

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).

FOREIGN STATIONS  
(Classification  
by stations).

- North Atlantic
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- ~~Libert 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).
- (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 Comnav, giving arrivals and departures, with composition of convoy) (21st June 1943).
- (f) Air Staff Operational Summary (prepared by Air Ministry War Room) (1st July 1941, No.222)
- (g) Daily Operations Report for First Lord (prepared by Operations Division, Naval Staff) (13th September 1939).
- (h) List of abbreviations.
- (i) List of convoy letters.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

Foreign  
Warships  
Movements.

Italian Cruiser LUIGI DI SAVOIA DUCA DEGLI ABRUZZI arrived Casablanca 28th, left 1st for Naples.  
2. Brazilian Transport DUQUE DE CAXIAS left Lisbon 28th for Naples.  
(S.O.(I) Gibraltar 010930A to Admiralty for D.N.I.)

LYSANDER  
M/S  
on passage  
to E.I.

Sail 1600A 2nd March via Medri routes to Malta for O/R East Indies.  
2. Speed 12. E.T.A. 1300A 6th March carrying out M/S trials on passage.  
4. Ship has minor engine defects and will require major repairs to gyro compass in Malta.  
6. Acknowledge.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 011514A to LYSANDER.)

NIGELLA  
corvette  
for reserve  
and MULL  
on passage  
to U.K.

Add 24 hours to all times in my 271056A.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 011606A to NIGELLA. C. in C. Plymouth. MULL. Admiralty.)

SMILAX  
Corvette  
SENNEN  
on passage  
for return  
to U.S.A.

Arrival 2300Z 28th. SMILAX and SENNEN, E.T.D. 1100Z 3rd. S.O.A. 12 knots. E.T.A. Norfolk and Boston respectively a.m. 11th.  
(Ponta Delgada 011945Z to Admiralty. C.N.O. C. in C. Lant.)

South Atlantic.

TEST  
Frigate  
for transfer  
to R.I.N.

My 281643. TEST delayed due to further defects. Further signal will be made.  
(C. in C.S.A. 011224B to Admiralty.)

INDEFATIGABLE  
A.C.  
UNDAUNTED  
(destroyer for  
reserve) on  
passage to U.K.

My 221111 Feb. UNDAUNTED will arrive Freetown 1100Z March 5th requiring 350 tons oil fuel.  
2. Request you will sail her on completion of fuelling to meet me in position 8 degs. 30 mins N. 13 degs. 45 mins W. at 1800Z March 5th.  
3. Acknowledge.  
(INDEFATIGABLE 011808 to Capt. 1/c. W. Af.)

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Mediterranean.

LEONIAN  
Boom Carrier  
on passage  
to U.K. with  
bullion.

E.T.D. Massawa 0630C 2nd March. S.O.A. 10 knots.  
E.T.A. Port Suez 0400Z 6th March.  
(LEONIAN 010901Z to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty.)

TERMAGANT  
destroyer  
on passage  
to U.K.  
and reserve.

Sail at 1700B 2nd to Gibraltar. Speed 14 knots.  
E.T.A. p.m. 18th. Reports accurate E.T.A. to  
F.O.G.M.A. when known. Acknowledge.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 011027B to TERMAGANT.)

LAGOS  
destroyer  
for B.P.F.

Sail at 0800A 3rd March by appropriate Medri routes  
to carry out bombardment practice at Ras-el-Kanayis  
in accordance with my 010930 to F.O.L.E.M. and  
LAGOS only, thence to Port Said for onward routing  
to B.P.F.

2. Speed 14 knots, carrying out fuel consumption  
trials en route and adjusting E.T.A. at Ras-el-Kanayis to comply  
with bombardment arrangements.

5. Acknowledge.

(C. in C. Med. 011127 to LAGOS. D.19. D.24.)

WAYLAND  
Dockyard Ship  
returning  
to U.K.

Propose following programme for WAYLAND on passage  
to U.K.

Depart Port Said 2nd March.

Arrive Malta 8th March.

Depart Malta 15th March.

Arrive Gibraltar 21st March.

Depart Gibraltar 23rd March.

Arrive Clyde 1st April.

The above dates are liable to alteration subject to weather  
conditions.

(WAYLAND 011237 to C. in C. Med. C. in C. Rosyth.)

Reliefs for  
AURORA and  
SIRIUS  
cruisers.

Your 281105 Feb.

Agree that AURORA should return before SIRIUS.

2. With reference to your para. 3. however, the  
manning situation is such that it is not  
practicable to adjust the complement of a Home  
Fleet Cruiser for three months foreign service.

Unless, therefore, you can accept a series of  
reliefs and employ them on general duties while using your  
permanent cruisers in the Levant, SIRIUS must wait for relief  
by PHOEBE.

3. Request your further remarks as soon as possible.

(V.C.N.S. 012022 to C. in C. Med.)

(See 021058)

/TROUBRIDGE...

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Mediterranean contd...

TROUBRIDGE  
TEAZER  
destroyers  
on passage  
to U.K.

Sail in TROUBRIDGE and taking TEAZER under your orders proceed at 1800B 2nd March by Medri to Gibraltar. Speed 14 knots. E.T.A. 1000A 8th March. 3. C. in C.E.I. 191910/ Feb. and my 241515 Feb. (F.O.L.E.M. 011332B to D. 24. TROUBRIDGE, TEAZER.) / Programme for TROUBRIDGE and TEAZER on passage to U.K.

INCONSTANT  
destroyer  
for transfer  
to Turkish  
Navy.

Sail at 0800 4th to Piraeus, E.T.A. 0500 6th and there disembark draft and sail at 0700 6th to r/v with INCONSTANT in position 37 degs. 32 mins. 03 secs. N. 24 degs. 28 mins. 45 secs. at 1200 6th thence INCONSTANT under your orders, proceed to Istanbul, E.T.A. 1300 7th.  
2. Routed by Medri speed 16 knots, to r/v thence at 14 knots.

4. On arrival at Istanbul INCONSTANT will be handed over to the Turkish Navy, on completion of this ceremony embark INCONSTANT's steaming crew and return to Malta, reporting your intentions.

6. Acknowledge.

(C. in C. Med. 011830A to WIGTOWN BAY. Capt. (D) Malta.)

I.S.GRADISCA  
ashore on  
Gavdo Is.  
Crete.

Sitrep No. 31. Completed sealing tunnel, Sitrep 30 refers, with slab patch four feet thick this seems to have stopped all main flow of water from forward, but when cement has thoroughly dried patches will be tested by stopping pumps.  
2. Swell is causing only slight motion of ship. Weather wind South force one low Long. South Easterly swell.  
(HAYDON 011910B to F.O.L.E.M.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

South East  
Asia. Review  
of Air  
Operations  
1-15th Feb.

A.C.S.E.A. 010142Z A.M. London.  
See Lion Copy.

Naval Base  
Seychelles  
closed down  
12.2.46.

NR 607C.  
687C. D.T.G. 241132/ Feb. is cancelled. The Naval  
Base at Seychelles H.M.S. SANDRAGON, closed down  
as from Tuesday 10th Feb. '46.  
(C. in C.E.I. 010940EF to E.I. G.M. 697C. Admiralty.)  
/ Re closing of Naval Base at Seychelles from  
19th Feb.  
/ Should read 12th Feb.

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

Intend following revised programme for URSA  
and TUMULT all dates March. Bombay arrive p.m.  
4th depart p.m. 6th Aden arrive p.m. 11th depart  
a.m. 12th Suez arrive a.m. 16th subsequently  
as in F.O.S.A's 250847 Jan. All dates 4 days late.  
(C. in C.E.I. 011127 to Admiralty.)  
(Cancelled by 021246.)

6th M/S  
Flotilla.

F.O. Ceylon 548C of 29.12.45. M.S.6. in position,  
take PERSIAN, LIGHTFOOT, PELORUS, LENNOX, MELITA,  
IMMERSAY and LINGAY under your orders and sail  
from Singapore as follows:  
(A) 1400GH 2nd March.  
(B) Penang thence in accordance with my 171035 Feb.  
not all.  
(C) 10 knots.  
(F) 0900H. 4th March.  
(G) Acknowledge.  
(F.O.M.F.A. 011141GH to M.S.6.)

Disposal of  
S/M hulks  
at Mombasa.

Subject disposal of 3 S/M hulks at Mombasa.  
Kilindini's 270929 Feb. (N.T. in W.D.) not to  
Bombay and my 091238 (N.T. in W.D.) Feb. to  
S.O.R.N.E. only.  
2. Unless potential buyers have already left  
Bombay to inspect hulk in East Africa intend to  
sail H.M.R.T. JAUNTY to Kilindini on March 3rd to tow all 3  
submarines to Bombay for sale as scrap.  
3. In view of delays that have ensued in this matter risk  
of prejudicing price obtained by delivery of goods before sale  
must be accepted. As there is more than one potential buyer  
this may work out all right.  
4. S.O.R.N.E. is requested to state whether agents have left  
Bombay.  
5. Kilindini is requested to state whether one ocean going tug  
can manage to tow all 3 submarines in tandem, and provide  
skeleton crew to steer them if possible.  
(C. in C.E.I. 011517EF to Capt. i/c. Kilindini. F.O. Bombay.  
Admiralty.) *See 100832. + 211139 E.F. + 220953.*

/CRANE....

# SECRET

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*Review of air operations*

*S. East Asia*

010142Z/March

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

Date: 2.3.46.

Recd: No T.O.R.

CYPHER

Addressed: A.I. London

IMPORTANT

KX.45203.

ACC.324 23rd February.

Personal for C.A.S. from Air Chief Marshal Park, Herewith review of air operations in South East Asia covering period 1 to 15 February inclusive.

