army. 5 Div. 9 Bde. and 123 Bde. embarked by
30 Oct.. Tac. H.Q. 5 Div. moving B destroyer Sourabaya 31 Oct.
Main H.Q. embarking 31 Oct. 5 Div. estimates two Bde. Gps.
ashore Sourabaya 3 Nov.

(4) N.E.I. 15 Corps. A. Java. 23 Div. 1 Bde. One I.O.R.
killed night 30/31 Oct. Investigation proceeding. One Indonesian
killed and ten arrested 31 Oct. during mopping up area Central
Batavia by 1 Patiala and half Sqn. 11 Cav. 37 Bde. Bandoeng.
Situation outwardly quiet. Report received of thirteenth Dutch
and Eurasians murdered 9/10 Oct. 49 Bde. Sourabaya. Comd. 23
Div. arrived 0914 hours 30 Oct. General fighting in progress
arrangements made with Soekarno to suspend shooting and Div.
Comd. left. Situation deteriorated in evening. Brig. Mallaby
Comd. 49 Bde. murdered whilst attempting mediate. Fighting
continues. 31 Oct. Comd. A.F.N.E.I. issued warning that unless
the Indonesians who murdered Brig. Mallaby and attacked Brit.
forces surrender, the whole weight of sea, land and air forces
and weapons of modern war would be used to crush them. Cras Bde.
Firing broke out Magelang morning 31 Oct. Attempt to persuade
Extremist leaders to meet Bde. Comd. Ambarawa failed. Large
number Indonesian rft. arriving from Jogjakarta W.A. 9021.
General battle developed Magelang later. R.A.F. ordered to stand
by to give air S.P. if situation deteriorates further. Situation
Semarang much affected by Sourabaya. B. Sumatra. No report
received.

(5) Siam. Nothing to report.

(6) F.I.C. 32 Bde. 4/2 G.R. fired on area R.J. 123578 and answered
with 3 in. mor. fire. One G.O.R. killed rebel cas. not known.
80 Bde. Night 30/31 Oct. rebel attempt destroy B.R. R.J. 168494
failed. Superficial damage only. 100 Bde. Gate force eliminated
opposn. rd. Bien Hea-Xuan Loe area R.J. 8174. Rebels fled north
and east. Rebel cas. sixty two killed, fifty seven captured
unknown number wounded. Own cas. three Japanese wounded. Sato
Butai Est Xuan Loc. French forces. Can Tho R.N. 1263 occupied
30 October.

(Alfsea, 011255 EF to W.O. etc.)

SPUR, S/M, Your 301713 concur.
retention of. (C. in C. E.I., 011304 EF to F.O. Bombay.)

RIVER class After adjusting complement intend sailing AWE and
frigates for DART from Colombo to U.K. 1st Dec.
U.K. (C. in C. E.I., 011243 EF to Admty., F.O. Ceylon.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America & West Indies.

UNA, S/M. Due to demobilization programme and consequent re-allocation of R.C.N. ships and personnel there is now no requirement for UNA and it is not anticipated that further A/S training will commence before Spring of 1946. My 031641 Sept. refers.
(2) Propose therefore to sail UNA to U.K. Request destination. (N.S.H.Q., 010047Z to Admty.) See 031908Z.

R.C.N. Your 301435 to F.O.W.A. Intended programme
ONTARIO, cr. Friday 2nd Nov. Leave Manila Tuesday 6th Nov.
programme. Leave Guam Tuesday 20th Nov. Leave Pearl Harbour arrive Esquimalt Tuesday 27th.
(ONTARIO, 010055 to N.S.H.Q.)

AMPHION, S/M. On completion of exercise AMPHION is to be sailed p.m. Sunday 4th Nov. in accordance with my 301329Z Oct. (not to all) calling at Trinidad for fuel and provisions Thursday 15th Nov. Communications in accordance with Capt. S/M 3's 151512A Sept. (S.B.N.O. W.At., 011551Z to Com. i/c Bermuda.)

Far East and Australia.

Celebrations at Tonga and proposed visit of EURYALUS. Following signal has been received from Consul Nukualofa (Tonga), begins:-
Your 290210* proposed visit EURYALUS. Tonga Centenary celebrations begin 4th Dec. and continue at various centres in Kingdom during following three weeks. Efforts of everyone here are being concentrated on these celebrations and Government feels that it will not have the additional facilities available for dealing with cruiser. New Zealand Government has kindly consented Royal Navy being represented at celebrations by corvette ARABIS. In circumstances I can only suggest though with regret that Nukualofa be omitted on this occasion from ships itinerary. 310220 Ends.

(2) My 290210 addressed High Commissioner Western Pacific repeated Consul Nukualofa requested confirmation that visit was acceptable.
(3) Request further consideration be given this matter as it would appear that Colonial Office has not yet informed either authority mentioned in para. 2 of proposed presentation to Tongan Government. (N.Z.N.B., 010025 to A.C.N.B., C. in C. B.P.F.) *N.T. in W.D.
Agent and Consul Nukualofa. 310220 Oct. and your 010730 (neither to all.)

It is understood that visit of EURYALUS to Nukualofa is for the purpose of presenting H.M. the Queen and Government of Tonga with 4 in number 3 pdr. equipments as indicated in Admiralty Bath signal time 101823* Oct. which is being passed to you.

(2) EURYALUS would also assist in the mounting of these guns if such help were required.

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Celebrations
at Tonga and
proposed
visit of
EURYALUS.
(Contd.)

(3) No entertainment will be expected and in the above circumstances it is suggested that it would be desirable for the visit to take place as proposed. My 010025 (not to you) also refers.
(5) To C. in C. B.P.F. only. Your Chief of Staff has been consulted and concurs in the above.
(N.Z.N.B., 012345Z to H.C.W.P.)

IMPLACABLE,
Dutch R.A.P.
W.I. from
Manila.

IMPLACABLE E.T.A. Hongkong 2nd Nov. is allocated to embark Dutch R.A.P.W.I. from Manila. Destination not yet settled but will be signalled when known R.A.P.W.I. may have to remain on board up to seven days.

(2) Request Commodore Hongkong will sail ship for Manila on completion fuelling and embarkation essential stores.

(3) Request S.B.N.L.O. Phil., will arrange with U.S. authorities for embarkation.

(4) Comphlseafron pass to S.B.N.L.O. Phil. Admiralty pass to War Office.

(C. in C. B.P.F., 010527Z to S.B.N.L.O. Phil.)

FORMIDABLE,
A/C for U.K.

On completion of duty in my 200511 not to F.O.N.A.P. and after return to Sydney intend to sail FORMIDABLE for U.K. mid Dec.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 010741Z to Admty.)

THRACIAN,
destroyer.

THRACIAN is being commissioned for trials 2nd Nov. and will be steamed when ready mid Nov. from Japan to Hongkong.

(2) Ship had been used as radar experimental ship by Japanese. Report on radar fitted is being forwarded.

(3) Request intentions for disposal after arrival Hongkong.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 010821Z to Admty.)

QUEENBOROUGH,
destroyer,
for R.A.N.

QUEENBOROUGH taken over from R.N. on 29th Oct. and manned R.A.N. crew.
(QUEENBOROUGH, 012332 to S.O. Destroyers, F.O.C. Sydney and Coast N.S.W.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

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

Intend to sail VIVID 1400A/2nd Nov. to Clyde X.2
(Holy Loch). Speed 9 knots, E.T.A. a.m. 9th Nov.
VIVID acknowledge and sail to comply.
(F.O.G.M.A., 021105A to F.O.I.C. Greenock, VIVID,
S.3.)

H.M.N.S.
JAN VAN BRAKEL
and M/S for
E.I.

Intend to sail H.M.N.S. JAN VAN BRAKEL in company
with M.M.S. 1014, 1022, 1025, 1026, 1043, 1046,
1074 and 1082 at 0900A/3rd Nov. to Malta for
onward routeing to Colombo.
(3) Speed 8 knots, E.T.A. 8 Nov.
(F.O.G.M.A., 021545A to F.O. Malta.)

Aircraft
engine re-
pair ship
BEAULY FIRTH
for B.P.F.

Intend to sail BEAULY FIRTH 0900A/3rd Nov. to Port
Said for O/R to Colombo.
Speed 9 knots, E.T.A. a.m. 12th Nov.
BEAULY FIRTH acknowledge and sail to comply.
(F.O.G.M.A., 021605A to F.O.L.E.M., S.N.O.R.S.C.A.,
BEAULY FIRTH, see 050818.)

H.M.N.S.
KORTENAER
destroyer
for N.E.I.
(ex H.M.S. SCORPION)

Intend to sail H.M.N.S. KORTENAER 2000A/2nd Nov.
with despatch to Port Said for onward routeing to
Colombo.
(3) Speed 22 knots, E.T.A. 1100A/4 November.
(F.O.G.M.A., 021713A to F.O.L.E.M.)

South Atlantic.

Corvette
JASMINE
for E.I.

Sailed JASMINE routed to Kilindini for fuel and
O/R to Colombo. (2) S.O.A. 9.5 knots.
(3) E.T.A. Kilindini 0800Z/10th Nov.
(Com. Durban, 021515 to Admty., etc.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

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

Intend to sail NIGERIA at 1715B/2nd to Alexandria
for O/R Gibraltar and U.K.
S.O.A. as necessary to arrive Great Pass Beacon
0645B/3.
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 020901B to F.O.L.E.M.)

Movements.

Port Said 2nd November. Arrivals MARNE, GENERAL
M. PATRICK. Departures NELSON, ROBERTS, NIGERIA,
MARNE.
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 021720 to Admty.)

Sitrep No. 2.

Palestine nothing to report.

(2) Egypt. Anti-Jewish demonstrations Alexandria
and Cairo.

A. Alexandria extensive damage to civilian property.
Minor damage to Royal Navy vehicles and slight injuries to two
naval ratings. Police opened fire. At least eight killed
including one policeman.

B. Cairo less serious but considerable damage and looting of
large shops.

(F.O.L.E.M., 021846B to C. in C. Med.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Singapore, fuel stocks, monthly requirements.

My 281224* Oct. Estimated monthly requirements of coke and coal for naval purposes only are as follows:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Afloat tons</u>	<u>For Yard Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
Furnace coal	1500	<u>Tons</u> 1500	3000
Steam coal	1700	2000	3700
Gas coke	50	75	125
Foundry coke	9160	160	

(2) Request collier be loaded accordingly and sailed to arrive Singapore early Dec. to relieve EMPIRE BOSWELL and provide initial stocks ashore.

(3) Existing Japanese stocks ashore controlled by B.M.A.(M) are of very poor quality and being widely scattered are not accessible for naval use.

(F.O. Malaya, 021855 to Admty., C. in C. E.I.)

* N.T. in W.D.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America & West Indies.

Carrier
GLORY.

- A. Departing Esquimalt B.C. 1500Z Monday 5th Nov. GLORY, aircraft carrier.
- B. Hongkong E.T.A. 0001Z/21st Nov. for O/R to Manila.
- C. Route from Juan de Fuca Great Circle to 30° N: 180° W. thence Great Circle to Bashi Channel thence to Hongkong, S.O.A. 18 knots.
(C.O.P.C. Vancouver, 020031Z to C. in C. B.P.F., etc)

AMPHION, S/M
trials.

Request you will inform all relevant American naval authorities that AMPHION will leave Bermuda 4th Nov. to patrol area as detailed in Capt. (S) 3 S.M. Flotilla's 151512A Sept.* Para. 1. AMPHION expects to call Trinidad for fuel 15th Nov. and to sail so as to arrive Holy Loch Firth of Clyde 26th Nov.
(S.B.N.O. W.At., 021330Z to B.A.D.) * N.T. in W.D.

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3.11.1945
Saturday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

A.S.R. 19 relief. Relieved by CAISTOR CASTLE in position 19 E.T.A. Gibraltar p.m. Monday 5th November. (PORTCHESTER CASTLE, 031100Z to F.O.G.M.A.)

ARETHUSA, cruiser for U.K. Intend to sail ARETHUSA 1700A/3rd Nov. to Chatham. (2) Speed 15 knots, E.T.A. Sheerness 1100A/7th Nov. (7) ARETHUSA acknowledge and sail to comply. (F.O.G.M.A., 031116A to N.O.I.C. Sheerness.)

TALENT, TALLY HO, S/Ms for B.P.F. Intend to sail TALENT (S) and TALLY HO 1900A/3rd Nov. to Malta for O/R to B.P.F. (2) Route L. (3) Speed 12 knots, E.T.A. 1000A/7th Nov. (7) TALENT acknowledge and sail S/Ms to comply. (F.O.G.M.A., 031208A to F.O. Malta.)

H.M.N.S. VAN KINSBERGEN sloop, for N.E.I. Intend to sail H.M.N.S. VAN KINSBERGEN 1800A/3rd Nov. with despatch to Port Said for O/R to Colombo. (3) Speed 18 knots, E.T.A. 0600A/8th Nov. (6) VAN KINSBERGEN acknowledge and sail to comply. (F.O.G.M.A., 031232 to S.N.O.R.S.C.A.)

A.S.R. 20 relief. Have been relieved by ST. AUSTEL BAY in A.S.R. position 20. E.T.A. Freetown 1000A/9th Nov. (KNARESBOROUGH CASTLE, 032300A to F.O.G.M.A.)

South Atlantic.

TEVIOT, frigate, non-operational. D.S.A.N.F. concurs your 252238 para. 2. (C. in C. S.A., 031045B to Admty.)

Repatriation of S. African Personnel. H.M.A.Ss. GOOD HOPE (S.O.) and TRANSVAAL will be sailing Durban about 5th Nov. for Aden, Suez and return to Durban. Both ships are manned with reduced complement and are being used to assist in repatriating South African personnel from the M.E. (2) South African Naval authorities have requested that ships remain under S.A.N.F. administrative and operational control throughout the passage to Suez and return but it is requested that authorities concerned will afford all necessary facilities reporting their arrival and departure in the normal manner. (3) Arrangements for embarkation at Suez are being made by U.D.F. Movement Control M.E. (4) Further signal will be made. (5) S.N.O.R.S.C.A. pass to G.H.Q. M.E. (C. in C. S.A., 031223 to C. in C. E.I., C. in C. Med.)

See 060951 . . + 11236 Dec...

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Movements,
destroyers.

Movements Haifa 2nd Nov. Arrivals MARNE,
MUSKETEER.
(S.N.O. Levant, Haifa, 030945B to Admty.)

H.M.N.S.
PIET HEIN,
destroyer.

Intend to sail H.M.N.S. PIET HEIN immediately on
completion of fuelling p.m. today 3rd Nov. with
despatch to Aden and Colombo.
(3) Ship to report time of departure from Suez and
E.T.A. Aden to all in this signal.
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 031051B to N.O.I.C. Aden.)

THISBE, M/S
for E.I.

Intend to sail THISBE immediately on arrival a.m.
4th Nov. to Aden and Colombo
(3) 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., 031715B to N.O.I.C. Aden.)

Sitrep No. 3.

Palestine. Nothing to report.
(2) Egypt. Demonstrations continued in Alexandria
and Cairo on minor scale. No known casualties.
(F.O.L.E.M., 032141B to C. in C. Med.)

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- Isum No. 50. (1) Hongkong. 29th October outrages Ourates reported area Tap Mun 11 miles N.E. Kowloon. Civilians murdered. Patrols investigating.
- (2) Burma. 1st Nov. Ref. Isum No. 19. 116 Burmese military and civilian personnel including Col. Aung Thang arrived Rangoon from Tokio via Manila. Now undergoing security check.
- (3) Siam. Nothing to report.
- (4) FIC. Saugib area: 31st Oct. Allied advance eastward continues Annamite force at 8174 dispersed. 3 Japs. co-operating with our forces were wounded. Enemy casualties - 62 dead, 57 captured. French troops captured Cantho 80 miles southwest Saigon. Opposition encountered not yet known. (?Mtho) area: Annamites attempting to impress locals for sabotage duties not meeting with success as people wish to return to work in fields. Laos: Fairly reliable source states Chinese General returning to disarm Annamites Thakhek area. Also insists French should not enter town.
- (5) Malaya. Singapore radio announced 31st Oct. that dockers strike now ended. Food position Kuantan WM. 57 reported unsatisfactory. 14th Army report trouble expected this area if food distribution ceases.
- (6) N.E.I. Java: 31st Oct. Batavia: Isolated incidents reported. Bandoeng: Situation outwardly quiet. Sourabaya: Reference Isum Number 49. Comd. 23 Division arrived 0915 hours 30th Oct. whilst general fighting was going on. Later Div. Comd. Brigade Comd. and Soekarno proceeded to Indonesian Army H.Q. and arrangements were made to suspend firing. Situation was quiet when Div. Comd. left at 1439 hours but deteriorated in evening. Bde. Comd. was murdered when attempting to mediate whilst accompanied by Indonesian leaders. Fighting continued 30th Oct. Magelang: Intermittent firing broke out morning 31st Oct. Bde. Comd. attempted to persuade extremist leaders to meet him Ambarawa for conference but arrangements not possible. General battle developed Magelang later. Sumatra.
(S.A.C.S.E.A., 030505Z to Trooping and Admty.)

Movement. HOWE arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Seychelles, 031030 to Admty.)

Sitrep 658. Alfsea, 031225 EF Nov, to W.O.
See Lion Copy.

- Isum No. 51. (1) Hongkong 2nd Nov. Tai Mo Shan 9 miles N.N.W. Kowloon attacked by approx. 30 Chinese. No cas. own tps. 15 Chinese captured being charged police court.
- (2) Burma 31st Oct. U AYE* and U BA OHN* both members of Myochit Party resigned from AFPFL. President of Myochit Party remaining as member of A.F.P.F.L. but resigned from Myochit Party. 1st Nov. Police administration extended to Tenasserim Division. 2nd Nov. Ref. Isum No. 50. Burmese Party arrived Rangoon now numbers 127. In addition to Col. Aung Than include his Aide Capt. Aye Ngy and 70 Military Cadets. Civs. who are being treated as R.A.P.W.I. including 5 State scholars and 4 women and children and after security check will be handed to Civil Government.

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031225EF/November

From Alfsea.

Date 3.11.45.

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Africa, G.O.C. in C. East Africa, H.Q. Brisbane (pass
C.O.i/c.G.H.Q.), Rear Sasea.

MOST IMMEDIATE

080243. 1497 Ops. cipher 3 Nov.

Sitrep 658.

1. Burma. Road Taungup-Prome jeepable to mile 19 $\frac{1}{2}$
2nd November.

2. Andamans. Japanese now admit shooting 152 civilians
Tarmugli Island TB 37 14 Aug. 45. Japanese responsible
being moved Ross Island 2 Nov.

3. Malaya. Fourteenth Army closed Singapore 1200 hrs.
1 Nov. H.Q. 34 Corps closed Kuala Lumpur 1 Nov. H.Q. Malaya
Command opened Kuala Lumpur 1 Nov.

4. NEI. 15 Corps.

A. Java. 23 Div. 49 Bde. Sourabaya still quiet but
tense. Murdered officers bodies not yet recovered. Airdrop
sup. amn. 1 Nov. 1,200 troops 5 Ind. Div. and one squadron
11 Cav. now in Sourabaya. CRAS Bde. Magelang. Fighting
continued up to 1115 hrs. 1 Nov. when meeting between Bde.
Command Sockarno and Indonesian leaders took place. No
further details. Magelang grn. reinforced by MMG Pl 6/8
Punjab and one coy. 2 Hybad.

B. Sumatra. All quiet. Siam. Nothing to report.

6. FIC. 32 Bde. 80 (or 85) Bde. Quiet day and
night 1/2 Nov. 100 Bde. 1 Nov. Thu Dau Mot RJ 1778
searched by 1/1 GR. 1/1 GR sniped by rebels RJ 155779.
Rebels dispersed by MMG mortar and artillery fire. Rebels
killed 13 own cas. nil. Gate Force. Recce 1 Nov. GIA
RAY RK 0577 nothing to report. Br RK 128660. Rebels
dispersed preparing demolition. Japanese guard posted
on bridge. Main rebel forces reported by refugees area
Phan Thiet RK 8874. Phnom Penh. French recce from Go
Dau Ha RH 7090 returned Phnom Penh 1 Nov. French cas.
one OR killed one wounded. 13 rebels captured. Total
Japanese personnel disarmed FIC. Army 132. Navy Air
Force nil.

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(3) Siam. Nothing to report.

(4) F.I.C. Incidents still occurring immediate area Saigon. Mostly nuisance value only. Allied expansion eastward continues. Uan Loc area now cleared by Japs. A.L.F.F.I.C. consider organized resistance here ended but expect sabotage and Guerilla warfare. R/Cs along Dalat. To 7781 and along Barria. To 8. 554 met no opposition. Jap. tps. in Mekong Elra area are to be withdrawn to Saigon now that ?Frencubls* are established in Delta.

(5) Malaya. Report dated 30th October from B.M.A. Malaya on Singapore Dock strike makes following points.

(A) Dock strike due unrest fomented by agitators of whom a few arrested but later released due insufficient evidence.

(B) Main demand for increased wages but other exorbitant demands also made. Dock workers also refuse handle arms amn. for Java. Undertaking given that civilian labour will not handle arms has had good effect but? agitators still at work.

(C) By 27th October 85% all strikers from docks and essential services had returned. Remaining 15% composed of Stevedores, Sanitary and Transport employees who were being prevented from returning by picketting.

(D) B.M.A. considered back of trouble broken and every prospect of normal conditions in 2-3 days.

(E) Picketting peaceful but some workers definitely afraid return owing threats of agitators. Definite orders issued 27th October arrest all picketers. F.O. Increasing evidence that influence of Unions weakened by strike.

(G) C.C.A.O. has set up Pan-Malayan Committee to investigate wages and living costs.

(6) Java. Magelanf. Sporadic firing morning 31st Oct. developed into siege. Own tps. isolated. Fighting ceased 2nd Nov. following successful air strike 1st Nov. but situation remains tense.

Sourabaya. Town tps. report Gen. Christisons broadcast morning 31st Oct. adversely received by Indonesians. Monitored broadcasts from Sourabaya state "Indonesians have defeated British." Broadcast 31st Oct. stated "Do not heed Soekarno we must kill all enemies of Republic." Situation Sourabaya 2nd Nov. still tense and Indonesians truculent. Soerakarta. Evident Soerakarta is Supreme Military H.Q. on Indonesian resistance for Central Java. B.K.R. formerly ill disciplined mob now being incorporated in T.K.R. which Indonesians say they will organize and train as National Army on Japanese model to aid maintenance law and order. Kebajoran. Dutch report 200/300 bandits attacked Dutch tps. and set fire to part of village 31st Oct. Dutch counter attacked Indonesians killing estimated 60. Dutch cas. one killed. Sumatra. Nothing to report.

(S.A.C.S.E.A., 031245 to Troopers, etc.) *As received.

R.T. Move-
ment.ENTICER arrived.
(A.R.N.O. Seychelles, 031758D to Admty.)

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Saturday.FOREIGN STATIONS.America & West Indies.

BALLINDERRY, Request very early reply to my 211314. Destination
frigate. of BALLINDERRY in U.K.
(S.B.N.O.W.At., 031215Z to Admty.)
Reply 041551.

UNA, S/M. When ready UNA is to be sailed to Rothesay. A.M.
021723 to N.S.H.Q. and F.O. S/M only and N.S.H.Q.
010047 refer.
(N.S.H.Q., 031908Z to C.O.A.C.) See 051836Z.

Far East and Australia.

Re des- On completion of fuelling and ready sail to comply
troyers with C. in C. B.P.F. 240604 and 220 #.234.
for U.K. Direct route to Fremantle for onward routing.
(Port Melbourne, 030056Z to NORMAN.)

R.A.P.W.I. Refer my 260250. (2) H.S. VASNA and TJITJILENGKA
No. 8, Sydney, latter E.T.D. 5th Nov. for Hongkong.
31.10.'45 (3) H.S. EMPIRE CLYDE and GERUSALEM Hongkong.
(4) H.S. OXFORDSHIRE left Hongkong 29th Oct. for
Singapore E.T.A. 2nd Nov. for U.K. R.A.P.W.I. 400
approx. no breakdown available.
(5) H.S. LETITIA Manila to load for Seattle and Vancouver.
(6) IMPLACABLE empty E.T.A. Hongkong 2nd Nov. for Manila.
(7) GLORY E.T.D. Esquimalt 4th Nov. empty for Hongkong and Manila.
(8) LOTHIAN on passage Singapore to India.
(9) U.S. A.T. GENERAL BREWSTER left Manila 20th Oct. for San
Francisco P.O.W. Brit. 527 Int. Brit. 1.
(10) U.S.S. MEXICO left Manila 25th October P.O.W. 37.
(11) U.S.S. WILLIAM E. CHANNING, E.T.A. Sydney 12th Nov. with
Manila camp party.
(12) REAPER E.T.A. Sydney 4th Nov. R.A.P.W.I. for Aust. 27 for
N.Z. 6.
(13) ~~M.S.~~ ^{Transport} BONAVENTURE E.T.A. Sydney 3rd Nov. R.A.P.W.I. 40.
(14) ARAWA E.T.A. Shanghai 2nd Nov. to embark for U.K.
(15) EMPIRE CHIEFTAIN E.T.D. Hongkong 6th Nov. for Vancouver
R.A.P.W.I. for Canada 18.
(16) HIGHLAND CHIEFTAIN left Rabaul 31st Oct. for Palau E.T.A. 2nd
Nov. Morotai E.T.A. 4th Nov. and India P.O.W. for India 965.
(17) TAMAROA left Brisbane 31st Oct. for Hongkong.
(18) FORMIDABLE left Rabaul 29th Oct. for Singapore E.T.A. 5th
Nov. for India P.O.W. Indian fit 1160 sick 100. ~~Sontay~~ ^{SONTAY}
(19) HIGHLAND BRIGADE E.T.D. Sydney 6th Nov. and ~~Sontay~~ ^{SONTAY} E.T.D.
Sydney 7th Nov. for Rabaul and India.
(20) MORETON BAY at Sydney ~~Circassia~~ ^{Circassia} E.T.A. Sydney 6th Nov.
allocated Manila for Dutch.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 030145Z to Admty., A.C.N.B.)

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Far East and Australia - Contd.

R.A.P.W.I. Dated 31st Oct., 1945 refer my 260255 North China
Sitrep 8, Int. Shanghai 3256 Weihshen 1013 Tientsin 67
31.10.'45. Peking 25 of above 900 approx. earmarked for
ARAWA and 1000 more seek early evacuation also
Indian distressed civilians between 2000 and 2500
ready now 1000 3 Hongkong Int. ready now U.K. and
Europe 331 Canada 18 S. Africa 19 U.S.A. 20 Australia 88 Int.
Deferred Java 170 (including 23 sick) U.K. 100 Aust. 40 S. America
155 U.S.A. 80 Malaya 30 China, 9 West Indies 19 also Indians ex
police and dependants 2000 4 Hanoi R.A.P.W.I. for France fit 800
sick 100 5 Kwang Chow Wan R.A.P.W.I. for France 75 for Anam 124 6
Hainan R.A.P.W.I. for India 15 Chinese for Hongkong 6000 latter
not internees but require repatriation 7 Manila R.A.P.W.I. Dutch
fit 6998 sick 158 8 Palau P.O.W. Indian 433 Dutch 103 embarking
2nd Nov. 9 Rabaul Indian P.O.W. fit 2940 sick 400 of which 88
are at Jacquinot Bay also Malaya not R.A.P.W.I. 650 see R.A.P.W.I.
mov. items 16 and 18 10 Morotai P.O.W. for India fit Indians 397
Brit. 7 sick Indians 22 R.A.P.W.I. for Malaya 51 11 Australia
R.A.P.W.I. fit U.K. 666 Europe 26 N.Z. 2 Canada and U.S. 6 Hong-
kong 86 Misc. 35 R.A.P.W.I. sick U.K. 166 N.Z. 1 Misc. 6 12
New Zealand R.A.P.W.I. 800 approx. no breakdown available 13
Comphlseafiron pass to S.B.N.L.O. Phil. Admiralty pass to W.O.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 030148Z to Admty.)

IMPLACABLE, IMPLACABLE My 010527 being passed N.O.I.C. Moluccas
A/C. (2) Destination of IMPLACABLE is Balikpapan
S.B.N.L.O. Phil. is requested to arrange for ship
to be sailed accordingly.
(3) Request N.O.I.C. Moluccas will inform ship
direct arrangements for berthing and disembarkation.
(4) Further signal will be made concerning ships next assignment
after arrival Balikpapan this has not yet been decided.
(5) Comphlseafiron pass to S.B.N.L.O. Phil. Admiralty pass to W.O.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 030256Z to N.O.I.C. Moluccas, S.B.N.L.O. Phil.)
See 060616Z

CHASER, reple- E.T.A. Manila anchorage 1100I Tuesday 6th Nov.
nishment No berthing plan held.
carrier. (CHASER, 031131Z to Comphlseafiron.)

EMPRESS, Arrival EMPRESS at Wellington.
assault (N.Z.N.B. Wellington, 032130Z to Admiralty.)
carrier.

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Sunday

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FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean

THISBE
M/S

E.T.D. Suez 1845B E.T.A. Aden 1600C November 9th.
(THISBE, 041846B to S.N.O.R.S.C.A.)

MILNE
destroyer
Fire

Fire broke out in number one boiler room H.M.S.
MILNE at Haifa today Sunday and was extinguished
in one hour. Damage cannot yet be assessed, but
probably of a minor character. No question of
sabotage. Speed limited to 24 knots until
boiler has been tested.
No casualties.
(2) Am convening Board of Enquiry.
(C.S.15, 042355B to MILNE.)

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ESKIMO, Sailed ESKIMO coastal for Port Elizabeth in
destroyer accordance with C. in C.S.A's 241607 (not to all)
for U.K. (2) S.O.A. 17 knots. (3) E.T.A. 1000B/5th Nov.
(Com. Durban, 040749Z to Admty.)

East Indies At Colombo. MONKSHOOD, SNOWFLAKE, THYME, TULIP,
Fleet Disp. EMPEROR, PRINS ALBERT, SANSOVINO, PELORUS,
Sig. No. 9. POSTILLION, LENNOX, GOZO, AWE, DART, EVENLODE,
JED, LOCH FYNE, LOCHY, LOSSIE, NATAL, LULWORTH.
At sea for Colombo. INDOMITABLE, CARYSFORT, NIGER,
10th M/S Flotilla, KALE, ROTHER, BANFF, SENNE,
NIGELLA, VIOLET, OPOSSUM, VERULAM.

At Trinco. CLEOPATRA, GLASGOW, JAMAICA, CAPRICE, CAMBRIAN,
CAVENDISH, SUFFREN, GLOIRE, FRIENDSHIP, PERSIAN, MELITA, INVER,
TEVIOT, DECCAN.
At sea for Trinco. KHEDIVE, PURSUER, SAUMAREZ, VENUS, VIRAGO,
VOLAGE, VIGILANT.
At Madras. SEFTON, LOTHIAN.
At Karachi. MEADOWSWEET, ROCKROSE.
At Calcutta, LLANSTEPHAN CASTLE.
At Cochin, LOCH ACHRAY.
At Bombay, PENN, COLOSSUS, DEVERON, FALMOUTH, SHOREHAM, ASSAM.
At sea for Bombay, VENERABLE; BLACKMORE, BICESTER, BREON,
COWDRAY, EGGSFORD, TRUMPETER, SMITER.
At Singapore, SENNEGALAIS, RICHELIEU, 37th M/S Flotilla, LOCH ECK,
NESS, FREESIA, LOCH SCAVAIG, LOCH MORE, GORLESTON, SONAVATI, ROSE-
BAY, SMILAX.
At sea for Singapore, BULOLO, PETARD, PRINCES BEATRIX.
At Sabang, LOCH LOMOND.
At Penang, 7th M/S Flotilla.
At sea for Penang, JEWEL, ROYALIST.
At Bangkok, LOCH KATRINE, NITH.
At Saigon, BEARN, SOMALI, QUERCY, LE FANTASQUE, ANNAMITE, GAZELLE.
At sea for Saigon (part missing).
At Nahtrang, LE TRIOMPHANT.
At Batavia, LOCH CRAGGIE, LOCH KILLISPORT, VAN GALEN, LOCH
RUTHVEN, LOCH TARBERT.
At sea for Batavia, WILLEM VAN DER ZAAAN.
At Bali, JACOB VAN HEEMSKERCK.
At Tantung Pandan, TROMP.
At Bawean Island, TAFF.
At Sourabaya, WAVENEY, GLENROY, SUSSEX, CARRON, CAESAR,
CAVALIER, LOCH GLENDHU, LOCH GORM.
At Medan, ROCKAS?, ROCKSAND, PERSIMMON.
At Pedang, LOCH QUOICH.
At sea for Melbourne, EMPRESS.
At Port Blair, LOCH INSH, KISTNA, NARBADA.
At Seychelles, HOWE, HALLADALE.
At sea for Suez, AMEER, PARRET, USK, BARLE, DERG, FISHGUARD.
At Djibouti, EMILE BERTIN.
At Capetown, TEST, TRENT.
At Durban, TROUNCER, ROEBUCK, ESKIMO.
At sea for Simonstown, MADSTONE.
Left station, NELSON, NIGERIA, CARADOC, ROBERTS, BEGUM, ATTACKER,
PROTECTOR, TARTAR, NUBIAN, PALADIN, CUMBERLAND, SUFFOLK, MYNGS.
At Kilindini, SWALE. At sea for Kilindini, JASMINE.
(C. in C. E.I., 041026 EF.)

Sitrep 659. Alfsea, 041500 EF to W.O. and Amalados.
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041500EF / November.

From Alfsea.

DATE 4.11.45.

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Addressed The War Office. Usual Addressees.

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030397.

D.LL/Ops cipher 4 Nov.

SITREP 659.

First. Burma. Rd Taungup-Prome. Chaung mile 24 not now fordable to jeeps. 17 Div. Explosion at Moulmein Rly, jetty wounded five I.R. killed 37. Japanese wounded 17. Preliminary investigation suggests due to 150 mm shells dropped and excessive heat.

Second. Andamans. 184 suspected war criminals segregated in custody Ross Island.

Third. Malaya. Kuala Lumpur. H.Q. Malaya Cmd. reverts to previous designation H.Q. fourteenth Army 4 Nov. 25 Div. 104 Rifles looted from arms dump Ipoh VJ 8872. 9 R.Sussex now under Cmd. Penang Sub area.

Fourth. NEI. 15 Corps.

A. Java. 23 Div. TIC R reports air strip Joojakarta WA 9022 blocked with oil drums. 49 Bde. Sourabaya generally quiet. Evacuation APWI begun. Two lifts of 2486 women 300 men completed. CRAS Bde. Magelang fighting stoppod 1240 hrs, 2 Nov. Truce terms under discussion. One Sqn. 11 Cov (or Cav) now at Semerang.

B. Sumatra. All quiet.

Fifth. Siam. Conc of seventy thousand Japanese at Nakon Nayok to be completed from following areas Takli Naung Hoi Ubon Nakon Sawan Lamaperase Lampang 12500 from Chiengnai. Estimated that conc at Chiengnai completed 7 Dec. 136 Fd. Regt. moving Bangkok.

Sixth. FIC. 32 Bde. Post 9/14 Punjab RJ 209580 unsuccessfully attacked night 2/3 Nov. Rebels used IMGs grenades rifles tear gas. Own cas. Nil rebel cas. not known. 2 NOR 4/2 GR clashed with rebels RJ 185620 (or 685620) own cas. nil Rebels 2 killed 1 wounded. Own Tps. heavily sniped while investigating report Annamites using school and Hosp. Govap RJ 1959 as Meeting Place. 41 men arrested.

/ Night.

Night 2/3 Nov. vigorous battle Br. RJ 205591. No details yet but
 Rebels using proportion automatics. 80 Bde. 2 Nov. truck Dvr. killed
 1 IOR wounded by grenade. Several persons arrested Bde. Area. 100 Bde.
 2 Nov. Grenades thrown at mob coln sent to investigate fire which
 burnt one thousand tons rubber area one mile south of Cholon.
 One GOR slightly wounded rebels 1 killed 1 wounded. 6 Nov. Clarkcol
 or Squ. less Tp. 16 Cav. 1/1 Gr Pl. 13 JAT det. 42 Ind. Fd. Amb. Det.
 401 Ind. Pl. Coy Yamagichi Butai Str. four to five hundred
 proceed Bancat (or Bencat) RJ0999 to deal with large conc rebels reported
 that area. Gateforce less Sato Butai arrived Bien Hoa 2 Nov. Four more
 Viet Minh personnel arrested 2 Nov.

041500EF.

- 1st Lord.
- 1st S.L.(3)
- D.P.S.L.
- 4th S.L.
- 5th S.L.
- V.C.N.S.
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- A.C.N.S.(W)
- Map Room
- D.C.(2)
- D.S.O.
- O.D.(9)
- O.I.C.(2)
- D.N.I.(7) & for D.N.L.O.(2)
- D. of P.(3)
- 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.
- V.D.
- Ad. Blako.

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Sunday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America & West Indies.

BALLINDERRY
frigate.

Destination of BALLINDERRY in U.K. is Chatham.
Ship will give leave and adjust complement subsequently returning to your station.
Your 031215 not to all refers.
(D.O.D., 041551 to S.B.N.O.W.At.)

AMPHION, S/M.

AMPHION sailed from Bermuda at 1900Z/4th Nov.
(S.B.N.O.W.At., 041930Z to Admty.)
My position 32° 12' N. 64° 31' W. course 165,
14 knots on passage to patrol area.
(AMPHION, 042100Z to F.O. S/Ms.)

Far East and Australia.

THULE, S/M
for U.K.

THULE anticipated departure Hongkong 7th Nov.
Colombo 21st Nov. Port Said 7th Dec. Gibraltar
16th Dec.
(Capt. (S) 4, 040025Z to Admiralty.)

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SITUATION REPORT

East Indies

Burma
closing
down of
bases etc.

Hammenheil Camp - Jaffna, and R.N. Bases at
Akyab and Kyaupyu have been closed down. Title
and appointment of R.N.O. Arakan have lapsed.

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GENERAL

Use of I.F.F. As from 0001 G.M.T. 7th November.
(Identification Use of I.F.F. by warships and aircraft is
signal by abolished world-wide except as required for
Friendly training purposes and for purposes of distress
aircraft) and air sea rescue.
(2) Instructions above are already effective
in all U.S. Strategic areas.
(3) Equipment should be retained in operating
condition for training and air/sea rescue pending further
instructions.
(D.R.E. Approved V.C.N.S., 051938 to "A" Message, Home and
Abroad)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

North Atlantic

SELENE
S/M
for U.K.

Intend to sail SELENE 1500A 5th November to Portsmouth.
(3) Speed 11 knots E.T.A. Blockhouse 1100A 10th November.
(8) SELENE acknowledge and sail to comply.
(F.O.G.M.A., 050934A to C. in C. P.O.)

A.S.R.Stn.
19 relief

Intend to sail ST. BRIDE'S BAY 1600A 5th November to A.S.R. Station, 19.
(2) Speed 14 knots. E.T.A. 1800A 7th, November.
(3) On relief CAISTOR CASTLE return to Gibraltar
(4) ST. BRIDE'S BAY acknowledge and sail to comply.
(F.O.G.M.A., 051002A to Admiralty.)

S/Ms for U.K.

Intend to sail SEASCOUT and SCORCHER 1100A 6th November independently to home ports.
(3) Speed 10½ knots E.T.A. SEASCOUT at Portsmouth a.m. 11th November. E.T.A. SCORCHER at Rothesay a.m. 12th November.
(8) Submarines acknowledge and sail to comply
(F.O.G.M.A., 051526A to N.O.I.C. Greenock.)

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MondayFOREIGN STATIONSMediterranean

BEAULY FIRTH aircraft
Engine Repair
Ship for
B.P.F. F.O.G.M.A. 021605A. My position 0800A 5th
November lat. 37° 04' N. Long. 4° 49' E.
(2) Speed 9½ knots E.T.A. 1200B 11th November.
(4) Request 48 hours in Canal zone to make good
defects to boilers by ship's staff.
(BEAULY FIRTH, 050818 to F.O.L.E.M., S.N.O.R.S.C.A.)

18th Dest.
Flotilla
for U.K. D.18 take CALPE, CHIDDINGFOLD, BLEASDALE and
METEOR under your orders and sail in FARNDALE
at 0800A Nov. 6th to Gibraltar for onward routeing
to U.K.
(3) S. of A. 13 knots E.T.A. p.m. 9th Exact
E.T.A. to be signalled to F.O.G.M.A. when known.
(C. in C. Med., 051049 to D.18.)

PROTECTOR
net layer
for U.K. Sail at 0800A November 6th to Gibraltar for
onward routeing to Devonport A.M. 221105 October
refers.
(3) S. of A. 15 knots adjusted to arrive first
light 9th.
(6) Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Mediterranean, 051106A to PROTECTOR.)

Mediterranean
Zone mine
clearance board Mediterranean Zone mine clearance board commence
work today. All invited nations present except
Yugoslavia whose absence is a handicap.
(Capt. M/S Mediterranean at Naples, 051157A to
Admiralty.)

CARADOC
Escort
Depot
Ship. Intend to sail CARADOC at 1600/6 to Malta for
onward routeing Gibraltar and U.K.
(3) S. of A. 13½ knots E.T.A. a.m. 9th Ship
report accurate E.T.A. to C. in C. Med. when
known.
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 051210B to C. in C. Med.)

EMPEROR
assault
carrier Following programme prepared for EMPEROR:-
Colombo, depart 1000EF 6th,
Bombay arrive 1800EF 8th,
Bombay depart 0800 EF 11th,
Suez arrive 0500B 19th,
Transit canal by daylight,
Port Said depart 1800B 19th,
Alexandria arrive 0600B 20th.
Depart 0800B 22nd,
Gibraltar arrive 0600Z 27th,
Depart 0800Z 29th,
Clyde arrive 0600Z 4th December.
(C. in C. E.I., 051221 EF to C. in C. Med., Admty.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean - Contd.

2nd Dest.
Flotilla

Intend to sail D.2 in MYNGS immediately on completion of canal transit about 1600B/5 to Alexandria for onward routeing Malta, Gibraltar and U.K.
(3) S. of A. as necessary to arrive Alexandria 0600B/6.
(5) D.2 acknowledge.
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 051222B to F.O.L.E.M.)

NORFOLK
Cruiser

Intend to sail NORFOLK immediately on arrival a.m. 6th to Aden and Colombo.
(3) Ship to report time of departure from Suez and E.T.A. Aden to all in this signal.
(5) NORFOLK acknowledge and comply.
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 051301B to N.O.I.C. Aden; and 061805)

CUMBERLAND
cruiser

Intend to sail CUMBERLAND at 0430B/6 to Plymouth.
(3) S. of A. 20 knots E.T.A. a.m. 12th, ship to report accurate E.T.A. to C. in C. Plymouth when known.
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 051825B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

SUFFOLK
cruiser

Intend to sail SUFFOLK at 0700B/6 to Chatham.
(3) S. of A. 19½ knots E.T.A. Sheerness a.m. 13th, ship to report confirmed E.T.A. to C. in C. Nore when known.
(S.N.O.R.S., 051840B to C. in C. Nore.)

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East Indies

Burma Bases closed down	Hammenheil Camp, Jaffna, and R.N. bases at Akyab and Kyaupyu have been closed. Title and appointment of R.N.O., Arakan have lapsed. (C. in C. E.I., 050946 EF to All concerned.)
Isum 51	S.A.C.S.E.A., 051241 to Troopers. Info. Admiralty. See Lion Copy.
R.A.W.P.I., embarkation of, etc.	S.E.A.C., 051347 to C. in C. B.P.F. See 060011Z. See Lion Copy.
L.S.T., H.Q. (W) transference to Singapore	L.S.T. H.Q. (W) has been transferred to Singapore. Request future signals be routed direct to Singapore C.C.O. (COCHIN, 051430 EF to Admiralty.)
F.S. EMILE BERTIN Cruiser	Intend to sail in F.S. EMILE BERTIN at 2200C/5th via Guarda 48° channels to Colombo. (2) E.T.A. 1500 EF 10th S. of A. 18.5 knots. (6) Request Admiralty pass to Marine Paris and N.A. Paris. (Admiralty F.N.E.O., 051745C to N.O.I.C. Aden.)

