

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).

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

Additional subject headings are sometimes employed temporarily, e.g. when an important operation is in progress.

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

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

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SITUATION REPORT

Foreign Stations

America & West Indies

Halifax
Commodore
Superinten-
dent H.M.C.
Dockyard.
Lapse of
Title.

Title of Commodore Superintendent H.M.Canadian
Dockyard Halifax lapsed today and duties assumed
by the Superintendent H.M.C. Dockyard Halifax.

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GENERAL.

Revised
programme
for dispersal
of officers.
1st April-
30th June
1946.

Admiralty O12111 - A.G.M. Home and Abroad 44A.
See Lion Copy.

FOREIGN STATIONS .

North Atlantic.

CAISTOR Am proceeding to assistance of ship in distress in
CASTLE position 2120 N 2330 W Capt. W. Af's O10414
on passage (N.T. in W.D.) refers.
to relief 2. My P.C.S. 19 degs. 50 N. 17 degs. 30 West.
of ship 286 degs. 12 knots.
in distress. (CAISTOR CASTLE O10722 to F.O.G.M.A. Capt. i/c.
W.Af.)
1. Unable to establish W/T contact with ship
in distress.
2. Request we may be informed if any other ship is nearer than
ourselves.
3. My P.C.S. 20 degs. 21 mins. north. 18 degs. 55 mins. west.
286 degs. 12 knots.
(CAISTOR CASTLE O11309 to F.O.G.M.A.)
Your O11309/
S.S. TEMPLE INN (GCWW) was in approx. position 19 degs. 35 mins.
North, 25 degs. 00 mins. West at 0830 and proceeding to
assistance of TERCERO (LDAI) speed about 10 knots.
(Capt. i/c W. Af. O11443 to CAISTOR CASTLE.)
Unable to establish W/T control with distress.

BARLE
RIOU
frigates
BANFF
cutter
returning
to U.S.A.
with
L.S.T.s.

Sailed Horta Azores 0930Z today Friday. BARLE,
BANFF, RIOU and L.S.T. 165 in company.
Great Circle route to Norfolk, Va.
S.O.A. 10 knots. E.T.A. 11th Feb.
(L.S.T. 358 O10930 to Admty. C. in C. Lant.)

PATROLLER
E.C.
trooping.

Intend to sail PATROLLER 1800A 1st Feb. via
Medri routes to Port for O/R Sydney. A.M.
141308 refers.
2. Speed 16. E.T.A. 1900B/6th Feb.
5. PATROLLER acknowledge and sail to comply.
(F.O.G.M.A. O11430A to PATROLLER.)
PATROLLER to sail for Sydney.

/BERWICK...

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To A.G.M. Home & Abroad 44A

Date: 1.2.46

P/L

From Admiralty

44A. Reference A.G.M. 682A 12th November 1945 paragraph 2. The following revised programme for the dispersal of officers in the period 1st April to 30th June 1946 is promulgated for information and necessary action. This programme is based on the latest available information and is as firm as possible, but amendments must be expected from time to time since the manning situation is subject to considerable fluctuation.

2. Reference paragraph 3 of A.G.M. 944A 5th January 1946. It has been decided that all Combined Operations Executive Officers in Groups 46 and above shall revert to General Service and be demobilised at the same rate as other Executive Officers.

(A) Commissioned Officers	Group & latest dispersal date	
(1) Executive (including F.D.O.s Warrant and Ex-Warrant Officers Special and Electrical R.N.V.R.)	30 - 31	30th April
	32 - 37	31st May
	38 - 43	30th June
(2) Naval Air Arm Officers (Except F.D.O.s) (Including Warrant and Ex- Warrant Officers)	44 - 47	30th April
	48 - 49	31st May
	50	30th June
(3) Engineers (Including Warrant and Ex- Warrant Officers.)	25 - 28	30th April
	29 - 32	31st May
	33 - 38	30th June
(4) Air Engineers (Including Warrant and Ex- Warrant Officers.)	44 - 46	30th June
	47 - 51	31st May
	52 - 55	30th June
(5) Supply Officers	25	15th April
	26	10th May
	27	31st May
	28	20th June
	29	30th June
(6) Cypher Officers	34 - 35	30th April
	36 - 39	31st May
	40 - 43	30th June
(7) Medical Officers	48 - 49	30th April
	50 - 52	31st May
	53 - 55	30th June
(8) Dental Officers	37 - 39	30th April
	40 - 43	31st May
	44 - 46	30th June

/(9) Instructors.....

(A) <u>Commissioned Officers</u>	<u>Group & latest dispersal date</u>	
(9) Instructors and Schoolmaster Officers. (Including Warrant and Ex-Warrant Officers)	} 25 - 26 27 28	30th April 31st May 30th June
(10) Chaplains (Church of England)	} 33 - 36 37 - 40 41 - 42	30th April 31st May 30th June
(11) Royal Marines (Including Warrant and Ex-Warrant Officers)	} 31 - 40 41 - 45 46 - 51	30th April 31st May 30th June
(12) W.R.N.S. Officers:- (Administrative)	} 33 - 36 37 - 46 47 & above	30th April 31st May 30th June
(13) W.R.N.S. Officers (Education and E.V.T.)	} 36 - 40 41 - 46 47 & above	30th April 31st May 30th June
(14) W.R.N.S. Officers:- (Non-Administrative) Family Welfare W.E.L.S.O. Armament Store T.P. W.T. Air Radio Supply (Clothing) P.S.O. P.A. Naval Drafting Flect Mail Radar Instructional Films Communication	} 46 - 50 51 & above	30th April 31st May
Safety Equipment Meteorology Catering Supply Pay and Cash Ordnance	} 46 - 50 No change 51 & above	30th April 31st May 30th June
C.B. Special duties (L) Secretarial	} 46 & above	30th April
(B) <u>Warrant & Ex-Warrant Officers</u> (<u>Supply and Secretariat</u>)		
(1) Writer Officers	} 7 8 - 13	30th April 30th June
(2) Stores Officers	} 8 9 - 10 11 - 12	30th April 30th May 30th June

/Cookery Officers. . . .

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(B)	<u>Warrant and ex-Warrant Officers</u> <u>(Supply and Secretariat)</u>	<u>Group and latest dispersal</u> <u>date</u>
(3)	Cookery Officers	} 10 30th May 11 - 12 30th June
(4)	Catering Officers	} 9 30th April 10 30th May 11 - 12 30th June.
(Sick Berth Branch)		
(5)	Wardmasters	} 10 30th April 11 - 12 31st May 13 - 15 30th June.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic contd..

BERWICK
cruiser
trooping.

Intend to sail BERWICK 0715A 2nd Feb. to Plymouth.
2. Speed 18. E.T.A. 1700Z 4th Feb.
6. BERWICK acknowledge and sail to comply.
(F.O.G.M.A. 011730A to BERWICK.)

South Atlantic.

Corvettes
for U.K.

Your 311154A Jan. Intend to sail PEVENSEY CASTLE
and LANCASTER CASTLE from Freetown to Gibraltar
on 5th Feb.
(Capt. i/c. W.Af. 010928 to F.O.G.M.A.)

Re
un-degaussing
Merchant
vessels.

Cancel my 300850 Jan.
(C. in C. Med. 011119 to F.O.L.E.M. V.A.M. F.O.G.M.A.
F.O.I.L. Comar Algiers.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

ATHELING
E.C.
trooping. Sail at 1700B/1st to Gibraltar speed 16 knots
E.T.A. noon A/6th. Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said. 010931B to ATHELING.)

ETHIOPIAN
Boom Carrier Sail at 0900A 3rd Feb. by appropriate Medri route
on passage to Gibraltar.
from Med. 2. Speed 9 knots. E.T.A. p.m. 8th reporting
to return accurate E.T.A. ship is for onward routing
to trade. to U.K.
4. Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med. 011711 to ETHIOPIA. V.A. Malta.)

MORAY FIRTH
aircraft Sail at 1000B 2nd to Gibraltar. Speed 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ knots.
engine E.T.A. to F.O.G.M.A. when known.
repair Acknowledge.
ship (N.O.I.C. Port Said 011850B to MORAY FIRTH.)
on passage
to U.K.
from B.P.F.

Gunboats Departure from Massawa delayed while making good
on passage essential defect in APHIS. Intend to sail
to E.I. 0600C 3rd Feb. Speed 6 knots. E.T.A. Aden a.m.6th.
(SCARAB 011918C to R.N.O. Massawa. F.O.L.E.M.
APHIS. COCKCHAFFER.)

I.S.
GRADISCA Report on salvage operation GRADISCA further to
ashore on my 291804B/ yesterday the 31st. I was able to tie
Gavdo Island up alongside starboard side of GRADISCA and spent
Crete. the day transferring pumps and compressor aboard
casualty.
2. MARAUDER picked up our tow wire on the stern
of GRADISCA and is ready for towing.
3. This morning completed rigging pumps and
started a pump test. This was going satisfactorily and by
1600B we had lowered the water level in number two hold number
three hold and both boiler and engine rooms by three feet however
at 1600B we had to stop the main salvage pump as SALVENTURE was
rolling too much. This reduced our pumping capacity but the
remaining motor pumps are gaining slightly.
4. All compartments appear to be, on the ship, possible tank
or bilge lines gone.
5. Would seem with an improvement of weather we shall get
her dry.
(SALVENTURE 011942B to JERVIS. C. in C. Med.)
/ Damage to GRADISCA.

/Movements....

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Mediterranean - Contd.

Movement. Movements Haifa 1st Feb. departed MATCHLESS.
(S.N.O.L.A., 012030B to Admty., F.O.L.E.M.)

Jugoslav minesweeping Policy. Following is a re-encypherment of C. in C. Med.'s
011838 begins Addressed Admty., Info. B.A.D.
Washington, B.N.R. Belgrade, C. in C. Naples,
from C. in C. Med., 012223.

Mine clearance problem in Jugoslav waters dis-
cussed with Jugoslav representative to Med. zone

Board Captain Vlastic in Malta.

(2) Jugoslavs are unable to compete with mine clearance problem
in their waters.

(3) Jugoslav attitude therefore is that they consider Italians
should sweep these waters as a form of reparation. Although
efforts are being made to build up Italian minesweeping fleet by
lending British sweepers for manning, Board does not consider
that the Italians will be in a position to give assistance to
other countries for some appreciable time.

(4) Working of the release scheme renders assistance to
Jugoslavs by British sweeper impracticable. A.M. 220039* Nov.
refers.

(5) Constant pressure is being experienced from U.N.R.R.A. who
wish to import supplies along the Jugoslav coast in mainly
British and U.S. ships.

(6) Solution appears to be to assist Jugoslavs to sweep their
own waters by lending ships for them to man as forecast in A.M.
121533* Jan. para. 4 in order that assumption made by the
Central Board in para. 3 of the same signal may be maintained.

(7) There are at present at Trieste two flotillas of British
manned Y.M.S. On present planning it was anticipated that their
commitment at Trieste would have been completed about the end of
April and they would then have been handed back to U.S.
authorities. It is strongly recommended that transfer of these
Y.M.S. to the Jugoslavs in the manner outlined in B.A.D.
Washington's 282129 Jan. should be permitted. Arrangements
for training the necessary Jugoslav crews can be made by the
Royal Navy.

(8) It is realised that formal request from Jugoslav Government
is necessary and B.N.R. Belgrade is being requested to represent
to the Jugoslav Chief of Naval Staff the imperative necessity
of immediate action in order that action may be taken before
March 2nd.

(9) Admiralty please pass to Central Mine Clearance Board.
(Malta, C.C.O., 012223 to Admty., B.A.D. Washington.)
See 061035, (A.W.I.)

* Transfer to Greek Navy of B.Y.M.S. 2033 and 2190. *See 061035 (A.W.I.) 9 76/608A- 051752A/HIL*

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

SUFFOLK,
cruiser,
trooping.

548C of 27.12.1945 sail from Colombo as follows -
A. At 0930 EF Sat. 2nd Feb. B. Fremantle.
C. 20 knots. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Ceylon, 011029 to SUFFOLK.)

A.S.R. com-
mitments to
cease. Reduc-
tion of LOCH
class frigates
in F.O.M.F.A.

Singapore A.S.R. commitment will cease on the 21st
Feb. Intend therefore to reduce number of *Loch*
frigates in F.O.M.F.A. area to five, namely ECK,
CRAGGIE, GORM, TARBERT, SCAVAIG for the present.
(2) Intend movements, all sailings from Singapore
unless otherwise stated:-

- A. ACHRAY? 4th Feb. to relieve GORM on A.S.R.
 - B. GORM on relief to Bangkok thence Singapore.
 - C. RUTHVEN, MORE, 7th Feb. to Trincomalee.
 - D. ECK about 8th Feb. to Sourabaya with Force A.E. A.I.F.T. to relieve SCAVAIG.
 - E. SCAVAIG on relief to Singapore.
 - F. KATRINE 12th Feb. to relieve ACHRAY for final A.S.R.
 - G. ACHRAY on relief to Singapore.
 - L. ~~ACHRAGGIE~~ 12th Feb. to Batavia to replace GLENDHU.
 - I. GLENDHU, LOMOND, 15th Feb. to Trincomalee.
 - J. ACHRAY 18th Feb. to Trincomalee.
 - G. KATRINE 25th Feb. to Trincomalee.
- (3) Reliefs for ships in para. 1 to be relieved later.
(4) Agreed plan D.E.I.
(F.O.M.F.A., 011121 GH to C. in C. E. I.)

re Removal
French sick
from Saigon.

Further to C. in C. E. I. 251440 Jan. agree to
diversion of CAP ST. JACQUES to French service
only on condition that ship calls Colombo with
following berths reserved for Naval invalids pul-
monary T.B. 40 including 6 officers mental 6
including 1 officer 2 women.

- (2) Cannot agree to waiting for KAROA to complete refit as
backlog of T.Bs. dates from November and their condition is
steadily deteriorating.
- (3) Request immediate confirmation from A.L.F.S.E.A. as in para. 1
before ship leaves Singapore.
(C. in C. E. I., 011442 EF to A.L.F.S.E.A. for P.S.T.O. S.E.A.C.)
See 020028 and 031145 EF

FENCER,
trooping.

Propose following programme for FENCER on passage
to U.K. All dates February.

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart</u>
-	Colombo	2nd
7th	Aden	7th
11th	Suez	11th
11th	Port Said	12th
15th	Malta	16th
22nd	Chatham	-

- (2) Fuelling at Aden.
- (3) Canal transit 11th Feb.
- (C. in C. E. I., 011511 to Admt.)

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East Indies - Contd.

SPRINGTIDE,
departing
ship on
passage to
U.K.

Intend following programme for SPRINGTIDE on passage to U.K. All dates Feb. unless shown otherwise.

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart</u>
-	Colombo	3rd
15th	Aden	17th
23rd	Suez	24th
24th	Port Said	26th
9th March	Gibraltar	11th March
17th "	Devonport	-

(2) Fuelling at Aden, Port Said and Gibraltar.
(3) Canal transit Feb. 24th.
(C. in C. E. I., 011616 EF to Admty., C. in C. Med., SPRINGTIDE.)

M/S opera-
tions French
Indo-China.

During recent M/S operation by French sweeper one mine was exploded by LL sweep in position 010° 22' N. 107° 00' 5" E.
(R.N.O. Saigon, 011645 to C. in C. E. I., Admty.)

WAYLAND,
dockyard
ship.

My 311213 (N.T. in W.D.) request permission to sail WAYLAND to U.K. ship ready to proceed Feb. 6th.
(C. in C. E. I., 011748 EF to Admty.)

QUEEN,
trooping
to U.K.

548C of 2.12.1945 sail from Aden as follows -
A. 0700/2nd. B. Suez for U.K. C. 16 knots.
Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 011825 to QUEEN.)

NESS,
frigate,
A.S.R.
patrol.

Com. i/c Trincomalee 211430 (N.T. in W.D.) Jan.
Intend to leave A.S.R. patrol at 0400 EF tomorrow Saturday. E.T.A. Trincomalee Boom 080 EF*
Monday 4th.
(NESS, 011935 EF to C. in C. E. I.)
* As received.

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012119 February.

TO Flag Officer Malaya.
INFO C. in C. East Indies.

DATE 1. 2. 46.

NAVAL CODE X

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From Admiralty.

Ministry of War Transport London wish to take into service Japanese vessel LENG WAPU, now known as EMPIRE TENBY captured at Singapore.

To regularise status of vessel you are to seize her in prize and appoint an Officer on your staff to act as substitute for Marshal of London Prize Court (which is considered to have jurisdiction in absence of Prize Court in Singapore). Vessel should be delivered into custody of this officer in accordance with A.F.O. 2819/44.

You should signal full name of Officer appointed on receipt of which formal appointment as Admiralty Marshal's substitute will be forwarded by air.

On vessel being seized you are to signal Admiralty Naval Law Branch as under:-

- (a) All available particulars of vessel i.e. date of constructions, port of registry and tonnage.
- (b) The full name of the officer effecting seizure.
- (c) The place where seizure effected.
- (d) The date of seizure.
- (e) A statement that vessel has been placed in the custody of the Substitute for the Admiralty Marshall London.
- (f) A statement that an affidavit of seizure is being sworn to by the Officer who effected seizure.

The affidavits referred to in (f) above should be prepared in accordance with the forms laid down in O.U. 5316 Naval Prize Manual and forwarded as soon as possible to H.M. Procurator General Storey's Gate, St. James's Park, S.W. 1. confirming the statements reported by signal and specified under (a), (c), (d) and (e) above.

Any ship's papers found should be annexed to the affidavit, or if there are none this should be stated in the affidavit.

012119

for Head of N.L. (J.A.M. 482)

See 021131 March

F.A.S. (1)

N.L. (N.L. 19449/45)

M. (6) (6 for Admiral Marshal, London, Royal Courts of Justice Strand, W.C. 2.

(M.O.F. Major R.C. Money), Colonial Office,
(Mr. G. Jones, Mr. Hall, H.M. Procurator General).

D. of S.T. (10)

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ON 15 FEB 1946
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From: Cdre. Supt. H.M. Naval Base Singapore Date: 15.2.46.
Recd: 1128.

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Addressed: Flag Officer Malaya and Forward Area
Info: Admiralty, C. in C. E.I., C. in C. B.P.F.
(Afloat), C. in C. B.P.F. (Ashore)

Following is a review of condition of Naval Base Singapore on 1st February 1946. My 010045 December and 010145 January refer.

Part I. Fundamental factors governing rate of rehabilitation.

1. Electric power. 22KV substation complete and awaiting transformer oil supplies. 1750KVA Japanese Sulzer refit progressing. 1040KVA Japanese Sulzer 95 per cent erected. Preparations for connecting 6.6 KV frigate HOTHAM in hand.
2. Water Supply. Deterioration due to breakdown of reservoir pumps in the charge of the military authority reducing supply to 50 per cent of requirement. Distillation for production of drinking water a failure, a scheme for undertaking own chlorination is progressing.
3. Roads. Repair of potholes is a constant battle.
4. Railways. Major reconstruction 90 per cent complete.
5. Berths alongside. Reduced by berthing HOTHAM, BRITANNICA alongside and impending return of A.F.D.10 to complete refit.
6. Berth cranes. One 30 ton crane completely overhauled.
7. Mobile cranes. Dockyard. 24 received, 14 in service. R.N.A.D. 5 received, 2 in service.
8. Railway cranes. Standard gauge. 3 in service, 5 under repair, 2 being erected. Metre gauge. One under repair
9. Wharves, Transit sheds and associated equipment. (a) Wharves practically clear except for large receipts of boom defence and mooring gear. (b) Transit sheds still congested. Hope to ship stores ex S.S. ESSEX to Australia in mid February. (c) 8 fork lift trucks now being tested. 6 mercury trucks and one Lister truck in use.
10. Small craft and lighters. Harbour craft arriving satisfactorily but there is a lack of lighters and waterboats.
11. Telephone services. Stocks of auto-telephone hand sets exhausted.

12. British transport. SNSO 40 cars. 30 brakes and station wagons. 498 lorries and trucks. 24 jeeps. 127 motorcycles. 16 buses. SCE no change.
13. Ex Japanese transport. 40 cars.
14. Accommodation. No change.
15. Gold storage. None erected. BRITANNICA expected to commence storage in early February.
16. Supervision expressed in percentages joined of numbers asked for. CC 19 per cent CE 45 percent with no European clerical staff. SEE 20 per cent SCL 90 per cent with lack of stores and surveying staffs. SNSO 60 per cent SVSO 80 per cent SASO 90 per cent TBO 60 per cent CD 22 per cent with lack of riggers, sailmakers and clerical staff. Only one Johore Strait pilot available.
17. Hygiene. Imhoff tank working and repairs to sludge drying system in hand. Main incinerator 50 per cent. State of Asiatic lines still short of reasonable standard.
18. Mosquito control. Culicine breed is still present with Anophelenes the perimeter only.

Part II. Present capacity of dockyard.

20. King George VI Dock. Caisson will be repaired by mid February, then dock will be pumped out.
21. A.F.D.31 is secured in permanent berth.
- 21A. A.F.D.10 about to return from docking at Keppel Harbour when refit will continue alongside at base.
22. CC Department. Machinery in place and operable 24 per cent.
23. CE Department. Machinery in place and operable 50 per cent. Recovered or eventually repairable 35 per cent. Landing craft ICE overhaul shop in operation.
24. SEE Department. Machinery in place and operable 17 per cent. Recovered and repairable 36 per cent. Dispersed or lost 47 per cent. Bench work facilities 70 per cent. Battery shed roof complete.
25. SCE Department. Maintenance of MT and plant complicated by loss of stores by theft due to lack of secure accommodation. Continued arrival of unwanted stores causing difficulty.
29. No intimation regarding allocation of H.M.S. PORTLAND BILL.
30. CD. Rigging shop 80 per cent.

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Part III. Storage capacity. Read in six columns
First - Department, Second - Nature of Storage, Third - Total area, Fourth - Percentage weather proof, Fifth - Percentage proof from easy access, Sixth - Percentage already occupied by Japanese and recovered British stores.

33.	<u>SNSO.</u> Transit sheds	210,000	67%	53%	10%
	Storehouses	265,000	70	80	15
	Hardstanding	100,000	none	none	none
35.	<u>SASO.</u> Magazines	60,000	95	100	none
		14,000	95	90	5
38.	<u>Medical stores.</u>	12,500	100	100	none
39.	<u>SFDC.</u> All useless gear arriving transferred to the open ground at Senoko.				
40.	<u>Senoko Oil Fuel Depot.</u> Tankage in use or available 172,000 tons. Awaiting cleaning and repair 12,000 tons. 6 inch Diesel line leaking and out of action for an indefinite period. Thus no Diesel oil can be received at or issued from Naval Base.				

Part IV. Medical Establishments.

41. Hospital admissions have decreased. There is evidence that pulmonary tuberculosis is prevalent amongst Asiatic population to a degree that might interfere with rehabilitation of Base unless accepted as inevitable evil and those subject are employed in spite of disease.

Part V. Personnel.

45. Japanese labour 3,500 per day.
46. Koreans have been turned over to Military authority.
- 46A. German Naval labour 64.
48. Registration of 2,500 Asiatics completed but new supply of film is awaited.
49. Police. Strength 19 Europeans, 329 Punjabis, 276 Sikhs 44 Malays, 14 Detectives, 28 Traffic. Efficiency of force 65 per cent. Four police patrol boats in Johore Straits are now available.

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4 Review of condition of Naval Base
Singapore.

/Marking....

1st Lord	D.B.D.(2)
1st S.L.(3)	D.S.V.P.(3)
D.F.S.L.	D.
2nd S.L.	D.N.C.(2)
3rd S.L.	E. in C.
4th S.L.	D.E.E.
5th S.L.	D.N.O.
Vice Contr.	D.A.S.(L)
V.C.N.S.	D.T.M.(2)
A.C.N.S.(O)	C.F.M.D.(2)
A.C.N.S.(W)	D. Mov.(7)
Parl. Secretary	D. of S.(3)
Civil Lord	D. of V.(3)
C.M.S.R.	D. of S.T.(10)
Secretary	Hydrog.(2)
F.U.S.	D. of N.
Nav. Secretary	Staff Charts
P.A.S.(PR)	C.E. in C.
P.A.S.(S)	D.M.S.R.(2)
U.S.(F)	D. of C.
U.S.(S)	M.(10)
D. of L.	C.E.I
D.M.I.(5)	W.G.F.
C.I.C.(2)	M.F.(L)
D. of P.(3)	F.II (2)
D. of P.(3)(3)	A.S./M.S.
D.S.D.(2)	W.D.
D. of L.D.(2)	Dep. Contr.(3)
O.D.(9)	D.(4) for action
D.C.(2)	E. in C.(4)
D.C.O.D.(7)	D.N.O.(4)
D.C.A.M.(4)	D.A.S.(4)
D.T.D.(4)	D.T.M.
C.C.R.T.(2)	D.N.C.(2)
D.T.A.S.W.(3)	C.E. in C.
D.G.D.(3)	D.E.E.(3)
D.T.S.D.(2)	D. of C.
A.C.N.P.(5)	D. of V.
M.D.G.	D. of S.
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C.W.(2)	L.
C.G.R.M.(2)	M.F.
D.M.S.(2)	P.I.(2)
	S.W.R.(6)

Bath

1.2.1946
Friday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America & West Indies.

SS. EMPIRE
ABBEY,
disabled.

Interrupted 0514 G.M.T. from LEHIGH VICTORY 500
k/cs repeat of S.O.S. from BFKK EMPIRE ABBEY
position 42.10 N. 56.25 W. "Lost propeller,"
Controlling Station Gibraltar Radio.
(Port Patrick Radio, 010519 to N.C. Greenock.)

SS. LA
SALLE PARK.

LA SALLE PARK informs me repairs effected and
assistance no longer required. Am proceeding
course 180° speed 14 knots. My position 1200Z
46.40 N. 37.53 W.
(RAVAGER, 011500 to C.O.A.C.)

GARDINER,
frigate,
return to
U.S.A.

B.N.L.O. sends. GARDINER arrived 0933/1st.
(Commandant 1st Naval District, 011952 to
Admty., C.C.O. Admty.)

Far East and Australia.

GAMBIA,
cruiser,
returning
to U.K.

Your 301843* Jan. GAMBIA will be ordered to cut
down calls at intermediate ports by a few days
and signal revised programme as soon as date of
departure from Sydney is firm.
(2) Can destination in U.K. now be stated please.
(N.Z.N.B., 010502Z to Admty.)
* re Date of arrival of GAMBIA in U.K.

PENN,
S/M target
ship.

Your 281227 Jan. not to F.O.S.A. PENN would be
preferred to AIRE as S/M target ship. Less
conversion would it is considered be necessary.
Work on AIRE has not yet started.
(2) If approved request PENN may be sailed for
Fremantle to join S/M 4 there about 28th Feb.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 010633 to Admty.)

2.2.1946
Saturday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

CAISTOR CASTLE Ref. Capt. W.Af. 011828.
escort for Request information as to whether on completion
L.C.Is. on of repairs. E.T. of completion 10/2 craft are
passage to to proceed in accordance with your 311952A or await
Bermuda. arrival CAISTOR CASTLE Las Palmas.

(2) Signals received are conflicting and can't
understand CAISTOR CASTLE intentions.

(L.S.I.. 387, 020303 to F.O.G.M.A., Capt. W.Af.
Admty.)

Main engine repairs to L.C.I.(L) 164 defective. Sailing
delayed 36 hours. Request reply to my 020303.

(L.C.I.(L) 387, 020922 to F.O.G.M.A., CAISTOR CASTLE.)

Your 020303. Instructions in para. 2 of my 311952 Jan.
which you acknowledge gave you a clear order to sail unescorted
until R/V was made with CAISTOR CASTLE.

(2) Your 020922. Sail on completion of repairs to L.C.I.(L) 164

(3) My 022315 refers. (4) Acknowledge.

(F.O.G.M.A., 022323A to L.C.I.(L) 387, CAISTOR CASTLE.)

CLEOPATRA,
cruiser.

Intend to sail CLEOPATRA 0815A/3rd Feb. to
Portsmouth, A.F.M. speed 14. E.T.A. 0800Z/7th Feb.

(6) CLEOPATRA acknowledge and sail to comply.

(F.O.G.M.A., 021013A to CLEOPATRA, C. in C.
Portsmouth.)

TRUMPETER,
G.P. carrier,
on passage to
U.K. from E.I.

Intend to sail TRUMPETER 3 Feb. via Necri routes
to Plymouth adjusting speed as necessary to
arrive a.m. 7th Feb.

(5) TRUMPETER acknowledge and sail to comply.
(F.O.G.M.A., 021153A to TRUMPETER.)

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Saturday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

MORAY FIRTH
aircraft
engine re-
pair ship -
diverted
to U.K.

A.M. 311945.
Request early indication of policy for ship
in order that preparatory work may be done
whilst on passage.
(MORAY FIRTH, 021215 to Admty., C. in C. Med.)
See reply 051352.

re Proposed
change of E.
limit of Med.
Station.

C. in C. East Indies' 131007 Jan. and C. in C.
Med.'s 241215 Jan. (N.T. in W.D.) Mediterranean/
East Indies boundary in Red Sea is to revert
temporarily to lat. 15° N. at earliest mutually
convenient date.
(2) Further extension of Mediterranean Command,
to include Aden, is under consideration.
(V.C.N.S., 022206 to Cs. in C. Med., E.I.,
F.O.L.E.M.) See 061631 (E.I.) *See 121238 March -*
** 301055 n (E.I).*

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

French H.S. Hospital ships refer H.Q. A.L.F.S.E.A. 291800*
CAP ST. and 241000 War Office 45331 of 25th Jan., C. in
JACQUES, C. E.I. 251440 E.F. and 211538 E.F., first and
shift of sick last not to all.
from Saigon. (2) CAP ST. JACQUES must now be redelivered to
the French in early March and cannot be held as
base hospital ship at Singapore. Vessel should
lift French from Saigon to France in accordance
with H.Q. A.L.F.S.E.A. 241000 para. 2 alternative B.
(3) AMARAPOORA should not be returned to U.K. C. in C. E.I.
211538 EF refers.
(4) KAROA should not be allocated to French for voyage to France.
H.Q. A.L.F.S.E.A. 241000 refers.
(5) Agreed. Admiralty, War Office and M.O.W.T.
(D. of S.T., 020028 to H.Q. A.L.F.S.E.A., C. in C. E.I.)
See 031145. *and 141517 March*
* Replies not yet received to Commission No. 1 Saigon 6376
(Q) (Mov.)

WAYLAND,
dockyard
ship for U.K.

Your 311213. Approved to sail WAYLAND.
(V.C.N.S., 021225 to C. in C. E.I.)

WREN,
WILD GOOSE,
A.A. sloops
for Persian
Gulf.

Your 311046 Jan.* Owing to manning difficulties
and modifications to accommodation in WILD GOOSE
it is unlikely that either ship will arrive on
E.I. Station before end of April at earliest.
Further signal will be made as soon as firm dates
are known.
(D.O.D., 021358 to C. in C. E.I., S.N.O.P.G.)
* Understand that completion dates in U.K. WREN
7th Jan. WILD GOOSE February.

F.S. BARFLEUR, Ref. 548C of 29.12.1945, sail from Aden as follows -
A.M.C. on A. 0600C/3rd. B. Colombo. C. 13 knots.
passage to G. No Liaison Party. Acknowledge.
Fr. Indo-China. (N.O.I.C. Aden, 021950 to F.S. BARFLEUR.)

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Saturday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

America & West Indies.

L.S.T. 238,
return to
U.S.A.

My P.C.S. at 1700Z Saturday 39° 44' N. 70° 49' W. 288° 7 knots.

(2) E.T.A. Ambrose Light 1400Z/3rd Sunday.

(3) Have following hull defects split bottom plate in Auxiliary engine room. Oil fuel tank making water. Oil fuel settling tank making water eleven splits in upper deck plating.

(L.S.T. 238, 021730Z to C. in C. Lant, B.A.D. Washington.)

Movement.

BURGES with L.C.H. 90 and L.C.I.(L) 134, 184, 193, 210, 268, 291 and 375 arrived Bermuda 2300Z/1. (Com. i/c Bermuda, 022134Z to B.A.D. Washington.)

Far East and Australia.

re accelera-
tion in the
rates of
release in
armed forces.

Ref. A.M. 101807 Dec. Request early report may be signalled showing -

(1) A. Bases other than those shown in Appendix D to P.D. 029/45 (forwarded under A.L.M/P.D.029/45 of 11.10.1945) as required for the post-war navy at which it is considered that it will be necessary to station naval personnel after 15th Feb. 1946.

B. Numbers of (i) Officers and (ii) Ratings that it will be necessary to retain at these bases on 15th Feb. 1946.

(C) Anticipated duration of the commitments at A. and B. above.

(2) Approx. numbers of officers and men that it is anticipated will be required at bases and establishments not included in (1) above on 30th April, 1946 sub-divided to show flag staffs, station pools, F.A.A., S.R.R.(D)'s R.Ms. and W.R.N.S. separately.

(V.C.N.S., 021711 to Cs. in C. B.P.F., E.I.)

3.2.1946.
Sunday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

L.C.I.(L)
387
to
rendezvous
with
CAISTOR
CASTLE.

Your 022323A understood.
(L.C.I.(L) 387 030150Z to F.O.G.M.A.)

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Sunday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

S.S.
GRADISCA
ashore off
Gavdo Is.
salvage of
R.T.CAPTIVE
beached.

Situation at Gavdo Island further to my 240908 Jan.
(N.T. in W.D.)

2. Senior Officer now Cardigan Bay with salvage
ship SALVENTURE and Rescue tug MARAUDER in company.
ORION and JERVIS have sailed to Alexandria.

3. Rescue tug CAPTIVE beached because of serious
leaks in Potamos Bay and now likely to be total
loss. Crew except for six have been rescued but
regret to report death by drowning of Sub. Lieut.
H.A. Colebourne.

My 031240 gives fuller report. It is hoped to rescue remaining
six as weather is moderating.

4. JERVIS reported it necessary to put armed guard on board
GRADISCA to stop looting by Italian crew.

5. SALVENTURE and MARAUDER proceeding with salvage. SALVENTURE's
291804 Jan. and 011942 refer.

(C. in C. Med. 031239A to Admty.)

(See 061229)

Movements.

Movements Haifa 3rd Feb. Departures:-

TALYBONT, MILNE, STEVENSTONE.

(S.N.O.L.A. 031950B to Admty. F.O.L.E.M.)

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Sunday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

A.S. (In view of?) A.M. 020028/ cancel para. 1 and 3
CAP ST. of C. in C.E.I.S's 011442/. Request CAP ST.
JACQUES JACQUES call at Colombo to adjust complement.
and removal 2. Ref. para. 2 C. in C. E.I.S's 011442 request
of French (a) VASNA be diverted to Colombo to (lift?)
sick from 40 T.B. and 6 mental cases or,
Saigon. (b) ship embarking VASNA's invalids be diverted to
collect them.
3. As CAP ST. JACQUES is to disembark patients
at Marseilles, request Admiralty issue disposal
instructions for Naval Medical personnel.
4. Signals quoted not to all addressees or needed.
5. (Singapore?) C.C.O. pass P/L to S.A.C.S.E.A. and Alfsea.)
(C. in C.E.I.S. 031145EF to Alfsea. Admty. S.E.A.C. W.O.)
/ Agree to diversion of CAP ST. JACQUES to French service only
on condition that ship calls at Colombo with following berths
reserved for Naval invalids T.B. 40 including 6 Officers mental
6 including 1 Officer 2 women.
/ CAP ST. JACQUES must be redelivered to the French in early
March and cannot be held as base hospital ship at Singapore.

INDOMITABLE 548C of 29th Dec. 1945 sail from Aden as follows:
A.C. (A) 0900C 4th Jan.
trooping. (B) Colombo.
(C) 20 knots.
Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Aden 031439 to INDOMITABLE.)

3.2.1946.

Sunday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

L.C.A. 319
sunk
at Quebec.

C.A.F.O. 678/44. L.C.A. 319 allocated to 416
training flotilla sank at moorings at Quebec 1st
Feb. Salvage operations proceeding.
(R.A.C.O.B. W.A. 030952Z to Admty.)
(See 061808Z)

Far East and Australia.

Daily China
Theatre
Intelsum
No.238
28.1.46.

Comgenchina 031130Z W.O.
See Lion Copy.

F. E. YA
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China Intelligence

Summary No 238. 031130Z/February.

From Comgenchina.

Date. 4.2.46.

Recd. 1405.

Cypher.

To War Office, and usual addresses.
089240.
CFBX. 21583 Ciper February. Secret.

Daily China theatre Intelsum No. 238 for 28 January 1946.

Part I Military Situation.

Section I. CMS KMT CCP conflict. Manchuria; Nationalists report Communists plan use mountainous area South-East Jehol and South-East Liaoning as base future operations against Koumintang; KMT belief is future CCP action will be mainly against supply lines including Peiping-Mukden Railway. Indication KMT taking early action seen in 23 January report of units of 5th Division 94th Army moving to intercept threat to Peiping-Mukden rail line vicinity Suichung 120 40 21. North China: 3rd IHB reports 2nd Echelon KMT new 6th Army destination Manchuria arrived Chinuang 24 January. Truce team at Hutung 113 14-40 06 reported 22 January all fighting ceased within radius 70 miles while truce team Chinang 113 02 - 4 58 stated city in CCP hands with discussion under way on CCF RIVHT to occupy it.

Dhans Province; Communists charged KMT forces under Yen Hsi Shan took Yungho 110 39 - 36 44 just East of Yellow River 16 January. Also reported KMT occupied Mengcheng 111 26 - 35 46 21 January and attacked Houma 111 21 - 35 156. KMT reports indicated CCP attacked Fencheng 211 16 - 3548. 14 - 16 January. Along Tsinpu railway North of Tsinan CCP reportedly captured Tungkuan 16 34 - 37 53 and Liencheng 116 30 - 37 47 23 January, truce team reported from Hsuehou 117 16 3418 stated fighting ceased that area 21 January but KMT feared CCP attack Tunghai 119 12 - 3834. Central China Consino Press Shanghai 28 report unrest Anhwi Province due Central Government requisitions troop rations, latter characterised as arbitrary exactims beyond resources of Province.

Section II Japanese Situation.

Sino Press Tientsin 22 January reports except for small number Jap civilians Tsanghsien 116 52 - 38 18, all civilians and military Japs along Tsinpu railroad North of Tehsien 11 17 37 25 now moved to Tientsin area. 6th Nurine Divisions reports expect all Jap supplies Tsingtao will be turned over to Chinese by 1 February.

Section III Communications.

Truce team Hsuehou report 26 January Lunchai railway damaged several places between Hsuehou and Tunghai, team is attempting open Tsinpu railway stretch Hsuehou-Lincheng 11720 - 34 52 but expect delay perhaps 20 days because bridge damaged over grand canal.

/ c. 6. (Telagrams)

C.6. (Telegrams).

Distribution by M.I. 2.

Received in War Registry 1311/ 5. Circulated by War Office to War Office Depts and:-

Admiralty
Air Ministry
Foreign Office, (Mr, Sterndale Bennett).
Foreign Office (Mr, G.V. Kitson).

031130Z.

1st Lord.
1st S.L. (3)
D.F.S.L.
4th S.L.
5th S.L.
V.C.N.S.
A.C.N.S. (0)
A.C.N.S. (A) (2)
A.C.N.S. (W)
D. Map Room.
D.C. (2)
D.S.O.
O.D. (9)
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D.N.I. (5)
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D. of P. (Q) (3)
M. (2)
C.N.I. (2)
C.C.I.S.
W.D.
Ad. Blake.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

KEMPENFELT Intend to sail D.27 in KEMPENFELT with WIZARD
WIZARD in company 0930A 5th Feb. to U.K.
destroyers 2. Speed 14. E.T.A. KEMPENFELT at Sheerness
for U.K. 0700Z 9th Feb, WIZARD at Plymouth 1000Z 8th Feb.
and reserve. 6. D.27. acknowledge and sail ships to comply.
(F.O.G.M.A. 041015A to Capt. (D) 27. C. in C. Nore.)

Landing craft returned Las Palmas with further
craft defects.
on passage 2. Request you will retain MICMAC.
to Bermuda. 3. Further signal will be made.
4. My 291628 Jan. not to all refers.
(F.O.G.M.A. 041041A to C. in C. A & W.I.
CAISTOR CASTLE. MICMAC.)
(See 071214A)

CAISTOR If practicable opportunity should be taken of
CASTLE fuelling at Las Palmas, providing this does not
corvette cause unreasonable delay to the sailing of
escorting landing craft who may proceed unescorted for
landing craft to first 24 hours.
Bermuda. 2. Report intentions.
3. Your 040043Z (N.T. in W.D.) F.O.G.M.A. only
refers.
(F.O.G.M.A. 041101A to CAISTOR CASTLE. C. in C.
A.W.I.)