2. Netherlands East Indies. The period under review has continued quiescent, all the allied military forces remaining as passive as possible so as to allow the Dutch-Indonesian negotiations to be continued in a friendly atmosphere. Our forces have continued to be subject to sporadic attack by Indonesian Artillery and our aircraft have been required to make a number of reconnaissances to locate them. On three of these occasions offensive action was taken on 6th February two Thunderbolts of No. 60 Squadron whilst flying a tactical reconnaissance in search of enemy artillery were fired upon by a Bofors gun in the area west of Sidoardjo. The Thunderbolts made eight attacks on this active battery scoring many hits. One aircraft was holed in the port flap but returned safely to base. Four days later two Thunderbolts of the same Squadron whilst flying a similar tactical reconnaissance south west of Sourabaya were fired on by a 20 mm. gun situated north west of Krian. One aircraft was hit in the port fuselage, but the pilot was uninjured. Another pair of Thunderbolts then attacked the hostile gun position making twelve runs and silencing the gun. On continuing their reconnaissance they saw another active A.A. Gun North West of Krian which they attacked and put out of action.

3. On the 13th February two Thunderbolts of 60 Squadron flew a tactical reconnaissance (our f sic.) Girsee Lamongan and Bodjonegoro. At the latter the populace were seen to be reading leaflets dropped over the area by a Dakota.

4. Thunderbolts of 81 Squadron operating in Western Java gave air cover to road convoys proceeding between Buitenzorg Bandoen and Soekaboeni. These were all successful and the road convoys arrived without incident. Tactical reconnaissances were flown over our own troops which engaged in clearing (corrupt gp.) of Bandoeng on the 9th February. Low flying Thunderbolts were fired upon from the region of the Hotel Isola, but sustained no damage.

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5. During the period Nos. 60 and 81 Thunderbolts Squadrons flew a total of 104 tactical reconnaissances and escort patrols in close support of the British Army.
6. Air transport operations continued at a high rate of effort and 31 Squadron upheld their transport record by flying a total of 653 sorties between the 1 and 15 February. This average of 43 sorties a day would have been higher had not bad weather hampered operations. Dakotas of the Squadron carried displaced persons, service personnel, supplies and mail within Java in addition to making flights to Malaya and Sumatra. Miscellaneous Dutch aircraft flew 55 Transport sorties between Java, Borneo, Siam, Manila, Sumatra and Australia. Japanese Hickorys flew 4 sorties between Tjililitan and Batavia. It is hoped shortly to bring into Java an additional Dutch Dakota Squadron from Australia in order to relieve 31 Squadron which is employing a considerable proportion of its effort to feeding Dutch Rapwi.
7. Spitfires of 681 Squadron detachment based in Batavia flew photo reconnaissance sorties over towns and airfields in Java.
8. Malaya on the 4th February at the request of Malaya Army Command spitfires of 28 Sqn. flew a reconnaissance of possible landing beaches at Pulau-ra-ru-Tau Island as a prelude to antipiracy land operations.
9. Following reports of possible hostile political activity of an anti Government nature 34 spitfires of 28 and 136 Sqdns. made demonstration flights over Malayan towns between Ipoh and Kuala Lumpur and 14 and 15 February.
10. Local inhabitants having reported that former Guerilla Camps in the Igab or Ruab were now H.Q.'s of Armed Gangs 136 Sqn. flew six tactical reconnaissance sorties over the area on 13th February but the aircraft saw nothing unusual and our own troops had already arrived at some of areas specified.
11. Sumatra spitfires of 155 Sqn. which has recently moved to Medan from Singapore flew 21 tactical reconnaissance sorties over the roads and co ? of Northern Sumatra these were all successful and disclosed nothing unusual.
12. Burma one aircraft made an intensive search for Dakota of 194 Sqn. reported missing following a severe tropical storm on night of 2nd February. The wreckage and bodies of crew were later found by the Army in the area 40 miles N.N.W. of Rangoon apparently having been forced down by the treacherous air currents encountered en route.
13. Coastal transit ferry Sunderlands and Liberators flew 108 Transit and Ferry Flights between Ceylon India Java Malaya Diego Garcia and the Cocos Islands.

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Received in War Reg. 1315/5th March  
Circulated by A.M. to internal depts.  
Min. of Defence Indian Office Colonial  
Office and Admiralty.

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010345/March

From Commodore Supt. H.M. Naval Base  
Singapore

Date 15.3.46

Recd. No T.O.R.

P/L

Addressed Flag Officer Malaya & Forward Area  
Repeated: 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 March, 1946. My 010045 December, 010145 January and 010245 February refer. It is not intended to review condition again until 1st June, 1946.

## Part 1. Fundamental Factors Governing Rate of Rehabilitation.

1. Electric Power. 22KV overhead line commissioned and available for service. Replacement of wooden by steel poles proceeding when this power source is not required. 1040 KVA. SULZER preparing for trials. Temporary arrangement for connecting H.M.S. HOTHAM completed.
2. Water Supply. That from Seletar reservoir improved and being chlorinated by Army. Overall supplies below requirement necessitating restriction of hours.
3. Roads. Reconstruction of Admiralty road west just east of Fleet Shore Accommodation commenced. Traffic on this bad stretch is 3000 vehicles per 12 hours.
7. Mobile Cranes. 30 received. 17 in service.
9. Wharves, Transit Sheds and Associated Equipment.  
(B) Stores for Australia shipped.
12. British Transport. S.N.S.O. 57 cars. 34 brakes and station wagons. 470 lorries and trucks. 24 Jeeps. 115 motor cycles. 24 buses. SCE, lorries increased to 135 by transfers from R.H.E.
13. Ex Japanese Transport. Japanese vehicles handed over to B.M.S.
15. Cold Storage. 2, 50 ton refrigerators dispersed in cases awaiting drawings. Some 10 ton available but not checked. BRITANNIC loaded.

16. Supervision /.....

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16. Supervision expressed in percentages joined of numbers required. OC. 70%, CE. 80%. SEE. 30%, overall but only 18% of chargeman. SCE. 90% but lacking Storehousemen and Surveyors. SNSO. 67%. SVSO. 95%. SASO. 90%. TEO. 75%. CD. 62%.
17. Hygiene. Mistaken policy of allowing Japanese to use human manure on vegetable plots about to be rectified and fertilizer from incinerator and Imhoff Tank substituted. Rate of rat breeding and destruction unsatisfactory.
18. Mosquito Control. Labour decreasing due to discontent with conditions of Service outside Naval Control.

Part 2. Present Capacity of Dockyard.

20. King George VI Dock. Dry with old ship <sup>Caisson</sup> CAISSON in place. Erection of dock blocks proceeding. Wreckage being cut up and removed. Ready for service with new <sup>Caisson</sup> CAISSON by end of March.
21. FORT MCDONNELL docking in A.F.D. 31 on 4th March.
- 21A. Refit of A.F.D. 10 should complete end of March.
22. CC Department. Machinery operable 37%. Recovered and repairable 38%.
23. CE Department. Machinery operable 60%. Recovered and repairable 30%. A number of new machine tools received.
24. SIE Department. Machinery operable 42%. Battery shed equipment 60% complete.
25. SCE Department. Additional storage in hand.
30. CD Rigging Shop. 100% Sailmakers shop 70%.
- 31A. Refit and repair work carried out during February with ALAUNIA and DUNCANSBY HEAD. H.M. Ships POSTILLION, PERSIAN, LAMERSAY, LIGHTFOOT and MELITA. Casual defects and removal of D.E.M.S. armament in various vessels.

Part 3. Storage Capacity.

33. SNSO. Storehouses increased to 280,000 square feet and now 91% pilferage proof.
39. SPDC. Roof of gun ground store complete and bin erection started.
40. Oil Fuel Depot. Repairs to diesel line proceeding. RFA. OLCADES moored at Ruthenia Jetty and connected, but oil line not tested pending decision whether it should be used as a diesel line.

Part 4. Medical /.....

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Part 4. Medical.

43. Two cases of poliomyelitis - one being fatal.

Part 5. Personnel.

46A. German naval labour 92.

48. Registration of 4,415 Asiatics completed but film still lacking.

49. Police. Strength 22 Europeans; 343 Punjabs; 303 Sikhs; 100 Malays; 13 Detectives. Efficiency of force 70%. Commenced policing R.N.A.S. Sembawang and preparing for policing Boom Defence Depot Leyang.

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- 1st Lord
- 1st S.L. (3)
- D.F.S.L.
- 2nd S.L.
- 3rd S.L.
- 4th S.L.
- 5th S.L.
- Vice Controller
- V.C.N.S.
- A.C.N.S. (O)
- A.C.N.S. (W)
- Parl. Secretary
- Civil Lord
- Secretary
- P.U.S.
- Naval Secretary
- P.A.S. (PR)
- U.S. (F)
- U.S. (S)
- D. of L.
- D.M.I. (5)
- O.I.C. (2)
- D. of P. (3)
- D. of P. (Q) (3)
- D.S.D. (2)
- D. of L.D. (2)
- O.D. (9)
- D.C. (2)
- D.C.O.D. (7)
- D.C.A.M. (6)
- D.T.D. (4)
- C.C.R.T. (2)
- D.T.A.S.W. (3)
- D.G.D. (3)
- D.T.S.D. (2)
- A.C.N.P. (5)
- H.D.G.
- N.
- C.W. (2)

- C.G.R.M. (2)
- D.M.S. (2)
- D.B.D. (2)
- D.S.V.P. (3)
- D.
- D.N.C. (2)
- E. in C.
- D.E.E.
- D.N.O.
- D.I.S. (L)
- D.U.W. (2)
- D. Mov. (7)
- D. of S. (3)
- D. of V. (3)
- D. of S.T. (10)
- Hydrog. (2)
- D. of N.
- Staff Charts
- C.E. in C. (P)
- C.E. in C.
- D.H.S.R. (2)
- D. of C.
- M. (10)
- C.E.I.
- W.G.F.
- H.F. (L)
- P. II (2)
- W.D.

- Dep. C ntr. (3)
- D. (4)
- E. in C. (4)
- D.N.O. (4)
- D.A.S. (4)
- D.U.W.
- D.N.C. (2)
- C.S.L.
- D.E.E. (3)
- D. of C.
- D. of V.
- D. of S.
- C.E.II.
- L.
- H.F.
- P.I (2)
- S.W.R. (6)

Bath (40  
by  
courier

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East Indies contd...