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051241 November

Date 6.11.45

From SACSEA

Recd. 0725

CCM (5 Services) Area P & I Gen S

To:- Troopers

Info:- Admiralty, Air Ministry, Arminia, C. in C. E.I.F.,
H.Q. 12th Army, H.Q. 14th Army, H.Q. 34 Indian Corps.,
ELFSIAM, AFNEI, ALFFIC, ALFSUMATRA, ADH H.Q. A.M.F.
CUT Landforces pass CUT, G.O.C. Hong Kong, D.M.I.,
Melbourne, CUT Landforces pass CUT, H.Q. SACSEA
Commission number one Saigon, C. in C. B.P.F.,
C.O.I.S. B.P. JA pass CUT, B.P.F. Britchin,
FOMGEN CT SAC

IMMEDIATE

TOO 7505 ISUM 51. Tai Mo Shan not attacked.
30 Chinese heard in area and own tps. fired. 15 looters
captured.

2. Burma two Smaam October Ref. ISUM number 49 Governor
appointed executive council of ten members. Five represent
Burmese three Indonesian minorities and two British.
No representative of AFPFL included Andamans and Nicobars.
2 November Japs admit shooting 152 civilians Tarmugli
island 4 7 8 2 14th August 45. Japs who took part being
segregated Ross Island with other suspected war criminals.

3. Siau Iri N T R

4. F I C. Saigon. 3 November. Allied expansion
eastwards now ceased. British element withdrawn to Bien.
Hoa leaving Jap unit as garrison Giacray. Refugees state
Maig rebel force now area Phan Thiet 100 miles east Saigon.
Large concentration rebels Ben Cat 30 miles north Saigon.
Immediate area Saigon. Minor clashes reported Chungking
Radio 2nd November. Ho Chi Minh announced agreement
reached between Viet Minh and Chinese (?AQH) sponsored
Dong Minh Hoi party.

5. Malaya new relief organisation set up by B.M.A. in
Penang warmly welcomed. Reference ISUM 47 evidence communist
party Kuala Lumpur attempted organise demonstrations 1st
November during trial Soong Kong. Demonstrations did not
materialise first because police at court house reinforced.
Second heavy rain during morning. Third bulk of shopkeepers
refused close shops as doing good trade. Report being
investigated that former I I L leaders Klang Vu 38 co-
operating with communists to arouse labour troubles.
Singapore. Reported 2nd November that remaining strikers
still returning slowly. Overall strike situation is that
central control not at present functioning and strikes
therefore only local.

6.

6. N E I. Sourabaya. 4th November. Comd. Five Div. states situation Sourabaya not now so tense. Liaison has been established with the more moderate leaders who are now willing co-operate evacuation RAPWI. Magelang. Fighting ceased morning 2nd November and truce arranged by Soekarno and (?BDE reposition BDA) Comd. Own Tps. report arms used by nationalists included Japanese armoured car and guns believed 75 m.m. Batavia. 3rd November. Some looting and minor incidents otherwise quiet. Sumatra. Padang. 2nd November newspaper published story death Brig. Mallaby. Stated murderer was a Ghurka and Indonesians Sourabaya disclaimed responsibility. Editor has been ordered to publish refutation and has been severely warned. Medan. D.F. report states resolution was passed at Nationalist meeting to continue independence movement in Sumatra but to break with Soekarno. Palembang. Own Tps. report TKR parading streets with knives and dummy rifles. Dispersed on seeing British officers. Billiton Island. 4th November. British officers report situation very quiet and Indonesians co-operating fully with Dutch.

051241

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D.F.S.L.
4th S.L.
5th S.L.
V.C.N.S.
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A.C.N.S. (A) (2)
A.C.N.S. (W)
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M. (2)
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W.D.
Admiral Blake

MESSAGE.

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ARN.P.1.

Embarkation of ...

051 347Z/November

From: S.E.A.C.

Date 7. 11. 45.

Reud. 0118

P/L

To : C. in C. B.P.F.
Info: A.C.N.B., C. in C. Hong Kong, War Office,
Landforces Melbourne, Landops. Morotai, C. in C. India,
A.L.F.S.E.A.

IMMEDIATE

SAC 27521/MOV TN. Your 020645/Nov., not to War Office.

1. (A) Your paras. 1 and 2 noted.
2. Your paras. 5 and 6.
 - (A) Agree MORETON BAY embarks Dutch troops ex STIRLING CASTLE. Vessel should be routed Batavia for disembarkation. Request A.C.N.B. arrange.
 - (B) Thence suggest vessel be routed Singapore to embark remainder 2nd Aust. P.W. Reception Group, thence Balikpapan to fill to capacity with A.S.L.G. personnel, thence Australia, thence Manila for embarkation Dutch R.A.P.W.I. whose destination will be signalled later for a L.H.Q. In order save as much time as possible, request Australian personnel be disembarked Brisbane.
 - (C) Agree CIRCASSIA embarks Chinese at Brisbane and proceeds Hong Kong, thence Manila to embark Dutch R.A.P.W.I. Destination will be signalled later.
3. Your paras. 7 and 8.
 - (A) Do not agree to CHESHIRE proceeding U.K. with mid December lift ex China Coast. Desirous of keeping CHESHIRE in S.E.A.C. Therefore CHESHIRE can proceed from Australia to China Coast as stated your para. 7 but should lift Indians for India thus providing initial lift required in last sentence your para. 3. Request you route vessel accordingly.
 - (B) HIGHLAND CHIEFTAIN will be routed Shanghai via Hong Kong from India and proceed U.K. with mid December lift.
4. Your para. 3(B). Noted that some 3000/3500 Indians will still require repatriation from Hong Kong and Shanghai after departure of CHESHIRE.

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Cont'd.

5. For War Office. Your 82589Q (M) 6 arrived too late to keep Dutch on STIRLING CASTLE since expected time of departure vessel for U.K. ex Sydney is 8th Nov. but proposals in para. 2 A and B above enable lift to be given to A.S.L.G. personnel. In view para. 8 C. in C. B.P.F. 250748, not to all, MORETON BAY will do trip in place HIGHLAND BRIGADE suggested Brig. Lawrence. Further signal follows giving details of repatriation of -

- (A) Indians ex Rabaul to India.
- (B) Dutch ex Manila to N.E.I.
- (C) A.S.L.G. personnel to Australia.

6. For C. in C. B.P.F. Pass Brig. Lawrence.

7. Agreed pass to S.E.A.C.

051 347Z

Note: Passed Admiralty for information

2nd S.L.
A.C.N.S. (0)
P.A.S. (D)
O.D. (9)
D.C. (2)
D.T.D. (2)
D.T.D. (C) (2)
D. of S.T. (15)
M. (3)
D. Mov. (4)
A.C.N.P. (5)
C.W. (Cas.) (3)
N.L. (6)
N.
C.N.I.
O.I.C. (2)
Ad. Blake
W.D.

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FOREIGN STATIONS

America and West Indies

GLORY
A.C. Departed Vancouver 1537Z November 5 H.M.S. GLORY to Hongkong E.T.A. 0001Z 21st November for storing and onward routing in accordance with C. in C. B.P.F. 270248 EF calling at Tokio for fuel if necessary. S. of A. 18 knots.
(C.O.P.C., 051717Z to N.O.I.C. Hongkong.)

UNA
S/M Intend sailing H.M. Submarine UNA to Rothesay U.K. a.m. 9th November. N.S.H.Q. 031908 refers.
(C.O.A.C., 051836Z to Admiralty.)

SLINGER
Carrier When ready about 8th November request SLINGER be sailed to Fremantle for onward passage to Aden and Greenock.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 050601Z to A.C.N.B.)

RULER
Carrier Departed Fremantle 2220Z/4th November RULER for Aden. E.T.A. 0500Z/19th November. (Route).
(N.O.I.C. Fremantle, 050732Z to C. in C. E.I.)

Far East and Australia

Re various A.Es to be sailed to Singapore
(ammunition ships) Your 031422 (N.T. in W.D.) Not to all. PROME at present loading at Australian Port and will be ready to sail on 20th November. Details of Cargo follow.
(2) HERON has completed loading now. Main items of cargo are being signalled.
(3) Request confirmation that HERON and PROME can be accepted to await discharge at Singapore in their turn observing that F.O.W.A. has been requested to despatch PRINSES MARIA PIA, CORINDA, GUDRUN MAERSK, DARVEL and KHETI to Singapore also to await discharge when you are ready. My 270246* October refers.
(V.A.(Q) B.P.F., 050744Z to Com. Supt. Naval Base, Singapore.)

R.A.P.W.I. from Shanghai	Destination	Men	Women and children
	U.K.	239	370
	Australia and New Zealand	63	68
	India	1	5
	Hongkong and Malaya	17	26
	South Africa	1	Nil
	Total	790	

(3) ARAWA E.T.A. Hongkong 1000Z November 8th.
(C.T.G.112.3, 050801Z to C. in C. Hongkong.)

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Far East and Australia

ARIADNE
minelayer

Arrived Shanghai ARIADNE.
(Comtaskgroup 3, 050840 to F.O.W.A. B.P.F.)

R.Ts.
LARIAT
and
INTEGRITY

Admiralty Message 051611 (N.T. in W.D.) October
not to all refers. LARIAT and INTEGRITY have
serious engine defects which cannot be dealt with
here owing to lack of spares.
Both vessels could sail on November 18th but it is
not considered advisable to send them further than
Manila in their present state.

Request U.S. Authorities be asked to accept return of the ships
at Manila alternatively to carry out necessary repairs there to
enable ships to proceed to U.S.A.
Request early decision in view of approaching N.E. monsoon.
(Commodore Hongkong, 050940Z to C. in C. B.P.F.) Concur, 080857.

See 140235.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

Re CROCUS
corvette.

Request Admiralty reply to your 161058* Oct. may be expedited.
(2) In view of new commitments in my 011534+ Nov. not to V.A.M. para. 2 of my 151108/ Oct. particularly refers.
(F.O.G.M.A., 061137A to C. in C. Med. (Malta))
* CROCUS can be spared from Med. Station.
+ Request early information be given as to future requirements and status of CROCUS.
/ Present force available for A.R. duties CROCUS can be employed as a temporary measure.

BEGUM,
assault
carrier.

Intend to sail BEGUM 1600A/6th Nov. to Clyde unless otherwise ordered by Admiralty (my 051006A not to all).
(3) Speed 15½ knots, E.T.A. 1400A/10 Nov.
(9) BEGUM acknowledge and sail to comply.
(F.O.G.M.A., 061209A to N.O.I.C. Greenock, BEGUM.)

ATTACKER,
assault
carrier,
diversion of.

ATTACKER now on passage to Belfast has on board 6 in number new S/M periscopes each cased 36 feet long weight one ton for blockhouse.
(2) Propose ship be diverted to Portsmouth to off load thence proceed to comply with my 061229A not to F.O. S/M.
(F.O.G.M.A., 061247A to Admty.)
Not, approved 071313.

South Atlantic.

Repatriation
of S. African
personnel.

My 031223. Sailed from Durban 1600B/5th Nov. H.M.S.A.S. GOOD HOPE and TRANSVAAL routed as safe navigation permits.
(2) S.O.A. 14 knots, E.T.A. Aden 0800B/15th Nov. (C. in C. S.A., 060951 to Cs. in C. E.I., Med., F.O.L.E.M.)

Destroyers
for U.K.

Sailed ROEBUCK coastal to R/V with ESKIMO off Port Elizabeth T.1230Z/7th Nov. and thence to Simonstown. C. in C. S.A. 241607 not to all refers.
(2) S.O.A. 15 knots, (3) E.T.A. Simonstown 1500Z/8th November.
(Com. Durban, 061141 to Admiralty.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

H.M.D.S.
KORTENAER,
destroyer.

Intend to sail H.M.D.S. KORTENAER immediately on completion of fuelling about noon B/6 with despatch to Aden and Colombo.
(3) Ship to report time of departure from Suez and E.T.A. Aden to all in this signal.
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 060901B to N.O.I.C. Aden.)

BIGBURY BAY,
WHITESAND BAY,
frigates on
passage to
B.P.F.

Sail at 0900A/ Nov. 7th to Alexandria for stores and onward routing to Port Said.
(3) S.O.A. 15 knots.
(5) On arrival at Port Said, S.N.O.R.S.C.A. is requested to sail WHITESAND BAY in company with BIGBURY BAY for B.P.F. My 271216 (N.T. in W.D.) Oct. not to all refers. (7) Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med., 061222A to BIGBURY BAY.)

C. in C.Med.
movement.

Your 301132C. C. in C. Mediterranean in AURORA sailed at 1330 from Leros for Famagusta.
(S.N.O. Dodecanese, 061400B to F.O.L.E.M.)

F.S.
ALGERIEN,
destroyer
escort.

Intend to sail F.S. ALGERIEN at 0530B/7th escorting D.321, D.334, D.335 and D.351 to Djibouti, Aden and Bombay.
(2) Routed as safe navigation permits ships should enter Massawa if unable to fuel at sea.
(3) S.O.A. 10 knots ALGERIEN to report time of departure from Suez and E.T.A. Djibouti to all addressees in this signal.
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 061415 to Comar Djibouti, etc.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

SONAVATI
A/S store
ship.

Delete SONAVATI from para. 1 of my 131106 Oct.
After (?docking) at Singapore early Nov. intend
SONAVATI proceeds to Bombay to revert to trade.
(C. in C. E. I., 060808 to F.O.C.R.I.N.)

TEVIOT,
disposal of
frigate.

A.M. 252238 para. 3.
TEVIOT will be manned by R.N. ships company for
passage to U.K. on completion of repairs mid Dec.
(2) Her present S.A.N.F. ships company will be
returned to South Africa by next available
opportunity.
(C. in C. E.I.S., 060924 EF to Admty.)

See 281047

LOSSIE,
frigate
for U.K.

Intend following programme for LOSSIE returning
to U.K. for disposal.
Arrive Port leave Blank Colombo 10th Nov, 17th
Aden, 18th, 22nd Suez, Port Said 24th, 28th
Malta, 30th, 4th Dec. Gibraltar, 6th Dec, 10th
Dec. U.K.
(C. in C. E.I.S., 061050 to Admty.)
See 101020 EF.

Sitrep 661.

First. Burma. Total Japanese personnel disarmed
to 1000 hrs. 5 Nov. Navy one thousand three
hundred and sixty five. Army seventy thousand four
hundred and forty seven. Air Force one hundred and
thirty three. 82 WA Div. All rds. in area again impassable.
Second. Andamans. Two Japanese ships for evac. surrendered
personnel arrived Port Blair 4 Nov.
Third. Malaya. Fourteen Army. 5 Div. H.Q. CRAS Bde. closed 1800
hrs. 4 Nov. Embarks for Sourabaya 5-8 Nov. 161 Bde. now takes
over Johore State south of line Mersing-Kluang-Batu Pahat. 50
Tk. Bde. TAC H.Q. 13 L and A Sqn. 13 L embarking 5 Nov. for Java.
1 Nov. crowds stoned C.A.O.S. office Raub VP 8274. 19 L now
Malacca.
Fourth. Nei. 15 Corps.
A. Java. Own cas. up to inc. 5 Nov. killed thirty two, wounded
eighty one. 23 Div. 1 Bde. Batavia dock area quiet. Night 4/5
Nov. sporadic firing and grenade throwing south Batavia. Cause
not known. 37 Bde. Bandoeng area quiet. 49 Bde. 1800 hrs. 4 Nov.
Sourabaya quiet. Obstructionist tactics prevent evac. A.P.W.I.
from Darmo area. CRAS Bde. Magelang. 3 Nov. women and children
released from jail.
B. Sumatra. Nothing to report.
Fifth. Siam. 2 Baroda now Banpong LL 1323.
Sixth. FIC. No report received.
(Alfsea, 061140 EF to W.O., etc.)

/LULWORTH...

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LULWORTH,
cutter
for U.K.

Intended programme for LULWORTH. Proceeding to
U.K. for disposal leaving Colombo 10th Nov.

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Port</u>	<u>Leave</u>
17th Nov.	Aden	17th
21st Nov.	Suez/Port Said	24th Nov.
31st Nov.	Gibraltar	31st Nov.

arrive U.K. 4th Dec.

(C. in C. E.I., 061536 to Admty.)

29th D.F.
for U.K.

Intend sailing H.M. ships BICESTER (D.29) BRECON,
COWDRAY and BLACKMORE for Aden at 1800 EF/7th Nov.

C. in C. E.I. 252200 Oct. not to all refers.

(2) E.T.A. Aden 0800C/13th, S.O.A. 11 knots.

(3) EGGESFORD docked for essential repairs.

Anticipate will sail for Aden 9th Nov.

(Bombay, 061537 EF to Aden, Admty.) See 071806.

Movements.

Arrived and sailed H.M.N.S. PIET HEIN.

Arrived CARYSFORT, WAVE, TRODDAY.

(N.O.I.C. Aden, 062030C to Admty.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

A.C. 30,
lapse of
title.

O.N.A.C. 30. Striking his broad pendant on relief by Captain Byas in command of ARBITER, titles of A.C. 30 and of 30th aircraft carrier squadron are to lapse.

(2) Administration of C.V.Es., in B.P.F. is then to be undertaken by V.A.(Q).

(C. in C. B.P.F., 060113Z to V.A.(Q) B.P.F.)

Broad pendant of A.C. 30 will be struck 0800K/15th Nov. when Commodore Carne will be relieved in command of ARBITER by Captain Byas.

(2) Titles of A.C. 30 and of 30th aircraft carrier squadron will then lapse.

(3) From 15th Nov. administration of C.V.Es. in B.P.F. will be undertaken by V.A.Q.

(C. in C. B.P.F., 062358 to Admty.)

B.P.F. M/S
report No. 2.

(1) Widening of Q.P.Y. 125 by 8th M.S.F. completed with negative results. Flotilla now boiler cleaning.

(2) Clearing of Formosa Straits by 21st M.S.F. continuing. No mines encountered.

(3) Port of Swatow opened. Non existence of Japanese moored mines proved. Slight risk from failure of sterilisers of non contact mines remains.

(C. in C. B.P.F., 060144Z to Admty., (R) F.O.W.A.B.P.F., C. in C. E.I.)

SS. SONTAY.

SONTAY allocated for lift of Indian R.A.M.P. from Rabaul to India. My 220820 Oct. not to all refers is not required to return to B.P.F. on completion this assignment.

(C. in C. B.P.F., 060155Z to D. of S.T.)

S/M TIPTOE
for U.K.

H.M. S/M TIPTOE anticipated.

Departures Hongkong 9th Nov., Colombo 23rd Port Said 9th Dec., Gibraltar 18th.

(Capt. (S) 4, 060246Z to Admty., (R) V.A.(Q) B.P.F.)

Re visit of
EURYALUS to
Tonga, etc.

Ref. my 012345. Following signal has been received from High Commissioner Western Pacific begins:-

Addressed to Navy Office, Wellington, No. 050400 repeated to Agent and Consul Tonga No. 83. Regret until the receipt of your 012345 object to visit

of EURYALUS to Nukullofa as now known. Visit to Fiji, Nukualofa acceptable as proposed. 050400 ends.

(2) Visit to Apia is also acceptable.

(3) Your 270748 Oct. (not to all) refers.

(N.Z.N.B., 060325 to C. in C. B.P.F.)

S/M THULE...

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Far East and Australia - Contd.

S/M THULE. Intend to sail THULE at 0230Z/7th Nov. for U.K. via Singapore Strait and Colombo as routed by Commodore Hongkong.
(2) S.O.A. 10 knots, E.T.A. Colombo will be signalled 48 hours in advance.
(S.4, 060436 to F.O.C.W.A.B.P.F.)

C. in C.B.P.F. Intend following programme in DUKE OF YORK in DUKE OF YORK A. Leave Sydney a.m. 1st Dec. B. Arrive Albany a.m. 5th Dec. to refuel. C. Arrive Singapore a.m. 13th Dec. depart 17th. D. Arrive Hongkong a.m. 21st Dec.
(2) Request necessary routeing instructions be signalled in due course.
(3) Request A.C.N.B. arrange tanker for refuelling at Albany and C. in C. E.I. arrange fuelling at Singapore.
(4) I shall be accompanied by a small staff only.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 060531Z to A.C.N.B., C. in C. E.I.)
amended by 260550

IMPLACABLE, re lift of Dutch R.A.P. W.I., etc. Refer my 030256, not to or needed by N.O.I.C. Thursday Island, N.O.I.C. New Guinea, F.O.I.C. Sydney or S.B.N.O. Manus.
(2) After disembarking Dutch R.A.P.W.I. at Balikpapan IMPLACABLE is allocated to lift Australian personnel thence to Sydney.
(3) Capacity is A. sick 25, officers. 250 other ranks. B. fit - 125 officers, 1350 other ranks.
(4) If no sick are carried accommodation is 125 officers, 2000 other ranks.
(5) Request Land Ops. will inform ship immediately whether it is desired that sick be taken and, if so, numbers of -
A. officers and B. other ranks.
(6) Desire IMPLACABLE should arrive Sydney not later than 21st Nov. if fuel permits ship should proceed via Torres Strait, otherwise via Manus to refuel. IMPLACABLE advise N.O.I.C. Moluccas who is requested to route and sail ship from Balikpapan accordingly.
(7) Comphlseafron pass to S.B.N.L.O. Philadelphia and IMPLACABLE, Admty. pass to W.O.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 060616Z to S.B.N.L.O. Philadelphia.) *17/442*

R.A.P.W.I. embarkation of, etc. Your 051347 S.A.C. 27521/Nov. T.N. passed to F.O. W.A. B.P.F. and C.T.G. 112.3. ^{? CHIEFTAIN}
(2) Agree on the following A. HIGHLAND ASSIGNMENT for lift China coast to U.K. Request you will sail ship to Hongkong informing F.O.W.A.B.P.F. of the E.T.A. as soon as known. B. MORETON BAY should proceed Batavia with duty as arranged by A.C.N.B.
(3) In light of your 051347 my present intentions for CIRCASSIA and CHESHIRE are A. CIRCASSIA E.T.D. Sydney 15th Nov. to proceed Hongkong with Chinese thence Manila for Dutch R.A.P.W.I. and return to S.E.A.C. B. CHESHIRE to proceed Hongkong or Shanghai

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Far East and Australia.

R.A.P.W.I.
embarkation
of, etc.
(Contd.)

as desired by F.O.W.A.B.P.F. F.O.S. Lift to India
with Indians if necessary calling Manila first
for one lift of Dutch R.A.P.W.I.

(4) C. in C. Hongkong may be unable to agree to
receiving Chinese in time for lift in CIRCASSIA
if so intend to send ship direct to Manila.

(5) Subject to your agreement to paras. 3 and 4
above I will take action accordingly.

(6) Consider that if MORETON BAY does a trip to Brisbane first
as in your para. 2B she would be far too late for lift of Dutch
from Manila. If however, you agree to my para. 3 and 4 above I
see no objection to her proceeding Brisbane, as Manila commitment
could be met without her.

(7) Admiralty pass to W.O.

(C. in C. B.P.F., 060811Z to S.A.C.B.P.F.)

EMPRESS,
assault
carrier.

EMPRESS departed Wellington 060455Z for Fremantle
E.T.A. 15th Nov.
(N.Z.N.B., 062225 to Admty.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

ATTACKER,
diversion of.

Your 061247 para. 2 not approved.
First destination is Belfast.
(D.O.D., 071313 to F.O.G.M.A.)

POLARIS, M/S.

On arrival at Ponta Delgada POLARIS should be sailed to Plymouth. Further instructions regarding onward routing from Plymouth will follow.
(D.M.S., 071815 to S.B.N.O. Azores, C. in C. Plymouth.)

A.S.R. 19,
relief.

Have been relieved on A.S.R. station 19 by ST. BRIDES BAY.
(CAISTOR CASTLE, 071830Z to F.O.G.M.A.)

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Mediterranean.

D.S. KORTENAER Destroyer. Departed Suez 0400B. E.T.A. Aden 0800B/9.
(KORTENAER, 070310B to N.O.I.C. Aden, Admiralty.)

Danlayers
for B.P.F.

Intend to sail VALLAY and ORSAY at 0600B to Aden
and Colombo.

(3) Ships to report time of departure from Suez
and E.T.A. Aden to all in this signal. S.O.A.
to be 10 knots.
(S.N.O.R.S., 071633B to Aden.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

- Isum No. 53. (1) Hongkong 3rd Nov. Opium and gambling den Sai Kung nine miles E.N.E. Kowloon raided. Several arrested. Mass stealing area Santine. Three ringleaders held for investigation.
- (2) Burma. 2nd Nov. Ref. Isum No. 52. Sir John Wise former Defence Advisor to Governor appointed additional member to Executive Council. 3rd Nov. Executive Council sworn in. Declared their aim to achieve full self government in constitutional manner.
- (3) Siam. N.T.R.
- (4) F.I.C. Saigon 3rd Nov. Heavy clash northern outskirts Cholon with rebels dug in. Contact maintained during night. Own casualty one killed, five wounded. French troops now established area south of Saigon. Cholon. Accidental burning of Chinese houses when destroying buildings sheltering Annamite snipers resulted in Chinese labour strike 1st Nov. Phnom Penh. Conditions peaceful but ungraded report says apprehensive as a result of Annamite trucks containing arms moving south from Battamber. These trucks so far not reached Phnom Penh. Reliable report that local leader at Svay Rieng South Cambodia where there are approx. 11,000 Caodaisjs made speech threatening that Viet Minh would take Cambodian territory on left bank of River Mekong should Damb Dia not collaborate with Viet Minh.
- Vientiane. 30th Oct. Situation obscure. Ungraded report states Annamites are waiting on right bank of River Mekong to attack French.
- (5) Malaya. Kuomintang in Kota Bharu reported showing increased truculence as result apparent weakness police. Riot narrowly avoided Kota Bharu 30th Oct. and troops patrolled streets for six hours. Undated report arms dump Ipoh raided, 10 rifles looted. Demonstration for more food staged 29th Oct. Kota Tinggi V.P. 96 by locals who later dispersed. Singapore Labour Union report to have asked Traction Company to resume strike but no reaction yet.
- (6) N.E.I. Central and E. Java, 5th Nov. Tension has decreased situation quiet. West Java. Batavia. 5th Nov. Docks are quiet but continued looting reported North Batavia. Bandoeng. Indonesian Governor West Java visited 37 Bde. Comd. and promised instruct Regent Tjandjoer to co-operate with own troops. Situation generally quiet Bde. Area. Sourabaya. 4th Nov. Situation at 1800 hours reported quiet. Indonesian contact committee believed anxious co-operate in order to recover world opinion but being defied by younger extremists. British and Indian troops captured during recent hostilities now returned. Megelang. Low grade report puts Indonesian casualties at 200 to 300. Somerang. 5th Nov. tension relaxed but influx of men reported east of town. May connect with persistent reports received about rising scheduled for 8th Nov. Poerwakarta. Three Dutch reports extremists control surrounding area and feared they may displace police who still control town. Sumatra. (S.A.C.S.E.A., 070631 to Troopers.)

E.I. Fleet Cancel all between GAZELLE and at Nahtrang in my
dispositions. 041026.
 (F.O. Ceylon, 070914 to Admty.)

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East Indies - Contd.

Isum 54. S.A.C.S.E.A., 071249 to Admty., Air Ministry, etc.
See Lion Copy.

10th M/S F.
replacements

I would be grateful if JEWEL and SERENE who were recently taken from my flotilla to replace casualties in the 7th Flotilla may rejoin me as soon as MICHAEL and MINSTREL arrive on the station in the near future. I understand D.M.S. have no objection.
(M.S. 10, 071300 EF to C. in C. E.I.) *see 12/148 E.F.*

War Criminals. W.O. 071630 to S.A.C.S.E.A., Britas Tokio.
See Lion Copy.

Movements.

Arrivals Singapore 7th Nov., GLENROY, PETARD, ROCKSAND, ROSEBAY. Departures RICHELIEU, LOCH CRAGGIE, L.S.T. 347, KEDAH.
(F.O. Malaya, 071631Z to C. in C. E.I.)

Re closing
down of
naval base
Rangoon.

Your 061041 Oct. (N.T. in W.D.) On closing down R.N. base Rangoon propose the following action:-
A. N.S. etc. (1) Workshop and consumable stores, (2) W/T stores and equipment, (3) engineering stores and equipment, including workshop machinery, (4) cash clothing and mess traps, (5) furniture and bedding, (6) office equipment and stationery.

B. Motor transport (corrupt group). Transport strength is indicated in my 121/34187(A)/153 dated 12th Sept. 1945.
C. Medical stores. Items A. B. and C. to be (?transferred) to Burmese R.N.V.R.
D. Government of Burma concur and are very willing to accept all stores and equipment which can be left in Rangoon by R.N. Balance in excess of Burma R.N.V.R. requirements to be allocated by Government for rehabilitation of port and other services.
E. Loan clothing to be returned to Colombo in V.S.I.S. BALTAVIA.
F. Provisions to be (?transferred) to (corrupt group). 12th Army have agreed to a Burma R.N.V.R. on withdrawal of R.N. of an estimated strength of 1500.
G. Dental stores to be returned to port Dental Officer Colombo Temporary Surgeon Lieut. (D) W.J. Hale, R.N.V.R. will deliver stores personally.
H. Fleet Mail Office. H.Q. 12th Army have been asked they will arrange handling of naval and merchant shipping mails commencing 1st Dec. on withdrawal of R.N. It is anticipated that local sorting of mails will be greatly reduced by that date and it would be of further considerable assistance to Army should they agree to undertake the proposal, if base mail offices could route mails for places east of Rangoon direct, omitting Rangoon as intermediate clearing office.
(2) Propose CHINTHE be paid off Dec. 1st and H.M.B.S. RATANABON, parent ship of Burma R.N.V.R. becomes name of Naval Establishments Rangoon. (3) Transfer of harbour craft is being dealt with separately, your 031652 and your 241716 Oct. refer.
(N.O.I.C. Rangoon, 071715 FG to C. in C. E.I.)

/Movement...

MESSAGE.

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IN

071249/November

From S.A.C.S.E.A.

Date. 7.11.45.

Recd. 2347

C.G.M. (NAVAL) P. & I. AREAS SEC. BY W/T.

Addressed Admiralty. Air Ministry. ARMINDIA. C. in C. E.I.F.
H.Q. 12th Army H.Q. 14th Army. H.Q. 341 Corps,
ALP. Siam. AFNEY. ALP. Siam. ALP. Sumatra. Land Forces
Adv. H.Q. AMF. H.Q. G.O.C. Hong Kong. D.N.I.
Melbourne. Land Forces H.Q. E.A.C.S.E.A. Commission
Number One. Saigon C. in C. British Pacific Fleet.
C.O.I.S. British Pacific Fleet. B.P.F. pass
Britchin. Comgn. C.E.

IMMEDIATE

SAC. 27675.

ISUM 54.

1. Hong Kong. 5th November. 5 suspected Formosans arrested Sai Kung 6812. Awaiting interrogation.
2. Burma 5th November. Reported 441 miscellaneous police arms collected in course routine Military patrols Moulmein-Thaton area. Correction ISUM.51:- delete Ref. police Adm. Tenasserim. Cas. (B) police functioning there since occupation commenced.
3. Siam N.E.R.
4. Vic. Laos. 2nd November. Unconfirmed report states that bulk of 2,000 Chinese Trps. in extreme North Laos have returned to Yunnan. Comment. If true probably due to supply difficulties. Reliable report 29th October Chinese Tps. Thakhek and Savannakhet now increased to 400 at each place. Vientiane. Reliable course reports mutual co-operation between French and local Chinese Commanders.
5. Malaya. Penang. Rumoured MCP intending organize big demonstrations for 7th November coincident with Soviet Union anniversary. Perak. Armed Sino-Japanese gang operating in jungle area Selama. 44 of which 6 members caught. Staff Chinese newspaper in Ipoh convicted of anti-British propaganda. Pahang. Crowd stoned offices Cao Raub VP.87 on 1st November but situation in hand. Selangor. Strike in progress among miners Batu Arang VP.52 coalfields where situation quiet and some miners returned to work. Influence outside agitators apparent this area. New organisation Selangor state Malaya Union held inaugural meeting Kadpar VP.29 1st November. Objects are promotion Religious Social Welfare of Malays and full co-operation Malaya with Bmas. Ref. ISUM.52. Hearing of case Swong Kong to be resumed 7th November at Kuala Lumpur. Communists planning meeting and entertainments same day celebrate Soviet anniversary.

/widespread.....

Widespread rubber looting area Batu Tiga VP.48. Approximately 500 gamil workers struck Port Swettenham demanding higher wages. Strike not politically instigated. Communists area Kajang VP.77 promising 160 dollars per head to Mpaja to retain arms and join Communist bands instead of accepting 150 dollars to come under British control. Armed looters operating area Depang Vusi Four. Johore. Shop strike Kluang VP.29 broken with loss of prestige to Communists. Situation tense in Benaj VP.15 where MCP in control. Singapore. All strikers returned work and situation quiet. Correction to ISUM.53 para.5 first sentence. For apparent weakness police read apparent weakness present police. (Stip.)

6. N.T.R. Java 6th N.T.R. Batavia. Increase in incidents night 4th/5th November and several reports indicate more disturbances likely next few days. Sourabaya. UKF deliberately obstructed RANPI convoy 4th November despite orders from local contact committee. Other areas. No change. Sumatra. N.T.R.

7. China. Russians reported to have refused permission Chinese 13th Army to land Dairen. Part this army has landed Chinwangtao and agreement has been reached between Chinese and Russians for the remainder to land Hulutao and Yingkow.

071249

Advance Copy to Duty Capt. M. C.N.I.

1st Lord.
1st S.L.(3)
D.F.S.L.
4th S.L.
5th S.L.
V.C.N.S.
A.C.N.S.(O)
A.C.N.S.(A)(2)
A.C.N.S.(W)
D.Map Room.
D.C.(2)
D.S.O.
O.D.(9)
O.I.C.(2)
D.N.I.(7) & for D.N.L.O.(2)
D. of P.(3)
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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War Criminals

071630 November

To: SACSEA
Bristas Tokyo

Date: 8.11.45

Info J.S.M. Washington

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From The War Office

IMPORTANT

AG3 (VW)

83532 Reference telegram COSSEA 396 cipher 26 October para First.

First. Foreign Office have prepared following preliminary list of Japanese Major War Criminals. It is emphasised that this list is merely first draft prepared as basis of discussion with other Government Departments here and with Dominions India and Burma. For this reason it has NOT ~~repeat~~ NOT yet been communicated to US Authorities.

General Hidoki Tojo. Premier 1941-4, Minister of War, Chief of General Staff.

Shigenori Togo. Foreign Minister in Tojo Cabinet October 1941-September 1942.

Marshal Count Hisaichi Terauchi, O.C. Southern Area Army December 1941.

Lt.General Shojiro Iida, O.C. 15th Army (Burma) December 1941-March 1943.

Lt. General Tomoyuki Yamashita, O.C. 25th Army (Malaya) December 1941-July 1942.

General Seishiro Itagaki, Commander-in-Chief Japanese Forces Malaya.

Lt.General Takashi Sakai, O.C. South China E.F. (Hong Kong) December 1941-March 1943.

General Ushijiro Umezu, Commander-in-Chief Kwangtung Army from September 1939. Later Chief of Army General Staff.

Lt. General Mikio Uemura, Chief, Prisoners of War Administration Section, December 1941-March 1943.

Major-General Hitoshi Hamada, Chief, Prisoners of War Administration Section, appointed March 1943.

General Kenji Doihara, Commander-in-Chief Eastern Army, Administrative District, Japan, until 25th March 1944.

General Masaharu Homma, Commander-in-Chief Phillipines from December 1941-August 1942.

Lt.General Aketo Nakamura, Commander, Military Police, October, 1941-January 1943.

Lt. General Rensuka Isogai, Governor General of Hong Kong from February 1942.

Admiral Osumi Nagano, Chief of Naval Staff since April, 1941.

/Admiral Koshiro

Admiral Koshiro Oikawa, Minister of Marine up to September 1941.
Admiral Shigetaro Shimada, Minister of Marine since September 1941.
Admiral Nobutake Kondo, Vice Chief of Naval Staff up to September 1941.
Vice Admiral Seiichi Ito, Vice Chief of Naval Staff since September 1941.
Admiral Yorio Sawamoto, Vice Minister of Marine since April 1941.

Second. Information is desired of whereabouts of above persons except TOJO and YAMASHITA. Will SACSEA please state which are held by him and BRISTAS TOKYO which are held by Americans, stating in each case country where held.

Third. Will SACSEA please forward his comments on above list when replying to para Second of War Office telegram 80513 ciphor of 19 October (Not to Bristas Tokyo or JSM Washington)

C.6 Tels.

A.G.3(V.W.) Standard Distribution No.2
(Far East) dated 11 October '45.

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071630

1st Lord
1st S.L. (3)
D.F.S.L.
2nd S.L.
V.C.N.S.
A.C.N.S.(0)
Secretary
Parl. Secretary
Dep. Secretary
P.A.S.(L)
P.A.S.(S)
D.N.I.(5)
O.I.C.(2)
D. of P.(3)
D. of P.(Q) (3)
M(2)
W.D.

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East Indies - Contd.

Movement,
29th D.F.

Sailed 29th D.F. in accordance with my 061537.
(F.O. Bombay, 071806 EF to N.O.I.C. Aden.)

E.I. Escort
Force, com-
position of.

Permanent E.I. escort force will comprise 15
LOCH class frigates with HALLADALE, EVENLODE and
NESS. P.G. division at present FALMOUTH and
SHOREHAM but final (?replacement) not yet decided.
Para. 1 my 071831 refers.
(C. in C. E.I., 071842 to Admty., C.S.5.)

see 182117.

SCOUT,
destroyer,
(T. Target
ship.)

There is no further requirement for SCOUT in East
Indies Station.
(2) Intend to sail her from Colombo 24th Nov. to
U.K. with personnel for passage.
(C. in C. E.I., 071931 EF to Admty.)

ROTHER,
frigate,
SENNEN,
cutter,
for U.K.

After adjusting complement to sail ROTHER and
SENNEN from Colombo 8th Dec. to U.K.
(C. in C. E.I., 071937 EF to Admty.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America & West Indies.

DODMAN POINT M.S.(L.S.) DODMAN POINT sailed Esquimalt 0100Z/7th Nov. to Balboa CZ by safe coastal navigation for onward routing to Portsmouth, England, S.O.A. 11 knots. E.T.A. Balboa CZ 2300/21st Nov. (C.O. Pacific, 071657Z to C.P.S.F., Admiralty.)

CRESCENT, destroyer. H.M.C.S. CRESCENT arrived Esquimalt at 1745Z/7th November. ((C.O. Pacific, 071811Z to N.S.H.Q.)

BALLINDERRY, frigate. BALLINDERRY escorting GANJEFF left Bermuda for Halifax 1800Z/7th Nov. (2) Request you sail BALLINDERRY direct to Chatham as soon as she is ready. (S.B.N.O.W.At., 072025Z to C.O.A.C.)

Cancel my 072025Z. GANJEFF returned to harbour with defect. BALLINDERRY sailing deferred. (S.B.N.O.W.At., 072320Z to C.O.A.C.)

Far East and Australia.

S/M THULE. H.M. S/M THULE transferred from 4th to 3rd S/M Flotilla. Accounts to 4th S/M 6th Nov. (Capt. (S) 4th S/M F., 070017 to Admty.)

A/C maintenance and repair ships. Destination of PERSEUS, BEAULY FIRTH, MORAY FIRTH, and HOLMSOUND is Hongkong. (C. in C. B.P.F., 070527Z to C. in C. E.I.)

FORMIDABLE, A/C. A.C. 1 281/2/507 of 1st Nov. to C. in C. B.P.F. forwards proposal that FORMIDABLE should return to U.K. via Cape. (2) Additional fuel consumption involved is small and main objection appears to be need for fuelling at points remote from bulk supply at Abadan. A.M. 260225 Sept. and B.P.T.M. LOT D neither to all refer. (3) Consider, however, above objections outweighed by shorter period in tropics for FORMIDABLE who has already operated in hot weather and crowded conditions for some time and will have passengers embarked for U.K. Request concurrence in course in para. 1. (C. in C. B.P.F., 070658Z to Admty.) See 090539Z

Re visit of H.M. ships to N. China ports. Following from H.M. Ambassador. Admty. 221910. (1) In reply from Ministry of Foreign Affairs he states that competent authorities have requested that as taking over of North China ports has not been completed and order not yet restored the proposed visit should be postponed.

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Far East and Australia.

Re visit of
H.M. ships
to N.China
ports. (Contd.)

(2) Situation has deteriorated since the proposal for these visits was made and there is therefore considerable force current Chinese Government view that visits would not now be desirable.

(3) C. in C. Hongkong please repeat to C. in C. B.P.F.

(N.A. Chungking, 070820Z to C.T.F. 112.)

V.A.B.P.F.
Programme in
INDEFATIGABLE.

A. Leave Sydney 23rd Nov.

B. At Wellington 27th Nov. to 4th Dec.

E. In Queen Charlotte Sound 4th to 10th Dec.

D. At Auckland 12th to 18th Dec.

C. Arrive Sydney 22nd Dec.

(C. in C. B.P.F., 070823 to Admty., F.O.W.A.B.P.F., etc.)

Torpedo depots
Darwin and
Brisbane
closing down
of.

All torpedoes paravanes and associated stores are being returned to Sydney from Torpedo Depot Darwin and Fleet Torpedo Workshop Brisbane and these activities are closing down.

(A.N.B. Melbourne, 071139Z to Admiralty.)

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Foreign Stations.

South Atlantic.

CAMBRIA,
cable re-
pair ship
sunk.

1. Cable ship, CAMBRIA rammed by the Uruguayan
SS. ALMIRANTE ~~ROSA~~ LUIS today in Montevideo
Harbour. Ship sank at her berth, no casualties.
Uruguayan Government are endeavouring to refloat
her.

Far East and Australia.

SS. HAICHU,
mined and
sunk.

2. SS. HAICHU 1000 ton Canton River Steamer on
passage to Hongkong was mined and sunk in lat. 22°
50' N. 113° 36' E. at 1000I today.

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North Atlantic.

SUPREME, S/M. Intend to sail SUPREME 1400A/8th Nov. to Portsmouth.
(3) Speed 11 knots, E.T.A. a.m. 13th Nov.
(8) SUPREME acknowledge and sail to comply.
(F.O.G.M.A., 081027A to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

SANDMARTIN, Intend to sail SANDMARTIN (S.O.) and RENNET 1000A/
RENNET 9 Nov. to Plymouth. A.M. 140040 Sept. refers.
for U.K. (3) Speed 7 knots, E.T.A. 15 Nov.
(8) SANDMARTIN acknowledge and sail ships to comply
(F.O.G.M.A., 081647A to C. in C. Plymouth, RENNET,
SANDMARTIN.)

South Atlantic.

Frigate. SHIEL arrived.
(Com. Durban, 080821 to Admiralty.)

A.S.R. Stn. Intend sailing FAL 1700/9th Nov. to A.S.R. Station
21. No. 21 patrols 11th 23rd Nov.
(Freetown, 081335 to F.O.G.M.A.)

Destroyers, Simonstown arrival ROEBUCK and ESKIMO.
movements. (C. in C. S.A., 081642 to Admiralty.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

D.S. VAN
KINSBERGEN,
sloop.

Intend to sail D.S. VAN KINSBERGEN immediately on completion of fuelling about 1300B/8 with despatch to Aden and Colombo.
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 081001B to N.O.I.C. Aden.)

10th D.F.
for U.K.

Sail in TARTAR with NUBIAN and PALADIN at 1000A/9th to Gibraltar for onward routing to U.K.
(3) Request you will detach NUBIAN to enter Algiers E.T.A. Algiers 0600A/11th.
(4) B.N.L.O. Algiers is to arrange for immediate disembarkation of draft of 15 ratings from NUBIAN on arrival.
(5) Almed is requested to sail NUBIAN to rejoin D.10.
(6) S.O.A. till off Algiers 13 knots, thence 15 knots, E.T.A. Gibraltar 1200A/12th. (8) Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med., 081217A to Capt. (D) 10.)

ROBERTS,
monitor.

Sail at 1345A/8th Nov. to Gibraltar for onward routing to Plymouth.
(3) S.O.A. 8 knots, E.T.A. p.m. 13th to be signalled to F.O.G.M.A. when known.
(5) Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med., 081221A to ROBERTS.)

NELSON,
battleship.

Sail at 1600A/9th to Gibraltar for onward routing to U.K. E.T.A. Gibraltar 0800A/13th.
(2) Route as direct as safe navigation permits.
(4) Acknowledge.
(5) NELSON is wearing the flag of Vice Admiral Walker.
(C. in C. Med., 081503A to NELSON.)

VALLAY,
ORSAY,
danlayers
for B.P.F.

Reference S.N.O.R.S.C.A.'s 071633B to all.
Intend proceeding from Suez 0800B/9 ORSAY in company. E.T.A. Aden a.m. 15th Nov.
(VALLAY 081605 to Aden.)