Will fuel if practicable without delaying sailing of Landing
Craft.
Your (?04)1301A refers.
(CAISTOR CASTLE 041340Z to F.O.G.M.A. Admty.)

VIOLET Intend to sail VIOLET (S.O.) escorting L.C.I.(L)
Corvette 289 1500 A 4th Feb. to U.K.
escorting 2. Speed 9 knots. E.T.A. VIOLET at Harwich p.m.
L.C.I.(L) 10th Feb. L.C.I.(L) 289 at Plymouth p.m. 9th Feb.
289 to U.K. 7. VIOLET acknowledge and sail ships to comply.
for reserve. (F.O.G.M.A. 041239A to L.C.I.(L) 289. VIOLET.
C. in C. Nore.)

A.S.R. work Following report submitted on trawler VALSE
in Azores recently arrived Azores for A.S.R. duties ship
area badly in need of refit max. speed under good
proposed closing conditions 7 knots.
naval base 2. This is useless for A.S.R. work in this area
Horta. and in view of fact that U.S. Navy has now
established a destroyer escort and an ocean-going
tug at Ponta Delgada purely for A.S.R. I submit
that British trawler will never be used.
3. Recommend therefore that care and maintenance
party at Horta together with trawler VALSE be
returned to U.K. thereby closing naval base. Trawler POLKA at
present effecting repairs at Vigo to be diverted back to U.K.
4. Senior British Officer Azores concurs provided U.S. Navy
assure that destroyer escort maintained in Azores as long as
A.S.R. is required.
5. Request approval.
(N.O.I.C. Azores 041830Z to F.O.G.M.A. Admty.)
(See 061243.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

South Atlantic.

Corvettes
for U.K.

Intend to sail PEVENSEY CASTLE and LANCASTER
CASTLE from Freetown at 0800 Feb. 5th for
Gibraltar for onward routeing to U.K. S.O.A.
12 knots. E.T.A. Gibraltar p.m. Feb. 12th.
PEVENSEY and LANCASTER acknowledge and sail
to comply.
(Capt. i/c. W.A. 041037 to F.O.G.M.A. Admty.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

SITREP No. 7. SALVENTURE pumping satisfactory between 1430 3rd I.S. GRADISCA and 0700 4th when ground swell necessitated ashore on temporarily stoppage.
Gavdo Is. 2. Result is 9 feet of water gained.
Crete. 3. As result of this gain the pumps on board GRADISCA are only just holding their own and SALVENTURE requires four more eight inch salvage pumps to be placed on board GRADISCA. My 041053 (N.T. in W.D.) to F.O.L.E.M. and not to all refers.
Salvage. 4. Outlook still favourable and SALVENTURE considers that the safety of valuable Government stores on board is not in jeopardy and that in the event of having to abandon salvage there will be time enough then to remove them as ship is in no danger of breaking up.
5. Armed guard remaining on board as a deterrent to any further temptation to loot.
6. B.L.O. and British purser have decided to remain on board GRADISCA.
(CARDIGAN BAY 041110B to F.O.L.E.M. MARAUDER. SALVENTURE.)

MEADOWSWEET Sail at 1400A 5th Feb. by appropriate Medri route
Corvette to Gibraltar for onward routeing to U.K.
on passage 2. Speed 9½ knots, report E.T.A.
to U.K. 4. Acknowledge.
and reserve (C. in C. Med. 041215 to MEADOWSWEET.)
from E.I. Stn.

Liaison A.M. 030832/ Jan. (N.T. in W.D.)
parties Understand that C. in C.E.I. has recommended with-
French drawal of liaison parties from French warships,
warships but is awaiting Admiralty decision.
withdrawal 2. In anticipation of Admiralty approval, intend
of. not to provide liaison parties or British S.P.'s
for any further French ships which may proceed
to the Far East.
3. Almed reports F.S. TONKINOIS sails for Far
East February 15th.
(C. in C. Med., 041750 to Admty. C. in C. E.I., V.A.M.)
/Requesting remarks re British liaison teams in Allied ships.

NEWCASTLE Sail at 0001B/5th to Portsmouth. Speed 20 knots.
cruiser E.T.A. p.m. 11th, report accurate E.T.A. direct
trooping. to C. in C. Portsmouth when known.
Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said, 041745 to NEWCASTLE).

ERNE Sail at 1100B/5 to Gibraltar speed 10 knots
A.A. sloop E.T.A. p.m./13 report accurate E.T.A. to F.O.G.M.A.
on passage when known. Acknowledge.
to U.K. from (N.O.I.C. Port Said, 041801 to ERNE, Admty).
B.P.F.

French ships I am informed by Marine Paris that -
for Levant. 1. F/S ELAN now in Toulon being assigned to
Division Navale du Levant as from February 15th

/will...

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FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean

French ships
for Levant.
(contd.)

will be sailed to Beirut as soon as ready calling Bizerta. Request concurrence.

2. When ELAN and SETOISE have joined D.N.L. composition of this force will be as intended in 1946 plan for allocation of ships.

(Almed, 041820 to C. in C. Med., F.O.L.E.M.)

See 061302.

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FOREIGN STATIONS

East Indies

Movements

Arrived INDOMITABLE departed LONDON, F.S. BARFLEUR.
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 040900C to Admty)

L.S.I.(M)
QUEEN EMMA
on passage
from E.I.
to U.K.

Propose following programme for QUEEN EMMA on
passage to United Kingdom. All date Feb. unless
shown otherwise.

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart</u>
-	C.B.O.	6th
8th	Bombay	12th
16th	Aden	17th
20th	Suez	20th
	Port Said	22nd
22nd	Alexandria	24th
26th	Malta	28th
2nd Mar.	Gibraltar	3rd Mar.
6th Mar.	Portsmouth	-

2. Fuelling at Bombay, Aden, Port Said, Gibraltar.

3. Canal transit 20th February.

(C. in C. E.I., 041157EF to Admty., C. in C. Med).

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MondayFOREIGN STATIONSFar East & Australia

Landing
craft S.W.
Pacific,
retention
of.
L.S.T's of
Force A
for lift of
occupation
force to
Kure etc.

Your 301015EF Jan. para. 3. Admiralty have approved the retention of L.S.T's of Force A for the lift of the Japanese occupation force to Kure. A.M. 052253 Jan, not to all, refers. It is regretted this signal was not passed to C. in C. E.I. but this is now being done. It is expected this task will now be completed in mid April.
2. It was hoped to release H.M.S. GLENGYLE in mid Jan. but as she carries S.O. Force A it is considered most undesirable to remove this vessel at a time when the L.S.T's are about to sail on 2 (?long) passages to Japan. It is proposed therefore that H.M.S. GLENGYLE remain with Force A until the completion of this task.

3. Of the 11 L.S.T's on station 5 and H.M.S. GLENGYLE taking part in the Japanese lift, the remaining 6 will be employed to begin lifting vehicles from Balikpapan to Macassar on behalf of H.Q.A.M.F. for Alfsea and certain heavy lift vehicles from Balikpapan and Labuan to Morotai in final clearance of Australian Forces from the Borneo area. It is anticipated these moves will also be completed by mid April.

4. Admiralty approval is requested to the release of these vessels on completion of the above task. F.O.M.F.A. pass P/L to S.A.C.S.E.A., Alfsea.

(A.C.N.B., 040132Z to C. in C. E.I., Admty). See 061054. + 252119.

Destroyers
on passage
to U.K.

Cancel my 300651. / URSA and UNDINE Senior Officer. (F.O.S.A. 040532 to A.C.N.B.)
/ Senior Officer in TUMULT and TENACIOUS sailing of ships to U.K.

A.F.D.20
en route
to Singapore.

Enigma 020335 N.T. in W.D. after discussion with CRANE and Commanding Officer A.F.D.20 convoy ENTICER will continue tow to Singapore, ~~Enigma~~ will proceed in company under own power but is unfit for towing except in emergency.

2. In view of the above it is desirable CRANE continue as escort to Singapore.
3. Vessels will refuel at Macassar.
4. Temp. repairs affected to A.F.D.20 at Manikwar have proved satisfactory and further repairs are being carried out in Morotai.

(N.O.I.C. Molaccas, 040532Z to C. in C. B.P.F.) See 050423Z, and 051113Z.

S.S.
MENESTHEUS
amenity
ship at
~~Manikwar~~
for Japan.

C.O.P.C. is requested to divert amenities ship MENESTHEUS, to Tokyo Bay for onward routing to Kure, as arranged by S.O. Force T with S.O. Force C Intend ship should remain in Japanese waters about 14 days before proceeding Hong Kong.
2. Subsequent programme will be reported in due course.

Vancouver.

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Far East and Australia.

SS. (3) B.A.T.M. Ottawa's 252124* and A.M. 301725+
 MENESTHEUS, neither to all, refer.
 Amenity ship (C. in C. B.P.F., 040723Z to Admty., C.O.P.C.)
 at ~~Manikwa~~ * M.W.T. representative is requested to sail M.V.
 for Japan. MENESTHEUS to Hongkong.
 (Contd.) + MENESTHEUS is to visit Kure, Hongkong and
 Singapore then return to U.K.

See 180323 Z J.O. Force T, S.O. Force C

Hongkong. (1) See C. in C. Hongkong's 291356 to Cabinet
 Communica- Office passed as Nr. 8/861 appears to be the
 tions policy. best answer to the Hongkong communication problem.
 Cabinet Officer reply is 311950 series Nr. 8/989.
 The following naval points may be of use for
 discussion in U.K.

(a) It is noted that Cable and Wireless plans for an up to date
 station are well advanced and they have already obtained
 sanction on most of the major points. They seem to have selected
 the best sites and it seems reasonable to suppose they would be
 willing to expand their plans to provide the additional service
 and Governments circuits required.

(b) It may be more economical and in many ways more efficient for
 the Government to make Cable and Wireless responsible for pro-
 viding reception to line. The Navy to be responsible for audio
 and machine reception at Naval H.Q. Some compromise may be
 necessary for the searching waves.

(c) The matter of an efficient communal reception site is
 considered to be more important and of greater urgency from a
 naval point of view than a communal transmitting site.

(d) The limited area at present being used for transmitting and
 receiving at Hongkong embraced many rival Government and service
 requirements and much mutual interference. Even if a naval move
 is made to the new territory there will not be enough spare to
 allow service and Government departments to lay out ideal
 communications. Some form of communal siting is essential.
 A solution is required quickly.

(e) As a long term transmitting policy it is suggested that if
 Cable and Wireless intend to employ multi channel transmissions
 to U.K. and Ceylon the navy should hire one of these channels to
 replace their existing naval fixed services. Stonecutters could
 continue to operate other circuits and place unwanted long
 distance equipment on a care and maintenance basis for use in
 emergency.

(f) Admiralty 021135 (N.T. in W.D.) (8/047) not to all.
 Suggests Naval Authorities Hongkong should state to Admiralty
 their broad requirements but that the combined details planning
 should take place in U.K. as it is there that the best service
 and civilian technical advice is available. Cable and Wireless
 Hongkong could be used as the local experts.
 Hongkong Communications Board meets shortly to discuss this
 matter.

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Far East and Australia.

Hongkong.
Communica-
tions policy.
(Contd.)

(2) New subject but connected with the above. My 150909 not to Haslemere.

(a) The suggestion to use Colombo as an automatic relay for Whitehall appears feasible and it is agreed that it should only be used when direct high speed communication with England is not practicable.

(b) Even if a communal transmitting site is decided on it will take some time to implement and it is still considered Stonecutters Island should be expanded as an interim and alternative transmitting site. One of the main troubles at present is the non directional quality of the transmitting aerials in use and the cramped and congested aerial lay-out. This aerial lay out gives rise to spurious transmission which interferes with both naval and other reception.

(c) A recent conference of those interested in Stonecutters Island indicates that the military may be willing to turn over former military areas to the Royal Navy. Subject to confirmation it is hoped to make available a rhombic to Whitehall and Belconnen a stacked array to transmit to Colombo a Lazy H with reflector to transmit to Singapore and Tokio and well spaced aerials for transmission on other minor services.

Further signal will be made concerning this as soon as Commodore Hongkong's investigations have been completed.

(d) The SS. MENELAUS is now unloading Monstas Stations. Request Admiralty approval in principle be given now to the expansion of Stonecutters Island as a transmitting site and to the long term policy of a communal receiving station.

The Monstas equipment now being unloaded from the MENELAUS can then be deployed to the best advantage.

(3) Storage facilities and transporting equipment are limited at Hongkong and an immediate reply would be appreciated particularly concerning Stonecutters Island.

(C. in C. B.P.F., 040948Z to Admiralty.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

LUCIA
depot ship
for U.K.

Intend to sail LUCIA 1200A 6 Feb. to Plymouth
A.M. 271649 Jan. refers.
2. Speed 7. E.T.A. 12 Feb.
7. LUCIA acknowledge and sail to comply.
(F.O.G.M.A. 051126A to C. in C. Plymouth. LUCIA.
Admty.)

TACITURN
S/M
on passage
to U.K.

Intend to sail TACITURN 1900A 6th Feb. via Necri
routes to Holyloch.
2. Speed 10½. E.T.A. 1900Z 12th Feb.
6. TACITURN acknowledge and sail to comply.
(F.O.G.M.A. 051158A to C. in C. Rosyth. F.O.I.C.
Greenock. TACITURN.)

South Atlantic.

Whalers for
return to
U.K. and
Norway.
Programme.

My 171140/ Jan. Intend to sail CYCLONE with
FIERY CROSS in company from Simonstown on Wednesday
6th Feb. for Plymouth thence CYCLONE to Norway
in accordance with A.M. 102217 Jan.(N.T. in W.D.)
2. Approximate programme as follows:

<u>Place.</u>	<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
Simonstown.	-	6th Feb.
Walvis Bay.	10th Feb.	11th Feb.
Lobito.	14th Feb.	15th Feb.
Pointe Noire.	18th Feb.	18th Feb.
Takoradi.	22nd Feb.	23rd Feb.
Freetown.	27th Feb.	28th Feb.

Thence routed as required by Capt. in Charge West Africa to
Plymouth.

3. My para. 3 due to improved endurance call at Lagos is now
unlikely.

4. Authorities at Walvis Bay Lobito and Pointe Noire have been
informed.

6. Further signal will be made regarding HINNOY and LEVANTER.
(C. in C.S.A. 051122 to Admty. C. in C. Plymouth. S.B.N.O. Norway.)

✓ It is hoped to sail CYCLONE, FIERY CROSS and HINNOY from
Capetown mid March to Plymouth.

See 2/1018

WILLIAM
SCORESBY
trawler.

WILLIAM SCORESBY, S.S. TREPASSEY arrived
Sandeffjord Bay 042150.
(N.O.I.C. Falkland Island. 051201Z to Admty.
C. in C. A.W.I.)

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Mediterranean.

Mine clearance in Yugoslav. waters. In absence of General Manola on leave have interviewed Captain Blagoje Vlastic who will get into touch with General Manola immediately. He appreciates importance of early action and anticipates acceptance.
2. Mr. J. Krasniuk of U.N.R.R.A. was present.
3. Your 013645 Feb. (not to all) (?and) 011838/Feb. (N.T. in W.D.) refers. T.O.O. 051205A C. in C. Med. please pass to B.A.D. Wash. and Naples.
(B.N.R. Belgrave 051205 to C. in C. Med. Admty. B.A.D. Wash.)

MORAY FIRTH aircraft engine repair ship diverted to U.K. MORAY FIRTH to be prepared for return to M.W.T. and destored on arrival in U.K.
2. To facilitate destoring stores are to be boxed if practicable.
3. Further signal will be made regarding destination.
4. Your 021215/ not to all refers.
(D.O.D. 051253 to MORAY FIRTH. C. in C. Med. C. in C. Portsmouth)
(See 062000)
/ Request early indication of policy for ship.

S.S. GRADISCA Salvage of. Gavdo Is. Crete. Ground swell had eased sufficiently by 0900 today to start main pumps again.
2. P.M. CHEVRON arrived and transferred four additional eight inch pumps to MARAUDER. Pumps will then be placed on board GRADISCA.
3. SALVENTURE redispensed motor pumps already in GRADISCA this forenoon and afternoon so as to place the four extra pumps to the best advantage on their arrival.
4. Extra petrol will be required my 051302 not to all refers.
5. The nine feet of water gained vide para. 2 Sitrep 7 was lost during last night as SALVENTURE did not consider the expenditure on petrol warranted running motor pumps which only just hold level of water when main pumps were not running.
6. When additional motor pumps have been rigged in GRADISCA and when further petrol supply is received GRADISCA should be able to reduce water level on her own without assistance of SALVENTURE's main pump.
7. SALVENTURE anticipate that ship's pumps will be working within 24 hours of their being above water level and this will be an additional safeguard during towing period.
8. Request destination of GRADISCA if this is known yet.
(CARDIGAN BAY 051705 to F.O.L.E.M.)

F.S. LA CAPRICIEUSE Escort vessel on passage to Far East. Sail immediately on completion of loading stores approximately 0900B/6 to Aden. Report your time of departure from Suez and E.T.A. Aden to all in this signal. Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said. 051840B to LA CAPRICIEUSE. Admiralty.)
(Cancelled by 061710B.)

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East Indies.

Movements. Arrived NIGELLA, JASMINE, CHALLENGER.
Departed. INDOMITABLE.
(N.O.I.C. Aden. 050900C to Admty. C. in C.E.I.)

Closing down of bases and establishments in India. Request reply may now be given to my 270959/ Jan. (C. in C.E.I. 051032EF to Admty. S.O.R.N.E. India.) / ?270759 intended.

ENTERPRISE cruiser reducing to reserve. Your 041159/. ENTERPRISE has been withdrawn from trooping service. A.M. 190725 Dec. (N.T. in W.D.) should be amended accordingly. (D.O.D. 051353 to C. in C.E.I. C. in C. Med.) / Request present whereabouts of ENTERPRISE.

B.Y.M.S. 2217. B.Y.M.S. 2217 is declared a total loss in accordance with Lend Lease charter (?conventions) article 9. Vessel is unseaworthy and incapable of being made seaworthy. (F.O. Ceylon 051454EF to Admty. C. in C.E.I.S.)

CONTEST destroyer. 548C of 29th Dec. Sail from Singapore as follows:
(A) 0700GH Feb.
(B) Hong Kong.
(C) 14 knots via QCA 575, 691 to A.L. hence by direct route to Hong Kong.
(G) Acknowledge.
(F.O.M.F.A. 051724GH to CONTEST.)

Oprep For M.O.12.
Netherlands To 1200 hours 5th Feb.
East Indies. Outer Islands.
A. Ma?ado Dutch New Guinea Ambon Lossor Sundaes Borneo. N.T.R. Halmaheras. Dutch patrol to Galola investigating threatened uprising of (?the) Hhijos (or Htihos) returned Moreta. Celebes. Patrol from Palopo to Eplqli returned without incident. Further patrol ex Palogo reached Cotoeson route for Poso. Clashes occurred with Armed Gangs of robbers during the night near Razang. Other patrols N.T.R.
D. 42 (or 46) Dutch Coy. reached Pare Pare. Sumatra.
A. Padang. Locals caught (?diving) for amn. in Canal 293973. Amn. was unserviceable Jap. 7.7
West Java.
A. Batavia. Looting F.M.A. area during night. Raid was carried out morning 5th Feb. Klenteng area results not yet known.

/Buitenzorg...

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East Indies contd.,

Oprep. Buitenzorg. All sectors quiet. 2 Coys. 1/7 GR with
Netherlands Engrs. moved to Headworks remove booby traps.
East Indies. All cleared without incident. 15 trucks loaded
miscellaneous food stuffs arrived ex Sookaboomi.
Bandoeng. Party Dutch engaged Tjimih (or
Piimahw) by Indonesians. Local patrolling but
no incidents. Semarang. Kampongs in centre of Town searched
5 Indonesians retained for questioning also 1 Jap. transmitter
found.
B. N.T.R.
C. W.E.F. 1200 hours today 5 Para Bde. reverted under direct
Comd. H.Q. A.F.N.E.I. Adv. Party 1 Bde. arrived Buitenzorg.
D. N.T.R.
East Java.
A. 9 Ind. Inf. Bde. Night 4/5 Feb. Keintek (or Koljtok) -
4569 Coy. slightly jittered by S.A. 123 (or 923) Ind. Inf. Bde.
Br. blown night 4/5. Reported 65 (or 60) feet gap. Patrol East
from Moro 3281 40 enemy engaged by Arty. 296815 enemy fled west.
Dug in posns. Road 296815. Six road blocks 301815 to 296815. 1
L.M.G. captured. 11 (or 15) enemy attempted encircle patrol at
Goerang 3081. Fled to Doemgoes (or Doengoes) 3083 when engaged.
Few enemy Ngenboeng 2911 fled on approach own tps. Tree OP and Tel
wires found 494815 (or 294815). 250 L.B. Bomb and Sea Mine
under Br. 296815 (or 296817). 45 enemy Leker 2881 fled after
arty. conc. Dug in posns. and M.M.G. post found. Estimated
enemy str. this area 70 with M.M.G. and L.M.G. Own cas. nil.
Signs of many enemy wounded. 398692 20 enemy advanced towards
own tps. firing Gren dischargers. Withdrew when engaged.
Arty. Kampong and village searched east of town. N.T.R.
Suspected Bofors heard firing approx. area 4228.
B. C. and D. N.T.R.
All infm.
(A.F.N.E.I. 051750 to W.O.)

L.C.M's Following L.C.M.(3) sunk salvage not possible:-
lost Force W. 970, 957, 946, 1147, 1241, 1201, 1056, 530,
629, 1181.
Total 10.
(F.O.W. 051602GH to Admty. C. in C. E.I.)

MESSAGE

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From F.O.M.F.A.

DATE 7.2.46.

TIME 0421

C.C.M. (5 SERVICES GEN. R BY W/T)

Addressed Admiralty.

Repeated: C. in C. E.I.

Your 012119. Commander John Valentine Waterhouse D.S.O. R.N. appointed as substitute for Marshall of London Prize Court.

2. While this Officer can deal with this particular case if it intended to Begin dealing with the large number of surrendered Japanese ships in F.O.M.F.A's area consider it essential that an Admiralty Marshall should be sent to Singapore.

3. I have no suitable Officer on my staff who could be spared to deal with the work which would be involved.

051812

See 031131 March.

U.S.S.

F.L.(N.L.19449/45) for action

M.(6) (for Admiralty Marshal London) Royal Courts of Justice.

(M of W.T. Colonial Office Mr. Jones
(Mr. Hall H.M. Procurator General)

D of S.T.(10)

N.A.2.S.L.(2)

C.V.(2)

*any
incident.
this in
Malayan waters.
the case.*

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America and West Indies.

L.S.T. 358
BARLE frigate
BANFF cutter
returning to
U.S.A.

My P.C.S. 30 06 north 38 47 west 222 degs. 8 knots.
BARLE and BANFF having only 9 days victualling
stores remaining have been detached in present
position to proceed in company to New York speed
12 knots. BARLE S.O. to detach BANFF for Boston
when convenient reporting E.T.A.
3. Wind south force 3 sea and swell 37 swell west
barometer 1006 overcast and showery.
(L.S.T. 358 051300 to Admty. C. in C. Lant.)

PORTLAND BILL
Armament
maintenance
ship from
Esquimalt.

Your 091737 and B.A.T.M. 142027 both Jan. neither
to all. Request you will sail PORTLAND BILL to
Singapore.
2. Further signal will be made regarding ship's
future employment.
(D.O.D. 052019 to C.O.P.C. C. in C.E.I. C. in C.
B.P.F.)

*see 181042 (E.I.)
r 182246.
r 211454 March*

Far East and Australia.

A.F.D. 20
en route to
Singapore.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas 030523 (N.T. in W.D.) not to all.
Concur that CRANE should continue as escort for
A.F.D. 20 to Singapore.
2. In view of defects in ENIGMA F.O.M.F.A. is
requested to hold ALLEGIANCE or ENCURE at Singapore
or send her forward to relieve ENIGMA at his
discretion.
3. CRANE does not hold Feb. editions of signal publications.
(C. in C. B.P.F. 050423Z to N.O.I.C. Moluccas. F.O.M.F.A.)
Take A.F.D. 29?20 in tow and with ENIGMA in company and under
your orders sail from Morotai at 0800I tomorrow 6th for Singapore
calling at Macassar for fuel. S.O.A. 4.5 knots. E.T.A. Macassar
15th Feb. Route north of the Celebes thence Macassar and Kari
Mata Straits.
3. CRANE will sail a.m. Thursday 7th to overtake you and provide
escort to Singapore. My 040532 refers.
4. Report your position noon daily.
5. Signal fuel requirements to P.D. Macassar.
6. Request P.D. Macassar arrange for convoy to be met inside
outer entrance and for safe anchorage for A.F.D. 20.
(N.O.I.C. Moluccas 051113Z to ENTICER. Admty.)

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GENERAL.

Policy
for Naval
aviation.

During the coming months whilst the full impact of demobilisation is falling upon the Navy, it is intended to adopt the following policy for naval aviation.

2. Except for Air Groups required for specific reliefs during 1946 and those at present embarked in Carriers remaining overseas, all First Line Squadrons will be temporarily paid off. Considerable regrouping will also be carried out in Second Line Squadrons.

3. Of the aircrews thus made available, those officers who are R.N. R.N. (A) or have been accepted for extended Service Commissions and such men under C.S. or S.S. engagements as can be made available will be given a series of courses with the object of:-

(a) Perfecting their flying technique.

(b) Giving them experience in command and administration.

or (c) Bringing their knowledge into line with that required for the post-war categories of officers and ratings.

4. Considerable reshuffling of appointments must follow but it is the policy to make use of the present unsettled period to lay firm foundations for the future.

5. First Line Squadrons reorganized on a peacetime basis will start to reform again towards the end of this year.

(A.C.N.S.(A) 061157 to Admty.Gen. Message. Home and Abroad 63A.)

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

SCOUT
Accommodation
ship for
U.K. to be
scrapped.

Following is repetition of instructions passed through Consul, Weather forecast across bay now considered favourable. Proceed to Swansea forthwith reporting E.T.A. to C. in C. Plymouth.

2. My 291102 Jan/ refers.

3. Acknowledge.

(F.O.G.M.A. 060911A to SCOUT. C. in C. Plymouth.)

/ SCOUT proceeding to Swansea.)

POLKA
Trawler
Air Sea
Rescue Force.

Cancel my 031058/ (N.T. in W.D.) Sail forthwith to Plymouth to adjust complement and make good defects.

2. Your 011443/ (N.T. in W.D.) refers.

3. Acknowledge.

(F.O.G.M.A. 061127A to POLKA. Admty.) / N.T. in W.R.

RAJAH
trooping.

RAJAH sailed 1030A 6th Feb via Medri routes to Port Said to comply with C. in C. Nore's 281242 not to Almed.

2. Speed 16. E.T.A. 0930A 11th Feb.

(F.O.G.M.A. 061130A to RAJAH.)

/A.S.R...

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North Atlantic contd...

A.S.R. work
in Azores
area. Proposed
closing Naval
base Horta.

Request Admiralty give favourable consideration to N.O.I.C. Azores 041830 Feb. Should this be consistent with future Admiralty policy.
2. Pending decision and in order to make good defects in complement and machinery POLKA still in Vigo has been ordered to return to Plymouth. POLKA's 011548 Feb. not to all.
3. A.M. 171743/ Dec. and N.O.I.C. Azores 051220 Jan. to Admiralty, neither to all also refer. (F.O.G.M.A. 061243A to Admty. Appd. 091510)
/ Sailing POLKA and VALSE to Azores.

CONSTANCE
destroyer
for B.P.F.

Intend to sail CONSTANCE 1100A 7th Feb. via Medri routes to Malta to work up.
2. Speed 14. E.T.A. 0800A 10th Feb.
5. CONSTANCE acknowledge and sail to comply. (F.O.G.M.A. 061701A to CONSTANCE.)

South Atlantic.

Repatriation
of S. African
personnel.

A.S. TRANSVAAL (S.O.) NATAL and GOOD HOPE will be sailing about 6th Feb for Suez under similar circumstances to those quoted in my 031223 Nov.
2. Ships may call at Kilindini and/or Aden for Fuel on outward and return passage.
3. F.O.L.E.M. pass to G.H.Q. Middle East. (C. in C.S.A. 061644B to C. in C.E.I. C. in C. Med. F.O.L.E.M.)
(See 081043)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

*Jugo-Slavia
Mine Sweeping
Policy, See p. 35*

Mediterranean.

U.S. NATHAN U.S. Ship NATHAN HALE mined approximately five miles West of Gorgena a.m. 5th Feb. Ship is mined. proceeding to Leghorn under own power. (C. in C. Med. 061118 to Admty.)

S.S. GRADISCA Situation at Gavdo Island further to my 240908 Jan. ashore on (N.T. in W.D. and my 031239. Gavdo Is. 1. Senior Officer CARDIGAN BAY with SALVENTURE (Crete) and MARAUDER in company. Salvage 2. MILNE, TALYBONT and STEVENSTONE arrive from report. Alexandria on 8th to deliver supplies of petrol for salvage pumps thence proceed to Malta. 3. Four further eight inch salvage pumps were delivered by CHEVRON on 5th.

4. CAPTIVE probable total loss.
 5. GRADISCA with additional motor pumps (see para. 3.) it is hoped without relying on SALVENTURE's pumps to reduce water level sufficiently to get GRADISCA's pumps working within 24 hours of their being above water.
 6. After further pumping 1,000 tons of sand ballast will be discharged taking about five days.
 7. On completion of pumping and discharge of ballast it is hoped to tow her off with SALVENTURE and MARAUDER.
 8. Draft was about 25 feet when ship grounded but maximum depth of water in her is only 19 feet. Extent of damage to ships bottom is not yet known.
 9. Prospect of salvage very favourable with good weather conditions.
- (C. in C. Med. 061229 to Admty. C. in C. Med.)

M.L. 1277. Palestine Government have refused to take over M.L. 1277 on the ground that it is unsuitable and unsound. Request immediate disposal instructions. Fuel tanks are contaminated and unfit for long journey. Officers are awaiting to take up new appointment and approximately 50% of ship's company are due for dispersal in U.K. (N.O.I.C. Haifa 061245B to C. in C. Med.) (See C. in C. Med. 081230A to N.O.I.C. Haifa.)

French ship Almed 041820 being passed Admiralty. Do you ELAN know of any political objection to French ship for Levant. ELAN proceeding to the Levant at this juncture observing she has been away for some time. (C. in C. Med. 061302 to F.O.L.E.M.)

Consider there is no political objection but N.O.I.C. Beirut is requested to confirm after consultation with British Minister. Your 061302/. (F.O.L.E.M. 062340B to C. in C. Med.)
✓ Re F/S ELAN joining Naval Levant.

/PATROLLER...

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Mediterranean contd...

PATROLLER
trooping. Sail at 0530B/7 to Aden and Colombo. Report your
T.O.D. from Suez and E.T.A. Aden to all addressees
in this signal. Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 061628B to PATROLLER. Admty.)

F.S.
CAPRICIEUSE
Escort Vessel
on passage
to F.E. Cancel my 051840. LA CAPRICIEUSE delayed
indefinitely in Port Said with engine defects.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 061710B to F.S. LA CAPRICIEUSE.)

QUEEN
carrier
trooping. Sail at 1000B/7th to Gibraltar speed 16 knots.
E.T.A. a.m. 12th. Report accurate E.T.A. when
known. Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said. 061735B to QUEEN. Admty.)

Palestine
Patrols. Cancel my 301320/ Jan. Re institute normal
Tableland patrols forthwith.
(F.O.L.E.M. 061934B to S.N.O. Afloat. Haifa.)
/ Cease continuous patrol.

MORAY FIRTH
aircraft
engine repair
ship diverted
to U.K. First destination for MORAY FIRTH is Rosyth.
2. A.M. 051352 refers.
(D.O.D. 062000 to C. in C. Med.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Movements.

Arrived ST. BRIDES BAY, SCARAB, APHIS.
COCKCHAFFER.
(N.O.I.C. Aden. 060900 to Admty. C. in C.E.I.)

SITREP 753

1438 Ops. cipher 6 Feb. 089370.
1. Burma. Minor dacoities reported from many areas. Som Cas. Arrests made.
2. Andamans. N.T.R.
3. Malay. Approx. 300 Chinese attacked Malay village area Tanjong Tualang VJ 8239. DET 7 A. Tk. Regt. arrested 80 remainder escaped. Many reports armed robberies Kuala Lumpur.
4. N.E.I. Outer Islands. Manado Dutch New Guinea Ambon Lesser Sundas Borneo N.T.R. Halmaheras.. Dutch patrol investigated threatened uprising Atela. Celebes. P.L. 1 Kumaon with B.O. moves Balikpapan 6th Feb. to G.D. Aust. stores. Dutch patrol from Palopo to Makale returned without incident. Further patrol has clashes near Raang. Java. Sourabaya. 123 Bde. Usual patrol activity. 6 Rd. Blocks reported between 301815 to 296815 250 lb. bomb and sea mines discovered under BR 2916815. 45 enemy 2881 fled after arty. conc. Estimated enemy Str. this area 70 with M.M.G. and L.M.G. Own cas. nil. Signs of many enemy wounded. Bandoeng. Party Dutch engaged Tjimahi by Indonesians. Batavia. Raid carried out morning 5th Feb. area Klenteng 9703. Result not yet known. Sumatra. N.T.R.
5. All other commands. N.T.R.
All infm.
(Alfsea 061055 to W.O.)

WAYLAND
dockyard
ship
for U.K.

548C of 29th Dec. 1945. Sail from Bombay as follows:

- (A) 1500EF 7th Feb.
- (B) Aden.
- (C) 5.5 knots.
- (G) Onward routeing to U.K.

Acknowledge.

(F.O. Bombay 061113EF to WAYLAND.)

CHARLOCK
Corvette
transferred
to R.I.N. as
H.M.I.S.
MAHRATTA.

CHARLOCK taken over by R.I.N. at 1200EF
6th Feb. 1946 and recommissioned H.M.I.S. MAHRATTA.
(F.O. Bombay 061247EF to Admty.)

/LOTHIAN...

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies contd...

LOTHIAN
L.S.H.(L)
H.Q. ship
for U.K.

My 051123 Jan. not to all.
Intend that LOTHIAN sails for U.K. on 20th Feb.
from Colombo.
2. Maximum number of W.R.N.S. personnel will be
embarked in order to clear heavy backlog now
existing.
(C. in C.E.I. 061629 to Admty.)

Re proposed
change of
En. limit
of Med.
Station.

A.M. 022206 Feb. Request you will propose date
for temporary reversion of boundary between
Med/E.I. commands to 015 degs. north in view of
any implications arising out of the transfer
of Massawa to your command.
(C. in C.E.I. 061631 to C. in C. Med.)

NIGELLA
Corvette
on passage
to U.K.
and for
reserve.

548C of 29th Dec. '45. sail from Aden as follows:
(A) 0830C 7th.
(B) Suez for U.K.
(C) 11 knots.
Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Aden 061800C to NIGELLA.)

JASMINE
Corvette
on passage
to U.K.

548C of 29.12.45. sail from Aden as follows:
(A) 0830C 7th.
(B) Suez for U.K.
(C) 11 knots.
(D) QCA. 694, QCH. 296, QBH. 2056.
(N.O.I.C. Aden. 061801C to JASMINE.)

Closing down
of bases
and
establishments
in India.

Your 270759 regarding reduction of S.O.R.N.E.
(I) approved.
(V.C.N.S. 061938 to C. in C.E.I.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

Jugoslavia
minswEEPing
policy.

C. in C. Med's. 012223 Para. 7. Request you will confirm that arrangements similar to that in your 282129 can be arranged in this case.
2. Request confirmation that it will not be necessary to effect physical transfer by March 2nd. and that it will suffice if paper formalities are completed by then.
(Hd. of M. Br.I. 061035 to B.A.D. Wash. C. in C. Med.) *Should be under Mediterranean. p. 31.*

SLINGER
E.C.
re-delivery
to U.S.A.

P.C.S. 38 degs. 35 mins. north 57 degs. 55 mins. west 265 degs 11 knots.
2. E.T.A. Chesapeake light vessel 1900Z 9th Feb.
3. Sighted drifting conical black whistle buoy marked S.C.l. in position 38 degs. 40 mins. north 54 degs. 15 mins. west.
(SLINGER 061203Z to C. in C.A.W.I. Admty. C.E.S.F. B.A.D. Wash.)

BURGES
Frigate
with L.S.T.
(L)'s return
to U.S.A.

With BURGES F.D.T. 13 L.C.I.(L)'s 184, 793, 210, 291, 375, L.C.H. 98 under your orders sail for New York direct at best possible speed, detaching FDT 13 on reaching 36.50.North 73.50. West to proceed independently to Norfolk. Acknowledge and sail to comply at 061800Z Feb.
(Cdre. i/c Bermuda 061420Z to L.S.T. 200)

L.C.A. 319
sunk at
Quebec
salvaged.

My 030952 Feb. L.C.A. 319 salvaged Tuesday 5th Feb.
(R.A.C.O.B. (W.A.) 061808Z to Admty.)

SPURN POINT
M.M.S.(L.S.)
on passage
from
Esquimalt.

Compaseafiron sail SPURN POINT due Canal zone 13th Feb. Panama to New York to load.
Comeastseafiron sail onward to Clyde.
(C.N.O. 062045 to Comeastseafiron. Compaseafiron.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

B.Y.M.S. 2284 defects. F.O.I.C. pass info F.O.M.F.A. Radio Manila sends for B.Y.M.S. 2284. Arrived Manila 5th Feb. with engine defects. Repairs are beyond capabilities ships staff. Request assistance of tug for passage to Hong Kong. (Radio Manila 060612 to C. in C. H.K.)

BEAULY FIRTH Aircraft engine repair ship for U.K. Request you will sail BEAULY FIRTH for U.K. from Brisbane on 1st March carrying out following programme.

<u>E.T.A.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>E.T.D.</u>
3rd March.	Sydney.	5th March.
7th March.	Melbourne.	9th March.
17th March.	Fremantle.	19th March.
12th April.	Aden.	12th April.
18th April.	Suez and transit to Port Said.	21st April.
1st May.	Gibraltar.	2nd May.
7th May.	Chatham.	

2. It may be necessary for BEAULY FIRTH to fuel at Seychelles. (F.O.S.A. 060636Z to A.C.N.B. Admty.)

Japan Lifts of aircraft for. J.C.O.S.A. has asked for carriers to be made available for following lifts of aircraft to Japan. (A) from Trincomalee to arrive Kure 30th March 20 Spitfires, 12 Austers, 6 Havards, 66 personnel. (B) from Singapore to arrive Kure 30th March 50 Spitfires, 72 personnel. (C) from Auckland to arrive Kure 25th March 24 Corsairs, 28 vehicles, 180 D.W. tons stores, 360 personnel.

2. B.P.F. will undertake (C) with GLORY.
 3. VENGEANCE on completion of refit will be sailed to Ceylon. C. in C. East Indies has agreed to allocate her for (A) if ship can be made available in time.
 4. Assistance by R.N. resources with (B) at the time required does not at present appear possible in view of other requirements for carriers.
- (C. in C. B.P.F. 060853 to Admty. V.A.(Q). C. in C.E.I. F.O.N.A.P.)
(See 121543.) *See 191115EF & 201917.*

re Retention of L.S.T's for occupation force to Japan. Your 040132. A.M. 052253 (N.T. in W.D.) to which you refer gave approval (subject to review in mid Jan.) to the retention of L.S.T. for move of the occupational forces to Japan.

2. At the expense of other important manning commitments we approved the retention of these L.S.Ts in your area until 15th March for the purpose of assisting with the move of the leading elements of the B.C.O.F. to Japan.
3. It is regretted that it is quite impracticable to man these ships with R.N. crews after 15th March. You should see OZ.499 of 3rd Feb. T.O.O. 032045 (N.T. in W.D.) from Cabinet Offices to Defence Melbourne, which unfortunately was not repeated to you.
(D. of P. App.V.C.N.S. 061854 to A.C.N.B.) *See 252117.*

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Thursday.

SITUATION REPORT.

Far East and Australia.