CRANE  
A.A. Sloop.

Cancel my 271804GH Feb. not to R.N.O. Saigon.  
2. 548C of 29.12.45.  
Sail from Singapore as follows:  
(A) 0900GH 2nd March.  
(B) Saigon to embark mails thence Hong Kong.  
(C) 1½ knots.  
(G) Signal your departure from Saigon. Acknowledge.  
(F.O.M.F.A. 011542GH to CRANE.)

Lease-Lend  
return  
Landing craft  
on passage  
to Subic Bay  
(Philippines)

548C of 29.12.45. Take Landing Craft in address  
under your orders and sail from Singapore for  
Lease-Lend, return as follows:  
(A) 0900GH 3rd March.  
(B) Subic Bay.  
(C) 7 knots via QCA 595, 691, to AL thence by  
low powered route.  
(F) E.T.A. Subic a.m. 12th March.  
(G) Confirm your E.T.A. to Port Director Subic  
include Comphlseafron info. address L.C.Q. 491. Acknowledge  
to F.O.M.F.A.  
(F.O. Malaya 011631 to L.C.Q.491, Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F. L.C.Q.  
381, 389, L.C.H. 101, 168, L.C.I. 3, 115, 122, 125, 127, 135, 166,  
177, 215, 217, 256, 266, 270, 271, 277, 299, 301, 311, 109, 263.)

L.S.T. 3036,

Am anchored off Pontianak Bar and have sent boat up  
river. There appears to be insufficient water for  
me to proceed up river without local knowledge.  
Request instructions. Will keep you informed.  
(L.S.T. 3036 011740GH to F.O.M.F.A. N.O.I.C. Batavia)

UNDINE  
TENACIOUS  
destroyers  
on passage  
to U.K. and  
reserve  
from B.P.F.

Cancel my 281105.  
Take TENACIOUS under your orders and sail from  
Colombo as follows:  
(A) As convenient p.m. 2nd March.  
(B) Bombay.  
(C) 14 knots.  
Acknowledge.  
(F.O. Ceylon 012030 to UNDINE. Admiralty. F.O.  
Bombay.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

EVENLODE  
Frigate  
returned  
to U.S.A.

EVENLODE arrived T.O.O. 01126R.  
(Commandant 1st Naval Dist. 011740 to Br. C.C.O.  
Wash. D.C.)

FROBISHER  
Jamaica  
labour  
troubles.

Reference C. in C. Portsmouth's letter dated  
29th Jan. M/8826/F/1/1 not to C. in C. America  
and W.I. and C.O. FROBISHER message Feb/ FROBISHER  
is to be taken in hand for docking at Portsmouth  
during forthcoming leave period. During that  
period and the subsequent leave period only such  
urgent defects are to be made good as are essential  
to enable ship to continue in service until approximately the  
end of 1946.  
(D.O.D. 011952 to C. in C. A & W.I.)  
/ 261800 Feb.

Landing  
craft for  
return to  
U.S.A.

My 271400 Feb. not to all.  
Departures Bermuda for New York at 011900Z.  
CAISTOR CASTLE, WEAR, H.M.L.C.I.(L)s 268, 134,  
164, 378, 387, and (H) 269 subsequently CAISTOR  
CASTLE proceeding to Plymouth, WEAR returning  
to Bermuda.  
(Com 1/c. Bermuda 012002Z to B.A.D. C. in C. A.&W.I.  
Admiralty.)

Far East and Australia.

B.P.F. M/S  
report No.11.

(A) 10th M.S. returned Hong Kong will continue  
magnetic clearance of Lema Channel.  
(B) 180th B.Y.M.S. clearing West Lamma Channel  
24 moved mines cut.  
(C. in C. B.P.F. 010410Z to Admiralty.)

GRENVILLE  
TUSCAN  
destroyers  
on passage  
to U.K.  
and reserve.

Departed Fremantle 0900Z 1st March. GRENVILLE  
D25 and TUSCAN for Trincomalee F.O.S.A's 120613Z  
refers. E.T.A. 0630Z/10th March route direct.  
S.O.A. 14 knots.  
(N.O.I.C. Fremantle 010937Z to R.A.D. B.P.F.  
D.25.)

/GAMBIA...

1.3.1946.  
Friday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.cont...

GAMBIA  
Cruiser  
on passage  
to U.K.

Departed Fremantle 1000Z/1st March GAMBIA for  
Trincomalee FOST's 180519Z refers. E.T.A. 0300Z/8th  
March route direct. S.O.A. 20 knots.  
(N.O.I.C. Fremantle 011058Z to C.S.2. C. in C.E.I.)

SUFFOLK  
Cruiser  
trooping  
programme.

Request you will report homeward programme for  
SUFFOLK.  
(D.O.D. 012021 to F.O.S.A. SUFFOLK)  
(See 03109Z.)

War Diary.

2.3.1946.  
Saturday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

SNOWFLAKE  
Corvette  
returning  
to U.K.  
for reserve  
from E.I.

Sail 1000A 3rd March to Portsmouth.  
2. Speed 12. E.T.A. 1000Z 7th March.  
6. Acknowledge.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 020139A to SNOWFLAKE C. in C. Portsmouth)

INDEFATIGABLE  
A.C.  
returning  
from B.P.F.

A.M. 021511 (N.T. in W.D.)  
It is necessary for trooping complement to include as many as possible of present ships company. Further message giving scheme of complement for INDEFATIGABLE for trooping duties follows.

2. On arrival in U.K. 18 days foreign service leave is to be given in two watches to all ratings who have completed 16 months foreign service on 18th March - A.F.O. 395/46. All ratings due for release, compassionate leave and from Station Longest Abroad Roster are to be discharged to Depot. First watch for leave is to include all ratings selected to form trooping ship's company so that ship can sail on first trooping voyage immediately on their returns.

3. Ratings included in Shortcast No. 3. A.G.M. 73A of 9th Feb. 1946, are not eligible to form trooping complement.

4. Trooping counts as home sea service and leave is given on return from each trip.

(D.of M. 042338 to INDEFATIGABLE.)

2.3.1946.  
Saturday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Reliefs for  
AURORA and  
SIRIUS  
cruisers  
etc.,

I had not anticipated that PHOEBE would be so long delayed A.M. 012022 as to necessitate my retention of a Home Fleet Cruiser for ? three months.

2. I consider it most undesirable for SIRIUS to await relief by PHOEBE. I propose therefore to proceed on lines of para. 2. my 281105 Feb. and so to inform SIRIUS accepting the fact that relief on Home Fleet Cruiser (?be) inevitable but I

would most strongly urge that the (?stay) of Home Fleet Cruisers in the Mediterranean should be extended to the maximum possible time and that I may be given an indication in each case as to what this time would be.

4. My 281105/ refers.

(C. in C. Med. 021058 to Admiralty. C. in C.H.F.)

(See 042016)

✓ Re sailing of MAURITIUS, AURORA, SIRIUS and PHOEBE.

Re AURORA should return before SIRIUS.

British  
Naval  
Mission  
to Greece -  
Duties and  
responsibilities  
of.

Ref. C. in C. Med's 271237 and 291151 of Jan. Final directive on the lines of Admiral Voulgaris' suggestions mentioned in para. 3. of C. in C. Med's 291151 Jan. will be issued by Foreign Office in the near future.

2. These suggestions may be taken as a guide for the time being.

(Hd. of M. Br. I. 021227 to C. in C. Med. S.B.N.O. Greece.)

*See 241201 APRIL*



2.3.1946.

Saturday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

HALLADALE 548C of 29.12.45.  
Frigate Sail from Aden as follows:  
on passage (A) 0800 3rd.  
to U.K. (B) Suez for U.K.  
and reserve. (C) 12 knots.  
Acknowledge.  
(Com. Aden 020936C to HALLADALE.)

Re Lend- Your 260954/Jan. para. 1. is being dealt with  
Lease separately.  
landing 2. In view of your paras. 2 and 3, practicability  
craft of arranging that replacement reserve shown in  
retention line 13 of D.C.O.D. Form I, Serial 14, shall be  
of and for established in the Mediterranean instead of  
training S.E.A.C. is being investigated.  
purposes 3. If this proposal is agreed, it will be possible  
etc., to declare 42 L.C.A., 6 L.C.M., and 6 L.C.P.(L)  
surplus and take action in accordance with para. 3.  
of Admiralty message 070110/Oct. Further signal  
will be made as soon as possible.  
4. Your Para. 5. If additional craft allocated to India are not  
required (para. F of Admiralty message 222136 Jan.(N.T. in W.D.)  
and N.H.Q. India 021231 Feb. refer) these may be declared surplus.  
5. For the time being it will be necessary to maintain those  
craft which have been allocated to Australia.  
6. Request you will report extent of disposals which you have  
effected in terms of instructions in Admiralty Message 070110 Oct.  
7. There is no conflict between Admiralty policy signals and  
D.C.O.D. Form I as suggested in your paragraph 4. D.C.O.D. Form I  
shows the extent to which reductions are acceptable in the  
Combined Operations sphere. Proposals in foregoing paras. should  
then they become effective, materially assist your reduction  
programme.  
(V. Cont. 021055 to C. in C.E.I. S.O.R.N.E.(I).)

Flag of The Flag of Senior Officer R.N. Establishments  
S.O.R.N. India will be struck at sunset on Monday 4th March  
establishments 1946. Bombay will reduce to status of Senior Royal  
India to be Naval Officer and for administration Senior Royal  
struck on. Naval Officer Bombay and Senior Royal Naval Officer  
4th March. Cochin will be responsible direct to the Commander  
in Chief East Indies Station. The various Royal  
Navy Rear Parties still remaining in Karachi,  
Calcutta, Madras and Vizagapatam will be  
administered by Senior Royal Naval Officer Bombay. Senior Royal  
Naval Officer Bombay will control the following in India.  
(A) Disposals.  
(B) Drafting of remaining combined operations and Royal Marine  
and Royal Marine Landing Craft personnel.  
(C) Civilian payments.  
2. Leave hostels and camps in South India are to remain under  
Senior Royal Naval Officer Cochin's administration.  
3. Naval Store Establishments at Chromepet will be administered  
by Commander in Chief East Indies Station.  
(C. in C.E.I. 021213EF to N.R. 701C Admiralty.)