AMEER,
assault
carrier.

Intend to sail AMEER at 0600B/9 to Greenock.
(3) S.O.A. 15 knots, E.T.A. a.m. 18th, ship to report accurate E.T.A. when known.
(Port Said, 082001B to N.O.I.C. Greenock.)

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East Indies.

PARRET,
frigate,
on passage
U.K.

Arrived PARRET 2200/7, sailed 0620/8.
(N.O.I.C. Massawa, 080816C to Com. Aden.)

L.S.Ds.
EASTWAY,
OCEANWAY,
future em-
ployment of.

Concur that one more L.S.D. can be usefully
employed on E.I.S. A.M. 052221 (N.T. in W.D.)
refers.
(C. in C. E.I.S., 081104 EG to Admiralty.)

Isum No. 55.

(1) Hongkong.
(2) Burma 5th Nov. Meeting held in Rangoon at
which two minutes silence observed to mark start
of I.N.A. trials. 7th Nov. Dacoit sweep by 63

Brigade in Thlton? area resulted in 27 arrests.

(3) Siam. N.T.R.

(4) F.I.C. Thakek area. Annamites attacked party of French
13th Nov. Annamite casualties 20 killed. Prisoner stated
Annamites are working closely with Chinese. Tonkin. Reliable
report 31st October. Outrages against French nationals increasing

(5) Malaya. N.T.R.

(6) N.E.I. Java, Batavia. Night 5/6 Nov. several minor shooting
incidents between Dutch and nationalists. C.3 report states
strength Indonesian Armed forces Batavia approx. 1200 with fire-
arms plus reserve of 7000 youths armed with swords as well as
mobs led by extremists. Tajakoeng S.E. Batavia. C.3 report
five to six hundred organised armed troops arrived by train from
central Java 5th Nov. Intend joining organised mob of 10,000
massed in area with H.Q. Tamboen. Samerang. 5th Nov. Atmos-
phere strained. Rumours impending outbreak. Reliable reports of
large (?concentrations) nationalists in Kampongs with arms
including mortars. Bandoeng. 7th Nov. Outwardly quiet but
looting increased. Sourabaya. 7th Nov. Quiet.

Sumatra. Palembang. Indonesians who arrived from Java in Jap.
ship arrested night 3rd to 4th Nov. Further details awaited.

Lesser Sundas. Alor Island. Reliable reports Nica and Dutch
Army personnel well received Kalayahi and no evidence of free
Indonesian movement.

(S.A.C.S.E.A., 081333Z to Troopers.)

Re frigates
SHIEL, TRENT,
& TEST. ~~no~~
~~longer re-~~
~~quired by~~
~~R.I.N.~~

Frigates for R.I.N. your 060928 (N.T. in W.D.)
confirmed.
(F.O.C.R.I.N., 081942 EF to C. in C. E.I.)

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America & West Indies.

DODMAN POINT. DODMAN POINT departed Esquimalt Nov. route to U.K. via Panama E.T.A. Balboa Nov. 21st.
(C.O. Pacific Coast Van., 080002 to Admiralty.)

BALLINDERRY, Sailed BALLINDERRY for Chatham U.K. direct.
frigate. (2) Sailing of GANEFF deferred pending repairs.
(S.B.N.O.W.At., 082045 to Admiralty.)

Far East and Australia.

ARABIS, N.Z.N.B. 150302. Not expected at present that
ARBUTUS, ARABIS or ARBUTUS will be required. Maximum
whether ser- notice possible will be given if services desired
vices are at a later date.
required in (A.C.N.B., 080504 to C. in C. B.P.F.)
S.W.P.A.

R.Ts. LARIAT, Commodore Hongkong's 050940 Nov. Concur in view
INTEGRITY. of his further report.
(F.O.W.A.B.P.F., 080857 to V.A.(Q) B.P.F.)

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North Atlantic.

S/M THOROUGH,
for U.K.

Intend to sail THOROUGH 1600A/9th Nov. to Clyde (Holy Loch.)
(3) Speed 11 knots, E.T.A. a.m. 15 Nov.
(8) THOROUGH acknowledge and sail to comply.
(F.O.G.M.A., 091054A to N.O.I.C. Greenock, THOROUGH.)

PROTECTOR,
net-layer.

Intend to sail PROTECTOR 0630A/10th Nov. to Plymouth.
(3) Speed 15 knots, E.T.A. 0830A/13th Nov.
(8) PROTECTOR acknowledge and sail to comply.
(F.O.G.M.A., 091606A to C. in C. Plymouth.)

SOLEBAY,
destroyer.

Intend to sail SOLEBAY 1700A/9th Nov. to Malta to work up.
(3) Speed 15 knots, E.T.A. 1100A/12th Nov.
(5) SOLEBAY acknowledge and sail to comply.
(F.O.G.M.A., 091214A to C. in C. Med.)

South Atlantic.

CAMBRIA,
cable re-
pair ship
sunk.

Cable ship CAMBRIA was rammed by Uruguayan SS. ALMIRANTE ~~RODRIGUEZ~~ LUIS on 8th Nov. in Montevideo Harbour. CAMBRIA has sunk at her berth - all crew saved but feared that her instruments etc. are damaged. Uruguayan Government endeavouring to refloat.
(S.O.(I) Buenos Aires, 091318Z to Admty.)

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Mediterranean.

BARLE,
frigate,
for U.K.

Intend to sail BARLE at 0800B/10 to Chatham.-
(3) S.O.A. 15 knots, E.T.A. p.m. 19. Ship to
report accurate E.T.A. when known.
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 091050B to C. in C. Nore.)

NIGERIA,
cruiser,
for U.K.

Sail at 1100A/10th to Gibraltar for onward routeing
to U.K.
(3) S.O.A. 15 knots, E.T.A. 0600A/13th.
(5) Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med., 091717A to NIGERIA.)

Movement.

Movements Haifa 9th Nov, arrived AURORA.
(S.N.O.(L), 091953B to Admty., F.O.L.E.M.)

USK,
frigate,
for U.K.

Intend to sail USK at 1000B/11 to Gibraltar for
onward routeing U.K.
(3) S.O.A. 15 knots, E.T.A. p.m. 16th.
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 091950B to F.O.G.M.A.)

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Policy re- Following signal agreed C. in C. India, S.A.C.S.E.A.
garding main- Para. first. At the inter-Command meeting held in
tenance S.E. Delhi 7th November at which Cigs was present the
A.C. forces. future maintenance responsibilities of India were
discussed between C. in C. India and S.A.C.

Para. second. Government of India decided in
August 45 that they would continue maintenance of
S.E.A.C. forces from India up to 1st April '46 and thereafter
would produce only A. items peculiar to India, B. items of which
India is sole producer and world supplier and C. tentage,
(Government of India War Dept. telegram 10732 28 August to
Secretary of State, India refers.)

Para. third. This decision does not mean that the stocks
transit and holding facilities and hospitalization at present
available in India will not continue to be provided for S.E.A.C.
for as long as necessary.

Para. fourth. C. in C. India is not prepared to request Govern-
ment of India to extend date of their responsibility beyond 31st
March '46 in view of definite Government policy of Industrial
reconstruction which involves reconversion of wartime production
to Civil requirement and desire to de-requisition all Industrial
premises.

Para. fifth. S.E.A.C. estimate that Singapore advanced base will
not be fully developed before 30 June '46. Consequently some con-
tinuance of transit of stores through India will probably be
necessary. In addition S.E.A.C. are apprehensive at the cessation
of production of these items at present produced by India other
than those shown in second above and feel it important that
arrangements are made to ensure continuance of supply even if
this involves production outside India.

Para. sixth. It is essential that responsibility for maintenance
of S.E.A.C. from 1st April '46 be definitely fixed. Therefore
request firm decision be obtained as to whether H.M.G. will accept
responsibility vice Government of India with effect from 1st
April '46. All subsidiary questions regarding provisioning
procurement and maintenance can be settled on staff or departmental
levels.

(Rear S.A.C.S.E.A., 090421 to W.O.)

Note:- Received from W.O. via 1st S.L.'s Office at 1100/15th.
Dist. by C. 6 Tels. to W.O. Depts., Defence Office, Foreign
Office, S. of S. for Dominions, Colonies, and India. M. of W.T.
Air Ministry Depts., India Office, and Admiralty Depts.

/SMITER...

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SMITER, Sailed SMITER for Singapore in accordance with carrier. C. in C. E.I.'s 041144 not to all addressees. (2) E.T.A. Singapore 1400 GH/15th Nov. (F.O. Bombay, 090806 EF to C. in C. E.I.)

HOWE, Arrived HOWE 1100 EF. battleship. (N.O.I.C. Addu Atoll, 091106 EF to Admt.)

L.S.T. 405, C.O. of L.S.T. 405 reports that collision in collision. occurred between his ship and U.S.N. troop transport GENERAL M.M. PATRICK in approaches to Colombo Harbour on 25th Oct. and considers that other vessel was at fault. Slight damage to L.S.T. consisting of slight buckling of side plate and upper deck 25/30 feet from bow on port side D.G. cable compressed in bulkhead. (frame number 10). Other vessel did not report damage and it is not known whether any caused. Board of enquiry being convened and report together with form S.232 will be forwarded in due course. (S.R.N.O. Cochin, 091403 to C. in C. E.I.)

Isum No. 56. (1) Hongkong, N.T.R. (2) Burma, N.T.R. (3) Siam. A.L.F. Siam plan moving 5000 Japs. ex Bampong for labour on Burma-Siam Railway. (4) F.I.C. Saigon 6th Nov. Large body Annamites contacted by French at Can Gioc 10 miles south of Saigon. Cambodia. Report believed reliable casts further doubts on Cambodian loyalty to French. Suggests trouble may come to surface when Japanese will maintain security leave. Intentions Regent Monireth doubtful and may be co-operative with French now and seize throne later after achieving power. (5) Malaya. Penang. Rumours Communist intentions to call general strike in near future. Selangorm. No disturbances Kuala Lumpur on re-opening Soong Kong trial 5th Nov. No incidents Kuala Lumpur on 7th Nov. celebrations anniversary Soviet Union but pamphlets distributed including one condemning British action in N.E.I. Estate workers Banting Vu 35 warned they will shortly receive orders cease work. Communists believed responsible. Negri Sembilan. 300 Malays attacked Chinese village Kampong Adang Lebar W.Q. 396285/6th Nov. 40 bodies Chinese women and children counted many wounded. Malays fled on arrival own troops who did not need open fire. Malays admit crime and situation Kuala Pilah W.Q. 24 tense. Reprisals by Chinese expected. Johore. Rice ships expected Muar W.V. 76 on 6th Nov. bearing free rice ration. Eagerly awaited by locals. Hostile demonstration 2nd Nov. Segamat V.J. 55 involving B.M.A. officer but latest report all quiet. (6) N.E.I. Java. Bandoeng area. 7th Nov. Arrival extremists from East Java reported. Other areas Java generally quiet. Sumatra. Teloekbetoeng. 5th Nov. Ungraded report states "Situation disturbing. Six Japs. killed, five Japs. one German wounded. Arms and ammunition stolen. Looting and robbing with violence to obtain money." Trouble believed caused by Nationalist organisation and Javanese coolies trying return Java. Indonesian

/leader...

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Isum No. 56. leader Abbas unable to control. Japs. controlling
(Contd.) only with difficulty. Further details awaited.
Benkoelen. 7th Nov. Two British officers held
up by 100 Indonesians outside town while on visit
to Dutch camp to effect evacuation Dutch personnel.
One officer stabbed to death while getting out of car. Other
officer escaped to Benkoelen.
(S.A.C.S.E.A., 091531 to Troopers.)

EGGESFORD, Sailed EGGESFORD for Aden for onward routeing to
destroyer, U.K. My 061527 refers.
for U.K. (2) S.O.A. 14½ knots, EGGESFORD to report E.T.A.
Aden.
(F.O. Bombay, 091741 EF to N.O.I.C. Aden.)

Movements. Arrival VIRAGO, FORMIDABLE.
Departures, FORMIDABLE.
(N.O.I.C. Trincomalee, 092258 to Admiralty.)

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MS(L.C).

DUNGENESS sailed from Esquimalt 2345Z/8th Nov. to Balboa C.Z. by safe coastal navigation for onward routing to Portsmouth England. S.O.A. 9.5 knots, E.T.A. Balboa C.Z. 1800Z/26th Nov. (C.O. Pacific, Vancouver, 090206Z to Cdr. Panama Sea area.)

UNA, S/M.

Departure Halifax UNA for Rothesay Clyde 1200Z/9th Nov. at 8 knots, E.T.A. Clyde p.m. 21st Nov. (A.C.H.Q. Halifax, 091302Z to Capt. S.7.)

DODMAN POINT,
DUNGENESS.

N.B.A. pass to B.N.L.O. Balboa C.Z. for Info. DODMAN POINT and DUNGENESS E.T.A. Balboa about 21 Nov. and 25 Nov. resp. Compaseafiron sail vessels to New York for cargo-passengers and onward routing by Comeastseafiron to Portsmouth U.K. (C.N.O., 092050 to Comeastseafiron, Compaseafiron.)

Far East and Australia.UNICORN,
A/C repair
ship.

My 070658. Propose also UNICORN proceed via Cape. (C. in C. B.P.F., 090539Z to Admty.)

Refitting
commitments
for B.P.F.
at Singapore
& Hongkong.Disposition of repair ships etc. Concur generally in F.O.W.A. 040202.
(2) Request very early approval for release of RESOURCE, FLAMBOROUGH HEAD and LANCASHIRE. (C. in C. B.P.F., 090738 to Admty.)APOLLO, fast
minelayer.A. Blank. B. and C. APOLLO arrived and sailed. D. Shanghai. E. 0500/9. F. 16 knots. H. Tokio 1-0200Z/12.
(C.T.G. 112.3, 090815 to F.O.W.A.B.P.F.)

TIPTOE, S/M.

B. TIPTOE. D. Hongkong. E. 0800Z/9th Nov. F. 10 knots. H. Colombo. I. Position A.K. 0030Z/15th Nov. Colombo 0330Z/23rd Nov. K. Relevant message only up to QC. 238, QCA. 633, QCH. 392, WC. 103 (L) FFSV 0030Z/12th Nov.
(C. in C. Hongkong 090901Z to F.O. Ceylon.)

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Far East and Australia - Contd.

SS. HAICHU,
sunk.

SS. HAICHU 1,000 ton Canton River Steamer on passage to Hongkong was sunk by mine in Bocca Tigris 22/50 North 113/36 East at 1000I/8th Nov. (2) Believed more than 1,000 passengers on board, mostly Chinese. 8th Army personnel of which over

600 are feared lost

(3) As soon as incident was reported assistance was despatched in British vessels which have not yet reported.

(4) Offer was made in Sept. to Chinese authorities to sweep Canton River but we were informed that West River and area between Soochow and Canton had been swept and that no British aid was needed.

(5) As soon as shallow draught minesweepers are available offer will be repeated.

(C. in C. Hongkong, 091216Z to Admty.) See 120750.

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SITUATION REPORT

Mediterranean

SS. ABBOT
L. MILLS
mined,
Adriatic

SS. ABBOT L. MILLS (Am. 7,176 tons) mined off
Dubrovnik this morning. Ship badly damaged
but afloat and now anchored off Dubrovnik.
No casualties.

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North Atlantic.

18th D.F. Intend to sail D.18 in FARNDALE with CALPE, CHIDDINGFOLD, METEOR and BLEASDALE in company 1400A/10 Nov. to Home Ports.
A. Speed 15 knots, E.T.A. METEOR at Plymouth
Sound 2359Z/13 Nov. CHIDDINGFOLD at Spithead 0800Z/14 Nov.
FARNDALE, CALPE, BLEASDALE at Sheerness 1600Z/14 Nov.
(8) D.A. 18 acknowledge and sail ships to comply.
(F.O.G.M.A., 100953A to N.O.I.C. Sheerness.)

South Atlantic.

Ships from
Med. manned
by S.A.N.F.

Arrived NEBB, BOKSBURG, GRIBB.
(Com. Durban, 100344Z to Admiralty.)

NEWCASTLE,
cruiser,
trooping.

Intend to sail NEWCASTLE from Freetown 1530/10th Nov. to Capetown, S.O.A. 20 knots, E.T.A. to be reported direct. NEWCASTLE sail to comply.
(N.O.I.C. Freetown, 101427 to C. in C. S.A.)
See 121032.

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Mediterranean.

DERG,
frigate.

Intend to sail DERG at 1700B/10 to Gibraltar for
onward routeing U.K.
(3) S.O.A. 15 knots, E.T.A. p.m. 15. Ship is to
report accurate E.T.A. to F.O.G.M.A. when known.
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 100916B to F.O. Gibraltar.)

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East Indies.

R.A.P.W.I. ORANJE sailed from Senarang a.m. 10th Nov. E.T.A.
from Java in Perth 13th Nov. Embarked 845 R.A.P.W.I. personnel
SS. ORANJE. bunkered 2000 tons fuel oil nil required F.W. 600
tons nil required.
(D.S.T.O. N.E.I. Batavia, 100940 to D. of S.T.)

LOSSIE Sailed my 061050.
for U.K. (C. in C. E.I., 101020 EF to Com. Aden.)

Isum No. 57. (1) Hongkong, N.T.R. (2) Burma, N.T.R. (3) Siam,
N.T.R. (4) Indoxic, N.T.R. (5) Malaya, Pahang.
Slight disturbances R.A.U.B. 5th Nov. over wage
claim. Rice supplies Kuantan W.M. 68. Pekan W.M.

63. Reported sufficient only to 8th Nov. Trouble expected if
more not received shortly.
Selangor. Communist H.Q. at Semenyih V.U. 87 raided. One rifle,
amn., Army equipment and rations found and six men arrested
Soong Kong trial. Acquitted on first charge of illegal detention.
Judges could not agree verdict on second charge of extortion
and re-trial fixed for 14th Nov. Negri Sembilani. Malays Area
Lubok China W.Q. II reported conducting meetings with view to
organising resistance to Chinese communists. Kuala Pilah W.Q. 24
area. Following massacre Chinese by Malays reported Isum 56 civil
affairs arrested 16 Malays. 120 Chinese evacuated from villages
and placed under military protection. Sino Malay clash reported
6th Nov. Batu Kikir W.Q. 3958. Casualties killed Kpaja? four
Malays about 10. All Guerrillas now confined to H.Q. area to
prevent reprisals. Six. N.E.I. Java. Bandoeng. 8th Nov. Fur-
ther report infln. extremists from East Java. Area otherwise
quiet but looting continues, despite increased guards. Pondokgede
Se Batavia. 6th Nov. Dutch troops repulsed attack by 150
Indonesians. Magelang. 8th Nov. Situation more normal but
distrust still evident. Indonesians continue defence preparations.
Batavia. 8th Nov. Own troops encountered approx. 500 Indonesians
attacking R.A.P.W.I. Camp. Mob dispersed by own troops with aid
of tanks. Several shooting incidents also reported. Salatiga
Se Ambarawa. 8th Nov. 900 troops (three corrupt groups)
moderate in control of town and no molestation of Europeans or
Eurasians is occurring Abbarawa 9th Nov. Estimated armed strength
Indonesians 200/300. Situation quiet. Semerang 9th Nov. Quiet.
Sourabaya, 9th Nov. generally quiet. Sumatra, Palembang, 9th Nov.
Notice issued by local leader Gani forbidding incidents with
British troops was torn down and at a meeting of Indonesians it
was decided to refuse to hand in arms. Soela Islands. 7th Nov.
Nica welcomed by natives on Ipa Island.
(S.A.C.S.E.A., 101221Z to Troopers.)

Sourabaya As no satisfactory reply was received to an ultimatum on
Bombardment. Nov. 9, operations for the military occupation of Sourabaya
began to-day. CAVALIER, destroyer, bombarded the area
containing the Indonesian Government Offices and Army
Headquarters, firing 57 rounds of 4.5-in. H.E.
(M.809/46, from C. in C., East Indies, R. of P., October and
November, 1945. Abstract Vol. 28, page 52).

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DODMAN POINT, N.B.A. pass to B.N.L.O. Balboa C.Z. for ~~Info.~~
DUNGENESS, DODMAN POINT and DUNGENESS E.T.A. Balboa about
for U.K. 21st Nov. and 25 Nov. respectively. Compaseafon
sail vessel to New York for cargo passengers and
onward routeing by comeastseafon to Portsmouth U.K.
(~~C.N.O., 092050 to Comeastseafon, Compaseafon.~~)

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Far East and Australia.

- R.A.P.W.I. Movs. No. 9. R.A.P.W.I. Mov.'s No. 9 dated 7th Nov. 1945, refer my 030145 passed C.G.T. 112 point 3, 2 H.S. TIJITJALENGKA left Sydney 6th Nov. empty for Hongkong.
(3) H.S. LETITIA Manila to load, for Seattle and Vancouver.
- (4) IMPLACABLE E.T.A. Baukpapan 9th Nov. P.O.W. Dutch 2125.
 - (5) GLORY E.T.A. Hongkong 21st Nov. for Manila.
 - (6) U.S.S. WILLIAM E. CHANNING E.T.A. Sydney 12th Nov. with Manila camp party.
 - (7) VINDEX E.T.D. Manila 9th Nov. for Hongkong.
- R.A.P.W.I. Etc. Asiatics 6 4 for U.K. 2.
(8) ARAWA E.T.A. Hongkong 9th Nov. for U.K. R.A.P.W.I. ex Shanghai for U.K. 609 Aust. and N.Z. 313 Indian 6 Hongkong and Malaya 43 S. Africa 1.
(9) EMPIRE CHIEFTAIN E.T.D. Hongkong 13th Nov. for Vancouver R.A.P.W.I. for Canada 35.
(10) HIGHLAND CHIEFTAIN at Morotai for India R.A.P.W.I. for India 1500 approx.
(11) TAMAROA E.T.A. Hongkong 14th Nov. approx.
(12) FORMIDABLE E.T.A. Trinco. 9th Nov. for Bombay E.T.A. 12th Nov. P.O.W. Indian fit 1153, sick 101.
(13) HIGHLAND BRIGADE E.T.D. Sydney 7th Nov. and ~~Sentry~~ ^{SONTAY} E.T.D. Sydney 9th Nov. for Rabaul and India.
(14) CIRCASSIA E.T.D. Sydney 15th Nov. allocated Manila for Dutch.
(15) Comphlseafon pass to S.B.N.L.O. Phil. Admty. pass to W.O.
(16) Future Movs. will not be passed N.S.H.Q. B.A.T.M. B.A.D. for C.O.P.C. unless asked for. Ends.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 100215Z to Admty.)

R.A.P.W.I. Sitrep No. 9. 7.11.45. Refer my 030148 passed C.T.G. 112.3.
(2) North China camps in Peking Tientsin and Tsintao will close shortly R.A.P.W.I. being dispersed to own homes or care of Consuls. Small number only may require repatriation after departure ~~ARAWA~~ and ~~TAMAROA~~ Int. 1500 will remain in camps Shanghai ready by mid Dec. for U.K. 700 for Australia and N.Z. 50 also Indian distressed civilians 2000 ready now 1000 shortly 500 later 500 total 2000.
(3) Hongkong R.A.P.W.I. ready now fit 200 Europe, 33 India, 75 S. Africa, 21 U.S.A., 23 Canada, 35 Australia, 83 Mesc. 7 sick Java, 22 R.A.P.W.I. deferred U.S.A. 91, S. America 155, U.K. 283 Europe 46 Australia 55 Canada 10 W. Indies 41, also Indian police and dependents 2000.

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Far East and Australia.

- R.A.P.W.I. (4) Hanoi area. Following reported by U.S. authorities P.O.W. French fit 4200 sick 300 Int. Sitrep No. 9. French 1700 in Hanoi estimated 2500 elsewhere 7.11.45. majority women and children also British 17 U.S. (Contd.) 3 Dutch 1.
(5) Kwangchow W.A.N. R.A.P.W.I. for France 75 for Anam 125.
(6) Hainan R.A.P.W.I. for India 15 also Chinese for Hongkong civilians 6000.
(7) Manila R.A.P.W.I. Dutch fit 4310 sick 146. See R.A.P.W.I. Mov. Item 4 P.O.W. for Canada fit 5 sick 23 will embark LETITIA.
(8) Palau evacuation completed.
(9) Rabaul Indian P.O.W. fit 240 sick 400 of whom 88 are at Jacquinot Bay also Malats now R.A.P.W.I. 650.
(10) Morotai's P.O.W. for India fit Indians 397 Brit. 7 sick Indians 22 R.A.P.W.I. for Malaya 65 of above 100 approx. will be embarked HIGHLAND CHIEFTAIN from whom Dutch 103 ex Palau will be landed.
(11) Australia P.O.W. fit and ready U.K. 177 Hongkong 83 Malaya 31 N.Z. 3 Java Canada one each fit deferred 274 sick Indians 47 others 254. Int. fit and ready U.K. 9 S. Africa 3 U.S.A. 2 deferred 1090 sick 40.
(12) N.Z. R.A.P.W.I. fit U.K. 328 Hongkong 14 misc. 5 sick U.K. 343 Hongkong 25 Aust. 9 misc. 32.
(13) Comphilseafron pass to S.B.N.L.O. Phil. Admty. pass to W.O.
(14) Future Sitreps will not be passed to N.S.H.Q. B.A.T.M. B.A.D. or C.O.P.C. unless asked for.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 100216Z to Admty.)

Movement. Departure Wellington, NEWFOUNDLAND.
(N.Z.N.B. Wellington, 100335Z to Admiralty.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

LANCASTER
CASTLE,
for A.S.R.
duties.

Intend to sail LANCASTER CASTLE 1000A/12 Nov. to
Freetown for A.S.R. duties as ordered by Capt.
W.Af., E.T.A. p.m. 18 Nov.
(4) LANCASTER CASTLE acknowledge and sail to comply
(F.O.G.M.A., 110928A to LANCASTER CASTLE.)

South Atlantic.

MAIDSTONE,
S/M depot
ship.

Simonstown arrival 0900B MAIDSTONE.
(C. in C. S.A., 111122 to Admiralty.)

FAL, A.S.R. 21

Arrived Station 21.
(FAL, 111155Z to F.O.W.A.)

A.S.R. 22,
patrol.

Intend sailing KNARESBOROUGH CASTLE 0800/12th Nov.
to A.S.R. station No. 22 patrols 14th Nov. 28th
Nov. KNARESBOROUGH CASTLE will be unable to keep
VJ/F watch.
(F.O.C.W.Af., 111228 to F.O.G.M.A.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

BIGBURY BAY, Intend to sail BIGBURY BAY (S.O.) and WHITESAND BAY
WHITESAND BAY, at a.m. 12 to Aden, Colombo and B.P.F.
frigates, (3) S.O.A. 15 knots, BIGBURY BAY to report time
for B.P.F. of departure from Suez and E.T.A. Aden to all
addressees in this signal.
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 110935B to N.O.I.C. Aden.)

D.S. JAN VAN Take M.M.S. 1014, 1022, 1025, 1026, 1043, 1046,
BRAKEL, N.E.I. 1074, 1082 under your orders and sail at 1630A/
M/S for E.I. 11th to Port Said for onward routeing to Aden and
Colombo.
(3) S.O.A. 8 knots, E.T.A. to be signalled to
S.N.O.R.S.C.A.

- (5) Acknowledge.
- (6) V.A.M.S. 101207 (N.T. in W.D.) not to all refers.
- (C. in C. Med., 110943A to JAN VAN BRAKEL, D.S.)

.VERYAN BAY, Sail at 1000A/12th to Alexandria for onward
frigate, routeing to B.P.F. routed through position 251
for B.P.F. then CE. direct to position 309.
(2) S.O.A. 15 knots, E.T.A. 1800B/14th.
(5) Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med., 111159A to VERYAN BAY.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

LOCHY,
frigate.

Programme for LOCHY leaving Colombo 17th Nov. for U.K.

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Port</u>	<u>Depart</u>
29th Nov.	Suez/Port Said	1st Dec.
8th Dec.	Gibraltar	10th Dec.
14th Dec.	U.K.	

(C. in C. E.I., 111049 to Admty.) See 132207 EF

BANFF,
cutter,
programme.

Programme for BANFF leaving Colombo 17th Nov. for U.K. arrive Port.

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Port</u>	<u>Depart</u>
24th Nov.	Aden	26th Nov.
30th Nov.	Suez/Port Said	3rd Dec.
10th Dec.	Gibraltar	12th Dec.
16th Dec.	U.K.	

(C. in C. E.I., 111051 to Admty.) See 132350.

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Sitrep 666.

First. Burma and Andamans. Nothing to report.
Second. Malaya. Total Japanese evac. to Rempang by 9 Nov. Army 16,557, Navy 502.

Third. N.E.I. A. Java. 5 Div. 9 Nov. leaflets dropped over Sourabaya warning Indonesians that full weight Allied forces would be used if Allied orders on surrender of arms signing by Indonesian leaders of unconditional surrender and return of hostages not complied with by 0600 hours. 10 Nov. Indonesians stated no intention of complying. Morning 10 Nov. tps. 5 Div. began moving into town. Met at first by slight sniping and L.M.G. fire but later resistance increased considerably causing cas. to own tps. Div. Comd. intended using full support. No further details yet. 23 Div. 1 Bde. Evening 9 Nov. two shooting incidents North Batavia but no cas. reported. 5/8 Punjab Buite Zorg less coy. each Soekaboemi and Tjiandjoer. 37 Bde. Increasing rumours Indonesians gathering outskirts Bandoeng for attack. CRA Bde. Semarang. 8 Nov. 1 I.O.R. wounded when shots fired at Bdg. occupied by 6 Hybad. B. Sumatra. Notice displayed Palembang ordering handing in of arms. Indonesians held meeting and refused. No forcible search for arms at present.

Fourth. Siam. Nothing to report.

Fifth. F.I.C. 32 Bde. Nights 9/10 Nov. own tps. fired on Tan Son Nhut Airfd. Cause not known. Cinema Govap burnt down by Annamites. 80 Bde. 9 Nov. 9 F.F.R. destroyed bunkers area BR RJ 1345. Rebels fled on approach own tps. French forces. 9 Nov. river party reached Tay Ninh against opposn. No details. (Alfsea, 111115 EF to W.O. etc.)

VENERABLE,
A/C

Sailed VENERABLE for Singapore in accordance with C. in C. East Indies 091041 not to all (2) E.T.A. Singapore 1900 GH/16th Nov. S.O.A. 20 kts (F.O. Bombay, 111535 EF to C. in C. E.I.)

/GLOIRE...

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East Indies - Contd.

GLOIRE,
Fr. cruiser.

Intend to sail F.S. GLOIRE at 0630C/12th to Djibouti for onward routeing to Toulon, C. in C. E. I. 061004 not to all refers. E.T.A. Djibouti 1500C/12th and E.T.D. 1730C/12th, E.T.A. Suez 0530B/16th, S.O.A. 18 knots.

(5) Admty. pass to Marine Paris and N.A. Paris. (N.O.I.C. Aden, 111628C to Comor Djibouti, S.N.O.R.S.C.A.)

FISHGUARD,
cutter,
for U.K.

Intend to sail FISHGUARD 0700C/12th to Suez for onward routeing to U.K.

(2) E.T.A. 0300B/16th S.O.A. 13.5 knots. (N.O.I.C. Aden, 111631 to S.N.O.R.S.C.A., Port Said.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America & West Indies.

PUNCHER,
carrier,
trooping for
Canada.

Following is proposed programme:-

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Leave</u>
17 or 18 Nov.	Clyde	11 Nov.
27th Nov.	Halifax	25 Nov.
7 or 8 Dec.	New York	29 Nov.
22 Dec.	Clyde	15 Dec.
	Halifax	

(PUNCHER, 111047 to N.S.H.Q.)

Far East and Australia.

Control of
British
Pacific Fleet.

In compliance with decision of combined Chiefs of Staff full control of British Pacific Fleet, except for Naval units employed on occupational duties in main Japanese and Korean waters has been passed to C. in C. B.P.F. The excepted vessels which will be varied from time to time remain under United States control. The operations of British Naval forces in other areas of United States responsibility will be co-ordinated with appropriate United States commanders. (C. in C. Pac., 110424Z to Alpoa 766, Info. C. in C. B.P.F., Admiralty, etc.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Foreign Stations.

North Atlantic.

ERISKAY,
A/S trawler,
loss of.

1. ERISKAY (A.S. Trawler) reported ashore at Manadas Point, San Jorge, ship is a total loss.

Mediterranean.

SS. WILLIAM
HUME, mined
and sunk,
Adriatic.

2. SS. WILLIAM HUME (Am. 7176 tons) mined off Salvore Point near Trieste. Sank while in tow off Grossa Point, no casualties.

Far East and Australia.

Control of
B.P.F.

3. Effective immediately the control of the British Pacific Fleet has now reverted to Admiralty from American authorities. The units comprising Task Force 57 have been assigned to S.C.A.P. for operational duties in Japanese and Korean waters and will continue under U.S. naval control.

The operations of British Naval Forces in other areas of U.S. responsibility are to be coordinated with appropriate U.S. Commanders.

"Rivercrest"
mined.

4. The British ss. RIVERCREST, 6,998 tons, inbound bound with 200 troops from Calcutta, was damaged by a mine while approaching Singapore, am., 12.11.45, and was towed in with her engine room flooded. One man was killed and 27 others injured by the explosion. (W.I.R. 296/4)

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North Atlantic.

ERISKAY,
A/S trawler
force,
total loss.

ERISKAY ashore at Manadas Point, San Jorge,
crew landed. Ship total loss.
(2) MAZURKA has burst boiler tube. No trawler
at present available for air sea rescue.
(S.B.N.O. Azores, 121141Z to Admty.) See131803Z

South Atlantic.

NEWCASTLE,
cruiser.

Captain in Charge Freetown's 101427 not to all.
Your destination in South Africa is Simonstown.
(2) Acknowledge and report your E.T.A. due course.
(C. in C. S.A., 121032 to NEWCASTLE.)

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

C. in C. B.P.F. 100851 Oct. and N.O.I.C. Fremantle's
250440 Oct. neither to all.
Intend to sail MAIDSTONE from Simonstown 20th Nov.
for Portsmouth.
(2) Approx. programme as follows:-

<u>Place</u>	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Depart</u>
Gibraltar	6th Dec.	8th Dec.
Portsmouth	12th Dec.	

(C. in C. S.A., 121613 to Admiralty.)

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Mediterranean.

Damage from German ground mines, Med., precautions to be taken. In port and waters where German ground mines have been laid it is very rarely possible to say that any area has been cleared, the best that can be said is that an area has been thoroughly swept. (2) Experience has shown that some mines may be dormant during the period that the area is swept and comes to life some weeks or months after the sweeping has been completed, and some casualties have been caused in this way.

- (3) This danger persists for a minimum period of 2 years.
(4) Present policy therefore, is that vessels using ports and other areas where ground mines have been laid during the past 2 years, must be given protection by degaussing, for ships of over 5000 tons by coiling and for ships under 5000 tons by wiping. The danger area at present consists of:-
(i) South Coast France. (ii) Northwest coast Italy, north of Naples. (iii) Northeast coast Italy, north of Ancona and including that port. (iv) Ports of Yugoslavia and Albania. (v) Port of Greece including the Islands.
(6) It is requested that no ship without degaussing protection be sailed to these areas and any ship without degaussing protection which is known to be routed to one of these areas is to be reported.
(C. in C. Med., 120934A to F.O.L.E.M.)

BEAULY FIRTH, A/C engine repair ship for B.P.F. Intend to sail BEAULY FIRTH at 0530B/13th to Aden and Colombo.
(3) S.O.A. 9½ knots, ship to report time of departure from Suez and expected time of arrival Aden to all in this signal.
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., Port Said, 121001B to N.O.I.C. Aden.)

PARRET, frigate, for U.K. Intend to sail PARRET at 1700B/12th to Gibraltar for onward routeing to U.K.
(3) S.O.A. 15 knots, E.T.A. p.m. 17th.
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 121045B to F.O.G.M.A.)

CARADOC, escort depot ship for U.K. Sail at 1600A/13th to Gibraltar for onward routeing to U.K.
(3) E.T.A. a.m. 16th to be signalled to F.O.G.M.A. when known. (5) Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med., 121157A to CARADOC.)

Frigates for B.P.F. S.N.O.R.S.C.A. 110935B para. 3 time of departure Suez 1930B/12, E.T.A. Aden 1430C/16.
(BIGBURY BAY, 121940B to S.N.O.R.S.C.A., N.O.I.C. Aden.)

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East Indies.

- BARRIER, boom defence vessel for U.K. Intend to sail BARRIER for U.K. via Aden at 1000C Nov. 13th in accordance with Admty.'s 231055 Sept. (2) S.O.A. 7½ knots, E.T.A. Aden 22nd. (F.O.E.Af., 121001 to C. in C. E.I.)
- GRIPER, R.T. re towing, floating crane to Singapore from Calcutta. (1) Take EMPIRE SANDBOY in tow and leave Trincomalee at 1600 EF/12th Nov. for Calcutta. C. in C. E.I.'s 251222 EF Oct. refers. (2) S.O.A. 7 knots, report E.T.A. at Western Channel light vessel in due course. (6) Acknowledge. (N.O.I.C. Trincomalee, 121211 to GRIPER.)
- S/M SPUR. Intend sailing submarine SPUR for Suez for onward routeing to U.K. at 1700 AF/12th Nov. (2) E.T.A. 171700C/23rd Nov., S.O.A. 11 knots. (F.O. Bombay, 121227 to S.N.O.R.S.C.A.)
- Movements. Colombo 12th Nov., arrivals HOWE, DEVONSHIRE, DUNCANSBY HEAD. Departures NORTHWAY. (F.O. Ceylon, 121650 EF to Admty.)
- EMPEROR, assault carrier for U.K. Sailed EMPEROR for Suez for onward routeing to U.K. in accordance with C. in C. E.I. Sutar's 051221. (2) E.T.A. Suez 0500B/20th Nov. S.O.A. 16½ knots. (F.O. Bombay, 122024 EF to S.N.O.R.S.C.A.)
- Movements. Arrival SPEARHEAD, SIDON, SCOTSMAN, H.M.N.S. VAN KINSBERGEN. Departed SPEARHEAD, SIDON, SCOTSMAN, NORFOLK, FISHGUARD, H.M.N.S. VAN KINSBERGEN, F.S. GLOIRE. (N.O.I.C. Aden, 122201C to S.N.O.R.S.C.A., F.O. Ceylon.)
- 10th M/S F. replacements. If there is no Admiralty objection intend to effect exchange proposed in M/S 10's 071300 early December. (C. in C. E.I., 121148 EF to Admiralty.)

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Far East and Australia.

TENACIOUS, Arrived Shanghai TENACIOUS.
destroyer. (Com. T.F. 112, 120100Z to F.O.W.A.B.P.F.)

AVON. When ready about 16th Nov. request AVON be sailed for U.K. calling Fremantle, Aden, Gibraltar. My 090055 not to all refer. (C. in C. B.P.F., 120509Z to A.C.N.B.) See 160002

Control Effective immediately
of B.P.F. (1) The control of the B.P.F. has now reverted to Admiralty from American authorities.
(2) The units comprising Task Force 57 have been assigned to S.C.A.P. for operational duties in Japanese and Korean waters and will continue under United States Naval Control. The operations of British Naval Forces in other areas of United States responsibility are to be co-ordinated with the appropriate United States Commanders.
(3) Unless other orders are received Task Force 112 designations may continue to be used for signalling purposes until the B.P.F. reverts to British books on 1st December.
(4) C.T. 112.3 is therefore no longer under the orders of Com. 7th Fleet but the force should work in the closest co-operation with him.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 120556 to B.P.F.)

Situation N. China. Precipis of 7th Fleet summaries 10th and 11th Nov. Comgenchln. has replied to the Generalissimo's proposal for moving Chinese troops into Manchuria in U.S. aircraft that Manchuria is a Sino-Russian problem, and that U.S. liaison personnel and resources will be withdrawn when Chinese Forces reach the border. Shantung. The movement of the Communists into Manchuria is believed to be for the purpose of training and equipping the troops, possibly with the help of the Russians. Tsingtao. The 8th Chinese National Army is expected between the 13th and the 15th of Nov. Takao. Minesweepers will arrive on or about the 14th. Sweeping is expected to take four days. Advance elements of the 62nd Chinese National Army may arrive on about the 17th. (C.T.G. 112.3, 120731Z to F.O.W.A.B.P.F.)
Note - Presumably passed by C. in C. B.P.F. for Info.

SS. HAICHU, My 091216. British vessels recovered a further 22
sunk. survivors making total of 300 saved and approx. 1200 lost. (C. in C. Hongkong, 120750 to Admty.)

Re Transit visas to Hongkong for American citizens. Following from Earl of Halifax, Washington, to F.O. Repeated to Chungking, Supreme Allied Command, S.E. Asia, Hongkong. C. in C. Hongkong's message T.O.O. 310732* Oct. to Admiralty which refers to my telegram No. 6841. I am being pressed to grant transit visas for Hongkong to American citizens and others who wish to return to China. May I be authorised to grant transit visas if I am satisfied that the applicant's ultimate destination is China? (2) F.O. please pass to Hongkong as my telegram No. 3. (Admiralty, 121141 to Hongkong. * N.T. in W.D.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

NELSON,
flag of
B.S. 3. Intend to sail NELSON flying the flag of B.S. 3
1500A/13th Nov. to Portsmouth.
(3) Speed 13½ knots, E.T.A. Outer Spit Buoy
1000Z/17th Nov.
(7) NELSON acknowledge and sail to comply.
(F.O.G.M.A., 131126A to C. in C. Portsmouth,
NELSON.)

MYNGS,
destroyer. Intend to sail D.2 in MYNGS 0800A/14th Nov. to
Portsmouth.
(3) Speed 15 knots, E.T.A. a.m. 18th Nov.
(8) D.2 acknowledge and sail ship to comply.
(F.O.G.M.A., 131250A to C. in C. Portsmouth,
Capt. D.2.)

CAISTOR
CASTLE Intend to sail CAISTOR CASTLE 17 Nov. to Freetown
for A.S.R. duties as ordered by Capt. W.Af.
(F.O.G.M.A., 131554 to V.A. Malta.)
duties.

ERISKAY,
A/S trawler, Regret to report loss of ERISKAY off San Jorge,
loss of. Azores.
(2) All hands safe and accommodated in HESPERIDES.
(3) Please cancel reliefs.
(S.B.N.O. Azores, 131803Z to EUROPA, Admty.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Movements.

Movements Haifa, 12th Nov, departures AURORA, STEVENSTONE.
(S.N.O. Levant, Haifa, 130755B to Admty.)

EMPEROR, programme.

C. in C. E.I. 050221 EF following revised programme submitted Suez arrive 0500B/20th.

A. Transit canal by daylight Port Said depart 1800B/20th. Alexandria arrive 0600B/21st depart 0800B/23rd. Gibraltar arrive 0600Z/28th depart

0800Z/30th Clyde arrive 0600Z/4th. All dates except last Nov. (EMPEROR, 130914 E to C. in C. Med.)

U.S. ships ABBOT L. MILLS, mined. WILLIAM HUME sunk.

(1) U.S. ship ABBOT L. MILLS mined off Dubrovnik a.m. 10th Nov. Exact position not yet reported.

Ship badly damaged but afloat and now anchored off Dubrovnik.

(2) U.S. ship WILLIAM HUME mined off Salvore Point near Trieste 1000 Nov. 12th and sank at 1545 while in tow off Grossa Point.

(3) No casualties reported either ship. (C. in C. Med., 131008A to Admiralty.)

TALLYHO, TALENT S/Ms on passage to B.P.F.

Intend to sail TALENT and TALLYHO from Malta at 1030A/14th Nov. routed through, etc.

to arrive Port Said daylight 18th.

(2) Speed 12 knots.

(Capt. S. 1, 131043 to A.I.G. 70.)

CHEVREUIL, Fr. escort for E.I.

Intend to sail CHEVREUIL immediately on arrival about 0600B/14 to Djibouti, Aden and Colombo, Almed's 111642 refers.

(2) Routed as safe navigation permits.

(3) Speed 13 knots, ship to report time of departure from Suez and E.T.A. Aden to all in this signal. (6) CHEVREUIL acknowledge.

(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 131055B to Comar Djibouti.)

Repairs to cables, Med.

Two long standing commitments for the repair of the Athens-Malta and Palermo-Cagliari cables require the services of a deep water cable ship.

(2) Request you will report cable ship MIRROR's present programme and propose a suitable amendment to include the restoration of the two Mediterranean cables.

(C. in C. Med. Malta, 131211 to F.O.G.M.A.) See 161131A N. Atlantic

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East Indies.