F.O.M.F.A. to take over Moluccas Area Title N.O.I.C. Moluccas to lapse. New boundary between S.E.A. E.A. Command and Australian Station. Operational control of Moluccas Area will pass to Flag Officer Malaya and Forward Area from about 9th Feb. Title N.O.I.C. Moluccas will lapse from same date. H.M.S. GILOLO will pay off on 10th. R.A.N. will maintain a Port Directorate at Morotai under operational control of F.O.M.F.A. until relieved by R.N.N. thence Australian Representation will be reduced to N.C.S. status boundary between South East area East Asia Command and Australian station from 9th Feb. will be as follows:
From intersection of 141 degs. E and Pacific Ocean area boundary due south to S. coast of New Guinea, thence west to north of Timor and thro' Ombai Straits between Sawoe and Noti Island to 11 degs S. 120 degs E. thence to 15 degs S. 86 degs E.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

ATHELING
E.C.
trooping.

Intend to sail ATHELING 1300A 7th Feb. to Plymouth.
2. Speed 16, 1400Z 10th Feb.
6. ATHELING acknowledge and sail to comply.
(F.O.G.M.A. 071021A to ATHELING.)

WILTON
destroyer
on passage
to U.K.
for reserve.

Intend to sail WILTON 1800A 7th Feb. to Plymouth.
2. Speed 14. E.T.A. 2200Z 10th Feb.
6. WILTON acknowledge and sail to comply.
(F.O.G.M.A. 071112A to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Re return
of landing
craft to
Canadian and
U.S. Ports
via Bermuda.

L.C.I.(L) 387 in addition to those in your
042333Z are defective in Las Palmas and are
expected to sail for Bermuda very shortly.
My 041041A not to all refers.
2. A.M. 261949 Jan. has since been received and
will be complied with in future.
(F.O.G.M.A. 071214A to B.A.D. Wash.)
(See 091032A)

ETHIOPIAN
Boom carrier
on passage
to U.K.

Intend to sail ETHIOPIAN 1900A 7th Feb. to
Plymouth for disposal.
2. Speed 9. E.T.A. 1700Z 12th Feb.
7. ETHIOPIAN acknowledge and sail to comply.
(F.O.G.M.A. 071544A to ETHIOPIAN.)

South Atlantic.

Whalers
on passage
to U.K.

Simonstown departure 1400B/6th Feb. CYCLONE with
FIERY CROSS in company, F.N. ~~WALVIS BAY~~ Walvis Bay.
2. S.O.A. 9 knots. E.T.A. 1800B/9th Feb.
(C. in C.S.A. 070903B to Admty. C. in C. W.A.
F.O.G.M.A.)

KING GEORGE V.
Battleship
on passage
to U.K.

Capetown arrival 0916B Feb. 7th. KING GEORGE V.
(C. in C.S.A. 070941B to Admty. N.O.I.C. Fremantle.)
Intend to sail KING GEORGE V. from Capetown A.M.
on Saturday Feb. 9th for Freetown and Portsmouth.
F.O.S.A's 02 0121 and KING GEORGE V's 280625
both Jan. not to all refer.
(C. in C.S.A. 071652B to Admty. Com.1/c. W.Af.)

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Thursday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

F.S. LA CAPRICIEUSE available 14th Feb. report follows.
LA CAPRICIEUSE on passage to F.E. (LA CAPRICIEUSE 070945 to N.O.I.C. Port Said. Admty.)

MONTCLARE on passage to U.K. Sail at 1700B/7th to Gibraltar speed 11½ knots. E.T.A. p.m. 14th. Report accurate E.T.A. to F.O.G.M.A. when known. Acknowledge. (N.O.I.C. Port Said 071001B to MONTCLARE.)

AURORA Cruiser. Sail at 0900A 9th Feb through position 36 degs. 14 mins. north, 14 degs. 49 mins. east and thence as direct as safe navigation permits to Haifa. 2. Speed 14 knots. E.T.A. 1400B 12th. 4. Acknowledge. (C. in C. Med. 071053 to AURORA.)

CUMBERLAND trooping. Sail at 0600B 8th to Aden and Colombo report your T.O.D. from Suez and E.T.A. Aden to all addressees in this signal. Constant watch on broadcast LV. Acknowledge. (N.O.I.C. Port Said 071710B to CUMBERLAND.)

BARNABY B.D.V. and THYME corvette for U.K. Your 051248 and 051500 neither to all. It is considered that BARNABY can proceed independently in the Mediterranean and intend sailing her a.m. 9th to Alexandria for onward routeing Malta, Gibraltar and U.K. 2. Intend sailing THYME to U.K. leaving Port Said a.m. 9th. Arrive Gibraltar p.m. 17th. Depart p.m. 18th. Arrive Portsmouth 23rd. (N.O.I.C. Port Said 071801 to F.O.L.E.M. Admty.)

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Thursday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

INDOMITABLE
A.C.
Trooping.

My P.C.S. at 0130Z Thursday on 7th Feb. 10 degs.
15 mins. north. 66 degs. 50 mins east. Course 102
degs. 19 knots. E.T.A. Colombo 0030Z Saturday
9th Feb.
(INDOMITABLE 070130Z to F.O. Ceylon.)

CHALLENGER
surveying
vessel for
U.K.

CHALLENGER sails to Port Said not later than
16th Feb. Gibraltar 28th Feb. thence U.K.
(N.O.I.C. Aden 070846C to Admty.)

Destroyer
LAUDERDALE
on passage
from S.A. to
Malta for
C. and M.

Arrived LAUDERDALE 0700C/6th Feb.
(F.O. E. Africa 070900 to Admty.)

MULLION
COVE
Hull repair
ship for
U.K.

My 151241 Jan. MULLION COVE will embark cargo
of tea and naval stores for U.K. and sailing will
be delayed. Further signal will be made.
(C. in C.E.I. 071151EF to Admty. F.O. Ceylon.)
Intend sailings from Colombo
MULL OF GALLOWAY 31st Jan.
MULLION COVE 10th Feb.

TULIP
corvette
on passage
to U.K.

548C of 291245. Take F.T. 27 under your orders
and sail from Bombay as follows:-
(A) 1200EF 7th Feb.
(B) Aden.
(C) 8½ knots. (G) Onward routing to U.K.
Acknowledge.
(F.O. Bombay 071152EF to TULIP.)

Persian Navy
Gunboats
for.

Your 182220 Jan.
Three Persian gunboats should be sailed to
Khorramshahr as soon as convenient.
2. Request you will signal prospective date of
arrival at Korramshahr as soon as possible so that
the Persian Government may be informed through
diplomatic channels.
(Hd. of M.Br.I. 071335 to N.H.Q. India. S.N.O.P.G.
C. in C.E.I.) *See 131329Z*

B.Y.M.S.
2217
loss of.

F.O. Ceylon's 051454 Feb. is being passed to
you for information.
(C. in C.E.I. 071516EF to B.A.D. Wash. Admty.)

/Frigate...

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Thursday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies contd...

Frigate
LOCH QUOICH
for A.S.R.
patrol.

Ref. 548C of 29th Dec. 1945. Sail from Colombo
as follows:-

- (A) 1800EF Feb. 8th.
- (B) Bombay and A.S.R. patrol.
- (C) 12 knots.
- (G) Call at Bombay to deliver S.P.S. Acknowledge.
- (F.O. Ceylon 071645EF to LOCH QUOICH.)

LONDON
cruiser
trooping.

Sail from Colombo as follows:-

- (A) On completion of embarkation p.m. 8th Feb.
- (B) Fremantle.
- (C) 20 knots.

Acknowledge.
(F.O. Ceylon 071656 to LONDON.)

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Thursday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

TROUNCER
Escort
carrier
on passage
for return
to U.S.A.

Have approved TROUNCER being diverted to Bermuda on passage to Norfolk to offload 331 ZX cases of gunmountings and guns.
(C. in C.A.W.I. 081302Z to Admy.)

Far East and Australia.

Operational
control of
Moluccas
Area.

Will pass to Flag Officer Malaya and Forward Area from about ~~2nd~~ Feb.

2. Title N.O.I.C. Moluccas will lapse from same date.

3. Royal Australian Navy will maintain a port Directorate at Morotai under Operational control of Flag Officer Malaya and Forward area until

relieved by Royal Netherlands Navy, thence Australian Representation will be reduced to N.C.S. status.

4. GILOLO will pay off on 10th Feb.

5. Boundary between South East Area East Asia Command, and Australian Station will come into effect on ~~2nd~~ Feb. as follows- from the intersection of 141 degs. east and Pacific Ocean Area boundary due south to the south coast of New Guinea, thence west to the north of Timor and through Ombai Straits between Sawoe and Roti Island to 13 degs. S. 120 degs E. thence to 15 degs S. 86 degs E.

(A.C.N.B. 070029 to S.O. H.M.A. Squadron.) *Amended 16.2.46.*

also see Admy 081405 March Ctr. 1.

Amended 192301Z Navycom. A18 406

B.P.F.
Minesweeping
Rep. No. 8.

(A) 10th M.S.F. arrived Sasebo less JEWEL and ORSAY.

(B) 180th B.Y.M.S. exploded two mines in Western Approaches to Hong Kong Flotilla now widening Canton River channel.

(C. in C. B.P.F. 070929 to Admy. S.O. M/S. 10.)

IMPLACABLE
A.C.

It is the present intention provided situation allows, that IMPLACABLE shall leave British Pacific Fleet for U.K. in May.

(V.C.N.S. 071200 to C. in C. B.P.F. A.C.1. V.A.(Q) B.P.F.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Foreign Stations.

East Indies.

Flag Officer
Force W,
lapse of
appointment.

The appointment of F.O. Force W will lapse at the end of this month and the flag of Rear-Admiral B.C.S. Martin, C.B.E., D.S.O., will be struck. The administration of Force W will then pass to Capt. G.B. Sayer, D.S.C., R.N., with title of S.O. Force W, (short title S.O.W.)

8.2.1946
Friday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

South Atlantic.

Repatriation
of S.A.
personnel
from Med.

My 061644, not to TRANSVAAL.
Durban departure 1800B Feb. 6th TRANSVAAL, NATAL
and GOOD HOPE routed safe navigation permits
for Suez and return to Durban.
(2) S.O.A. 14 knots, E.T.A. Suez 0900B Feb. 21st.
(C. in C. S.A., 081043 to Cs. in C. E.I., Med.,
F.O.L.E.M., Com. Aden.) *See 14/622B.*

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Friday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

BULL, base depot ship Massawa is now tender to SHEBA (Aden.)

C. in C. E. L.S. 211220 Jan. and C. in C. Med. 241431* Jan. BULL has become tender to SHEBA for pay and victualling accounts as from 1st Feb. 1946.
(R.N.O. Massawa, 080907C to F.O.L.E.M.)
* No objection to proposal BULL becomes tender to SHEBA.

Fr. cruiser GLOIRE.

Sail at 1730B/8 to Aden report your time of departure from Suez and E.T.A. Aden to all addressees in this signal. Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said, 080930B to GLOIRE.)

BULLFROG, cable ship on passage to U.K. to repair cable.

Report just received from Mideast communications board that cables and wireless London would like BULLFROG to repair Port Sudan Suez No. 3 cable 100 miles south of Suez and that Admiralty have been informed.
(2) Request approval to divert BULLFROG to repair this cable after she has boiler cleaned at Alexandria. She is at present at Port Said and is due to sail for Alexandria tomorrow Saturday.
(F.O.L.E.M., 081113B to C. in C. Med.)
See 090945 and 100845.

M.L. 1277.

Your 061245B* request details of unsuitability of H.D.M.L. 1277 observing that Palestine Government asked for this type of craft and have already accepted two.
(2) Request also full details why H.D.M.L. 1277 is considered unsound and your remarks on condition. Hull and engines were reported to be in good condition when boat left Malta.
(3) Do Palestine Government still desire a third boat.
(C. in C. Med., 081230A to N.O.I.C. Haifa.) See 101157B.
* Palestine Government refuse to take over M.L. 1277 on grounds that it is unsuitable and unsound.

Disposal of KENNET.

Approved to dispose locally of KENNET to the best advantage. Your 290915 Jan. para. B refers.
(2) If disposal by sale for scrap is found impossible report should be made to Admiralty for further approval before sinking is resorted to.
(Hd. of M.II, 081304 to C. in C. Med.)

COCKADE destroyer, on passage to B.P.F.

Sail at 0800A/13th Feb. by appropriate Medri routes to carry out bombardment exercise at Ras el Kanayis in accordance with my 071016 to F.O.L.E.M. and COCKADE only, thence to Port Said for onward routing to B.P.F.
(2) Speed 14 knots carrying out fuel consumption trials on route and adjusting E.T.A. at Ras el Kanayis to comply with bombardment arrangements. Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med., 081537 to COCKADE.)

/Movements...

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean. - Contd.

Movements.

Port Said 8th Feb. Arrivals F.S. GLOIRE.
Departures CUMBERLAND, BULLFROG, F.S. GLOIRE.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said, 081717B to Admty.)

Financial
responsibi-
lity of
Greek Govt.
for stores,
etc.

Greek Navy are understood to require certain items of works materials and stores. Request approval in principle to transfer of any such vote 10 items surplus within the Command against whatever method of sterling payment may ultimately be agreed upon.

(2) A.M. 291111 Dec. and No. 136 Med. 46/821/35/1 of 10th Jan. 1946 refer.

(C. in C. Med., 081731 to Admty. Bath, F.O.L.E.M.)

See 13/201 March

Sitrep No. 11
SS. GRADISCA,
ashore on
Gavdo Island
Crete, salvage.

Progress satisfactory.

(2) Engine room now dry except for a slight amount of water in one corner. One of GRADISCA's pumps is now working and expects to have second working shortly.

(3) Engine room is not making any more water now since the level has been reduced in number 2 hold to bring it below the damage on foremost bulkhead of boiler room through which it appears to have leaked.

(4) Ship is therefore virtual to dry from foremost boiler room bulkhead to right aft.

(5) Number one and two holds are now making water at estimated rate of about 2000 tons per hour. The level is however being held just above the sand and just below the level of the hatch to the lower holds. SALVENTURE intends to seal off lower holds in numbers one and two. Estimate the patching involved will take 48 hours and the cementing further 48 hours after patching completed.

(7) While this work is being done SALVENTURE intends to discharge all ballast aft.

(8) Diver has been down the port side of number one and two holds and part way down engine room. Results found are that bilge reel is torn off but not turned plates. Some rivets have sprung but these have already been plugged. Ships bottom is corrugated with roughly five in corrugations. No real knowledge of bottom damage can be given as it cannot be seen from port side. Diver will go down stbd. side tomorrow weather permitting.
(CARDIGAN BAY, 081810B to F.O.L.E.M.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Changes in
M/S Flot.
on E.I.S.

MINSTREL is reallocated to 7th M.S.F. as from
1200 GH 8th Feb. Reallocation of MICHAEL is
postponed until LAERTES join 11th M.S.F.
(F.O.M.F.A., 080949 to S.O. M/S 7, S.O. M/S 11.)

Withdrawal
of escorts
from ocean
A.S.R. duties
on E.I.S.
Frigates
for U.K.

Consequent on the gradual withdrawal of escorts
from ocean A.S.R. duties on E.I. station, the
following frigates will be sailed for U.K. on
or about the dates shown:-
A. NESS and HALLADALE 18th Feb.
B. LOCH KILLISPORT 25th Feb.
C. LOCH RUTHVEN 4th March.
D. LOCH FYNNE, LOCH LOMOND 11th March.
E. TAFF, LOCH INSH 18th March.
(2) My 050952 (N.T. in W.D.) to Admty. refers.
(C. in C. E.I., 081010 EF to E.I. Station.)

F.O. Force W
lapse of
appointment.

Admiralty has approved that the appointment
of F.O. Force W shall lapse about the end of Feb.
when the flag of R.A. B.C.S. Martin, C.B.E., D.S.O.
as F.O.W. will be struck, and at the same time
the administration of Force W will pass to Capt.
G.B. Sayer, D.S.C., R.N., with title of S.O.
Force W (short title S.O.W.)
(C. in C. E.I.S., 081140 EF to E.I. General
Message 649C, Admty.)

Air target
ship PENN
for Fremantle
frigate AIRE
for U.K.

C. in C. E.I. is requested to sail PENN for
Fremantle in accordance with C. in C. B.P.F.
010633.
(2) AIRE is to return to U.K.
(3) A.M. 281227 not to F.O.S.A. refers.
(A.C.N.S.(O), 081149 to Cs. in C. E.I., B.P.F.)
See 091002 East Indies and 111001 EF.

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- R.A.P.W.I. Dated 6th Feb. Refer my 260713 and 260723 Jan.
Sitrep No. (2) Shanghai R.A.P.W.I. ready by mid March, for
20. U.K. 747, Aust. 108, Hongkong 55, Malaya 16,
including 368 women and 136 children.
(3) HIGHLAND CHIEFTAIN arrived Hongkong 5th Feb.
with R.A.P.W.I. from north China, for U.K. 672,
Europe 267, India 15, South Africa 10, Malaya 4.
Embarked further R.A.P.W.I. ex Hongkong for U.K. 21 and sailed
for U.K. Feb. after disembarking R.A.P.W.I. for Hongkong 17, for
Australia 141.
(4) BONAVENTURE estimated time departure Hongkong for Australia
7th Feb. with R.A.P.W.I. ex HIGHLAND CHIEFTAIN 141, ex Hongkong
for Australia 20, for New Zealand 4.
(5) BLACK PRINCE estimated time departure Hongkong for Subic
9th Feb. R.A.P.W.I. for U.S.A. 10.
(6) REAPER estimated time departure Hongkong for U.K. 120 Feb.
P.O.W. for U.K. 5, Int. for U.K. 35.
(7) Following R.A.P.W.I. left Hongkong by air during fortnight
ended 6th Feb. for U.K. 11, for Australia 5.
(8) Hongkong after movements in paras. 3 to 7 above. R.A.P.W.I.
fit and ready for U.K. 67, for Australia 11, N.E.I. 41, West
Indies 2, Singapore 12, Canada 18, India 31. Deferred for U.K.
199, Australia 57, Canada 39, New Zealand 1, U.S.A. 10, India
23, Malaya 15, South Africa 2, South and Central America 158,
West Indies 140.
(9) Hainan no recent information.
(10) H.S. VASNA arrived Sydney Gerd* Feb. for Fremantle and
Bombay with sick R.A.P.W.I. and service invalids for onward
routeing from Bombay where ship returns to Trade.
(11) Australia to date 31st Jan. 1946. P.O.W. for U.K. 139,
for India 25, passage arranged for above also ready for Hongkong
and Shanghai 66, Malaya 45, Canada 6, New Zealand 9, Aden and
West Africa 15, P.O.W. Sick Sydney 20, Fremantle 40. P.O.W.
fit deferred 200. Int. ready for U.K. 266, Hongkong 20, Malaya
45, New Zealand 2, Canada 6, South Africa 2, India 2, Int.
deferred 1004.
(12) New Zealand to date 16th Jan. 1946, R.A.P.W.I. fit and
ready for U.K. 8, Australia 3, Hongkong 2, deferred for U.K. 1,
sick deferred for U.K. 29, Australia 4, Hongkong 4, U.S.A. 2,
Newfoundland, Malta, Malaya, Singapore and Ceylon one each,
uncertain 10.
(13) Admiralty pass to W.O. V.A.(Q) pass to High Commissioner
for U.K. Canberra.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 080708Z to Admty., etc.)
* As received - ?3rd.

Question of
replenishment
carrier in
B.P.F.

Your 180305 December.
Concur that VINDEX is unsuitable as a replenish-
ment carrier, but it is unlikely that any more
suitable C.V.E. can be retained in the Navy.
(2) Until better arrangements can be made, the
technique of replenishment carrier will have to
be kept alive by staging exercises using one of
the carriers of the Fleet for the purpose.
(A.C.N.S.(A), 081338 to C. in C. B.P.F.)

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Far East and Australia - Contd.

RANPURA,
heavy repair
ship.

Your 090613 Jan. ⁸⁵⁷ It is intended that RANPURA shall be under the operational control of C. in C. B.P.F. It is, however, considered that she should be employed initially at Singapore. (Vice Cont., 081957 to C. in C. B.P.F.)

Heavy repair
ship ARTIFEX
from B.P.F.
to Trinco.,
as Base Re-
pair Ship
temp., and
then for U.K.

Request you will sail ARTIFEX to comply with proposals in C. in C. E.I. 241601 January. (Vice Cont., 082000 to C. in C. B.P.F.)

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North Atlantic.

L.C.I.(L) 387 My 071214A. Sailed 8th February.
for Bermuda (F.O.G.M.A., 091032A to B.A.D., C. in C. A.W.I.
and U.S.A. Admty.)

A.S.R. work Your 061243 Feb. and N.O.I.C. Azores 041830 Feb.
in Azores approved, subject to the concurrence of U.S.
area, Pro- Authorities in the Azores.
posed closing (Hd. of M.I., 091510 to F.O.G.M.A.) See 111702A.
naval base
Horta.

South Atlantic.

KING GEORGE V Capetown departure 0942B Feb. 9th KING GEORGE V
battleship, for Freetown and Portsmouth.
on passage (2) S.O.A. 13 knots, E.T.A. Freetown 1000Z Feb.
to U.K. 19th.
(C. in C. S.A., 090953 to Admty.)

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Mediterranean.

P.S.T.Os. It has been under consideration for some time to
Med. and M.E. amalgamate the duties of P.S.T.O. Mediterranean
amalgamation and P.S.T.O. Middle East under one P.S.T.O. Now
of. that the overall control of Mediterranean personnel
shipping has passed to the Middle East and
arrangements for the transfer of Sea Transport
Store and M.T. ships to Commercial Control are
progressing satisfactorily with target date 1st April, it is
considered that the time is arriving to put this into effect.
(2) It has therefore been decided, subject to the approval of
the C. in C. Mediterranean, that the appointments of the P.S.T.O.
Mediterranean and P.S.T.O. Middle East should be merged into
one under the present P.S.T.O. Middle East who will assume the
title of P.S.T.O. Mediterranean and will continue to embrace
Aden and Persian Gulf for Sea Transport questions.
(3) To ensure the Commercial Lines in the initial days of taking
over being afforded the benefit of Sea Transport guidance on
points of detail in handling of stores and M.T. Shipping, it is
considered that of the present H.Q. Staff of P.S.T.O. Mediter-
ranean the C.S.O. and not more than 4 officers should be trans-
ferred to new P.S.T.O. Mediterranean but remain in Italy.
A further signal advising procedure under the Commercial
operation of stores and M.T. ships will follow shortly.
(4) A suitable date for the termination of the appointment of
the present P.S.T.O. Mediterranean would be 31st March, this
would allow time to clear up any loose ends.
(5) P.S.T.O. Mediterranean and P.S.T.O. Middle East are requested
to contact each other and forward detailed proposals bearing in
mind that it is of the utmost importance to reduce Sea Transport
personnel to the minimum in order that release of Sea Transport
Officers may be speeded up.
(D. of S.T., 090259 to C. in C. Med., C. in C. E.I., P.S.T.O.
Med., P.S.T.O. M.E.)

S/M

P.711.

Your 090910 Jan. Approved subject to C. in C.
Med. being satisfied there is no early prospect
of P.711 being disposed of profitably by sale
for scrap in the Mediterranean area.
(Vice Controller, 090332 to F.O.L.E.M.) *See 26/255 March*

Cable repairs
by BULLFROG
cable ship.

Your 081113 approved to divert cable ship
BULLFROG.
(C. in C. Med., 090945 to F.O.L.E.M., Admty.)

TANATSIDE,
destroyer,
transferred
to Greek Navy.

TANATSIDE transferred to R.H.N. in the name of
ADRIAS.
(TANATSIDE, 091100 to V.A. Malta.)

/re Talks...

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Mediterranean - Contd.

re Talks
concerning
projected
Egyptian Navy.

Reference my 211425 Jan. I held meeting on Feb. 6th with Egyptian Navy Staff and D.G.P. and L when the following resulted:-

- A. The Egyptians do not want CARLISLE.
B. They informed me that Cabinet had approved proposed Fleet in F.O.L.E.M. 19/00305/8 of 6th Jan 1946 forwarded in Med. 332, Med. 46/001407/2/1 of 24th Jan. 1946, but that Parliament had not yet approved expenditure.
C. They asked urgently that Admiralty would approve their request for training officers and men in the U.K. Para. 4 of my letter quoted refers. They also stated that request of Nov. 1945 for 8 Cadets and 4 Engineer Students was now cancelled as this item is included in the later requirements. Para. 6 of my letter refers.
D. Request by Egyptians for the training of Surveying Officers is temporarily in abeyance. Admiralty letter M.07142/45 of 23rd Sept. 1945 refers.
E. Egyptian Admiral agreed as to the necessity for a British Senior Naval Officer as adviser in naval matters in Egypt. My 211425B Jan. mentions H.M. King Farouk suggested a British Naval Attache at the Embassy Cairo.
It is requested that I may be given replies to my:-
1. 201151 Dec. (N.T. in W.D.) cost of fleet.
2. Para. 8 of my 211425 Jan. refit of MAHAROUSSA.
3. Early consideration of 332 Med. 46/001407/2/1 of 24th Jan. 1946 would be of great assistance.
(F.O.L.E.M., 091845B to Admty.)

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East Indies.

INDOMITABLE, Ref. 548C of 29th Dec. 1945. Sail from Colombo A/C, trooping. as follows:

A. On completion of embarkation and fuelling p.m. 9th Feb.

B. Singapore. C. 20 knots. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Ceylon, 090803 to INDOMITABLE.)

Persian Navy A.M. 091846 Jan.* not to F.O. Bombay. H.M. 3 gunboats for representative Teheran has informed S.N.O.P.G. that Persian Government request that sailing of 3 gunboats from Bombay may be postponed one month since even skeleton crews cannot be collected within that period.

As this may also apply to the H.D.M.Ls. and possibly floating docks, F.O. Bombay suggests that all future arrangements be made between F.O. and Teheran, I concur.

(C. in C. E.I., 090948 EF to Admty. N.H.Q. India.) See 111133D.
* Docking and handing over of three gunboats to Persians.

PENN, air target ship.

C. in C. B.P.F. 010633* Can decision now be made regarding allocation of PENN to B.P.F. (C. in C. E.I.S., 091002 EF to Admty., C. in C. S.At., C. in C. B.P.F.)

* PENN would be preferred to AIRE as submarine target ship. If approved request she be sailed Fremantle about 28th Feb.

LEONIAN, boom carrier, on passage to U.K.

Boom defence carrier LEONIAN now arrived Singapore on passage to U.K. via Trincomalee.

(2) Understood vessel proceeding empty and you are requested to ascertain if commercial or service cargo available.

(D. of S.T., 091244 to P.S.T.O.(I))

FLAMBOROUGH HEAD, maintenance ship on passage to U.K. from B.P.F.

548C of 29.12.1945. Sail from Aden as follows -

A. 1000C/10th. B. Suez for U.K. C. 10 knots. Acknowledge.

(N.O.I.C. Aden, 091301C to FLAMBOROUGH HEAD.)

VICTORIOUS, A/C, trooping.

Ref. 548C of 29th Dec. 1945 sail from Colombo

as follows - A. As convenient a.m. Feb. 11th. B. Aden. C. 20 knots. Acknowledge.

(F.O. Ceylon, 091634 EF to VICTORIOUS.)

Senior Officer Royal Naval Establishment India, lapse of appointment.

Admiralty approval has been received for the appointment of S.O.R.N.E.I. to lapse.

(2) The flag of Rear-Admiral O. Bevir, C.B., as S.O.R.N.E.I. will be struck about 1st March when

Capt. P. Hordern will become S.R.N.O. Bombay.

(3) From the date of S.O.R.N.E.I. striking his flag Bombay and Cochin will be directly administered by C. in C. E.I.

(C. in C. E.I., 091706 EF to E.I. General Message.)

/C. in C. ...

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C. in C.E.I. Movement. C. in C. E.I. leaves Colombo for Singapore p.m. 15th Feb. in PENN arriving Singapore a.m. 19th Feb. He will leave Singapore by air for Trincomalee approx. 24th Feb.
(2) All correspondence and signals except those of a personal nature are to continue to be routed to Trincomalee.
(C. in C. E.I., 091707 EF to All authorities concerned with East Indies Station.)

H.S. CAP ST. JACQUES to Saigon for French sick. From P.S.T.O. S.E.A.C. On completion repairs Singapore CAP ST. JACQUES will be routed to Saigon to embark to capacity with French sick and sailed to Toulon, via Colombo to adjust complement. C. in C. E.I.S. 031145, not to all, refers. Agreed.
(2) For D. of S.T. Further signal will be made regarding hospital ships generally.
(Alfsea, 091723 GH to S.T.O.I.C. Saigon.)

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COSBY, frigate, Your 061646 Navy Department ask that COSBY be to be re-sailed to Philadelphia. Admiralty pass to Nore, returned to Plymouth and COSBY. U.S.A. (B.A.D., 090001Z to Admty.) See 112349Z.

M.V. MENESTHEUS, Amenity ship for Japan. M.V. MENESTHEUS sailed from Esquimalt at 0230Z/9th Feb. in accordance with C. in C. B.P.F. 040723Z* not to all refers. E.T.A. Tokio Bay 22nd Feb. S.O.A. 16 knots. (C.O.P.C., 090240Z to C. in C. B.P.F.) Amended by 110032Z.

MICMAC, frigate, to R/V CAISTOR CASTLE as escort L.C.Is etc. to Bermuda. Request you will sail MICMAC at 2200Z tomorrow 10th Feb. to R/V with CAISTOR CASTLE at 1400Z/15th Feb. in position 28° 00' N. 40° 40' W. S.O.A. 12 knots. (2) MICMAC is required to escort L.C.I.164, 387 and L.C.H. 269 to Bermuda. (C. in C. A.W.I., 091335Z to N.O.I.C. Bermuda.)

BANFF, cutter, returning to U.S.A. (1) P.C.S. 1600Z/9 39° 09' N. 61° 31' W. 185. 12 knots. E.T.A. BARLE Ambrose light vessel 1300Z/11. (2) BARLE has one suspected case of appendicitis and requires assistance of medical officer on arrival. (BANFF, 091800Z to B.A.D., Admty.)

L.S.Ts. and L.C.Is. re- turn to U.S.A. F.D.T. 13 detached at 2100Z in position 36.48 N. 73.50 W. and proceeding independently to Norfolk course 275, speed 11 knots. My E.T.A. 0800Z/10th Feb. Ambrose ? and L.C.Is. 98, 184, 193, 210, 291 and 375 in company. Request instructions on arrival. (L.S.T. 200, 092101Z to C. in C. Lant.)

Far East and Australia.

Destroyers for U.K. Sail at 1130K Monday 11th Feb. for Fremantle in accordance with F.O.S.A. 290801*. (N.O.I.C. Melbourne, 090225Z to UNDINE.) * Request you sail UNDINE and TENACIOUS 1700/5 for U.K.

/URSA...

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URSA,
TUMULT,
on passage
to U.K.

Departed Melbourne 0401Z/9th Feb. URSA, S.O.,
TUMULT for Fremantle. F.O.S.A. 250847 Jan.*
refers. Direct route. S.O.A. 14 knots. E.T.A.
Fremantle 1200H/14th Feb.
(N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne, 090454Z to N.O.I.C.
Fremantle.)

* URSA and TUMULT to be sailed 1700/2 for U.K.

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North Atlantic.

CAISTOR
CASTLE on
passage to
escort
landing
craft.

My P.C.S. 1200Z today, 10th Feb. 28.00 north,
24.49 west, 270, 10 knots.
(CAISTOR CASTLE 101203Z to F.O.G.M.A.)

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Mediterranean.

FREESIA
Corvette
on passage
to U.K.
and reserve.

548C of 29.12.45, propose sailing from Alexandria as follows:
(A) 0830B 10th Feb.
(B) Malta for U.K. a.m. 13th.
(C) 11 knots.
(FREESIA 100204B to F.O.L.E.M. Admiralty.)

BULLFROG
Cable ship.

Your 081113B.
Report (1) How long BULLFROG will be delayed if detailed for repairs.
(2) Whether any manning problems will arise.
(C. in C. Med. 100845 to F.O.L.E.M. Admiralty.)

H.D.M.L.1277
unsuitability
of - for
Palestine
Government.

Your 081230A. H.D.M.L. 1277 is slower and not up to standard of the previous two supplied. It is also understood that Palestine Government are contracting for Fairmile launches with the M.E. Disposal Mission.
2. Considered unacceptable because starboard engine overheats. Port engine exhaust elbow cracked, oil pressure low gaskets blowing, fuel system leaking, generators not charging. Fuel tanks contaminated. Rudder post glands require renewing, plating (?on) blades require replating. Probing the maintenance reports on the main engines, auxiliary engine and hull it appears that extensive repairs and overhaul would be required before launch could be commissioned. (Marine Division Palestine Police Force's maintenance report follows).
3. It is requested that provision of a third H.D.M.L. may be deferred. Your 081848B to F.O.L.E.M. only refers.
(N.O.I.C. Haifa 101157B to C. in C. Med.)

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Movements.

Arrived - FLAMBOROUGH HEAD.
Departed - ST. BRIDES BAY.
(N.O.I.C. Aden 100900 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

BURGES
frigate
landing
craft
returning
to U.S.A.

My P.C.S. at 1200Z 10th Feb. 39 degs. 30 mins.
30 secs. north. 73 degs. 53 mins. west. course
359 degs. speed 10.5 knots. E.T.A. Ambrose Light
1800Z today Feb. 10th. BURGES L.C.I's 98, 184,
193, 210, 291, and 375 in company.
(L.S.T 200 101210Z to C. in C. Lant. C. in C. A.W.I.)

Far East and Australia.

CONTEST.

My Position 18 degs. 27 mins. north 113 degs. 30 mins
east course 005 degs. speed 12 knots. E.T.A.
Hong Kong 0700H 11th Feb.
(CONTEST 100130Z to F.M. Hong Kong.)

DEERSOUND
aircraft
component
repair ship
on passage
to U.K.

Departed Fremantle 0100Z/10th Feb. DEERSOUND
for Aden F.O.S.A. 250656Z/ refers. E.T.A. Aden
0900Z/25th Feb. route direct, speed of advance
13½ knots.
(N.O.I.C. Fremantle 100417Z to Com. i/c. Aden.)
/ Sailing of DEERSOUND for U.K.

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North Atlantic.

CAISTOR
CASTLE on
passage to
escort
L.S.Ts. to
Bermuda.

My P.C.S. at 1200Z 11th Feb. 28. 02 north.
29. 35 west. 270. 10 knots.
(CAISTOR CASTLE 111206Z to F.O.G.M.A. C. in C.
A.W.I.)
Reference F.O.G.M.A.'s 271302A and 081711A
E.T.A. at r/v position 2000Z Feb. Intend
proceeding along 28 degs. north towards 55 degs.
west, until met.
(CAISTOR CASTLE 111332Z to F.O.G.M.A. C. in C.A.W.I.)

MORAY FIRTH
aircraft
engine repair
ship on
passage to
U.K.

Sail at 0830A 12th Feb. via Necri routes to Rosyth.
2. Speed 10½. E.T.A. to be reported.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 111232 to MORAY FIRTH. Admiralty.)

MEADOWSWEET
MONKS HOOD
corvettes
for U.K.
and reserve.

Take MONKS HOOD under your orders and sail 1800A
11th Feb. to Plymouth.
2. Speed 9. E.T.A. p.m. 16th Feb.
7. Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 111532A to MEADOWSWEET.)

Proposed
closing Naval
Base Horta
and return of
C. & M. party
and trawler
VALSE to
U.K.

Admiralty message 091510. Has concurrence of
Senior U.S. Officer been obtained.
2. If so report your intentions for carrying out
recommendation in para. 3 of your 041830.
3. N.O.I.C. Azores pass to S.B.N.O. Horta and
S.B.N.O. Azores.
(F.O.G.M.A. 111702A to N.O.I.C. Azores)
(Reply 121310Z)

South Atlantic.

TEVIOT
frigate
for U.K.
and reserve.

Arrival, departure TEVIOT 0940 10th 1800/10th
Gibraltar.
(S.O.(I) Freetown 110950 to Admiralty.)

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Mediterranean.

F.S. SUFFREN
cruiser for
Far East.

E.T.A. Port Said Fairway Buoy 0700B 13th.
Request arrangements be made for immediate onward
passage of canal, stopping neither at Port Said
nor Suez, ship is under urgent orders for Far East.
No fuel or water required.
(SUFFREN 110830 to N.O.I.C. Port Said. Admiralty.)

DORNOCH
Minesweeper.

Sail at 0600B 12th to Aden and Colombo. Report
your T.O.D. from Suez and Aden to all in this
signal. Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 110846B to DORNOCH.)

WIGTOWN BAY
frigate
on trooping
duties.

1. Sail at 0700B 12th by appropriate Medri routes
to Malta.
2. Speed 15 knots. E.T.A. 1800 13th.
4. C. in C. Med's 081208 refers.
5. Acknowledge.
(G.R.E.N.O. Piraeus 111245B to WIGTOWN BAY.)

S.S. GRADISCA
salvage of.

Situation at Gavdo further to my 061229.
Pumping progressing well, GRADISCA now dry from
forward boiler room aft with own two pumps now
working. Work progressing to seal off number 1
and 2 lower holds, all ballast aft will then be
discharged.
2. Armed guard from CARDIGAN BAY still on board GRADISCA whose
crew reported as more co-operative and of better morale.
3. JAVELIN bringing petrol from Alexandria will relieve
CARDIGAN BAY at Gavdo Feb. 12th.
4. Ship, when refloated, will be towed to Taranto for repairs.
(C. in C. Med. 111658 to Admiralty.)

FENCER
carrier
trooping.

Sail at 0600Z 12th to Malta and Gibraltar, speed
16 knots. E.T.A. Malta p.m. 14th. Report
accurate E.T.A. to C. in C. Med. when known.
Keep constant watch on Alexandria B/C shift to
Malta B/C at 0600B/14th.
Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 111802B to FENCER.)
(JAVELIN assumed duties S.N.O.A. Gavdo.
E.T.A. Alexandria 0700Z 13th.
(CARDIGAN BAY 112228B to F.O.L.E.M.)

F.O. 15th
C.S.

Rear Admiral Kinahan joined ORION on 8th Jan.
having hoisted his Flag a.m. on that day.
(ORION 112250B to PRESIDENT ONE. Admiralty.)

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East Indies.

PHILOMEL
depot and
training
ship on
passage to
South Africa.

Sail from Trinco. at 1030EF 13th Feb. and proceed to Port Elizabeth, via Colombo.
2. Report your E.T.A. Colombo to N.C.S.O. Colombo.
4. Acknowledge.
(Com. i/c. Trinco. 110047EF to PHILOMEL.)

PENN
S/M target
ship.

My 021931 not to all. Request you will sail PENN to join S/M 4 at Fremantle 28th Feb.
2. PENN is allocated to B.P.F. as S/M target ship to date 28th Feb.
3. A.M. 081149 not to all refers.
(C. in C.E.I. 111001EF to F.O.M.F.A. PENN.)

Minesweeping
operations
E.I.

Weekly report of M/S. Progress No. 8.
1. Current Operations.
(A) Serial 16 Durian Strait 11th M.S.F.M. completed clearance of E.F.M. I 8 with negative result then completing serial 16.
(B) Serial 17 R.H.I.O. Strait 11th M.S.F. sailed from Singapore 11th Feb. to start clearance of E.F.M.I. 481.
(C) Serial 19 Banks Strait 7th M.S.F. sailed from Singapore 10th Feb. to start this serial.
(D) Serial 20 Andamans Area 37th M.S.F. completed clearance of E.F.M.I. 18 Line 1 with negative result several areas on West Coast remain to be cleared.
(E) Serial 21 Nicoban Area 37th M.S.F. completed clearance of E.F.M.I. 58 with negative result on 8th Feb. and have started clearance of E.F.M.I. 129 sweeping 9 Japanese moored mines to date.
(F) Serials F and H Penang Area 166th M.S.F. completed sweeping of E.F.M.I. 170 detonating one magnetic mine.
(G) Singapore Locas sweeping 145th H.D.M.L. Flotilla completed clearance E.F.M.I. One with negative result on 6th Feb.
2. Future operations nothing and to para. 2 of my 041025 Feb. (F.O.M.F.A. 111025 to C. in C.E.I.)

Boundaries
and areas
of
responsibility
S.E.A.C. area
Commands.

The following information regarding boundaries and areas of responsibility for various commands in the S.E.A.C. area is promulgated for information.
2. Following boundary was laid down by S.C. A.P. between the British Empire area and U.S. Pacific Ocean areas on 28th August 1945:-
"From the coast of French Indo China at 016 degs. north to 007 degs. 40 mins. north 116 degs east thence along the 1939 boundary between the Phillippine Is. and Java to 005 degs. north 127 degs. east thence due east to 130 degs. east thence due south to the equator thence due east to 146 degs. east thence east to 002 degs. 20 mins. south 159 degs. east thence due south".

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Boundaries and areas of responsibility S.E.A.C. area Commands.