/Trincomalee...

2.3.1946.  
Saturday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies contd...

Trincomalee re equipping of with surplus machinery etc., on E.I.Stn. There are considerable quantities of machine tools, cranes, airo compressors, generators and the like awaiting disposal on the E.I. Station.

2. This material is all of modern design and mostly unused.

3. There is the opportunity therefore which is unlikely to occur again of re-equipping Trinco. with modern machines at no great cost.

4. Request you will investigate the re-equipment of Trinco. with machines of British origin in order to meet the anticipated requirement of the future base.

5. Repair and maintenance likely to be needed is as follows:  
 (A) For Tugs lights and harbour service craft amounting to some 200 in all docking and slipping also required.  
 (B) For the upkeep of base machinery in R.N. Establishments and storage depots this will be an increasing commitment as modern buildings come to be substituted for existing native hutments.

6. Equipment can be held at Vayangoda pending installation.  
 (C. in C.E.I. 021215 to F.O. Ceylon. Admiralty. etc.,)  
 Request the information contained in C. in C. East Indies' 021213 may be promulgated in A.F.O.'S'.  
 (C. in C.E.I. 021216 to Admiralty.)

NESS Frigate on passage to U.K. for reserve. W/T 548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Aden as follows:  
 (A) 0730C 3rd.  
 (B) Suez for U.K.  
 (C) 12 knots.  
 (G) Request canal transit 8th March. N.O.I.C. Port Said is requested to hold mails for NESS until collected.  
 Acknowledge.  
 (Com. Aden. 021230 to NESS. Admiralty.)

Destroyers on passage to U.K. from B.P.F. Cancel my 011127 and 011134 neither to all. Intend following programme for UNDINE, URSA, TUMULT, TENACIOUS proceeding in company from Bombay to U.K. All dates March.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
4th.	Bombay.	6th.
10th.	Aden.	11th.
15th.	Suez.	15th.
15th.	Port Said.	16th.
19th.	Malta.	21st.
24th.	Gibraltar.	26th.
29th.	Devonport.	-
29th.	Portsmouth.	-
30th.	Chatham.	-

2. TENACIOUS to Devonport.  
URSA, TUMULT to Portsmouth.  
UNDINE to Chatham.
3. Transit Canal daylight 15th.
4. Fuel at Aden, Port Said, Gibraltar.  
(C. in C.E.I. 021246 to Admiralty, C. in C. Med.)  
Revised programme for URSA and TUMULT.

/M.F.V's...

2.3.1946.  
Saturday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies contd...

M.F.V's  
for Labuan  
Borneo.

548C of 29.12.45.

Take the 17 M.F.V's in para. 2 under your orders and sail from Singapore as follows:

- (A) 1400GH 4th March.
- (B) Labuan.
- (C) 51-2 knots.
- (G) On completion of this duty return to Singapore

report your time of sailing to addressees of this signal.

2. H.M.F.V's are 1076, 1173, 1199, 1129, 1147, 1109, 1088, 1525, 1022, 1133, 1114, 1194, 1123, 1193, 1118, 113, 1552.

3. Acknowledge.

(F.O.M.F.A. 021309 to EMINENT, Admiralty.)

(See 041532)

GONDWANA  
SIND  
A/S vessels.

Your 271542 Feb. See my 212103 Feb. Arrangements for laying up GONDWANA and SIND on East Indies Station are to be made direct with N.H.Q. India.

(Hd. of M.II. 021813 to C. in C.E.I.) *See 260905 April.*

2.3.1946.  
Saturday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

COOKE  
DOMETT  
Frigates  
returned  
to U.S.A.

COOKE and DOMETT arrived T.O.O. 021457.  
(Com. I. 022030 to B.N.L.O. B.S.N.)

Far East and Australia.

R.N.A.S.  
Nowra handing  
over to  
R.A.A.F.

My 140517 Dec. (not to or required by C. in C.  
B.P.F. or A.C.I.) The Royal Naval Air Station  
now R.A. will be ready for handing over the  
R.A.A.F. on Monday March 18th.  
2. Request you will make arrangements for marching  
in inspection.  
(V.A.(Q) 020224Z to R.A.A.F. H.Q. A.C.I. A.C.N.B.  
Admiralty.)

CUMBERLAND  
Cruiser  
trooping.

Your 280026 Feb.  
Programme for CUMBERLAND. On account of tides,  
CUMBERLAND must arrive at Sheerness on 7th April  
and programme will have to be strictly adhered to.  
(D. of M. 022020 to F.O.S.A. A.C.N.B.)

SUFFOLK  
Cruiser  
trooping.

Departed Sydney 0500Z 2nd March. SUFFOLK for  
Fremantle route direct. S.O.A. 19 knots. E.T.A.  
Breakwater 2300Z 6th March.  
(F.O.I.C. Sydney 020526Z to N.O.I.C. Fremantle.)

War Diary.

3.3.1946.  
Sunday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

THRUSTER  
L.S.T.(I)  
for U.K.  
and reserve.

Sail 1400A 3rd March via Necri routes to Chatham.  
2. Speed 13. E.T.A. p.m. 7th March.  
6. Acknowledge.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 031006A to THRUSTER.)

NIGELIA  
and MULL  
on passage  
to U.K.

MULL having developed serious engine defect am  
proceeding to Oporto to effect repairs. E.T.A.  
Oporto 0800Z 4th March.  
(NIGELIA 032024 to F.O.G.M.A.)

South Atlantic.

HINNOY  
and  
LEVANTER  
Whalers  
for return  
to U.K.  
and Norway.

My 211018 Feb/.  
Delay has been experienced due to defects on  
trials.  
Further signal will be made.  
(C. in C.S.A. 031155B to Admiralty. C. in C.  
Plymouth.)  
/ Subject to satisfactory completion of trials,  
intend to sail HINNOY with LEVANTER.  
(See 061214)

3.3.1946.  
Sunday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

BERWICK  
trooping.

Sail after disembarkation M.F. Draft about 1000A  
3rd March by appropriate Medri routes to Port Said.  
C. in C. Portsmouth 191053 Feb.  
2. Speed 20 knots to arrive Port Said 1400B 5th  
March.  
4. Acknowledge.  
(C. in C. Med. 030857A to BERWICK. Admiralty.  
C. in C.E.I.)

INDOMITABLE.A.C. Trooping  
Immediately on arrival about 1730B/3rd sail  
to Gibraltar speed 18 knots. E.T.A. a.m. 8th March.  
Report accurate E.T.A. to F.O.G.M.A. when known.  
Acknowledge.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 031230B to INDOMITABLE.  
Admiralty.) *See below.*

Salvage  
vessels  
OCEAN SALVOR  
to relieve  
CONFEDERATE  
at Aden.

Sail at 1400B 4th March and in accordance with  
my 121221 Feb. not to all.  
(2) N.O.I.C. Port Said is requested to arrange  
Canal transit and onward routing in accordance  
with A.M. 011920 not to all.  
(3) My 180943 Feb. and A.M. 121650 also refers.  
(F.O.L.E.M. 031522B to OCEAN SALVOR. CONFEDERATE.)

*See 060035*

F.O.L.E.M.  
in OCEAN  
for exercises  
with 14th  
D.F.

My 271805 Feb. 1946.  
I intend to proceed to sea in OCEAN noon 6th  
March and carry out exercises off Haifa with all  
available destroyers and AURORA if she can be  
spared. On completion intend to proceed to Haifa  
to discuss (?present) Naval and air patrols. My  
flag will be transferred to a destroyer.  
2. Intend then to proceed to Beirut for 20 hours  
to discuss Naval responsibilities during forthcoming withdrawals.  
(F.O.L.E.M. 031713B to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.)  
(Cancelled by 051313)

My 031713/

To C. in C. Med. and Admiralty only. Intend sailing in H.M.S.  
OCEAN p.m. Wednesday 6th March transferring to CHEQUERS 9th March  
and returning Alexandria 11th March.  
(F.O.L.E.M. 031924B to Eastn. Med. G1.)  
(Cancelled by 051313)

★ Programme of F.O.L.E.M.'s movements.

Movements.

Port Said 3rd March.  
Arrivals.  
INDOMITABLE, COQUETTE, MOON, ROWENA, THISBE,  
PROVIDENCE, SEABEAR, VALLEY, GUARDIAN.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 031809B to Admiralty.)

3.3.1946.  
Sunday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

U.S.S.  
MARQUETTE  
A.M. 0431  
tons.

Sail from Trinco 0800 Tuesday 5th March to Aden for onward routing to Piraeus routed as safe navigation permits.  
4. Acknowledge.  
(C. in C.E.I. 030951 to MARQUETTE. Admiralty. C.N.O. Washington. Comphlseafron. etc.)

SUSSEX  
Cruiser  
on passage  
to U.K.

Propose following programme for SUSSEX on passage to U.K. All dates March.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Departure.</u>
-	Trincomalee.	a.m. 5th.
a.m. 6th.	Colombo.	p.m. 6th.
a.m. 12th.	Aden.	a.m. 13th.
a.m. 17th.	Suez.	a.m. 17th.
p.m. 17th.	Port Said.	p.m. 18th.
a.m. 21st.	Malta.	a.m. 23rd.
p.m. 25th.	Gibraltar.	p.m. 26th.
a.m. 29th.	Plymouth.	p.m. 29th.
p.m. 30th.	Portsmouth.	p.m. 30th.
a.m. 31st.	Sheerness.	-

- 2. S.O.A. from Colombo 16 knots.
  - 3. Fuel at Aden.
- (C. in C.E.I. 031048 to Admiralty. C. in C. Med.)

VENGEANCE  
Aircraft  
for Japan.