38th Divn. M/S 66795. ^{F.S.} ~~SS~~ ALGERIEN and 38th Div. minesweepers arrived here 130600A. E.T.D. 151200Z.
(Comar Djibouti, 131057C to N.O.I.C. Aden, Marine Paris.) *See Page 90*

29th D.F. for U.K. Intend to sail D.29 in BICESTER with BRECON, COWDRAY, BLACKMORE, EGGESFORD at 1030C/14th to Suez for onward routeing to U.K. E.T.A. Suez 1400B/18th, S.C.A. 13 knots.
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 131251 to S.N.O.R. & S.C.A.)

KEDAH, base ship. Intend to sail KEDAH from Colombo to U.K. when ready, estimated date of departure 17th Nov.
(C. in C. E.I., 131552 EF to M. of W.T. Admty.)

DEVONSHIRE, cruiser, trooping. Sailed DEVONSHIRE to Suez for onward routeing to U.K.
(C. in C. E.I., 131840 to S.N.O.R.S.C.A.)

LOSSIE, LOCHY, frigates. Destination of LOSSIE and LOCHY in U.K. is Devonport. E.T.A. 10th and 14th Dec. respectively. My 061050 and my 111049 neither to all refer.
(C. in C. E.I., 132207 EF to C. in C. Plymouth.)

FISHGUARD, BANFF, cutters for U.K. Destination of FISHGUARD and BANFF in U.K. is Portsmouth, E.T.A. 7th and 16th Dec. respectively. My 291127 and my 111051 neither to all refer.
(C. in C. E.I., 132350 to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

13.11.1945
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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America & West Indies.

SEABORN. SEABORN slip at 1700Z/14th Nov. and proceed at 22 knots to Ponta Delgada routed etc.
(4) On arrival Ponta Delgada request S.B.N.O. Azores fuel and sail you to U.K. as directed by Admiralty.
(Capt. D. Halifax, 131241Z to PLUTO.)

ENTERPRISE, C.V. 6, A/C carrier. ENTERPRISE departs Boston lightship at 1400Z/15 Nov. S.O.A. 24 knots $\frac{1}{2}$ via track C. E.T.A. Nab Tower light-1800Z/20 Nov.
(C.V. 6, ENTERPRISE, 132312 to Comnaveu.)

Far East and Australia.

Carriers COLOSSUS, VENGEANCE. Intend transfer to E.I.S. (A) COLOSSUS on return to Ceylon as para. 5B of my 160233 Oct. not to VENGEANCE. (B) VENGEANCE leaving Australia early February.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 130450Z to Admiralty.)

H.D.M.L. for Survey work China. 1 H.D.M.L. should be available 1st Dec. from E.I.S. and would be most suitable for Macao West River or Haiphong work consider it would be valuable for Hydrographer in allocating available personnel and vessels to know whether M.L. is acceptable and whether it would alter present requirements for SHARPSHOOTER assuming that CHALLENGER and WHITE BEAR can be withdrawn. No completing major port programme in Jan.
(2) If heavy lift not available suggest tow via Manila route would be practicable early provision of generous Hornycrop spares at Hongkong as well as Singapore would be essential.
(WHITE BEAR 131153 GH to F.O.W.A.B.P.F., C. in C. E.I.)

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14.11.1945
Wednesday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

10th D.F.
for U.K.

Intend to sail D.10 in TARTAR with NUBIAN and PALADIN in company 1600/14th Nov. to Home Ports.
(3) Speed 15 knots, E.T.A. TARTAR at Plymouth 1600Z/17th Nov. E.T.A. NUBIAN and PALADIN at Portsmouth 0900Z/18th Nov.
(8) D.10 acknowledge and sail ships to comply.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 141017 to C. in C. Plymouth.)

A.S.R. 22.

Have established A.S.R. 22 in position 1° 40' S. 11° 05' W.
(KNARESBOROUGH CASTLE, 141445 to N.O.I.C. Freetown)

South Atlantic.

A.S.R. 22.

Air sea rescue station 22 will be manned 14th Nov. to 28th Nov. by KNARESBOROUGH CASTLE. Request operational authorities concerned be advised.
(Commaveu, 141142 to H.Q. A.T.C. London, W.Af.)

Have established A.S.R. in position 1° 40' S. 11° 05' W.
(KNARESBOROUGH CASTLE, 141445 to N.O.I.C. Freetown.)

see above.

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Wednesday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

FROBISHER,
cadet,
training
ship.

Sail at 0930A/14th to Gibraltar.
(2) E.T.A. a.m. 17th to be signalled to F.O.G.M.A.
(4) Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med., 140841A to FROBISHER.)

SARKA,
whaler.

Return to Suez forthwith.
(2) S.N.O.S.E.A. is requested to sail SARKA to
Plymouth in accordance with Admty.'s 131959
being passed to S.N.O.R.S.E.A. and SARKA only.
(F.O.L.E.M., 141849 to SARKA.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

LULWORTH,
cutter.

Destination of LULWORTH in U.K. is Chatham, E.T.A.
5th December approx. My 061536 not to all refers.
(C. in C. E.I., 140001 to Combrax Chatham.)

KHEDIVE,
assault
carrier.

KHEDIVE has defects which necessitate proceeding
to Bombay to dock. Date of arrival in U.K. will
be delayed by about one week.
(C. in C. E.I., 141128 EF to Admiralty.) *See 261455*

29th D.F.

Sailed BICESTER (D.29), BRECON, COWDRAY,
BLACKMORE, EGGESFORD.
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 141154 to S.N.O.R. & S.C.A.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

GLORY, A/C. GLORY my 270248*not to all refers.
(2) Programme for GLORY after arrival Manila 25th Nov. approx. is as follows.
A. Embark Dutch R.A.P.W.I. to capacity.
B. Proceed Balikpapan to disembark.
C. Proceed Tarakan to embark Australian personnel.
D. Proceed Sydney north of New Guinea calling Manus for fuel if necessary.
(3) Action addressees are requested to arrange accordingly.
(4) Intend ship will victual troops GLORY inform Land Ops. direct
A. Capacity for officers and other ranks assuming all fit.
B. If any stores are required before departure for Sydney.
(5) Comphlseafron pass to S.B.N.L.O. Philippines, C. in C. Afpac and C.G. Afwespac. Admty. pass to W.O.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 140617 to N.O.I.C. Moluccas.) *October

VENERABLE, My 160233 para. 5A. It is now desired VENERABLE
A/C. should arrive Sydney for refit by 1st Jan.
(2) After her present mission there would appear to be time for another lift from India to N.E.I. or possibly to Hongkong before VENERABLE re-embarks her C.A.G. in Ceylon and then proceeds direct to Sydney.
(3) Please say whether you require VENERABLE as para. 2 above.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 140800Z to S.A.C.S.E.A.)

Mails for A.M. 131916 Oct.* and C. in C. B.P.F. 070527
B.P.F. Nov. neither to or needed by all. PERSEUS is to be delayed as necessary to embark 4,000 bags of naval mail ex ORION destined for the B.P.F.
(2) Speed is to be adjusted in order that ship arrives Singapore by 9th Dec.
(3) C. in C. B.P.F. is requested to arrange with C. in C. E.I. for onward despatch from Singapore of mail for Australia to reach destination by Christmas.
(D.O.D., 142053 to Cs. in C. B.P.F., E.I.)
* Destination of PERSEUS, BEAULY FIRTH, MORAY FIRTH.

Question of Admiralty 062139. As INTEGRITY and LARIAT cannot
future of be used for towing and are only a liability request
lease-lend the disposal of these two tugs may be given special
rescue tugs consideration as proposed in my 050940Z.
raised by (N.O.I.C. Hongkong, 140235 to C. in C. B.P.F.)
Admiralty.

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GENERAL.

Dispersal programme for T.124X officers.

As far as is practicable the following dispersal programme will be carried out for T.124X officers.

<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Age & Service Groups</u>	<u>Latest dispersal date</u>
Chief Engineers	1 to 10	31 December, 1945
Second "	ditto	ditto
Third "	"	"
Senior 4th "	"	"
Electricians	"	"
Fourth Engineers (excluding senior 4th)	1 to 30	31 January, 1946
Junior 4th Engineers	"	"
Fifth "	"	"
Sixth "	"	"
Junior "	"	"
Supply Officers	1 to 16	31 December, 1945

(3) It is not proposed to deal individually with the engineers holding appointments junior to senior fourth engineer and arrangements should be made for those within groups 1 to 30 to be returned to U.K. as soon as possible. Appointments and exchanges on station should be so arranged to enable junior engineers due for early release to return to U.K. by the scheduled dates or as soon as possible thereafter. Only reliefs especially applied for will be despatched from this country, and in any case such appointments will only be made to vessels for which a probable return date cannot yet be estimated.

(4) Station transfers and promotions to carry out foregoing proposals should be restricted to engineer officers below Merchant Service capacity of senior fourth engineer. Reliefs to fill senior fourth engineer vacancies and above are available in U.K. and will be despatched on receipt of appropriate requests. (Hd. of G.W.I., 150216 to A.G.M. Home and Abroad 695A.)

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

F.S. SPAHI. Intend to sail F.S. SPAHI and V.P. 5 1000A/16th Nov. to Brest.

(2) Routed as safe navigation permits and via Q.Z.S. 617 to destination. If weather is unfavourable

ships should proceed via French coastal route (Mecri 20 part 8.)

(3) Speed 9 knots, SPAHI is to report E.T.A. when known. (F.O.G.M.A., 151144A to PREMAR II, F.S. SPAHI.)

/ROBERTS...

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic. - Contd.

ROBERTS,
monitor.

Intend to sail ROBERTS 0930A/16 Nov. to Plymouth.
(2) Routed as safe navigation permits clear of
danger areas in Naveam 283.
(3) Speed 8 knots, E.T.A. a.m. 22 Nov.
(8) ROBERTS acknowledge and sail to comply.
(F.O.G.M.A., 151436A to C. in C. Plymouth, ROBERTS.)

South Atlantic.

Destroyers
for U.K.

Capetown departure 0800B ROEBUCK and ESKIMO for
Takoradi and Freetown and O/R to U.K. in
accordance with my 261022 Oct.
(3) S.O.A. 13½ knots, E.T.A. Takoradi 0900B/23 Nov.
(C. in C. S.A., 150950 to Admiralty, etc.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Italian
Nationals
in China
and Japan.

Italian Ministry of Marine has requested that consideration may be given to lifting Italian Nationals found in Batavia to Ceylon or India in the sloop ERITREA and then sailing ERITREA to Shanghai to make contact with the Italian Ambassadors to Japan and China regarding Italian Nationals in those countries.

- (2) ERITREA's 051207* being passed to both addressees is relevant.
- (3) Request Ministry's proposal be signalled to Allied Commands concerned.
- (F.O.I.L., 151054 to C. in C. Med.) *Not identified.

C. Chm 191711A Amm Salt

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

A.F.D. 31. If present favourable current continues amended E.T.A. p.m. Friday 16th Nov. Request you acknowledge this and my 131135C (N.T. in W.D.) (A.F.D. 31, 151221 to N.O.I.C. Trincomalee.)

INDOMITABLE, Intend to sail INDOMITABLE at 0900C/16 to Suez
A/C. for onward routing to U.K.
(2) E.T.A. Suez 1500B/19 as required in your 120846 not to all. S.O.A. 16.5 knots.
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 151239C to S.N.O.R.S.C.A.)

Movements.

Arrived INDOMITABLE, VALLAY, ORSAY, H.M.A.S. GOODHOPE, TRANSVAAL. Departed H.M.A.S. GOODHOPE, TRANSVAAL.
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 151641 to S.N.O.R.S.C.A., F.O. Ceylon.)

Rangoon, re closing down R.N. base.

Your 071715 para. 1A to H inclusive approved.
(2) Admiralty are requested to reply to para. 2 of my 201533 Oct. not to all, concerning financial adjustments if any.
(3) Separate signal will be made concerning para. 2 of your 071715.
(C. in C. E.I., 151725 EF to N.O.I.C. Rangoon.)

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Re 8th & 25th D.Fs. For planning reliefs of 25 D.F. can an estimate please be given of arrival dates of ships of 8 D.F. (less COSSACK) in B.P.F.
(2) Approx. E.T.A. of LAGOS and GRAVELINES would also be appreciated.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 150145 to Admiralty.)

Your 150145 para. 1. COMET early Jan. COCKADE and CONTEST late Jan. CONSTANCE early March, CONSORT March, COMUS April, CORSO June. Last three dates not firm.
(2) Para. 2. LAGOS early Feb., GRAVELINES mid March.
(D.O.D., 152131 to C. in C. B.P.F.)

Cdre. Com- Broad pennant of Commodore Commanding Australian
manding Aust. Squadron will be transferred from H.M.A.S.
Sqdn. trans- SHROPSHIRE to H.M.A.S. HOBART at sunset 17th Nov.
fer of broad 1945.
pennant. (A.C.N.B., 150352 to Admiralty.)

R.A.P.W.I. Refer my 100215.
Mov. No. 10 (2) H.S. TJITJALENGKA at Manus empty for Hongkong.
14th Nov. '45. (3) H.S. LETITIA, E.T.A. Seattle 5th Dec. with
Canadian camp staff 21 British camp staff 32 P.O.W.
Canadian fit 5 sick 21 Red Cross 2 Int. 8 balance,
U.S. personnel.
(4) H.S. GERUSALEM, E.T.D. Hongkong shortly for Fremantle with
R.A.P.W.I. for Australia 58 for S. Africa 21.
(5) IMPLACABLE, E.T.A. Sydney 19th Nov. with 2200 approx. R.A.A.F.
and A.I.F. personnel ex Balikpapan.
(6) GLORY, E.T.A. Hongkong 21st Nov. for Manila and Balikpapan with
Dutch R.A.P.W.I. thence Tarakan for Australian personnel for
Sydney.
(7) ARAWA arrived Hongkong ^{from} Shanghai 9th Nov. with R.A.P.W.I.
for U.K. 569 for Australia 190 latter disembarked Hongkong for
onward routeing, E.T.D. Hongkong for U.K. shortly after embarking
R.A.P.W.I. for U.K. 199.
(8) EMPIRE CHIEFTAIN left Hongkong 13th Nov. for Vancouver
R.A.P.W.I. Canada 24.
(9) HIGHLAND CHIEFTAIN on passage Morotai to India R.A.P.W.I.
for India 1500 approx.
(10) TAMAROA arrived Hongkong 14th Nov. will embark for U.K.
Europe and India E.T.D. for Shanghai 16th Nov.
(11) DUNERA E.T.A. Hongkong 20th Nov. to load with Indian police
and dependants for Madras.
(12) FORMIDABLE E.T.D. Bombay 16th Nov. E.T.A. Tarakan 29th Nov.
approx. to lift Australian personnel Sydney.
(13) HIGHLAND BRIGADE at Rabaul for P.O.W. for India 1500 approx.
(14) SANTAY left Sydney 9th Nov. for Rabaul and India.
(15) CIRCASSIA E.T.D. Sydney 20th Nov. allocated Manila for Dutch.
(16) CHESHIRE E.T.A. Sydney 24th Nov. allocated Manila for Dutch
then to F.O.W.A.B.P.F. for Indians from China coast.
(17) Comphilseafon pass to S.B.N.L.O. Phil., Admty. pass to W.O.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 150741 to Admiralty.)

R.A.P.W.I. C. in C. B.P.F., 150755Z to Admiralty.
Sitrep No. 10 See Lion Copy.

/Singapore...

MESSAGE.

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RAPWI
SITREP No 10

150755Z/November.

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

Date. 15-11-45.

Recd. 1414.

P/L.

To. Admiralty, A.C.N.B., N.Z.N.B. S.A.C.S.E.A. C. in C.Afpac.,
V.A. (Q), Comphlseafron, C. in C. E.I., F.O.W.A. B.P.F.,
C.T.F. 112.3., High Commissioner for U.K. (Canberra).

IMPORTANT.

RAPWI Sitrep No. 10 dated 14th November 1945 refer.

My 100216 2 North China Shanghai int 1400 remain in Camps
The following are known to require repatriation U.K. 780 Europe
17 Aust and N.Z. 180 Hong Kong 30 India Malaya etc. 18 Africa
15 of these 200 plus will leave in TAMAROA outstanding
repatriation requirements elsewhere in North China.

Not yet established also at Shanghai Indian civilians
ready now 1250 later 600 plus 3 Hong Kong ready now P.O.W. for
U.K. 280 8,5 for U.K. 182 Europe 31 S.Africa 21 India 39
above will leave in TAMAROA also ready now for Java 13 U.S.A.
22 Canada 27 Aust 270 China 9 ready now (Hospital Ship) U.K.
15 Java 1 int. deferred U.K. 283 S.America 154 Europa 46 Aust
51 U.S.A. 91 Canada 6 W.Indies 41 India and Malaya 2 China 17
Manila 1 also 2000 India Police and dependants 4 Hanoi Area
no further information 5 Kwang Chow Wan RAPWI French 75 Anam
124 6 Hainan RAPWI for India 15 also Chinese for Hong Kong
civilians 6000 7 Manila P.O.W. Dutch fit 4310 sick 146 int
Dutch 198 Rabaul Indian P.O.W. fit 2940 sick 400 of whom
88 are at Jacquinot Bay also Malaya not RAPWI 650 see Mov Item
13 and 149 Morotai evacuation of P.O.W. completed 10 Australia
fit and ready P.O.W. UK 164 Hong Kong 64 Malaya 24 N.Z. 3 India
55 Java 9 Canada 1 Shanghai 1 int U.K. 1 S.Africa 3 U.S.A. 2 fit
deferred P.O.W. 229. Int 1162 sick P.O.W. at Sydney 203 at
Fremantle 21 at Brisbane (Indians) 49 also int at Sydney 40
destinations of sick ready now for hospital ship left U.K.
131 India 55 W.Africa 1 Singapore 1 Hong Kong 2 also by
troopship for U.K. 4 remainder of sick either not ready
undecided 11 New Zealand RAPWI fit for U.K. 335 Europa 2 U.S.A.
1 Canada 1 Hong Kong and China 6 Aust 4. India 2 S.Africa 1
sick for U.K. 288 Europe 3 Canada 1 Hong Kong and China
14 Aust 1 India 3 S. Africa. 1 Malaya 2 12 Comphlseafron pass
to S.B.N.L.O. Phil Admiralty pass to War Office.

2nd S.L.
V.G.N.S.
A.C.N.B. (0)
Secretary.
Dep. Secretary.
P.A.S. (D)
D. of E.
O.D. (9)
D.C. (2)
D.S.O.
A.C.N.P. (5)
C.W. (Cas.) (3)

N.L. (6)
M. (20) & for W.O.
(DPW) & FO(POW Dept.)
C.N.I. (2)
M.D.G.
D. of P. (Q) (3)
D.Mov. (4)
W.D.
D.N.L.O. (2)
N.Br.
D. of S.T. (15)
D.T.D. (2)
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C.E.II. } Bath (8) by
S.W.R. (6) } Courier.

Rec'd Jan 21st 1946
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150825Z/November

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

Date 8/1/46
Time 2126

O.T.P.

Addressed B.A.D.

Info: F.O. Western Area B.P.F., C.T.G. 57.3, C.T.F. 112.

GUARD

*Re: vessel
HSIN YANGTSE*

It is requested you will take up matter of the return of pilot vessel HSIN YANGTSE captured by Japanese and removed to Japan, which previously belonged to British Pilot Boat Company, Shanghai and renamed CHOKO MARU.

Ship is now being converted for repatriation at Maizuru at direction of SCAP.

2. B.N.L.O. SCAP states question of returning ships to British has been referred to Washington. Return of this ship to British owners is considered of importance to British Pilot interests in Shanghai and their prestige with Chinese Authorities.

150825Z *Noted. 745 (Am. 17)
See 081507 Jan (F.E.A.)
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NOTE: C.S. 2's 080745 December refers.
Presumably passed by B.A.D. Washington for information.

- 1st Lord
- 1st S.L. (3)
- 4th S.L.
- D.F.S.L.
- V.C.N.S.
- A.C.N.S. (0)
- P.A.S. (3)
- D.O.D. (5)
- D.C. (2)
- Hd. of M. (2)
- D.D.I.C. (2)
- D.N.I. (4)
- D. of P. (3) (3)
- D. of P. (2)
- D. of S.T. (6)
- D.T.D. (4)
- Ad. Blake

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia - Contd.

Singapore
naval base.

Rehabilitation of Royal Naval base Singapore.
In our endeavours to produce a plan on a long term basis, there is need to know what new installations are likely to be required in order that short term plans and improvisations will not clash with the overall plan. It is realized that this may be a difficult question to answer, but on the other hand, an over estimate is infinitely to be preferred, than a new demand later, which might impose considerable adjustment. Such estimate would not in any way commit T.L. nor would any work be started until definite instructions were given.

(F.O. Malaya, 151157 to Admiralty.)

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16.11.1945
Friday.

SITUATION REPORT.

Foreign Stations.

Mediterranean.

L.C.I.(L) 278
mined.

1. L.C.I.(L) 278 on passage Trieste to Malta struck a mine at 0400 today in position 43° 30' N. 13° 56' E. Bows badly damaged but no casualties. Craft now in Ancona for survey.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

Cable re- Your 131211, Nov. MIRROR at present repairing
pairs in San Miguel - Fayal cable. When weather permits
Mediterranean completion of this work ship is required to mend
in Gibraltar - Fayal cable 30 miles from Gibraltar.
This should take few days only.

(2) Cables and wireless Gibraltar consider MIRROR
should be available to undertake work in Eastern Mediterranean on
completion of present programme in Atlantic.
(F.O.G.M.A., 161131A to C. in C. Med.)

Escort depot
ship CARADOC
on passage
from E. I.
to U.K.

Intend to sail CARADOC 0900A/17th Nov. to Plymouth.
Speed 15 knots, E.T.A. 1300Z/20th Nov.
CARADOC acknowledge and sail to comply.
(F.O.G.M.A., 161451A to C. in C. Plymouth,
CARADOC.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

S/M TRENCHANT Intend to sail TRENCHANT from Malta at 1100A/16th
on passage to Nov. by reverse of standard route L. to arrive
U.K. from Gibraltar daylight 20th for onward routeing to
B.P.F. U.K. as ordered by F.O. S/M.
(2) Speed 10½ knots.
(S.1, 160815 to A.I.G. 80.)

Command and Capt. D.14 has now arrived on the station and
administration will take over the command and administration of
of 14th D.F. the 14th D.F. from the Commanding Officer H.B.E.
JERVIS at 1200A Nov. 19th para. 1A my 031013
Nov. not to all refers.
(C. in C. Med., 160902Z to Med. Station GM.)

Salvage Intend to sail GAMTOOS immediately on arrival
vessel about 0600B/17th to Aden and South Africa.
GAMTOOS for S.O.A. 8 knots, T.O.D. from Suez and E.T.A. Aden
S. Africa. to be reported to all addressees in this signal.
GAMTOOS acknowledge.
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 161015 to Aden.)

Frigate Sail at 1730B/17th Nov. and proceed to Port Said.
VERYAN BAY (2) Speed 13 knots. (3) E.T.A. Port Said break-
for B.P.F. water 0630B/13th Nov. (5) S.N.O.R.S.C.A. is
requested to arrange Canal transit and onward
routeing to Aden for Colombo. (6) Acknowledge.
(F.O.L.E.M., 161311B to VERYAN BAY.)

Movements. Port Said 16th Nov. arrivals D.S. JAN VAN BRAKEL,
Dutch M.M.S. 1014, 1022, 1025, 1026, 1043, 1046,
1074, 1082, F.S. GIOIRE, FISHGUARD. Departures
FISHGUARD F.S. V.P. 9, V.P. 16, B.Y.M.S. 2205,
2244, 2043, 2015.
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 161724B to Admiralty.)

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Friday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

F.S. ALGERIEN Intend to sail F.S. ALGERIEN with minesweepers escort for *351 D. 321, 334, 335, *35 at 1730C/16th direct to Far East. Bombay for fuel and onward routeing to Colombo and Saigon.
(2) E.T.A. Bombay 0600EF/24th, S.O.A. 9.5 knots.
(5) Admiralty pass to Marine Paris and N.A. Paris. (N.O.I.C. Aden, 160956C to C. in C. E.I.)

26th D.F. Propose following programme for 26th Destroyer programme. Flotilla:-

<u>Arrived</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart</u>
	Colombo	a.m. 17th Nov.
p.m. 23rd Nov.	Aden	a.m. 24th Nov.
a.m. 28th Nov.	Suez	
	Port Said	p.m. 28th Nov.
p.m. 1st Dec.	Malta	a.m. 4th Dec.
p.m. 7th Dec.	Gibraltar	p.m. 9th Dec.

(2) Fuel at Aden one 23/24 Nov. transit Suez Canal by daylight 28th Nov.
(3) Arrival dates in U.K. SAUMAREZ, VENUS p.m. 12th Dec., Plymouth. VOLAGE a.m. 13th Dec. Portsmouth, VIRAGO, VIGILANT, VERULAM p.m. 13th Dec. Chatham.
(C. in C. E.I., 161134 EF to Admiralty.) Approved 181246.

EVENLODE, After adjusting complements intend sailing INVER, EVENLODE and INVER from Colombo 15th Dec. to U.K. frigates. for re-delivery to ~~us~~ under lend-lease.
(C. in C. E.I., 161331 EF to Admiralty.) *22 15/144g Dec*

Sitrep 671. First. Burma. 82 (WA) Div. 15 Nov. no moves west of mile 55 rd. Rd. Taungup-Prome due to rain. Moulmein. 11th Nov. ten suspected war criminals picked out identification Kempaid Tai. Rangoon.
18th Nov. Apfel to hold mass meeting. Disbandment P.B.F. to 10th Nov. Total all arms collected fourteen thousand two hundred and fifty three. No change since 26th Oct. Approx. eight hundred and thirty personnel still to be inspected. Decrease since 3rd Nov. nine hundred and ninety.
Second. Andamans. H.M.I.S. KISTNA and L.C.I. arrived Car Nicobar 14th Nov. to collect and dump Japanese arms into sea ex Nancowry Car Nicobar.
Third. Malaya, 14th Nov. H.Q. 4 Bde. and 1 Cameronians arrived Singapore.
Fourth. Mei. Java, Sourabaya. 12th Nov. Ten thousand ton Japanese steamer burnt out. Believed Japanese sabotage. 14th Nov. continued advance against strong resistance. Telegraph office changed hands three times. Large calibres shells fired on H.Q. (9) Bde. Total bombs dropped in Sourabaya 10 to 13 Nov. 30 x 500 lbs. Own casualty two I.O.R. killed three V.C.O. wounded twenty I.O.R. wounded. General decrease Indonesian offensive activity. 3 Jat. now under cmd. 9 Bde. Batavia. 1 Bde. quiet Bandoeng. 37 Bde. Increased terrorist activity

/Lembang...

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Sitrep 671 (Contd.) Lembang Q.X. 8731. Indonesians plan disarm isolated Japanese posts in Buitenzorg Soerka Oemi area. Japanese order resist. Twenty two Japanese in truck ambushed Tjiawi Q.X. 0243. Lt. Gen. Yuichiro Nagao. C. in C. Jap. 16 Army Major Gen. Moichiro Yamamoto Chief of Staff surrendered swords Division cmd. Batavia. Later despatched Singapore for failing comply with orders and responsible surrender of arms to unruly elements. Medan. Indonesians overpowered guard Japanese air force dump. Japanese ordered take action. Wonbsono. Five Europeans one hundred and thirty five Eurasians reported interned short food. Town believed controlled by extremists. Fifth. Siam 14th Nov. Dacoits attacked Japanese camp Takli L.F. 7196. Six Japanese wounded. Sixth. F.I.C. 32 (32) B.M.M. 14th Nov. Japanese killed ten rebels arrested twenty nine suspects. Japanese casualty 2 J.O.R. killed. 100 Bde. Thu Dau Mot. Two Grenades thrown at sup. lorry. R.J. 1779 no casualty. Alleged grave Col. Dewey found Thu Dau Mot. cemetery. Exhumation awaited. 16th Nov. Sawcol A Force of one Sqn. 16 Cav. one Coy. 4th Oct. Gr. one sec. Mor to carry out sweep Lathieu R.J. 2369. Sato Butai patrols ex Euan Loc R.J. 8971 attempt reach Baria R.J. 8020. 14th Nov. two hundred and twenty two Japanese civilians interned Saigon. 15th Nov. two hundred and twenty one of 2 Jap. Div. hygiene regt. jailed for cases indiscipline and search for suspected Kempai Tai Fly in 14th Nov. two hundred and fourth two personnel.
(Alfsea, 161530 EF to W.O.)

Reduction of coastal forces on E.I.Stn. Two flotillas of H.D.M.L. are being kept operational at Singapore for the present and will be reduced to harbour craft when no longer required.
(2) One flotilla of H.D.M.Ls. has been transferred to Hongkong at the request of C. in C. Hongkong.
(3) 17 Fairmile and 13 H.D.M.L. are manned by Burma R.N.V.R. and will be reduced to category C and harbour craft respectively when no longer required operationally.
(4) Remaining M.Ls. are being reduced to category C now and H.D.M.L. are being reduced to harbour craft for disposal by D.S.V.P.
(5) DERBYHAVEN will be sufficient for present maintenance requirements. Future of MULL OF GALLOWAY will be raised separately.
(6) No further headquarters ships or maintenance ships for coastal forces are therefore required.
(C. in C. E.I., 161609 to Admiralty.)

LOSSIE, frigate, for U.K. Intend to sail LOSSIE at 0600C/17th to Suez for onward routing to U.K.
(2) E.T.A. 0600B/21st, S.O.A. 14 knots.
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 161736 to S.N.O.R.S.C.A.)

Movements. Arrived, BIGBURY BAY, WHITESAND BAY, LOSSIE, F.S. ALGERIEN, D.321, 334 - 335, 351.
Departed, INDOMITABLE, F.S. ALGERIEN, D.321, 334, 335, 351.
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 161944C to Admiralty.)

/FORMIDABLE...

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FORMIDABLE,
A/C.

Sail FORMIDABLE for Batavia in accordance with
C. in C. E.I.'s 131216 not to all.
S.O.A. 20 knots, FORMIDABLE TO ?report, E.T.A.
(F.O. Bombay, 162257 to C. in C. E.I.)

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America & West Indies.

S/M AMPHION. Sailing Trinidad 16th November AMPHION.
(N.O.I.C. Port of Spain, 161021Q to N.O.I.C. Greenock.)

Fleet M/S POLARIS from Halifax for U.K. Slip at 1800Z/16th Nov. and proceed at 12 knots to Ponta Delgada. On arrival Ponta Delgada request S.B.N.O. Azores fuel and sail you to U.K. as directed by Admiralty.
(Capt. (S) Halifax, N.S., 161401Z to POLARIS.)

G O F F R E D O Italian S/M MAMELI and U.S.S. ESCAPE. *G O F F R E D O* Royal Italian Submarine MAMELI escorted by U.S.S. ESCAPE (A.R.S. 6) departs Bermuda Seabuooy 1600/16 for Taranto Italy via Gibraltar at 10 knots. Great Circle route to Gibraltar. E.T.A. Gibraltar 1600/29. Times Z.
(N.O.B. Bermuda, 161545 to F.L.O. Taranto, F.O. Gibraltar.)

Russian minesweepers. Last three Russian minesweepers will probably not be ready to leave Halifax before 1st Dec. in view of closing of Falmouth Base request destination in the U.K. be signalled.
(C. in C. C.N.A., 161657Z to Admty.) See 201757

PLUTO, M/S for U.K. Departure Halifax 1830Z/16th Nov. PLUTO at 12 knots for Ponta Delgada routed through, E.T.A. p.m. 22nd Nov.
(4) On arrival Ponta Delgada PLUTO to be fuelled and sailed to U.K. as directed by Admiralty.
(C. in C. C.N.A., 161830Z to S.B.N.O. Azores.)

Far East and Australia.

AVON, frigate for U.K. Departed Sydney 2036Z/15th Nov. AVON for Fremantle C. in C. B.P.F. 120509 not to all refers. Route direct. S.O.A. 12.5 knots. E.T.A. break-water 2300Z/22nd Nov.
(F.O.C. Sydney and Coast of N.S.W., 160002Z to N.O.I.C. Fremantle.)

/WESSEX...

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Far East and Australia - Contd.

WESSEX
& NEPAL,
destroyers
for U.K.

Request WESSEX and NEPAL be sailed as convenient 19th Nov. from Sydney for U.K. via Fremantle and Colombo. NEPAL to detach for fuel at Melbourne and Cocos.

(3) C. in C. E.I. 191026 Oct. passed to WESSEX and NEPAL.

(5) Signals quoted not to all.

(C. in C. B.P.F., 160735Z to A.C.N.B.) See 191010Z

APOLLO,
fast
minelayer.

A.- B. and C. APOLLO arrived 0830Z/16th and sailing. D. Shanghai. E. 0330Z/17th. F. 13 kts. H. Hongkong. I. 0100Z/20th.

(Com. T.F. 112, 160932 to F.O.W.A.B.P.F.)

GLORY,
programme.

C. in C. B.P.F.'s 140617. Proposed programme as follows. p.m. 24th Nov. arrive Manila. 25th Nov. embark Dutch R.A.P.W.I. sail p.m. a.m. 28th Nov. arrive Balikpapan. Disembark R.A.P.W.I. sail p.m. 29th Nov. arrive Tarakan. 30th Nov.

prepare for embarkation of Australians. 1st Dec. embark Australian personnel sail direct to Sydney. 11th Dec. arrive Sydney.

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

(GLORY, 161031Z to Commander Philippines, N.Os. i/c Moluccas, Hongkong, etc.)

MANXMAN,
fast
minelayer.

A. Blank. B. and C. MANXMAN^c arrived and sailed.

D. Shanghai. E. 0400Z/16th. F. 16½ knots.

G. Route direct to Tokio. H. Tokio. I. 0100Z/19th (739)

(C.T.G. 112.3, 161555Z to F.O.W.A.B.P.F.)

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A.S.R.
Relief

Have been relieved by CROCUS on A.S.R. Station 20.
(2) E.T.A. Gibraltar, a.m. 19th November.
(ST. AUSTEL BAY, 170930Z to F.O.G.M.A.)

DERG,
USK
for U.K.
from
B.P.F.

Intend to sail DERG (S.O.) and USK 1200A 17th November to Home Ports.
(3) Speed 14 knots. E.T.A. DERG at Portsmouth a.m. 21st November USK at Chatham.
(8) DERG acknowledge ACD sail ships to comply. (F.O.G.M.A., 170946A to N.O.I.C. Sheerness, C. in C. Nore.)

CAISTOR
CASTLE
for A.S.R.

Intend to sail CAISTOR CASTLE 1400A 17th November to Freetown for A.S.R. duties as ordered by Capt. W. Af.
(2) Speed 12 knots E.T.A. p.m. 23rd November. (F.O.G.M.A., 171014A to Admiralty, CAISTOR CASTLE.)

CHEQUERS
destroyer

Intend to sail D.14 in CHEQUERS 0930A 18th November to Malta.
(3) Exercises will be carried out during passage. E.T.A. 1000A 21st November.
(6) D. 14 acknowledge and sail ship to comply (F.O.G.M.A., 171022A to F.O. Malta, C. in C. Mediterranean).

South Atlantic

Carrier
TROUNCER

Sailed TROUNCER Coastal to Capetown calling at Simons Bay. C. in C. S.A. 131152 not to all refers.
(2) S. of A. 16 knots.
(3) E.T.A. Simons Bay, 0500Z 19th. (N.O.I.C. Durban, 170724Z to Admiralty, C. in C., E.I., C. in C. S.A.)

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D.S. JAN
VAN BRAKEL
sloop and
M.M.S. for
N.E.I. Intend to sail D.S. JAN VAN BRAKEL escorting
Dutch M.M.S. 1014, 1022, 1025, 1026, 1043, 1046,
1074 and 1082, at 0600B/18th to Aden and
Colombo.
(3) S. of A. best of M.M.S., JAN VAN BRAKEL to
report time of departure from Suez and E.T.A.
Aden to all in this signal.
(S.N.O.R.S.A., 170950B to C. in C. Mediterranean)

SOUTHERN MAID &
A/S Whaler
LANGLAAGTE
M/S Trawler
for south
Africa Take ships in address under your orders and sail
to pass position 309 at 1230B 17th November and
proceed to Port Said by basic eastbound route.
(2) Speed $6\frac{1}{2}$ knots.
(3) E.T.A. Port Said breakwater 0630B 18th
November.
(6) Acknowledge.
(F.O.L.E.M., 171026B to SOUTHERN MAID,
LANGLAAGTE.)

VERYAN BAY
frigate for
B.P.F. Intend to sail VERYAN BAY immediately on arrival
about 0630/18 to Aden and Colombo.
(3) S. of A. 13 knots ship to report time of
departure from Suez and E.T.A. Aden to all
in this signal.
(6) VERYAN BAY acknowledge.
(S.N.O.R.S.A., 171050B to Aden.)

L.C.I.(L)278
(mined) L.C.I.(L) 278 on passage Trieste to Malta with
drafts struck a mine, probably a floater at
about 0400 November 16th in position 43.30 N.,
13.56 E.
(2) Craft correctly routed and ten miles from
any known mine field.
(3) No casualties but bows badly damaged.
(4) Craft now in Ancona being inspected by B.C.O. Trieste.
(5) Draft transferred to CHEVRON who is proceeding Malta with
them.
(C. in C. Mediterranean, 171518A to Admiralty.)

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A.C.

E.T.A. Batavia position M.B. 1630 G.H. 22nd
November Route direct to Sunda Strait thence by
Q.C.A. 583 and 565
N.O.I.C. Batavia acknowledge and pass to
necessary Army authorities.
(FORMIDABLE, 170945EF, C. in C. E.I.)

KHEDIVE
Assault *cancelled*

Your 151743 (N.T. in W.D.) not to all.
As Dock is not immediately available at Bombay
request you sail KHEDIVE now.
(2) C. in C. Mediterranean KHEDIVE has leaking
stern gland and it may be necessary to Dry Dock
before she meets heavy weather.
(C. in C. E.I., 170958, to F.O. Bombay; see 191210 Med.)
Sailed H.M.S. KHEDIVE in accordance with C. in C. E.I.'s
170958 not to all. E.T.A. Suez 1300B 25th November. S. of A.
16 knots.
(F.O. Bombay, 172124 to N.O.R.S.C.A., Admiralty, C. in C. E.I.)

LULWORTH
cutter
for U.K.

Intend to sail LULWORTH at 1500C/17th to Suez
for onward routeing to U.K.
(2) E.T.A. Suez, 1700B/21st. S. of A. 13
knots.
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 171100C to S.N.O.R.S.C.A.)

SANDMARTIN
controlled
minelayer

A.M. 130159 (N.T. in W.D.) not to all.
SANDMARTIN sailed for U.K. 12th August.
My 100401Z (N.T. in W.D.) August refers.
(2) No requirement exist for another controlled
minelayer.
(C. in C. E.I., 171749EF to Admiralty.)

Movements

Colombo 17th November.
Arrivals - ROYALIST, VAN KINSBERGEN, L.S.T. 3025.
Departures - SAUMAREZ, VOLAGE, VIGILANT, VENUS,
VIRAGO, VERULAM, LOCHY, BANFF, KEDAH.
(F.O. Ceylon, 171823EF, to Admiralty.)

Movements

Arrived LULWORTH, ST. MARGARETS. Departed
LOSSIE, BIGBURY BAY, WHITESAND, LULWORTH.
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 171921 to F.O. Ceylon.)

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America and West Indies

Return of
Lend lease
Ships to
U.S.A.

Your 252210Z October*. BEGUM and ATTACKER will be ready to sail about 14th December. Request sailing programme for remainder of C.V.Es. be signalled.
(Head of M.II, 170312 to B.A.D.)

* Re shortage of passage accommodation makes the return of Jerry crews which have brought lease lend ships to the U.S.A. a problem.

CAMPANIA
escort
carrier

CAMPANIA sails Trinidad 2000Z/19th November for Glasgow via Irish Channel by shortest route speed 15 knots.
(N.O.I.C. Port of Spain, 171157Q to N.O.I.C. Greenock.)

H.M.C.
Escort
vessels
(Algerine)

H.M.C. Ships ROCKLIFFE, WINNIPEG, BORDER CITIES, SAULT STE MARIE, OSHAWA arrived 1300Z/17. Bermuda pass to British addressees, San Juan please pass to American addressees.
(R.N.O. Jamaica, 171700Z to C. in C. C.N.A.)

Far East and Australia

GLORY
Carrier

My 161031Z and C. in C. B.P.F.'s 150822Z not to all. For "sail p.m. direct to Sydney" read "sail p.m. for Sydney calling at Manus for mails." (GLORY, 170102Z to Commander Philippines.)

IMPLACABLE
A.C.

Intend that IMPLACABLE should, on completion of assignment in my 060616 not to First Australian Army and Replenishment at Sydney proceed to Wewak to lift Australian personnel to Sydney reverting to Fleet duties on completion.

(2) Tentative programme is as follows further signal will be made:-

- (a) Depart Sydney 8th December.
 - (b) Arrive Wewak 14th December.
 - (c) Return Sydney 21st December.
- (3) Ship will carry fit personnel only. Capacity will be Officers 125; O.R. 2,000.
- (4) Extra Medical Staff and equipment at present carried should be landed at Sydney as convenient.
- (5) Admiralty pass to War Office.
- (C. in C. B.P.F., 170144Z to L.H.Q. Melbourne.)

/Re...

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Far East and Australia - Continued

Re visas
to American
subjects

Foreign Office and Washington. Your 7529 DTG
121141 November. We agree transit visas may be
granted on terms you suggest. Applicants
should be reminded that accommodation in Hongkong
is scarce.
(Civil Affairs, Hongkong, 170904 to Admiralty.)

Movement
BARFLEUR
destroyer

Arrival Nelson, H.M.S. BARFLEUR.
(N.Z. Navy Board, 172000A to C. in C. B.P.F.,
Wellington.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

FROBISHER,
cadet
training
ship.

Intend to sail FROBISHER 1440-5 19 Nov. to
Portsmouth. (2) Speed $12\frac{1}{2}$ knots, E.T.A. 0800Z/23
Nov. (8) FROBISHER acknowledge and sail to comply.
(F.O.G.M.A., 181153A to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

A.S.R. 19.

Intend to sail PORTCHESTER CASTLE 1900A/19 Nov. to
relieve ST. BRIDES BAY in A.S.R. Station 19.
E.T.A. 0700A/22 Nov.
(2) On relief ST. BRIDES return Gibraltar.
(3) PORTCHESTER to acknowledge and sail to comply.
(F.O.G.M.A., 181249A to Admiralty.)

South Atlantic.

NEWCASTLE,
cruiser.

Simonstown arrival 0900B NEWCASTLE.
(C. in C. S.A., 181031B to Admiralty.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

ERIDGE, &
CARLISLE,
escort
base ships.

Future of ERIDGE and CARLISLE is under consideration in the event of a decision being made to transfer BLENHEIM to Malta.

(2) In above circumstances it is unlikely that they would be required further on Med. Station there is no room at Malta where otherwise they might have been used as accommodation ships and in view of A.M. 250127T (N.T. in W.D.) Oct. their use in Levant will be short lived.

(3) Request you signal sufficient particulars to Admiralty, (R) C. in C. V.A.M., to enable Admiralty to issue disposal instructions (C. in C. Med., 181208 to F.O.L.E.M.)

Movements.

Port Said 18th Nov. Arrivals L.S.T.(Q) 1, VERYAN BAY, SOUTHERN MAID, LANGLAATE, PROTEA. Submarines TALENT, TALLY HO, SPEARHEAD, SIDON, SCOTSMAN, and BICESTER (D.29), BRECON, COWDRAY, BLACKMORE, EGGESFORD.

Departures D.S. JAN VAN BRAKEL and Dutch M.M.S. 1014, 1022, 1025, 1026, 1043, 1046, 1074, 1082, VERYAN BAY, SOUTHERN MAID, LANGLAATE, PROTEA.
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 181629B to Admiralty.)

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East Indies.

SS. NIEUW
- AMSTERDAM,
re berthing
at Port
Dickson.

Protest strongly ship of this size and draught going to Port Dickson. Suggest disembark balance personnel and approx. 260 tons stores and baggage at Port Swettenham. Please advise soon our next destination in view oil and water situation. (NIEUW AMSTERDAM, 180455Z to Admty., Singapore.)

Movements.

Arrivals Singapore Friday 16th Nov, VENERABLE, TRUMPETER, KHETI, L.S.Ts. 368, 538, 3504. Departures SMITER, LOCH MORE. (F.O. Malaya, 181142 to C. in C. E.I.)