3. The following boundary between S.E.A.C. and the Australian area came into effect when A.F.N.E.I. took over responsibilities from Australian Forces for the remainder of N.E.I. on interior 2nd Feb. 1946:-

"From the intersection of 141 degs. east and the Pacific Ocean area boundary due South to south coast of New Guinea.

Thence west to the north of Timor and through the Ombai Straits between Sawoe and Roti Islands to 013 degs. south 120 degs. east. thence to 001 degs. south 086 degs. east."

4. F.O.M.F.A. area is bound on the west and longitude 095 degs. east and latitude 010 degs. north between the west coast of Siam and the intersection with longitude 095 degs. east and elsewhere by S.E.A.C. boundaries.

5. F.O.M.F.A. area south of the equator extending from 095 degs. east to the west coast of Borneo. Thence along the boundary between British and Dutch Borneo to the East coast of Borneo. Thence due east to the P.O.A. S.E.A.C. boundary thence along the S.E.A.C. boundary as in paras. 1 and 2 above.

6. A.F.N.E.I. area after taking over the remainder of N.E.I. from the Australians will consist of all Dutch territories in the N.E.I. which are in S.E.A.C. with the exception of part of the Riouw and Lingga Archipelago and the Anamba Is. The defined boundary between Malaya command and the A.F.N.E.I. is as follows all inclusive to A.F.N.E.I.

"Lingga Archipelago Mouth of Dempo Strait, Petong Island, Doerai Island, Mendol Island, Rangsang Island.

7. F.O.M.F.A. assumed operational control of S.E.A.C. area as laid down in para. 3 from 1000GH 2nd Feb. 1946.

(C. in C.E.I. 111047 to E.I.G.M.660C Admiralty.)

See 060130 (720) in Army. 081405 March (coll) + see 140929 E.F. March. cancelled by

Persian Navy Gunboats training of personnel. etc.

Your 091846 Jan. Persian Navy almost completely denuded of personnel and crews to man H.D.M.L's could not be procured under at least two months. 2. Skeleton crews for the gunboats cannot be collected within one month. C. in C East Indies 090948 Feb. refers.

3. Persian Government would welcome training of personnel by us but would prefer training to be disguised as protracted turn over at a non Persian Port.

4. I concur that this is desirable.

(S.N.O. Persian Gulf. 111133D to Admty. C. in C.E.I.C. in C. Med. (See 131329Z and 162241.)

WAVENEY L.S.H. (S) on passage to U.K.

548C of 29.12.45 sail from Aden as follows:

- (A) 1800/11th.
- (B) Suez for U.K.
- (C) 12 knots.
- (G) WAVENEY requests Canal transit 16th Feb. not 17th as previously requested.

Acknowledge.

(N.O.I.C. Aden 111317C to WAVENEY. Admty. C. in C. E.I.)

/U Boats...

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U-Boats 181, 862 for scuttling by WELCOME M/S and LOCH LOMOND frigate.

On passage from Singapore to Trincomalee ordered in my ~~incomplete grp.~~ 11254GH not to all, you are to tow U-Boat 181 and U-Boat 862 and scuttle them in at least 50 fathoms, in a position 030 degs. 00 mins. 50 secs. north. 100 degs. 38 mins. 50 secs. east or at northern end of Malacca Strait.

2. Provide towing parties as previously arranged. ~~Request~~ Information ~~(sp. missing)~~ cancel para. (3) of my 311942GH Jan. ~~addresses~~

3. U-Boats are to be scuttled by opening sea cocks. You may attack them with SQUID for exercise.

4. Report time and position of sinking to all addressees. (F.O. Malaya 111319 to WELCOME. LOCH LOMOND.) (See 141742, 141902GH, 152016GH, and 152250.)

Intend U-Boats shall be escorted or towed by frigate into open water and sunk.

F.S. BARFLEUR 548C of 29.12.1945.
A.M.C. (A) 0600EF 12th Feb.
on passage to (B) Singapore.
F.I. China. (C) 13 knots via QCA 595 and 597.
(G) No liaison party. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Ceylon 111145EF to BARFLEUR.)

Persian Navy 3 Gunboats for. C. in C.E.I. 090948. Groups 93. After Foreign Office and Teheran add "I concur". (C.C.O. Colombo 111258EF to Admiralty. N.H.Q. India)

MULL OF GALLOWAY Motor craft maintenance ship on passage to U.K. 548C of 29.12.45. sail from Aden as follows:
(A) 0600C 12th.
(B) Suez for U.K.
(C) 8.5 knots.
Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Aden 111630 to MULL OF GALLOWAY. Admty.)

CUMBERLAND cruiser trooping. 548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Aden as follows:
(A) 2000C/11th.
(B) Colombo.
(C) 20 knots.
(N.O.I.C. Aden 111632 to CUMBERLAND. Admiralty.
C. in C.E.I.)

LOCH QUOICH frigate A.S.R. patrol. 548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Bombay as follows:
(A) 1700EF 11th Feb.
(B) To relieve LOCH FYNE on A.S.R. patrol west of Karachi in accordance with C. in C.E.I.'s 071106.
(C) 12 knots.
(G) Acknowledge.
(F.O. Bombay 111633EF to LOCH QUOICH. LOCH FYNE. Admiralty.)

/Gunboats...

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Gunboats
from Med.
for E.I.

548C of 29.12.45. Take APHIS, COCKCHAFER and SCOTOL under your orders and sail from Aden as follows:

(A) 1100C/12th.

(B) Karachi for onward routeing. SCOTOL to fuel and water gunboats at Mukalla and Masira. For

further fuelling required Merbat is a convenient anchorage.

(C) 7 knots.

(G) SCOTOL rendezvous with SHOREHAM at Masira p.m. 18th Feb.

Request signal when rendezvous made. SCOTOL to return to Aden on completion of fuelling. Acknowledge.

(N.O.I.C. Aden 112330C to SCARAB, Admiralty, SHOREHAM, COCKCHAFER, APHIS.)

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America and West Indies.

M.V. MENESTHEUS Add to my 090240Z. E.T.A. MENESTHEUS Tokyo Bay
amenity ship 22nd Feb. S.O.A. 16 knots.
for Japan. (C.O.P.C. 111032Z to C. in C. B.P.F.)

MICMAC H.M.C.S. MICMAC sailed 102200Z to rendezvous with
frigate CAISTOR CASTLE, L.C.I.(L)'s 164, 378 and 387 and
to escort L.C.H. 269 in position 28 degs. 00 mins. north
L.C.I.(L)'s 40 degs. 40 mins. west at 151400Z and escort
to Bermuda Landing Craft to Bermuda.
for U.S.A. (Cdre. i/c. Bermuda 111317Z to F.O.G.M.A. MICMAC.
CAISTOR CASTLE.)

BALLINDERRY Request BALLINDERRY be sailed to Trinidad on
Frigate. completion of working up programme.
(C. in C.A.W.I. 111425Z to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

COSBY C. in C. Plymouth's 101718 (N.T. in W.D.) Para. 6.
frigate Destination of COSBY is Philadelphia. My 090001
returned not to all refers.
to U.S.A. (B.A.D. 112349Z to COSBY.)

Far East and Australia.

Movements.

Arrivals 7th.

- (A) Melbourne - AUSTRALIA, UNDINE, TENACIOUS.
- (B) Newcastle - BARWON.

8th.

- (A) Singapore - BARTOLOMEU DIAS.
- (B) Port Kembla - TURPIN, TAURUS.
- (C) Koepand - VAN KINSBERGEN.
- (D) Sydney - GAWLER.
- (E) Devonport - WARREGO.

Departures 7th.

- (A) U.S.S. COLUSA for Brisbane.
- (B) Thursday Island - ALACRITY for Sydney.
- (C) Fremantle - S.M.O. 24 for Batavia.
- (D) Hong Kong - BONAVENTURE for Subic.

8th.

- (A) Sydney - TURPIN, TAURUS for Port Kembla.
- (B) Morotai - CRANE for Singapore.
(A.C.N.B. 110526Z to Admiralty.)

/PIONEER...

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Far East and Australia.

PIONEER
Aircraft
maintenance
ship.

Request you will sail PIONEER from Sydney for U.K. at 1400K on 17th Feb. carrying out following programme:-

<u>E.T.A.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>E.T.D.</u>
19th Feb,	Port Melbourne.	21st Feb.
26th Feb.	Fremantle.	26th Feb.
6th March.	Singapore.	8th March.
19th March.	Aden.	20th March.
24th March.	Suez and transit to Port Said.	26th March.
1st April.	Gibraltar.	2nd April.
6th April.	Portsmouth.	

(F.O.S.A. 110641Z to A.C.N.B.)

Destroyers
on passage.

Departed Melbourne 0505/11th Feb. UNDINE (S.O.) TENACIOUS for Fremantle. F.O.S.A. 290801Z Jan. refers. Route. S.O.A. 14 knots. E.T.A. Fremantle. 0900H/16th Feb. (N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne. 110703Z to N.O.I.C. Fremantle.)

British
Pacific Fleet
Policy.

It is the present intention that, provided situation allows, ships shall leave British Pacific Fleet for U.K. as follows:

Battleships.	DUKE OF YORK in June. ANSON in July.
Fleet Carrier.	IMPLACABLE in May.
Cruisers.	BLACK PRINCE end May. ARGONAUT in June. SWIFTSURE in August.
Fast Minelayers.	ARIADNE early March. APOLLO and MANXMAN during May and June.
Escort Carrier.	SPEAKER in May and June.

2. Request that you will make arrangements accordingly but that before sailing each ship you will inform Admiralty of your intention to do so.

(Appd. V.C.N.S. 111757 to C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I.)

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North Atlantic.

TRUMP
on passage
to U.K.

Position at 1200Z 12th Feb. 37 degs. 40 mins north,
05 degs. 24 mins. east.
2. E.T.A. off Europa Port, Gibraltar, 0930Z 14th
Feb.
3. Requirement signal follows.
(TRUMP 121201 to F.O.G.M.A. C. in C. Med. F.O. S/M's)

A.S.R. Rescue
Azores area.
Closing down
of Horta
Naval Base.

Ref. your 111702A. U.S. Navy authorities here
concur for reasons stated in my 041830Z but point
out that A.S.R. in this area remains ultimately a
British responsibility. Senior British Officer
Azores prepared to accept this provided U.S. Navy
authorities assure that destroyer escort or other
suitable craft are maintained in Azores area as
long as A.S.R. required.

2. In view of above request your concurrence to following.
- (A) Naval Stores at Horta to be craned and returned to U.K.
first opportunity.
 - (B) Remaining vehicles and boats to be disposed of locally at
best price obtainable.
 - (C) Before leaving Azores S.B.N.O. made verbal promise that one
motor cutter be given to Portuguese Captain of port in recognition
of services rendered by pilots during 1943/1946. Recommend this
promise be honoured.
 - (D) One trailer pump was lent to local fire brigade when British
landed in Azores and the S.B.N.O. at that time inferred this
would not be reclaimed. Request confirmation that this may be
written off.
 - (E) Naval personnel at Horta to return to U.K. by sea or air
early in March.
 - (F) Trawler VALSE to return to U.K. on departure of Horta
personnel.
 - (G) Self returning to U.K. first opportunity after 28th Feb. in
accordance with Admiralty 031642 Jan.(N.T. in W.D.) leaving
Lt. F.J.V. Metcalfe R.N.V.R. (S.B.N.O. Horta.) to finally close
Horta base.
- (N.O.I.C. Azores 121310Z to F.O.G.M.A.)
(See 141635 and 141719.)
- See SB N.O. Horta 221222 Z Admy.*

QUEEN
carrier
trooping.

Sail on completion of fuelling to Plymouth.
A.M. 081041 refers.
2. Speed 16. E.T.A. p.m. 15th Feb.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 121615A to QUEEN.)

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South Atlantic.

HIGHLAND
MONARCH
with German
internees
ex GRAF SPEE.

When HIGHLAND MONARCH sails please signal Admiralty.
Info. B.N.C. in C.G., actual numbers of Officers
and men belonging to GRAF SPEE and TACOMA as well
as number of undesirable Germans and of women and
children on board.

A list of names should also be forwarded to
Admiralty by air bag.

2. B.N.C. in C.G.'s 111608 to Admiralty only refer

3. Please pass for info to AJAX and HIGHLAND MONARCH.

(Admiralty 121714 to N.A. Buenos Aires)

(See 161204Z.) *see 211156-P.*

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for
Yugoslavs.Preliminary acceptance of 10 M/Ss received by
Naval Staff p.m. today Monday subject to agreement
on conditions.2. Yugoslavian naval authorities are aware of the
urgency of formal application by their Government
to U.S. Government.

3. Letter referred to in your 091206 not yet received.

T.O.O. 111(7218, 713, or 925)A.

Admiralty please pass to B.A.D. Washington.

(B.N.R. Belgrave No. T.O.O. to C. in C. Med.) Amended 141907.

OCEAN
light fleet
carrier with
MEYNELL
attendant
destroyer to
return U.K.
Naval Air
Stations
Malta.A.M. 172026 Jan. It is expected that OCEAN and
MEYNELL will return to U.K. in early April. OCEAN
will require docking and storing on arrival.2. Approximately 120 ratings from OCEAN and
MEYNELL will be due for dispersal by 30th April.3. In order that arrangements may be made for
any changes in type equipment and shore facilities
at Naval Air Stations in Malta, request
information of types of aircraft with which OCEAN
will re-arm and whether 892 and 1792 Squadrons
will remain in the ship.4. Observing that it will be desirable to give
leave, request approximate date on which OCEAN

may be expected to return to Malta.

(C. in C. Med. 121033 to Admiralty) (Reply 141703).

Repairs to
Port Sudan
Cable.

Your 110932(N.T. in W.D.) approved to direct

ST. MARGARETS to repair Port Sudan cable.

(C. in C. Med. 121034 to F.O.L.E.M.)

1. C. in C. Med's. 121034 intend proceeding at
1000 Sat. 16th Feb. to Suez to load cable for
repair of Suez Port Sudan No.3 cable.2. Request confirmation that cable on cable charts are available
at Suez.3. ST. MARGARETS will have victualling stores for two months.
(ST. MARGARETS 121930 to F.O.L.E.M.)RICHELIEU
Battleship
from Far East.RICHELIEU arrived at Toulon yesterday from Far
East. Admiral Lemonnier will decorate ship with
Croix De Guerre today. (B.N.A. Paris 121105A to
Admiralty).ROCKROSE
Corvette
for U.K. and
reserve from
E.I.
L.C.T's for
Gibraltar.Take L.C.T's 1362 and 741 under your orders and
sail at 0800A Feb. 13th to Gibraltar.2. Routed as direct as safe navigation permits and
by appropriate Medri routes.3. S.O.A. 8 knots. E.T.A. is to be reported
twenty four hours in advance to F.O.G.M.A.6. L.C.T's 1362 and 741 are for disposal at
Gibraltar ROCKROSE is for onward routeing to U.K.

7. Acknowledge.

(C. in C. Med. 121201 to ROCKROSE. L.C.T. 1362
L.C.T. 741. Admiralty).

Add 24 hours to all times in my 121201/

(C. in C. Med. 121617 to ROCKROSE.) See 131838 and
141055./ L.C.T's 1362 and 741 to be sailed to Gibraltar
at 0800A Feb. 13th.

/ROCKROSE....

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ROCKROSE
Corvette
for U.K.
and reserve
from E.I.
L.C.T's
for Gibraltar.

Your 121201A/ regret unable to comply owing to serious engine defect. Earliest possible time of completion 2000A/13th request instructions. (ROCKROSE 121423 to C. in C. Med.)
/ ROCKROSE to take L.C.T's 1362 and 741 under orders and sail at 0800/13th to Gib.

FLAMBOROUGH
HEAD Escort
Maintenance
ship to be
released to
M.W.T.

Destination of FLAMBOROUGH HEAD is Rosyth.
3. Ship is to be prepared for release to M.W.T. and destored on arrival.
4. To facilitate destoring stores are to be boxed if practicable.
5. FLAMBOROUGH HEAD report E.T.A. to C. in C. Rosyth and Admiralty.
(D.O.D. 121254 to C. in C. Med.)

F.S.
LA GRACIEUSE
LA CAPRICIEUSE
escort vessels
on passage
to F.E.

Sail with LA CAPRICIEUSE in company at 0700B/13 to Aden and Colombo. Report your T.O.D. from Suez and E.T.A. Aden to all addressees in this signal. Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said. 121535 to LA GRACIEUSE (F.S.)

F.S. SUFFREN
Cruiser
for F.E.

Immediately on arrival about 0700B/13th sail to Aden and Colombo, report your T.O.D. from Suez and E.T.A. Aden to all in this signal. Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 121601 to SUFFREN.)

I.S. GRADISCA
ashore on
Gavdo Is.
salvage of.

Sitrep number 13. Due to weather all air pumps had to be stopped last night.
2. Carrying on sealing off lower holds. Water level being maintained at lower holds with motor pumps.
3. GRADISCA has slight movement due to swell but no pounding progress satisfactory.
4. Weather at 1700 wind south west force one. Swell moderate. Visibility 20 miles.
(JAVELIN 121816B to F.O.L.E.M.)

Movement.

Movements Haifa 12th Feb. Arrivals - AURORA.
(S.N.L.O. 122005B to Admiralty.)

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LEONIAN
Boom Carrier
on passage
to U.K.

Following passage programme proposed in accordance with 614C.

(A)	<u>Arr.</u>	<u>Dpt.</u>
Trincomalee.	-	12.2.46.
Aden.	22.2.46.	23.2.46.
Suez.	1.3.46.	2.3.46.
Port Said.	2.3.46.	3.3.46.
Gibraltar.	22.3.46.	22.3.46.
+Liverpool.	29.3.46.	-
(B) Aden. Port Said.		
(C) Canal transit 10 hours.		

3. Date of arrival Gibraltar includes 10 days allowance for loading at intermediate port.

5. 500 tons lift is available.

(LEONIAN 120605Z to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty.)

D. of S.T.'s 091244 not to all.

LEONIAN sailed from Trincomalee at 1600 12th Feb. for Aden and U.K. No cargo readily available for her in Ceylon.

Her early arrival in U.K. is important.

(C. in C.E.I.S. 121632EF to P.S.T.O.(I).)

LAUDERDALE
destroyer on
passage to
Malta to
reduce to
C and M.

548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Aden as follows:

- (A) 1400C 12th.
- (B) Suez for Malta.
- (C) 14 knots.

Acknowledge.

(N.O.I.C. Aden 121034 to LAUDERDALE.)

Surveying
ships to
investigate
Volcanic
Islands off
Makran Coast
while on
passage.

Your 071751 not to Admiralty. It may be possible for WHITE BEAR or SHARPSHOOTER to investigate Volcanic Islands off Makran Coast whilst on passage to or from U.K. before S.W. Monsoon breaks. (C. in C.E.I. 121144 to F.O.C.R.I.N. WHITE BEAR.) (See 152130)

A.F.D. 20
en route to
Singapore.

548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Singapore as follows:

- (A) a.m. 13th Feb.
- (B) To relieve ENIGMA in company with ENTICER towing A.F.D. 20. escorted by CRANE from Morotai to Singapore. C. in C. B.P.F. 020423 not to all refers.

(C) 12 knots via Q.C.A. 595, 596 to all thence via Carimatee Straits.

(G) CRANE keep GRIPER informed of position and route and detach ENIGMA on relief to Singapore, acknowledge.

(F.O.M.F.A. 121146GH. GRIPER.)

/QUEEN EMMA...

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U.S.
of Naval Units

From C.N.O.

122010/February.

Date 13.2.46.

Recd. 0059.

C.C.M.(5 Services) Gen. C.

Addressed Admiralty.
Info. Comnavca.

Pacific Summary 52. Operational Naval Units.

Southeast Pacific. None.

Pacific Coast. MASSACHUSETTS INDIAN. NEW JERSEY ALABAMA
HANCOCK SARATOGA YORKTOWN BON HOMME RICHARD SHANGRI - LA SAVO
ISLAND RUDYER BAY S.L.M.U. HGGATT BAY MUNDA WINDHAMBAY
POINT CRUXSIBONEY PUGET SOUND INDEPENDENCE BOSTON QUINCY
CANBERRA SALT LAKE CITY AMSTERDAM PAKLALSIKIMI PASADENA
ASTORIA YILKES-BARRE TUCSON 14.

En route U.S.

ARGENTBAY SHIPLEY BAY SWANEE SHAMROCKBAY FALL RFGAI NEW ORLEANS
OKLAHOMA CITY DAYTON ST. LOUIS 10.

En route Pearl.

ROI One

At Pearl.

SAIDOR ARNE NASSAU 29

North Pacific. None.

Southwest Pacific.

BOXER ANTIETAM SITKOHBY BIRMINGHAM 7.

South Pacific.

VINCENNES.

Central Pacific.

IOWA CAPE GLOUCESTER PRINCE WILLIAM BALTIMORE BREMERTON
COLUMBUS LOS ANGELES CHICAGO TOPEKA DULUTH ATLANTA
HOBARTARGGODE 43.

Non-operational ATFIEA 4

En route U.S. None. En route Pearl. None.
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V.C.N.S.
A.C.N.S.(0). D.C.(2). D.N.I.(5).
D.Map Room. D.S.O. M.(2). ad. Blake.
C.D.(9). O.I.C.(2). W.D.

C.C.M.
109.

4 as recd.

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America and West Indies.

U.S.
dispositions.

Change my 051645. Atlantic. Serial. 217.
WISCONSIN in Guantanamo.
RANDOLPH in Newport.
GILBERT ISLANDS, ANZIO, CASABLANCA in Norfolk.
AUGUSTA in New York.
MANILA BAY, SAGINAW BAY, WHITE PLAINS, LAKE ISLAND
in Cocos.
TEXAS, F.D. ROOSEVELT, BLOCK ISLAND, MINDORO,
TUSCALOOSA, WICHITA, PETROF BAY at sea.
(C.N.O. 122005 to Admiralty. Comnaveu.)

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GRENVILLE
destroyer
for passage
to U.K.

Request you will sail GRENVILLE (D.25) from
Sydney for U.K. when ready on 21st Feb. carrying
out following programme.

<u>E.T.A.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>E.T.D.</u>
23rd Feb.	Melbourne.	24th Feb.
1st March.	Fremantle.	1st March.
10th March.	Trincomalee.	11th March.
18th March.	Aden.	19th March.
23rd March.	Suez and transit to Port Said.	24th March.
27th March.	Malta.	29th March.
1st April.	Gibraltar.	3rd April.
7th April.	Portsmouth.	

2. S.O.A. 14 knots.
(F.O.S.A. 120613 to A.C.N.B.)
(See 140226)

B.P.F.
drafting
pool for
Ceylon.

Following is programme for transfer of B.P.F.
Drafting Pool to Ceylon.
2. Advance Party of 40 Officers and 150 Ratings
to leave Sydney in CUMBERLAND about 1st March.
3. Motor transport if required (C. in C. E.I's
241602 (N.T. in W.D.) Jan. not to all refers)
to leave Sydney in PATROLLER about 5th March.

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Far East and Australia contd...

B.P.F.
drafting
pool for
Ceylon.

4. Main Buoy. Estimated that lift will be required for 3,000 personnel including some 50 Offenders. This will be provided by:

- (A) FORMIDABLE and ATHELING. Admiralty message 301719 Jan. (N.T. in W.D.) not to all refers.
- (B) VENERABLE and SPEAKER.

5. Detailed programme of movements of ships in para. 4. (A) and (B) will be forwarded in due course. By present planning anticipate first ship will leave Sydney about 10th April and last ship 15th April.

6. No relieved personnel from ships in China and Japan can be accepted in Sydney after 25th March.

7. There will therefore be a flow of relieved personnel from B.P.F. to Ceylon for onward passage to U.K. comprised of those Ratings relieved before drafting in Australia finally closes down and who cannot reach Australia before 25th March. It is estimated that this number will be approximately 1,500 and will arrive in Ceylon between end of March and end of May.

8. C. in C. B.P.F. is requested to inform C. in C.E.I. and F.O. Ceylon programme of movements to Ceylon of personnel referred to in para. 7.

9. No requirements for lift for personnel referred to in para. 7 from Ceylon to U.K. has been made to Admiralty, as it is estimated there will be adequate lift in FORMIDABLE and ATHELING after discharging B.P.F. Drafting Pool in Ceylon. It is proposed that:-

(A) Any lift in FORMIDABLE and ATHELING after discharging Drafting Pool be made available to C. in C. E.I. for lift from Ceylon to U.K.

(B) C. in C.E.I. should assume responsibility for lifting personnel referred to in para. 7. from Ceylon to U.K. as they become available in Ceylon.

10. Proposal 9 (B) should obviate the danger of a heavy build up in the B.P.F. Drafting Pool beyond the capacity of available accommodation on the arrival of the Drafting Pool from Australia bearing in mind that fresh drafts from U.K. may well be arriving about the same time.

(V.A.(Q). B.P.F. 120752 to C. in C.E.I.)

✓ FORMIDABLE arriving Sydney 1st April and ATHELING 6th April.

Carriers
for lifts
of aircraft
to Japan.

Your 060853 not to all.

Air Ministry suggests lifts A and B could be combined in VENGEANCE if up to thirty Spitfires had their wings removed.

(D.O.D. 121543 to C. in C. B.P.F. V.A.(Q). C. in C. E.I. F.O.N.A.P.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

East Indies.

Force "W" reduction of and lapse of title. 1. Title of Force "W" is to be abolished about the 1st March. Landing craft required for operations will then be operated and administered by F.O.M.F.A.

Chittagong R.I.N. base closing down of. 2. R.I.N. Base Chittagong is to be closed down by 28th Feb. 1946. with the exception of N.O.I.C. Sea Transport and N.C.S.O. *See 041413 Hand.*

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Transfer of
M.L. 478
to Greek
Navy in
lieu of
M.L. 340.

A.M. 141519 Jan. and B.A.D. Washington 310351
Jan. M.L. 478 also in reserve at Malta has been
found more suitable for transfer to Royal Hellenic
Navy than M.L. 340. Intend therefore to transfer
M.L. 478. Admiralty pass to Comnavu.
(C. in C. Med. 131135 to Admiralty. B.A.D. Wash.)

MULL OF
GALLOWAY
Motor craft
maintenance
ship.

First destination of MULL OF GALLOWAY is Clyde
for Gareloch.
2. On arrival passengers and men due for release
and on longest abroad roster are to be disembarked.
Foreign service leave is to be given in accordance
with A.F.O. 395/46.
3. Further signal will be made as to future
allocation of ship.

4. MULL OF GALLOWAY report E.T.A. Clyde to F.O.I.C. Greenock
and Admiralty.
5. C. in C.E.I. 301814 refers.
(D.O.D. 131601 to C. in C. Med. C. in C. Portsmouth. F.O.I.C.
Greenock.)

ROCKROSE
corvette
on passage
to U.K.
with L.C.T's.

My 121201 and 121617 postpone sailing a further
24 hours owing to weather.
(C. in C. Med. 131838 to ROCKROSE. L.C.T. 1362
L.C.T. 741.)
L.C.T's 1362 and 741 to be sailed to Gib.0800/13.

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East Indies.

H.M. Arrived A.S. TRANSVAAL, NATAL, GOODHOPE, 0800
S.A. frigates 12th Feb.
on passage (F.O.E. Africa 130900 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)
repatriates
from Red
Sea area.

Force "W" Station message 649C dated 8th Feb. To expedite
reduction and facilitate reduction of existing Force "W"
of and personnel, ships and craft, propose following
re-organisation. re-organisation from date of hauling down my
flag about 1st March.
(A) Title of Force "W" to be abolished.
(B) Landing ships and craft required for operations
(C. in C.E.I.'s 051759 Jan. (N.T. in W.D.) refers) to be operated
and administered by F.O.M.F.A.
(C) LANDSWELL and craft now earmarked to pay off to be
administered and disposed of by Captain G.B. Sayer, D.S.C. R.N.
with title of Senior Officer Reserve Landing Craft (S.O.R.L.C.)
under F.O.M.F.A.
(D) All L.S.T. to remain under S.O.L.S.T. as at present but
he is to be responsible for their administration direct to
F.O.M.F.A. and for disposal of redundant ships through S.O.R.L.C.
(E) C.O.D.O.(E.T.) to come under F.O.M.F.A. direct.
2. Above proposals designed to effect separation of operational
and redundant commitments, thus expediting disposal of latter.
They will also effect an immediate and extensive reduction of
present Force "W" staff.
3. Ultimate disposal of landing ships and craft in (B) to be
dealt with by their respective S.O.'s under F.O.M.F.A.
4. The additional supply ratings asked for in my 291757 Jan.
(not to all) are urgently required to implement this
re-organisation.
5. Agreed F.O.M.F.A.
(F.O.W. 131316 to C. in C. (E.I) Ashore and Afloat. Admiralty.)

TROUBRIDGE 548C of 29.12.45. Take TEAZER under your orders
TEAZER and sail from Trinco. as follows:
destroyers (A) 1000EF 15th Feb.
on passage. (B) Aden.
(C) 14 knots.
Acknowledge.
(Comic Trinco. 131106EF to Capt. D. (24).
TROUBRIDGE.)

Persian 3 Persian gunboats referred to in your 071335
Navy are now ready in Bombay to sail to Korramshah.
Gunboats. Further retention of these craft will seriously

/hold...

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies contd...

Persian Navy Gunboats. hold up R.I.N. demobilisation programme. If it is not approved for the gunboats to be sailed for Korramshah for handing over recommend they be paid off to C. and M. at Karachi until Persian crews are available. Before any arrangements can be made for training crew at an Indian port Government of India concurrence will have to be obtained. As these vessels are only seaworthy in the finest weather it is essential that they proceed to Persian Gulf well before the onset of south west monsoon. S.N.O. P.G. 111133 also refers.
(N.H.Q. India 131329Z to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. S.N.O.P.G.)

See 112154 March

R.I.N. base Chittagong closing down of. R.I.N. Base Chittagong is to be closed down by 28th Feb. with the exception of N.O.I.C. Sea Transport and N.C.S.O. The Sea Transport Officer is to carry out duties of N.O.I.C. in addition to his own, my 131429 not to all refers. Records are to be disposed of as directed in N.H.Q. letter number CB 0800 2nd Oct. 1945.

2. With mention of C.H.S. etc. on loan to S.T.O. and N.C.S.O. which these officers require to retain all C.H.S. S.P.S. B.R. O.U.S. and Admiralty printed matter are to be returned to D.A. Bombay attention is drawn to B.R. form U.2D Articles 35 and 53 books still required by S.T.O. and N.C.S.O. Chittagong are to be transferred to the charge of the former who is to maintain a register as laid down in B.R. form U.2D article 68D.

3. Detailed proposals for closing are to be submitted forthwith. (A.H.Q.I. 131509 to A.O. i/c. Chittagong. Admiralty.) *See 041413 March*

THISBE VALLAY M/S.M. passage. 458C of 29.12.45. Take VALLAY under your orders and sail from Bombay as follows:
(A) 0700EF 14th Feb.
(B) Aden.
(C) 9.5 knots.
(G) Acknowledge.
(F.O. Bombay 131628EF to THISBE.)

GUARDIAN net layer on passage to U.K. from B.P.F. 548C of 29.12.45. sail from Trinco as follows:
(A) 1200EF 14th Feb.
(B) Aden.
(C) 10 knots.
Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Trinco 131630 to GUARDIAN.)

8th M/S Flotilla on passage. 548C of 29.12.45. Take SEABEAR, ROWENA, MOON, PROVIDENCE under your orders and sail from Bombay as follows:
(A) 1700EF 14th Feb.
(B) Aden.
(C) 11 knots.
(G) Acknowledge.
(F.O. Bombay 131636EF to S.O.M/S in COQUETTE.)

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America and West Indies.

B.Y.M.S. 2217 Your 051454. Request confirmation that U.S.N. authorities have been consulted, vide Article 9 of Charter Party, or that this will be done before further action is taken. Colombo C.C.O. pass to first, third and fourth addressees. (B.A.D. 130237 to F.O.Ceylon.)
declared a total loss in accordance with Lend-Lease Charter article 9.

L.S.T. 165 on passage to U.S.A. to proceed Bermuda en route.
1. L.S.T. 165 detached at 0630Q in position 32.51. N. 62.57. W. to proceed Bermuda for Dockyard assistance before continuing voyage to Norfolk V.A. E.T.A. Bermuda 1530Q today Wednesday.
2. My C.S. 270 degs. 10 knots. RIOU in company. (L.S.T. 358 130730Q to C. in C. A.W.I. Admiralty.)

H.M.C.S. UGANDA cruiser cruise.
H.M.C.S. UGANDA is proceeding on an extended cruise with the object of sea training new-entry officers and seamen.
Following is itinerary:-

<u>Place.</u>	<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
Esquimalt.	-	Tues. 5th Feb.
San Diego.	Fri. 8th Feb.	Mon. 11th Feb.
Magdalena Bay.	Wed. 13th Feb.	Fri. 22nd Feb.
Talara.	Fri. 1st Mar.	Sun. 3rd Mar.
Callao.	Tues. 5th Mar.	Fri. 8th Mar.
Valparaiso.	Tues. 12th Mar.	Fri. 15th Mar.
Port Stanley.	Fri. 22nd Mar.	Tues. 26th Mar.
Montevideo.	Mon. 1st Apr.	Fri. 5th Apr.
Rio de Janeiro.	Mon. 8th Apr.	Sat. 13th Apr.
Pernambuco.	Tues. 16th Apr.	Thurs. 18th Apr.
Trinidad.	Wed. 24th Apr.	

2. Between Trinidad and Halifax it is intended that UGANDA shall spend several weeks exercising in the Bermuda West Indies area including a visit to Bermuda.

3. Canada is being informed that we welcome proposed visits to Port Stanley, Trinidad and Bermuda and she has requested that any entertaining should be at a very modest scale and formalities kept to a minimum at these ports in view of nature of cruise. (V.C.N.S. 131039 to C. in C. A.W.I. N.O.I.C. Falklands. Trinidad, Bermuda.)

TROUNCER Escort carrier for redelivery to U.S.A.
TROUNCER sailed Trinidad for Bermuda 2200Z/13th. Communications as in F.O.i/c. Greenock's 251135 Jan/ para. 2. S.O.A. 15½ knots. E.T.A. 1400Z 17th (N.O.I.C. Port of Spain. 131751Q to C. in C. A.W.I.)
Intend to sail TROUNCER.

ROSEBAY SMILAX Corvettes to be returned to U.S.A.
Your 072037/ Navy Department ask that ROSEBAY and SMILAX be sailed to Norfolk V.A. (B.A.D. 132333Z to Admiralty.)
ROSEBAY and SMILAX are available to leave U.K. for return to U.S.A. about end of Feb.

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Far East and Australia.

LONDON
cruiser
trooping.

E.T.A. Sydney Feb. 31st. Propose following programme for return to U.K. Leave Sydney Feb. 28th. Leave Fremantle March 5th. Leave Colombo March 14th. Leave Aden March 19th. Leave Port Said March 24th. Leave Gibraltar March 29th. Arrive Plymouth March 31st. Arrive Spithead April 1st. Arrive Chatham April 2nd.

2. Fuel at Fremantle, Colombo, Aden and Gibraltar.
(LONDON 130211Z to Admiralty.)

M/S report.

P.P.F. Minesweeping report to Admiralty No. 9.
ORSAY arrived Hong Kong.

(A) 10th M.S.F. less JEWEL and ORSAY due Kure 15th Feb.

(B) Canton River opened.

(C) 180th B.Y.M.S. and R.C.L. continuing clearance of Western Approaches.

(C. in C. B.P.F. 130846 to Admiralty. M.S. 10. Com. 7th Fleet.)

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North Atlantic.

TOCOGAY
attached
Danlayer
on passage
to E.I.

TOCOGAY sail 0430A 15th Feb. via Medri Routes
to Port Said O/R Colombo.
2. Speed 10½. E.T.A. 1200A 22nd Feb.
(F.O.G.M.A. 141201A to TOCOGAY, Admiralty.)

PEVENSEY
CASTLE
LANCASTER
CASTLE
Corvettes
for U.K.
and reserve.

Take LANCASTER CASTLE under your orders and sail
1100A 15th Feb. to Portsmouth.
2. Speed 12. E.T.A. a.m. 19th Feb.
7. Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 141209A to PEVENSEY CASTLE. Admiralty.)

ERNE
A.A. Sloop
on passage
to U.K.
from B.P.F.

Sail 0900A 15th Feb. to Plymouth.
2. Speed 10. E.T.A. 2000A 19th Feb.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 141601A to ERNE. C. in C. Plymouth.)

A.S.R. Rescue
Azores Area
closing down
of Horta
Naval Base.

N.O.I.C. Azores 121310 Feb. para. 1. The terms
of responsibility for A.S.R. duties as between
British and U.S. Authorities agreed to by
Admiralty are not known to me. If S.B.O. is to
be responsible he must be assured of the services
of efficient ships. Request Admiralty will confirm
that United States Navy are prepared to continue
to supply these.

2. Action proposed in para. 2. A.B.E.F. and G. of signal quoted
is contingent on such confirmation.

3. Reference para. 2. (C) and (D) nothing is known in Gibraltar
of such promises but request they may be given favourable
consideration.

(F.O.G.M.A. 141635 to Admiralty. N.O.I.C. Azores.)
(See 192230)

Your 121310 not to S.T.O.I.C. West Africa para. 2.(E).
Request you report forthwith total number of officers and ratings
awaiting passage to U.K.

2. Subject to approval of your proposals every endeavour will be
made to lift these personnel in SOBIESKI. S.T.O.I.C. West Africa's
051530 not to all refers.

(D. of M. 141719 to N.O.I.C. Azores.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

South Atlantic.

Repatriation of S.A. personnel from Med. etc. NATAL has developed boiler defects at Kilindini and will return to Durban. TRANSVAAL and GOOD HOPE will proceed as in my 061644/ and 081043/ 2. F.O.I.E.M. pass to G.H.Q. Middle East. (C. in C.S.A. 141622B to C. in C.E.I. C. in C.Med.) / H.M.S.A.S. TRANSVAAL, NATAL and GOOD HOPE will be sailing 6th Feb. for Suez. / TRANSVAAL, NATAL and GOOD HOPE from Suez return to Durban.

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Mediterranean.

Movement. Movements Haifa 13th Feb.
Departed ORION.
(S.N.O.L.A. 140959B to Admiralty.)

ROCKROSE Cancel my 131838 and my 121617.
with L.C.T's 2. Add thirty hours to all time in my 1212014
for Gibraltar 3. Acknowledge.
and U.K. (C. in C. Med. 141055 to ROCKROSE.)
✓ L.C.T's 1362 and 741 to be sailed.)

Date proposed C. in C. E.I. 061631. Propose (?20th) Feb.
for temporary (F.O.L.E.M. 141149B to C. in C. Med. C. in C.E.I.)
reversion of
boundary
between Med./
E.I. Commands
to 015 degs.
North.

OCEAN Your 121033 para. 3. OCEAN will re-arm with
light fleet Fireflies and Seafires. 892 and 1792 Squadrons
carrier to will not remain in the ship.
return to (D.A.O.T. 141703 to C. in C. Med. Admiral (Air.)
U.K.

NIGELLA Sailing company at 1200B 15th. NIGELLA to Malta
JASMINE and JASMINE to Gibraltar. Speed 10½ knots. E.T.A.
Corvettes NIGELLA a.m. 19th. JASMINE p.m. 22nd. Report
on passage accurate E.T.A. to relative authorities when
to U.K. known. Acknowledge.
for reserve. (N.O.I.C. Port Said 141710B to NIGELLA. JASMINE.)

CARLISLE F.O.L.E.M's 061007 Dec. (N.T. in W.D.) Request
ERIDGE disposal instructions for CARLISLE and ERIDGE.
Accommodation (C. in C. Med. 141715 to Admiralty. F.O.L.E.M.)
ships.
Alexandria.

ENCHANTRESS Sail at 0900B/15th to Gibraltar. Speed 12 knots.
Sloop on E.T.A. 2300A/21. Acknowledge.
passage to (N.O.I.C. Port Said 141731 to ENCHANTRESS.)
U.K. and
reserve.

Minesweepers Your signal 12th Feb. passed B.A.D. Washington.
for Yugoslavs. Please confirm para. 2. should read "their
Government" and not "Your Government" as received.
(Hd. of M.I. 141907 to B.N.R. Belgrade.)

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East Indies.

SUSSEX
GLASGOW
Cruisers
refits.