My 261050 and A.C.S.E.A's O. 377 D.T.G. 271210 Feb. (N.T. in W.D.) neither to all. It is now intended that VENGEANCE shall embark first part of lift of aircraft for Japan from Cochin early April instead of Trincomalee.  
2. F.O. Air East Indies is requested to arrange.  
(C. in C.E.I. 031841 to F.O. Air E.I. VENGEANCE. A.C.l. F.O.S.A.)

# RESTRICTED.

Rec<sup>d</sup> 21/3/45  
16(a) E.I.  
IN

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

031131 March

Date 20/3/46

From F.O.M.F.A.

Recd. 0945

## NAVAL CODE (X)

Addressed C. in C.E.I.  
Info. Admiralty.

Information is requested regarding status and intentions as to disposal of non ocean going craft recovered in Malayan waters on surrender of Japanese.

2. These appear to fall into two categories

(A) Craft which were formerly British. It is understood that the Japanese never set up a prize court in Malaya. It is assumed therefore that these craft have never been condemned in prize by Japanese and are therefore still British.

(B) Craft brought to Malaya by the Japanese or built in Malaya during the Japanese occupation. These would appear to be prize but it is noted that in his message 221641/ November 1945 C. in C.E.I. ruled that merchant ships recovered from Japanese had not been taken in prize but had been surrendered by Japanese.

3. Guidance is requested on the following points.

(1) Category (A) If it is unnecessary for these craft to be dealt with by a British Prize Court, should they be dealt with by British Military Administration or Civil Government in the same way as other recovered British chattels in Malaya or is it a naval responsibility to restore these craft to their former owners.

(2) Category B. If it is ruled that these craft are not to be regarded as taken in prize owing to surrender of Japanese; is disposal Naval or Civil commitment.

3. If either or both categories above are to be dealt with by Prize Courts assume it will be possible to commence proceedings on re-establishment of Civil Government when Supreme Court at Singapore should revert to its pre-occupation status. In this connection establishment of a Malayan Union as apart from the Government of Singapore will presumably involve a separate Supreme Court for the mainland of Malaya. The early appointment of an Admiralty Marshal and staff will be essential (my 051812 Feb. refers.)

4. The practice to date with regard to such of these craft as have been required for essential services has been for them to be made available to their owners or other authorities requiring them on a token charter an inventory having first taken place arrangements being made by King's Harbour Master of ports concerned.

5/.....

Disposal  
of non ocean  
going craft  
recovered in  
Malayan waters  
on Japanese  
surrender -  
Prize court.



5. Full report is in preparation.

031131 See 061715 April

Circulation delayed pending receipt  
of second part of message,

/Ships surrendered by Japanese.  
Request Admiralty instructions  
regarding insurance.

1st Lord.

1st S.L. (3)

D.F.S.L.

4th S.L.

V.C.N.S.

A.C.N.S. (0)

U.S.S.

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

D.N.I. (5)

D. of S.T. (15)

D.T.L. (4)

W.G.F.

M. (6) (for Admiralty Marshal London.

Royal Courts of Justice.

M. of W.T.

Colonial Office (Mr. Jones) (Mr. Hall)

H.M. Procurator General)

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

C.W. (2)

D. of P. (3)

D. of P. (Q) (3)

W.D.

3.3.1946.  
Sunday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

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

My P.C.S. 31.13 N., 61.45 W., 270 degs. 9.6 knots.  
E.T.A. The Narrow 1100Z tomorrow 4th March.  
Weather 10312 61812 04762 91745. Craft mentioned  
in part one F.O.G.M.A. 171056A in company.  
(CURZON 031200Z to Com. i/c. Bermuda.)

Jamaica  
Sitrep.

Jamaica situation report. All quiet.  
(FROBISHER 032237R to C. in C. A & W.I. Admiralty.)

Far East and Australia.

SUFFOLK  
leaving  
Sydney for  
U.K.

A.M. 012021 to F.O.S.A. and SUFFOLK only the  
following is a repetition of the text of my  
200051Z to all addres. Begins:  
A.C.N.B. is requested to sail SUFFOLK at 1400K  
2nd March for U.K. carrying out following programme

<u>E.T.A.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>E.T.D.</u>
7th March.	Fremantle.	7th March.
18th March.	Aden.	19th March.
22nd March.	Suez, and transit to Port Said.	22nd March.
a.m. 29th March.	Plymouth.	a.m. 29th March.
p.m. 29th March.	Portsmouth.	p.m. 29th March.
30th March.	Sheerness.	

3. Fuel required at Fremantle and Aden.
4. Ship is not calling at Colombo as she is leaving Sydney filled to capacity.
5. SUFFOLK has been delayed at Sydney with serious boiler trouble. D.T.G. 200051Z. Ends.  
(F.O.S.A. 030109Z to A.C.N.B. Admiralty.)

HOLMSOUND  
Aircraft  
Component  
Repair ship  
on passage  
to U.K.

Departed Fremantle 0100Z 3rd March. HOLMSOUND  
for Trincomalee E.T.A. 17th March. Route direct.  
S.O.A. 9 knots.  
(N.O.I.C. Fremantle 030546 to C. in C.E.I.S.  
C. in C. B.P.F.)

4.3.1946.  
Monday.

War Diary.

SITUATION REPORT.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

(1)  
Alexandria  
rioting at.

Crowds assembled early today and by 1100 had reached some 5000. The White Ensign was hauled down by them at the Atlantic Hotel (Naval Establishment) and Annexe was set on fire. Crowds set fire to British Military Post. Police forced to fire - 2 police were killed.

East Indies.

(2)  
Flag of  
Senior Officer  
R.N.  
Establishments  
India.

The Flag of S.O.R.N. Establishments India was struck at sunset today. Bombay will reduce to status of Senior Royal Naval Officer and for administration he and Senior R.N. Officer Cochin will be responsible direct to C. in C.E.I. Station.  
021213EF.

War Diary.

4.3.1946.  
Monday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

TANTIVY  
S/M  
on passage.

TANTIVY delayed with defects to steering gear which should be made good p.m. 7th March.  
2. Propose TEMPLAR remain with TANTIVY so that submarine can sail in company a.m. 8th March and carry out exercises on passage to Malta. (F.O.G.M.A. 041105A to C. in C. Med. WOLFE. TANTIVY. TEMPLAR. Admiralty. S/M Malta.)

SUPERB  
Cruiser  
on passage  
to U.K.  
to embark  
H.R.H.  
Princess  
Elizabeth.

Sail 1800A 4th March via Necri routes to Greenock.  
2. Speed 16. E.T.A. p.m. 8th March.  
6. Acknowledge.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 041207A to SUPERB. C.S.10.)

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

Defect in MULLI's Feed Pump can be made good by ships staff. Expect to sail for Plymouth 0900 tomorrow Tuesday 5th March. Further signal will be made.  
(NIGELLA 041230Z to F.O.G.M.A.)

FLAMBOROUGH  
HEAD  
Maintenance  
escort on  
passage to  
U.K. from  
B.P.F.

Sail 1200A 6th March via Necri routes to Sheerness for O/R Rosyth. A.M. 201750 Feb. refers.  
2. Speed 10½ E.T.A. p.m. 11th March.  
6. Acknowledge.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 041447A to FLAMBOROUGH HEAD.)

Frigates  
en route  
to U.S.A.

My 281805Z H.M. Ships LAWSON, LOUIS, INGLIS sailed 1430Z today.  
(Consul Ponta Delgada 041700Z to Admiralty.)

CURZON  
Frigate  
with landing  
craft on  
passage  
to U.S.A.

Arrivals Bermuda 4th March. 1400Z CURZON.  
H.M.R.T. ASPIRANT L.C.I.(L)'s 112, 141, 149, 250, 274, 376, 380, 388, and L.C.S's 275, 242.  
2200Z. H.M.R.T. FAVOURITE and L.C.I.(L) 181.  
(Com. i/c Bermuda 042201Z to C. in C. A.W.I.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

I.S. Sitrep No. 33A. Attempt postponed as ship  
GRADISCA would be unmanageable in present weather. Sitrep  
Ashore on No. 33 para. 2 refers.  
Gavdo Is. 2. Spray is reaching boat deck of GRADISCA.  
(Salvage) 3. Weather wind south east force 7 sea rough  
long moderate swell.  
(HAYDON 041130B to F.O.L.E.M. C. in C. Med.)  
Sitrep Number 34.  
Towing attempted from 1430 to 1848. Ship appeared  
to pivot about number two hold and to be free both forward and  
aft, particularly latter. Before abandoning attempt for the night  
MARAUDER tried to haul stern off without success.  
2. Next attempt will be made with both MARAUDER and SALVENTURE  
towing from same end of GRADISCA.  
3. GRADISCA has been pounding aft, and seems to have a little  
water in engine or boiler room, exact inlet unknown. Weather  
wind, west force 5, moderate swell.  
(HAYDON 041932B to F.O.L.E.M.)

FREESIA Cancel my 191126 Feb.  
Corvette 2. Sail at 1430A 4th March for engine trials  
on passage on completion closing breakwater to land trials  
to U.K. party KHM is requested to provide boat when  
from E.I. requested. Then proceed to Gibraltar by appropriate  
and for Medri route for onward routeing to U.K.  
reserve. 3. Speed 10 knots. reporting E.T.A.  
5. Acknowledge.  
(C. in C. Med. 041134A to FREESIA.)

TULIP Sail at 0900 5th March by appropriate Medri route  
Corvette to Gibraltar for onward routeing to Portsmouth.  
on passage 2. Speed 10 knots. E.T.A. Gibraltar 1200 9th  
to U.K. March.  
and reserve 4. Acknowledge.  
from E.I. (C. in C. Med. 041207A to TULIP.)

BLENHEIM Sail at 0930A 6th March to swing to adjust  
destroyer compasses closing breakwater on completion to  
depot ship disembark swining officer KHM is requested to  
on passage provide boat then proceed by appropriate Medri  
to U.K. route to Gibraltar for onward routeing to U.K.  
2. Speed 8 knots or better reporting E.T.A.  
Gibraltar.  
4. Acknowledge.  
(C. in C. Med. 041215A to BLENHEIM. F.O.G.M.A.  
Admiralty.)