26th D.F.

Programme for 26th D.F. approved subject to concurrence of C. in C. Med. Your 161134 refers. (D.O.D., 181246 to C. in C. E.I.) Concur 190918A (Mediterranean.)

Movements.

Arrivals Singapore Sunday 18th Nov, SUSSEX, LOCH RUTHVEN, EMILE BERTIN, OLMA, L.S.T. 157, WILLIAM VAN DER ZAAN. Departures VENERABLE, TRUMPETER, NESS, LOCH QUOICH, L.S.T. 3504. (F.O. Malaya, 181631Z to C. in C. E.I.)

Composition
of permanent
E.I. Escort
Force.

E.I. Escort Force. TAFF replaces EVENLODE in my 071842. (C. in C. E.I., 182117 to Admiralty.)

RULER
CARRIER

Intend to sail RULER at 1600 18th to Suez for onward routing to U.K.
(2) E.T.A. Suez ABLE Suez 0500B 22nd S. of A. 15 knots.
(N.O.I.C. Aden 181133C to S.N.O.R.S.C.A.)

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America & West Indies.

PUNCHER,
trooping.

Arrivals a.m. Nov. 18th PUNCHER from U.K.
(Capt. D. Halifax, 181347A to N.S.H.Q., Admty.)
Cancel my 121543 following is programme for PUNCHER

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Port</u>	<u>Sail</u>
	Halifax	25th Nov.
27th Nov.	New York	29th Nov.
7th Dec.	Clyde	15th Dec.
22nd Dec.	Halifax.	

(C.O.A.C., 181615Z to N.S.H.Q.)

Far East and Australia.

SLINGER,
on passage
to U.K.

Departed Fremantle 0700Z/18th Nov. SLINGER for
Colombo, E.T.A. 0100Z/29th Nov. C. in C. B.P.F.'s
050601 and my 180256, not to all, refer.
Direct route, S.O.A. 12½ knots.
(N.O.I.C. Fremantle, 180710Z to C. in C. E.I.,
F.O. Ceylon.)

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SITUATION REPORT

Foreign Stations

Mediterranean

Adriatic (a)
U.S. JESSE-
BILLINGSLEY
mined and
abandoned

S.O.S. message received from SS. JESSE BILLINGSLEY (Am. 7244 tons) that she was abandoned in 45° 18' N. 13° 26' E. (Gulf of Venice). H.M.S. JERVIS standing by. Presumed ship was mined.

Adriatic (b)
CEDAR MILLS
mined

SS. CEDAR MILLS, tanker (Am. 10172 tons) mined 200 yards off Ancona North Mole this morning. Ship is still afloat and tugs attempting to beach vessel.

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North Atlantic

11th M.S.
Flotilla
on passage
to E.I.

Intend to sail M/S II in LIONESS with FLYING FISH in company at 1.00/19 Nov. to Malta stopping Algiers en route to off-load stores and C.Bs.

(2) Speed 12 knots E.T.A. Algiers 0800/21 Nov.

(3) Ships are to leave Algiers 0900/22 Nov. E.T.A. Malta 1000/24 NOFM.

(6) GOLDEN FLEECE delayed about 24 hours owing to defects and will be sailed to Malta on completion.
(F.O.G.M.A., 191032A to C. in C. Med.)

PLUTO
M/S

On arrival at Ponta Delgada, PLUTO should be sailed to Plymouth for onward routing to Granton for M/S work up.

(D.M.S., 191752 to S.B.N.O. Azores.)

South Atlantic

U.S. Task
Group -
movement

Cape Town departure 0750B. U.S. T.G.50.5 now designated T.G.61.1. Destinations as follows: CALIFORNIA and TENNESSEE to Philadelphia.

6 Destroyers to New York.

Oiler CHEMUNG to Harpton Roads.

(3) S. of A. 16 knots. E.T.A. East Coast United States 7th December.

(C. in C. S.A., 191041B to Admiralty.)

Future
Policy
W.A.
Squadron

With reference to M/PDO29/45 of 11th October, 1945, I would be grateful for the following information.

(a) Approximate dates upon which it is expected H.M. Ships detailed will arrive upon the Station.

(b) The name and the extent of the future command in these waters.

(c) Whether in view of the circumstances of today,

it will be the wish of Their Lordships that the peacetime activities of the Squadron, particularly with regard to visiting ports in Canada, U.S.A., West and East and the South American Countries should be arranged on lines similar to those of pre-1939 days.

(d) What is the intention of H.M. Government in allocation of military and Air Forces to areas falling within the scope of my command. In view of the lack of modern practice facilities it is hoped that H.M.S. BALLINDERRY and all subsequent arrivals will be well worked up prior to departure from U.K.

(S.B.N.O.W.A., 191553Z to Admiralty.)

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Mediterranean

Proposed programme for 26th Destroyer Flotilla

Concur programme for 26th D.F. through Mediterranean. Your 161134 and A.M. 181246. (C. in C. Med., 190918A to C. in C. E.I.)

PEACOCK
A/A Sloop

Sail at 1600 today, as direct as safe navigation permits, to Haifa.
(2) Speed 15 knots, E.T.A. 1330/21st.
(5) F.O.L.E.M.'s 122006 November refers. Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Piraeus, 190950B to PEACOCK.)

Return of S.A. personnel to South Africa in GOOD HOPE and TRANSVAAL

Intend to sail GOOD HOPE (S.O.) and TRANSVAAL on completion of embarking South African personnel probably p.m. 20th to Aden and South Africa. C. in C. South Atlantic's 031223 November refers.
(3) S. of A. 15 knots GOOD HOPE to report Time of Departure from Suez and E.T.A. Aden to all in this Signal.
(5) GOOD HOPE acknowledge and sail ships to comply.
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 191108B to N.O.I.C. Aden.)
See 201556.

S. Ms. TALENT, TALLYHO for Hongkong

Intend to sail TALENT (S.O.) and TALLYHO at 0600B/20 to Aden and Colombo for onward routing to Hongkong.
(3) S. of A. 12 knots TALENT 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., 191131B to N.O.I.C. Aden.)

Suez. Office of N.O.I.C. closing down.

The Office of N.O.I.C. Suez will close on 20th November 1945 a sea transport officer will remain at Suez.
(2) The Book Office at Suez will be closed at a later date.
(3) Request A.G.M. in the sense of paragraph one above.
(C. in C. Mediterranean 191156 to Admiralty.)

KHEDIVE assault Carrier, docking of

Can arrangements be made to dry dock KHEDIVE at Alexandria if required. C. in C. E.I.'s 170958. (C. in C. Mediterranean, 191200A to F.O.L.E.M.)
See reply 201221.

FISHGUARD Cutter

Sail to pass position 309 at 1000B 21st November and proceed to Gibraltar for onward routing to U.K.
(3) Speed 13 knots.
(4) E.T.A. Gibraltar 0600A 27th November.
(6) Acknowledge.
(F.O.L.E.M., 191238B to FISHGUARD.)

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CEDAR MILLS
tanker
mined.

From: N.C.S.O. Ancona.
Tanker CEDAR MILLS struck mine about 200 yards
off Ancona North Mole at 1145 approx. Ship
still afloat, tugs attempting to beach vessel.
Further signal will be made.
(CHARLES SCHIAFFINO, 191412A to C. in C. Med.)

*see below in C. Med. 191838A
Admiralty*

29th D.F.
for U.K.

Intend to sail D.29 in BICESTER with COWDRAY
EGGESFORD, BLACKMORE and BRECON at 1400B/20th to
Malta for onward routeing U.K.
(3) S. of A. 14 knots E.T.A. noon A/23rd.
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 191620B to C. in C. Med.)

Italian
Nationals
in China
and Japan

Request Admiralty will take any action
considered desirable on FOIL 151054* being
passed.
(2) Para. 2 of ERITREA's 051207* also being
passed presumably refers to Batavia and not
Catania as received by C. in C. Med.
(C. in C. Med., 191711A to Admiralty.)
* Sailing of Italian Sloop ERITREA to Batavia
for Italian Nationals. *see 27.*

U.S. SS
JESSE BILLING-
SLEY and
CEDAR MILLS
mined

S.O.S. received at 1210A from U.S. Ship
JESSE BILLINGSLEY giving position 45.18 N. 13.26
E. at 1245A, H.M.S. JERVIS reported that above
ship was abandoned in position 45.18 N. 13.26 E.
26' N. 13°19.5' E. and that she was sending boat
to investigate. Presume ship mined though this
not definitely stated.

(2) U.S. Tanker CEDAR MILLS mined at 1145A 200
yards off Ancona North Mole ship afloat and tugs attempting to
beach, probably by ground mine.
(C. in C. Med., 191838A to Admiralty.)

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East Indies

Sitrep 674. 1456 Ops. cipher 19th November, 1945.
 1. Burma. 82 W.A. Div. Rd. Taungup-Prome reopened for convoys 17th November. Marching troops 17th November. No.2 convoy arrived Mile four and one half. Number 3 convoy arrived Mile 24. Number 4 convoy passed div. starting PT Mile 107 (or 106). 17 Div. Numbers locations Kempai Tai 17th November. Moulmein three hundred and fifty four QS 3562 twenty Thaton QM 9450 one.
 2. Andamans. Nothing to report.
 3. Malaya. 161 Bde. less one Bn. E.T.D. Singapore 23/24 November.
 4. NEI. East Java. Sourabaya. General Indonesian resistance decreasing slight mor. and sniper fire. 17th November 9 Bde. perimeter extended east to include Sidotopo marshalling yds. gas works. Spasmodic shelling and sniping. Various equipment and guns captured 3/2 Punjab 535828. 3 Jat 537834. 2 W. Yorks. 528832. 123 Bde. Line extended one mile south incl. prison areas Oranje school. Twelve Indonesians confirmed killed. Intermittent shelling in Bde. HQ area causing cas. own troops. Thunderbolts bombed railway tr. west Sourabaya. 18th November Central Madoera Island. Tac. recce. reports new trench system West Java. Batavia. Own tps. fired on looters. 17th November 0930 hrs. armed encounter Dutch-Indonesians area Kwitant (DI 46). Thirteen Dutch wounded. Cordon of tks. put round area by 1 Bde. Smerang. Three Brit. offrs. escorting women R.A.P.W.I. from one camp to another attacked by armed Indonesians. Two officers and one I.O.R. killed, one officer wounded attempted protect women. Murderer believed member youth movement. Intermittent firing broke out evening 17th November own troops taken up pre-arranged positions in town. Wonstnoguro Governor Central Java arrested. Own tps. incl. tanks cleaning up Kampangs. Tac.(R) report Semerang-Jogjakarta little unusual activity. Bandoeng. Bde. Comd. met Deputy Governor to discuss A.P.W.I. evac. Sumatra. Radio to Fort De Kock closed. 36 Ind. Inf. Bde. to go to Java E.T.A. 4/5 December.
 5. Siam. 1,100 Japanese left Ubon en route final conc. area Nakhon Nayok. Tac. H.Q. and one Coy. 7/2 Punjab moved Ubon ex Bangkok.
 6. FIC. No report received.
 (Alfsea, 191120EF, to W.O.)

~~RULER~~ Intend to sail ~~RULER~~ at 1600C 18th to Suez for
~~carrier~~ onward routing to U.K.
 (2) ~~E.T.A. Suez ABLE Suez 0500B/22nd, S. of A.~~
~~15 knots.~~
 (~~N.O.I.C. Aden, 1811330 to S.N.O.R.S.G.A.~~)
 See 18th p. 102.

	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart</u>
PURSUER	Nil.	Colombo	a.m. 20th November
carrier	a.m. 26th Nov.	Aden	p.m. 26th "
for U.K.	a.m. 13th Nov.	Suez	Nil.
Programme	Nil	Port Said	p.m. 1st December
	a.m. 7th Dec.	Gibraltar	p.m. 8th December
	a.m. 12th Dec.	Greenock	Nil.
	(2) Fuel at Aden.		
	(3) Transit Suez Channel daylight		30th November.
	(C. in C. E.I., 191542 EF to Aden)		
	Approved 211458 (Med.)		

/Diversion...

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Diversion
of Dutch
ships from
Colombo
for
political
reasons

Your 170308*(N.T. in W.D.) re sailing of JOHAN VAN OLDENBARNEVELDT, and previous signals regarding Dutch ships and Dutch troops for Netherlands East Indies following is a repetition of C. in C. Ceylon's 120924* to C. in C. E.I. begins: Your 111521 (N.T. in W.D.) for political reasons it is of utmost importance that Dutch vessels carrying troops or bound for Far East with supplies should not visit Colombo every reason to expect serious trouble in this

part in such an event and trust you will do everything possible to direct such vessels to Trincomalee and cater for their wants there. Ends.

(2) NIEUW AMSTERDAM was diverted to Trincomalee N.S.T.O. Trinco.141530 refers but the water position at Trinco. will not stand up to further large off take required by these ships nor are fresh stores readily available. Suggest, therefore, they be diverted to Cochin if P.S.T.O.I. is agreeable.

(D.S.T.O. Ceylon, 191555 to D. of S.T.)

See 221005Z EF.

* Not identified in War Registry.

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America & West Indies.

POLARIS, M/S. Your 172325 November not to all. Request you will sail POLARIS to Ponta Delgada for onward routing direct to Liverpool. Vessel is required to be taken in hand as soon as possible after 19th November. E.T.A. should be reported to F.O.I.C. Liverpool and to Admiralty. A.M. 171236 November not to Halifax should be amended accordingly. (D.M.S., 191754 to Cdre. Supt. Halifax, N.S.)

PUNCHER return of to U.S.A. N.S.H.Q. 230033. Concur in proposal to return PUNCHER to U.S.A. (2) B.A.D. is requested to communicate in due course to N.S.H.Q. repeated Admiralty, U.S. Port to which ship should be sailed. (3) Details of gear etc., which should be removed before return of ship will be issued in A.F.O. shortly. (D.O.D., Approved A.C.N.S.(Q), 191959 to B.A.D., N.S.H.Q.)

Far East and Australia.

WESSEX and NEPAL destroyers for U.K. Departed Sydney 0900Z/19th November WESSEX, NEPAL for Fremantle. C. in C. B.P.F. 160735 not to all refers. NEPAL fuelling Melbourne. WESSEX anchoring Port Phillip. E.T.A. Port Phillip heads 0600K 21st November thence direct to Fremantle E.T.A. 0600H 26th November. S.O.A. 15 knots. (F.O. Sydney, 191010Z to N.O.I.C. Fremantle.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Foreign Stations.

Mediterranean.

Suez, office
of N.O.I.C.
closed down.

1. The office of N.O.I.C. Suez closed down today.
A sea transport officer will remain at Suez.

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GENERAL.

Ships enter-
ing Nore
Command,
restriction
on unde-
gaussed ships
lifted.

The restriction on unde-gaussed merchant ships entering the Nore Command is now lifted. A.F.O. 3230/45 last sentence of para. 25 refers.
(2) Notwithstanding the above and until further orders D/G ships should if possible be selected when loading for Dutch and Belgian ports.
(3) Existing speed restrictions are to remain in force.
(A.C.N.S.(O), 201122 to A.G.M. Home and Abroad.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

PERSEUS,
A/C main-
tenance
ship for
B.P.F.

Intend to sail PERSEUS 1600A/20 Nov. to Port Said for onward routeing Colombo.
(3) Speed 21 knots, E.T.A. 0700B/24th Nov.
(6) PERSEUS acknowledge and sail to comply.
(F.O.G.M.A., 200939A to F.O.L.E.M., S.N.O.R.S.C.A., PERSEUS.)

S/Ms stay
at Gibraltar
duration of
on passage.

It would be appreciated if submarines on passage could stay at Gibraltar longer than 24 hours if they so desire and berthing facilities are available.
(F.O. S/M, 201016Z to F.O.G.M.A.)

CATTISTOCK,
destroyer.

In view of demobilisation requirements, CATTISTOCK must sail from Gibraltar on 2nd Dec. at latest.
(F.O.G.M.A., 201233A to CATTISTOCK.)

South Atlantic.

TROUNCER,
assault
carrier
on passage
to U.K.

Simons Bay arrival and departure TROUNCER.
(C. in C. S.A., 200912 to Admiralty.)

A.S.R. 21,
relief.

Intend sailing LANCASTER CASTLE to A.S.R. Station 21 at 0900/21st Nov. to relieve FAL, patrols 23rd Nov. to 8th Dec.
(N.O.I.C. Freetown, 201011 to F.O.G.M.A.)

MAIDSTONE,
S/M depot ship.

My 121613. Simonstown departure MAIDSTONE routed as safe navigation permits for Gibraltar and onward routeing to Portsmouth by F.O.G.M.A.
(2) S.O.A. 14 knots, E.T.A. Gibraltar a.m. 6th Dec
(C. in C. S.A., 201026 to Admiralty.)

Movements,
Boom carrier
and B.D.
vessel.

Arrivals H.M. ships 14th Nov. FOSSBECK, BARBETTE
18th Nov. LANCASTER CASTLE.
(S.O.(I) Freetown, 201028 to Admiralty.)

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Mediterranean.

EMPEROR, Intend to sail EMPEROR immediately on arrival
assault about 1800B/20 to Alexandria for onward routing
carrier U.K. accordance with C. in C. E.I. 051221
for U.K. as amended by EMPEROR's 130914.
(3) S.O.A. as necessary to arrive 0600B/21.
(5) EMPEROR acknowledge and comply.
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 201010B to F.O.L.E.M., Admty.)

S/Ms on Intend to sail SPEARHEAD (S.O.), SIDON and
passage from SCOTSMAN at 1000B/21 to Gibraltar for onward
B.P.F. to U.K. routing U.K.
(3) S.O.A. 11 knots, E.T.A. p.m. 28, SPEARHEAD
to report accurate E.T.A. when known.
(S.N.O. Port Said, 201110B to F.O.G.M.A.)

START BAY, Intend to sail START BAY from Malta 24th Nov. to
ST. BRIDES BAY, Gibraltar for duty with you.
frigates. (2) As soon as practicable after arrival of START
BAY, request you will sail ST. BRIDES BAY to Malta
for duty in Central Mediterranean.
(C. in C. Med., 201138A to F.O.G.M.A.)
See 221755A. *be/ew*

Re KHEDIVE Your 191200 this can be arranged.
docking at (F.O.L.E.M., 201221 to C. in C. Med.)
Alexandria.

INDOMITABLE, Intend to sail INDOMITABLE immediately on comple-
A/C. tion embarking mail and stores about 1800B/20th to
Gibraltar for onward routing to Portsmouth in
accordance with C. in C. B.P.F.'s 130910Z.
(3) S.O.A. 15 knots, E.T.A. a.m. 26th. Ship to
report accurate E.T.A. to F.O.G.M.A. when known.
(5) INDOMITABLE acknowledge and comply.
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 201535B to F.O.G.M.A., INDOMITABLE.)

Return of Your 191108B, understood. Para. 3A, E.T.D. Suez
S.A. personnel 0700B/21st Nov. E.T.A. Kilindini 1200C/29th.
in GOOD HOPE (GOOD HOPE, 201556B to S.N.O.R.S.C.A.)
and TRANSVAAL.

START BAY, Sail at 1700A Nov. to Gibraltar as direct as safe
frigate, for navigation permits to arrive 1600A/27th Nov.
duty at (3) My 201138A not to Almed. refers.
Gibraltar. (4) Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med., *221755A to START BAY.)

* Should be re 22⁴² p.128

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TIPTOE, S/M for U.K. Sailed TIPTOE to Suez for onward sailing to U.K. (2) Ship reporting E.T.A. and requirements and time of shifting W/T watch to requisite authorities in due course. (C. in C. E.I., 200918 to S.N.O.R.S.C.A.)

Movements. Arrivals Singapore 19th Nov. WAVENEY, ERITREA, L.S.T. 3026, Departures LOCH LOMOND, LOCH CRAGGIE. (F.O. Malaya, 200946 GH to C. in C. E.I.)

Isum No. 65. One. Hongkong, N.T.R.
Two. Burma. A.F.P.F.L. meeting Rangoon 18 Nov. took place without incident. Over 10,000 persons attended and further details awaited.

Three. Siam, N.T.R.
Four. F.I.C. Cambodia. Independent sources of unknown reliability report indications of underground movement planning assassinate pro-French Cambodick Ministers. Provisional Cambodian liberation Government reported formed at Chaudoc sixty miles south Phnom Penh. Comment. No immediate trouble anticipated but may develop when Japanese are disarmed and British (?leave).
Five. Malaya. Perak. One I.O.R. murdered at Taiping 16/17 Nov. Selanger. (wd. corrupt) coal strike virtually over but work not begun.
Six. N.E.I. Java. Sourabaya. 17 Nov. Nationalist broadcast ordered T.K.R. not to molest Chinese and stated position of Indonesian Republic weakening. Only hope is help from China and Russia. America not concerned. Three Chinese accused of spying burnt by Nationalists. Semarang. 17 Nov. Intermittent shooting broke out following murder of two British officers and has continued since. Wensonogoro. Governor of Central Java has been taken into custody. Batavia. 17 Nov. Civil Police H.Q. searched by Military Police. Three tons amm. grenades, dynamite also A.25 pdr. and Jap. 77 mm. seized. Large quantity of Dum Dum bullets was found in M.I. room marked Red Cross. Full report demanded from Police Chief. 18 Nov. Scattered shooting broke out between Dutch and Indonesians. Sumatra. SXLA. D.P.R.I. now changed its name to Pesindo or Indonesian Socialist Youth Movement. Palembang. Japs. report deserters South Sumatra to 14 Nov. total 37.
(S.A.C.S.E.A., 201135Z to W.O.)

Transfer of Flag of F.O. Air E.I. to HOWE. At 0800 Nov. 22nd, Flag of F.O. Air E.I. will be transferred to HOWE, from which time only such signals as require the personal attention of the Vice Admiral are to be routed to F.O. Air E.I. at sea. All correspondence and other signals to continue to Fisheries Building, Colombo.
(2) While embarked, F.O. Air E.I. will hold following S.Ps. additional to those carried by HOWE, S.P. 02172, 02407, 02548, 02583, CCBP 0202, 0212, C.S.P. 265.
(3) From 0800 EF Nov. 22nd, HOWE will keep constant watch on Indian Ocean broadcast and broadcast North Australia.
(C. in C. E.I., 201201 EF to E.I. Stn.)

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Situation
Report 675.

Alfsea 201236 EF to W.O.
See Lion Copy.

M.Ss. JEWEL
and SERENE
return to
M.S. 10.

Your 121148. No Admiralty objection.
(Admiralty, 201326 to C. in C. E.I.)

ENTICER, tug,
for duty E.I.
Station.

Request information whether A.M. 141155* (N.T. in
W.D.) not to B.P.F. Cancels A.M. 022157 (N.T. in
W.D.) and that ENTICER is for duty on E.I. Stn.
If so request confirmation that arrangements for
transfer of accounts have been made.
(C. in C. E.I., 201854 EF to Admty.) See 240242.
* ENTICER to assist in towage of A.F.D.

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From ALFBEA

Situation Report
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201235EF/November

Date 20.11.45

Recd. 1115

CIPHER

To. War Office.
Info. Usual Addressees

MOST IMMEDIATE

082103. 1464 Ops Cipher 20 November.

SITREP 675.

First Burma. 18 Nov AFPFL mass meeting Rangoon passed off quietly. Over 10,000 attended. 82 WA Div. 2(WA) Bde. Moves Rd Taungup-Prome proceeding. Morning 18 Nov number 3 convoy mile 4 number 4 convoy mile 47 number 5 convoy mile 85.

Second. Andamans. Nothing to report.

Third. Malaya. 50 Tk Bde. Recce of Islands area WV36 WV37 WV46 WV47. Patrol to Bakri WV8460 not well received by locals. Selangor sub area. One hundred workers resumed work Batu Arang 17 Nov. 161 Bde to Conc Johore Bahru to embark for Java 23-24-25 Nov.

Fourth. NEI East Java Sourabaya. 18 Nov. 9 Bde. 2 W Yorks Recce area Rangkah 5582. Base est against slight opposn. PL Inf with Tp 11 Cav proceeded coast Soekalila 5892. Patrol killed 14 Indonesians captured guns and small weapons. CAS 3/2 Punjab eleven IOR wounded one died of wounds. 123 Bde 2/1 Punjab and 1 DOGRA cleared area East from rly to Kali Mas from line Tembaan 517823 - Pasarbesar Wetan. Night 18/19 Nov. 49 Bde. Strong patrol 4 MLI fired on from village 5685. Own tps attacked and killed 41 Indonesians. Own cas nil. 5 Raj Rif patrol along coast met Rd blocks 555869. West Java. Batavia. Several incidents 18 Nov. Ambonese tps Kwitang Kaipong fired on by Indonesians at 0800 hrs. Indonesians engaged Dutch Tps Menieng Rd C846. Firing continued 1030 hrs action by 1 Patiala with TP 11 Cav. Fighting quickly died on arrival own tps. Intermittent firing until dusk.

/Cas.....

Cas. Own tps. Killed 3 IOR. Wounded 1 BO 3 BOR 1 IOR. Missing 1 IOR. Dutch. Killed 3. Wounded 20. Indonesians Killed 13. Wounded believed killed 15. Main HQ 11 Cav Mov 18 Nov for Sourabaya. 1 Bde intention 19 Nov. To clear Kramat area with 6 Mahratta less one coy. Op began 0600 hrs no details reported. Semarang. 18 Nov CRA Bde. Continued clearance rd blocks and Kampongs under sniping. Opposn increasing. All rds into town successfully blocked by own tps. Japanese guarding RAPWI area and successfully cleared Kampongs in South. 2050 hrs town quiet. Night 18/19 Nov quiet. Magelang. Indonesian rfts expected from Jogjakarta and possibility attack reported. 19 Nov. Radio sta to be seized 0630 hrs. Own tps to remain in posn Semarang. OC Tps Ambarawa to clear rd Ambarawa-Semarang to Dengaran WA 3597 and five kilos rd Ambarawa-Magelang. 3/10 GR to clear rd Mawelang-Ambarawa. If rd clear will evac RAPWI Magelang to Ambarawa preparatory move Semarang. Leaflets warning non extremists to quit area have been prepared for dropping if offensive air action becomes a necessity. This action will only be taken under conditions of the greatest emergency.

Fifth. Siam. Unrest reported among Dutch ex PW due mainly to postponement move to Java also Dutch newspapers report families ex PW allowed Singapore. 18 Nov. VCO 4/14 Punjab attacked by four Dacoits Lopburi. One thousand seven hundred and eight Japanese ex Chiengmai en route final Conc area Nakhon Nayok. Tac HQ three Coys 4/1 GR en route Lampang and Chiengmai ex Bangkok.

Sixth. FIC. Quiet generally. 80 Bde. 18 Nov five grenade throwing incidents no cas own tps. 100 Bde. Japanese report Bencat and area radius five kilos clear of rebels. Sato Butai report rd Bien Nca-Phyn Thiet clear to RK D130637. Total personnel disarmed. Navy nil army one thousand and fifteen. Air force nil.

Seventh. Hong Kong. 19 Nov four hundred and one Japanese army PW same number Japanese navy PW sailed for Japan in SS SAMURAI.

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(I.O.)

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America & West Indies.

Russian mine- Your 161657. Russian minesweepers should be
sweepers sailed to Falmouth as before.
destination (D.O.D., 201757 to C.O.A.C.)
of.

PRETEXT, PRETEXT and PREVENTER sailed Bermuda for Norfolk
boom de- 1800Z/20th E.T.A. 23rd Nov.
fence vessel. (N.O.I.C. Bermuda, 202015Z to Wash. Brit. C.C.O.)

SS. BALFE. SS. BALFE due New York Nov. 23rd from Mersey lost
rudder and rudder frame Nov. 20 Ship will be
towed.
(Ottawa, 202130Z to Admiralty.)

Return of Your 170312. BEGUM and ATTACKER can be accepted.
lend lease Request they may arrive Norfolk not later 22nd
ships to Dec. if practicable sailing programme for later
U.S.A. crews will be sent when new Monster sailing
schedule is received. Admty. pass to Comnavu.
(B.A.D., 202300Z to Admiralty.)

Far East and Australia.

Proposed My 300900Z. Following from Charge d'Affaire.
cruise of Generalissimo has informed General Carton de
H.M. ships Wiart that Chinese Government have issued orders
to N.China placing minesweeping operations on China coast
ports. M/S under complete control of Commander U.S. 7th Fleet.
operations (2) But while, as I assume, such arrangement is
in control covered by (last sentence?) of para. 2 of message
of U.S.Fleet. from U.S. C.O.S. quoted in Admiralty's 141717 (not
to all). This seems quite satisfactory take it
that you will be able to operate without present
delay through Kincaid. It will presumably be

for latter to notify Chinese Authorities but I am covering our
position by informing Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Generalissimo's
(?instructions.)

(3) (?Chinese) do not refer to movements (?other) of H.M. ships.
I shall continue to notify Chinese Authorities as before but do
not think routine moves, need await permission if it is not
forthcoming in time, longest possible notice would be helpful.
(4) Other moves will have to be referred as usual but it might
expedite matters if we can say that they have been cleared with
Admiral Kincaid.

(5) Admiralty please pass to F.O.

(6) F.O.W.A. please repeat to C. in C. B.P.F.

(A.N.A. Chungking, 200330Z to F.O.W.A.) *see 050813 Dec 4*

/re...

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Far East and Australia - Contd.

re FORMIDABLE
returning
to U.K. via
the Cape.

Your 070658 and 090539 Nov. approved.
(2) No doubt you will consider using this
opportunity to repatriate South African personnel.
(D.O.D., 201755 to C. in C. B.P.F.)

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Wednesday

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GENERAL

N.O.I.C. Suez closing of office The office of N.O.I.C. Suez will close on 20th November, 1945; a Sea Transport Officer will remain at Suez.
(Head of M(II), 210640 to A.G.M. Home and Abroad.)

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North Atlantic

S/M TRENCHANT Intend to sail TRENCHANT 1000A/22nd November to Portsmouth.
(3) Speed 10 knots. E.T.A. a.m. 27th November.
(8) TRENCHANT acknowledge and sail to comply.
(F.O.G.M.A., 210910A to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

A/C Maintenance Ship PERSEUS for B.P.F. PERSEUS was sailed at 21 knots in order to comply with A.M. 142053 November para. 2.
(2) Your 210919 refers.
(F.O.G.M.A., 211246A to C. in C. Mediterranean).

Russian M.M.S etc. for Black Sea. A.M. 141211* and C. in C. Plymouth 141030+ both November.
These ships passed Europa Point 0430A 21st November and reported ? intention by V.S. to proceed direct Malta without stopping Gibraltar.
(2) It is not known if they hold route to Malta and all attempts to raise them on 500 kcs. have failed.
(F.O.G.M.A., 211554 to C. in C. Med.)
* 3 Russian Motor Minesweepers leave Falmouth November 15th for Black Sea calling at Gibraltar and Malta for provision.
+ Intend to sail U.S.S.R. PINELAKE, (S.O.) ALDERLAKE, HICKORYLAKE from Falmouth 1030/15 to Gibraltar for O/R to Istanbul. ? 141034.

A.S.R.19 relief Have been relieved by PORTCHESTER CASTLE on Station 19. Intend to R/V CROCUS at 1030 23rd. E.T.A. Gibraltar will be reported.
(ST. BRIDES BAY, 212239 to F.O.G.M.A., CROCUS.)

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Departure H.M.S. LANCASTER CASTLE 1007Z to A.S.R.
station 21.
(S.O.(1) Freetown, 211525 to Admiralty.)

ROEBUCK
Destroyer
on passage
to U.K.

Intend to sail from Takoradi and Freetown on
completion of Oiling at each place in order to
arrive Gibraltar daybreak 2nd December.
(2) ROEBUCK has Hull leak at water line at 58 and
59 stations port caused by scene when berthed
alongside ESKIMO at Cape Town. Request these
may be repaired on arrival Gibraltar before oiling

(3) E.T.A. Freetown daybreak 26th November.

(4) E.T.A. ROEBUCK Plymouth 7th December dependant upon para.
2. above.

ESKIMO Chatham 8th December sailing from Gibraltar a.m. 3rd
December.

(5) C. in C. S.A.'s 161022 also refers.
(ROEBUCK, 211930A to F.O.G.M.A.)

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Mediterranean

Palestine At request of High Commissioner for Palestine and
Interception with concurrence of C. in C.'s Mid. East I have
of Schooner instructed C.S.15 to use destroyers under his
with illegal command to intercept schooner reported approaching
immigrants. Palestine from Aegean with 200 illegal immigrants.
R.A.F. are co-operating.
(2) If met on high seas she will be boarded to
ascertain if of Ex-enemy flag. In this case and
and if carrying immigrants she will be brought into Haifa.
(3) If not of Ex-enemy flag she will be shadowed and arrested
on arrival in Palestinian Waters.
(F.O.L.E.M., 210917B to B.N.A. Ankara.)

DEVONSHIRE Intend to sail DEVONSHIRE immediately on arrival
cruiser about 1700B/21st to Alexandria for onward
trooping routeing U.K.
(3) S. of A. as necessary to arrive 0900B/22nd.
(5) DEVONSHIRE acknowledge and comply.
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 210955B to F.O.L.E.M. DEVONSHIRE)

L.S.T. 3038 War Office Serial 7.
damaged Both Bow doors very badly buckled, and hinges
fractured requiring dockyard assistance. My
position 34° 29' N. 25° 4' E. course 114° speed
of advance 8 knots L.S.T. 3015, in company,
request instructions.
(L.S.T. 3038, 211000B to F.O.L.E.M.)

EMPEROR Sail to pass position 309 at 0900B 23rd November
Assault and proceed to Malta through position 227. C. in
carrier C. Mediterranean's 171138 para. 1 not to all
on passage refers.
to U.K. (2) S. of A. 16 knots.
(3) E.T.A. Malta 100A 25th November.
(5) Acknowledge.
(F.O.L.E.M. 211244B to EMPEROR.)

PURSUER Approved PURSUER's programme through Mediterranean
carrier for your 191542.
U.K. (C. in C. Mediterranean, 211458A to C. in C. E.I.)
F.S. SAVORGNA DE
BRAZZA (Sloop) See 22.4.0 / 128

SS. CEDAR C.A.F.O. 2120/44 and M.S.S.436.
MILLS (a) CEDAR MILLS (Tanker).
Tanker mined (b) USA.
(c) 1145 19th November 1945.
(d) 150 yards 350° Ancona red light on end of
North Mole.

(e) Mined.
(f) Aground and considered total loss in position half mile
07° Ancona Red light on end of North miles explosion in engine
room ship appears to be breaking in two abaft bridge.
(g) One man missing, stoker, Underneath.
(N.C.S.O., Ancona, 211615A to Admiralty.)

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Mediterranean

B.Y.M.S.
2149 for
Mediterranean
M/S Force

B.Y.M.S. 2149 and 2141 are allocated to the
Mediterranean M/S Force.
(2) N.O.I.C. Swansea is requested to sail to
Gibraltar on December 1st.
(3) C. in C. Mediterranean is requested to
allocate vessels reporting flotilla number and
accounting base.
(4) C. in C. Mediterranean 181106 August and
A.M.211626 August not to all refer.
(D.M.S. 211725 to C. in C. Med.)

Movement

Movements Haifa November 21st.
Arrived PEACOCK.
(S.N.O. Levant area, 212359B to Admiralty,
F.O.L.E.M.)

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Sitrep 676. First. Burma. Further details A.F.P.F.L. mass meeting 18 Nov. About 20,000 attended. Aung San Chairman stated A.F.P.F.L. would work by constitutional means. Resolution passed demanding immediate dissolution Governor's Executive Council. Ref. Sitrep 675. 82 (WA) Div. 2 (WA) Bde. For "1 (WA) Bde." read "2 (WA) Bde." Morning 20 Nov. Convoys 4, 5 and 6 respectively at miles 24, 39 and one half and 47. Convoy 7 left Taungup.

Second. Andamans. Nothing to report.

Third. Malaya. No report received.

Fourth. N.E.I. East Java. Sourabaya. 19 Nov. 9 Bde. Spasmodic shelling increasing after dusk. 123 Bde. Coy. 2/1 Punjab occupied Area Wksps. 497814 WT STA 495814 Power STA 496814. Both working order. 5 tons explosives blew up at 502812 possibly caused own arty. Own cas. one killed, 8 wounded. 175 internees mostly women and children liberated. Eqpt. captured from Indonesians incl. LMG 52, HMG 48, Med. Tks. 1 Lt. Tks. 7 Armd. Cars 1, Carriers 68, Anti-Tk. Rifle 1.

West Java. 18/19 Nov. Batavia. Lootings increasing 19 Nov. 0600 hrs. 6 Mahratta searched Kremat Kampong area generally quiet. Factory guarded by Japanese in Pasaer Straat E.462 attacked by Indonesians 0900 hrs. Attack driven off but resumed 0145 hrs. Our Tps. drove attackers West across Canal. 1 Brit. offr. 5 B.O.R. injured by grenade Pasar Barce C.839. 20 Nov. intermittent firing 1 Brit. offr. wounded. Clash own Tps. Indonesians district B.5. No details received. Bandoeng. 19 Nov. Increased tension locally. Looting in Tjimahi area investigated by patrol. Buitenzorg. R.A.P.W.I. camp suffering water shortage. Semarang. C.R.A. Bde. Situation deteriorated badly. Rds. North-South blocked by Indonesians Comms. own Tps. cut Indonesian est. strong positions in buildings. All R.A.P.W.I. North part of town evac. Docks. Indonesian build up continued. 20 Nov. 0730 hrs. warning leaflets dropped. 0900 hrs. air strike by six Thunderbolts against buildings and road blocks. Bomb dropped roads strafed. Reported highly successful enabling own tps. begin clear roads aim to complete by dusk. 1400 hrs. strong opposition on road west of town progress made. Absence civilians suggest leaflets effective own cas. two killed 4 wounded.

Magelang and Ambarawa. Evac. R.A.P.W.I. continuing. 21 Nov. intention to withdraw tps. from Magelang when remaining hundred Eurasians evac. Total own cas. Java 8 Nov. to 18 Nov. Offrs. eleven killed, nine wounded, four missing. B.O.R. one killed six wounded. V.C.O. four killed, twelve wounded, two missing. I.O.R. sixty nine killed, two hundred and sixty nine wounded, one hundred and sixty six missing. Sumatra. Padang. Patrolling by own tps. during night 18/19 Nov. Eighteen armed Indonesians arrested.

Fifth. Siam. I.N.A. numbers now in camp one thousand eight hundred and fifty five. Beginning 21 Nov. Kempai Tai and Hikari Kikan not wanted as war criminals and civilians of I.N.A. to move Camp Kilo 17 Rd. Bangkok-Don Muang. Remainder I.N.A. from Camp Bangkok to Fangkwang (or Bangkwang) Jail. Move est. complete 25 Nov.

Sixth. fic. 32 Bde. Area. Night 18/19 Nov. Ap Cau Sang RJ 0970 Japanese food poisoned. Same night Annamites attacked post captured three Japanese 668 rifles. 80 Bde. area. 19 Nov.

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grenade thrown 9 F.F.R. Veh. Area RJ 160507 one I.O.R. wounded believed six Annamites killed. Cholon area grenade thrown at Veh. culprit and five suspects arrested. 100 Bde. area. Delayed report 16 Nov. Area Binh Tho-

Phu Tho RJ 2958 one Japanese offr. three J.O.R. killed seven J.O.R. wounded in clash with rebels. Remainder party captured but released after two days without arms. 20 Nov. Mov. coln. met opposition areas RJ 3781 RJ 3578. Eight rebels O.Rs. killed. 20 Nov. Force RA one Brit. offr. three hundred Japanese ex Phnom Penh to Op. area HA Tien RF 5704. French forces. 2100 hrs. 19 Nov. landings effected Nha Trang NW 1635. Japanese Comd. reports considerable Annamite Force west of Nha Trang. Richelieu SP with indirect fire night 19/20 Nov. (Alfsea, 211206 EF to W.O.)

HELFORD,
frigate
for U.K.

Sailed HELFORD to Aden for onward sailing to U.K.
(2) Ship reporting E.T.A. and requirements to Com. Aden by W/T in due course.
(C. in C. E.I., 211900 to N.O.I.C. Aden.)

F.S. CHEVREUIL
escort.

Arrived and sailed F.S. CHEVREUIL.
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 211935 to Comar Djibouti, Marine Paris, etc.)

BATHURST,
class mine-
sweepers
for Per-
sian Gulf.

Your 292206 Oct. Request report whether BATHURST class minesweepers would be suited to local conditions.
(Hd. of M.I., 212226 to S.N.O.P.G.) ²⁸¹⁷⁴⁵ See 071403 Dec

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America & West Indies.

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

Arrivals p.m. Nov. 20th, BYARD, CAICOS from U.K.
(Capt. (D) Halifax, N.S., 211337Z to Admty.)
H.M. ships WALDEGRAVE, CRANSTOUN and HOLMES
arrived T.O.O. 212112Z.
(N.C.S.O. Boston, Mass., 212130 to Admty.)

Far East and Australia.

UNICORN, A/C
repair ship
for U.K.

In view embarkation passengers for Cape in
UNICORN (E.T.D. Sydney 25th Nov.) intend to sail
ship via South Africa as proposed in my 090539.
(2) My 210036 refers to mails.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 210035Z to Admty.)

Request UNICORN be sailed 25th Nov. from Sydney to U.K. via
Fremantle and Capetown.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 210037Z to V.A.(Q), F.O.C. Sydney.)

ONTARIO,
cruiser.

H.M.C.S. ONTARIO C.L. departed Pearl 20 hours Z
20th S.O.A. 15 knots, route, E.T.A. Esquimalt
10 hours Zebra 27th.
(Comhawseafon, 210135 to C.O.P.C., Vancouver.)

PERSEUS,
mails for
B.P.F.

Admiralty 171524* not to all which N.O.I.C. Hong-
kong pass to F.O.W.A.B.P.F. after arrival at
Singapore 9th Dec. PERSEUS is required to proceed
via Fremantle to arrive Sydney if possible by
21st Dec. Request C. in C. E.I. and A.C.N.B.
arrange sailing accordingly.

(2) Of the Christmas mails referred to in para. 1 of A.M. 171524*
Anticipate about 3000 bags (and subject to confirmation by V.A.
(Q) the two fleetmail officers and eleven writers postal) are
for China and Japan. Request F.O.W.A.B.P.F. send ship to meet
PERSEUS at Singapore to collect China and Japan mail.
(3) Request V.A.(Q) undertake para. 4 of A.M. 171524* so that
mails for China and Japan can be unloaded by PERSEUS at Singapore
and if possible stowed in ship in para. 2 for Hongkong Shanghai
and Tokio separately. Further signal not to all follows on this.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 210542Z to C. in C. E.I.) * N.T. in W.D.

Re trans-
fer of C. in
C.B.P.F. from
Sydney to
Hongkong.

Cancel my 130232.*
(2) If A Message has been promulgated request
cancellation.
(3) Further signal will be made.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 210614Z to Admty.) See 220816Z

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Far East and Australia - Contd.

COLOSSUS,
proposed
transfer
to E.I. Stn.

As COLOSSUS has nothing to embark at Hongkong
(C. in C. E.I. 201749* refers) there is now no
Brit. Pac. Flt. requirement for ship to return
to Hongkong.

(2) Provided ship is also not required for lift
of troops to Hongkong (your 131131 refers)
propose transfer of COLOSSUS to East Indies

Station be effective forthwith. My 130450 refers.

(3) Signals quoted not to all.

(C. in C. B.P.F., 210720 to C. in C. E.I.) * N.T. in W.D.

Movements.

Arrivals Shanghai BLACK PRINCE, TAMAROA.

(F.O. C.R.U.R.O.N. 2, 210730Z to F.O.W.A.B.P.F.)

A.F.D. 18.

Sailed CAUVERY escorting ADVANTAGE and CHEERLY
towing A.F.D. 18 for Subic Bay by standard route
Plum E.T.A. Subic Bay 29th Nov. E.T.A. Hongkong
7th Dec.

(3) S.B.N.O. Manus 080642 refers. P.D. Subic Bay, Comphilseafrom
pass Info. S.B.N.O. Philippine.

(N.O.I.C. Moluccas, 212301Z to P.D. Subic Bay.)

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GENERAL.

Release of
Chaplains
(C. of E.)
and Sea
Transport
Officers.

A.G.M. 682A 12th Nov.

(1) Amend programme for the dispersal of Chaplains (C. of E.) in the period 1st Jan. 1946 to 31st March, 1946 to read:-

<u>Groups</u>	<u>Latest dispersal date</u>
19 to 22	31st January, 1946
23 to 27	28th February, 1946
28 to 31	31st March, 1946.