Refit of SUSSEX at Simonstown is cancelled.
On return from forward port to Colombo, SUSSEX will be sailed to U.K.
2. Intend GLASGOW shall refit at Simonstown in place of SUSSEX. GLASGOW will be sailed from Ceylon to arrive Capetown or Simonstown as desired by C. in C.S.A. about 20th March, bringing reliefs for COLOSSUS.
(C. in C.E.I. 141018 to SUSSEX. GLASGOW. Admiralty)

DULLISK COVE
Hull repair
ship on passage
to U.K.

Ref. 54C of 29.12.45. sail from Colombo as follows.
(A) As convenient a.m. Feb. 15th.
(B) Aden.
(C) 8½ knots.
(G) Onward routeing to U.K.
Acknowledge.
(F.O. Ceylon 141030 to DULLISK COVE. Admiralty.)

MULLION COVE
Hull repair
ship on
passage to
U.K.

Ref. 48C of 29.12.45. sail from Colombo as follows:
(A) 0830EF Feb. 15th.
(B) Aden.
(C) 8½ knots.
(G) Onward routeing to U.K. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Ceylon 141031 to MULLION COVE. Admiralty.)

CATTERICK
destroyer
on passage
to Malta
for C & M.

548C of 29th December 1945.
Sail from Kilindini as follows:
(A) 1700C Thursday 14th Feb.
(B) Aden.
(C) 14 knots.
(Captain i/c Kilindini 141117 to CATTERICK. Admty.)

Gunboats for
E.I.
SCOTOL tanker
HSIN ROCKET
tug.

Arrived Makalla Bay 1300C 14th Feb. with APHIS, COCKCHAFER, SCOTOL and HSIN ROCKET in company.
E.T.D. 1800 14th Feb. for Masira Island or Mecbat.
(SCARAB 141340 to C. in C.E.I. F.O. Ceylon.)

GUARDIAN
netlayer
on passage
to U.K.
from B.P.F.

Intend following programme for GUARDIAN on passage to U.K. all dates March unless shown otherwise.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
-	Trinco.	14th Feb.
24th Feb.	Aden.	25th Feb.
2nd <i>March</i>	Suez.	3rd.
3rd.	Port Said.	5th.
9th.	Malta.	11th.
15th.	Gibraltar.	17th.
21st.	Plymouth.	-

2. Fuelling at Aden, Port Said and Gibraltar.
3. Canal transit daylight 3rd March.
(C. in C.E.I. 141509 to Admiralty. C. in C. Med.)

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East Indies contd...

Dutch S/M 1. Dutch S/M O.24 is to proceed to Holland, O.24 returning (corrupt group) departure Batavia Sat. Feb. 16th to Holland. a.m.

2. At Singapore O.24. has to contact D.S. JACOB VAN HEEMSKERCK who will supply her with warm clothes for Dutch Naval ex Ps.O.W, to be embarked at Bangkok.

3. All dates in sailing plan re para.(4) are approx. and subject to alteration if necessary, at C.O's discretion.

<u>4. Destination.</u>	<u>E.T.A.</u>	<u>E.T.D.</u>	<u>Requirements.</u>
Batavia.	16th Feb.		
Singapore.	18th Feb.	20th Feb.	Clothes and fuel.
Bangkok.	24th Feb.	25th Feb.	Embarkation ex Ps. O.W.
Trincomalee.	6th Mar.	8th Mar.	Fuel and provisions.
Aden.	17th Mar.	19th Mar.	Fuel.
Port Said.	24th Mar.	26th Mar.	Fuel and provisions.
Danish.	2nd Apr.	4th Apr.	Fuel and provisions.

Rotterdam. 9th Apr.

5. O.24. will be under my command until arrival Port Said after which she will come under command of C. in C. Netherlands Navy Holland. (B.D.Z.)

6. C.O. is to report E.T.As. and requirements at least 24 hours in advance. It is requested necessary facilities may be provided.

7. N.O.I.C. Batavia is requested to sail O.24. re paras. (1) and (4).

8. O.24. carries British Liaison Staff and will maintain constant watch on British and Dutch broadcasts.

9. Draught 15 feet.

(C. in C. N.E.I. Forces 141719GH to C. in C.E.I. N.O.I.C. Batavia)

Re U.181,
862, for
scuttling
towage of.

Prefixed emergency to C. in C.E.I. Operation in my 111319GH has been delayed by mechanical and towing difficulties. Towing now being done by GROWLER and ASSIDUOUS with frigates escorting convoy leaves Singapore 1800 today 14th Feb.

2. LOCH GLENDHU signal report in accordance with para. 4.

(F.O.M.F.A. 141742GH to C. in C.E.I. LOCH GLENDHU.)

My 111254GH (N.T. in W.D.) Amend para. (A) to

read 1800GH 14th Feb.

2. Take GROWLER and ASSIDUOUS under your orders GROWLER to proceed to Trincomalee. ASSIDUOUS to be detached Singapore when no longer required.

3. Acknowledge.

(F.O.M.F.A. 141902GH to LOCH GLENDHU. LOCH LOMOND.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

H.M.C.S.
UGANDA
Cruise

Admiralty Message 131039 has been passed to B.A.D. for information.
(Hd. of M.(II) 141635 to C. in C.A.&W.I.N.O.I.C. Falklands. Trinidad. Bermuda.)

Far East and Australia.

H.R.H. Duke of Gloucester in ANSON.

Departure Hobart 1030K/14th Feb. ANSON wearing the personal standard of H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester and BERMUDA for Sydney E.T.A. Sydney Heads 0600/16th.
2. S.O.A. 14 knots.
5. Direct.
(N.O.I.C. Hobart 140035Z to F.O.I.C. Sydney. A.C.N.B.)

GRENVILLE and TUSCAN destroyers for U.K.

My 120613 not to all. TUSCAN will sail in company with GRENVILLE. Admiralty is requested to divert mail accordingly.
(F.O.S.A. 140226Z to A.C.N.B.)

HOLM SOUND aircraft component repair ship for U.K.

Request you will sail HOLMSOUND from Fremantle for U.K. on 1st March carrying out following programme.

<u>E.T.A.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>E.T.D.</u>
15th Mar.	Trincomalee.	17th Mar.
27th Mar.	Aden.	28th Mar.
3rd Apr.	Suez and transit to Port Said.	6th Apr.
15th Apr.	Gibraltar.	16th Apr.
22nd Apr.	Portsmouth.	
(F.O.S.A. 140521Z to A.C.N.B.)		

15.2.1946.
Thursday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

CAISTOR
CASTLE
with L.C.I.
on passage
to Bermuda.

1. MICMAC joined 0115Z/15.
2. Convoy move to.
L.C.I. 164 completely broken down.
3. MICMAC will establish tow at daybreak if possible.
4. In view of the weather conditions and the state of engines of L.C.I. 388 consider it advisable that I continue with convoy to Bermuda.

Request you will confirm.

5. My position 27 degs. 55 mins. North 41 degs. 35 mins. West at 2359Z 14th February.

(CAISTOR CASTLE 150150Z F.O.G.M.A. C. in C. A.W.I.)

Approved your 150150.

Commodore
Fleet Train
in MONTCLARE
passage to
U.K. from
B.P.F.

- Commodore Fleet Train sail in MONTCLARE 1200A 16th Feb. to Portsmouth.
2. Speed 11½. E.T.A. OSB 0900Z 21st Feb.
 - C.O.F.T. 151024 not to all refers.
 7. C.O.F.T. acknowledge and sail MONTCLARE to comply.
- (F.O.G.M.A. - 151210A Commodore Fleet Train MONTCLARE)

15.2.1946.
Thursday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

OCEAN
light fleet
carrier.

Intend H.M.S. OCEAN with H.M.S. MEYNELL as
attendant Destroyer to carry out following
programme.

<u>ARRIVE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>LEAVE</u>
-	Malta	A.M. Feb. 25th
February 28th	Alexandria	March 6th
		Exercising in Haifa area, March 9th, P.M.
March 9th	Cyprus Ports	March 13th
March 16th	Malta	-

2. Between March 7th and 9th H.M.S. OCEAN will be available to carry out Air searches, or Demonstrations off Palestine Coast, if so desired.
3. Request you will arrange an M.F.V. or similar craft to be available at Cyprus Ports, visited by H.M.S. OCEAN for landing liberty men.
4. Details of Cyprus visit should be decided between F.O.L.E.M. and C.O. H.M.S. OCEAN.
5. If weather is unsuitable for visit to Cyprus H.M.S. OCEAN may visit (?Suda Bay) instead. F.O.L.E.M.
(C. in C. Mediterranean 151118A. ~~FOI~~ Capt.(D) 14th - OCEAN
S.B.N.O. Greece.

SITREP No.17 No change since last SITREP.
 I.S.GRADISCA Progress still satisfactory.
 ashore on 2. Weather at 1800. Wind West, North West,
 Gavdo Is. Force 3. Sea slight, no swell.
 Salvage. (JAVELIN 151756B. F.O.L.E.M. C. in C. Med.)

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Thursday.War Diary.FOREIGN STATIONS.East Indies.

TEST, Your 121805 concur.
frigate (Head of M. Branch II Admiralty. 150203 to Naval
Indianisa- H.Q. India C. in C.S.A.)
tion of at See 281643 B.
Bombay in
lieu of
Simonstown.

WHITE BEAR To comply with my Hydrographic instructions
Survey. propose to sail at 1100 on Friday 22nd Feb. for
Pt.Swettenham. E.T.A. 1800 4th March.
2. S.O.A. 10 knots, route via 10 degs. Channel
from p.m. 26th Feb. to noon 1st March will be
spent on survey work in area Port Blair, Narkundam and Great
Coco Island.
3. On arrival Pt.Swettenham survey in Northern Approaches
will be put in hand.
(WHITE BEAR 151205 to F.O.Ceylon C. in C.E.I.).

U. 862 U-Boat 862 scuttled and sunk in position 003 degs.
scuttled by 05 mins. North 100 degs. 38 mins. 45 secs. East
LOCH LOMOND. at 1930GH in 52 fathoms of water. One pattern
O.B.Squid fired at depth of 270 feet. Much
wreckage seen. FOMFA's 111319 refers. Am
proceeding Trincomalee in company H.M.S. GROWLER speed 12 knots.
(LOCH LOMOND 152016GH to C. in C.E.I.Station).

Re survey Your 121144 addressed F.O.C.R.I.N.
of Makran Judging by information received considerable
Coast - changes are likely to have occurred along the
visit of entire Makran coast between Longitudes 61 degs.
surveying 10' and 66 degs. 00' E. a distance of 280 miles
vessels to. in addition to mud islands reported.
In view of the wide area of disturbance and small
scale of existing chart no useful purpose could
be served by a brief investigation by either ship
before onset of Monsoon.
The area requires re-survey on a larger scale which will occupy
at least the whole of a fine weather season. Presume Indian
authorities will undertake at first opportunity or will make
official request to Admiralty to do so.
(Admiralty Hydrographer 152130 to C. in C.E.I. F.O.C.R.I.N.
WHITE BEAR).

U. B. 181 FOMFA 111319. U-Boat 181 scuttled and sunk in
Scuttled by position 003 degs. 05 mins. 30 secs. North
LOCH GLENDHU. 100 degs. 41 mins. 30 secs. East at 0545GH 16th Feb.
Depth of water 52 fathoms.
2. Am proceeding to Trincomalee. H.M.Tug
ASSIDUOUS detached and proceeding Singapore.
(LOCH GLENDHU 152250 to Admiralty C. in C.E.I.)

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Friday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

Return of
RIOU frigate
and L.S.T. 358
to U.S.A.

My P.C.S. 35.01. N. 71.26.W. 297. 7 knots.
Detached RIOU at 1600R for Philadelphia.
RIOU E.T.A. Over Falls Light Vessel 0600R 16th Feb.
L.S.T. 358. E.T.A. Cape Henry 1200R 16th.
(L.S.T. 358 150800R to C. in C. Lant.)

Far East and Australia.

TERPSICHORE
destroyer
returning
to U.K.
and for
reserve.

Intend following programme for return of
TERPSICHORE to U.K.

<u>Arriving.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Leave.</u>
-	Hong Kong.	19th Feb.
23rd Feb.	Singapore.	25th Feb.
1st Mar.	Trincomalee.	3rd Mar.
10th Mar.	Aden.	10th Mar.
14th Mar.	Port Said.	16th Mar.
22nd Mar.	Gibraltar.	23rd Mar.
26th Mar.	Plymouth.	-

2. All available accommodation will be filled at Hong Kong with passengers for U.K. no additional passengers can be embarked at intermediate ports.

3. Request mails be diverted accordingly.
(C. in C. B.P.F. 150313 to Admiralty. V.A.(Q). F.O.I.C. Sydney.)

CHASER
G.P. Carrier
on passage
to U.K.

Intend following programme for return to CHASER
to U.K.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Leave.</u>
-	Hong Kong.	18th Feb.
26th Feb.	Colombo.	27th Feb.
5th Mar.	Aden.	6th Mar.
9th Mar.	Suez.	10th Mar.
10th Mar.	Port Said.	12th Mar.
17th Mar.	Gibraltar.	18th Mar.
22nd Mar.	Glyde.	-

(C. in C. B.P.F. 150923Z to Admiralty. CHASER.)

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Saturday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

SITUATION REPORT.

East Indies.

Maintenance The appointment and staff of Maintenance Commander
Commander Landing Craft (Personnel) is being abolished
L.C.(Personnel) from 1st March 1946.
abolishment of.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

TRUMP S/M
on passage
to U.K.
from.

TRUMP sail 0830A/17th Feb. to Portsmouth.
F.O. S/M's 061601 Feb. refers.
2. Speed 11. E.T.A. a.m. 22nd Feb.
7. Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 161211A to TRUMP, Admiralty. F.O.S.)

South Atlantic.

AJAX
Carrier
escorting
S.S. HIGHLAND
MONARCH with
German
internees
ex GRAF SPEE.

26/27th Feb.
(AJAX 161945P

Your 121714. AJAX and Fleet Auxiliary HIGHLAND
MONARCH sailed 0545 for Montevideo. Latter
embarked GRAF SPEE 6 Officers, 805 men, 5 ratings,
wives 2 children also 29 agents, one to be landed
Montevideo.
Numbers embarked Montevideo will be signalled
tomorrow. Please inform British C. in C. Germany.
(B.N.A. Buenos Aires 161204Z to Admiralty.)
Departed Montevideo 1930P/16, HIGHLAND MONARCH
in company.
2. S.O.A. 15 knots. E.T.A. Freetown night of
Further signal will be made.
to Admiralty. C. in C. Med. N.O.I.C. Falkland Is.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

RANEE
trooping.

Sail at 1800B 16th to Gibraltar. Speed 16 knots.
E.T.A. p.m. 21st report accurate E.T.A. to
F.O.G.M.A. when known.
Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 161014B to RANEE.)

Suspension
sale in Mid.
East of craft
suitable for
illegal
immigration.

In anticipation of approval of para. (?10) of
C. in C. Mid. East 151700 Number CCL/74 to
C's O.S., C.M.F., and C. in C. Med., I intend
as a temporary measure to suspend sale in Mid.
East of craft suitable for illegal immigration.
Request you will consider similar action in
Central Med.
(F.O.L.E.M. 161022B to C. in C. Med. C. in C.
Mid. East. Admiralty.)
(See 191657)

DELPHIN
Greek S/M
ex (VENGEFUL)

Sail at 1700 18th Feb. by Medri routes 18/1 and
18/6 otherwise as safe navigation permits to
arrive Piraeus a.m. 21st.
2. Speed 10 knots.
3. Ship to report accurate E.T.A. when known.
4. Constant watch on Malta 'M' broadcast until
p.m. 19th then shifting to read Greek L.
5. Acknowledge.
(S.O. S/M Malta. 161026 to DELPHIN G.S. C. in C. Med. S/M. R.H.N.
Greek. Admiralty.)

Italian
warships
categories.

Cancel 933B of 29th Sept. 1945. Following are
now the only Category A Italian ships.
All Battleships.
Cruiser ATTILIO REGOLO.
Destroyer VELITE.
All others are Category B.
(C. in C. Med. 161503 to Med. G.M. Admiralty.)

Re transfer
of M/S to
Yugoslav
Government
etc.,

Following the receipt of your Med. 42/518/4/3 of
1st Feb. (not to all) received today in accordance
with your para. 8, the sense para. 6 has been
re-confirmed with, and details of para. 7 supplied
to Yugoslav Authorities. Meantime a letter
received this morning from Ministry of National
Defence General Staff Naval Department No. 431
dated 15th signed by Lt. Colonel Zimov Nov read
as follows: Begins: With reference to delivery of 10 M/S and in
view of certain new circumstances we shall be glad if you will
obtain from Government of U.K. terms and conditions for delivery
of these vessels to Yugoslav Navy. Also please obtain separate
conditions from British Naval Authorities for delivery of these
vessels since they are at present under command of British War
Fleet.

/We...

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean contd...

Re transfer
of M/S to
Yugoslav
Government
etc.

We require above information in order to enable Yugoslav Government to address an application to Government of U.K.

At the same time we beg you to advise competent authority that Yugoslav Navy is not interested in remaining 8 M/S. Ends.

2. Copy of letter No. 431 has today been passed to U.S. Naval Attache who has been requested

to obtain necessary information from his authority (Reference para. 1) as quickly as possible.

Admiralty please (pass to) B.A.D. Washington.

(B.N.R. Belgrade 161608A to C. in C. Med.)

(See 191003A.)

ORION
re cruiser
transfer to
Netherlands
Navy.

Transfer of ORION to Netherlands Navy is under consideration. It is intended that ship shall be relieved by LEANDER in May, 1946.

2. Request your remarks on present condition of ORION and on her suitability for transfer to the Dutch without previous refit.

(V.C.N.S. 161742 to C. in C. Med. C.S. 15.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Maintenance Commander L.C. (Personnel) abolishing of. The appointment and staff of Maintenance Commander Landing Craft (Personnel) is being abolished from 1st March, 1946.
2. Mails and correspondence concerning H.M.I.S. SAUNDERS III and 'I' L.C.T. Squadron should be addressed to H.M.I.S. HAMPLA (MARVE).
3. Other correspondence should be addressed to Flag Officer Bombay.
(F.O.C.R.I.N. 161013EF to G.M. No. 4701G.)

SPRINGTIDE deperming ship on passage to U.K. 548C of 29.12.45. Take M.F.V. 1526 in tow and sail from Aden as follows:
(A) 0700C/17.
(B) Suez for U.K.
(C) Best with two.
(G) CONFEDERATE to escort as far as 15 degs. N. and then return to Aden. F.O.L.E.M. is requested to arrange onward tow for M.F.V. 1526 from Port Said.

(H) SPRINGTIDE tow M.F.V. 1526.
Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Aden 161035 to SPRINGTIDE. Admiralty.)

BERRY HEAD Maintenance ship on passage to U.K. from B.P.F.	Intend following programme for BERRY HEAD on passage to U.K.		
	<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
	-	Trinco.	18th Feb.
	28th Feb.	Aden.	14th Mar.
	7th Mar.	Suez.	14th Mar.
	7th Mar.	Suez.	8th Mar.
	8th Mar.	Port Said.	18th Mar.
	26th Mar.	Gibraltar.	28th Mar.
	3rd Apr.	Portsmouth.	-

2. Fuelling at Aden, Port Said and Gibraltar.
 3. Canal transit 8th March by daylight.
 4. Ship will boiler clean on arrival Port Said.
- (C. in C.E.I. 16114LEF to Admiralty. F.O. Ceylon.)

U-Boat's positions of sinkings. A.M. 241411 Jan.
U-Boats have been sunk in the following positions:
(A) U 219 006 degs. 31 mins. South.
104 degs. 54.5 mins. East.
(B) U 195 006 degs. 50 mins. South.
114 degs. 42 mins. East.
(C) U 181 003 degs. 05.5 mins. North.
100 degs. 41.5 mins. East.
(D) U 862 003 degs. 05 mins. North.
100 degs. 38.7 mins. East.
(C. in C.E.I. 161200 to Admiralty.)

/TERMAGANT...

16.2.1946.
Saturday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies contd...

TERMAGANT
destroyer
to U.K.
and reserve.

Intend following programme for TERMAGANT on passage to U.K.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
-	Trinco.	16th Feb.
23rd Feb.	Aden.	24th Feb.
28th Feb.	Suez.	28th Feb.
28th Feb.	Port Said.	2nd Mar.
8th Mar.	Gibraltar.	9th Mar.
13th Mar.	Portsmouth.	-

2. Fuelling at Aden, Port Said and Gibraltar.

3. Canal transit daylight 28th Feb.

(C. in C.E.I. 161659EF to Admiralty. C. in C. Med. Capt.D (24).)

Persian Navy
Gunboats
handing over
and training
of personnel.

C. in C. E.I's 090948. Concur that arrangements for hand-over should be made between F.O. Bombay and Teheran.

2. S.N.O. Persian Gulf's 111133. Understood from H.M. Ambassador, Teheran, that training for gunboats' crews is not considered necessary. Request confirmation, therefore, that para. 3. of your 111133 refers only to training of crews for H.D.M.L's.

(Hd. of M.I. 162241 to C. in C.E.I. S.N.O. Persian Gulf. C. in C. Med.)

See 162154 March

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Saturday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

TROUNCER
E.C.
redelivery
to U.S.A.

A.M. 141012 Dec. Para. 6. Anticipate TROUNCER
can arrive Norfolk V.A. 1600Z 21st Feb.
(C. in C.A.W.I. 161545Z to B.A.D.)

Far East and Australia.

LONDON
cruiser
trooping.

Departed Fremantle 0001Z/17th Feb. LONDON for
Sydney. E.T.A. Sydney 2300Z/20 Feb. route direct
S.O.A. 19 knots.
(F.O.I.C. Fremantle 160158Z to N.O.I.C. Port
Adelaide.)

17.2.1946.
Sunday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

THYME
Corvette
on passage
to U.K.
and reserve.

Sail 1400Z 18 Feb. to Portsmouth.
2. Speed $10\frac{1}{2}$. E.T.A. 1100Z 23rd Feb.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 170954A to THYME.)

CURZON
frigate
escorting
landing
craft for
return
to U.S.A.

Intend to sail LCH 275 (CZSK), 242 (CZQL) L.C.I. (L)
112 (CZPD) 171 (CZMB) 179 (CZMD) 181 (CZMR) 250
(CWQW) 274 (CZSK) 367 (CZRZ) 380 (CZJC) 388 (CZWZ)
escorted by CURZON (S.O) MWYD and H.M.R.T.
FAVOURITE (BJXW) and ASPIRANT (MRWG) at 1400A
18 Feb. to Bermuda for O/R U.S.A.
2. Speed $9\frac{1}{2}$. E.T.A. to be reported when known
to Com. i/c. Bermuda (R) C. in C.A and W.I.
B.A.D. Washington, Admiralty.
3. After leaving Gibraltar convoy is to shape
course for Salvage Island. On reaching latitude 31 north a
westerly course along this latitude may be set if weather is
favourable. If unfavourable, course should not be altered to
the West until reaching a more southerly latitude. CURZON is to
decide when to leave this latitude to steer for Bermuda.
4. Weather reports from Azores will be passed daily during
passage of convoy between longitudes 14 West and 30 West.
5. The Senior Officer may detach any craft that becomes
defective to Casablanca or Las Palmas. Detached craft are to
be accompanied by one tug and F.O.G.M.A. informed at the earliest
opportunity.
6. CURZON is to signal P.C.S. and weather report at 1200Z
daily to F.O.G.M.A. while east of longitude 40 degs. west
thereafter to C. in C.A. and W.I. both repeated Admiralty.
8. CURZON acknowledge and sail convoy to comply.
(F.O.G.M.A. 171056A to CURZON C. in C. A.&W.I. Com. i/c. Bermuda.)

See 241205 + 03/200Z

FENCER
trooping.

Sail 1600A 17th Feb. via Necri routes to Chatham.
2. Speed as necessary to arrive Chatham 1430Z
21st Feb.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 171106A to FENCER. C. in C. Nore.)

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Sunday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

LAUDERDALE
destroyer
to reduce
to C.M.
Malta.

Sail at 2300B 17th to Malta speed 14 knots.
E.T.A. p.m. 20th report accurate E.T.A. to C. in C.
Med. when known. Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 171045 to LAUDERDALE. Admty.
C. in C. Med.)

MULL
Trawler.

Intend to sail MULL at 1100A/18th Feb. to Gibraltar.
2. 8.5 knots.
3. Direct route as safe navigation permits.
4. E.T.A. 1300A 20th Feb.
6. C. in C. Med's 071713A and 121514A refers.
(Comar Alger. 171107A to F.O.G.M.A. MULL.)

ENARD BAY
frigate
trooping

1. Sail at 1600 18th by appropriate Medri routes
to Alexandria.
2. Speed 15 knots. E.T.A. First Light of 20th.
6. Acknowledge.
(GRENO Piraeus 171122B to ENARD BAY.)

Turkish S/M
BURAK REIS
on passage
to Turkey.

Intend to sail Turkish submarine BURAK REIS at
0800A Feb 18th to Dardanelles.
2. Routes in accordance with Medri and as direct
as safe navigation permits.
3. S.O.A. 10 knots. E.T.A. off entrance to
Dardanelles a.m. 21st. Exact E.T.A. will be
signalled by ship to appropriate authorities.
5. Submarine to signal position course and speed at 1200A daily
to C. in C. Med. repeated B.N.A. Ankara.
6. BURAK REIS acknowledge and sail to comply.
(C. in C. Med. 171212 to B.N.A. Ankara. F.O.S/M. V.A. Malta.)

Transfer of
B.Y.M.S. to
Yugoslav
Government.

United States Navy identification numbers of
B.Y.M.S. earmarked for transfer to Yugoslavia are:-
2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2020, 2023, 2024,
2027, and 2028.
Your 111218 and B.A.D. Washington's 092155/
refer.
(C. in C. Med. 171241 to B.N.R. Belgrade.)
(See 191003A)
/ Transfer of B.Y.M.S. to Yugoslavia. *see 051752 April.*

CHALLENGER
surveying
vessel
on passage
to U.K.

Sail at 1730B/17. to Gibraltar. Speed 9 knots.
E.T.A. 1900A 26th. Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 171545 to CHALLENGER.)

/I.S.GRADISCA...

17.2.1946.
Sunday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean. contd...

Sitrep No.19.
I.S. GRADISCA
ashore on
Gavdo Is.

- Returned Gavdo Island first light Sunday all stores transferred.
2. Progress satisfactory but slight delay today as pumps had to be stopped for repair due to continuous running it is possible that four more eight inch salvage pumps may be required as reliefs. Request these may be made available if required.
3. Further signal on para. (2) will be made (4) weather at 1600. Wind west north westerly force one sea slight no swell. (JAVELIN 171630Z to F.O.L.E.M. C. in C. Med.)

17.2.1946.
Sunday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

RAJAH trooping. 548C of 29th Dec. '45. sail from Aden as follows:
(A) 1045 17th.
(B) Colombo.
(C) 16 knots.
Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Aden 170945 to RAJAH.)

Dutch S/M O.23 returning to Holland. 548C of 29th Dec. '45 sail from Aden as follows:
(A) 1300C 18th.
(B) Suez.
(C) 12 knots.
(G) Submarine to call at Suez to land passengers before proceeding to Port Said.
Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Aden 170950C to O.23 D.S.)

INDOMITABLE A.C. trooping. Intend INDOMITABLE shall carry out following programme.

<u>Place.</u>	<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Leave.</u>
Colombo.	a.m. Thurs. 21st.	p.m. Fri. 22nd.
Aden.	a.m. Wed. 27th.	a.m. Thurs. 28th.
Suez.	0600 Sun. 3rd Mar.	-
Gib.	a.m. Fri. 8th Mar.	a.m. Sat. 9th Mar.
Portsmouth.	a.m. Wed. 13th Mar.	-

2. N.O.I.C. Port Said is requested to make arrangements for ship to pass through canal on Sunday 3rd March making the transit in one day.

3. It will be necessary to take in oil fuel at Gibraltar.
(INDOMITABLE 171013GH to C. in C.E.I. N.O.I.C. Port Said.)

NESS, HALLADALE frigates on passage to U.K. Intend following programme for NESS and HALLADALE on passage to U.K. All dates March unless shown otherwise.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
-	Trincomalee.	18th Feb.
27th Feb.	Aden.	28th Feb.
5th.	Suez.	5th.
5th.	Port Said.	5th.
6th.	Alexandria.	8th.
11th.	Malta.	13th.
17th.	Gibraltar.	19th.
23rd.	Portsmouth.	

2. Fuelling at Aden, Port Said and Gibraltar.

3. Canal transit by daylight 5th March.

(C. in C.E.I. 171508EF to Admiralty. F.O. Destroyers E.I.)
(Amended by 181132 E.F.)

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F.S. GLOIRE cruiser on passage to F.I.China. Ref. 548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Colombo as follows:-

(A) 2359EF 17th Feb.
(B) Singapore.
(C) 18 knots.
(G) Onward routeing to Saigon.

Acknowledge.

(F.O. Ceylon 171851EF to GLOIRE F.S. Admiralty.)

/Ship...

17.2.1946.
Sunday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies contd...

Ship mined
near Akyab.

Following received from unidentifiable ship at
2102 17th Feb.

"Struck mine in position 17.30.N. 90.35.E.

Please help ship going down near Akyab."

Further information has been received from Lloyds -
that H.M.S. JAMAICA is proceeding to assistance.

(H.W.Reg. 172102

(See 180314EF)

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Far East and Australia.

URSA
TUMULT
destroyers
on passage
to U.K. and
for reserve.

Departed Fremantle 0100Z 11th Feb. URSA and
TUMULT for Trincomalee. E.T.A. Trincomalee
0230Z 27th Feb. Route direct. S.O.A. 14 knots.
(N.O.I.C. Fremantle 170101 to Capt. (D) 24, 25.)

PIONEER
aircraft
maintenance
ship.

Departed Sydney 0455Z 17th Feb. PIONEER for
Melbourne, route direct. S.O.A. 14 knots. E.T.A.
Port Philip Heads 0600 19th.
(F.O.I.C. Sydney 170702 to N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne.)

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North Atlantic.

L.S.T's
on passage.

L.S.T. 3524 and 3522 P.C.S. at 0600Z
36 degs. 09 mins. N. 06 degs. 51 mins W.
114 degs. at 11 knots. Weather report 9080 2522.
(L.S.T. 3524 180605Z to F.O.G.M.A.)

Fencer
carrier
trooping.

My P.C.S. at 0600Z/18th.
37 degs. 15 mins N. 9 degs. 11 mins. west.
347 degs. 16.4 knots.
(FENCER 180705A to F.O.G.M.A. Admiralty.)

South Atlantic.

WILLIAM
SCORESBY
trawler.

WILLIAM SCORESBY sailed for Stanley 1130/17th,
S.O.A. 10 knots. E.T.A. 1630 Feb. 20th.
(2) TREMPASSEY arrived Port Lockroy 1800/17th.
(N.O.I.C. Falkland Is. 180901Z to Admiralty. C. in
C. A.W.I.)

S.S. HIGHLAND
MONARCH with
German
internees
ex GRAF SPEE
and TACOMA.

Your 131133/ HIGHLAND MONARCH embarked 16th Feb.
at Montevideo 34 GRAFS 39 TACOMAS, 1 woman, 1 child.
(B.N.A. Buenos Aires 181752Z to Admiralty.
S.B.N.O. W.A.)
/ Presume A.M. 121714 intended.

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Mediterranean.

RANEE
trooping. In view delay at Port Said due to weather intend to proceed direct to U.K. not calling Gibraltar. (RANEE 180944Z to C. in C. Med.)

DEVONSHIRE
cruiser
trooping. Sail at 0800B 19th to Gibraltar. Speed 19.7 knots. E.T.A. a.m. 23rd report accurate E.T.A. to F.O.G.M.A. when known. (N.O.I.C. Port Said 181228 to DEVONSHIRE.)

L.C.V. (P)
sank. Following received from Capt. L/C Med. Begins:
L.C.V. (P) ex Anti-Gunboat Patrol at Augusta sank in deep water while in tow on passage to Messina.
2. This craft had no identification number, but following details are known:
(A) Gray Marine Diesel 64 T.L.4.
(B) Engine number C. 10184.
(C) Boat number D.16 999.
3. Craft was British. 011203.Feb. ends.
4. Identification number of craft not known to C. in C. Med.
(C. in C. Med. 181700 to Admiralty. Capt. L/C Med.)

Minesweepers
for Yugoslavs. My 111925A (N.T. in W.D.) para (2) read "Yugoslav Naval Authorities are aware of urgency of formal application under Yugoslav Government to U.S. Government".
2. Your 141907 refers.
Admiralty please pass to B.A.D. Wash.
(B.N.R. Belgrade 181750A to Admiralty. C. in C. Med.)

Movements. Port Said 18th.
Arrivals: DEVONSHIRE. F.S. CAP DES PALMES, MULL OF GALLOWAY.
Departures: nil.
N.O.I.C. Port Said 181815B to Admiralty.)

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East Indies.

Mined Merchant ship near Akyab. 548C.
Sail for position 17.30 N. 90.35 E. and execute search for survivors of mined Merchant ship.
(A) 0400EF 18th Feb.
(B) 17.30 N. 90.35 E.
(C) 13 knots.
(D) Nil.
(F) 1300EF Feb.19.
Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Vizag. 180314EF to SONAVATI.)
(See 192335).
Under instructions from Bombay SONAVATI was recalled at 1044 today Monday 18th. E.T.A. Vizagapatam 2400 18th Feb. My 180314 refers.
(N.O.I.C. Vizag. 181506 to C. in C.E.I.)

E.I. 1. Current Operations.
M.S. report (A) Serial 17, Rhio Strait 11th M.S.F. have swept No. 9. 14 Japanese moored mines in northern part of E.F.M.I. 481.
(B) Serial 19, Banka Strait 7th M.S.F. have completed clearance of E.F.M.I. 480 and 297 in which 37 Japanese and 27 Dutch mines respectively were swept. Later figure includes 2 mines swept by 2 ships sweeping ahead of an L.S.I. and L.S.T. taking Dutch troops to Muntok the day before general sweeping in this area started.
(C) Serial 21 Nicobars area 37th M.S.F. swept further 6 Japanese mines in check sweep of E.F.M.I. 129 bringing total of mines this area to 15, Flotilla is due to start B.C. at Port Blair 18th Feb.
(D) Serial S.F. and H. Penang Area. 166th M.S.F. have detonated 7 magnetic ground mines in northern approaches to Penang.
(E) Singapore local sweeping 145th H.D.M.L. Flotilla have completed clearances of E.F.M.I. 2, 3, and 4 with negative result.
(F) A report from French Naval Authorities dated 1st Feb. states that one magnetic mine was detonated in mouth of Saigon River during recent operations by French sweepers.
2. Future operations.
(A) Serial J. Dingings Area. 152nd M.S.F. expect to sail from Singapore, Wednesday 20th Feb. to start this serial.
(B) Serial L. Moulmein River.
4. M.M.S. fitted L.A.A. of Force 18 are expected to start this serial shortly.
(F.O.M.F.A. 181025 to C. in C.E.I.)

PORTLAND BILL Armament maintenance ship. Your 220839 Dec. (N.T. in W.D.) and A.M. 052009 (not to all.) PORTLAND BILL may be retained temporarily at Singapore to carry out her maintenance function. Such reductions of complement as are practicable are to be effected. Request you will report anticipated date on which vessel can be released.
(Appd. 1st S.L. Hd. of M.II. 181042 to F.O. Malaya. V.A. (Q) B.P.F.)
(See 182246Z (A.W. & I.) v 061711 March

/WAYLAND...

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies, contd...

WAYLAND Dockyard ship on passage to U.K. 548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Aden as follows:
(A) 1600C/19th.
(B) Suez for U.K.
(C) 8 knots.
Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Aden 181048C to WAYLAND.)

C. in C.E.I. Movements. C. in C. E.I. in PENN, C.S. 5 in NORFOLK E.T.A. Singapore 0900GH 19th Feb.
(NORFOLK 181119GH to F.O.M.F.A.)

F.S. BARFLEUR. Sail from Singapore at 1700 today 18th Feb. to Saigon.
3. S.O.A. 13 knots. Report you E.T.A. to R.N.O. Saigon.
Acknowledge.
(F.O.M.F.A. 181144 to BARFLEUR.)

L.S.H.(L) LOTHIAN programme from E.I.S. to U.K. Intend following programme for LOTHIAN on passage to U.K. All dates March unless shown otherwise.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
-	Colombo.	20th Feb.
28th Feb.	Aden.	1st.
6th.	Suez.	6th.
6th.	Port Said.	7th.
10th.	Malta.	12th.
15th.	Gibraltar.	16th.
21st.	Devonport.	-

2. Fuelling at Aden and Gibraltar.
3. Canal transit by daylight 6th March.
(C. in C.E.I. 181616EF to Admiralty etc.,)

Programme of Hull repair ship MULLION COVE from E.I.S. to U.K. Intend following programme for MULLION COVE on passage to U.K.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
-	Colombo.	15th Feb.
25th Feb.	Aden.	26th Feb.
5th Mar.	Suez.	5th Mar.
	Port Said.	6th Mar.
11th Mar.	Malta.	13th Mar.
23rd Mar.	Portsmouth.	

2. Fuelling at Aden and Malta.
3. Canal transit 5th March by daylight.
(C. in C.E.I. 181703EF to Admiralty.etc.)

TULIP corvette on passage to U.K. and reserve. 548C of 29.12.45. Take F.T. 2Y/ under your orders and sail from Aden as follows:
(A) 0930C 19. by Suez for U.K.
(B) Suez for U.K. (C) 9 knots.
Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Aden 182100 to TULIP. Admiralty.)
/ as received.

/L.S.T....

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies contd...

L.S.T. in
S.E.A.C.
Area
reduction
of.

We have just received a signalled report from the Cargo Shipping Mission to S.E.A.C. to the Principal Administrative Officers. (Alfsea's 6253 Q Mov. of 14th Feb. not to you.)
2. Requirements for L.S.T. in S.E.A.C. Area on account of their tactical suitability and to economise in M.T. Ships has been stated as:-
March 16, April 10, May 6.

It is definitely stated that the figure given for March is for L.S.T. which are operationally fit.

3. It is not clear whether you have been consulted on this matter. Assuming we were to agree to meeting this requirement, to what extent would your present plans for effecting reductions to upset? Your 301015 para. 4 refers.

(D. of P.(Q) 182213 to C. in C.E.I.

Intended to reduce the number of L.S.T.(3) which are available to F.O.M.F.A.

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America and West Indies.

WEAR Request you will sail WEAR at 2200Z today
to tow Monday to R/V with MICMAC in position 31 degs.
L.C.I.(L) 10 mins. north, 56 degs. 00 mins. west at 1200Z
164 to 20th.
Bermuda. 2. After making contact WEAR to take over tow
of L.C.I.(L) 164 and proceed to Bermuda. MICMAC
to return to Bermuda independently.
4. N.O.B. Bermuda is requested to signal daily
weather forecasts to WEAR and MICMAC.
(C. in C. A.W.I. 181430Z to Cdre. i/c. Bermuda. N.S.H.Q. WEAR,
CAISTOR CASTLE. MICMAC.)
My 181430Z. In view of further machinery failure request you
will now sail WEAR at 1200Z tomorrow Tuesday.
4. MICMAC report estimated prudent limit of endurance.
(C. in C.A.W.I. 181851Z to Com i/c. Bermuda. WEAR. CAISTOR
CASTLE.) (See next page.)

Bermuda Experience shows the need for the presence of
Reliable a reliable escort of ocean-going tug at Bermuda
escort of during the passage of convoys of landing craft
ocean going returning to U.S.A. H.M.C.S. MICMAC is shaking
tug required down at Bermuda and it is undesirable further to
for. disturb her programme. WEAR has machinery defects
requiring dockyard assistance. Should be
grateful if JUSTICE now on passage to U.S.A. for
return could be diverted to Bermuda for use
in emergencies until BALLINDERRY arrives. C. in C. Plymouth's
161008 and later signals and A.M. 161730 refer.
(C. in C.A.W.I. 181617Z to Admiralty. B.A.D.)

Re return Request instructions for return of SIND and
of SIND and GONDWANA to R.N. in accordance with Admiralty's
GONDWANA to 231941/. SIND is at present paid off to C. and M.
R.N. A/S Bombay and GONDWANA is at present carrying out
training A/S training duties in Bombay and will be relieved
vessels. by TEST and paid off to C. and M. when that is
recommissioned. Both GONDWANA and SIND require
refit.
(N.H.Q.(I) 181707EF to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty.
F.O.B.)
/ 232041 Jan. intended. Acceptance by
Government of India of TRENT for transfer to R.I.N.
and return of GONDWANA and SIND to R.I.N.