3rd Dest. Sail at 0800A 6th March in MILNE with MARNE in  
Flotilla company by appropriate Medri routes to Trieste.  
to Trieste. My 281628 Feb.(N.T. in W.D.) not to Admiralty  
refers.  
2. Speed 14 knots. E.T.A. 1800A 8th.  
4. Acknowledge.  
(C. in C. Med. 041235A to Capt. (D) 3.)

/Alexandria...

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean contd...

Alexandria  
rioting.

Alexandria Situation 1800.  
Crowds began assembling early a.m. and by 1100 reached some 5,000. First Naval incident reported was hauling down White ensign at Atlantic Hotel (Naval Establishment). Annexe to Hotel was set on fire and small guard and personnel were forced to take refuge nearby. Fire extinguished by 1245 although crowds resisted efforts by Egyptian Police to disperse them and allow fire engine through. Slight injuries amongst guard.  
2. Crowds subsequently attacked and set fire to British Military Police Post. Military Police forced to fire and in making their escape two were killed. Attempts also made to set fire to restaurants.  
(F.O.L.E.M. 041933 to C. in C. Med. Admiralty. Athens C.C.O.)

AURORA and  
SIRIUS  
cruisers  
and reliefs  
for.

AURORA and SIRIUS are required to return to U.K. mid-April and mid-May respectively. Their reliefs, MAURITIUS and PHOEBE, will not be worked up on the Mediterranean Station respectively before end May and July or August.  
2. C. in C. Home Fleet is therefore requested to provide a Home Fleet Cruiser for duty in the Mediterranean from 15th April until 14 days after arrival of PHOEBE. The cruiser to be relieved as necessary during this period to adjust complement but relief to be made as infrequently as practicable - see para. 2 of C. in C. Med. 021058 not to all.  
3. C. in C. Home Fleet is requested to report in due course names of cruisers detailed and expected periods of service in Mediterranean. Two Home Fleet DIDO class cruisers will be required to take party in Victory celebrations at Home.  
4. Approved to inform SIRIUS as proposed by C. in C. Med.  
(A.C.N.S.(O) 042016 to C. in C.H.F. C. in C. Med. C.S.15. C.S.10.)

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East Indies.

Movements Arrived H.M.S.A.S. TRANSVAAL and GOOD HOPE  
S.A.frigates. 0700C 3rd March.  
(Navy. Mombasa 040901 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.  
C. in C.S.A.)

Weekly 1. Current Operations.  
Rep. of A. Serial 17 Rhio Strait 11th M.S.T. sailed from  
M/S No.11. Singapore 3rd March to resume operations.  
B. Serial 19 Banka Strait 7th M.S.F. completed  
check sweep T.F. Eastern half of E.M.I. 297 on  
28th Feb. sweeping one moored mine and have  
started magnetic sweeping for Allied mines with negative result  
to date.  
C. Serial 21. Nicobars. 37th M.S.F. expect to resume  
operations in a fortnight's time.  
D. Serial 25. Tenassorim coast (my 011103 refers) 6th M.S.F.  
sailed from Singapore 2nd March.  
E. Serial F and H. Penang. 166th M.S.F. completed serial  
on 28th Feb. detonating a total of 11 Allied magnetic mines  
in south channel.  
F. Serial J. Dindings area 152 and M.S.F. detonated one Allied  
magnetic mine on 26th Feb. Flotilla proceeded Penang for  
maintenance and repairs same day.  
G. Serial L. Moulmein River M.M.S. M.F. Force 18 detonated  
total of Allied magnetic mines by 27th Feb. S.O. of Force 18  
has requested services of P.P. Unit now at Singapore.  
2. Future operations nothing to report.  
(F.O.M.F.A. 041025 to C. in C.E.I.)

Dutch Ref. 548C take L.C.T's 1055 and 1175 under your  
Destroyer orders and sail from Bali as follows.  
KORTENAER. (A) 0700GH 5.  
(B) Sourabaya.  
(C) 7 knots.  
(G) Request 250 tons fuel immediately on arrival  
request N.O.I.C. Sourabaya sail KORTENAER for Sydney via Thursday  
Island immediately after fuelling.  
Acknowledge.  
(S.N.O.D.Bali 041203GH to KORTENAER.)

Chittagong H.M.I.S. PATUNCA R.I.N. Base Chittagong will  
R.I.N.Base close down as from p.m. Friday 8th March 1946.  
to close It is requested that authority concerned cease  
down. despatch of further correspondence.  
N.H.Q.(I)'s 131509 and 261034EF, not to all refers.  
(N.O.I.C. Chittagong 041413FG to N.H.Q.(I)  
Admiralty.)

M.F.V's My 021309GH/ being passed to ASSIDUOUS for  
on passage EMINENT read ASSIDUOUS.  
to Labuan 2. Sailing delayed 24 hours.  
Borneo. (F.O.M.F.A. 041532 to ASSIDUOUS, EMINENT.)  
/ Sailing of M.F.V's under orders of EMINENT.

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Monday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

CAISTOR  
CASTLE  
frigate  
escorting  
L.C.I.(L)'s  
for return  
to U.S.A.

E.T.A. Ambrose Light Vessel 1900Z L.C.I.(L)'s  
in company.  
(CAISTOR CASTLE 041230Z to B.N.L.O. New York.)

Jamaica  
Sit. Rep.

Bustamente B.I.T.U. have now confused situation  
by strike of dockers and banana workers. P.N.P.  
strikers show signs of returning.  
2. Governor has asked me to stay extra 2 days  
but present situation which being political may  
simmer for weeks does not seem to me to warrant this.  
3. Am anchoring Kingston at 0830 5th March and seeing Governor  
but unless he has strong reasons intend sailing p.m. for Trinidad.  
(FROBISHER 042121R to C. in C. A.W.I.)  
Sailed MONTEGO BAY for Kingston Jamaica.  
(FROBISHER 042317Z to C. in C. A.W.I. Admiralty.)

Far East and Australia.

BEAULY  
FIRTH  
Aircraft  
engine  
repair  
ship.

Departed Sydney 2100Z 4th March BEAULY FIRTH  
for Melbourne F.O.S.A. 060636 Jan. refers. Route  
direct. S.O.A. 10 knots. E.T.A. Port Phillip  
Head 1300G 7th March.  
(F.O.I.C. Sydney 042145 to N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne  
A.C.N.B. A.C.One. F.O.N.A.P.)

S/M's  
VIRTUE  
VOX  
VORACIOUS  
for passage  
to U.K.

Your 281003 was crossed by my 280446. Submarine  
E.T.A. Fremantle 9th March. Onward programme  
depends upon defects in VIRTUE.  
(F.O.S.A. 040301Z to C. in C. B.P.F. F.O.S/M.)  
Request present location and future programme  
of VOX, VORACIOUS and VIRTUE.



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Tuesday.

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SITUATION REPORT.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Alexandria  
unrest at.

Attacks on the United Forces club were dispersed today by the Egyptian Police - Students seized some buses and drove round town but did little beyond shouting.

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Tuesday.

GENERAL.

New Officers  
pay code.

Hd. of C.W.II 052045 to C. in C's Home and Abroad  
Adml. Air. Adml. Submarines. F.O.C. R.F.  
V.A.(Q) B.P.F.  
See Lion Copy.

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052045/March

TO: Commanders in Chief,  
Home and Abroad  
Admiral (Air)  
Admiral (Submarines)  
F.O.C.R.F.  
V.A.(Q) B.P.F.

DATE: 5.3.46.

RECIRCULATIONNAVAL CYPHER (X) & P/L

FROM: Admiralty

IMPORTANT

A.M. 021302.

It is possible that some comment may be made on publication of the new officers' pay code because in a large number of cases the officers' rates show a higher level than the present rates, including war service increments, whereas this is not so in the ratings' code.

2. In studying the new codes of pay of both officers and men it is important to compare them with the pre-war codes rather than with present rates including war service increments. The following points should therefore be borne in mind -

- (a) During the war, increases of basic pay have been granted to junior officers only;
- (b) War service increments for officers were proportionately much smaller than those granted to men;
- (c) Officers received no war bonus.

3. The average percentage increase over 1939 rates for the majority of officers and men is of the following order: Men, 40 to 60 per cent., officers, 5 to 30 per cent., including spread over value of allowances absorbed in basic pay in both cases.

4. The above may be communicated to Commanding Officers.

052045

Hd. of C.W.II  
Q.A.M. 525Full Admiralty Distribution  
London and Bath

WD.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

NIGELLA  
Corvette  
on passage  
to U.K.  
for.

Sailed Oporto 0900Z Tuesday 5th March.  
E.T.A. Plymouth 1700Z Friday 8th March.  
(NIGELLA 050917 to F.O.G.M.A.)

MAGPIE  
A.A.Sloop  
and  
A.F.D.32.

Intend to sail MAGPIE 1400A 5th March to  
Mers-El-Kebir. E.T.A. first light 6 March.  
2. Ship is to act as accommodation ship to crew  
of A.F.D.32 and embark stores from ~~BUCK~~ in  
accordance with C.A.F.O. 10146 prior to arrival  
of American crew.  
3. U.S. relief crew is on board tugs OSOPELEA  
and HOI now arriving Oran 0900A 7th March.  
4. On completion of turnover MAGPIE is to sail to Gibraltar  
with dock personnel and stores on board.  
6. C. in C. Med's 261058 Feb. and 021235, neither to all refers.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 051212A to SOKOL P.S. A.F.D. 32. Comar Oran.)

MULL OF  
GALLOWAY  
Motor craft  
maintenance  
ship on  
passage to  
U.K. from  
E.I.

Sail 1800A March 5th via Necri routes to Clyde  
for Gareloch (A.M. 131601 not to C. in C. Plymouth  
refers).  
2. Speed 7. E.T.A. a.m. 14th March.  
6. Acknowledge.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 051438A to MULL OF GALLOWAY.)