Amend tentative forecast for the dispersal of Chaplains (C. of E.) in the period April to June, 1946 to read:-

<u>Groups</u>	<u>Latest dispersal date</u>
32 to 35	30th April, 1946
36 to 39	31st May, 1946
40 to 42	30th June, 1946

(3) Owing to the time required to turn over the Sea Transport Organisation in the various ports of the world to the peacetime Merchant Shipping Organisation, the release of Sea Transport Officers cannot proceed at the same rate as General Service Executive Officers. It is hoped that as the transfer of the organisation proceeds it will be possible for the leeway eventually to be made good. The programme for the dispersal of Sea Transport Officers for the period 1st Jan. 1946 to 31st March 1946 is as follows:-

<u>Groups</u>	<u>Latest dispersal date</u>
23 to 25	28th February, 1946
26	31st March, 1946

(4) The tentative forecast for the dispersal of Sea Transport Officers for the period April to June, 1946 is as follows:-

<u>Groups</u>	<u>Latest dispersal date</u>
27	30th April, 1946
28	31st May, 1946
29	30th June, 1946

(D.C.N.P., 221307 to A.G.M. Home and Abroad 727A.)

North Atlantic.

R. Tug
JAUNTY.

Intend to sail JAUNTY towing lifting craft 27 1600A/22nd Nov. to Port Said for O/R to Colombo.

(3) Speed 8 knots, E.T.A. 2nd Dec. p.m.

(6) JAUNTY acknowledge and sail to comply.

(F.O.G.M.A., 221109A to F.O.L.E.M., S.N.O.R.S.C.A., JAUNTY.)

Failure of
Russian M/S
to close har-
bour for
routeing in-
structions.

Three U.S.S.R. M.M.S. sailed Falmouth 1030Z/15th Nov. to Gibraltar for onward routeing to Malta passed through the Straits at 0430A/21st Nov. failed to close harbour for routeing instructions. (2) All attempts to (?raise) these ships on 500 k/cs have failed.

(3) Request that in future all ships entering the Med. from the west and not holding eastbound route be instructed that they must call Gibraltar for onward routeing.

(F.O.G.M.A., 221709A to Admty.)

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Mediterranean.

LOSSIE,
frigate,
for U.K.

Intend to sail LOSSIE at 0800B/23 to Malta for onward routing to Gibraltar and Plymouth in accordance with C. in C. E.I.'s 061050 on which programme she will be 48 hours early at Malta.
(3) S.O.A. 14 knots, E.T.A. first light 26.
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 221041B to C. in C. Med.)

LULWORTH,
cutter.

Intend to sail LULWORTH immediately on completion of fuelling and provisioning about 1800B/22nd to Gibraltar for onward routing U.K.
(3) S.O.A. 13 knots.
(6) LULWORTH acknowledge and comply.
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 221145B to F.O. Gibraltar.)

DEVONSHIRE,
cruiser,
trooping.

Sail to pass position 309 at 1830B/23rd Nov. thence direct to position 227 and by Bizerta War Channel and as safe navigation permits, speed 20 knots, E.T.A. Gibraltar 0900A/27th Nov.
(3) F.O.G.M.A. is requested to arrange onward routing to U.K. at 2000A/27th Nov.
(F.O.L.E.M., 221333B to DEVONSHIRE.)

START BAY
frigate

see 20th p. 114

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be on
21st
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F.S.
SAVORGNAN
DE BRAZZA,
sloop.

F.S. SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA on completion of exercises 22nd Nov. sail to Alexandria for onward routing to East Indies.
(2) Speed 13 knots, E.T.A. 1000B/25th Nov.
(4) SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med., 211612 to F.O.L.E.M., SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA.)

15th C.S.
programme.

Following programme for first 3 weeks of Dec. with which F.O.L.E.M. concurs generally, is proposed.
(2) C.S. 15 in ORION.

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Leave</u>
30th November	Haifa	29th November
11th December	Alexandria	10th December
(3) AURORA	Cyprus	
28th November	Alexandria	27th November?
(4) SIRIUS (incomplete groups)	Haifa	
14th	Jedda	12th
19th	Port Said	17th

Dates for SIRIUS between 10th and 19th Dec. are subject to F.O.L.E.M. requirements.

(5) LIVERPOOL as in para. 4 my 101845.
(6) If I am required personally at Haifa between 30th Nov. and 10th Dec. I would either proceed there in ORION or by air and hoist my broad pendant in AURORA temporarily depending on circumstances.

(C.S. 15, 222204B to C. in C. Med.)

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Frigates transferring to R.I.N. Your 060928 (N.T. in W.D.) In view of special preparation of TRENT and TEST to meet R.I.N. requirements, representations are being made to Government of India to accept these ships and possibly a third frigate.
(2) On completion of refit, TRENT should return to Ceylon and be retained with minimum complement for efficient maintenance. Work of TEST is to be suspended pending further instructions.
(3) SHIEL is Lend-Lease and is to return to U.K. (Hd. of M(II), Approved V.N.C.S., 220336 to E. in C.E.I.)
cc: C.S.A 291626B Army.

Re Diversion of Dutch ships to Cochin etc. D.S.T.O. Ceylon's 191555 not to Cochin, received corrupt but it is not agreed ships of NIEUW AMSTERDAM type should use Cochin.
(2) Have no objection to use Cochin for ships of a suitable size but port can handle one at a time only for watering and early notice of arrival would be required in order not to clash with local movements.
(P.S.T.O.(I), 221005EF to D. of S.T.)

I.S.U.M. Number 67 082490 SAC 28756 cipher 22nd November.
(1) Hongkong nothing to report.
(2) Burma - Nothing to report.
(3) Siam - Nothing to report.
(4) FIC 19th November. French troops landed at Nna Trang. Local Japanese Comd. reports considerable amm. investigated and proved false.
Perak. Taiping Ref. ISUM 65 LOR believed murdered now reported as suicide.
Bekor. Patrol fired on by bandits. One Malay Guide wounded Paharb.
Mentakab. Armed Chinese gangs stolen truck (?plant) of rubber.
Selangor. Batuaking. 875 coal miners returned to work.
(6) NEI. Java. Sourabaya. Civilians in Allied occupied area state API organisation using Gestapo methods. Town divided into small areas each with leader. People forced to join API otherwise denied use of public services.
Ambarawa 19th November. R.A.P.W.I. report contact committee obstructive. Food supplies from Semarang appropriated by TKR.
Semarang. 19th November. Isolated incidents throughout day and Nationalists continued buildup of forces.
20th November. After warning leaflets dropped successful air-strike was carried out on buildings and road blocks.
Bandognv. Tension increasing. Night 18th/19th 1 Dutchman murdered, two wounded when house containing refugees attacked by 12 Nationalists.
Batavia. 19th November. Attack on Japanese Guard South Batavia repulsed. Own troops investigating were attacked. Two Nationalists killed, 27 arrested, 140 home-made Grenades recovered. Several shooting incidents occurred later.
20th November own troops raided police buildings found 20 rifles, five mortars and one British, three in mortar.
Reliable local yokel report indicates Pelopor API and police under control of TKR which now making intensive effort collect information regarding strength and arms of Allied troops.

/Civil...

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I.S.U.M. Civil police responsible for distribution arms and
Number 67 ammunition to Kampongs and passing of T.K.R.
(Contd.) orders. Police also give warning of approach
of Allied troops and assist in incidents. Large
number of fanatics reported recently sent from
Sourabaya to Batavia. Same report states that
a general attack will come when sufficient information is
collected.
Comment. Increased number and scale of incidents have recently
been reported from Batavia.
Sumatra. Padang. Ref. ISUM 662 of kidnapped Eurasians have
escaped. Whereabouts not known. 18 Indonesian participants
in kidnapping arrested. Fort (?Dbekock), Prominent
Indonesians interviewed by local Allied Comdr. state they distrust
Allied natives and removal Japanese and Nica only proof Allied
good faith.
Outer Islands. Borneo. Balikpapan. As result of Grenade
being thrown into residence of Nica Officer local curfew has
been instituted.
(Sacsea, 221101Z to W.O.)
Note: (by C6 Tels.) Message delayed through being received
corrupt. There is no para. 5 in above telegram. Advance
copies sent to Admty. and Air Min.)

Enemy Your 180430 Sept* Ships have not been taken in
merchant prize but have been surrendered by Japanese. No
ships prize court action necessary and services of
Deputy Admiral Marshal not required.
(2) Request Admiralty Signal instructions
regarding Insurance.
(C. in C. E.I., 221641 to F.O. Malaya, Admiralty.)
* Approximately 50 enemy merchant ships captured
Singapore will arrive shortly. *See 031131 March 46*

Carrier H.M.S. COLOSSUS not required to lift troops from
COLOSSUS India to Hongkong. Concur, therefore, in trans-
fer of H.M.S. COLOSSUS to East Indies Station
from B.P.F. forthwith.
to E.I.S. (C. in C. E.I.S., 221903EF to C. in C. B.P.F.
etc.)

Java Following is situation Central Java up to 1700
situation hours 21st Nov.
Semarang. Initiative taken by own troops.
Following air strike main road south to north
cleared by evening 20th November. Opposition
stiff at first but weakened later. Clearing of town
continued 20/21st, November but impossible make close search
for weapons owing shortage of troops. Approx. one hundred
prisoners taken with arms. Police Chief Jogjakarta reported
in our hands. Wonsogoro and other leaders reported fled to
Pekalongan.
Magelang. All R.A.P.W.I. evacuated 20th November 3/10 GR
began move our first light 21st November and 1430 hours forced
road block 6 miles south Ambarawa. Arrival expected same
evening.
Ambarawa. Skirmishes with armed Indonesians 20th November

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JAVA
Situation
(Contd.)

2200 hours roads reported blocked and sniping in progress. 0345 hours 21st November. Indonesians attacked our troops with mors. and L.M.Gs. R.A.P.W.I. camp set on fire. Arrival 3/10 GR awaited to relieve situation. Supplies dropped by air. Immediate intention. Clear road Semarang to Ambarawa. One troop 178 Fd. Regt. moving Semarang ex Batavia. (Alfsea, 221955EF to W.O.)

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Far East and Australia.

Movements,
 etc.

My 070527 not to all is cancelled.
 (2) Destinations are as follows.
 A. PERSEUS Sydney (via Singapore) B. BEAULY FIRTH
 and MORAY FIRTH Brisbane.
 (3) Request HOLMSOUND be held in Ceylon until
 further signal required her at Singapore.
 (C. in C. B.P.F., 220623Z to C. in C. E.I.)

China ports
 survey.

Your 131153* not to Com. Hongkong. Surveys of
 China Ports detailed in my 241031 Oct. not to F.O.
 Malaya not yet approved. Intend therefore that
 CHALLENGER complete Hongkong surveys and if time
 permits commence Macao to Canton.

(2) 1 M.F.V. now lent to CHALLENGER together with H.L.(P)
 441150 expected from Singapore will be sufficient to carry out
 present known requirements and if necessary one H.D.M.L. can be
 lent later from Hongkong resources. It is not therefore visual-
 ised that SHARPSHOOTER or M.L. from Singapore will be needed
 and consider CHALLENGER can be released by 1st January, though
 a surveying ship working as required between East Indies Station
 and British Pacific Fleet would be of value when available.
 (3) Following has been proposed by WHITE BEAR and CHALLENGER.
 When CHALLENGER sails Lieutenant Commander R.H. Griffiths, R.N.
 to be left in charge of Hongkong surveys with one recorder for a
 period not exceeding 6 months WHITE BEAR to provide remaining
 officers and recorders required. R.F.O. Malaya pass to WHITE BEAR
 (F.O.W.A.B.P.F., 220719Z to WHITE BEAR.) *See 041722 Dec*

* 1 H.D.M.L. available 1st December and would be suitable for
 Macao West Liner or Haiphong work.

Transfer of
 from Sydney
 to Hongkong.

My 210614. Request following may be promulgated as
 C. in C.B.P.F. an A message (begins) Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser
 will leave Sydney in DUKE OF YORK on 1st Dec.
 for Hongkong via Fremantle and Singapore. He will
 assume the title of C. in C. B.P.F. Afloat and will
 be accompanied by a small personal staff.

(2) The main body of his staff will leave Sydney in REAPER on
 1st Dec. direct for Hongkong.

(3) During the period 1st 26th Dec. Vice Admiral Rivett Carnac
 V.A.(Q), will carry out the routine operation and administration
 of the B.P.F. in C. in C.'s name, using the title of C. in C.
 B.P.F. He will be assisted by a retard party of C. in C. B.P.F.'s
 staff with C. in C.'s present communications.

(4) Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser will open his H.Q. at Hongkong and
 reassume operation and control of the fleet at 0001Z/26th Dec.
 The title C. in C. B.P.F.(Afloat) will lapse at this time.

(5) Communications. Following are communication arrangements
 between 0001Z/1st Dec. and 0001Z/26th Dec.

A. All signals requiring personal attention of Admiral Fraser
 either for action or information are to be passed to C. in C.
 B.P.F. (Afloat). All such signals are to be passed in C. in
 C. B.P.F. All others C. in C. B.P.F. signals are to be addressed
 to C. in C. B.P.F. and passed to Sydney in the normal manner.

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Far East and Australia.

Transfer of C. in C.B.P.F. from Sydney to Hongkong. (Contd.)

B. DUKE OF YORK will keep watch on normal area broadcasts and in addition will work a fixed service with C. in C. B.P.F. Rear line at Sydney. C. Routeing of signals for C. in C. B.P.F. (Afloat) signals are to be passed via Sydney C.C.O. with delivery instructions for C. in C. B.P.F. (Afloat) in addition to the normal instructions for C. in C. B.P.F.

D. Books carried. C. in C. B.P.F. (Afloat) will hold the normal publications for a C. in C. Afloat.

E. On and after 0001Z/26th Dec. all signals for C. in C. B.P.F. are to be routed to Hongkong W/T (GQB). Hongkong C.C.O. assuming automatic responsibility for C. in C. B.P.F.

(6) C.A. official correspondence is to continue to be addressed to C. in C. B.P.F. at Sydney until 22nd Dec. after which it is to be forwarded to Hongkong direct. Official G.P.O. mails have been diverted after delivery at Sydney on 20th Dec.

(7) A further signal will be made requiring alterations to responsibilities for operational areas consequent on this move. (C. in C. B.P.F., 220816Z to Admiralty.) Amended by 230247.

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SITUATION REPORT

Foreign Stations

Far East and Australia

Hongkong
Piracy

YAUMATI ferry on passage to Tatlo was pirated today within territorial waters by gang which embarked at Hongkong under guise of passengers. A force was despatched to scene in M.L. transferring to a R.A.F. high speed launch to intercept and prevent beaching. Ferry was captured after a short fight. 4 pirates were taken into custody.

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FOREIGN STATIONS

North Atlantic

PELICAN
A/A sloop
for A.S.R. 20

Intend to sail PELICAN at 1900A/23rd November to relieve CROCUS on A.S.R. Station 20 S. of A. 12 knots. E.T.A. 1500A 25th November.
(2) On relief CROCUS return to Gibraltar.
(4) PELICAN acknowledge and sail to comply. (F.O.G.M.A., 231108A to Aden.)

PATROLLER
Escort
Carrier
Trooping

Intend to sail PATROLLER 1700A 23rd November to Malta to comply with C. in C. Plymouth's 181257Z (not to all).
(2) Speed 16 knots. E.T.A. 0700A 26th Nov.
(6) PATROLLER acknowledge and sail to comply. (F.O.G.M.A., 231252A to F.O. Malta, C. in C. Mediterranean.)

South Atlantic

A.S.R.
21 relief

Relieved by LANCASTER CASTLE on station 21 at 0830Z/23rd. My E.T.A. Freetown 0730/25. (FAL, 230846Z to F.O. Freetown.)

Movement
destroyers
to U.K.

Takoradi arrivals 0700Z/23rd ESKIMO and ROEBUCK. (N.C. Takoradi, 231024Z to N.O.I.C. Freetown.)

Interim
Post War
Defence
Policy
of Govt.
of Union
of S. Africa.

C. in C. S.A., 231146 to Admiralty, D.S.A.N.F.)
See Lion Copy.
Cancelled by 251855.

Assault
Carrier
TROUNCER
on passage
from E.I.S
to U.K.

Intend to sail TROUNCER from Capetown Tuesday 27th November for Freetown and the Clyde, A.M. 291405 Sept. and 131246 October, neither to all refer.

(2) Approximate programme as follows:-

<u>Place</u>	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Depart</u>
Freetown	6th December	6th December.
Clyde	15th December	

(C. in C.S.A., 231414B to Admiralty.)
Amended by 261543.

MESSAGE.

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IN

UNCLASSIFIED

231146/November

From:- C. in C. S.A.

Date 24.11.45

Reed 0230

P/L

To:- Admiralty, D.S.A.N.F.

Request following may be generally promulgated by signal. Begins:-

The Government of the Union of South Africa has now announced their interim post war defence policy covering the period up to March 31st 1947, before which date it is anticipated world security problems will have become sufficiently clarified to enable decision to be made on the ultimate long range policy.

(2) The strength of the post war South African navy authorised to be maintained for this initial period is as follows:-

- 4 Frigates
- 8 Fleet Minesweepers
- 2 Boom vessels
- 1 Controlled minelayer
- 6 H.D. M.L's
- 1 Survey vessel.

together with a Naval College and appropriate headquarters and training staff.

(3) All S.A.N.F. (V) personnel who are medically fit for general service may apply for appointment or attestation into the interim permanent force. Personnel who are not fit for general service are not eligible for engagement in the permanent force, but may apply for appointment into the full time coast garrison and active citizen force. In each case, the engagement will be until March 31st 1947. Apart from the eligibility to contribute to the pension fund in the case of the permanent force, the conditions of service are identical and volunteers accepted for either, will be governed by permanent force conditions of service in regard to pay and allowances. The rates of which have been adjusted to coincide generally with the war time rates. Ends.

The following paragraph should also be added. Begins:-

Personnel engaged in the P.F. will be eligible to contribute towards pension immediately on appointment or attestation and pensionable service may count as from original date of coming on full time service. Personnel who have pre-enlistment employment with any other state department, will if they are accepted for full time service in the interim full time forces, retain their pension rights as from the date of entering the public service or date of commencement of contribution to the appropriate pension fund. The 5 following should also be added. Begins:-

Application/

Application for engagement in either the P.F or C.G and A.C.F may be made conditional on being appointed immediately to temporary higher rank, but no guarantee can be given that temporary rank will be retained if for service reasons any reduction in temporary rank is necessary.

(4) Personnel in the P.F. will be eligible to contribute towards pension immediately on appointment or attestation and pensionable service may count as from original date of coming on full time service.

(5) Personnel who have pre-enlistment employment with any other state department will if they are accepted for full-time service in the interim full-time forces retain their pension rights as from the date of entering the public service or date of commencement of contribution to the appropriate pension fund.

(6) Personnel serving outside the Union who are eligible and are accepted for engagement in the permanent force cannot however be appointed thereto until they return to the Union but will be engaged in the permanent C.G. and A.C.F. meanwhile on return they will be discharged from this A.C.F. engagement and attested into permanent force.

(7) All officers of the rank of sub-lieutenant SANF (V) and above will be transferred to the SANF permanent force or permanent A.C.F. in the acting rank of Able Seaman and may then be immediately advanced to higher rating dependent on

(1) Vacancies in establishment and

(2) Qualifications and seniority in SANF (V).

Rate. Not all personnel now transferred to the permanent force or A.C.F. will be paid out immediate demobilisation benefits gratuities cash and clothing allowance and cash in lieu of un-consumed leave under conditions now in force. They will subsequently become entitled to the remaining demobilisation benefits such as rehabilitation loans employment etc. on the expiration of their new attestation in the event of their not being absorbed into the ultimate permanent force.

(10) Application for engagement in either the P.F or C.G and A.C.F. may be made conditional on being appointed immediately to present temporary higher rank but no guarantee can be given that such temporary rank will be retained if for service reasons any reduction in temporary rank is subsequently necessary.

(11) Personnel thus transferred whilst still seconded to the Royal Navy will be promoted or advanced to their existing temporary rank or rating in the SANF (V) as from the date of transfer and their final rank of rating in the permanent force adjusted after termination of secondment.

(12) In order that provisional selections can be made the names of all SANF seconded personnel who wish to be considered for such transfer should be reported by signal to DSANF. Any personnel so volunteering even if provisionally selected are in no way bound until

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they have completed the necessary attestation forms details of which are being promulgated separately. Ends.

231146 *Cancelled by 251955.*

Note: Paras 8 and 9 appear to be missing, verification is being obtained by W/R

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Mediterranean

RULER
carrier
on passage
to U.K.

Intend to sail RULER at 1500B 23rd to Malta to embark personnel for U.K. and subsequent sailing to Gibraltar and Greenock with minimum delay.
(3) S. of A. 15 knots. E.T.A. first light 26th.
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 231054B to C. in C. Med.)

Illegal
Immigration
in Palestine

My 230112*(N.T. in W.D.
Vessel arrived Haifa 0730 and turned over to police.
(2) Following information obtained from Boarding Officer.

Vessel Number 1194 is metal hulled Coaster of about 170 tons flying Green Flag. Master and 5 crew all with Greek passports. 17 Male and 3 Female immigrants found on board. Master states he had about 50 to start with. Greeks believed to have sailed from Athens and to have followed route North of Cyprus. Athens newspaper dated 10th November found on board.

(3) When boarding boat first (?approached), vessel was about 1 1/2 miles from shore with 2 pulling boats in vicinity and 2 more making inshore. Latter were chased but could not be got at in (?territorial waters).

(C.S.15, 231135B to F.O.L.E.M.)

* Small vessel arrested by H.M.S. PEACOCK. *(Greek DIMITRIOS - see CP. 03165 Campaign Against Illegal Immigration)*

ATHELING
escort
carrier
Trooping

Intend to sail ATHELING at 0530B/24 to Colombo for onward routeing to Sydney.
(2) Routed as safe navigation permits.
(3) S. of A. 16 knots. Ship to report time of departure from Suez and E.T.A. Colombo to all addressees in this signal.
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 231540 to F.O. Ceylon.)

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Headquarters of S.A.C.S.E.A., closing down at Kandy and opening at Singapore (1) Reference S.A.C.S.E.A. signal S.A.C./264/91/ ADM CMTD T.O.O. 260343 October Headquarters S.A.C.S.E.A. closes down at Kandy 1830 24th Nov. and opens in Singapore 1830 24th November.
(2) Advance Echelon S.A.C.S.E.A. Singapore closes down Singapore 1830 24th Nov.
(3) Rear Echelon S.A.C.S.E.A. (Kandy) opens 1830 24th Nov.
(4) Postal addresses as follows:-

H.Q. S.A.C.S.E.A. Singapore S.E.A.C., Rear Echelon S.A.C.S.E.A. (Kandy)'s:-

- (5) Addresses are requested to Promulgate these addresses to lower formations.
(6) S.E.A.C. Addressees are requested to promulgate to the appropriate postal authorities.
(7) Signal instructions will be issued separately.
(8) Acknowledge.
(9) Air Ministry pass to S.E.A.C.(R) 2.
(A.D.V. Echelon S.A.C.S.E.A., 231018Z to Admiralty.)

Isum No. 68 (1) Hongkong N.T.R.
(2) Burma N.T.R.
(3) Siam N.T.R.
(4) F.I.C. N.T.R.
(5) Malaya Kedah. Concentration of A.F.A.

begun. No trouble expected. Great shortage of food Pelandok QY2295. Province Wellesley. Pfai (or Prai) 200/300 Dock coolies on strike (?19) November demanding higher wages. Kelantan. Kota Bahru. (?Sino) Malay disturbance. Selangor. Batu Arang. Coalmine situation quiet. Johore. Reference Isum number 67. Seven arrests made Bekor VJ 7070.
(6) NEI. Java. Sourabaya. 20th November. Governor of East Java delivered ultimatum to British Troops. Stated either withdraw or cease fire failing which all Europeans now being fed and protected by Indonesians East Java will be left unprotected. Fairly reliable source states A.A. Guns are being manned by Japanese. Semarang. Now fairly quiet. Ambarawa. 20th November. Following sporadic firing own troops were attacked by Nationalists using Mortars. One R.A.P.W.I. camp set on fire night 20th/21st November. Magelang. Sporadic fighting continues. Bandoeng. Minor disturbances on increase. Robberies looting kidnapping intimidation mainly directed against R.A.P.W.I. Batavia. Quieter. (?19th) November. TKR made following proclamation. In view of situation Batavia Nationalist Government decided to concentrate TKR round City and to warn people not to take independent action. Sumatra. Situation generally quiet otherwise N.T.R.
(S.A.C.S.E.A., 231201Z to W.O.)

26th D.F. Intend to sail D.26 in SAUMAREZ with VIRAGO, VENUS, VOLAGE, VIGILANT, VERULAM at 0800C 24th from E.I.S. to U.K. to Suez for O.R. to U.K.
(2) E.T.A. 0600B 28th S. of A. 14.5 knots.
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 231717 to S.N.O.R.S.C.A.)

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America & West Indies.

Br. FORT
DOUGLAS,
7129 tons,
aground in
St. Lawrence
below Quebec

FORT DOUGLAS en route Quebec from Middlesborough grounded at about 1100Z/23 Nov. on Point Baleine Ile Aux Coudres. Master reports damage but extent unknown and is discharging water and solid ballast to attempt refloating without assistance on tonight's high tide.
(N.C.S.O. Quebec, 232101Z to N.S.H. Ottawa.)

Far East and Australia.

M/S Forces
strength
in B.P.F.

Admiralty message 051805* passed to F.O.W.A.B.P.F. Consider that the minesweeping forces allocated to B.P.F. will be sufficient.

(2) Depending on progress of minesweeping it may be possible to return the 8th M.S.F. to Med. without relief about March. In this case the 3rd M.S.F. would not be required.

(C. in C. B.P.F., 230225Z to Admiralty.) See 070031Z Dec

* List of M/S forces to suffice for future opns.

Transfer of
flag of V.A.
(Q) from
Melbourne
to Sydney.

Request following be promulgated as an A message begins:

Vice-Admiral Rivett Carnac V.A.(Q) will transfer his headquarters from Melbourne to Sydney on departure of C. in C. B.P.F. for Hongkong. They will open at Bank Building, Wynyard Street, Sydney, on 3rd Dec. 1945.

(C. in C. B.P.F., 230231Z to Admiralty.)

Re transfer
of C. in C.
Sydney to
Hongkong,
mails.

My 220816 para. 6 request word official be inserted before word correspondence in two places and before word G.P.O. in one place.

(2) This will avoid any confusion with private mails which will have been diverted in accordance with my 190429.

(C. in C. B.P.F., 230247 to Admiralty.)

Hongkong
piracy.

YAUMATI ferry on passage to Tatlo was pirated northwest of Lantlo, 23rd Nov. within territorial waters by gang which embarked in Hongkong under the guise of passengers. Acting on previous intelligence special anti-pirate force despatched

to scene in M.L. subsequently transferring to R.A.F. high speed launch in order to intercept and prevent beaching. When force closed pirates opened fire. Ferry was captured after a short fight.

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Hongkong piracy. (Contd.) (2) Four alleged pirates were taken into custody. Eleven passengers were injured, one fatally, one seriously, during engagement. (3) Have convened board of enquiry with main object of being in a position to deal promptly with claims for compensation to passengers. (C. in C. Hongkong, 230620Z to Admiralty.)

R.A.P.W.I. Mov. No.11. Dated 21st Nov. refer. My 150741 (2) H.S. TJITJALENGKA empty E.T.A. Hongkong 23rd Nov. approx. (3) H.S. LETITIA, E.T.A. Seattle 5th Dec. (4) H.S. GERUSALEME, E.T.A. Fremantle 2nd Dec.

R.A.P.W.I. for Aust. 58 for S. Africa 21. (5) H.S. VASNA, E.T.D. Sydney 26th Nov. empty for Manila and Hongkong. (6) H.S. MAUNGANUI, E.T.D. Wellington 23rd Nov. for Lyttleton, E.T.D. 25th Nov. for Sydney, Fremantle and U.K. R.A.P.W.I. sick for U.K. 180 also for transshipment Sydney India 5 Canada 3. Also for disembarkation Aust. to await onward routing Hongkong 12 Shanghai 1 Malaya 3 will embark further sick? at Sydney. (7) H.S. KAROA, E.T.D. Sydney 1st Dec. approx. for Brisbane Rabaul and India. Will embark Sydney Europeans for India ex MAUNGANUI 5 Indians 7. At Brisbane Indians sick 49 plus convalescents 40 approx. (8) H.S. AMARAPOORA, E.T.A. Cairns 29th Nov. for Rabaul and India. (9) GLORY, E.T.A. Manila 24th Nov. to embark Dutch for Balikpapan thence Tarakan to embark Australian personnel for Sydney, E.T.A. Sydney 11th Dec. (10) ARAWA left Singapore for U.K. 15th Nov. (11) EMPIRE CHIEFTAIN left Hongkong 13th Nov. for Vancouver. R.A.P.W.I. Canada 24. (12) VINDEX, E.T.A. Manila 22nd Nov. Will land R.A.P.W.I. for Manila 9 U.S.A. 8 and sail Sydney with R.A.P.W.I. for Aust. 14. (13) HIGHLAND CHIEFTAIN now in S.E.A.C. area returns China coast for lift to U.K. mid December. (14) TAMAROA arrived Shanghai 21st Nov. with R.A.P.W.I. estimated time of completion for U.K. 212 India 316 Shanghai 25 S. Africa 7 Port Said 2. Will embark Shanghai R.A.P.W.I. for U.K. 112 Europe 136 Aust. 10 India 1 and sail for Hongkong, India and U.K. (15) DUNERA, E.T.D. Hongkong 22nd Nov. for Shanghai Singapore and Madras with Indian ex police and dependents 906. Will complete loading Shanghai. Spaces available 624. (16) FORMIDABLE, E.T.A. Batavia 22nd for Tarakan, E.T.A. 27th Nov. approx. to lift Australians to Sydney. (17) IMPLACABLE Sydney 8th Dec. for Wewak to lift Australians to Sydney. (18) HIGHLAND BRIGADE left Morotai 18th Nov. for India with P.O.W. Indian ex Rabaul. (19) SONTAY left Rabaul 17th Nov. for India with all remaining Indian P.O.W. except one sick. (20) CIRCASSIA left Sydney 21st Nov. for Manila to embark Dutch for Balikpapan. (21) CHESHIRE, E.T.D. Sydney 1st Dec. will call Brisbane for Chinese repatriates for Canton thence Hongkong for Manila. To embark Dutch and return to China coast for lift of Indians to India.

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- R.A.P.W.I. (22) REAPER, E.T.A. Sydney 23rd Nov. from New Zealand with R.A.P.W.I. for onward routing to U.K. P.O.W. 202 Int. 1.
Mov. No.11 (Contd.) (23) Comphlseafron pass to S.B.N.L.O. Phil. Admiralty pass to W.O.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 230648Z to Admiralty.)
- R.A.P.W.I. Dated 21st Nov. 1945 refer my 150755.
Sitrep (1) North China, Shanghai. Int. 1200 remain in camps. Total requiring lift mid December now 800 plus 200 ex Tientsin, Peking and Tsingtao. Also at Shanghai, Indians civilian ready now 1250 later 600 plus. Of these 110 are sick. Above after departure TAMAROA Nov. item 14.
No. 11. (3) Hongkong. Ready now R.A.P.W.I. fit for U.K. 32, Europe 4, S. Africa 10, India 29, Singapore 5, Java 13, U.S.A. 16, Canada 7, Australia 26, West Indies 1. R.A.P.W.I. cot cases 2, Java 12, S. Africa 3, Canada 1. R.A.P.W.I. deferred, U.S.A. 93, S. American 155, U.K. 249, Europe 51, Australia 44, India 2, Malaya 16, West Indies 43. Also Indian police and dependents 1100. After departure DUNERA see Nov. item 15.
(4) 5 Anoi area. No further information.
(5) Kwans Chow Wan. R.A.P.W.I. French 75, Anam 124.
(6) Hainan R.A.P.W.I. for India 15. Also Chinese for Hongkong civilians 6000.
(7) Manila. Dutch P.O.W. earmarked for GLORY 1400 will then remain. Following all men P.O.W. Army 1917, Navy 630, Int. white 56, Asiatics 41. Also P.O.W. earmarked for K.Y. civilian positions Sumatra 57, P.O.W. sick 142, Britain 17.
(8) Rabaul Marays. Not R.A.P.W.I. 620 P.O.W. Indian sick 1.
(9) Australia fit and ready P.O.W. U.K. 92, Hongkong 63, Malaya 24, N.Z. 3, India 58, Java 9, Canada 1, Shanghai Q. in for U.K. 28. Savfric 2, Canada 3. Deferred P.O.W. 263, Int. 1164, sick P.O.W. 260, Int. 40. Of sick following are ready for H.S. lift. Remainder deferred till ready for transport lift for U.K. 128, India 55, Hongkong 1, Singapore 1, Freetown 1.
(10) New Zealand. Information for 21st Nov. not received. See my 150755 para. 11 and Nov. No. 11 Inths and 22.
(11) Comphlseafron pass to S.B.N.L.O. Phil. Admiralty pass to War Office.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 230651Z to Admiralty.)

Carrier
VINDEX, in
collision
with junk.

K.R.A.I. Article 1167. Hongkong Harbour Nov. 14th 1945.
VINDEX in collision with Chinese junk approx. 20 tons. No damage VINDEX. Junk dismasted. Details owner etc. not known, but has probably reported Commodore Hongkong. Consider blame 90% junk, 10% VINDEX.
Form S.232 being forwarded.
(VINDEX, 230700Z to Admty.)

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Far East and Australia - Contd.

FORMIDABLE,
A/C.

FORMIDABLE sailed 0700/23rd Nov. speed 17 knots,
E.T.A. Tarakan 0930/26th November.
(N.O.I.C. Port Batavia, 230722 GH to N.O.I.C.
Port Tarakan.)

AVON,
frigate,
for U.K.

Departed Fremantle 230810Z AVON, E.T.A. 0400Z/
10th Dec. direct route S.O.A. 12½ knots, 26th
Nov.
(N.O.I.C. Fremantle, 230848Z to Comic Aden,
C. in C. E.I.)

Changes in
operational
control of
B.P.F. Lapse
of title F.O.
W.A.B.P.F.
new title,
F.O.S.A.B.P.F.

Request following be promulgated as an A message.
Begins:-
Consequent on the transfer of C. in C. S.H.Q.
to Hongkong and of V.A.(Q)'s H.Q. to Sydney, the
following changes in operational control of the
B.P.F. will come into force at 0001Z/26th Dec.
A. All B.P.F. operations north of the Equator will
be conducted by C. in C. B.P.F. at Hongkong.
The title of F.O.W.A.B.P.F. will lapse from this
time.

B. All B.P.F. operations south of the Equator
will be conducted by V.A.(Q) at Sydney under the general
operational control of C. in C. with the title of Flag Officer,
Southern Area B.P.F.

C. The operational responsibilities of S.B.N.O. Afloat, Japan,
(C.T.F. 57) remain unchanged. Ends.

(2) Request call signs and delivery groups be allocated to
F.O.S.A.B.P.F.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 230914Z to Admiralty.)

Port party
for Common-
wealth Occu-
pation force
for Japan.

Executive action has started in the formation of
a port party for the Commonwealth occupation force
of Japan.

(2) The port party will be formed in E.I.S. under
C. in C. E.I. who will be responsible for im-
plementing the requirements as advised by you
through C. in C. B.P.F. and it is expected that
it will take about one month to be formed.

(3) It should be appreciated that there is considerable difficulty
in the planning of this party when there is no information
concerning the port to be allocated or when it will be required.
Early information on these points is essential if progress is to
be made.

(C. in C. B.P.F., 231150 to J.C.O.S.A.)

Subject to your concurrence propose the following method
for planning and preparing the port party in Japan be adopted.
A. The Joint Chiefs of Staff in Australia (short title J.C.O.S.A.)
will inform C. in C. B.P.F. of the ports to be used for landing
and maintaining the Commonwealth occupation force, and will also
pass all other relevant information. V.A.(Q) will act for C.
in C. B.P.F. in all matters except policy. C. in C. B.P.F. will
keep C. in C. E.I. informed of requirements when known.

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Port party
for Common-
wealth Occu-
pation ports
for Japan.
(Contd.)

B. C. in C. E.I. to inform a H.Q. for the port Party and include an officer who would proceed to Australia and act as Liaison Officer with V.A.(Q) A.C.N.B. and the U.K./Indian element of the J.C.O.S.A.

C. C. in C. E.I. to implement the requirements in A. and form a port party with equipment from the East Indies Station. Any equipment needed from Australia to be demanded from V.A.(Q).

D. V.A.(Q) to arrange the lift of any equipment from Australia.
(2) It is understood that Australian troop movements are planned for the third week in Dec., so it is considered that the port party must be formed now to meet the best estimate of conditions which can be given more detailed information is received. These conditions are considered to be one port in a devastated area. Semi-arctic weather conditions may be met.

(3) C. in C. B.P.F. will allocate GLENEARN and LOTHIAN for the transport of personnel and equipment including communications from any port selected by C. in C. E.I.

(4) GLENEARN and LOTHIAN will remain at the port in Japan until naval activities have been transferred ashore.

(C. in C. B.P.F., 231155 to C. in C. E.I.)

*See 290209Z
+ 301504EF(EI).*

7th Fleet
Summaries
20th & 21st
November.

(1) The Chinese Nationalists 4th and 89th Divs. reached Suiching pockets of 2000 Communist troops are reported apparently by-passed by the 23rd Division operating to the northeast of these two. Resistance is light.

(2) 27500 Communist troops are estimated to be in Jehol, Province with H.Q. at Jing Show.

(3) One of two coal trains from Tangshan to Tientsin was forced to return on the 21st owing to a break in the line. Repair train operating on the bridge at Chin Tieu (39.40 N. 17.50 E.) was fired on one train arrived Chingwangtao from Tangshan Puppet troops are guarding the trains from Tangshan to Uiensin. Tient-sin itself is under martial law.

(4) Comgenshina reports over 10,000 Japanese civilians placed in concentration camps at Peiping. 15,000 Japanese prisoners are reported at Chia Hsing Repatriation of Japanese from north China ports continues but has been cancelled from Shanghai.

(5) All railways in Formosa are now operative except for several sections on the east coast.

(C.S. 2, 231301Z to B.P.F.)

Proposed move-
ments of
ANSON and flag
of F.O.W.A.

C. in C. B.P.F.'s 230505, not to all. Propose the following programme for ANSON. 27 Nov. leave Hongkong. 2nd Dec. arrive Tokio Bay. 7th Dec. leave Japan. 12th Dec. arrive Hongkong.

(2) Intend to remain at Hongkong and transfer my flag to MONTCLARE from 26 Nov. until ANSON returns.

(3) ANSON will come under orders from C.T.F. 57 from arrival at Tokio till she leaves Japanese waters.

(4) Request your concurrence.

(5) C.T.F. 57 pass Com. 5th Fleet.

(6) C.T.G. 112.3 pass Com. 7th Fleet.

(F.O.W.A., 231544 to C.T.F. 57.)

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Sitrep No. 4. A. 32 Bde. 9/14 Punjab. French 9 Colonial Infantry Div. today took over responsibility area Gia Dinh to all excl. railway from bridge 229586 (or 229596) level crossing 193572 Rue Paul Blanchy bridge 202557. 2100 hrs. oil fire in French civil dump at 193569. Portion of small stock destroyed. 80 Bde. 3/1 Gr. Ops. successfully completed yesterday without cas. No trace found of 5 French hostages reported Long Kien but local reports say 2 killed by Annamites 21 Nov. 3 escaped. Miscellaneous amm. and documents found as well as 1 Red Cross 15 cwt. and 1 x 3 ton vehicle. 2045 hours fire broke out French amm. dump 0515/18. Much amm. exploded. French cas. 2 wounded. 100 Bde. Thu Dau Mot Yamagichi Butai searched Bensuc 9198 without opposition 21 Nov. Bien Hoa. 0740 hrs. Own troops escorting local purchase contractor attacked in crowded market place. Own troops replied and situation restored. 14 suspects arrested. Own cas. 2 I.O.Rs. wounded. Approx. 30 civilians wounded of which 5 died and 10 serious. Phnom Penh. Contact established between Hatien garrison and relieving forces. Ops. inside town continue.
B. C. D. N.T.R.
All informed.
(A.L.F.F.I.C., 231905 to W.O., etc.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Foreign Stations.

East Indies.

H.Q. S.A.C.
S.E.A.,
transfer of.

1. Headquarters S.A.C.S.E.A. closed down at
Kandy at 1830 today and opened at Singapore at
1830.

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GENERAL

Transfer of C. in C. B.P.F. from Sydney to Hongkong

Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser will leave Sydney in DUKE OF YORK on 1st December for Hongkong via Fremantle and Singapore. He will assume title of C. in C. B.P.F. Afloat and will be accompanied by a small personal staff.

(2) The main body of his staff will leave Sydney in REAPER on 1st December direct for Hongkong.

(3) During the period 1st/26th December Vice Admiral Rivett Carnac, V.A.(Q), will carry out the routine operation and administration of the B.P.F. in C. in C.'s name, using the title of C. in C. B.P.F. He will be assisted by a retard party of C. in C., B.P.F.'s staff with C. in C.'s present communications.

(4) Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser will open his H.Q. at Hongkong and re-assume operation and control of the Fleet at 0001Z/26th December. The title C. in C. B.P.F. (Afloat) will lapse at this time.

(5) Communications: Following are communication arrangements between 0001Z/1st December and 0001Z/26th December.

(a) All signals requiring personal attention of Admiral Fraser either for action or information are to be passed to C. in C. B.P.F. (Afloat). All such signals are also to be passed to C. in C. B.P.F. All other C. in C. B.P.F. signals are to be addressed to C. in C. B.P.F. and passed to Sydney in the normal manner.

(b) DUKE OF YORK will keep watch on normal area broadcasts and in addition will work a fixed service with C. in C. B.P.F. Rear Line at Sydney.

(c) Routing of signals for C. in C. B.P.F. (Afloat):- Signals are to be passed via Sydney C.C.O. with delivery instructions for C. in C. B.P.F. (Afloat) in addition to the normal instructions for C. in C. B.P.F.

(d) Books carried: C. in C. B.P.F. (Afloat) will hold the normal publications for a C. in C. Afloat.

(e) On and after 0001Z/26th December all signals for C. in C. B.P.F. are to be routed to Hongkong W/T (GQB) Hongkong C.C.O. assuming automatic responsibility, for C. in C. B.P.F. (Head of M.II, 240846 to A.G.M. 731A.)

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South Atlantic

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

Departure 1700Z/23rd. ESKIMO and ROEBUCK for
Freetown/Gibraltar/U.K. E.T.A. Freetown 0900Z/
26th.
(N.C.S.O. Takoradi, 240821Z to N.C.S.O. Freetown)

Cruiser
NEWCASTLE
Trooping

My 191521. Simonstown departure NEWCASTLE
routed as safe navigation permits for Freetown
and O/R by Capt. I/C West Africa to Plymouth.
(2) S. of A. 20 knots.
(C. in C. S.A., 241146 to Admiralty.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean

Aircraft
Maintenance
ship.
PERSEUS
for B.P.F.

Intend to sail PERSEUS at 0600B/25th to Colombo for O.R.B.P.F.
(3) S. of A. 20 knots. Report T. of D. from Suez to all addressees in this signal.
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 241010B to N.O.I.C. Aden.)
Amended ~~241140~~ and 251816.

L.S.T. 3015
for
Bombay

Intend to sail L.S.T. 3015 at 0530B/25 to Bombay.
(3) S. of A. 9½ knots ship to report T. of D. from Suez and E.T.A. Bombay to all addressees in this signal.
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 241050B to F.O. Ceylon.)

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

Intend to sail SPUR at 0930B/25th to Malta for O.R. to U.K.
(3) S. of A. 12 knots, E.T.A. Noon B/28.
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 241115B to C. in C. Med.)

29th D.F.
on passage
from E.I.
to U.K.

Taking BLACKMORE, COWDRAY, BRECON and EGGESFORD under your orders proceed at 1030A/26th November by Bizerta War Channel and thence to Gibraltar for O/R to U.K.
Speed 13½ knots E.T.A. 1230 29th November at Gibraltar.
(C. in C. Med. 241359A to D.29.)
~~Amended 241917A.~~

Movements

Port Said 24th November *JOHN R.
Arrivals: PERSEUS, GEN. A BROOKE, B.Y.M.S. 2164, 2264, 2036. C.H.
Departures: GEN. A MUIR, ATHELING, GEN. BROOKE. JOHN R.
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 241802B to Admiralty.)