PORTLAND BILL Departed Esquimalt 2030Z 18th Feb. PORTLAND BILL
Armament to Pearl Harbour (Woahu Isld.) for fuel and
maintenance onward routing to Singapore in accordance with
ship. Admiralty's 052019Z/Feb. 1946 not to all refers.
2. E.T.A. Pearl Harbour 2nd March. S.O.A. 9
knots. C. in C. Pac. pass to B.N.L.O. Pearl.
Sydney C.C.O. pass to F.O.M.F.A.
(C.O.P.C. 182246Z to C. in C. B.P.F. Admiralty.)

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/WEAR...

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America and West Indies. contd...

WEAR to
tow L.C.I. (L)
164 to
Bermuda.

Your 181851. Prudent limit of endurance 1200Z/23rd
Feb. at present speed of 8.5 knots.
(MICMAC 182305 to C. in C.A.W.I.)
L.C.I. 164 in tow my p.c.s. 29. 51 N. 50. 46. W.
285 8.5 knots.
(MICMAC 182359Z to C. in C.A.W.I. CAISTOR CASTLE.
Admiralty.)

TROUNCER
E.C. for
return to
U.S.A.

Sail direct for Norfolk at 191500Z communications
in accordance with A.F.O's 1/45. Report p.c.s.
in accordance with C. in C.A.W.I. 121545 Jan.
2. Acknowledge.
(Cdr. i/c. Bermuda. 181824Z to TROUNCER.)

Far East and Australia.

Movements
of MENESTHEUS
Amenity ship.

S.O. Force "C" 120831 (N.T. in W.D.) not to all
and my 040723/. Now intend MENESTHEUS should
remain in Japanese waters for a longer period
before proceeding to Hong Kong.
2. S.O. Force "T" is requested to consider whether
ship is required at Tokyo and to make proposals
in conjunction with F.O. Force "C".
(C. in C. B.P.F. 180323Z to S.O. Force "T" S.O.
Force "C")
/ MENESTHEUS diverted to Tokyo Bay for O/R to
Kure.

See 211030Z March

GAMBIA
on passage
to U.K.

Request you sail GAMBIA from Sydney to U.K. when
ready on Saturday 23rd Feb. carrying out following
programme. E.T.A. placed 24th Feb. Melbourne
25th Feb. 1st March Fremantle 1st March 8th March
Trincomalee 9th March 14th March Aden 15th, 18th
March Suez and transit 19th March to Port Said
23rd March Gibraltar 24th March 27th March U.K. Request
instructions accordingly.
(F.O.S.A. 180519 to A.C.N.B. S.O. 2. C.S. Admiralty.)

UNDINE
TENACIOUS
destroyers
on passage
to U.K.
and reserve.

Departed Fremantle 0830Z 18th Feb. UNDINE and
TENACIOUS for Trincomalee. E.T.A. Trincomalee
0330Z 28th Feb. Route direct. S.O.A. 14 knots.
(N.O.I.C. Fremantle 180903 to Com. i/c. Trinco.)

/Personnel...

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Far East and Australia.

Personnel lifts from Australia to U.K.

Personnel lift from Australia to U.K. V.A.(Q) O10743 (N.T. in W.D.) and 140616 (N.T. in W.D.) and A.C.N.B. 140643 (N.T. in W.D.) not to C. In C. E.I. The following White and Red Ensign ships should be available on about the dates required by V.A.(Q).

<u>Period.</u>	<u>Ship.</u>	<u>E.T.A.</u> <u>Sydney.</u>	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>Ratings.</u>	<u>Total Lift.</u>
A.	CUMBERLAND.	2nd Mar.	40	662	700
	PATROLLER.	6th Mar.	60	1000	1060
	STIRLING				
	CASTLE.	13th Mar.	150	3500	3650
B.	TAMAROA.	5th Apr.	-	-	776
	QUEEN.	9th Apr.	60	1000	1060
	VICTORIOUS.	15th Apr.	189	2000	2189
	ARAWA.	20th Apr.	-	-	800
C.	INDOMITABLE.	26th Apr.	189	2000	2189
D.	LONDON.	17th May.	40	662	700
	BERWICK.	18th May.	40	662	700
	RAJAH.	28th May.	60	1000	1060

E. Arrangements for this lift will be made later.

2. A.C.N.B.'s 140643 paras. 5 and 7 have been taken into account in anticipating lifts in TAMAROA and ARAWA.

3. It is regretted that all ships enumerated in para. 1 above cannot be planned to arrive during the exact limits of the period specified and your plans must be adjusted, accordingly.

4. In no circumstances will it be possible to provide additional administrative staffs at this time when naval manpower is at its most critical stage.

(A.C.N.S.(O) 182132 to V.A.(Q). C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I.)

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North Atlantic.

TEVIOT Sail 0800A 20th Feb. to Harwich. A.M. 271502
frigate Jan. not to C. in C. Portsmouth.
on passage 2. Speed 11½. E.T.A. a.m. 25th Feb.
to U.K. 6. Acknowledge.
and reserve. (F.O.G.M.A. 191048A to TEVIOT. N.O.I.C. Harwich.)

LARGO BAY Sail 2200A 19th Feb. via Medri routes to Malta.
frigate 2. Speed 12. E.T.A. first light 23rd Feb.
for Med. 5. Acknowledge.
Fleet. (F.O.G.M.A. 191116A to LARGO BAY.)

Air Sea Your 141635 and N.O.I.C. Azores 121310.
Rescue in Air Sea Rescue in Azores remains British
Azores area. responsibility only until 2nd March. S.B.O. Azores
271155 Jan. indicates that U.S. ships will remain
at least until early March. Thereafter this
commitment is U.S. responsibility in any case.
2. Para. 2A, B, E, F, and G. of N.O.I.C. Azores 121310 therefore
approved. Reply follows shortly about C and D.
(Hd. of M. 182230 to F.O.G.M.A. Air Min.)
(See 201901)
(S.B.N.O. Horta 221222Z to Admiralty)

South Atlantic.

KING GEORGE V Intend to sail KING GEORGE V from Freetown at
Battleship 0930 Feb. 20th to Portsmouth.
on passage S.O.A. 12 knots. Navigation as safety permits.
to U.K. E.T.A. Portsmouth March 2nd.
KING GEORGE V to signal p.c.s. and weather report
at 0600 and 1800 daily whilst in Plymouth and
Portsmouth Command. KING GEORGE V acknowledge
and sail to comply.
(Capt. i/c. W.A.F. 191420C to C. in C. Portsmouth.
KING GEORGE V.)

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Mediterranean.

Transfer of M/S to Yugoslav Government. Your 161608. Delivery of B.Y.M.S. listed in my 171241 can be arranged at Malta commencing 1st April at the rate of 2 a fortnight. Officers and key ratings for each 2 ships should be sent to Malta 14 days in advance in order to undergo training with British crews.

A Staff Officer an Engineer Officer and 2 interpreters should also be sent with first batch to assist instruction of the crews and turning over of the vessels.
(C. in C. Med. 191003A to B.N.R. Belgrade. Admiralty.)

FREESIA corvette returning to U.K. and reserve. Sail at 1700A Feb 20th to Gibraltar for onward routing to Chatham.
3. S.O.A. 11 knots. E.T.A. 1200 24th.
5. Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med. 191126 to FREESIA.)

F.S. CAP DES PALMES A.M.C. Sail at 0600B 20th to Aden. Report your T.O.D. from Suez and E.T.A. Aden to all addressees in this signal. Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 191129B to CAP DES PALMES.)

FLAMBOROUGH HEAD escort maintenance ship for U.K. from B.P.F. Sail at 0900B 23rd Feb. and proceed as safe navigation permits to Gibraltar speed $10\frac{1}{2}$ knots E.T.A. 1500A 2nd March.
3. F.O.G.M.A. is requested to arrange onward routing. A.M. 121254 refers.
(F.O.L.E.M. 191140B to FLAMBOROUGH HEAD.)
(See 201750)

VICTORIOUS trooping. Sail at 0700B 21st. to Gibraltar. Speed 20 knots. E.T.A. a.m. 25th. Report accurate E.T.A. to F.O.G.M.A. Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 191331B to VICTORIOUS.)

Sale of craft in Middle East. It is not clear to me what craft you refer to in your 161022.
2. Is there probability of sale to the authorities referred to in the second sentence of para. 2. of Mid. East. 151700 (N.T. in W.D.)
3. Disposal of surplus craft in general is already so slow that further slowing down is undesirable if reduction of personnel ordered by their Lordships is to be implemented.
(C. in C. Med. 191657 to F.O.L.E.M.)

Recd 28.2.46

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SECRET**IN**

191146 February.

RECEIVED:—

From C. in C. Mediterranean.

DATE 19.2.46.

TIME 1850.

NAVAL CYPHER (X).

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Addressed Admiralty.

My 271230 / December. In order to conserve P.O. Stokers and Ldg. Stokers, I have authorised

- (a) Temporary reduction in complement of Sto. P.O. and Ldg Stokers in cruisers which will necessitate normally steaming out of units except in waters where mine danger is known to exist.
- (b) Reduction of engine room complement in destroyers sloops and frigates necessitating normal steaming on one boiler in three watches breaking into two watches if two boilers are required.

2. For similar reasons it is intended to send BLENHEIM home, my 180919 refers.

N.W.D.

3. It will be necessary for M Class destroyers, AURORA and SIRIUS to reach U.K. by mid April to meet age and service group and length of Foreign Service commitments, and it is essential that their reliefs should arrive well prior to this date.

4. It is hoped that these and other measures now under consideration will preclude invoking the military needs clause at any rate for the time being.

191146. See 261321

/ Re reliefs for P.O. Stokers and Ldg. Stokers.

2nd S.L.
V.C.N.S.
A.C.N.S.(0)
E. in C.
F.A.S.(D)
A.C.N.P.(6)
D. of M.
C.W.II.(2)
N. Branch.
D.D.P.S.(D)(2)
D.T.S.D.
O.D.(9)
D. of P.(3)
W.D.

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East Indies.

AMRITSAR 548. 29.126/Forth/Fifth. Take ZC 66 in tow
A/S Patrol and sail from Bombay as follows:
vessel. (A) 1500EF 19th Feb.
(B) Colombo.
(C) 6.5 knots.
(G) Return to Bombay on completion.
Acknowledge.
(F.O. Bombay 190917EF to AMRITSAR.)

A.F.D.20 My 091657GH (N.T. in W.D.) CRANE's 171235Z
on passage (N.T. in W.D.) and C. in C. B.P.F.'s 180343
to Singapore. (N.T. in W.D.) signals not to all nor required.
Intend A.F.D. 20 continue passage from Macassar
E.T.D. 19th Feb. to Singapore with GRIPER,
ENTICER and ENIGMA.

2. CRANE to proceed independently to Singapore thence to Hong Kong.
3. LOCH CRAGGIE not now required to relieve CRANE.
4. CRANE and Senior Rescue Tug acknowledge to F.O.M.F.A.(R) SUSSEX and C.S.5 Batavia. Report time of crossing 115 degs. east.
(F.O.M.G.A. 191031GH to SUSSEX. C.S.5. N.O.I.C. Batavia. CRANE. LOCH CRAGGIE. GRIPER.)

Japan Britel Melbourne's 260422 Jan. (N.T. in W.D.)
lifts of C. in C. B.P.F. 060853 Feb. and S.A.C.S.E.A.
aircraft 160451 Feb. (N.T. in W.D.) none to all. On
for completion of refitting and storing in Australia
VENGEANCE. about 15th March VENGEANCE is required to
(A) Disembark C.A. (Corrupt Group) in RUTTINGEN
(group missed) embark 20 Spitfires 6 Harvards and
12 Austers at China Bay.

- (C) Embark 40 Spitfires at Seletar.
- (D) Lifting aircraft in (B) and (C) together with 138 personnel to Japan.
2. Approximate anticipated programme as follows.
(A) and (B) 31st March to 3rd April.
(C) 8th April.
3. VENGEANCE report whether all above aircraft can be carried simultaneously without removing Spitfire Wings.
(C. in C.E.I. 191115EF to VENGEANCE. S.A.C.S.E.A.)
(See 201917 (F.E. and A.)) v 26/1050
J.C.O.S.A. has asked for carriers to be made available for lifts of aircraft to Japan.

F.S. 548C of 29.12.45. Take LA CAPRIEUSE under your
LA GRACIEUSE orders and sail from Aden as follows:
LA CAPRIEUSE (A) 1700C/20th.
Escorts on (B) Colombo.
passage (C) 12 knots.
to Far East. Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Aden 191141 to LA GRACIEUSE.)

/East Indies...

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East Indies contd...

East Indies War orders cancellation of.

East Indies War Orders are cancelled and may be destroyed if not required for record purposes. Certificates of destruction not required.
3. Correct 660C of 11th Feb. Para. 3. all after 120 degs. east to read thence to 001 degs. south. 086 degs. east.
(C. in C.E.I.S. 191145 to 670C. Admiralty.)

LEONIAN Boom Carrier on passage to U.K. diversion to Massawa for bullion.

War Office have requested Naval assistance to lift 100 tons of money from Massawa.
2. Request LEONIAN be diverted and date when she will call at Massawa reported.
(D.O.D. 191341 to C. in C.E.I. C. in C. Med. F.O.L.E.M.)

Reduction of existing force "W"

I concur in proposals in F.O.W. 131316 would like new set up promulgated to take effect on 26th Feb.
(C. in C.E.I. Singapore. 191630 to C. in C.E.I.)

MARY ROSE M/S to rejoin 8th M/S Flotilla in Med.

Intend following programme for MARY ROSE on passage to Med. to rejoin 8th M.S.F.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
19th Feb.	Bombay.	23rd Feb.
1st Mar.	Aden.	1st Mar.
6th Mar.	Suez.	7th Mar.
7th Mar.	Port Said.	-

2. Fuelling at Aden and Suez.
3. Canal transit 7th March.
(C. in C.E.I. 191652EF to F.O. Bombay. F.O. Ceylon.)

SUTLEJ A.A. Sloop for Hong Kong.

548C of 29 Dec. Sail from Singapore as follows:
(A) 1130GH 21st Feb.
(B) Hong Kong.
(C) Fair Monsoon Route 12 knots.
(G) Acknowledge.
(F.O. Malaya 191757GH to SUTLEJ. Admiralty.
C. in C. B.P.F.)

TROUBRIDGE TEAZER destroyers on passage to U.K. from B.P.F. for reserve.

Intend following programme for TROUBRIDGE and TEAZER on passage to U.K.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
21st Feb.	Aden.	23rd Feb.
27th Feb.	Suez.	27th Feb.
27th Feb.	Port Said.	27/28th Feb.
28th Feb.	Alexandria.	2nd Mar.
8th Mar.	Gibraltar.	10th Mar.
TEAZER 13th Mar.	Plymouth.	-
TROUBRIDGE 14th Mar.	Sheerness.	-

2. Fuelling at Aden, Port Said, or Alex and Gibraltar.
3. Canal transit by daylight 27th Feb.
4. TEAZER will require docking preferably at Alex. Otherwise Gibraltar to repair split hull plating.
(C. in C.E.I. 191910EF to Admiralty.)

/CATTERICK...

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CATTERICK
destroyer
on passage
to Malta
to reduce
to care
and
maintenance.

548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Aden as follows:
(A) 0830C/20.
(B) Suez for Malta.
(C) 14 knots.
Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. A den 192017 to CATTERICK. Admiralty.)

PENN
air target
ship.

548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Singapore as follows:
(A) 1400GH 21st Feb.
(B) Fremantle.
(C) Gas Par and Sunda Straits. 14 knots.
(G) Acknowledge.
(F.O.M.F.A. 192244GH to PENN. Admiralty. C. in C.
E.I. C. in C. B.P.F.)

Mined Merchant My 181506/
ship near
Akyab.

Vessel arrived 0700 19th Feb.
(N.O.I.C. Vizagapatam 192335 to Admiralty.)
/ SONAVATI recalled to Vizagapatam after sailing
to search for survivors of merchant ships.

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America and West Indies.

L.S.T.'s
347, 394
for U.S.A.

Your 251253 Jan. not to all addres. Navy Department ask that L.S.T. (2) 347 and 394 be sailed to Norfolk Virginia. (B.A.D. Washington 191043 to Admiralty. C. in C. Med.)

Escort of
Landing craft
to Bermuda.

WEAR sailed from Bermuda at 1200Z 19th to rendezvous with you in position 31.10 north 56.50 west at 2000Z 20th. (Cdre. i/c. Bermuda 191255Z to MICMAC. CAISTOR CASTLE.)

TROUNCER
E.Carrier
re delivery
to U.S.A.

TROUNCER sailed direct for Norfolk at 1500Z/19 E.T.A. 1600Z/21. (Cdre. i/c. Bermuda 191623Z to B.A.D. Wash.)

SHIEL
Frigate
returned
to U.S.A.

SHIEL arrived. (B.N.L.O. 1st Naval District 191943R to Br. C.C.O. Wash. D.C.)

U.S.
Atlantic
dispositions.

Serial 218.
PRINCETON in Havana.
BLOCK ISLAND in Guantanamo.
KASSAM BAY, MINDORO, MANILA BAY, WHITE PLAINS, WAKE ISLAND in Norfolk.
TUSCALOOSA, WICHITA in Philadelphia.
NEW ORLEANS, ST. LOUIS, SHIPLEY BAY in Cocosolo.
RANDOLPH, TARAWA, HELENA, HOUSTON, SAGINAW BAY, SHAMROCK BAY at sea.
(C.N.O. 192117 to Admiralty. Comnaveu.)

PORTLAND BILL
Armament
maintenance
ship.

PORTLAND BILL departed Esquimalt 18th ^{Feb:} ~~Jan.~~ 1946 to Singapore via Pearl Harbour request diversion of mails. (C.O.P.C. 192302Z to N.A. Mails. Admiralty.)

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Far East and Australia.

Purchase of surplus tugs by Anfu Development Company.

My 270230 Dec. Embassy commercial secretariat have again been approached by the A.N.F.U. Company regarding the purchase of surplus tugs and lighters.

2. Request nature of reply to Embassy may (corrupt group) representatives of company. (A.N.A. Chungking ?190747 to Admiralty. N.A. Shanghai)

Pacific Summary 53.

Operational Naval Units. South East Pacific, non-Pacific Coast: MASSACHUSETTS, INDIANA, NEW JERSEY, ALABAMA, SARATOGA, HANCOCK, YORKTOWN, LEXINGTON, VELLAGULF, SAVOISLAND, BAIROKO, MUNDA, WINDHAMBAY, POINTCRUZ, KULAGULF, RENDOVA, INDEPENDENCE, BOSTON, QUINCY, CANBERRA, FALL RIVER, SALT LAKE CITY, AMSTERDAM, OKLAHOMA CITY, MIAMI, DAYTON, ASTORIA, WILKESBARRE, TUCSON 14, En route U.S. SHANGRI-LA, PRINCE WILLIAM, ATTU, CAPE GLOUCESTER, HOGGATT BAY, KALININ BAY, RUDYERD BAY, SUWANNEE, BALTIMORE, En route Pearl. SIBONEY, PUGET SOUND, NASSAU, SITKOH BAY 2. At Pearl. SAIDOR; BARNES 30. North Pacific None. South Pacific: VINCENNES. South West Pacific. BOXER, ANTIETAM, BIRMINGHAM 7. Central Pacific. IOWA, BREMERTON, COLUMBUS, CHICAGO, LOS ANGELES, DULUTH, ATLANTA, TOPEKA, ARGONAUT. HOBART. 40. Non operational at sea: En route U.S. None. En route Pearl, None.

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North Atlantic.

Air Sea Rescue A.M. 192230 not to C. in C. Plymouth.
Azores area. H.M.T. POLKA will not now be required to proceed to
Azores.
2. H.M.T. VALSE should return to Plymouth, in
accordance with N.O.I.C. Azores 121310 para. (2)F.
not to all.
3. Disposal instructions for these vessels after arrival in
U.K. will be issued separately.
(D.O.D. 201901 to F.O.G.M.A. N.O.I.C. Azores. C. in C. Plymouth.)

South Atlantic.

INDEFATIGABLE Capetown arrival 0615B - INDEFATIGABLE with
A.C. UNDAUNTED in company.
UNDAUNTED (C. in C.S.A. 200934B to Admiralty,)
destroyer
on passage
to U.K.
from B.P.F.

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Mediterranean.

F.S. JULES
VERNE
Auxiliary
repair ship
on passage
to E.I.

Sail at 0800B/21 to Aden.
Report your T.O.D. from Suez and E.T.A. Aden,
to all addressees in this signal. Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 201158 to JULES VERNE F.S.)

F.S.
CAP DES PALMES
A.M.C.
on passage
to E.I.

CAP DES PALMES leaving Suez at 1630 of G.M.T.
20th. E.T.A. Aden 0600 hours 25th Feb.
(CAP DES PALMES 201630 to N.O.I.C. Port Said.)

MULL OF GALLOWAY Sail at 1000B 22nd to Gibraltar. Speed 8 knots.
on passage to E.T.A. a.m. 4th March. Report accurate E.T.A.
U.K. to F.O.G.M.A. when known. Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 201648B to MULL OF GALLOWAY.)

FLAMBOROUGH
HEAD
Maintenance
escort.

C. in C. Rosyth 201005 and FLAMBOROUGH HEAD
191201 neither to all.
Request you divert FLAMBOROUGH HEAD to Sheerness
to disembark all passengers.
2. On completion of disembarkation FLAMBOROUGH
HEAD is to proceed to Rosyth. A.M. 121254 refers.
(D.O.D. 201750 to C. in C. Med. F.O.L.E.M.)

See 041447A (N.A.)

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East Indies.

8th M/S
Flotilla
on passage.

My p.c.s. at 0130Z 20th Feb. 1346 north
4935 east 257 degs. 11 knots. E.T.A. Aden 0630C/21
Feb. ROWENA, MOON, PROVIDENCE, SEABEAR in company.
(S.O. 8th M/S Flot. 200635 to F.O. Ceylon.)

Request for
British ships
for Siamese
Navy.

N.O.I.C. Bangkok reports Siamese Naval C. in C.
has requested that the following vessels may be
provided to his government from British resources.

- (A) 2 S Class S/M.
- (B) 2 Hunt class destroyers.
- (C) 1 Frigate.
- (D) 2 or 4 B.Y.M.S.
- (E) 12 or 16 Fairmile M.L's.

(2) The provision of S/M is not recommended taking into
consideration Siamese waters the technical efficiency of the
Siamese Navy and maintenance problem.

(3) N.O.I.C. Bangkok stresses the need to meet Siamese
request so far as practicable at an early date if our present
influence in service circle is to be maintained.

(4) The question of payment was not discussed pending balancing
of Siamese budget.

(F.O. Malaya 200933GH to C. in C. E.I. Admiralty. S.A.C.S.E.A.)

TERMAGANT
destroyer
on passage
to U.K.
and reserve.

Intend following programme for TERMAGANT on passage
to U.K.

Arrive.	Place.	Depart.
23rd Feb.	Aden.	24th Feb.
28th Feb.	Suez.	28th Feb.
28th Feb.	Port Said.	2nd Mar.
8th Mar.	Gibraltar.	9th Mar.
13th Mar.	Portsmouth.	-

2. Fuel at Aden, Port Said and Gibraltar.

3. Transit canal daylight 28th Feb.

(C. in C.E.I. 201028 to Admiralty. C. in C. Med.)

REAPER
G.P.
Carrier
on passage
to U.K.

Intend following revised programme for REAPER
on passage to U.K.

Arrive.	Place.	Depart.
27th Feb.	Trincomalee.	21st Feb.
4th Mar.	Aden.	28th Feb.
4th Mar.	Suez.	4th Mar.
4th Mar.	Port Said.	6th Mar.
9th Mar.	Malta.	11th Mar.
14th Mar.	Gibraltar.	16th Mar.
20th Mar.	Greenock.	

2. Transit canal daylight 4th.

3. Fuel at Aden.

(C. in C.E.I. 201115 to Admiralty. C. in C. Med.)

WHITE BEAR
surveying
vessel for
survey in
Andaman Is.

548C of 29th Dec.1945. Sail from Colombo
as follows:

- (A) 100EF 22nd Feb.
- (B) Andaman Islands for survey in area Port Blair
Narkundam G.T. C.O.C.O.S.
- (C) Via 10 deg. channel 10 knots.
- (G) Sailing for Port Swettenham 1st March.

Acknowledge.

(F.O.Ceylon 201600 to WHITE BEAR. Admiralty.)

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F.S. GLOIRE
on passage
to Saigon.

Acknowledged that you pass Singapore 1530GH
21st Feb. Proceeding direct to Saigon. E.T.A.
23rd Feb.
(F.O.M.F.A. 201739Z to F.C. GLOIRE. Admiralty.)

F.S.
LA GRACIEUSE
LA CAPRICIEUSE
escorts on
passage to
F.I. China.

Cancel my 191141
LA CAPRICIEUSE delayed with engine defect
ships will be sailed in company probably 23rd Feb.
(N.O.I.C. Aden 201930C to C. in C.E.I.)

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America and West Indies.

Jamaica
unrest at. Governor of Jamaica has asked me for assistance because of political and union strikes and unreliable police force. Am diverting FROBISHER now.
(C. in C. A.W.I. 201403Z to Admiralty.)

ARBITER
E.C. Intend sailing ARBITER 1200Z 21st Feb. to Norfolk. V.A. for return to United States. E.T.A. Norfolk
for redelivery 1230Z 23rd Feb. Admiralty's 161218Z Jan. not to all
to U.S.A. refers.
(C.O.A.C. 201525Z B.A.D. Wash. N.S.H.Q.)

L.C.I.164 My 201505Z. Am proceeding with L.C.I. L.164 in
on passage tow. Course 282 degs. Speed 8 knots. MICMAC
to Bermuda detached at 1530Z.
in tow of (WEAR 201630Z to C. in C.A.W.I.)
WEAR.

Far East and Australia.

SALVESTOR Intend to sail SALVESTOR for Singapore 21st Feb.
Salvage for onward routing to U.K.
vessel on 2. Ship is manned by a steaming crew of
passage to A.S.G's and all accommodation is filled.
U.K. from 3. Ship is not required by P.S.T.O. B.P.F.
B.P.F. (C. in C. B.P.F. 200235 to Admiralty.)

BOSPHORUS E.T.D. BOSPHORUS Thursday 21st Feb. E.T.A.
Store Singapore Thursday 7th March.
carrier. (F.O.I.C. Sydney 200625 to F.O.S.A.)

M/S Report Minesweeping report to Admiralty No. 10.
No. 10. (A) 10th M.E.S.F. proved unsuitable for sweeping
in Japanese waters due to safe depth increasing
to 15 fathoms. Flotilla returning Hong Kong.
(B) (? 180th mines, exploded seven mines.)

Clearance of Western Approaches by REEL and by M.S. proceeding.
(C. in C. B.P.F. 200758Z to Admiralty.)

su 292118.
+ 090315Z March.

/Aircraft....

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Far East and Australia.cont...

Aircraft
spares in
PERSEUS and
HOLMSOUND
for Ceylon.

A.M. 311936/Jan. not to all. The stocks of Seafire and Firefly spares remaining in PERSEUS and HOLM SOUND when released from the B.P.F. will be required in Ceylon to augment stocks held there in support of ships and services in the Far East.

2. Request, therefore, that PERSEUS and HOLM SOUND call at Trincomalee on return voyage to U.K. so that all serviceable stocks of Firefly and Seafire airframe spares, engine spares and equipment peculiar to these types remaining on main store charge may be returned to S.N.S.O. Ceylon except for items peculiar to Seafire III and Merlin 55M engines which are not required in Ceylon.

3. To facilitate disembarkation ships should pack or suitably protect all stores to be landed at Trincomalee, packing cases and packing materials being obtained for this purpose from S.N.S.O. Sydney before departure. Stores should be listed on Forms S.331 and tallies affixed to all items to facilitate identification.

4. General air stores, spares peculiar to Seafire III and Merlin 55M, all Vote 811 items of workshop equipment both general and peculiar to types and any repairable air stores should be retained for ships for return in U.K. but these items should be packed as far as practicable on passage so as to expedite de-storing on arrival.

5. All Air Publications should be retained for return in U.K.

6. Special care should be exercised in packing and handling stores for return and attention of ships is to be directed to A.F.O. 1983/44.

(D.O.D. 201253 to C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I.)

Japan
lift of
aircraft
for.

C. in C.E.I. 191115. In view of the desirability of aircraft reaching Kure as near as possible to 30th March (your 060853 refers) request you will take any steps possible to accelerate refit and storing of VENGEANCE to permit of her complying with this commitment.

(V.C.N.S. 201917 to C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I.)

See 261050(E.1).

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North Atlantic.

CAISTOR Ref. F.O.G.M.A's. 181115A/
CASTLE Request ship may be routed through Gibraltar
frigate to Plymouth in order to facilitate balance of
returning pay documents and to collect engineering records
to U.K. prior to paying off into reserve.
and reserve (CAISTOR CASTLE 210849Z to C. in C.A.W.I.
from escort F.O.G.M.A.)
of L.S.T's. / Request CAISTOR CASTLE sail direct to Plymouth
to reduce to reserve.

VICTORIOUS N.O.I.C. Port Said's 191331. E.T.A. Gibraltar.
A.C. 0530Z 25th Feb. Request berth in man of war
trooping anchorage.
to U.K. (VICTORIOUS 211206B to F.O.G.M.A.)

South Atlantic.

KING GEORGE V. Arrival/Departure KING GEORGE V 1000 19th
Battleship. 0930/20th for Portsmouth.
(S.O.(I) Freetown 210930 to Admiralty. F.O.G.M.A.
C. in C.S.A.)

INDEFATIGABLE Intend to sail INDEFATIGABLE with UNDAUNTED in
A.C. UNDAUNTED company in accordance with F.O.S.A's 110054 Jan.
destroyer on (C. in C.S.A. 211015 to Admiralty. Capt. in Charge
passage to West Africa.)
U.K. from
B.P.F.

HINNOY My 051122. Subject to satisfactory completion of
LEVANTER trials, intend to sail HINNOY with LEVANTER in
Whalers company from Capetown about 1st March for Plymouth
for return and Norway, in accordance with A.M. 201812 Dec.
to U.K. and 051540 Jan.(N.T. in W.D.)
and Norway. 2. Approximate programme as follows:

<u>Place.</u>	<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
Capetown.	-	1st Mar.
Walvis Bay.	5th Mar.	6th Mar.
Lobito.	10th Mar.	11th Mar.
Pointe Noire.	13th Mar.	14th Mar.
Takoradi.	19th Mar.	20th Mar.
Freetown.	24th Mar.	25th Mar.

Thence routed as necessary by Capt. i/c. West Africa to Plymouth.
3. Authorities as Walvis Bay Lobito and Pointe Noire have been
informed.

(C. in C. South Atlantic 211018 to Admiralty. S.B.N.O. Norway.
S.T.O. Takoradi.)

see 031155 B Hand

/Re HIGHLAND...

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South Atlantic.

Re HIGHLAND
MONARCH with
German
internees
Ex.GRAF SPEE.

Your 181107 Jan. Para. 3.
Request confirmation that ratings mentioned have
now embarked for Montevideo.
(N.O.I.C. Falkland Is. 211156P to N.O.I.C. Capetown.
Admiralty.)

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Mediterranean.

NIGELLA
Corvette
on passage
to U.K.
from E.I.
and reserve.

Sail at 1130A Feb. 22nd to Gibraltar for onward routing to Devonport.
2. Routed as direct as safe navigation permits and by appropriate Medri routes.
3. S.O.A. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ knots. E.T.A. 1200A 26th. Acknowledge (C. in C. Med. 211057A to NIGELLA.)

M.F.V's
disposal.

When may disposal instructions for M.F.V's be expected please. My 291901 Jan. (N.T. in W.D.) (C. in C. Med. 211112A to Admiralty.) (See 261319).
M.F.V. 56 may be turned over to Admiralty for administration and maintenance in anticipation of subsequent Admiralty approval.

CHEVIOT
and CHILDERS
destroyers
for E. Med.

Your 211112 not to all. CHEVIOT and CHILDERS are being sailed from Malta p.m. today 21st to join you. They have completed working up but will require time for self boiler clean when situation permits.
(C. in C. Med. 211218 to F.O.L.E.M. Capt. (D) 14.

S.S. THORSHOVDI A.M. 291500 Dec. and your 301220 Dec. towage of two portions to Genoa by tug TURMOIL.

(1) In view of urgent need for progressing repair of British merchant shipping, the BUSTLER class tug TURMOIL is being made available from U.K. to complete the towage of the two portions of THORSHOVDI to Genoa.
(2) TURMOIL is Red Ensign manned and is managed by Overseas Towage and Salvage Co., and the towage will be carried out as a commercial operation.
(3) Master of THORSHOVDI is being given passage in TURMOIL which is expected to leave U.K. for Bone on 24th Feb.
(4) After completing towage of after portion from Bone to Genoa TURMOIL will embark runner crew and return to Gibraltar for towage of fore part.
(5) On outward passage TURMOIL will call at Gibraltar so that her Master may inspect THORSHOVDI and also EMPIRE HAVEN in case TURMOIL should be available to tow latter to U.K. on return voyage.
(D. of S.T. 211258 to C. in C. Med. F.O.G.M.A.)
(Para. 3. cancelled. See 261943)

Sitrep No.23. I.S.GRADISCA ashore on Gavdo Is. Crete. Salvage.

Completed scaling of number one hold carrying on with number two. Engine Room and Boiler Rooms drained and under control but water still entering from forward. Source of entry unknown.
2. SALVENTURE reports she has only ten per cent oil fuel remaining. It had been hoped to obtain fuel oil from ~~GRADISCA~~. All tanks have been tapped and all are contaminated.
3. As fine weather is still persisting request permission for JAVELIN to proceed Piraeus to fuel and collect 100 gallons I.C.E. Oil and return Gavdo to fuel SALVENTURE.
4. JAVELIN will require 350 tons fuel oil.
5. Weather at 2100 wind south west force one no swell.
(JAVELIN 212113B to F.O.L.E.M. SALVENTURE. MARAUDER.)

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East Indies.

Movement French Cruiser SUFFREN from Ceylon to Singapore. Ref. 548C of 29.12.45. Sailing from Colombo as follows:
(A) 1300EF Feb. 21st.
(B) Singapore. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Ceylon 210907 to F.S. SUFFREN.)

Bombay request for cruiser to be sent. F.O.C.R.I.N. has requested that a Cruiser may be sent to Bombay to act as a steadying influence in the Harbour.
2. Am despatching GLASGOW E.T.A. 23rd Feb. (C. in C. E.I. 211115EF to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. at Singapore. F.O.C.R.I.N.)
My 211115.

Following from F.O.C.R.I.N. Begins:
Please send all possible assistance with utmost despatch Bombay. R.I.N. ships in harbour are menacing the shore. Ends.
2. GLASGOW, CARRON, NESS, HALLADALE, LOCH QUOICH. E.T.A. Bombay 23rd.
3. CAVALIER, PETARD, LOCH MORE. E.T.A. 24th. (C. in C.E.I. 211235EF to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. at Singapore. F.O.C.R.I.N. S.O.R.N.E.I.) ** See next page.*

Java British mission Benoa. 548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Sourabaya (?as follows)
(A) 0700 22nd Feb.
(B) Benoa.
(C) 12 knots. (F) a.m. 23rd Feb.
(G) Land British Mission at Benoa and return Sourabaya leaving Benoa p.m. 25th Feb. unless required by C.O. Mission to remain longer.
(N.O.I.C. Sourabaya 211130 to LOCH ECK. Admiralty.)

CARRON destroyer LOCH MORE Frigate for Bombay. Proceed from Trincomalee with all despatch to Bombay. Report you respective E.T.As. (C. in C.E.I. 211207EF to CARRON. LOCH MORE.)

NESS HALLADALE frigate for Bombay. Proceed with all despatch to Bombay. Report E.T.A. (C. in C.E.I. 211210EF to NESS, HALLADALE.)
Your 211210 received. E.T.A. HALLADALE Bombay 0200EF 23rd. E.T.A. NESS Bombay 0600EF 23rd. (HALLADALE 211310DE to C. in C.E.I.S. Admiralty,)

CAVALIER PETARD destroyers for Bombay. As soon as ready about 22nd Feb. request you will sail CAVALIER and PETARD with utmost despatch to Bombay. (C. in C.E.I.S. 211222EF to C.S.12. PETARD. CAVALIER. F.O.C.R.I.N.)

21.2.1946.
Thursday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies contd...

INDOMITABLE
A.C.
Trooping.

Ref. 548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Colombo as follows:
(A) As convenient p.m. Feb. 22nd.
(B) Aden.
(C) 18 knots.
(F.O. Ceylon 211626 to INDOMITABLE.)

LOCH QUOICH
frigate
for Bombay.

Your 211214EF.
Left Karachi 1430. E.T.A. Bombay 1800 22nd Feb.
(LOCH QUOICH 211645 to C. in C.E.I.)

See previous page.

British
GIANG ANN
1063 tons
aground
Singapore
area.

GIANG ANN ashore Sugee Strait north end Pulo Jaga. Position approx. 0 degs. 50 N. 103 degs. 40 E. Attempt on 21st Feb. unsuccessful. Attempt with SALVIGIL will be made 22nd Feb. further signal when facts known.
(D.S.T.O. Malaya 211708 to D. of S.T.)

Policy re
Landing
Craft in
S.W. Pacific
reduction
of L.S.T.

D.C.O.D. Form I serial 14 issued by Admiralty shows requirements for Australian training of ships and landing craft as follows:
(A) four L.S.T. (3)
(B) five L.C.T. (4)
(C) three L.C.T. (8)
(D) one L.C.G. (M) (1)
(E) six L.C.M. (7)
(F) 28 L.C.A.
(G) 14 L.C.P. (L) U.S. types.

2. All the above are at Singapore with exception of L.C.T. (8) which have not yet been on station.
 3. In order to reduce maintenance - (commitment) it is necessary to transfer these landing craft to Australia as soon as possible.
 4. The L.S.T. (3) should be selected from those being released in accordance with my 301015/ Jan. para. 4.
 5. A.C.N.B. to arrange direct with F.O.M.F.A. for the transfer of these ships and craft using R.A.N. crews.
 6. There is no objection to crews taking passage in ships of Force A returning from Australia to Singapore.
 7. As no heavy lift ships are available from E.I.S. full use of deck space of landing ships and major landing craft for transport of minor landing craft must be made.
(C. in C.E.I. 211716EF to F.O. Malaya. A.C.N.B. Melbourne.)
- ✓ Policy intended for L.S.T. in order to effect maximum reduction in naval personnel and maintenance requirements.)

Force "W"
title to be
abolished.
Policy.

Consequent upon the appointment of Flag Officer "W" lapsing (649C) D.T.G. 081140 Feb. refers. The following organisation of force "W" will take effect as from 26th Feb. 1946.

2. The title of Force "W" will be abolished.

21.2.1946.
Thursday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies contd...

GONDWANA
and SIND
A/S Vessels
surplus to
requirements
of R.I.N.

My 232041 Jan. On return to Royal Navy, GONDWANA
and SIND are to be retained in Care and Maintenance
on East Indies Station pending decision on their
future. Request brief report on condition of
vessels may be signalled.
(A.C.N.S.O. (O) 212103 to C. in C.E.I.)

21.2.1946.
Thursday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

CAISTOR CASTLE Arrivals Bermuda. 21st Feb. CAISTOR CASTLE with
frigate L.C.I.(L) 8 S 387, 378 and L.C.H. 269 at 1400Z.
escorting H.M.C.S. MICMAC at 1700Z.
Landing Craft (Cdre. i/c. Bermuda 211942Z to C. in C. A.W.I.)
en route
to U.S.A.

Far East and Australia.

PIONEER
Aircraft
maintenance
ship on
passage
to U.K.

PIONEER departed Melbourne 0235Z 21st Feb.
PIONEER for Fremantle F.O.S.A's 110641 refers.
S.T.A. 14 knots. E.T.A. Fremantle 0700/21st Feb.
(N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne 210415Z to A.C.I. PIONEER)

GRENVILLE
TUSCAN
destroyers
on passage
to U.K. and
reserve.

Departed Sydney 0630Z 21st Feb. D.25 in GRENVILLE
with TUSCAN for Melbourne, route C direct S.O.A.
14 knots. E.T.A. Port Philip Heads 0530K/23rd
Feb.
(F.O.I.C. Sydney 210626Z to N.O.I.C. Port
Melbourne. A.C.N.B.)

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GENERAL.

T.O.N.I.L.
No. 7.
Remarks on
Security
Council's
disposal
of Indonesian
Controversy
etc.,

S. of S. Colonies 222245 to Malta, Gibraltar,
Palestine, Nigeria, Seychelles, Falkland Is.
F.E.
See Lion Copy.

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*Remarks of Security
Councils disposal of
Indonesian Controversy etc.*

222245 Feb.

From S. of S. Colonies.