South Atlantic.

TEST  
Frigate  
transfer  
to R.I.N.

My 011224. Intend to sail TEST from Simonstown  
on March 8th. Add 6 days to programme in my  
281643.  
(C. in C.S.A. 051452 to Admiralty.)

INDEFATIGABLE  
A.C.  
UNDAUNTED  
destroyer  
(for reserve)  
on passage  
to U.K.  
from B.P.F.

Arrival/Departure UNDAUNTED 1100 5th for r/v  
with INDEFATIGABLE off Sierra Leone.  
F.O.S.A.S. 110054 Jan. INDEFATIGABLE's 221111 Feb.  
not to all and C. in C.S.A's 241135 Feb. refer.  
(S.O.(I) Freetown 051645 to Admiralty.)

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Tuesday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

VALKYRIEN  
Salvage  
vessel on  
passage  
to U.K.

VALKYRIEN sail at 0900A 6th March by appropriate Medri route to Algiers for onward routeing to Gibraltar and Southampton.  
2. Speed 7 knots. Report E.T.A. to Almed repeated Comar Algiers, B.N.L.O. Algiers, F.O.G.M.A. and C. in C. Med.  
5. Should weather or circumstances necessitate VALKYRIEN may shelter in North African ports en route, reporting her intentions.  
6. VALKYRIEN acknowledge.  
(C. in C. Med. 051121 to VALKYRIEN Comar, Algiers.)

Alexandria  
F.O.L.E.M.  
not to sail  
in OCEAN  
for exercises.

As this is not a suitable time for me to leave Egypt, I shall not sail in OCEAN tomorrow Wednesday.  
2. All arrangements for exercises are to stand, and Captain Johns of OCEAN is to take charge and conduct exercises as arranged. My 271805 Feb. to OCEAN refers.  
3. My 031924 and my 031713 to C. in C. Med. Admiralty is cancelled. I intend to visit Haifa and Beirut later.  
(F.O.L.E.M. 051313 to C. in C. Med.)

AURORA  
Cruiser.

AURORA will not be available to take part in exercises. My 271805 Feb.  
(F.O.L.E.M. 051645 to OCEAN, C. in C. Med.)

Alexandria  
Sit. report.

Alexandria 1900 crowds collected during the day. Some students siezed buses and drove round town but did little beyond shouting. Attacks on the United Forces club were dispersed by the Egyptian Police. Some more shops had windows smashed. Students appeared to be hanging back today leaving hooligan elements to take charge. Students possible influenced by presence of Sidky Pasha who left for Cairo at 1900. No movements of British personnel permitted.  
(F.O.L.E.M. 052005B to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

French escorts and A.M.C. Movements.

Arrivals: F.S. LA CAPRICIEUSE.  
F.S. LA GRACIEUSE.  
F.S. CAP DES PALMES.  
Departures: Nil.  
(F.O. Ceylon 050725 to Admiralty.)

Cochin Flag of R. Adml. Bevir struck.

Flag of Rear Admiral Bevir was struck at sunset on Monday 4th March in accordance with S.O.R.N.E. is 270996/2/46 not to Admiralty.  
(S.R.N.O. Cochin 050830 to C. in C.E.I.)

LOCH KATRINE  
LOCH TARBERT  
for U.K.

Intend LOCH KATRINE and LOCH TARBERT shall leave Ceylon for U.K. 25th March.  
2. F.O.M.F.A. is requested to sail LOCH TARBERT without relief to arrive Trincomalee 18th March.  
(C. in C.E.I. 051050EF to LOCH KATRINE LOCH TARBERT.)

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

548C of 29.12.45.  
Take TENACIOUS under your orders and sail from Bombay as follows:  
(A) 0730EF 7th March.  
(B) Aden.  
(C) 14 knots.  
(G) Onward routing U.K. Acknowledge.  
(F.O. Bombay 051103EF to UNDINE. Admiralty, C. in C. E.I.)

Sitrep 764.

091806 1491 OPS cipher 5th March.  
First. Burma. N.T.R.  
Second. Malaya.

Seven Div. ops. to clear area Kenering VD 8625 continues. Own tps. lost contact with bandits 28th Feb. every effort being made to regain contact report awaited. Two Div. Six Bde. Bde. H.Q. closed Johore Nahru re-opened Seremban 2nd March. One R.S. less two coys. Johore Nahru to Seremban 2nd March two coys. to Julla Pilah. Two Recce less one sqn. Singapore to Johore Nahru one sqn. to Pontian Kechil V.P. 2931. Seven Div. 33 Bde. 4/15 Punjab less two coys. Lenggong one coy. Grik one coy. Lawin V.D. 8657. 4th March two coys. 4/1 G.R. ex Tanjong Malim to Taiping one sqn. 16 Cav. less one troop to Kuala Kangsan one troop to Betong. 74 (or 34) Bde. 14 Baluch move Betong QY 8713 ex Sungei Patani. One coy. 3/2 GR to Haad Yai QT 1265. 89 Bde. Bde. H.Q. closed Seremban 3rd March and re-opened Kuala Lipis same date. One Sikh less two coys. to Batu Arang 3rd March and come under comd. Selangor sub. area one coy. to Kalang one coy. to Port Swettenham. H.Q. 51 Bde. closed Kuala Lipis 3rd March and moved to Port Swettenham prior to embarkation. 30 Mtn. Regt. and 33 Mtn. Regt. to Port Swettenham embarking 2nd March.

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East Indies. contd...

Sitrep 764. Third. Nei. Outer Islands.  
Celebes. Two Dutch pls. moved by air to  
Gorontalo ex Nalikpapan.  
Ambon. After disturbances Ambonese and Javanese  
tps. situation now quiet. Javanese coy. disarmed.  
Java. Sourabaya. 9 Bde. Small patrol clashes. 123 Bde.  
Patrol engaged by approx. one hundred and fifty enemy with  
M.M.G. and mortars road 306816. Own cas. two I.O.R. wounded.  
Semarang. Enemy movement to east and south. Approx. one hundred  
enemy attacked own posts area Gommel Hill 966059 night 2/3 March.  
Arty. engaged. Enemy repulsed.  
Bandoeng. Small clashes.  
Buitenzorg. Bridging party convoy ambushed eight miles  
north of Buitenzorg 3rd March. one I.O.R. wounded. At  
Tjigembong (or Thihembong) Q.W. 9438 convoy captured twelve  
Indonesians carrying British arms and ammn.  
Batavia. Night 1/2 March one hundred Indonesians attempted  
bribe way into forward maintenance area through Jap posns.  
Attempt unsuccessful. Pemoedas attacked guard Kramet R.A.P.W.I.  
camp 3rd March. Four Ambonese sentries killed. Two coys. own  
troops with tks. cleared area Bali. Landing and occupation  
proceeding most satisfactorily. Force H.Q. two Dutch Bns. and  
Dutch Naval coy. est. ashore. All Rajahs except one appear  
co-operative.  
Sumatra. Padang and Modan. N.T.R.  
Palembang. Missing naval offrs. not recovered.  
Bangka. Dutch op. to clear last T.R.I. stronghold south east  
tip of island successful. Dutch cas. nil.  
Fourth. All other comds. N.T.R.  
All informed.  
(Alfsea 051130GH to W.O. C. in C.E.I. etc.,)

Dutch S/M 548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Trincomalee as  
O.24 follows:  
for return (A) 1500EF 7th March.  
to Holland. (B) Aden for onward routeing to Rotterdam.  
(C) 12 knots.  
(E) Constant V.  
Acknowledge.  
(C. in C.E.I. 051209 to O.24 D.S.)

Oprep. 091808 O 2048 cypher 5th March.  
To 0800 hrs. 5th March, 1946. Outer Islands.  
A. Celebes. Dutch patrol to Kanandede 120 degs.  
E. 2 degs. 35 mins. S. clashed with armed band.

All other areas N.T.R.  
To D. N.T.R.  
Sumatra. N.T.R.  
East Java. 9 Inf. Bde. N.T.R. 123 Ind. Bde. Own patrol engaged  
by enemy with M.M.G. area 3873 one I.O.R. wounded. Arty. engaged  
road block manned with armed Indon. 307816.  
B. to C. N.T.R.  
D. 3/9 G.R. less four coys. 18773 coys. 355775 495762 328819  
511770.  
Central Java. N.T.R.  
West Java. A. Batavia. During night R.A.P.W.I. camp  
Struiswijk 024986 attacked with S.A and grens. Guard repulsed  
attack.

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East Indies contd...

Oprep. One coy. with tanks searched area met armed opposition by approximately 100 Indon. 025983 own cas. 1 V.C.O. killed 3 I.O.Rs wounded. Area being cleared today if unrest continues. During clearing of Kramat area 3rd March sporadic fire met from estimated opposition 25 rifles 1 automatic own cas. 1 V.C.O. wounded. New scheme for control looting mid Batavia resulted 12 arrests. Buitenzorg. All quiet. Few shots fired at sups. convoy north of Tjibahak no cas. Shots fired at 13L convoy approaching Fersy site QX.5427 one B.O.R. one I.O.R. wounded. Crossing now delayed one day but Shermans crossed this morning (?excl. sub) tanks.

Bandoeng. (?word corrupt) main Lembang road firing heard but not directed at own troops. Patet patrol fired at by approximately pl. strength of Indon. thought to be led by Jap. this not confirmed. Shots fired at position coy. 3810 GR scattered by L.M.G. fire. Indon. reported (?sniping) positions Tjimahi 818188.

R.A.P.W.I. 62 (or 22) Batavia to Holland. 6 Batavia to Sourabaya. 7 Suims from Batavia to Switzerland. 7 Batavia to Bandoeng, all infm.  
(Afnei 051600 to Alfsea. Sacsea.)

CHASER 548C of 29.12.45. sail from Aden as follows:  
G.P. Carrier (A) 0630C 6th.  
on passage (B) Suez for U.K.  
to U.K. (C) 16 knots.  
Acknowledge.  
(Com. Aden. 051701 to CHASER.)