Visit of
F.O.L.E.M.
to Khartoum
and with
C.I.G.S.
to Jedda
to meet
King Ibn Saud

(1) By arrangement with C. in C. M.E. I intend to accompany him by air to Khartoum 15th December to meet C.I.G.S. and thence with both to Jedda to meet King Ibn Saud 16th December.
(2) Intend also that a Cruiser probably SIRIUS should be off Jedda on 15th and 16th December to add importance to this visit.
(3) My own absence from this Headquarters and the availability of a cruiser must depend on the political situation at the time.
(4) C. in C. Med. Concurs.
(5) I am informing Jedda via Middle East Office. (F.O.L.E.M., 241208B to C. in C. Med.)
See 280916.

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Sitrep to East Java not yet received will follow. West Java
1700/23 Nov. A. 17 Bde. Batavia. Town quiet. Search for
arms and ammunition in Kaiping south of Sawah Be-
sar O 538 (138) revealed nothing. A/C carrying
twenty tps. Samarang turned back owing to weather
crashed near Poelogadoeng QX 0899 approx. 6 miles east of Batavia
R/C A/C reported crew and passengers safe but later disappeared.
R.A.F. Rescue Party reported hostile crowds and rfts. sent for.
Strong patrol own troops sent out. 37 Bde. Bandoeng. Bde.
Comd. received assurances from Indonesian Governor West Java about
deterioration situation but not content. Action will be taken.
Evacuation of R.A.P.W.I. from outskirts into Bandoeng continued.
3/5 R.G.R. sentry attacked by party Indonesians received knife
wounds. Enquiries made about disappearance R.A.P.W.I. train
waggons and 3/3 G.R. escorting reported train attacked by mob
Tyikamker (Tjikamper) QX 6876. Search continued C.R.A.S. Bde.
Semarang. Clearing of town continues strongest resistance from
where Indonesians using Mor's Ambarawa 1730 hrs. 22 November
before arrival own rfts.

(A.F.N.E.I., 240015 EF to Alfsea, etc.)

(1) 9 Bde. 22nd Nov. 3 J.A.T. secured line railway 537823
road junction 542823 road junction 544829. Encountered opposition
from accurate L.M.G. and rifle fire. 2 platoons 11 Cavalry in
support 3 J.A.T. silenced 3 M.M.G.S. area 543822. Own casualties
1 British officer killed 1 I.O.R. killed 3 I.O.Rs. wounded night
22/23 Nov. General increase hostile shelling brigade area. 23
Nov. general advance south commenced with slight opposition
from L.M.G. fire which increased later on. 0645 hours advance
reached general line P.W. camp 536817 road junction 528818 road
junction 524882 1 Madras met stiff opposition east P.W. camp
537817 from many L.M.Gs. posts. Battle ensued. At least 1
Madras consolidated line road junction 536813 garage and storage
area 538813 northeast road junction 541821. 3/2 Punjab adv.
on west flanks against slight L.M.G. fire reached line road
junction 533806 (or 533803) west to Kalimas 532804 north along
line Kalimas. Own troops consolidating. Enemy cas. not known
but believed very heavy. Own casualties 1 killed 5 (or 1)
wounded.

(2) 89 (or 49) Brigade. N.T.R.

(3) 123 Bde. 22 Nov. Coy. patrol 1 Dogra via Embeng Malang
Orange Hotel 522808 to end Joeagan. Report Bunker position along
south side Embong Malang and continuous sniping same area. 2
Bunkers destroyed. Orange hotel 522808 searched. Found empty.
Many mines found in area. On reaching Prabin Genteng Kali camp
under heavy fire from area Plampitan. Own tank gave covering
fire. Company returned own F.D.L.S. Own casualties nil. Enemy
equipment captured. 1 anti-aircraft gun 1 L.M.G. 2/1 Punjab
patrol south of tramway workshops 499814 encountered 50 enemy.
No gun positions found. Night 22/23. 0700 hours 2 companies
2/1 Punjab plus 1 troop tanks raided Kedongenjar to 507793.
No opposition. 100 (or 105) enemy seen who fled south. Tanks
engaged. 0950 hours 1 Dogra commenced operations to clear area
east to Kalimas. Encountered stiff opposition area 518813.
Advance slow due to built up area. Coy. area 510813 held up
by M.M.G. fire from Orange Hotel area. 1140 hours opposition at
Orange Hotel and Deventerlaan overcome. Advance continued
against constant sniping. To line 100 524806 to excel. telephone
office incl. Hotel Sakies incl. Hotel Metropole east Kedengore.
Coys. consolidating on objective.

B. 4 Jap. Heller (or Teller) mines found on road 520812.

D. 2748 Sqn. R.A.F. Regt. under direct comd. Div. H.Q.
3 J.A.T. Coy. area 504821 Coy. area 544827, 541821, 2748. Sqn.
R.A.F. Regt. relieved 2 West Yorks. airfield area. 2 West Yorks.
under command 123 Brigade.

(A.F.N.E.I., 240930 to Alfsea, etc.)

/ENTICER...

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ENTICER, Your 201854. No allocation of ENTICER to
tug, for B.P.F. stands.
B.P.F. (Capt. 1/c Rescue tugs, 240242 to C. in C. E.I.)

Sitrep 679. First. Burma. Political meetings held Prome, fifty speeches made followed by demonstrations with arms. 82 (WA) Div. Rd. Taungup-Prome. Marching tps. 2 (WA) Bde. morning 23 Nov. Convoy number six arrived Mile 20 first lift embussed Sinde UE 4880. Convoy number seven arrived Mile 24. Convoy number eight arrived Mile 41 and one half. Convoy number nine M.T. arrived Mile 47 afternoon 22 Nov. left for Sinde morning 23 Nov. Div. Tac. H.Q. left Kindaunggyi PY 3010 for Taungup morning 23 Nov. 2 (WA) Bde. H.Q. G.P. less one coy. 2 Fd. Amb. now at Bassein.
Second. Andamans. N.T.R.
Third. Malaya. Selanger sub area. Pulau Ketam VU 1285 appears centre smuggling trade. Junk carrying three thousand eight hundred kefosene Singapore-Kuala Selanger detained by patrol. 25 Div. 96 Fd. Regt. to Ipoh 21 Nov. for grn. duties.
Fourth. N.E.I. Sourabaya. 5 Div. immediate intention to clear town to eighty one Northing. No further news. Batavia. Town quiet. Aircraft carrying twenty tps. Semarang crashed near Poelogadoeng QX 0899. R/C reported crew and passengers safe but later disappeared. R.A.F. rescue party reported hostile crowds. Strong patrol own tps. sent out. Bandoeng. Evac. of R.A.P.W.I. from outskirts into town continued. Enquiries made about disappearance nine waggons R.A.P.W.I. train. Reported train attacked by mob Tjikam Pek. Semarang. Clearing of town continues. No further news from Ambarawa.
Fifth. Siam. Further 1,540 Japanese ex Chiengmai en route Nakhon Nayok.
Sixth. F.I.C. All Japanese guards future French sector of Cholon to withdraw 24 Nov. and conc. H.Q. Japanese southern army. Coy. less P.L. 1 Kumaon to take over from Japanese Abbatoir Island RJ 1950. 24 Nov. ceremonial Japanese surrender parties begin. (Alfsea, 241135 EF to W.O. etc.)

Frigate Intend to sail ODZANI at 0630C/25th to Suez for
ODZANI, onward routeing to U.K.
from B.P.F. (2) E.T.A. Suez 0600B/30th, S.O.A. 11 knots.
for U.K. (N.O.I.C. Aden, 241658 to S.N.O.R.S.C.A.)

Movements. Arrived TEAL, ODZANI, VERYAN BAY, BANFF.
Sailed SAUMAREZ (D.26), VERULAM, VIGILANT,
VOLAGE, VIRAGO, VENUS.
(Last ship sailed 11 hours late.)
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 242037C to C. in C. E.I., etc.)

KEDAH, ex Sailed KEDAH for Karachi for O/R to Aden and U.K.
base ship My 231048 not to all refers.
Colombo for (F.O. Bombay, 242311 to N.O.I.C. Karachi.)
U.K. to re-
turn to Trade.

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Far East and Australia.

Carrier
COLOSSUS
now E.I.S.

COLOSSUS transferred to East Indies Station with effect from time of this signal.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 240333Z to Admiralty.)

UNICORN,
A/C repair
ship.

Presume first destination for UNICORN in U.K. is Devonport A.M. 131245 (N.T. in W.D.) Oct. refers.
(2) Ship has requested information regarding future employment.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 240618 to Admty.)

Chinese
troops for
Manchuria.

Precis of 7th summaries 22nd and 23rd Nov.
(1) The Chinese plan to fly 12,000 men of the Nationalist 5th Division from Pekin into Manchuria landing at Chang Chun after Russian withdrawal and after Nov. 21st.

(2) Plans have been made for the Chinese Nationalist 43 Division to relieve the 7th Marines of coal and repair train guards.

(3) Vice-Admiral Barber hoisted his flag in EYTES on Nov. 21st.
(C.S. 2, 240955Z to F.O.W.A., B.P.F.)

MANXMAN, fast
minelayer,
Shanghai to
Hongkong.

B. and C. MANXMAN arrived and sailed.
D. Shanghai. E. 0500Z/24th. F. 17 knots.
H. Hongkong. I. 0930Z/26th.
(C.T.G. 3, T.F. 112, 241335 to F.O.W.A.B.P.F.)

A/C repair
ship UNICORN
from B.P.F.
for U.K.

Departed Sydney 0001Z/25th Nov. UNICORN for Fremantle C. in C. B.P.F. 210037 not to all refers.
Route direct, S.O.A. 15 knots, E.T.A. breakwater 1000H/1st Dec.
(F.O. Sydney, 242358Z to N.Os. i/c Fremantle, P. Melbourne, A.C.N.B.)

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North Atlantic

BERWICK
trooping

Intend to sail BERWICK 1810 25th November to Malta (A.M. 211227 not to all refers.)
(8) Speed 18 knots. E.T.A. 0800A 28th November
(6) BERWICK acknowledge and sail to comply.
(F.O.G.M.A., 251214A to F.O. Malta, C. in C. Med., BERWICK.)

Fleet M/S
PLUTO for
U.K.

PLUTO arrived Ponta Delgada 0900Z/23rd and left 0100Z/25th, S. of A. 12 knots, E.T.A. Plymouth 0800Z/29th.
(S.B.N.O. Azores, 251935Z to Admiralty, F.O.G.M.A.)

South Atlantic

Trawlers
for U.K.

Intend to sail SHOOTING STAR and SANDSTORM for Gibraltar for O/R to U.K. at 1700 November 25th calling at Las Palmas for water. S. of A. 10 knots. E.T.A. Las Palmas a.m. December 1st, E.T.D. Las Palmas a.m. December 3rd, E.T.A.

Gibraltar p.m. December 6th.
(N.O.I.C. Freetown, 251203 to F.O.G.M.A.)

Regarding
post war
defence
policy of
South
Africa

Cancel my 231146.
(C. in C. S.A., 251855 to Admiralty.)

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Mediterranean

Assault
Carrier
KHEDIVE
on passage
from E.I.
to U.K.

Intend to sail KHEDIVE immediately on completion of fuelling about 0400B/26 to Greenock. S. of A. through Mediterranean 15 knots E.T.A. Greenock daylight 7th December. Ship to report accurate E.T.A. when known. (S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 251131B to Greenock.)

Allocation
of B.Y.M.S.
on passage
to Med.

A.M. 211725 not to all.
(2) B.Y.M.S. 2149 as allocated to 153rd by M.S. Flotilla.
(3) B.Y.M.S. 2141 as allocated to 162nd by M.S. Flotilla.
(4) Accounts of both ships at St. Angelo.
(5) On arrival at Gibraltar request ships be O/R to Malta.
(C. in C. Med., 251221A to Admiralty, F.O.G.M.A.)

Loan of
Minesweepers
to Greeks
for period
of mine
clearance
operations.

Information has now been received from Admiralty that minesweepers may be lent to the R.H.N. for the period of mine clearance operations.
(2) It is requested that you endeavour to arrange for the R.H.N. to agree to Commission 8 M.M.S. and 8 Trawlers for minesweeping at an early date.
(3) Have Greek Authorities received any information on this matter through their representatives in London. It is presumed that some agreement re the transfers is being made on a government or Admiralty level.
(C. in C. Mediterranean, 251223A to F.O.L.E.M.)

Assault
Carrier
EMPEROR
on passage
from E.I.
to U.K.

Proposed programme for EMPEROR. Leave Malta 1700A Monday 26th. Arrive Gibraltar 0700A Tuesday 29th. Leave Gibraltar 1600A Friday 30th. Arrive Clyde 0700Z Tuesday 4th. All dates except last November.
(EMPEROR 251500A to Malta.)

Movements

Port Said 25th November.
Arrivals: KHEDIVE.
Departures: SPUR, PERSEUS.
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 251710B to Admiralty.)

PERSEUS
for B.P.F.

S.N.O.R.S.C.A.'s 241010B and 241140B departure Suez 1900B 25th November E.T.A. Colombo 0030Z 4th December.
(PERSEUS, 251816 to N.O.I.C. Aden.)

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East Indies.

Movements.

Arrival VENERABLE.
(F.O. Bombay, 250907 EF to Admty., etc.)

Replacement
of Persian
craft.

Your 212226 and my 292206 Oct. Request I may
be informed whether intention is to provide
BATHURST class minesweepers in addition to or in
lieu of H.D.M.L.
(S.N.O.P.G., 250917D to Admty.) See 281745.

Cutter
BANFF
on passage
from E.I.
to U.K.

Intend to sail BANFF at 0700C/26th to Suez for
U.K. C. in C. E.I. 111051 refers.
(2) E.T.A. Suez 1700B/30th, S.O.A. 12 knots.
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 251004C to S.N.O.R.S.C.A.)

SWALE, frigate
for S.A.U.G.
control.

Request you sail SWALE to arrive South Africa
before Christmas to transfer to Union Government
control.
(2) Intend sailing one frigate to arrive Kilindini
latter half Dec. to meet requirements in your
021630 Oct. (N.T. in W.D.) not to all.
(C. in C. E.I., 251021 EF to F.O. East Africa.)

Sitrep 680.

First. Burma 2 (EA) Bde. One coy. war Kemapyu
QB 9281 one coy. mile 3 Chiangmai Rd. 82 (WA)
Div. Moves re Taungup-Prome. 24 no marching
tps. convoy number seven reached mile 20. First
lift for Sinda embussed. M.T. convoy number nine now all
arrived Prome. 4 (WA) Bd. 9 N.R. moving Sandoway-Tungup will
be conc. 26 Nov. Div. T.A.C. H.Q. convoy passed Div. starting
P.T. 24 Nov.
Second. Andamans. Nothing to report.
Third. Malaya. Train carrying one hundred tons rice Sangapa-
Siam arrived Anak Bukit QY 0163 23 Nov. Selangor sub area.
Political meeting four hundred M.C.P. at Semenyih VU 8172 evening
22 Nov. hostile reception to investigation by Force 136. No
action by own tps. 25 Div. C.R.A.S. Bde. 7 Ind. A. Tk. Regt.
Batu Gajah VJ 8558. Bty. Tronoh. VJ 7851. Bty. Bruas VJ 4961.
Fourth. N.E.I. No recent report received. Owing increasing
disturbances Batavia all Dutch native tps. being evac. to conc.
in Sourabaya Semarang and Bandoeng prior evac. from Java.
Consolidate present gains.
Fifth. Siam. Transfer of Japanese and I.N.A. to camp Kilo 17
Bangkok-Don Muang and of I.N.A. to Bankwang jail completed. Our
Sitrep 676 T.O.O. 211206 refers. 33 Bde. 4/1 G less two coys.
Lampang. Two coys. Chiangmai one P 1 Bandara BR RF 1005.
Sixth. F.I.C. 32 Bde. 23 Nov. 9 D.I.C. took over from 9/14
Punjab area Gia Dinh RJ 2157 to all excl. rly. from Br. RJ
229596 - level crossing RJ 193572 - Rue Paul Blanchy Br. RJ
202557. 2100 hrs. oil fire French civil dump RJ 193569 stock
partially destroyed. Night 23/24 Nov. approx. thirty Annamites
attacked 9/14 Punjab post RJ 229597 with L.M.G. Rebels dispersed
with unknown cas. own cas. nil. 80 Bde. 23 Nov. 3/1 G.R.
completed ops. Long Kien without cas. Local reports two French

/hostages...

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Sitrep 680. (Contd.) hostages killed three escaped. Misc. amn. and documents one Red Cross 15 cwt. one three ton veh found. 2045 hrs. fire in French amn. dump RJ 180515. French cas. two wounded in explosions. 25 Nov. French to take over S.W. Cholon and all area Saigon between main rly. station and Arroyo Chino S. 100 Bde. Bien Hoa. 23 Nov. own troops attacked in crowded market. Situation restored but approx. thirty civilians wounded of which five died ten seriously wounded. Thu Dau Mot. 24 Nov. Japanese post Bau Bank Rd. 1413 attacked by estimated fifty rebels. Repulsed with eight wounded. Japanese cas. one J.O.R. killed one wounded. French Forces Nha Trang N.W. 0535 no further adv. Rebel strength two thousand five hundred. Rfts. believed moved south to Nha Trang. Phnom Penh. Ha Tien G.R.N. RF 4602 contacted by relieving force. Ops. continue. (Rear Ech Alfsea, 251107 EF to W.O. etc.)

Clearance ops. in Kilindini controlled minefield & movement of controlled minelayer REDSHANK. Kilindini controlled minefield cleared six unfired mines and all cable recovered. (2) Intend to sail REDSHANK to Mauritius via Diego Suarez at 1000C/27th Nov. in accordance with your 100850 not to all, E.T.A. Diego Suarez 1200C/1st Dec. S.O.A. 8 knots. (F.O. East Africa, 251207 to C. in C. E.I.)

Movement of H.Q. S.A.C.-S.E.A. from Kandy to Singapore. Adv. Echelon S.A.C.S.E.A.'s 231018. Move of H.Q. S.A.C.S.E.A. acknowledged. (Hd. of M.II, 251609 to H.Q. S.A.C.S.E.A.)

FINDHORN, frigate, for U.K. to be returned to U.S.A. (1) Intend to sail FINDHORN at 0900C/26th to Suez for U.K. (2) E.T.A. Suez 0600B/1st Dec. S.O.A. 11 knots. (N.O.I.C. Aden, 251739C to S.N.O.R.S.C.A.)

Movements. Arrived PURSUER, FINDHORN, GAMTOOS, JUMNA, TALENT, TALLYHO, D.S. JAN VAN BRAKEL, Dutch M.M.S. 1014, 1022, 1025, 1026, 1043, 1046, 1074, 1082. Departed ODZANI, GAMTOOS, TALENT, TALLYHO. (N.O.I.C. Aden, 251913 to F.O. Ceylon, S.N.O.R.S.C.A.)

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America & West Indies.

Escort
carriers
SEARCHER &
TRACKER
from U.K.

Norfolk arrived 24th November, SEARCHER and
TRACKER for return to U.S. Navy.
(N.S.H.Q., 250217Z to Admiralty.)

PUNCHER,
trooping.

Departure Halifax 2000Z/25th Nov. at 15 knots
PUNCHER for New York, thence U.K. with passengers
embarked.
(C.O.A.C., 252110Z to Comeastseafron.)

Far East and Australia.

Sitrep No. 6. To 1700 hours 25 Nov.
A. 32 Bde. 1 G.O.R. killed in incident area
Crossroads West of An Nhun XA. 1 Rebel wounded
1 captured. 80 Bde. Night 24/25 Nov. 2 Sentries
3/1 on investigating noise attacked by Annamites. One sentry
escaped second missing. Search party heavily engaged by
Rifle L.D.G. grenades. G.O.R. not found. 100 Bde. N.T.R.
Phnof Penh Hatien Ops. Blake and Reservoir now under Japanese
control. French Forces. 24 Nov. patrol ambushed south of
Taynih. French 2 killed 4 wounded.
BC. N.T.R.
D. 80 Bde. 9 F.F.R. relieved by French 25 Nov. Bn. now
193527. All informed.
(Alffic, 251900Z to W.O., S.A.C.S.E.A.)

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INDOMITABLE, Intend to sail INDOMITABLE 0800A/27th to
A/C. Portsmouth.
(3) Speed 15 knots, E.T.A. Spithead 1400Z/30th
November.
(5) Admiralty is requested to arrange for B.B.C.
to promulgate time of ships arrival alongside.
(9) INDOMITABLE acknowledge and sail to comply.
(F.O.G.M.A., 261245A to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

11th M/S F. Intend to sail JASEUR (S.O.) and MAGICIENNE
on passage 0800A/27th Nov. to Malta.
to E.I. (2) Routed in accordance with Medri Routes 2/1
and 5/1.
(3) Speed 10 knots, E.T.A. 1000A/1st Dec.
(5) MAENAD and GOLDEN FLEECE will be sailed to
Malta immediately on completion of repairs.
(6) JASEUR acknowledge and sail ships to comply.
(F.O.G.M.A., 261613A to F.O. Malta.)

RAJAH, escort Intend to sail RAJAH 1900A/26th Nov. Port Said
carrier, for O/R Colombo.
trooping. (3) Speed 16 knots, E.T.A. p.m. 1st Dec.
(6) RAJAH acknowledge and sail to comply.
(F.O.G.M.A., 261637A to F.O.L.E.M.)

South Atlantic.

A.S.R. 22 Intend sailing CAISTOR CASTLE to A.S.R. station
relief. No. 22 at 0800/27th Nov. return KNARESBOROUGH
CASTLE. Patrols from 29th Nov. to 12th Dec.
(Freetown, 260946 to F.O.G.M.A.)

Destroyers Intend to sail ROEBUCK and ESKIMO for Gibraltar at
to U.K. 1600/25th Nov. S.O.A. 14 knots.
(Freetown, 261217 to F.O.G.M.A.)

NEWCASTLE, Expect to arrive 1000Z/1st Dec. Saturday.
cruiser, (4) Request numbers and ranks of personnel embar-
trooping. king at Freetown be signalled.
(5) Propose to sail on completion of fuelling.
(NEWCASTLE, 261500 to N.O.I.C. Freetown.)

TROUNCER, My 231414 para. 2. Amend arrival Clyde to read
assault 15th December.
carrier. (C. in C. S.A., 261543B to Admiralty.)

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RULER, carrier Sail at 1400A/26th Nov. by Bizerta war channel and
for U.K. thence as direct as safe navigation permits to
from B.P.F. Gibraltar for onward routing to U.K. Your 260429A
not to all refers.

(2) Speed 15 knots, E.T.A. Gibraltar 0900A/29th Nov

(4) Acknowledge.

(C. in C. Med., 260853A to RULER.)

My 260853A. All times one hour later.

(C. in C. Med., 261057A to RULER.)

Release of As from 1st Dec. 1945, the procedure for the
officers in release of officers in Class B, both as
Class B, etc. Individual Specialists and as block releases,
will be similar to the procedure for Class A
releases, as laid down in A.F.O. 6046/45, and
A.Ms. 222115 Sept. and 120128 Oct.

(2) As soon as Admiralty decision is made to release an officer
he will be appointed by C.W. list for Class B release, date to be
reported, and his Commanding Officers will be informed by signal
in the following form:-

A. Rank and name of officer appointed H.M.S. for Class B release
as Individual Specialist. Date to be reported. Firm to which to
report on release. or

B. Rank and name of officer appointed H.M.S. for Class B block
release. Date to be reported. Firm to which to report on
release, or capacity in which he is nominated for release, e.g.
Teacher.

(3) In addition to above signals, names of officers nominated
for Block Release will be issued by A.F.O.

(4) On receipt of a signal as in para. 2 Commanding Officer is to
ascertain whether the officer accepts release in Class B.

(5) If release is declined, the Admiralty are to be informed by
signal and the appointment will be cancelled.

(6) If the officer accepts release, the following action is to
be taken by the Commanding Officer.

(7) If relief is not required, discharge the officer immediately
to await passage to U.K., unless the place where the officer is
to be employed can be reached without proceeding via the U.K.
and the officer is willing to be released there.

(8) If relief is required, relief should be applied for to the
Commander-in-Chief who will provide the relief from station
resources wherever possible. Failing local relief, the Commander-
in-Chief should make applications to Admiralty. The officer to be
released is to be discharged as soon as possible to await passage
to U.K., unless the place where the officer is to be employed can
be reached without proceeding via the U.K. and the officer is
willing to be released there.

(9) Commanding Officer is to report by signal to the Admiralty
the date of discharge of an officer to await passage to U.K. and,
if provided from station resources, the rank and name of his
relief. If the officer is not being discharged to the U.K., this
fact is to be stated and also the name of the place where he is
being released.

(10) If a signal as in para. 2 is addressed to a ship or

/establishment...

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Release of
officers in
Class B, etc.
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establishment in which the officer is no longer borne, the signal is to be passed to the ship or establishment to which the officer was discharged, the signal being repeated to the Admiralty (11) Where code letters and numbers are used in a signal from the Admiralty, these letters and numbers must be quoted in replies or in further

correspondence on the subject.

(12) The signals referred to in para. 9 do not take the place of the signals referred to in B.R. 1281(1), Release Instructions, para. 84.

(13) Release Instructions will be amended in due course. (Hd. of C.W. 11, 261802 to A.G.M. Med., A.G.M. E.I., A.G.M. W.At., etc.)

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East Indies.

Operation report N.E.I. Oprep to 1700 hrs. 25th November.
 A. East Java. Reports not yet available.
 Central Java. Jemarang. SUSSEX arrived and landed past 50 Marines. Sniping in Kampongs and looting continues. General situation improved last 24 hours but future uncertain.
 Ambarawa. Activity Banjoebiroe increased late 24 Nov. Own troops heavily attacked. Further rfts. reported and attacks made west of town. This attack broken up and 6 mngs. captured. Fighting continued today. 2 pls. 4 Mahratta and mor. det. 4 (or 2) Hybad despatched Dengaren (or Bengaren) to keep open rd. Semarang-Ambarawa.
 West Java. Batavia. 3 Coys. 6 Mahratta cont. search Oedjoeng Moeteng (or Menteng) for survivors crashed A/C. Three kampongs searched. Bloodstained clothing and charred rifle recovered. Kampongs burnt. Attack by 100 Indonesians on one of our coys. repulsed. One of prisoners wearing I.O.Rs. uniform. 1530 hrs. strong force with tks. sent investigate Djembatanlima area where clashes had occurred earlier.
 Candoeng. Outbreak night 24/25 cov. areas Tjimahi and north and south of town. Bands of up to 250 Indonesians sniped own tps. Japs. and R.A.P.W.I. hotel and residential area continuously by night. Electricity out and some phone wires cut. Japs. (?used) rescue Eurasians in south of town and patrols 3/5 R.G.R. swept north of town. Convoy temporarily held up by road blocks between Tjkmahi and Banakogo. Mopping up continues.
 Buitenzorg. 960 R.A.P.W.I. evac. Soekaboemi.
 Tjikampek train looting incident. Police report all 10 Gurkha guards killed. Reports of food from (?train) now arriving Batavia.
 Sumatra. Reports not yet available.
 B. Radio stations Syerakarta and Jogjakarta attacked and believed destroyed by 60 (?I.B.P.) morning 25th Nov. Warning leaflets dropped 0730 hrs. strike began 0830 hrs. 9 direct hits Soerakaeta caused some damage to building. 13 direct hits Jagjakarta caused heavy damage. Broadcasts from these stations at 0730 hrs. spoke of leaflets dropping. Said station would be on air again 0900 hrs. Nothing heard either station to 1700 hrs.
 C. and D. N.T.R. All informed.
 (A.F.N.E.I., 260030 to Alfsea.)

NATAL, frigate. Sailed H.M.S.A.S. NATAL E.T.A. Durban 0900Z/30th Nov. shifting to group SL 0700Z/28th Nov. (R.N.O. Mauritius, 260845 to Admty.)

PURSUER, assault carrier. Intend to sail PURSUER at 1230C/26th to Suez for U.K. (2) E.T.A. Suez 0530B/30th S.O.A. 15 knots. (N.O.I.C. Aden, 260914C to S.N.O.R.S.C.A.)

Reinforcement for Java. Have received request from Alfsea to re-equip 34 A.M.P. support Regiment R.M. for an Infantry Role as reinforcement for Java. As it is understood future of this Regt. is now under consideration request early reply whether approval to this proposal can be given.
 (C. in C. E.I., 261010 EF to Admiralty.)

/STUBBORN...

5-a 29/12/45 EF
+ 051936 Dec

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STUBBORN, Your 201709. Estimated date of completion
S/M for U.K. STUBBORN is 30th Nov. Intend to sail her when
ready on both engines and one motor. Repair work
which was very extensive has been progressed as
rapidly as possible having regard to limited
facilities after commitments of higher priority and present
industrial situation.

(C. in C. E.I., 261215 EF to F.O. S/Ms.)

WRANGLER,
WAKEFUL,
destroyers,
on passage
to U.K. from
B.P.F.

Intend following programme for WRANGLER and
WAKEFUL:

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart</u>
a.m. 1st	Colombo	a.m. 25th Nov.
a.m. 5th	Aden	p.m. 1st
p.m. 5th	Suez	a.m. 5th
p.m. 11th	Port Said	a.m. 6th
a.m. 16th	Gibraltar	a.m. 13th
p.m. 16th	Plymouth (WRANGLER)	
	Portsmouth (WAKEFUL)	

(2) All dates Dec. except when shown otherwise.
(C. in C. E.I., 261442 EF to Admty.)

KHEDIVE,
assault
carrier.

C. in C. E.I.'s 141128. Report whether these
defects must be made good to enable ship to make
redelivery passage to U.S.A.
(D.O.D., 261455 to KHEDIVE.)

EMPRESS,
assault
carrier,
programme.

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart</u>
a.m. 30th Nov.	Colombo	p.m. 27th Nov.
a.m. 5th	Bombay	p.m. 30th Nov.
a.m. 9th	Aden	p.m. 5th
p.m. 9th	Suez	a.m. 9th
a.m. 12th	Port Said	p.m. 9th
a.m. 15th	Malta	p.m. 12th
a.m. 19th	Gibraltar	a.m. 15th
	Gourock	

(2) All dates Dec. except where shown otherwise.

(3) Fuel at Aden.

(C. in C. E.I., 261830 EF to Admty.) Appd. 281312

Movements.

Arrived SOUTHERN MAID, PROTEA, LANGLAGTE.
Departed PURSUER, VERYAN BAY, ALLEGIANCE towing
L.C. 28, FINDHORN, BANFF, JUMNA, SOUTHERN MAID,
PROTEA, LANGLAGTE.
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 261903C to Bombay N.O.I.C., F.O.
Ceylon.)

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*Employment of shipping
recovered from Japanese.*

262013/November

Date: 26.11.45.

Recd: 2058

From. B.A.D. Washington.

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To. C. in C. B.P.F.

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- Secretary
- M.(6)

- D.N.I.(5)
- D. of P.(3)
- D.T.D.(4)
- D. of S.T.(10)
- Admiral Blake
- W.B.

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Far East and Australia.

C. in C.B.P.F. Intend following programme in DUKE OF YORK all in DUKE OF YORK programme. A. Leave Sydney a.m. 1st. B. Arrive Fremantle a.m. 7th. C. Arrive Singapore a.m. 14th, depart 17th. D. Arrive Hongkong a.m. 21st.
 (2) Foregoing supersedes para. 1 of my 060531 not to all.
 (3) WHIRLWIND and WAGER will accompany DUKE OF YORK to Singapore
 (4) ARGONAUT will accompany DUKE OF YORK from Singapore to Hongkong.
 (C. in C. B.P.F., 260550 to A.C.N.B., C. in C. E.I.)

Chinese ports open to overseas shipping and trade. Inspector general of customs has notified that the following ports which the customs is now functioning are considered as open to overseas shipping and trade Ching Wang Tao. Tientsin. Tsingtao. Shanghai. Wengchow. Foochow. Amoy. Swatow. Canton. Kowloon. Lappa. Kong Moon and Luichow. and that as soon as the customs resumes functioning at the other coastal ports including those in Manchuria and Formosa such ports shall similarly be considered as open to overseas shipping and trade. The opening of the above ports to overseas shipping is a provisional measure and is subject to review and modification by the Government.
 (N.A. Chungking, 260920Z to Admty.)

UNICORN, A/C repair ship. C. in C. B.P.F.'s 240618. Confirmed that first destination is Devonport. A.M. 131246 Oct.* refers.
 (2) Ships future is under consideration. A further signal will be made.
 (D.O.D., 261150 to C. in C. B.P.F., UNICORN.)
 * N.T. in W.D. *See 100718Z Dec. 14/1918*

MORAY FIRTH, A/C engine repair ship for B.P.F. MORAY FIRTH is not now expected to leave U.K. until late Dec. A.M. 131915 Oct. not to C. in C. Portsmouth refers.
 (D.O.D., 271155 to C. in C. B.P.F.)

Movements. Arrival Wellington INDEFATIGABLE, WIZARD, URCHIN. (N.Z.N.B. Wellington, 262225Z to Admty.)

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W.D.

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D.C. (2)
D. of P. (Q) (3)
Admiral More.

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SITUATION REPORT

Far East and Australia

R.N. Air
establishments
Australia
Reduction of

The number of R.N. air establishments in Australia has been reduced to 4. These are at Schofields, Nowra, Bankstown and Brisbane.
The appointment of F.O. Naval Air Stations Pacific will lapse on January 15th, 1946 and will be replaced by appointment of Commodore Naval Air Stations, Australia.

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B.P.F.
transfer
of
HeadquartersA.G.M. 731A (B.1) (240846 November) paragraph 3. Vice Admiral Rivett Carnac, V.A.(Q), will transfer his headquarters from Melbourne to Sydney on departure of C. in C. B.P.F. for Hongkong. They will open at Bank Building, Wynyard Street, Sydney, on 3rd December, 1945.
(Head of M.II, 271342 to A.G.M.)FOREIGN STATIONSNorth AtlanticDEVONSHIRE
cruiser
troopingIntend to sail DEVONSHIRE 2000A 27th November to Plymouth.
(3) Speed 17 knots. E.T.A. Melampus buoy 0800Z 30th November.
(5) Vice Admiral Rawlings and staff are taking passage in DEVONSHIRE.
(8) DEVONSHIRE acknowledge and sail to comply. (F.O.G.M.A., 271124A to C. in C. Plymouth, DEVONSHIRE.)HARTLAND
POINT
M.S.(L.S.)
on passage
to E.I.Intend to sail HARTLAND POINT 1800A 27th November to Port Said for O/R to E.I.
(5) HARTLAND POINT acknowledge and sail to comply. (F.O.G.M.A., 271208A to F.O.L.E.M.)COMET
destroyer
on passage
to B.P.F.Intend to sail COMET 1800A 27th November to Malta.
(3) Speed 15 knots. E.T.A. 1100A 30th November.
(6) Request C. in C. Mediterranean diverts ship to Port Said if D.8 has left Malta and ship is not required there.
(7) COMET acknowledge and sail to comply. (F.O.G.M.A., 271424A to V.A.M. C. in C. Mediterranean, COMET.)ENTERPRISE
TroopingENTERPRISE's 261245 (N.T. in W.D.), being passed to Capt. i/c West Africa. Programme approved except that ship is to fuel at Pointe Noire instead of Lobito. Leave is not to be granted at Pointe Noire. F.O.G.M.A. is requested to arrange with French Authorities for supply of fuel and water.
(2) Approved to proceed at 22 knots between U.K. and Gibraltar and between Pointe Noire and Capetown.
(D. O. D., Approved V.C.N.S., 271920 to ENTERPRISE, F.O.G.M.A.)
H.M.S. ENTERPRISE will call at Pointe Noire 20th December en route Capetown for 1500 tons oil fuel 100 tons drinking water and 50 tons distilled water. Request necessary supply may be arranged.
(F.O.G.M.A., 281711A to Almed.) See 291235(S.A.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

South Atlantic

TROUNCER
carrier
for U.K.

My 231414* Capetown departure 27th November
TROUNCER routed as safe navigation permits for
Freetown and onward routeing by Captain in Charge
West Africa for Clyde.

(2) S. of A. 15 knots.
(C. in C. S.A., 271236 to Admiralty.)
See 291102.

* Routeing of TROUNCER.

TRENT
frigate

Paragraph two of A.M. 220336. Intend sailing
TRENT from Simonstown p.m. November 28th for
Durban and Colombo.

(C. in C. S.A., 271503 to Admiralty.)
See 281516.

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Nationals
in China
and Japan

Your 191711 November and ERITREA's 051207 are being passed to Commander-in-Chief, East Indies. (Hd. of M.I., 270643 to C. in C. Mediterranean)

R.T.
ENCORE
towing
Caisson
to
SingaporeIntend to sail ENCORE towing Caisson at 0600B 28th to Aden, Colombo for onward routeing Singapore.
(2) Routed as safe navigation permits.
(3) S. of A. best of tow ENCORE to report T. of D. from Suez and E.T.A. Aden to all addressees in this signal.
(6) Caisson has 32 feet 3 ins. draught no anchors or mooring ropes, and berthing party will be required on arrival.
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 270915B to N.O.I.C. Aden.)BERWICK
trooping
to Far EastE.T.A. 0700A tomorrow Wednesday. Request anchor berth.
(2) Propose to sail immediately draft have disembarked and fresh provisions embarked.
(BERWICK, 270950A to Malta.)LOSSIE
frigate
for U.K.Sailed at 0700 28th November by Bizerta war channel and thence as direct as safe navigation permits to Gibraltar for onward routeing to U.K.
(2) Speed 13½ knots E.T.A. Gibraltar 1000A 1st December.
(4) Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Mediterranean, 271043A to LOSSIE.)X
Russian
ships for
Black SeaSail at 1000A/28th November taking U.S.S.R.'s HICKORYLAKE and ALDERLAKE under your orders to Istanbul for onward routeing.
(2) Speed 10 knots routed through appropriate Medri routes. E.T.A. at Chanaqis to be reported at least 24 hours in advance to C.S.A. Istanbul to enable arrangements to be made for Dardanelles Pilot.
(C. in C. Mediterranean, 271117A to U.S.S.R., PINELAKE.)Re
Transfer
of H.M.
ships and
equipment
to Turks.I had a meeting this morning with Turkish C. of N.S. and Naval Under Secretary to discuss various outstanding questions concerning supply of ships and equipment to Turkey.
(2) While general tone of meeting was cordial, it was apparent that increasing anxiety and even impatience is being felt by Turkish authorities on continued delay in delivery of all ships due for transfer to Turkey, both under terms of armaments credit and under cash payment. Naval under secretary points out that Turks have so far, no definite indication of when destroyers INCONSTANT

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and ORIBI, the 4 M.M.Ss. or the 8 M.Ls. are likely to arrive in Turkey, and this lack of information coming on top of delay in sailing from U.K. of submarine BURAK REIS and of forwarding any machinery for GOLCUK, is causing certain disquietude.

(3) I feel bound to emphasize this attitude on part of Turkish Naval Authority since there is some slight (? indication) that Turks may seek to purchase future ships for cash from U.S. in preference to our own, unless an early delivery of at least some of the ships ordered from us can be made. (B.N.A. Ankara, 271745B to Admiralty.) *Rep. 082247 DEC.*

Loan of minesweepers to Greeks for period of mine clearance operations

C. in C. Med.'s 251223. Following are Greek Admiralty's intentions for meeting further minesweeping commitments and will be represented at second international minesweeping conference now being held at Cannes:

- (a) 160th M.S. Flotilla to continue to be manned and to be completed by 2 G.Y.M.S.
- (b) 28th M.L. Flotilla to continue to be manned.
- (c) 4 additional M.M.Ss. to be manned.

- (d) EVROTAS and ALFIOS to be released.
 - (2) Greek Admiralty also desire to man PRODUCT if available.
 - (3) No crews can be made available for manning future minesweeping.
 - (4) Letter follows.
- (S.B.N.O. Greece, 271826B to F.O.L.E.M.) *See 301056 March 46.*

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- C.S.5
Transfer
of Flag
Flag of C.S.5 has been transferred to SUSSEX.
(2) Cancel 310C and 311C of 2nd November and 393C TU of 24th November.
(C. in C. E.I., 271002EF to E.I. General.)
- KEDAH
ex Base
ship
Colombo
return to
U.K. for
trade.
KEDAH arrived 1400EF/26th November sailed for Aden 2000EF/26th November for onward routing to U.K.
F.O.B.'s 242311 November to all addressees refers.
(2) E.T.A. Aden 0403Z/2nd December.
(N.O.I.C. KARACHI, 271006 to F.O. Bombay.)
Karachi,
- Authority
for
exceeding
Economical
Speed on
E.I.S.
NR. 413C. A.G.M. 720A para. 2.
Authority to sail ships at greater than economical speed for operational reasons is delegated to sailing authorities of Flag Rank and to Flag or Senior Officers in direct operational control of the ship concerned. In all other cases the sanction of the Commander-in-Chief or nearest Flag Officers must first be obtained except in emergency.
(2) 925C is to be removed from C. Message Logs.
(C. in C. E.I., 271743 to Gen. Message.)
- Arrangements
in antici-
pation of
movement of
British
troops into
Borneo and
Celebes.
In anticipation of movement of British forces into Borneo and Celebes to relieve the Australian Forces in near future, the following arrangements are made:
(2) Acting Captain S.H. Dennis D.S.C. at present N.O.I.C. Bangkok is designated Naval Force Commander in the event of the 7th Indian Division from Bangkok being employed.
(3) Acting Captain T.I.S. Bell D.S.C. at present N.O.I.C. Saigon is designated Naval Force Commander in the event of the 20th Indian Division from Saigon being employed.
(4) When requirements sanctioned for planning of movements S.A.C.S.E.A. is requested to inform N.O.I.C. Bangkok and Saigon of the Army Division to be employed and date when planning is to start.
(5) Singapore C.C.O. pass P/L version to Alfsea and Acsea.
(C. in C. E.I.S., 271505 to N.O.I.C. Bangkok, N.O.I.C. Saigon, (F.O. Malaya, S.O. Force W., Sacsea.)
- Royal
Netherlands
Navy to
establish
port parties
My 271505EF not to all. Royal Netherlands Navy will establish port parties as in S.O.R.N.N. Melbourne 181110 not to all as follows:-
(a) By 15th December Balikpapan, Tarakan and Macassar.
(b) By 15th January Ambon, Biak.
(c) By 1st February Kopang, Hollandia.
(2) It is not, therefore, intended to establish R.N. port parties.
(3) An R.N.O. and N.C.S.O. will be appointed for Labuan.

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Netherlands
Navy to
establish
port parties
(Contd.)*Force 69 for movement
of British press into Borneo
& Celebes -*

(4) R.N.L.O. will be appointed for Macassar, Balikpapan and Ambon. Army should be requested to provide communication facilities.

(5) Moves should be planned so that Naval Force Commander arrives at each port with the leading troops and establishes R.N.O. and R.N.L.O.

(6) (? Melbourne) pass P/L version to Acsea and Alfsea. N.O.I.C. Batavia pass P/L version to C. in C. N.F.E.
(C. in C. E.I., 271506EF, N.O.I.C. Bangkok, N.O.I.C. Saigon.)

My 271505 and 271506. The title of S.O. Force 69 will be used for this movement.

(2) Request you will anticipate following requirements for Force 69:- H.M.S. NITH as H.Q. Ship for Naval Force Commander. One L.C.H. to provide accommodation and communication at Labuan and second L.C.H. if found necessary during planning.
(C. in C. E.I., 271508 to S.O. Force W., N.O.I.C. Saigon, F.O. Malaya.)

*See 061621 March 46.*VENERABLE
A/C

Sailed H.M.S. VENERABLE Batavia in accordance with your 241343 not to all.

(2) Routed via Colombo to embark 1 Officer thence Sunda Strait.

(3) E.T.A. Batavia 1700 H 3rd December. S. of.

A. 20 knots.
(F.O. Bombay, 271557EF to C. in C. E.I.)

HOWE
battleship
for U.K.

Request HOWE be sailed for U.K. on or shortly after 15th December if no longer required by C. in C. E.I.

(2) KING GEORGE V is to join E.I. Fleet on completion of her refit about the end of December.
(D.O.D., Approved V.C.N.S., 271600 to C. in C. E.I., C. in C. B.P.F.)

SWALE
frigate
for S.A.

Intend to sail H.M.S. SWALE to Durban on December 14th in view of passage of whalers south, it is desirable for relief to arrive by that date.