Date 22.2.1946

CYPHER (O.T.P.)

Addressed Malta, Gibraltar, Palestine, Nigeria, East African
Governors Conference, Seychelles, Ceylon, St.
Helena, Falkland Islands, Fiji.

TONIL No.7 Secret

U.S.A.

Satisfaction over the Security Council's disposal of the Indonesian controversy has been less evident than over the Greek settlement. While the checkmating of Russia's aggressive tactics in the Security Council has met with widespread approval, it is feared that she may have won some success in her pose of defender of dependent peoples.

2. The Dutch offer of Commonwealth status for the Indonesians has been welcomed by Conservative and moderate opinion though anxiety is expressed lest the offer has come too late.

3. Misgivings as to Russian intentions, have not been allayed by the election speeches of Stalin and Molotov. Commentators, except the usual Russophiles, describe as "highly disquieting" the emphasis on military requirements and the attacks on capitalist nations.

4. Internationalists are increasingly dissatisfied by the failure to carry out an American foreign policy commensurate with American strength. The United States delegation to the United Nations Assembly is criticised for pursuing a vacillating policy which has prevented it from assuming its envisaged role of mediator between Russia and Britain and arbiter in world affairs.

5. The Bermuda air pact is praised as breaking down the barriers hindering the development of world air traffic and improving Anglo-American relations. Moderate opinion thinks that the British have made more concessions to achieve this end than the Americans. Anglophobes however express discontent over a "British-forced agreement" and cavil at the proposed British use of bases built with American money.

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6. Though the State Department indictment of Argentina has been generally supported there is some uncertainty about what action should follow. Expulsion from the United Nations is advocated by Liberals as the first step.

7. The resignation of Mr. Ickes and his parting words have increased anxiety concerning the Administration and have given rise to much speculation as to the effect on the Democratic Party. Liberal wrath may, however, be mollified by the subsequent elevation of Mr. Chester Bowles to the post of Economic Stabilisation Administrator.

222245

1st Lord
1st S.L.(3)
D.F.S.L.
V.C.N.S.
A.C.N.S.(0)
Secretary
Naval Secretary
D.C.(2)
O.D.(9)
D.N.I.(5)
D. of P.(3)
M.(4)
W.D.
Ad. Blake(4)
D. of P.(Q)(3)
U.S.S.
O.I.C.(2)
P.N.L.O.(2)

Received in War Registry at 232003.
Circulated by Colonial Office
internally and to Foreign Office and
Admiralty.

A.10
LMM

22.2.1946.
Friday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

Corvette
ROCKROSE
on passage
from E.I.S.
to U.K.
for Reserve.

Sail at 1600A 22nd Feb. to Plymouth.
2. Speed 12. E.T.A. 0900Z 26th Feb.
7. Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 221109A to ROCKROSE.)

A.S.R.
Azores Area
Return of
Naval
personnel
to U.K.

Ref. your 192230. Request ship that can take
approximately 100 tons of stores to be sent
or diverted to Horta in order to comply with
N.O.I.C. Azores 121310 para. two (E). Request
probable E.T.A.
(S.B.N.O. Horta 221222Z to Admiralty.)

22.2.1946.
Friday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

BURAK REIS
Turkish
S/M.

Your 171212. BURAK REIS passed Dardanelles and proceeded to Golcuk arriving this forenoon. (B.N.A. Ankara 221531 to C. in C. Med.)

Transfer of
Ships to
Royal
Hellenic
Navy.

Admiralty decision is requested whether CATTERICK and LAUDERDALE are to be transferred to Greek Navy observing that reduction to C. and M. and bringing forward again at a later date would represent a considerable waste of effort and one which would be an embarrassment to Capt. D. Malta with his limited resources in personnel.

2. If transfer is to take place request approval to make later? arrangements for these ships to be turned over at earliest practicable date. A.M. 121303~~4~~ and 171817~~4~~ (N.T. in W.D.) neither.to all refers.

(C. in C. Med. 221838 to Admiralty) (See 231805).

✓ Loan of ships to Greek Government.

✓ Destination CATTERICK and LAUDERDALE now Malta where ships are to reduce to care and maintenance.

22.2.1946.

Friday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

D.S. O.23
on passage
to Holland.

Position at 0800Z Friday 22nd. 26 degs. 26 mins. N.
34 degs. 58 mins. E. Course 321 degs. Speed 11
knots. E.T.A. Suez 0900B tomorrow Saturday 23rd.
Request N.O.I.C. Port Said inform Dutch
Repatriations Authority Suez of this E.T.A.
(O.23 D.S. 221030B to F.O. Ceylon. Admiralty.
F.O.L.E.M.)

Disposal
of L.S.T's.

Following programme for disposal of L.S.T. in force
A in accordance with Admiralty policy.

2. L.S.T.(2) of force A not being used for the
Japanese occupation force are to be prepared at
Port Moresby for return to U.S. authorities by
15th March.
3. L.S.T.(2) being used to lift elements of Japanese occupation
force should be released by 15th March and proceed to Hong Kong.
4. C. in C. B.P.F. is requested to prepare ships in Hong Kong
for return to U.S. authorities at Manila as laid down in
C.A.F.O. 101/46.
5. S.O. Force A is to report.
(A) Ships being used for the Japan lift.
(B) Remainder.
6. Cabinet Offices (?190018) not received.
(C. in C.E.I. at Singapore 221759 to A.C.N.B. S.O. Force A.
C. in C.E.I.)

Movements.

Arrived ^{*}TROUBRIDGE, ^{*}TEAZER, COCKADE, COQUETTE,
ROWENA, SEABEAR, MOON, PROVIDENCE, THISBE, VALLAY.
Departed CONFEDERATE, COCKADE.
(Com. Aden. 220900C to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty.)
See below

Extract
from Oprep
to 1200 hrs.
21st Feb.

Outer Islands. A. Celebes, Patrol activities
continue. A patrol in a Prahau from Malilio
02 degs. 40 mins. S. 121 degs. 05 mins. E.
attacked two other Prahus. All other areas
N.T.R. B-D. N.T.R.
(A.F.N.E.I. 221010 to Alfsea, Saceea, W.O.)

Force 64
GLASGOW S.O.
(for Bombay.)

Effective forthwith ships addressed are
temporarily to constitute Force 64. GLASGOW is
S.O. Force 64.
(C. in C.E.I. 221030EF to Ships concerned.)

S.A.
frigates
on E.I.S.

Ref. 548C. Intend to sail from Suez as follows
GOOD HOPE in company.
(A) 0500B 23rd Feb.
(B) Kilindini.
(C) 15 knots.
(TRANSVAAL 221242B to C. in C.E.I.)

Destroyers
on passage
from B.P.F.
to U.K.

548C of 29.12.45.
Take TEAZER under your orders and sail from Aden
as follows:
(A) 0800C 23rd.
(B) Suez for U.K.
(C) 14 knots. Acknowledge.
(Com. Aden. 221310 to TROUBRIDGE.)

22.2.1946.
Friday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

Position
of C. in C.
B.C.O.F. and
Movements
of H.M. ships
in Japanese
waters etc.

C.O.S.A. No. 32. to Cabinet Offices and not to
Admiralty concerning position of C. in C. B.C.O.F.
in regard to British Naval Forces in Japan.

2. I prefer alternative given in para four (B)
of signal quoted, which conforms to arrangements
already made with United States Naval Authorities.

3. The Movements of H.M. Ships in Japanese waters
will frequently not be directly dependent on the
requirements of B.C.O.F.

4. I would expect to conform to the procedure
outlined in paragraph four (C) of same signal.
(C. in C. B.P.F. 221117Z to Admiralty. J.C.O.S.A.)

War Diary.

23.2.1946.
Saturday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

SITUATION REPORT.

Mediterranean.

Italy.
Transfer of
Naval
Establishments
administration
to Vice Admiral
Malta and lapse
of appointment
Flag Officer
Italy and
Liaison.

From 1st March the administration of the remaining
naval establishments in Italy will be transferred
from F.O.I.L. to V.A. Malta and Central
Mediterranean. When completed the appointment
of F.O.I.L. will lapse - Rear Admiral G.L. Warren
will continue to serve as (F.O.L.I.) and Head of
the Navy Sub Allied Commission and as S.B.N.O.
Rome.

23.2.1946.
Saturday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

RUPERT
Frigate
to be
returned
to U.S.A.
JUSTICE
(Tug).

Intend sailing H.M. Ships RUPERT and JUSTICE for Philadelphia and Norfolk respectively at 1400Z 24th. S.O.A. 10 knots. Thence direct to destination unless it is necessary to fuel at Bermuda. Exact E.T.A. in U.S. Ports will be signalled later. (Consul Ponta Delgada 231140Z to Admiralty. F.O.G. M.A. C. in C. Plymouth.)
(See 241415)

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23.2.1946.
Saturday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Italy.
Transfer of
Naval
establishments
and lapse of
appointment
of F.O.I.L.

As from 1st March the administration of all remaining naval establishments in Italy will be transferred from the Flag Officer Italy and Liaison to the Vice Admiral Malta and Central Mediterranean. 2. When this transfer has taken place the appointment of Flag Officer Italy and Liaison (short title F.O.I.L.) will lapse. Rear Admiral G.L. Warren will continue to serve as Flag Officer Liaison Italy (short title F.O.L.I.) and Head of the Navy Sub Commission Allied Commission and as Senior British Naval Officer Rome. (Malta General Mess. 231020 to All H.M. Ships and Establishments)

I.S.GRADISCA
ashore on
Gavdo Is.
Crete.

HAYDON assumed duties of S.N.O. (A) Gavdo E.T.A. Alexandria 1630B 24th. (JAVELIN 231431B to F.O.L.E.M.)

DULLISK COVE
on passage
to U.K.

Destination of DULLISK COVE is Rosyth. 2. On return ship will be released. Disposal instructions will be communicated. 4. DULLISK COVE to report E.T.A. to C. in C. Rosyth and Admiralty. (D.O.D. 231646 to C. in C. Med. F.O.L.E.M.)

Transfer of
ships to
Royal Hellenic
Navy.

Your 221838 para. 2. approved. Reply to your 151657 not to all will be made shortly and will deal also with transfer of submarines. (Hd of M. Br. 231805 to C. in C. Med.)

23.2.1946.
Saturday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

LEONIAN
Boom Carrier
on passage
to U.K.
diverted to
Massawa
for Bullion.

A.M. 191341 not to LEONIAN. Call Massawa to
embark money (cargo)
(2) Signal E.T.A. Massawa and amount that can be
lifted to N.O.I.C. Massawa repeat Admiralty,
C. in C.E.I.S.
3. Acknowledge.
(C. in C.E.I.S. 230941 to LEONIAN.)
(See 241030Z.)
Your 191341.

LEONIAN will arrive Massawa at 1100C 26th Feb.
2. N.O.I.C. Massawa is requested to provide shipwrights, and
timber to construct suitable bulkheads to ensure safe stowage of
bullion.
(N.O.I.C. Aden 231106C to Admiralty.)

Allocation
landing
ships and
craft.

Your 211716. No arrangement has yet been
come to with Australia for allocation of landing
ships and craft.
2. These ships and craft should be held at
Singapore until instructions to effect transfer
are received.
(V.C.N.S. 231534 to C. in C.E.I.)

THISBE
M/S on
passage.

Following is programme for THISBE depart Aden
25th Feb. Arrive and depart Suez 2nd March.
Arrive Port Said 3rd March. Arrive Malta approx.
11th March.
(THISBE 232010 to Admiralty. F.O.C. Ceylon.)

23.2.1946.
Saturday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

Jamaica
Situation
report.

H.M.S. FROBISHER 232225B to C. in C.A.W.I.
Admiralty.
See Lion Copy.

Far East and Australia.

GAMBIA
cruiser
on passage
to U.K.

Departed Sydney 0030Z 23rd Feb. GAMBIA for
Melbourne. Route direct. S.O.A. 20 knots.
E.T.A. Port Philip Heads 1330K 24th Feb.
(F.O.I.C. Sydney 230044Z to N.O.I.C. Pt. Melbourne.
A.C.N.B. C.S.2. Admiralty.)

URANIA
destroyer
on passage
to U.K.
and Reserve.

A.C.N.B. is requested to sail URANIA when ready
on 4th March for U.K. carrying out following
programme.

<u>E.T.A.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>E.T.D.</u>
6th Mar.	Melbourne.	7th Mar.
12th Mar.	Fremantle.	13th Mar.
22nd Mar.	Trincomalee.	23rd Mar.
30th Mar.	Aden.	1st Apr.
5th Apr.	Suez and transit to Port Said.	7th Apr.
10th Apr.	Malta.	12th Apr.
15th Apr.	Gibraltar.	17th Apr.
20th Apr.	Devonport.	

2. S.O.A. 14 knots.
(F.O.S.A. 231249 to A.C.N.B.)

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232225B February '46

FROM:— H.M.S. PROTECTOR

DATE:— 24.2.46.

RECD:— 1643.

NAVAL CODE K

ADDRESSED:— C. in C. A.W.I.
1. in Admiralty

IMPORTANT

Jamaica situation report.

Strangely enough the two political parties here are at loggerheads with each other rather than against government.

2. Majority of party of illiterate labour led by Bustamante clashed weeks ago with so called intelligentsia People's National Party led by Manley and Nethersole. Clash due to strike of mental asylum, prison-valeters, fire brigade and government railways almost certainly engineered by P.N.P. Bustamante though torn between conflicting attraction of political party leaders and members of government seems to have regarded latter as paramount duty. He received brick on head in consequence whilst P.N.P. have sent Nethersole to London to forward their cause.

3. Resulting trial of strength between P.N.P. and labour unpredictable. Former seems to have some influence in essential services including police and their line is to embarrass authorities accordingly.

4. With 750 Canadian military and 1,400 black troops and police in Kingston area law and order sounds assured but police are of doubtful allegiance if political battle intensified.

5. Governor tells me ship's arrival has had good moral effect. As result of conference today our best use to maintain water, electricity and railways in the event of strikes spreading.

6. Ship's company not yet acclimatized to rum and still have the "out of the way you black bastard" complex. Leave in Jamaica might therefore well start conflagration. Governor agrees with my proposal to proceed Montego Bay tomorrow, Sunday, which will be broadcast and published local press.

7. I hope to reach Trinidad 5th March as already arranged.

8. (?From) white point of view cocktail parties, dinners and dances continue undisturbed nor did I see any awkwardness in town today. It all seems very West Indian.

/9.....

9. Admiralty pass to C. in C. Portsmouth by P/G.

FROBISHER . 232275B *Civil Serv.*
Admiralty

~~Passing action being taken by War Registry~~

- 1st Lord
- 1st S.L.(3)
- D.F.S.L.
- 2nd S.L.
- 3rd S.L.
- 4th S.L.
- 5th S.L.
- V.C.N.S.
- A.C.N.S.(0)
- Parl. Secretary
- Civil Lord
- Naval Secretary
- Secretary
- Dep. Secretary
- U.S.(8)
- D.C.(2)
- D.S.O.
- O.D.(9)
- M.(35)
- N.A.Mails.
- Mails.
- W.D.
- D.N.I.(5)
- C.N.I.(2)
- D.Mov.(7)
- D. of P.(3)

24.2.1946.
Sunday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

DOMETT
COOKE
Frigates
for return
to U.S.A.

DOMETT and COOKE arrived 0200Z 24th instant
intend sailing 1400Z same day. S.O.A. knots 15.
E.T.A. Boston. March 2nd p.m.
(Consul Ponta Delgada 241000Z to Admiralty.)

ENCHANTRESS
Sloop
for U.K.
and reserve
from B.P.F.

Sail at 1000A 25th Feb. via Necri routes to
Portsmouth.
Speed 12 knots. E.T.A. 1000Z 1st March.
Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 241003A to ENCHANTRESS.)

CURZON
Frigate
escorting
landing
craft for
return to
U.S.A.

At 1200Z 23rd Feb ✓ Convoy in my 171056 was in
position 31 degs. N. 26 mins. W. course 027 degs.
Speed 9.6. No stragglers.
(F.O.G.M.A. 241205 to C. in C. A and W.I. CURZON.)
✓ Intend sail CURZON, FAVOURITE, ASPIRANT and
280 L.C.I.(L) Flotilla (B Flight) to Bermuda for
O/R. U.S.A.

RUPERT
Frigate
to be
returned
to U.S.A.

Please inform all concerned.
My 231140Z. RUPERT and JUSTICE departed 1400Z 24th.
(Consul Ponta Delgada 241415Z to Admiralty.)

South Atlantic.

FAL
Frigate
in collision
with F.S.
COMMANDANT
DROGOU
(Corvette).

Report have been in collision with F.S. COMMANDANT
DROGOU and Dakar Dry Dock gates while berthing.
Damage sustained by FAL, buckled stern also slight
damaged starboard edge. Starboard screw fouled
by wire, now cleared. Minor damage to dock gates
and F.S. COMMANDANT DROGOU. French Authorities
have not as yet reported on extent of damage.
FAL seaworthy and capable of continuing with cruise
as ordered.
(FAL 241013Z to F.O.C. W.Af. F.O.G.M.A.)

· /INDEFATIGABLE...

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24.2.1946.
Sunday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

South Atlantic.

INDEFATIGABLE
A.C.
UNDAUNTED
(Destroyer for
Reserve) on
passage to U.K.
from B.P.F.

Capetown departure 1030B INDEFATIGABLE with
UNDAUNTED in company for Gibraltar and Portsmouth.
2. S.O.A. $14\frac{1}{2}$ knots. E.T.A. Gibraltar 1600Z
March 11th.
4. As INDEFATIGABLE is now operational on passage
ship does not intend to enter Freetown unless
unforseen circumstances render fuelling necessary.
UNDAUNTED will be detached to enter Freetown a.m.
March 5th to collect mail and fuel oil required.
(C. in C.S.A. 241135B to Admiralty. C. in C.W.A.)

See 051645 March

24.2.1946.
Sunday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Sale of craft in Middle East. Your 191657. The craft mainly concerned are Fairmiles, H.D.M.L's, M.T.B's, L.C.P's, Tugs, R.A.F. Pinnaces and Seaplane tenders and some yachts.
2. Your para. 2. There is a limited possibility of sale to these authorities.
(F.O.L.E.M. 241128B to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.)

BULLFROG Cable Ship on passage to U.K. Sail at 1200B 26th Feb. and proceed as safe navigation permits to Gibraltar speed 10 knots. E.T.A. daylight 6th March.
3. Acknowledge.
(F.O.L.E.M. 241144B to BULLFROG. C. in C. Med.)

CATTERICK destroyer on passage to Malta for C & M. Immediately on arrival p.m. 24th. Sail to Alexandria for onward routeing Malta, speed 14 knots. Report E.T.A. to F.O.L.E.M. on leaving Port Said. Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 241220B to CATTERICK. Admiralty.)

24.2.1946.
Sunday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Bombay
Movements.

Arrived Bombay CAVALIER, PETARD.
(GLASGOW 240758EF to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty.
F.O.C.R.I.N.)

LEONIAN
on passage
to U.K.
diverted
to Massawa
for Bullion.

Your 230941/ acknowledged can lift 100 tons in
accordance with A.M. 191341 not to LEONIAN and
such other suitable commercial observive freight
as may be available for U.K. ports.
(LEONIAN 241030Z to C. in C.E.I.3.)
/ 191341 intended.

H.M.S. SANDRAGON.

Seychelles
Naval Base
closing down.

The Naval Base at Seychelles closed down as from
1700D on ~~Friday~~? Tuesday 12th Feb. 1946.
(C. in C.E.I. 241132EF to E.I.G.M.) *See 010940.*

Landing craft
S.W. Pacific
reduction of
L.S.T.
L.S.T. from
Force W.
returning
to U.K.

My 301015 Jan. Para. 6. Individual numbers of
L.S.T.(3) released and now on passage to U.K.
are as follows:
L.S.T.(3) 3041, 3019, 3006, 3507, 3033, 3031.
(C. in C.E.I. 241232 to Admiralty.)

SEABEAR.
VALLAY
M/S on
passage.

548C of 29.12.45. Take VALLAY under your orders
and sail from Aden as follows:
(A) 0001 25th.
(B) Suez.
(C) 9.5 knots.
(G) Request Canal transit 3rd March. Request
mail diversion to Malta by 6th March. Acknowledge.
(Com. Aden. 241310 to SEABEAR.)

NESS
frigate
to return
to U.K.
for reserve.

548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Bombay as follows:
0246 25th Feb. Aden. 12.5 knots. Acknowledge.
(GLASGOW 241504EF to NESS.)

HALLADALE
frigate.

See page 152.

F.S.SUFFREN
cruiser
for F.I.
China

(FN) L.O's 240930 (N.T. in W.D.) not to all.
Unless orders are received to contrary in reply
to my message already passed to Comar Saigon only,
my E.T.A. Singapore is 250800G. Request following
on arrival 1400 tons fuel oil (since ELORN will
have left CAP ST. JACQUES before bunker arrival
there) and 200 tons water. Request permission to

proceed before dusk.
(F.S. SUFFREN 242104 to F.O.M.F.A.)

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East Indies contd...

M/S 8
on passage.

548C of 29.12.45.

Take ROWENA, MOON. PROVIDENCE and THISBE under
your orders and sail from Aden as follows:

(A) 0700C 25th.

(B) Suez.

(C) 10.5 knots.

(G) Request Canal transit 3rd. Request mail

diversion to Malta by 6th March.

Acknowledge.

(Comdre. Aden 241312 to M/S 8 in COQUETTE.)

24.2.1946.
Sunday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

FROBISHER
labour
troubles
in Jamaica.

Sailed Kingston for Montego Bay Jamaica.
(FROBISHER 240723R to C. in C.A.W.I.)

L.C.S.(L)164
en route
to U.S.A.

WEAR and L.C.S.(L) 164 arrived Bermuda 231800Z.
(Com. i/c. Bermuda 241546Z to C. in C.A.W.I.)

Far East and Australia.

GRENVILLE
TUSCAN
destroyers
on passage
to U.K.

Departed Melbourne 0245Z 24th Feb. D.25 in
GRENVILLE with TUSCAN for Fremantle. S.O.A. 14 knots.
E.T.A. Fremantle 0800/1st March.
(N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne 240310Z to N.O.I.C.
Fremantle.)

Movement.

Arrived Shanghai Feb. 24th ARIADNE. BLACK SWAN.
(S.O. Force S. 241412Z to C. in C. B.P.F.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

VICTORIOUS
A.C.
trooping.

Sail at 1045A 25th Feb. to Plymouth.
2. Speed as necessary to arrive p.m. 27th Feb.
A.M. 231332, not to all, refers.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 250922A to VICTORIOUS.)

JASMINE
Corvette
on passage
to U.K.
and Reserve
from E.I.

JASMINE sail at 1330A 25th Feb. via Necri routes
and Admiralty Notices to Mariners to Chatham.
2. Speed 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ knots E.T.A. p.m. 2nd March.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 251114A to JASMINE. Admiralty.)

ST. KITTS
destroyer
on passage.

Sail at 1000A 26th Feb. via Medri routes to Malta.
2. Speed 14. E.T.A. 0800A 1st March.
5. Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 251546A to ST. KITTS. C. in C. Med.)

South Atlantic.

FAL
Frigate
in collision
at Dakar.

Report have been in collision with F.S. COMMANDANT
DROGOU and Dakar Drydock Gates while berthing.
Damage sustained by FAL, buckled stem also slight
damage to starboard counter. Starboard screw
fouled by wire now cleared. Minor damage to
dock gates and F.S. COMMANDANT DROGOU. French
authorities have not as yet reported on extent
damage. FAL seaworthy and capable of continuing with cruiser as
ordered. Damage to H.M. Ship not serious. S.232 is being
forwarded through Capt. i/c. West Africa.
(FAL 251309Z to Admiralty. (N.L. Branch.)

AJAX
escorting
HIGHLAND
MONARCH to
U.K. with
German
internees
ex GRAF SPEE.

Your 212359. Amended AJAX E.T.A. 0200Z 27th when
both ships will anchor in Fura Bay. Request oiler
and water boat go to HIGHLAND MONARCH at this time
and subsequently to AJAX.
2. Intend HIGHLAND MONARCH sail at 1100 AJAX
following at 1230.
(AJAX 251332Z to Capt. in Charge. W. Af.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

D. S/M
O.23
on passage
to Holland. Sail at 1800B/25 th Gibraltar. Speed 12 knots.
E.T.A. a.m. 4th March. Report accurate E.T.A.
to F.O.G.M.A. when known. Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 250902 to O.23 (DS).
See below.

DULLISK COVE
Hull repair
ship on
passage
to U.K. Destination for DULLISK COVE has been altered and
is now Clyde.
2. DULLISK COVE to report E.T.A. to C. in C. Rosyth
N.O.I.C. Greenock, and Admiralty.
(D.O.D. 251305 to C. in C. Med.)

DEER SOUND
Aircraft
component
repair ship
on passage
to U.K.
from B.P.F. Destination of DEER SOUND is now Rosyth. A.M.
301447/Jan. and F.O.C.R.F. 241127, neither to
all refer.
2. On arrival in U.K. passengers and men due for
release and on longest abroad roster are to be
discharged. Foreign Service leave is to be given
in accordance with A.F.O. 395/46.
3. Further signal will be made as to future
allocation of DEER SOUND.
4. DEER SOUND to report E.T.A. to C. in C. Rosyth.
and Admiralty.
(D.O.D. 251504 to C. in C. Med. etc.)

CHARITY
Destroyer. Sail at 0800A 2nd March as direct as safe navigation
permits to Ral-el-Kanayis for bombardment practice
starting at 1100B 4th March.
2. Speed 14 knots.
3. On completion of practice sail to Alexandria
by appropriate Medri route reporting E.T.A. to F.O.L.E.M.
5. Upon arrival at Alexandria CHARITY is to come under the
operational control of F.O.L.E.M.
6. Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med. 251605 to CHARITY, S.O. Cdr. 14th D.F.)

Movements.
SPRINGTIDE
(Deperming
ship) on
passage
to U.K. etc. Port Said 25th Feb. arrivals SPRINGTIDE towing
M.F.V. 1526.
Departures CATTERICK D.S. O.23, L.S.T. 3016.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 251727 to Admiralty. C. in C.
Med.)

Movements
destroyer. Movements Haifa 25th Feb. Arrived CHAPLET.
(S.N.O.L.A. 252104B to Admiralty.)

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East Indies.

Movements. Arrived GUARDIAN, DEERSOUND, DULLISK COVE,
F.S. CAP DES PALMES, CONFEDERATE.
Departed. LEONIAN, TERMAGANT, F.S. LA GRACIEUSE.
F.S. LA CAPRICIEUSE.
(Com. Aden. 250900C to Admiralty.)

Bombay Movements. Bombay 24th Feb.
Arrivals - PETARD, CAVALIER, NESS, LOCHMORE,
CHAMSHER.
(F.O. Bombay 250900EF to Admiralty,)

DULLISK COVE Hull repair ship on passage to U.K. Ref. your 211010 (N.T. in W.D.) not to all. Following is DULLISK COVE's proposed programme. Depart Aden 25th. Arrive Suez p.m. 3rd March. Arrive Port Said p.m. 4th March remaining for engine defects, depart a.m. 6th March, arrive Gibraltar a.m. 16th March. Depart a.m. 17th March, arrive Rosyth 25th March.
(Com Aden 251045 to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty.)
(See 281336)

MULLION COVE Hull repair ship on passage to U.K. Departure Aden 1700 Feb. 26th arrive Suez p.m. 4th March. Canal transit daylight 5th March, arrive Port Said p.m. 5th March. Depart Port Said p.m. 6th March, arrive Malta p.m. 10th March. Depart Malta p.m. 12th March, arrive Greenock p.m. 22nd March. S.O.A. 9.4 knots.
(MULLION COVE 251315 to Com. Aden. Admiralty.)

HALLADALE Frigate for return to U.K. and reserve. 548C of 19th Dec. 1945. Sail from Bombay as follows:
1530 24th Feb. Aden. 13 knots. Acknowledge.
(GLASGOW 241506EF to HALLADALE.)
Should be on p. 147. 24/2

LOCH RUTHVEN LOCH KILLISPORT Frigates, for return to U.K. for reserve. 648C of 8th Feb. Intend LOCH RUTHVEN and LOCH KILLISPORT shall sail from Trincomalee in company on 4th March for U.K.
(C. in C.E.I. 251615EF to LOCH RUTHVEN. LOCH KILLISPORT.)

Requirements for L.S.T. in S.E.A.C. Request a very early reply to A.M. 182213 stating the position throughout March.
(D. of P. 251618 to C. in C.E.I.)

/Lend Lease...

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Lend-Lease
ships in
S.E.A.C.
redelivery
of.

Your 260954 Jan. para. one. In terms of Article 9, of Lend-Lease Charter Party, all Lend Lease vessels must be redelivered upon the expiry of the Charter. Although Article 1 of the Charter refers to the termination of the present war, we have not been tied to any dates for such redeliveries and we understand that redeliveries may be effected at our convenience.

2. We do not, intend to retain any of the Lend Lease ships and craft now in S.E.A.C. for British post war training. They will be redelivered on station or elsewhere as convenient.

3. In addition, we no longer intend to retain any Lend Lease ships and craft to meet possible Indian and Dominions post war training requirements. India and the Dominions will require to negotiate direct with U.S. for the acquisition of any Lend Lease ships and craft desired by them.

4. Separate reply will be made to the remainder of your signal. (V.C.N.S. 251755 to C. in C.E.I. S.O.R.N.E.)

*See 111605 27. March.
+ 196550 "*

MICHAEL
M/S.

MICHAEL is reallocated to 7th Minesweeping Flotilla as from noon Monday 25th Feb. (F.O.F.M.A. 250915 to M.S.7. M.S.11. MICHAEL.)

M.S.
Operations.
E.I.

1. Current Operations.

(A) Serial 17 Rhio Strait 11th M.S.F. have covered 60 per cent of area of E.F.M.I. 266 five times with modified L. Sweep with negative result.

(B) Serial 19 Banka Strait. 7th M.S.F. carrying out check sweep of E.F.M.I. 480 and 297 swept more

moored mines bringing total of these two areas to 70. Check sweep of Eastern half of E.F.M.I. 297 remains to be done.

(C) Serials 21 Nicobars Area. 37th M.S.F. were due to start B.C. at Port Blair on 18th Feb.

(D) Serials F. and H. Penang. 166th M.S.F. swept two magnetic mines on 18th. one on 19th and one on 21st Feb. All in Northern Approaches.

(E) Serial J. Dindings Area. 152nd M.S.F. Sailed from Singapore 20th Feb. operations delayed by breakdown in ships.

(F) Serial L. Moulein River M.M.S. of Force 18 have arrived Moulmein but no report of progress has yet been received.

(G) Serial P. Singapore Island completed by 145th H.D.M.L. Flotilla with negative results throughout all moored minefields in vicinity Singapore Island have now been cleared.

2. Future Operations.

Additions to Minesweeping Programme were given in my 191100. (F.O.M.F.A. 251025 to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty.)

Visit of
Admiral
Mountbatten
to Australia
and New
Zealand.

S.A.C. 7681.

Headquarters Supreme Allied Commander, Southeast Asia 25th Feb. 1946. Communique following is for immediate release.

Admiral Mountbatten to visit Australia and New Zealand. At the invitation of the Prime Minister and Commonwealth Government, and of the Prime Minister and Government of New Zealand, Admiral Mountbatten will visit Australia and New Zealand next month.

/He...

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Visit of
Admiral
Mountbatten
to Australia
and
New Zealand.

He is due to arrive in Canberra, the Australian Capital, on the 24th March, in Melbourne on the 26th March and in Sydney on the 29th March. He then proceeds to New Zealand where he is due in Wellington on the 1st April and again on the 4th April. He will visit Dunedin on 2nd April and Christchurch on the 3rd, proceeding to Auckland on the 5th April.

Lady Louis Mountbatten has been invited by the two Governments, in her capacity as Superintendent in Chief of the Nursing Divisions of St. Johns Ambulance Brigade, and as a member of the Joint Red Cross and St. John War Organisation to pay a visit at the same time as her husband, and to stay on for a further weeks tour in New Zealand and a further fortnight's tour in Australia, visiting Hospitals and Red Cross and St. John Establishments.
(S.A.C.S.E.A. 251217Z to Minform London, Minform Cairo, C.H.Q. India.)

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America and West Indies.

FROBISHER Arrived Montego Bay, Jamaica.
Cruiser (FROBISHER 250815 to C. in C. A.W.I.)
Jamaica General situation in Kingston quiet though police
labour dispersed crowd outside prison making 37 arrests.
troubles. 2. One Canadian Platoon are assisting overworked
civilian volunteers for Fire Brigade.
3. A few strikers return to work.
4. Montego Bay area quiet. Ship closed larger
coastal towns to show herself while taken from Kingston.
(FROBISHER 251254R to C. in C. A and W.I. Admiralty.)

Far East and Australia.

CUMBERLAND Departed Fremantle 0300T 25th Feb. CUMBERLAND
Cruiser for Sydney. Route direct. S.O.A. 19 knots.
trooping. E.T.A. Sydney 2200Z 1st March.
(N.O.I.C. Fremantle 250721Z to N.O.I.C. Port
Adelaide. F.O.I.C. Sydney.)

GAMBIA Departed Melbourne 0500Z 25th Feb. H.M.N.Z.S.
Cruiser GAMBIA for Fremantle. S.O.A. 20 knots. E.T.A.
for U.K. Fremantle 0100H 1st March.
(N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne 250808Z to N.O.I.C.
Fremantle.)

Landing Request arrangements may be made for remaining
Craft in 11 L.S.T.(2) of Force "A" to be disposed of as
S.W. Pacific follows:-
reduction 2. 5 L.S.T. (2) employed in lift of leading
of L.S.T. Australian Elements of B.C.O.F. to be sailed to
Subic Bay for redelivery of U.S. Authorities
on completion of lift.
3. 6 L.S.T. (2) employed in final clearance
of Australian forces from Borneo to be sailed now for Subic
Bay for redelivery to U.S. Authorities.
4. Official numbers of ships being redelivered to U.S.
authorities in Philippines, together with E.T.A. at Subic Bay
are to be reported to Comphlseafron, Info. Admiralty. U.S. Naval
Commission Delhi, C.N.O. Washington. C. in C.E.I. B.A.D.
Washington.
5. C. in C.E.I. 301015/Jan. A.C.N.B. 040132/Feb. and A.M.
061854/Feb. none to all refer.
(A.C.N.S.(O) 252117 to A.C.N.B. C. in C.E.I.)

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North Atlantic.

Horta
Naval base
closing
down of.

In absence of further instructions following is intended programme for final closing of Horta base:-

1. HESPERIDES to be handed over to purchaser's Agents and become an entirely Portuguese commitment early in March.
2. HESPERIDES ship's company to be returned to U.K. as possible reducing the base to a retard party to close final accounts.
3. VALSE not to be available for air sea rescue duties after noon Monday 4th March ship to be retained for inter island communication and make good any defects necessary after departing for U.K. when base is closed.
4. R.N.S.Q. to close at noon Monday 4th March.
5. Retard party to be regarded as completely non-operational after 4th March.

The N.O.I.C. Azores is requested to pass to F.O.G.M.A.
(Horta 261915Z to Admiralty.)

South Atlantic.

BARBRAKE
Boom Defence
vessel
reverted
to South
African
Naval
Forces.

Admiralty Message 182222 Jan.(N.T. in W.D.)
BARBRAKE reverted to South African Naval Forces Operational and Administrative Control at Capetown on 25th Feb.
2. Director, South African Naval Forces will subsequently sail BARBRAKE to Saldanha Bay for retention in Care and Maintenance.
(C. in C.S.A. 261232A to Admiralty, Director S.A. Naval Forces.)

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CATTERICK
Destroyer
for C & M
Malta. Sail at 0700B 27th Feb. and proceed as safe navigation permits to Malta speed 14 knots. E.T.A. 1800A 1st March. (F.O.L.E.M. 261155B to CATTERICK. Capt. (L). C. in C. Med.)

SUPERB
Cruiser
to convey
H.R.H.
Princess
Elizabeth
to Belfast. C.S. Malta's 251642 (N.T. in W.D.) and A.M. 231341 intend to sail SUPERB at 1800A March 1st. to arrive Gibraltar a.m. March 4th. After fuelling leave Gibraltar p.m. 4th and arrive Greenock p.m. March 8th.
2. Neither to all.
(C. in C. Med. 261158 to C. in C. Rosyth. C.S. Malta. SUPERB. C.S.15.)

M.F.V.'s
in Med.
disposal
of. Your 21112A Feb.
Reply cannot be sent regarding M.F.Vs in the Mediterranean until a decision now pending is given regarding requirements for these craft.
2. In the meantime request details i.e. type, name and number of present allocation of craft in commission and in reserve may be forwarded.
(A.C.S. for 4th S.L. 261319 to C. in C. Med.)

Reliefs for
AURORA
and SIRIUS
Cruisers. Your 191146, para. 3. not to C. in C. Home Fleet, MAURITIUS, relieving SIRIUS, should arrive in the Mediterranean late in April to work-up. PHOEBE, relieving AURORA, will not arrive in the Mediterranean to work up until June or July.
2. It is essential for AURORA to return to U.K. with SIRIUS in April, Home Fleet could probably provide a series of relief cruisers for about one month at a time from April until July.
3. Request remarks.
(V.C.N.S. 261321 to C. in C. Med. C. in C.H.F.)
(See 281105)

F.S.
LA GRANDIERE
Sloop
on passage. Intend to sail F.S. LA GRANDIERE to Malta at 1430A 27th.
2. 12 knots adjusted.
3. Medri routes thence direct as safe navigation permits.
4. E.T.A. 1030A 28th.
(Comar Bizerta 261745A to C. in C. Med. LA GRANDIERE.)

S.S.
THORSHOVDI
towage of
to Genoa. My 211258.
1. Sailing of TURMOIL delayed by machinery defects. Further signal will be made.
2. Cancel remainder of para. 3. as Master of THORSHOVDI is reported to have returned to his ship.
(D. of S.T. 261943 to C. in C. Med. F.O.G.M.A.)

/F.S. TONKINOIS....

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Mediterranean. cont...

F.S.
TONKINOIS
Frigate.

T.O.D. from Suez 010700B. E.T.A. Djibouti
050730B.
(F.S. TONKINOIS 262100Z to Marine Paris. Comar
Djibouti.)

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East Indies.

INDOMITABLE My P.C.S. at 0130Z on 26th Feb. 13 degs. 06 mins. N.
A.C. 53 degs. 35 mins E. course 265 degs. 19 knots.
Trooping. E.T.A. Fairway Buoy Aden 0930C Wednesday 27th Feb.
(INDOMITABLE 260715 to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty.)

Movements. Arrived MULLION COVE. Departed COQUETTE, ROWENA,
MOON PROVIDENCE, SEABEAR, THISBE, VALLAY,
DULLISK COVE, GUARDIAN.
(Com. Aden. 260900C to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)

HALLADALE Cancel my 171506/. Propose following revised
frigate programme for HALLADALE. All dates March.
on passage Arrive. Place. Depart.
to U.K. p.m. 1st. Aden. a.m. 3rd.
p.m. 7th. Suez. a.m. 8th.
p.m. 8th. Port Said. a.m. 9th.
a.m. 12th. Malta. a.m. 13th.
a.m. 12th. Algiers. a.m. 16th.
p.m. 17th. Gibraltar. p.m. 19th.
23rd. Portsmouth. -

2. Fuel at Aden, Port Said, Gibraltar.
(C. in C. E.I. 261046 to Admiralty. C. in C. Med.)
/ Programme for NESS and HALLADALE.

VENGEANCE My 191115 and A.M. 201917/ not to all addressees.
and lift of C. in C. B.P.F. informs me that VENGEANCE cannot
aircraft to leave Singapore before 22nd March and will be
Japan. available at Trincomalee early April. This date
is satisfactory to J.C.O.S.A.
2. Maximum lift by VENGEANCE and minimum
requirements of A.C.S.E.A. is 20 Spitfires and
12 Austers from Ceylon and 40 Spitfires from
Singapore. Wings will not be removed.

3. Intend VENGEANCE shall proceed as outlined above.
(C. in C.E.I. 261050EF to Admiralty.)
/ In view of the desirability of aircraft reaching Kure as
near as possible to 30th March. Request you will take any steps
possible to accelerate refit and storing of VENGEANCE to permit
her complying with this commitment.

Flag Officer The Flag of Rear-Admiral B.C.S. Martin C.B.E.
Force W. D.S.O. Flag Officer Force W is to be struck at
struck. sunset this day 26th Feb. 1946.
(F.O.C. Force W. 260912 to L.S.E. (L.C.) 51.)