(F.O.E.A., 271627 to C. in C. E.I.)

Order of
Day on
Break-up
of 14th
Army

The following Order of the Day will be published in all appropriate formations and unit orders on and not before 1st December. Special precautions will be taken to prevent the Order being published in the press or elsewhere before 1st December.

"Order of the Day by General Sir William Slim, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C. to 14th Army.

The regrouping of Forces in South East Asia for reoccupation of so many areas has compelled me regretfully to order break up of 14th Army. When you were first formed I told you that you could become one of the best known Armies that British Empire ever had. And so you did. Inheriting a legacy of (?defeat) and disaster constantly short of equipment and men you, by your discipline, your stubborn courage, your dash, your

/skill...

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skill and above all by your refusal ever to be beaten by man or nature achieved a success few thought possible. Many races fighting and working in the comradeship of 14th Army learned to appreciate one another's value. Carry that mutual respect into future wherever you may be called. Carry with you too those qualities that made the 14th Army what it was. Whether you serve or on return to Civil life they will be required and the world will be a better place because you have retained them. If in years to come you meet an old comrade down on his luck give him a hand. When things go wrong try to stick it out. Fight as you did in Arakan, in Imphal and through Burma. Remember you were of the 14th Army and never say die. As long as you live you may be as proud of your old Army and of the part you played in it against odds and at a critical time in history as your C. in C. I send each one of you my thanks, my admiration and my confidence that in peace as in war the men and women of 14th Army will play a noble part. Good luck to you and God bless you."
(H.Q., Alfsea, 271630HG to H.Q. 14th Army.)

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ONTARIO
cruiser H.M.C.S. ONTARIO arrived Esquimalt at 1700/27th
November.
(C.O. Pacific Coast, 271717Z to C. in C. B.P.F.
(Vancouver)).

Minesweepers
for U.K. Anticipate H.M.S. POLARIS and H.M.S. PYRRHUS will
sail to U.K. Thursday, 6th December.
(Capt. (D) Halifax, 272015Z to B.A.D. Washington.)

Movements When ready about 29th November sail H.M.S. PUNCHER
New York to Clyde.
Sail H.M.S. L.S.T. (3)3517 New York to Bermuda
for onward routeing to Clyde.
(C.N.O., 272235 to Comeastseafon.)

SHAH
Escort
carrier Arrival Norfolk 26th H.M.S. SHAH for return to
Return
to U.S. U.S. Navy.
Navy. (N.S.H.Q., 272337Z to Admiralty.)

Far East and Australia

Destroyers
of 27th D.F.
for U.K. and
Reserve. After detachment 14th December at Singapore,
request WHIRLWIND and WAGER be sailed for U.K.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 270011Z to C. in C. E.I.)

Re return
of PIONEER
and DEER
SOUND to
U.K.
Repair Ships F.O.N.A.P.'s 260749 (N.T. in W.D.) November,
paragraph 2.
Request Admiralty's remarks on date of replacement
of Avenger III and Corsair IV aircraft.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 270159 to Admiralty.)

SS. CHESHIRE
and Chinese
repatriates
etc. By agreement with S.A.C.S.E.A. A.C.N.B. and Land
Ops. Morotai CHESHIRE E.T.D. Sydney 3rd Dec.
approximately is allocated to following services.
(a) Proceed to Brisbane and embark 1600 Chinese
Cantonese repatriates thence Hongkong direct.
E.T.A. is 18th December approximately.
(b) Disembark Chinese at Hongkong for transit to
Canton.
(c) Lift Dutch from Manila for disembarkation Balikpapan and
Indians from China Coast for India.

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SS. CHESHIRE and Chinese repatriates etc. (Contd.)
(2) Request A.C.N.B. will arrange for 1(a) above and F.O.W.A. B.P.F. for 1(b) in conjunction with C. in C. Hongkong for 1(c).
(3) Ship reverts to the control of S.A.C.S.E.A. on final departure for India.
(4) Routeing of ship for 1(c) above to be as desired by forwarding by F.O.W.A. B.P.F. in the light of (a) number of Dutch remaining Manila for lift after departure of CIRCASSIA and VASNA.
(b) Location and number of Indians still requiring evacuation from China coast.
(5) Request S.B.N.L.O.Phil. will pass direct to F.O.W.A. B.P.F. information in para. (4)(a) above as soon as known.
(6) Comphilseafroon pass to S.B.N.L.O. Phil. C. in C. A.F.P.A.C. C.O.M.G.E.N.A.F.P.A.C., Admiralty pass to War Office.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 270224 to A.C.N.B., F.O.W.A., B.P.F.)

8th Destroyer Flotilla Request COSSACK (D.8) COMET, COCKADE and CONTEST be routed via Singapore to Hongkong.
(2) Intend they should proceed thence to Japan
(a) COSSACK to relieve GRENVILLE. (b) Third arrival to relieve UNDAUNTED. (c) Fourth arrival to relieve URSA.
(3) Second arrival will not relieve but will bring Flotilla strength up to 8.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 270229Z to C. in C. E.I., D.25, D.8, R.A.D., B.P.F.)
See 157826 Dec 7

R.N. Air Establishments Australia. Reduction of 448P and 449P are cancelled. Substitute the following. The number of R.N. Air Establishments in Australia has been reduced to four. These are:
Nabstock (Monab six) at Schofields. Commanding Officer Captain H.V.P. McClintock D.S.O. R.N.
Nabswick (Monab five) at Nowra. Commanding Officer Capt. J.F.N. Sawyer R.N.
Nabberley (Monab two) at Bankstown. Commanding Officer Commander E (?P) F. Atkinson R.N.
Nabsford (Tamy one) at Brisbane. Commanding Officer Acting Captain B.J. Rogers Tillstone R.N. (Retd.)
(2)* The appointment of Flag Officer Naval Air Stations Pacific will lapse on 15th January 1946, and will be replaced by the appointment of Commodore Naval Air Stations Australia.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 270552Z to B.P.F. General.) *300*030123Z*

Transfer of Flag of V.A.(Q) The flag of Vice Admiral J.W. Rivett Carnac Vice Admiral administration British Pacific Fleet will be transferred from H.M.S. BEACONSFIELD to H.M.S. GOLDEN HIND at 0800 Saturday 1st December.
(V.A.(Q) B.P.F., 272356Z to B.P.F. Administrative)

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- B.P.F. Consequent on the transfer of C. in C. B.P.F.'s H.Q. to Hongkong and of V.A.(Q)'s H.Q. to Sydney, the following changes in operational control of the B.P.F. will come into force at 0001Z/26th Dec.
- A. All B.P.F. operations north of the Equator will be conducted by C. in C. B.P.F. at Hongkong. The title of F.O.W.A.B.P.F. will lapse from this time.
- B. All B.P.F. operations south of the Equator will be conducted by V.A.(Q) at Sydney under the general operational control of C. in C. with the title of Flag Officer, Southern Area, B.P.F.
- C. The operational responsibilities of S.B.N.O. Afloat, Japan, (C.T.F. 57) remains unchanged.
- (2) (A.G.M. 731A of 24th November) refers.
(Hd. of M.II, 281313 to A.G.M. Home and Abroad 751A.)

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North Atlantic.

BUCHANNESS Intend to sail BUCHANNESS 2000A/28th Nov. to M.S.(L.C.) Port Said speed 11 knots, E.T.A. a.m. 6th Dec. BUCHANNESS acknowledge and sail to comply. (F.O.G.M.A., 281223A to F.O.L.E.M., S.N.O.R.S.C.A.)

South Atlantic.

ENTERPRISE, cruiser, trooping.

A.M. 271920 revised programme on voyage.

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Leave</u>
	Portsmouth	a.m. 8th Dec.
p.m. 10th Dec.	Gibraltar	a.m. 12th Dec.
a.m. 15th Dec.	Freetown	p.m. 15th Dec.
a.m. 19th Dec.	Pointe Noire	p.m. 19th Dec.
a.m. 23rd Dec.	Capetown.	

(ENTERPRISE, 281040Z to C. in C. S.A.) amended by 011300.

A.S.R. Stn. 22.

Departure CAISTOR CASTLE 0815/27th Nov. for air station 22.
(S.O.(I) Freetown, 281144 to Admty.)

TRENT, frigate.

My 271503 Simonstown departure TRENT routed as safe navigation permits for Durban and onward routing to Colombo.
(2) S.O.A. 11 knots, E.T.A. Durban 1200B/1st Dec. (C. in C. S.A., 281516 to Admiralty.)

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SHIEL
frigate,
for U.K.

A.M. 220336 not to all, following is approximate programme for SHIEL:

<u>Place</u>	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Depart</u>
Simonstown	4th December	8th December
St. Helena	14th December	18th December
Freetown	23rd December	27th December
Gibraltar	3rd January	4th January
Devonport	8th January	

(2) Governor St. Helena has been informed.

(C. in C. S.A., 281536 to Admiralty.) *amended by*
051152 Dec
Su 14 183/Dec.
+ 172308 Dec -

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Mediterranean.

Air Sea Rescue Coverage Red Sea, Insufficiency of.

(1) Air Ministry signals A.P.X. 206 Nov. 22nd and A.G.7274 Sept. 11th, my A.R. 220 August 23rd and 222 groups A.R. 774 August 28th refer.

(2) It is considered that insufficient Air Sea Rescue coverage is at present being given along the southern Arabian coast from Masirah to Aden.

(3) The H.S.Ls. which are at present based at Masirah and Aden have not the range or sea-keeping abilities to satisfactorily cover this route which is still being extensively utilized by transport command B.O.A.C., etc.

(4) Representation has been made to Air Ministry for a quantity of Fairmiles to be based at Aden for this task but according to their reply A.P.X. 206, these craft will be equally affected by bad weather as the H.S.Ls.

(5) As it is considered that this route definitely justifies the use of large ships in comparison with other routes urgently request you approach C. in C. E.I. with a view to basing. Two of the corvettes at your disposal at Aden.

(6) Your early comments will be appreciated.
(H.Q.M.A.A.F. Algiers, 280617Z to Air Command, S.E.Asia, Singapore.)

C.S. 15, transference of flag.

Request following may be promulgated begins - Broad pendant of C.S. 15 will be transferred temporarily to AURORA at 0900B on Friday 30th Nov. for period of approx. 12 days.

(3) Operational signals should be routed to C.S. 15 in AURORA administrative staff will remain in ORION and routine signals and correspondence should continue to be addressed as at present. Any administrative matter requiring urgent personal attention of C.S. 15 should be addressed (?C.S.) 15 in AURORA info. C.S. 15. Ends.
(C.S. 15, 280846Z to C. in C. Med.)

Visit of F.O.L.E.M. to Port Sudan etc. after Khartoum and Jedda

Add to my 241208B.*
(6) With the approval and keen support of the Ambassador I intend to hoist my flag in SIRIUS at Jedda on 16th Dec. and proceed to visit Port Sudan for 48 hours subsequently returning by air or sea according to circumstances. C. in C. M.E. may accompany me to Port Sudan.
(F.O.L.E.M., 280916 to C. in C. Med., Naples.)
* Visiting Khartoum 15th Dec. to meet Eigs and then to Jedda to meet King Ibn Saud. *See 081620 Dec.*

SOLEBAY, destroyer, for U.K.

It is intended to sail SOLEBAY a.m. 7th Dec. to arrive Gibraltar a.m. 10th.
(2) F.O.G.M.A. is requested to sail SOLEBAY a.m. 13th for destination in U.K. to be designated by C. in C. H.F.
(C. in C. Med., 280947A to F.O.G.M.A.) *Cancelled by 051131 Dec*

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26th D.F. Intend to sail D.26 in SAUMAREZ with VIRAGO, VOLAGE, VIGILANT, VERULAM and VENUS in company, immediately on arrival about 1730B/28 to Malta for onward routeing Gibraltar and U.K. in accordance with C. in C. E.I.'s 161134B not to F.O.G.M.A.
(3) S.O.A. 14 knots, E.T.A. 1400B/1 Dec.
(6) D.26 acknowledge and comply.
(S.N.O.R.S.C.A. (Port Said), 281045B to C. in C. Med.)

PATROLLER, After embarking passengers for Port Said proceed escort carrier, at 1630A/29th Nov. as direct as safe navigation trooping. permits.
(2) Speed 16 knots, E.T.A. Port Said 0830B/2nd Dec. for onward routeing. (4) Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med., 281813A to PATROLLER.)

Movement. Movements Haifa November 28th, arrivals AURORA, MILNE.
(S.N.O. Levant area, 282359B to Admty.)

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HELFDORD, Intend to sail HELFDORD at 1200C/28 to Suez for
frigate, U.K.
on passage . (2) E.T.A. 1500B/2nd Dec., S.O.A. 13 knots.
to U.K. (N.O.I.C. Aden, 280904C to S.N.O.R.S.C.A.)
from B.P.F.

TEVIOT, B.N.L.O. Diego Suarez. Cancel my 060924, not to
frigate. TEVIOT, owing to lack of early passage facilities
for TEVIOT's ship company intend to sail her from
Trinco. 9th Dec. to S. Africa, calling Diego
Suarez for fuel 17th Dec., E.T.A. Durban 23rd Dec.
(2) Steaming party from E.I. Resources will be provided in S.
Africa, probably early Jan. to steam ship to U.K.
(C. in C. E.I., 281047 to C. in C. S.A.)

NORMAN & Intend to sail NORMAN and NAPIER at 1600C/28th to
NAPIER, Suez for U.K. NIZAM proceeds several hours late
destroyers to overtake.
for U.K. (2) E.T.A. 0600B/2nd Dec., S.O.A. 15 knots.
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 281139C to S.N.O.R.S.C.A.)

STRIKER, Intend following programme for STRIKER.
general pur- Arrive Aden a.m. 3rd, sail p.m. Arrive Suez p.m.
pose carrier 6th. Leave Port Said p.m. 7th. Arrive Gibraltar
for U.K. a.m. 12th. Leave Gibraltar p.m. 12th. Arrive
Greenock a.m. 16th. All dates December.
(STRIKER, 281234 EF to Cs. in C. E.I., Med.)

EMPRESS, Your 261830 approved subject to concurrence of
assault C. in C. Med.
carrier, (D.O.D., 281312 to C. in C. E.I.)
programme.

Replacement Your 250917. Question is under consideration:
of craft your recommendations as to suitable equivalent for
in P. Gulf. ships lost plus one of the gunboats loaned to R.I.
N. and now unserviceable in terms of BATHURSTs or
H.D.M.Ls. are requested. Matter will the be
taken up with Treasury and Foreign Office.²⁸
(Hd. of M.I, 281745 to S.N.O. P.G.) 281071403DEC

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America & West Indies.

GANEFF,
miscella-
neous duties
at Bermuda.

My 082045Z Nov. para. 2. After complete overhaul and sea trials GANEFF is not now considered sea worthy for ocean passage Halifax at this time of year. Propose to retain her at Bermuda for harbour service duties.

(2) Crew of GANEFF will return to U.K. in DOVEY. (S.B.N.O. W.At.area, 281426Z to N.S.H.Q.)

SEYMOUR,
frigate,
to be re-
turned to
U.S.A.

SEYMOUR will be ready to leave U.K. about 1st Dec. for return to U.S.A.

(2) Request port of destination may be communicated (Hd. of M.II, 281715 to B.A.D.)

DOVEY,
frigate.

Destination of DOVEY in U.K. is Chatham. On arrival ship is to give leave and adjust complement prior to rejoining West Africa Sub-command. Your 271357 not to all refers.

(D.O.D., 281722 to S.B.N.O.W.At.)

H.M.C.S.
escort ves-
sels
(Algerine)

H.M.C.S. ROCKCLIFFE, WINNIPEG, BORDER CITIES and OSHAWA departed Balboa 27th Nov. H.M.C.S. SAULT STE. MARIE departed 19 hours later due minor damage sustained in canal transit. SAULT STE. MARIE proceeds eleven knots until rejoins other ships then all proceed ten-knots. Esquimalt via Manzanillo and San Pedro. E.T.A. San Pedro 10th Dec. Route coastal.

(Compaseafon, 282022 to C.N.O. Admty.)

Escort
carrier
PUNCHER,
trooping.

PUNCHER departs Ambrose Light Vessel, New York 1630/29th Nov. for Clyde, Scotland. E.T.A. Clyde 1000/6th Dec. Speed 16.

(PUNCHER, 282037 to C.C.O. Greenock.)

Far East and Australia.

Transports
for civilian
lift to U.K.

Intend to use following transports for civilian lift on return voyage to U.K.

MOOLTAN, ATHLONE CASTLE, OTRANTO, RANGITATA, DURBAN CASTLE, DOMINION MONARCH.

(2) Propose that lift should not normally exceed 50 civilians per ship to U.K. from New Zealand but should RANGITATA and DOMINION MONARCH load

cargo homeward in New Zealand would endeavour put max. lifts in these two ships and release others except MOOLTAN.

(3) On assumption MOOLTAN returns U.K. via Bombay request authority to embark up to 50 Indians.

(N.Z.N.B., 280421Z to D. of S.T.)

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LEWES,
aircraft
target ship.

A.C.N.B.'s 080454Z (N.T. in W.D.) (not to all),
LEWES is to be paid off and scrapped in
Australia.

(2) Request details be reported by signal.

(3) A.F.O. 5605/45 refers.

(1st Lord, 281717 to V.A.(Q))

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North Atlantic

LONDON
cruiser
trooping
to E.I. Intend to sail LONDON 1030A 29th November to
Port Said.
(3) Speed 20 knots. E.T.A. 1030A 3rd December.
(6) LONDON acknowledge and sail to comply.
(F.O.G.M.A., 290905A to F.O.L.E.M.)

A.S.R.19
relief Intend to sail START BAY 1500A 29th November to
relieve PORTCHESTER CASTLE on A.S.R. Station 19.
(2) Speed 12 knots. E.T.A. 0200A/2 December.
(3) On relief PORTCHESTER CASTLE return to
Gibraltar.
(4) START BAY acknowledge and sail to comply.
(F.O.G.M.A., 291102A to Admiralty.)

RULER
G.P. carrier Intend to sail RULER 1600A 29th November to Clyde.
from B.P.F. (3) Speed 15 knots. E.T.A. 1600Z 3rd December.
(8) RULER acknowledge and sail to comply.
(F.O.G.M.A., 291210A to N.O.I.C. Greenock.)

NIMBLE and
SS THORSHOVDI Intend to sail H.M.R.T. NIMBLE towing the stern
tanker half of SS. THORSHOVDI at 1000A 30th November to
towage Genoa. (A.M. 311838 October not to all refers.).
(3) Double operator periods on Gibraltar
Broadcast.
(5) NIMBLE acknowledge and sail to comply.
(F.O.G.M.A. 291502A to F.O.I.L. NIMBLE.)

LULWORTH
cutter on Intend to sail LULWORTH 1000A 30th November to
passage Chatham.
from E.I. (3) Speed 13 knots. E.T.A. 1600A 4th December.
to U.K. (7) LULWORTH acknowledge and sail to comply.
(F.O.G.M.A., 291542A to N.O.I.C. Sheerness.)

29th Destroyer
Flotilla Intend to sail D.29 in BICESTER with BRECON
BLACKMORE, EGGESFORD and COWDRAY in company 1145A
30th November to Home Ports.
(3) Speed 13½ knots. E.T.A. BLACKMORE at
Plymouth 1500 3rd December. EGGESFORD and BRECON
at Portsmouth 0800 4th December BICESTER and
COWDRAY at Sheerness 1500 4th December.
(7) D.29 acknowledge and sail ships to comply.
(F.O.G.M.A., 291626A to N.O.I.C. Sheerness,
Admiralty, Cs.in C. Plymouth, Portsmouth and Nore.)

EMPEROR
assault Intend to sail EMPEROR 1600A 30th November to
carrier. Clyde.
on passage (3) Speed 16 knots. E.T.A. 0700Z 4th December.
to U.K. from (9) EMPEROR acknowledge and sail to comply.
B.P.F. (F.O.G.M.A., 291634A to Admiralty, N.O.I.C.
Greenock, EMPEROR.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

South Atlantic

TROUNCER
assault
carrier.
Supplies
for
St. Helena

Proceed to St. Helena you will be required to land three tons of frozen meat for the Garrison on completion proceed to Freetown in accordance with my 241154, not to all, replenishments can be obtained at Freetown if required Governor St. Helena is being informed.

- (2) A.M. 280240 to C. in C. S.A. only refers.
- (3) Acknowledge and report your E.T.A. St. Helena. (C. in C. S.A., 291102 to TROUNCER.)

Your 291102 acknowledged. E.T.A. 0600Z Sunday 2nd December. (TROUNCER, 291222AB to C. in C. S.A.)

ENTERPRISE
cruiser
trooping

A.M. 271920. Destination of ENTERPRISE in South Africa will be Simonstown. To facilitate disembarkation and railway arrangements request ship arrive not later than Sunday 23rd December. (C. in C. S.A., 291235B to Admiralty, ENTERPRISE)

Frigates
transferring
to R.I.N.

Paragraph 2 your 220336* work on TEST has been suspended except work necessary to make ship seaworthy, which includes docking and re-assembly of main machinery.

(C. in C. S.A., 291626B to Admiralty.)
* Refit of TRENT and TEST to meet R.I.N. requirements.

BLANKNEY
destroyer
for U.K.
and reduce
to reserve

F.O.C.R.F.'s 131551 September not to all. Subject to satisfactory completion of trials, intend to sail BLANKNEY 10th December for Pointe Noire, Freetown and onward routeing as necessary by Captain in Charge West Africa to Gibraltar and Devonport.

(2) Approximate programme as follows:-

<u>Place</u>	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Depart</u>
Capetown	Blank-	10th December
Pointe	16th December	16th December
Freetown	22nd December	23rd December
Gibraltar	30th December	31st December
Devonport	4th January	Blank.

(C. in C. S.A. 291645B to Admiralty.)

A.S.R.22
relief

Have been relieved by CAISTOR CASTLE in A.S.R.M. position 22. E.T.A. Freetown a.m. 2nd December. (KNARESBOROUGH CASTLE, 291830Z to F.O.C.W.Af.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean

11th M.S.
 Flotilla
 for East
 Indies Stn.

M/S 11, is to sail in LIONESSE with FLYING FISH at 0900A 1st December for individual exercises.
 (2) JASEUR and MAGICIENNE are to sail from Malta at 1700A 1st to R/V with M/S 11 in position 359° Gozo Light 15 miles.

(3) MAENAD and GOLDEN FLEECE are to R/V with M/S 11 at 2000A 1st in position in paragraph 2

MAENAD is to report if any reason exists for ships in paragraph 3 to enter Malta.

(4) After R/V is affected M/S 11 is to proceed with ships under his orders to Port Said for O/R to East Indies Station Route as direct as safe navigation permits, adjust speed to arrive 1400B 5th.

(6) Ships addressed are to acknowledge.

(C. in C. Med., 291129A to JASEUR, MAENAD, M.S.11)

See 011241A..

Transfer of
 Boom
 defence
 vessels to
 Turks.

B.N.A. Ankara, 271745* not to all. BARFAIR and BARCROFT(?) are sailing to Malta not later than 10th December 1945.

(2) V.A.M. is requested to arrange for these 2 vessels to be prepared for transfer to Turkey with complete outfit of armament and Naval maintenance stores. Hull and machinery are to be surveyed all defects made good and result

reported to C. in C. Mediterranean.

(3) Crews are to be adjusted to minimum required for steaming the vessels to a Turkish port.

(4) V.A.M. is requested to report as early as possible after vessels arrived Malta the estimated date when they will be ready for transfer.

(C. in C. Med., 291156A to V.A.M.)

See 101806 B Dec

* Re meeting with Turkish C. of N.S. and Naval Under Secretary re supply of ships and equipment to Turkey.

Medri
 Route
 of Warships
 Mediterranean

It is not obligatory for warships to proceed by Medri routes except of course when requiring to pass through QBY. All known minefields have been published in that series and intelligence is believed to be accurate and complete. It should be noted, however, that Medri routes are, in most cases, the best navigationally.

(C. in C. Med., 291506A to Med. Station 66B.)

BANFF
 cutter.
 Escort
 for L.C.Is.
 to U.K.

It is considered desirable at this time of the year for the 2 L.C.Is. in para. 1 my 291708*(N.T. in W.D) not to all, be escorted from Malta to U.K.

(2) Request, therefore, you arrange for BANFF (C. in C. E.I. 111051 not to all) to close entrance to Malta harbours on passage to Gibraltar to R/V with L.C.I.(L) Q 272 and 289 and escort them to U.K.

(C. in C. Med., 291728A to F.O.L.E.M.)

* L.C.I.(L) 272 and 289 to Gibraltar December 6th for onward routeing to U.K.

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East Indies

First SAC 254 (SAC 254)/ICT (As received).
Cipart (1) Hongkong. N.T.R.
Isum No.72 (2) Burma (1) Public meeting held Rangoon evening 25th November. Small clash with civil police and civil SIP (as received) shot and wounded during attempt to disperse crowd. O.M.P. assisted completing dispersals details later.
(2) 26th November Governor to form legislative council Aug San Than Tun and Ba Pe offered seats but not yet known whether they will accept.
(3) Siam N.T.R.
(4) FIC. N.T.R.
(5) Malaya Sungei Patani. M.C.P. activity increased last ten days. Penang, Sino-Malay clashes feared imminent. Batu Amang. Rumours of attempt to start general strike again on December 10th.
Klang. Chinese in villages openly declared intention to resist B.M.A. Movement Arms and men area Tekmornud Kuala Lefgat. Cl9. Java 27th November F.144.(As received.)
(S.A.C.S.E.A., 291059Z to Troopers.)

Reinforcement Your 221548* Admiralty approval to re-equipping for Java. 34 amphibian support regiments R.M. for infantry Re-equipment role has been sought. My 261010+ not to all of amphibian refers. Pending Admiralty reply, no further support action is being taken to effect the transfer regiments. requested.
(C. in C. E.I., 291204EF to S.O.R.N.E. India.)
* Request approval to transfer O.Rs. to H.B.L..
+ Request received from Alfsea to re-equip 34 Amp. Support Regiment R.M.

South African Arrived H.M.S. A.S. GOOD HOPE and TRANSVAAL.
Frigates (F.O.E.A., 291730 to C. in C.E.I.)
Movements

Sitrep 083168 Emergency.
No. 10 0.2187 cipher 29 November Secret.
To 1700 hrs. 29th November.
A. 32 Bde. 4/2 Gr. One Japanese truck shot up 171600 28th November. 3 IQRs wounded. No rebel cas. 80 Bde. NTR. 100 Bde. Thu Dau Mot. Convoy 3 vehs. attacked by rebels with grenades and automatics bridge 162778 this morning. Area swept 29 suspects arrested, 1 GOR killed, 1 truck damaged. 1 rebel wounded. Grenade thrown at Mobcol. 173788. 1 GOR slightly wounded, 1 suspect arrested. Night 28/29 Japanese report 4,000 litres petrol in naval dump Tan Hoi 2484 destroyed by Annamite incendiary. Japanese det. moving up Saigon River from Thu Dau Mot to Phu Thuan 0986 fired on from 0883. After 20 minutes fight rebels dispersed, leaving 1 killed, 2 wounded, Japanese cas. 1 killed, 1 wounded, 4 missing. Bien Toa (or Bien Hoa). Mobool to Vinh Cui 4074 fired on at 410743. 1 IOR killed. 6 rebels captured in trenches. Phnom Penh Hatien and Chau Doc now completely evacuated by Japanese. 5 Japanese deserters killed Prek Kak (or Prew Kak) 105° 33 (or 32) minutes E. 12 (or 15) degrees 16 minutes N. French cas. 1 officer 1 O.R. wounded. French forces. Mytho 60 suspects arrested all 3 hostages set free during sweep Thoi Son RN 7699.

/B. ...

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East Indies

Sitrep.
No.10.
(Contd.)

(B) NTR.
(C) SAC arrived Saigon 1610 hrs. today.
(D) NTR.
(Alffic., 291805 to W.O.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

America and West Indies

Ships to be returned to U.S.A.
Destination in U.S.A. for HONESTY, LOSSIE, LULWORTH, FISHGUARD, BANFF, SENNEN, EVENLODE and INVER

Your 250033 (N.T. in W.D.) Navy Department ask that vessels be sailed to Boston. Mass. (B.A.D., 290137Z to Admiralty.)

Far East and Australia

Port party for Commonwealth occupation force for Japan

My 231155.
(2) Latest information is that Australian Brigade is not likely to sail before 14th January from Morotai. (C. in C, B.P.F., 290209Z to C. in C. E.I., Admiralty V.A.Q.)

Minesweepers for Hongkong early arrival requested

Early arrival of B.Y.M.S. at Hongkong is an urgent requirement. 4 casualties have already occurred in areas waiting to be swept by these minesweepers.

(2) 3 sailed from Ceylon on 1st November but no news of forward move of any other has been received.

(3) Request advice as to when two from Brisbane further three from Ceylon and 182 M.S.F. from United Kingdom may be expected. (F.O.W.A.B.P.F., 290230 to C. in C. B.P.F., F.O. Malaya.) See 301239EF(E.I).

Force to visit ports in Australia, Borneo, and Singapore & Hongkong.

Have proposed to A.C.N.B. and C. in C. E.I. that a force under command of A.C. one which would include INDEFATIGABLE, IMPLACABLE, GLORY and available cruisers and destroyers should visit:-
(a) Ports in Australia 17th January to 2nd February.
(b) Singapore 10th February to 25th February.
(c) Ports in Borneo 28th February to 12th March,

then proceeding to Hongkong.

(2) Above force would be supported as necessary by ships of Fleet and Air Trains.

(3) Objects:-

(a) Exercises, including working up of a group containing Fleet and Light Fleet Carriers.

(b) Showing the Flag.

(C. in C. B.P.F., 290619Z to Admiralty.)

see 151826 Dec. + 250301Z

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Sitrep 3. Following is resume of Communist-Koumintang situation.

(1) Suiyuan. Kweisui and Paotow still holding out. D.M.I. confident Kweisui will not fall but certain regarding Pautou where communists building up for large scale attack.

(2) Shansi Tatung still in government hands and likely to remain so as some of best government troops garrison town. Proposed Communist attack Ok Taiyuan called off until such time as Paotou Kweisui and Tatung fall. South Shansi no change.

(3) Hopei. Government troops advanced from Suichung through Shincheng and are 40 miles south of Chinsien. Only slight opposition. Hulutao captured, damage to port slight. Government troops from Peiping have advanced through Nankow pass to Chinglungchao. Again opposition slight. Other parts of province sabotage of railways continues.

(4) Shantung. Honan. Kiangsu. Mainly guerrilla activities and disruption of communications. Communists massing troops south Shantung just north of Hsuchow.

(5) Sinkaing. Province not peaceful with banditry rife. Possibility of Communists attempting to seize province cannot be ruled out.

(6) Comments. D.M.I. appears more optimistic over situation putting this down to Russian help slackening off but states that arms and ammunition being ferried from Dairen to Chefoo and Wei Hai Wei and returning vessels carrying Communist troops to Manchuria.

(H.Q. British troops in China, 291200G to W.O.)

KEMPENFELT A torpedo explosion occurred in KEMPENFELT at destroyer 1800K today, 29th November, in Sydney Harbour. explosion Some damage to ship, one rating injured. Further signal will be made.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 291200 to Admiralty.)
Explosion in KEMPENFELT. My 291200 not to D.27 midship superstructure extensively damaged. As far as can be seen no machinery defects. Electrical damage not yet known. Explosion probably due to an air vessel.

(2) Only serious casualty was as reported in KEMPENFELT's 291004 not to all. Request statement broadcast in B.B.C. news at 1300 G.M.T. that three ratings were killed may be contradicted forthwith to alleviate anxiety of relatives.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 291220Z to Admiralty.)

CAMPANIA A.M. 191551 (N.T. in W.D.) (not to C. in C. Escort Plymouth or A.S. Devonport) is cancelled. Carrier F.O.I.C. Greenock is requested to sail CAMPANIA to Belfast to load aircraft on 7th December. Load will be approximately 48 Seafire XV, 6 Firefly and 2 Walrus.

(2) On completion of loading N.O.I.C. Londonderry is requested to sail CAMPANIA to Plymouth to transfer aircraft to VICTORIOUS. Aircraft destinations are 6 Firefly for Colombo and remainder for Sydney New South Wales.
(D.O.D., Approved A.C.N.S.(O), 291210 to C. in C. B.P.F., F.O.I.C. Greenock..)
See 061157 DEC.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

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

Intend to sail SPEARHEAD (S.O.), SIDON and
SCOTSMAN 1000A/1st Dec. to home ports.
Speed $10\frac{1}{2}$ knots, E.T.A. SPEARHEAD and SIDON at
Portsmouth a.m. 6th Dec. SCOTSMAN at Rothesay
a.m. 7th Dec.

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

SPEARHEAD acknowledge and sail to comply.
(F.O.G.M.A., 301009A to N.O.I.C. Greenock, C. in
C. Portsmouth, SPEARHEAD.)

South Atlantic.

Movement.

H.M.S.A.S. NATAL arrived.
(Com. Durban, 300841Z to Admty.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean

Fr. sloop
SAVORGNAN
DE BRAZZA.

Intend to sail SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA at 0600B/1st Dec. to Djibouti and Colombo. Almed's 291110A October.

S.O.A. 13 knots ship to report time of departure from Suez and E.T.A. Djibouti to all addressees in this signal.

Ship may call in at Aden if desired.

(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 300932B to F.O. Ceylon, Comar Djibouti).

Cruiser
BERWICK
Trooping.

Intend to sail BERWICK at 0530B/1st December to Colombo for O/R Sydney.

3. S.O.A. 18 knots. BERWICK to report time of departure from Suez and E.T.A. Colombo to all addressees in this signal.

(S.N.O.R.S.C.A., 301805B to F.O. Ceylon).

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EMPRESS
assault
carrier on
passage to
U.K. Sail at 1700ET 30th Nov. for Aden in accordance
with Commander in Chief East Indies 261830.
2. Report E.T.A. and requirements on arrival
direct to Commodore in Charge Aden.
4. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Bombay, 301003EF to EMPRESS).

JED
Frigate to
U.K. for
Reserve. Intend to sail JED at 0530C/1 December to Suez
for U.K.
(2) E.T.A. Suez 1730B/5 December.
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 301032C to S.N.O.R.S.C.A.)

KALE
Frigate
for U.K. Intend to sail KALE at 1600C/30th to Suez for U.K.
2. E.T.A. Suez 0600B/5th December.
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 301034C to S.N.O.R.S.C.A.)

Minesweepers
for Hongkong
programme. F.O.W.A. B.P.F. 290230.
180th B.Y.M.S. (A) 2018, 2080, 2246 left Singapore
29th November.
(B) 2017, 2045 F.O. Malaya requested to signal
E.T.S. from Singapore.
(C) 2225 Colombo defective expected to sail 6th
December.
2. 182nd B.Y.M.S. (A) 2036, 2161, 2269 left Suez 27th November.
(B) 2059 2284 Mandapam defects date of completion will be
signalled.
(C) 2061 Colombo defects will be signalled with 2225.
(C. in C. E.I., 301239EF, to C. in C. B.P.F.)
Early arrival B.Y.M.S. at Hongkong urgently required.

Port party
for
Commonwealth
occupation
~~ports~~ for
Japan. Your 231155 para. 1A concur.
(2) Para. 1B. Headquarters for Port Party will be
formed in Ceylon as soon as possible. Consider
decision whether it is necessary for an officer
to proceed to Australia should be postponed until
planning is more advanced and in any case until
Port Party details are firm in Ceylon. Full
information will be passed by signal.
(3) Para. 1C concur.
(4) Para. 2. Planning is proceeding to meet the worst case.
Target date in India and Ceylon 15th December.
(C. in C. E.I., 301504EF, to C. in C. B.P.F.)

Movement Sailed H.M.S.A.S. GOOD HOPE and TRANSVAAL to
Durban S. of A. 15 knots, E.T.A. Durban 1000B/
December 5th.
(F.O.E.A., 301527 to C. in C. S.A.)

Movements Arrived JED, KALE. Departed VERYAN BAY.
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 301843C to F.O. Ceylon).

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Far East and Australia

R.A.P.W.I.
Mov. No.12
of 28 Nov.

C. in C. B.P.F's 300543Z and 300544Z.
See Lion Copy.

Destroyer
WHELP
of 27th D. F.
for U.K. and
Reserve.

Request WHELP be sailed from Sydney 7th December
for U.K. via Fremantle, Colombo and Suez Canal.
(C. in C. B.P.F. 300706Z to A.C.N.B.)

MESSAGE.

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IN

R.A.P.W.I.

Movement No 12

UNCLASSIFIED.

300543Z/November.

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

Date. 30-11-45.

Recd. 1142.

P/L.

To. Admiralty, A.C.N.B., N.Z.N.B., S.A.C.S.E.A., C. in C.
AFRIC, V.A.Q. Comphileafon, C. in C. E.I. F.O.W.A.
B.P.F., C.T.G. 112.3. High Commissioner for U.K. (Canberra)
C.O.P.C. B.A.D. B.A.T.M. ALPSEA, ARMINDA.

INCORPORATE.

RAPWI Nov. No. 12 dated 28th Nov. refer my 230658Z/Nov.

2. H.S. TJITJALENGKA at Hong Kong is allocated to proceed Shanghai with RAPWI sick 40 to collect all available sick RAPWI and Indians in North China expected to be available for release from B.P.F. on completion.
3. H.S. LEPTITIA E.T.A. Seattle 5th Dec. via Guam.
4. H.S. GERUSALEMME E.T.A. Fremantle 2nd December thence to Singapore to act temporarily as Base H 8 RAPWI for Australia 58 for S.Africa 21.
5. H.S. VASNA E.T.A. Manus 3rd Dec. for Manila to lift Dutch sick RAPWI 137 fit int 80.
6. H.S. MAUNGANUI E.T.A. Sydney 29th Nov RAPWI for disembarkation Sydney for onward routing fit for U.K. 126 Hong Kong and China 7 India 2 Malaya 3 sick for Hong Kong and China 8 India 3 S.Africa 2 Canada 1 RAPWI for onward passage sick for U.K. and Europe 180 approx for Malaya via Fremantle 3 E.T.D. Sydney 1st Dec. for Fremantle Colombo and U.K.
7. H.S. KAROA E.T.D. Sydney 1st Dec. for Brisbane Rabaul and India with RAPWI European sick for India ex MAUNGANUI and Indians sick and fit from Sydney and Brisbane.
8. H.S. AMARAPOORA E.T.A. Cairns 29th for Rabaul and India.
9. H.M.S. GLORY E.T.A. Balikpapan 28th Nov. with 1340 Dutch Ramp thence Tarakan to embark Australians for Sydney E.T.C. 11th Dec.
10. H.M.S. VINDEX E.T.A. Wewak 29th Nov. to lift Australians 360 approx to Sydney E.T.A. 5th Dec.
11. HIGHLAND CHIEFTAIN E.T.A. Hong Kong 20th Dec. approx for lift of RAPWI to U.K.
12. TAMAROA sailed Shanghai 22nd November for Singapore India and U.K. with RAPWI for U.K. 329 Europe 136 India 317 Aust. 10 S. Africa 7 Port Said 2.

13. DUNERA arrived Shanghai 26th November for Singapore with Indian ex Police and Dependents 906 and loaded further 540 Indians for Madras.

14. H.M.S. FORMIDABLE with Australians ex ^{Tarakan} ~~TARAKAN~~ left ^{Morota:} ~~MOROTA~~ 28th November for Sydney E.T.A. 6th December E.T.D. Sydney end December for Fremantle South Africa and U.K. taking six for South Africa from Sydney and Fremantle.

15. H.M.S. IMPLACABLE E.T.D. Sydney 8th December for Wewak to lift Australian personnel to Sydney.

16. CIRCASSIA E.T.A. Manila 3rd December will call Brisbane for 1600 Chinese repatriates for Canton thence Hong Kong E.T.A. 18th December approximately ship then allocated to embark Dutch for Balikpapan and for lift of Indians to India.

18. H.M.S. GUARDIAN E.T.D. Hong Kong shortly for Kwang Chow Wan see Sitrep item 5.

19. H.M.S. LOTHIAN E.T.D. Hong Kong 1st December with RAPWI 40 (approx.) for Shanghai for lift of Indians to Madras.

20. H.M.S. GLENEARN E.T.D. Hong Kong 3rd December for Shanghai for lift of Indians to India.

21. H.M.S. ARBITER E.T.D. Manila 1st December for Hong Kong Int. Brit. fit for S. Africa 2 U.K. 3 Singapore 5 Shanghai 1 P.O.W. Dutch fit for Singapore 1.

22. Comphlseafron pass to S.B.N.L.O. Phil. Admiralty pass to War Office.

300543Z

2nd S.L.
D.F.S.L.
5th S.L.
Vice Contr. (Air)
V.C.N.S.
A.C.N.S. (0)
A.C.N.S. (A) (2)
P.A.S. (D)
D.C. (2)
D. Mov. (7)
D.S.O.
O.D. (9)
D.N.A.O. (2)
D.A.V.T.
D.A.C.R. (3)
D.N.A.R. (3)
D.A.E. (4)
D.A.M.R. (3)
Air Br.
D.T.A.S.W. (3)
D. of P. (Q) (3)

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Mails
D. of S. (6)
W.D.
A.C.N.P. (5)
C.W. (Cas.) (3)
N.L. (6)
M. (20) & for W.O.
(D.P.W.) & F.O.
(P. of W. Dept.)
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C.N.I.
P.N.L.O.
D.N.L.O. (2)
D.N.I. (5)
M.D.G.
D. of S.T. (10)
D.T.D. (C) (3)
U.S.N. (3)
Ad. Blake
O.I.C. (2)

MESSAGE.

IN

UNCLASSIFIED

300544Z/November

From. C in C B.P.F.

Date 30.11.45

Reca. 1005

P.L.

To. Admiralty. A.C.N.B. N.Z.N.B. SACSEA. C in C AFPAC
B.A.Q. Comphilseafon. C in C E.I. F.O.W.A. B.P.F.
AFSEA CTG.112.3 Arminia High Commissioner for U.K.
(Canberra)

IMPORTANT

RAPWI. Sitrep No. 12 dated 28th November 1945. Refer my 230651Z/Nov.

(2)North China Shanghai RAPWI ready by 15th Dec. for U.K. and Europe. 650 Australia 50 Tientsin RAPWI ready by 10th Dec for U.K. 121 Australia and N.Z. 69 Canada 4 India 2 Tsing Tao RAPWI ready by 10th Dec. for U.K. 20 Hong Kong 17 Australia 1 also at Shanghai Indians 650 approx for Madras remain after sailing Dunora of these 110 approx are sick see Mov Items 2 13 17 19 and 20(3) Hong Kong RAPWI fit and ready U.K. 48 Australia 26 USA 10 Canada 14 Singapore 6 Java (Dutch)13 Europe 6 RAPWI cot cases South Africa 2 Canada 1 RAPWI deferred U.K 247 Australia 68 USA 15 Canada J 5 India 1 Europe 40 Malaya 12 West Indies and Central America 121 also Int deferred Central and S America 171 Indian Police and dependents 800 of whom ready early Dec. 150 mid Dec. 150 late Dec. 200(4)Hanoi RAPWI (French) 8700(5)Kwang Chow Wan RAPWI French 75 Anam 124 see Mov Item 18(6) Hainan RAPWI for India 15 also Chinese for Hong Kong civilians 5000(7)Manila British P.O.W. 1 Int. 24 Dutch P.O.W. Army 2018 Navy 679. Sick 135 Int. 40 see Mov. Items 5 16 17 21(8)Rabaul P.O.W. Indian sick 1 Malays not RAPWI 620 see Mov. Items 7 and 9 (9)Australia fit and ready P.O.W. U.K. 329 Hong Kong 81 Malaya 25 N Z 3 India 59 Java 10 Canada 1 Shanghai 1 Int for U.K. 28 deferred P.O.W. 215 Int. 1179 sick P.O.W. Sydney 165 Fremantle 13 Brisbane (Indians) 49 Int. Sydney 48 of sick following ready for H.S lift, remainder deferred till ready for transport lift for U.K. 124 India 56 Hong Kong 1 Singapore 1 Freetown 1 see Mov Items 4 6 and 14(10)New Zealand RAPWI fit for U.K. 6 Singapore 1 Canada 1 S Africa 1 RAPWI deferred sick for U.K. 97 Australia 3 Hong Kong 8 India 1 Singapore 1 Canada 1 China 3 Newfoundland 1 Malta 1 Ceylon 1 uncertain 3 remaining are unfit to travel at present(11)Comphilseafon, pass to S.B.N.L.O. Phil Admiralty pass to War Office.

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