CHASER 548C W.F. 29.12.45.
G.P. Carrier Sail from Colombo as follows:
on passage (A) At 1130. E.F. 27 Feb.
to U.K. (B) Aden.
(C) 12 knots. Acknowledga.
(F.O. Ceylon 261110 to CHASER. Admiralty.)

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MARY ROSE
M/S on
passage
to Med. Report revised programme to information
addressees of this signal and C. in C.E.I.
(C. in C. E.I. 261231 to MARY ROSE. C. in C. Med.)
(See 270910 (Med))

S/Ms on
passage
to U.K.
from
B.P.F. Request present location and future programme of
VOX, VORACIOUS and VIRTUE. C. in C.E.I. disposition
signals Nos. 25 and 26 and C. in C. B.P.F.'s
disposition signal No. 52. refer.
(D.O.D. 261300 to C. in C.E.I. C. in C. B.P.F. F.O.
S.M.)

Disposal
of L.S.Ts. Your 221759. Cabinet Offices 182250 approved
Australian retention of GLENGYLE and 5 L.S.T. until
4th April for Japan lift.
(D.C.O.D. 261413 to C. in C.E.I. A.C.N.B.)
(See 271625)

Redelivery
of L.S.T.
to U:S.A. Request date of redelivery to U.S. Authorities
of L.S.T.(2) 200, 358, F.D.T. 13 and any craft
in A.M. 122122 Dec. / which have been redelivered.
(D.C.O.D. 262153 to B.A.D. Wash.)
/ Re sailing of craft to Gib. for onward routeing
to N.Y. of L.C.M's, L.C.I's.

26.2.1946.
Tuesday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

FROBISHER
Jamaica
labour
troubles.

After second March retention of ship at Jamaica will interfere with approved cruiser programme.
2. Am seeing Governor 1st March and if as I expect he requests our continued presence best solution failing relief by another ship seems:
(A) Stay here till 9th March.
(B) Visit Trinidad 12th to 14 March to collect mail, provisions, etc. and give each watch leave.
(C) Do Cadets 3 days written examination on passage to Gibraltar and or at Gibraltar.
(D) Visit Gibraltar 26th to 28th March.
(E) Arrive Portsmouth and go up harbour 0600 1st April.
3. Have considered alternative of proceeding U.K. via Bermuda not visit Gibraltar but endurance leaves insufficient margin for probable bad weather.
4. Later arrival Portsmouth than first April would mean delay to summer cruise as ship must have month for repair amidships maintenance quite apart most desirable annual docking and refit due March.
(FROBISHER 261800Z to G. in C.A. & W.I.)
(See 011952)

Atlantic
Serial
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TARAWA, F.D. ROOSEVELT, in Guantanamo.
SHANGRI LA, HOGGATT BAY, SUWANNEE, in Cocosolo.
BLOCK ISLAND, in Norfolk.
KASAAN BAY, SAGINAW BAY, PETROF BAY, in Boston.
MINDORO, WAKE ISLAND, in New York.
HELENA, in Portsmouth, England.
NEW ORLEANS in New Orleans.
FARGO in Puerto Rico.
ST. LOUIS, in Philadelphia.
PRINCETOWN, MIDWAY, MACON, WHITE PLAINS, SHAMROCK BAY, SHIPLEY BAY, KALININ ~~BAY~~ BAY at sea.
(C.N.O. 262050 to Admiralty. Comnavu.)

Far East and Australia.

ARIADNE
fast
minelayer.

(B) ARIADNE (D) Shanghai (E) 2. Z Feb. 26th.
(F) 15 (G) direct (H) Hong Kong (I) 0800Z Feb. 28th.
(S.O. Force "S" 260338Z to C. in C. B.P.F.)

/PIONEER...

26.2.1946.
Tuesday.

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Far East and Australia. contd...

PIONEER
Aircraft
Maintenance
Ship on
passage to
U.K.

Departed Fremantle 1000Z 26th Feb. PIONEER for Singapore. F.O.S.A's 110641Z refers. Route via Sunda and Gaspar Straits to position (AL) QCA 691 thence by QCA 707, 704, 595 and W.C. 86 to Singapore Road. E.T.A. position (AS) Singapore 2300Z 5th March. S.O.A. 14 knots.
(N.O.I.C. Fremantle 261007Z to S.N.O.A. Singapore. C. in C. B.P.F.)

Commodore
Fleet Train
in MONTCLARE.

Intend to strike my Broad Penant at sunset on 28th Feb. and proceed on foreign service leave with my staff until joining Admiralty 16th March. C. in C. B.P.F.'s 041024 Jan. refers.
2. Reference not to or needed by all.
(Commodore Fleet Train 261445 to C. in C. Portsmouth C. in C. B.P.F. F.O.S/M. V.A.(Q).)

Pacific
Summary 54.
Operational
Naval Units.

Southeast Pacific. 2 DD.
Pacific Coast. MASSACHUSETTS, INDIANA, NEW JERSEY, ALABAMA, SARATOGA, YORKTOWN, LEXINGTON, HANCOCK, VELLA GULF, BAIROKO, KULA GULF, SANTEE, MUNDA, WINDHAM BAY, SARGENT BAY, POINT CRUZ, CHENANGO, RENDOVA, BOSTON, QUINCY, CANBERRA, FALL RIVER, AMSTERDAM, OKLAHOMA CITY, MIAMI, DAYTON, ASTORIA, WILKES-BARRE, TUCSON 13 DD.

Enroute U.S. PRINCE WILLIAM, ATTU, CAPE GLOUCESTER, PUGET SOUND, RUDYERD BAY, SAVO ISLAND, BALTIMORE.

Enroute Pearl. SITKOH BAY, BARNES. 6 DD.

At Pearl. BENNINGTON, SAIDOR, MASSAU 26 DD.

North Pacific. None.

South Pacific. VINCENNES.

Southwest Pacific. BIRMINGHAM One DD.

Central Pacific. IOWA, BOJERF, ANTIETAM, SIBONEY, BREMERTON, COLUMBUS, CHICAGO, LOS ANGELES, DULUTH, ATLANTA, TOPEKA, HOBART, ARGONAUT. 46.DD.

None operational at sea.

Enroute U.S. None.

Enroute Pearl. None.

(C.N.O. 262055 to Admiralty. Comnavu.)

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North Atlantic.

NIGELLA
Corvette
(for reserve)
and MULL on
passage
to U.K.

Take MULL under your orders and sail at 0930A
28th Feb. to Plymouth. MULL for disposal
instructions.
2. Speed $8\frac{1}{2}$ knots. E.T.A. 1700A 5th March.
7. Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 271056A to NIGELLA. Admiralty.)
(See 011606A)

LAWSON
INGLIS
LOUIS
frigates
returning
to U.S.A.

Barometer 1002.
My P.C.S. at 1200Z/27. 40.45 N. 21.15 W. 226.
14 knots. INGLIS and LOUIS in company. E.T.A.
Ponta Delgada 0900/28th. Weather wind north force
5 to 6. Sea 46 9 tenths cloud with showers cloud
base 1000 feet.
(LAWSON 271210Z to Admiralty.)

South Atlantic.

AJAX
escorting
HIGHLAND
MONARCH
with German
internees
ex GRAF SPEE.

Arrival/Departure AJAX 2330/26th Feb. 1330/27th Feb.
for Chatham.
(S.O.I. Freetown 271650 to Admiralty. F.O.G.M.A.)

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Wednesday.War Diary.FOREIGN STATIONS.Mediterranean.MARY ROSE
M/S on
passage
to Med.Your 261231 not to F.O.B. and S.O.R.N.E.I.
Following is revised programme.(A) Bombay.
Departure programme 28 Feb. Aden.
Arrival programme a.m. 6th March.
Departure programme p.m. 6th Suez.
Arrival p.m. 12th March.

(B) Fuel Aden and Suez.

(C) Canal transit 13th March.

(MARY ROSE 270910EF to C. in C. Med. N.O.I.C. Aden.)

SPRINGTIDE
deperming
ship on
passage to
U.K. from
E.I.Sail at 1100B/08th to Gib. Speed 10 knots.
E.T.A. a.m. 8th. Report accurate E.T.A. to F.O.G.M.A.
when known. Keep constant watch on Alexandria
broadcast. Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 271140B to SPRINGTIDE.)TULIP
corvette
on passage
to U.K.Sail at 0900B/28 to Malta. Speed 10 knots.
E.T.A. a.m. 3rd. Report accurate E.T.A. to C. in C.
Med. when known. Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 271150B to TULIP.)F.S.
TONKINOIS
and frigates
on passage.Immediately on arrival about 0700B 28th sail to
Aden. Report your T.O.D. from Suez and E.T.A. Aden
to all in this signal. Keep constant watch in
broadcast LV. Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 271127B to TONKINOIS)
(Cancelled by 280328.)
NR 5995.Primo-Modification programme de LA GRANIERE et du
TONKINOIS. Avant de rallier Aden ces deux batiments devront faire
escale a Djibouti. Duree de L'escale 3 jours pour LA GRANDIERE
2 jours pour ~~LA~~ TONKINOIS.
Secunde - Feront Egalement Escale de 48 heures a Djibouti
L'ESCARMOUCHE, CROIX DE LORRAINE, et DECOUVERTE.
Tertio - Admiralty transmettez a C. in C. Med. F.O.L.E.M.
C. in C.E.I. N.O.I.C. Port Said N.O.I.C. Aden.
(Marine Paris 271604Z to A.L. Med.)BARNABY
B.D.V.
on passage
to U.K.Sail at 0900A/28 Feb. by appropriate Medri route
to Gib. for onward routing to Rosyth.
2. Speed 5 knots or better reporting E.T.A. at
Gib. 24 hours in advance.
4. Report P.C.S. daily at 1200A.
5. Should weather or circumstances necessitate
you should put into North African ports reporting

your intentions.

6. Acknowledge.

(C. in C. Med. 271133A to BARNABY. V.A. Malta.)

/Greece...

27.2.1946.
Wednesday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean. contd...

Greece - Can reply now be made to my 291151 Jan.
British concerning duties and responsibilities of the
Naval British Naval Mission to Greece.
Mission to. (C. in C. Med. 271237 to Admiralty. S.B.N.O.Greece.)

GUARDIAN In view of defects to F.T. 27 necessitating her
net layer remaining at Port Said for 4 days intend to sail
TULIP independently and to use GUARDIAN to escort
corvette F.T. 27 sailing from Port Said on 5th March.
on passage C. in C.E.I. 271228 Jan. and 141509 Feb. refers.
to U.K. (N.O.I.C. Port Said 271238 to F.O.L.E.M. GUARDIAN.
TULIP.)

Transport P.S.T.O. Med. 271324A to D. of S.T.
policy See Lion Copy.
Med.

Palestine I intend to hoist my flag in OCEAN on 6th March
F.O.L.E.M. after C. in C. M.E. meeting and proceed to Haifa
exercise to carry out exercise with 14th D.F. on 7th March.
with Subject to concurrence of OCEAN I should be very
14th D.F. glad for G.O.C. Palestine to attend exercise
arrangements to be made later S.N.O.(Afloat)
Haifa 261038 not to all addee. refers.

(2) Subsequently on 9th March intend transfer to a
destroyer selected by Capt. (D) 14th and proceed to Beirut
for 24 hours and then return in her to Alex:

(3) OCEAN and Capt. (D) 14th should continue to co-ordinate
exercise as required.

(4) AURORA may also take part if local situation permits.
(F.O.L.E.M. 271805 to OCEAN.)

(See O31713B March.)

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271324A/February

From: P.S.T.O. Med.

Date: 27.2.46.

Recd: 2236.

CIPHER

Addressed: D. of S.T.
Info: C. in C. Med. (M), P.S.T.O. Middle East,
Admiralty, F.O.L.E.M.

IMPORTANT

364031.

FX 61614 cipher 27th February.

Reference your 082234⁺ (090259 from Admiralty) not to F.O.L.E.M. and following return of my CSO from U.K. with draft of signal referred to in your para. three, a Conference has been held with P.S.T.O. ME. and the following proposals are submitted:-

- (1) As from 1st April 1946 H.Q. of P.S.T.O. Mediterranean will be at Cairo.
- (2) Your para. three implies H.Q. Staff in Italy solely in Advisory capacity to Conference lines. This is considered impracticable in present circumstances and in view known commitments.
- (3) Minimum staff required in Italy is:-
 - (a) At H.Q. Caserta S.S.T.O. Italy and four Officers.
 - (b) Naples S.S.T.O. and three Officers.
 - (c) Trieste/Venice S.S.T.O. and three Officers.Total staff in Italy thirteen Officers
- (4) S.S.T.O. Aligiers and B.S.S.T.O. Greece both to remain for present and to be responsible directly to P.S.T.O. Med. at Cairo.
- (5) After allowing for paras. three and four
 - (a) Nine officers will be available for transfer to Middle East as replacements for releases.
 - (b) Eight Officers to U.K. for release. Three Officers to U.K. for F.S.L. and disposal or release.
 - (c) Four new entry Officers understood to be due from U.K. for training to be disposed as follows - Secretary to Caserta remaining three to Cairo for orders.
- (6) Full particulars regarding Officers mentioned in para. three, four and five follow by airmail.
- (7) Civilian Stores Officer in Italy to be responsible for Stores matters to Civilian Stores Officer on staff P.S.T.O. at Cairo as from 1st April 1946.
- (8) Request information whether it is intended to retain any Inspecting Officer on station on P.S.T.O. staff. One Officer considered most desirable.

/(9)....

- (9) As from 1st April 1946 current monthly accounts from Italy, Greece and Algiers to be rendered from Ports through S.S.O. to P.S.T.O. in Egypt in order to standardise procedure in Area.
- (10) Responsibility for operational control of Water Boats in Central Mediterranean to be terminated 31st March.
- (11) Present arrangements for requisitioning and de-requisitioning small craft in Italian area to stand.
- (12) Benghazi and Tobruk. Failing availability of WD Fleet consider conference lines should take over responsibility for supplying these two ports by coasters.
- (13) Agreed P.S.T.O. (M.E.).

271324A

Received in War Registry at
1530/28th. Circulated by
War Office to internal depts.
Min. of War Transport and
Admiralty.

† It has been under consideration for some time to amalgamate the duties of P.S.T.O. Med. and P.S.T.O. Middle East under one P.S.T.O.

1st Lord
1st S.L.(3)
D.F.S.L.
2nd S.L.
4th S.L.
V.C.N.S.
A.C.N.S.(0)
Secretary
Naval Secretary
U.S.S.
D.C.(2)
O.D.(9)
D.N.I.(5)
D. of P.(3)
W.D.
I.(4)
Ad. Blake (4)
D. of P.(9)(3)
D.T.D.(4)
D. of S.(3)
C.W.(2)
N.A.2,S.L.(2)
D.G.S.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

CRANE
A.A. Sloop.

548C of B.T. December. Sail from Singapore as follows:

- (A) 0900 GH 2 March.
- (B) Hong Kong.
- (C) Fair Monsoon 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ knots.

Acknowledge.

(F.O.M.F.A. 272804GT to CRANE.)

URSA
TUMULT
destroyers
on passage
to U.K.
and reserve.

548C of 29.12.45.

Take TUMULT under your orders and sail from Trincomalee as follows:

- (A) 0800EF 1st March.
- (B) Aden for onward routeing to U.K.
- (C) 14 knots.

Acknowledge.

(C. in C.E.I. 271020 to URSA. Admiralty.)

SIND
GONDWANA
A/S Vessels.

Request Admiralty will reply to N.H.Q. India's 181707 (N.T. in W.D.). There is no requirement for SIND or GONDWANA on E.I. Station. Refitting would have to be done by contract.

(C. in C.E.I. 271542 to Admiralty.)

(See 021813 March.)

Disposal
of L.S.Ts.

Cabinet Office 182250 and A.M. 261413 not to all addressees naval needs. Approved retention of GLENGYLE and 5 L.S.T. till 4th April. Amend para. 2. of my 221759/4 accordingly.

(C. in C.E.I.S. 271625 to A.C.N.B. S.O. Force A.)
≠ Programme for disposal of L.S.T. in Force "A".

REAPER
G.P. Carrier
on passage
to U.K.

548C of 29.12.45.

Sail from Aden as follows:

- (A) 1630C 28th.
- (B) Suez for U.K.
- (C) 16 knots.

Acknowledge.

(Com. Aden. 271825C to REAPER.)

INDOMITABLE
A.C.
Trooping
to U.K.

548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Aden as follows:

- (A) 1030C 28th.
- (B) Suez for U.K.
- (C) 18 knots.

Acknowledge.

(N.O.I.C. Aden 271830C to INDOMITABLE. Admiralty.)

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270832D/February

From S.N.O. P.G.

Date 28.2.46

Recd. 1443

NAVAL CODE (X)

To Admiralty
Info C. in C. E.I. C. in C. Med. N.H.Q. India
F.O. Bombay B.M.A. Teheran

Your 162241 not to B.M.A. Teheran.

It is confirmed crews for H.D.M.L.s only require training.

2. From recent conversation with Biritish Consul Khorramshahr crews cannot be provided probably for several months.

3. It is further suggested that all arrangements for receipt of the floating dock should be made between Foreign Office and Teheran. C. in C. E.I.'s 090945 Feb. not to B.M.A. Teheran refers.

270832D

S 241803 March
C 162154 March

1st Lord Training of crews for H.D.M.L.s

1st S.L. (3)

D.F.S. L.

Contr.

V. Contr.

V.C.N.S.

A.C.N.S. (O)

A.C.N.S. (W)

Secretary

Naval Secretary

U.S.S.

O.D. (9)

D.N.I. (5)

D. of P. (3)

D. of P. (Q) (3)

D.N.T. (2)

D.C. (2)

M. (6) (& for F.O. (M01424/45) (54134)) (10) for action

D.C.N.M. (6)

A.C.N.P. (5)

W.D.

N. Branch

Dep. Contr. (3))

D. (4))

S.W.R. (6)) Bath (13)

*Russian Navy,
boats handling
training of
personnel only.
DML's engine
training -*

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

Jamaica
Situation
Report.

No change except that Police arrested 37
excessive Pickets. This may do good.
(FROBISHER 271347R to C. in C. A & W.I.)

CAISTOR
CASTLE
Corvette
escorting
L.C.I.(L)
to U.S.A.

H.M. L.C.I.(L) 164 irreparable at Bermuda. Intend
CAISTOR CASTLE take WEAR and landing craft
addressed under his orders and escort to New York
departing Bermuda 1400Z/01 March. WEAR to tow
L.C.I.(L) 164. When satisfied that WEAR and landing
craft have no further need of escort, CAISTOR
CASTLE to proceed direct to Plymouth in accordance
with F.O.G.M.A's 181115 not to all, unless she has
insufficient fuel, in which case she should continue
to New York to fuel as necessary before proceeding.
Communications to New York. CAISTOR CASTLE and WEAR. Communications for CAISTOR
CASTLE on detaching to proceed U.K. as in A.F.O.S.1/45, time of
shifting from Halifax L broadcast to broadcast BN to be reported.
CAISTOR CASTLE to take action as necessary, acknowledge and
proceed to comply.
(Com. i/c. Bermuda 271400Z to C. in C. A.W.I. WEAR. L.C.I.(L)
164, 268, 269, 378, 134, 387, CAISTOR CASTLE.)
(See 012002Z Feb.)

S.S.
FOUNDATION
ARANMORE
in distress.

Following message received from Coast Guard.
"(VCRL) S.S. FOUNDATION ARANMORE leaking going
ashore Southeast side Great Inagua Island requires
assistance".
Ships in vicinity requested to render assistance.
(Comcaribseafon 272216 to Admiralty. N.S.H.Q.
Ottawa.)
Proceed to South side Great Inagua Island at best
speed and stand by 1200 ton S.S. FOUNDATION ARANMORE in distress.
Render such assistance as possible advise conditions of merchant
vessel.
(N.O.B. Guantanamo Bay, Cuba 272325 to D.D.844 PERRY.)

Far East and Australia.

Japan
occupation
force -
Policy
regarding
financing
etc.,

B.I.E. J.C.O.S.A. 270715Z to Cabinet Offices.
G.H.Q. India.)
See Lion Copy.

M/S Report
No. 10.

Your 200758Z not understood. Request amplification
of para. (A) and check and report of para (B).
(D.M.S. 272118 to C. in C. B.P.F.)

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Japan Occupation
Free Policy regarding
Finance etc.
Date 1.3.46
From B.I.E.J.CO.S.A. Recd. 2123

CYPHER

Addressed Cabinet Offices G.H.Q. India
IMMEDIATE.
PACCOS 4. IZ 1233

Following for Chiefs of staff and C. in C. India.

1. At Defence Committee Meeting on 25th Feb. the Secretary (Fist. Asst.) of the Australian Treasury Dept. tabled certain questions and indicated Treasury views regarding the financial arrangements for BCOF.

2. We made it clear from the outset that we were not empowered to enter into financial commitments. We went on to point out that BCOF problems if approached with an open mind and solved without being too strictly bound by previous systems and methods ought to indicate the maximum extent to which it is possible to go in mounting a well integrated commonwealth force controlled and directed from one British Empire Headquarters acting as the executive agents for the whole. The Australian Treasury representative and the meeting generally were in full agreement with this approach and emphasised the need for simplicity in financial and accounting arrangements.

3. The following are the principal questions tabled by the Australian Treasury and the trend of discussion on each.

4. Question One. Is it the wish of all governments which are a party to the force that Australia shall

- (a) act as a responsible financial authority and
- (b) be the agency for the maintenance of the force as a whole?

To both these sub-questions we answered in the affirmative. It was of course understood that in both cases the Australian Government would be acting on behalf of the other commonwealth governments concerned.

5. Question Two. Is the force to be integrated on reaching Japan? We replied that the policy was to integrate the force to the maximum extent found practicable both as regard the services and the countries contributing.

6. Question Three. Who is the authority responsible for BCOF requirements of Yen? The meeting considered that the new paymaster BCOF should be the exclusive authority

/ responsible.

responsible for obtaining BCOF ... agree with this view but it seems to run contrary to the contents of Troopers 97770/F5 of 16 February. We feel sure that it would be unwise for more than one BCOF authority to deal with the American financial authorities for the procurement of BCOF Yen requirements. We hope you will agree and that Troopers 97770/F5 of 16 February will be amended accordingly.

7. Question Four. Is each government to be responsible for the cost of transport to Japan of

(a) its personnel

(b) their initial requirements? The Australian view with which the New Zealand representative agreed was that each government should be responsible for costs under these two headings. We reserved our reply pending guidance from you but consider that the transportation costs of the initial convoys whatever their contents should be a charge against the country on whose behalf the convoy is mounted but subsequent shipping should be charged to the BCOF pool account referred to later.

8. Question Five. Will the respective components arrive in Japan fully equipped according to the war equipment tables or will any deficiencies have to be made up from stocks of other governments? This relates to

(a) ground forces

(b) air.

We replied that so far as Brindel and UK/India contingents including force and base personnel were concerned they would be fully equipped. In the event of any deficiencies we consider these should be met from the pool to ensure simplicity of accounting.

9. Question Six. Omitted.

10. Question Seven. How will equipment (under questions 5 and 6) be dispersed on arrival?

(a) to a common pool or

(b) retained by the respective forces contributing?

Note The equipment referred to in questions 5 and 6 includes unit equipment spares and reserves accompanying initial convoys. The feeling of the meeting was that all such equipment however actually located or held other than that included in G1098 and unit equipment tables should be regarded for accounting purposes as forming part of a general force pool and that countries contributing should be credited in the pool account with the cost of what they contribute. It was generally agreed that for purposes of write-off and general administration within BCOF all resources allocated to

/ BCOF

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BCOF after arrival in Japan will in practice have to be regarded as the common property of the force as a whole and not repetition not the exclusive property of any particular participating country.

11. We feel however that it is for consideration whether it would not be even simpler especially as regards integrated units to include the costs of all initial personal and unit equipment in the pool costs of BCOF each contributing country receiving credit therefore on arrival of its contingent and being debited with the costs of what it takes out when BCOF disperses or a unit is withdrawn. This can also be applied to cover the cost of transportation to Japan (see Question Four).

12. In discussing question 7 we examined also the basis on which the charges arising out of BCOF should be shared among the participating countries. It was first agreed that the pay of personnel should not be a charge against the pool but that each country should meet its own charges on this account. It was further agreed that the basis for allocating pool costs must be simple and that any attempt to devise a formula which would cover fluctuations in strength or depending on numbers present in Japan on any particular date would not in practice be found workable. The conclusion reached by the meeting with which we agreed subject to your concurrence was that the participating countries should pay the full owing percentages of all pool costs arising out of BCOF.

- (a) U.K. 30 per cent
- (b) India 30 per cent
- (c) Australia 30 per cent
- (d) New Zealand 10 per cent.

13. The New Zealand representative made it clear that his government had entered into the project on the clear understanding that it would provide and pay for a contingent of 4000 men only though it was actually supplying some 4500 which was already beyond its relative military capacity and that New Zealand would be unable to consider any proposal that she should bear an equal share of the overall costs. The meeting considered that these arguments were valid and that as the contributions of the other three countries were approximately equal the proportions indicated above seemed equitable as sound simple and broad working basis.

270715Z

Part 2 not received until 1312Z/3.

Received in War Reg. H1/3rd March
Circulated by Cabinet Office to
internal departments Defence Office
Foreign Office Air Min. and
Admiralty

/ marking over.

1st Lord
1st S.L. (3)
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A.C.N.S. (0)
U.S.F.
Secretary
Dep. Secretary
Naval Secretary
Parliamentary Secretary
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Ad. Blake (4)
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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

PRINS
ALBERT
L.S.I.(N)
on passage
to U.K.
from E.I.

Sail at 1800Z 28th Feb. to Portsmouth.
2. Speed 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ knots. E.T.A. 0800Z 4th March.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 280941A to PRINS ALBERT. C. in C. Portsmouth.)

BERWICK
Cruiser
trooping.

Sail at 1700A 28th Feb. via Medri routes to Malta.
2. Speed 16. E.T.A. 0600A 3rd March.
Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 280949A to BERWICK. C. in C. Med.)

LAWSON
LOUIS
INGLIS
Frigates
on passage
for return
to U.S.A.

Addressee pass to B.A.D. Washington.
Arrival Ponta Delgada H.M. Ships LAWSON, LOUIS,
INGLIS 0830Z 28th. E.T.D. 0900Z 2nd. S.O.A. knots
14. E.T.A. destination LAWSON and LOUIS p.m. 8th
Philadelphia. INGLIS p.m. 8th New York.
(Consul Ponta Del Gada 281805Z to Admiralty.
S.B.O.Azores.)

South Atlantic.

TEST
Frigate
transfer
to R.I.N.

Para. 2. of A.M. 232041 Jan. and 150203 neither
to all. Subject to satisfactory completion of
trials intend to sail TEST from Simonstown 2nd March
for Bombay.

2. Approximate programme as follows:

<u>Place.</u>	<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
Simonstown.	-	2nd March.
Durban.	5th March.	7th March.
Kilindini.	13th March.	15th March.
Bombay.	24th March.	-

(C. in C.S.A. 281643B to Admiralty. N.H.Q. India.
C. in C.E.I. etc.,)

(See 011224B) r 051452 March.

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Mediterranean.

F.S.
TONKINOIS
on passage.

In view of Marine Paris 271604 cancel my 271127B not to Comar Djibouti.
2. Immediately on arrival about 0700B 28 sail to Djibouti report your T.O.D. from Suez and E.T.A. Djibouti to all addresses in this signal. Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 280328 to TONKINOIS. Admiralty.)

WAYLAND
Dockyard
Ship
on passage
to U.K.

Sail at 1000B/2 to Malta. Speed $6\frac{1}{2}$ knots. E.T.A. a.m. 8th. Report accurate E.T.A. to C. in C. Med. when known. Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said. 281010 to WAYLAND. Admiralty.)

Reliefs for
AURORA and
SIRIUS
cruisers.

Admiralty message 261321. I would much prefer that MAURITIUS should be temporarily regarding as relieving AURORA since a proportion of the latter ship's company are ex Spartans who should in my opinion be accorded special consideration but since they are key ratings they cannot conveniently be exchanged to SIRIUS also a larger proportion of AURORA's ship's company are due for return to U.K. Age and Service Group and L.F.S. than in SIRIUS.
2. If the above is accepted I propose that AURORA should return to U.K. mid April and SIRIUS mid May provided I may inform SIRIUS that this is a firm arrangement.
3. The above proposals are based upon the assumption that AJAX will arrive Malta before mid April. It will also be necessary for one Home Fleet Cruiser not a series of Cruisers to be temporarily attached to the Mediterranean Fleet, for the whole period 15th April until 14 days after arrival of PHOEBE in order that she may contact local authorities in Levant her probable area of operations.
4. Request decision by 5th March in view of projected movement of SIRIUS and necessary for adjustment of her ships company.
(C. in C. Med. 281105 to Admiralty. C. in C. H.F.)
(See 012022 Feb. and 021058.)

Re transfer
of H.M. Ships
to Turks.

It is intended to sail a British Frigate in company with INCONSTANT to Istanbul to embark crew of two Destroyers after transfer to Turks and return them to Malta.
2. Request you will obtain the early concurrence of the Turkish authorities for this visit.
(C. in C. Med. 281208 to B.N.A. Ankara. Admiralty.)

/Re delivery...

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Mediterranean.contd...

Re delivery
of
Minesweepers
for Yugoslav
Navy.

Am informed by U.S. Naval Attache of following
(?telegram) number 2051 received by U.S. Embassy
today Thursday. Understand from General Velebit
of Yugoslav office that this message was also
passed separately to Yugoslav Ambassador Washington
for transmission to State Department.

Message begins: Office Naval Attache American
Embassy Belgrade being number 2051 the Yugoslav

Ministry of Foreign Affairs present compliments to U.S. Embassy
and beg to inform them that C. in C. Med. has notified General
Staff Yugoslav Navy through B.N.A. Belgrade that M/S craft
(number quoted) are now under command of U.S. Navy and questions
re assignment falling within the competence of U.S. authorities.
Ministry of Foreign Affairs would be grateful to Embassy for an
early reply whether and under what conditions these minesweepers
could be assigned to Yugoslav Navy.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs avail themselves etc. etc? Belgrade
Feb. 25th. Message ends.

In absence of General Manola Chief of Yugoslav Naval Staff who it
is understood originated this draft, General Velebit agrees that
words "whilst accepting in principle" should precede the second
paragraph commending "Ministry of Foreign Affairs would be
grateful".

Am waiting further confirmation.

My 261121 (N.T. in W.D.) and 161608 refer.

Admiralty please pass to B.A.D. Washington.

(B.N.R. Belgrade 282130A to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.)

✓ Re delivery of 10/M/S to Yugoslav Navy, etc.,

Cancelled by B.N.R. Belgrade's 061015A March

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LOCH MORE Frigate. 548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Bombay as follows:
 (A) 1200 28th Feb.
 (B) Karachi.
 (C) .11 knots.
 (F) 0800 2nd March.
 (GLASGOW 280848EF to LOCH MORE. Admiralty.)

Movements. Bombay 27th Feb.
 Departures - PETARD, LOCH QUOICH, DEWDALE.
 (F.O. Bombay 280900EF to Admiralty.)

C.S.5 and Operational Control Forward Area. C.S.5 resumed operational control in forward area south of the equator as defined in para. 5 of 660C dated 11th Feb. at 0900GH 23rd Feb.
 2. Signals and correspondence should be addressed accordingly.
 3. F.O.M.F.A. pass to Saceea. Alfsea. N.O.I.C. Batavia, pass to A.F.N.E.I. R.N.N.E.
 (C. in C.E.I. 281037 to C. in C.E.I.S. Gl. Message 695C. R.N.N.E. Admiralty.)
 / Info, regarding boundaries and areas of responsibility for various commands in the S.E.A.C. area is promulgated for information.

UNDINE TENACIOUS destroyers on passage to U.K. and reserve. 548C of 29.12.45. Take TENACIOUS under your orders and sail from Colombo as follows:
 (A) 0730EF March 2nd.
 (B) Aden.
 (C) 14 knots.
 Acknowledge.
 (F.O. Ceylon 281105 to UNDINE.)
 (Cancelled by 012030)

F.O.C/S.5. in NORFOLK. 548C of 29.12.45. Intend sailing in NORFOLK from Semawang.
 (A) 2030GH 28th Feb.
 (B) Batavia.
 (F) 1430GH 1st March.
 2. C.S. B. Batavia inform A.F.N.E.I.
 (F.O.C/S 5. 281142 to C. in C.E.I.)

F.S. JULES VERNE Auxiliary repair ship for N.E.I. 548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Aden as follows:
 (A) 1800C 28th.
 (B) Colombo.
 (C) 12 knots.
 Acknowledge.
 (Com. Aden. 281145 to JULES VERNE. Admiralty.)

/DULLISK...

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East Indies contd...

DULLISK
COVE
Hull repair
ship on
passage
to U.K.

Com. Aden's 251045 not to all approved, subject to concurrence of C. in C. Med.
2. Destination of DULLISK COVE is Clyde.
A.M. 251305 refers.
(D.O.D. 281336 to DULLISK COVE.)

BERRY HEAD
Escort
Maintenance
Ship on
passage to
U.K. from
B.P.F.

Destination of BERRY HEAD is Sheerness. C. in C. E.I. 161141/ and A.M. 211845 neither to all refer.
3. BERRY HEAD report E.T.A. to C. in C. Nore. Com. i/c. Sheerness and Admiralty.
(D.O.D. 281337 to Com. i/c. Aden. C. in C. Med.)
/ Re programme intended for BERRY HEAD.

Sumatra
Sit.Rep.

Army carried out raid at 0600 and captured four murderers.
2. Regret to report from information received Sub. Lieut. Last and Sub. Lieut Houlder must be presumed dead.
3. Next of kin, not informed.
4. D.(6) CAESAR arrived 1600.
5. Situation quiet.
(R.N.O. Palembang 281903GH to F.O.F.M.A. C.S.5. Capt. (D) 6.)

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America and West Indies.

S.S.
FOUNDATION
ARANMORE
(1156 tons)
ashore on
Great
Inagua Is.

Following message received from (AKA-18) CEPHEUS:
"S.S. FOUNDATION ARANMORE is ashore on reef on
Southeast Point Great Inagua Island. Information
received by signalling that ship is full of water;
that crew and passengers safe on shore: that ship
is in as bad shape but can be salvaged, and that
about one half of cargo can be saved if don't have
bad weather.

Have transmitted above information to Gerbuellen
Station, Miami, at request of Captain Howes.

We now have to off Great Inagua Island. Request instructions.
Advise.

(Comcaribseafron 280740 to N.S.H.Q. Admiralty.)
Re S.S. FOUNDATION ARANMORE UR 280740 Salvage vessel CRUSADER ^{ARS}~~ARS~~
2 with Senior Salvage Officer Reid departing 1100 today from
Key West Florida to Southeast Point Great Inagua Island. E.T.A.
2000 Eastern Standard time 2 March.

(Supervisor of Salvage N.Y. 281532 to Comcaribseafron.)

Found Ship had hit Statra Shoal and was beached to Southeast
Point to prevent sinking.

Extent of bottom damage not known. First mate states that she
flooded rapidly. Has no watertight compartments. 16 feet of
water inside ship. Still active on rocks. Cargo of bananas
and coconuts. Passengers and crew safe. Captain is contacting
agents in Miami regarding future action. Believe ship could be
salvaged but will require patching before being moved. We do
not have necessary personnel and equipment to safely undertake
task. Advise Action Addee. Pass to Info Addees.

(CHOCTAW 281810 to N.O.B. Guantanamo Bay. Supt. of Salvage. N.Y.)

Far East and Australia.

CUMBERLAND
Cruiser
troopig

A.C.N.B. is requested to sail CUMBERLAND when
ready on 6th March carrying out following programme:

<u>E.T.A.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>E.T.D.</u>
11th March.	Fremantle.	13th March.
20th March.	Colombo.	21st March.
25th March.	Aden.	26th March.
29th March.	Suez and transit to Port Said.	30th March.
5th April.	Plymouth.	5th April.
6th April.	Spithead.	7th April.
7th April.	Sheerness.	

(P.O.S.A. 280026 to A.C.N.B. Admiralty.)

(See 022020)

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Far East and Australia.

PATROLLER
Trooping. Departure Fremantle 0010Z-28th Feb. PATROLLER
for Sydney E.T.A. 2100Z/5th March route direct.
S.O.A. 16 knots.
(N.O.I.C. Fremantle 280146Z to F.O. 1st A/C Squad)

LONDON
cruiser
trooping. Departed Sydney 0200Z 28th Feb. LONDON for
Fremantle route direct. S.O.A. 23 knots. E.T.A.
Breakwater 0900 5th March.
(F.O.I.C. Sydney 280200Z to F.O.I.C. Fremantle
A.C.N.B.)

S/M's
VIRTUE
VOX,
VORACIOUS
on passage
to U.K. Defects to VIRTUE have been made good and ship
sailed for Fremantle with VOX and VORACIOUS in
company, E.T.A. 9th March.
2. Considerable blowpast still exists in both
engines which may necessitate further work on
VIRTUE before submarine is fit for onward passage
from Fremantle.
3. On arrival of submarine request you will
arrange for any defects to be made good as soon
as possible in order that submarines may be sailed for Trincomalee
with minimum delay.
(F.O.S.A. 280446 to Capt. S/M.4)

See 0403012.

ULYSSES destroyer for passage to U.K.	A.C.N.B. is requested to sail ULYSSES p.m. 7th March for U.K. carrying out following programme.		
	<u>E.T.A.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>E.T.D.</u>
	9th March.	Melbourne.	11th March.
	16th March.	Fremantle.	16th March.
	25th March.	Trincomalee.	25th March.
	1st April.	Aden.	1st April.
	5th April.	Suez and transit to Port Said.	6th April.
	11th April.	Gibraltar.	14th April.
17th April.	Devonport.		

2. S.O.A. 14 knots.
 3. Intend ULYSSES take URANIA under her orders at Fremantle
and those ships proceed in company for remainder of voyage.
 4. My 230249 which refers should therefore read as follows:
- | | | |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <u>E.T.A.</u> | <u>Place.</u> | <u>E.T.D.</u> |
| - | Sydney. | 5th March. |
| 7th March. | Melbourne. | 10th March. |
| 15th March. | Fremantle. | 16th March. |

Then as for ULYSSES.
(F.O.S.A. 280704 to A.C.N.B.)

China
Army
Reorganisation. M.A. China No. T.O.C. W.O. S.A.C.S.E.A.
Arumindia.
See Lion Copy.

MESSAGE.INChina Army Reorganisation

UNCLASSIFIED.

No T.O.O. 28th/February.

From: M.A. China.

Date: 28.2.46.

Read:

P/L.

To: War Office.
 Info: S.A.C.S.E.A. Landforces Hong Kong, ARMINDIA.

MA/115. Unclassified.

Following is a summary Army Reorganisation agreement signed 25th February full text by bag.

- One. President of Republic is Commander in Chief has power appointment and removal all Officers but in case of removal of Communist Officers during reorganisation period successor will be nominated by Senior Communist Member of Government.
- Two. Function of Army is defence of republic time of war but may be employed in peace in aid of civil power at request of provincial Governor such employment to be ordered by President with approval of council of state.
- Three. Army to be organised into armies each three divisions with auxillary troops not exceeding 15 per cent of total strength, strength of division not to exceed 14000 repeat 14000.
- Four. Reduction and reorganisation in two stages
 - (A) during first 12 months Government reduce to 90 divisions Communist reduce to 18 divisions total 108.
 - (B) 13th to 18th months Government reduce to 50 Communists reduce to 10 total 60 each side initially responsible for supply movement and employment of own demobilised personnel Government to take over unified control soon as possible.
- Five. Integration of National and Communist troops in two stages
 - (A) first 12 months armies consist wholly National or wholly Communist divisions under own Commanders
 YB 13 to 18 months final reorganisation into
 - (1) four armies each two Communist on National division with Communist Army Commanders
 - (2) two armies each one Communist two National divisions with National Commanders.

/ (3)

(3) fourteen armies each three National divisions with National Army Commanders during months 7 to 12 four Army groups to be formed in North China each 1 Communist and 1 National Army with AG Communists 2 Nationals in period (B) Army groups disappear.

- Six. China to be divided into eight repetition eight service areas with Commander responsibly only repetition only for administration.
- Seven. Each province authorised maintain getd artea (?) if in population not exceeding 15000 men.
- Eight. Executive H.Q. at Peking responsible for implementation of agreement.
- Nine. Agreement awaits confirmation by General Issimo and Chairman Communist Party.

No T.O.O. 28th.

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