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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

FROBISHER. Arrived Kingston Jamaica and sailed for Trinidad.  
(FROBISHER 051250R to C. in C. A.W.I. Admiralty.  
C, in C. Portsmouth.)  
Am proceeding Trinidad. My 042121/ refers.  
2. Have instructed S.O.(I) Kingston to make  
brief situation report to C. in C. A. & W.I. daily.  
(FROBISHER 052230Z to C. in C. A & W.I. Admiralty.)  
/ Jamaica situation report.

U.S. Dispositions C.R. No. 5445.  
Atlantic. Change my 262050/. Atlantic, Serial 220.  
HOUSTON, RANDOLPH, MACON in New Port.  
PRINCETON, FARGO. in Guantanamo.  
SHANGRI LA, SUWANNEE. in Norfolk.  
AUGUSTA. in Philadelphia.  
WHITE PLAINS, SHAMROCK BAY in Boston.  
KALININ BAY in Jacksonville.  
SAVO ISLAND. in Coco Solo.  
NEW YORK, MISSOURI, SOLOMONS, HOGGATT BAY,  
RUDYERD BAY, at sea.  
(C.N.O. 052240 to Admiralty, Comnavcu.)  
/ Change my 192117. Atlantic Serial 219.  
TARAWA F.D. ROOSEVELT in Guantanamo etc.,

Far East and Australia.

Movement. Arrived Shanghai March 4th SWIFTSURE.  
(S.O. Force "S" 050254 to C. in C. B.P.F. Admiralty)

GAMBIA and ACHILLES Cruisers. Ref. Pink List 29th Oct. 1945. page 61 and Red  
List Part two 16th Oct. 1945, pages 57 and 58,  
No change.  
2. GAMBIA on passage to U.K. to pay off.  
ACHILLES arrived Auckland 17th March and reverts  
to R.N.Z.N.  
(N.Z.N.B. 050248Z to Admiralty.)

URANIA destroyer on passage to U.K. and reserve. Departed Sydney 0630Z 5th March. URANIA for  
Melbourne F.O.S.A. 280704/ refers, route direct.  
S.O.A. 14 knots. E.T.A. Port Phillip Head  
0700K Thursday 7th March.  
(F.O.I.C. Sydney 050616Z to N.O.I.C. Port  
Melbourne.)  
/ Sailing ULYSSES for U.K.

# SECRET

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From: UKNA

050812Z/March

Date: 503.46

Recd: 0812

Naval Code (X)

To: Admiralty  
Info: C.O.I.S. Britpacflt, S.O.I East Indies, C.O.I.S.  
B.A.D. Washington.

## IMPORTANT

*Handwritten:* My 020355

- Handwritten:* these facilities in use in TONE.
- (1) Captain of TONE has admitted
  - (A) Fifteen survivors of BEHAR including two white women were landed at Batavia.
  - (B) All remaining survivors were killed on board TONE
  - (C) Killing was in accordance with operation orders issued by Admiral Takasu C.in C. Southwest Area Fleet who is dead
  - (D) Executive order for killing was given by Vice Admiral Sakonju repetition Sakonju Commanding Japanese 16 Squadron.
- (2) Appropriate action is being taken in regard to all personnel involved. Request no ~~repetition~~ no publicity while investigation is in progress.

U.K.N.A 050812Z

Note by W.R. Signal received without indication that Admiralty is in address, consequently signal not decoded until after receipt of reference by B.A.D. UNKA's 020355 cannot be identified in W.R. and repetition has been requested. Message was received as Restricted and has been upgraded to SECRET by W.R.

1st Lord  
1st S.L. (3)  
V.C.N.S.  
A.C.N.S.(0)  
Secretary  
U.S.S.  
D of P (3)  
D.N.I. (5)  
O.I.C. (2)  
M (6)  
N.L.  
C.N.I. (2) for action  
W.D

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

South Atlantic.

HINNOY and  
LEVANTER  
Whalers  
for return  
to U.K. and  
Norway.

My 031155. HINNOY and LEVANTER sail S.O.A.  
9 knots. Keeping wireless watch on 500 kc/s  
double operator international periods. E.T.A.  
Walvis Bay March 9th. Programme in para. 2. of  
my 211018 Feb. should be amended accordingly.  
(2) Reporting Officers Walvis Lobito and Pointe  
Noire have been informed.  
(C. in C.S.A. 061214 to Admiralty. C. in C.  
Plymouth. S.B.N.O. Norway.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

WIGTOWN BAY  
escorting a  
ship for the  
Turkish Navy.

Destroyer

Sail at 0800B today to Istanbul to comply with C. in C. Meds. 011103. Acknowledge. (Greno Piraeus 060615B to WIGTOWN BAY.)

SIRIUS  
(Cruiser).

Sail at 1100A 8th March to carry out D/F calibration in vicinity of St. Pauls Bay. Anchor for the night in St. Pauls Bay.

2. Weigh and proceed at 0530A 9th as direct as safe navigation permits to Haifa.

3. Speed 16 knots. E.T.A. 1030B 12th March.

5. Acknowledge.

(C. in C. Med. 060949 to SIRIUS, AURORA, F.O.C/S.15.)

Minesweepers  
for Yugoslav  
Navy.

Cancel my 282130A Feb.

Am now informed that separate and adequate acceptance was sent Washington and should have arrived by March 1st.

Admiralty pass to B.A.D. Washington.

(B.N.R. Belgrade 061015A to C. in C. Med.)

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

Sail at 1700B 6th March to Malta speed 16 knots.

E.T.A. p.m. 9th March. Report accurate E.T.A. to C. in C. Med. when known. Acknowledge.

(N.O.I.C. Port Said 061114B to REAPER. Admiralty.)

LAGOS  
destroyer  
on passage  
to B.P.F.

Sail at 0600B 7th March 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 061115B to LAGOS.)

PIONEER  
Aircraft  
maintenance  
ship on  
passage  
to U.K.

548C of 29.12.45.

Sailed from Singapore as follows:

(A) 1000GH 8th March.

(B) Aden for onward routeing to U.K.

(C) 14 knots.

(G) Acknowledge.

(F.O.M.F.A. 061157GH to PIONEER.)

MAHAROUSSA  
King of  
Egypt's Yacht  
modernisation  
of etc.,

Your 211524 Jan. para. 8. King of Egypt's yacht MAHAROUSSA can be refitted and modernised by British firm of ship repairers. Firm to be selected depends on date on which yacht can be made available but suggest Palmers of Hebburn.

2. Please report on present condition of yacht and work likely to be required. If you are satisfied that this is reasonable you should

inform the King that work can be undertaken in England.

3. When can MAHAROUSSA be made available.

4. Presume King will pay.

(Hd. of M.I. 061253 to F.O.L.E.M. C. in C. Med.) see 101150B April

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Mediterranean contd...

DULLISK  
COVE  
Hull repair  
ship on  
passage from  
B.P.F. to  
U.K.

Sail at 0830B 7th March to Gibraltar speed 8.5 knots. E.T.A. a.m. 17th. Report accurate E.T.A. to F.O.G.M.A. when known. Acknowledge. (N.O.I.C. Port Said 061555B to DULLISK COVE Admiralty.)

SIRIUS  
and  
AURORA  
cruisers  
to return  
to U.K.

According to present arrangements, it is intended that AURORA shall return to U.K. in mid April, and SIRIUS about mid May. 2. Ratings in SIRIUS due to be released before 30th April will be exchanged in AURORA in accordance with 251B of 22nd Feb. (C. in C. Med. 061648A to SIRIUS, AURORA.)

PORTLAND  
BILL  
Armament  
maintenance  
ship.

Your 181042/ estimated date of release of PORTLAND BILL earliest 1st July latest 1st Sept. 1946 and is dependent on installation of armament and torpedo depot workshop machinery in Naval Base. (F.O.M.F.A. 061711 to Admiralty. Ad. Bath.)  
/ Request release date of PORTLAND BILL.

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East Indies.

Salvage  
vessels.

Ref. F.O.L.E.M's 031522 (not to all) on relief by OCEAN SALVOR, CONFEDERATE should be sailed at the earliest opportunity to Alexandria.  
2. On arrival at Alexandria she should embark the original equipment of VALKYRIEN which is in store there.

3. Arrangements are in train for the release and disposal of CONFEDERATE. Details will be communicated later.  
(D. of S. 060035 to C. in C.E.I. C. in C. Med.) *See 291504 (Med).*

SUSSEX  
cruiser  
on passage  
to U.K.

548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Colombo as follows:  
(A) As convenient p.m. 6th March.  
(B) Aden.  
(C) 16 knots. Acknowledge.  
(F.O. Ceylon 060841 to SUSSEX.)

SEFTON  
L.S.I.(L)  
for passage  
to U.K.

F.O.M.F.A's 021551, not to all.  
Intend following programme for SEFTON on passage to U.K.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
-	Singapore.	10th March.
16th March.	Colombo.	20th March.
(?28th March)	Bombay.	(?25th March.)
31st March.	Aden.	1st April.
5th April.	Suez.	6th April.
6th April.	Port Said.	7th April.
13th April.	Gibraltar.	14th April.
16th April.	Portsmouth.	-

2. Fuel at Colombo, Bombay, Aden, Port Said.  
3. Embark stores at Colombo and Bombay.  
(C. in C.E.I. 060931 to Admiralty. C. in C. Med. C. in C. Portsmouth.)

PIONEER  
Aircraft  
maintenance  
ship on  
passage  
to U.K.

548C of 29.12.45. sail from Singapore as follows:  
(A) 1000GH 8th March.  
(B) Aden for onward routeing to U.K.  
(C) 14 knots.  
(G) Acknowledge.  
(F.O.M.F.A. 061157GH to PIONEER.)

Bali  
Op Progress  
report.

091930 1521 Ops Cypher 6th March.  
First. 24th Feb. Formal surrender of Japanese Comd. to Rep. British Mission.  
Second. 28 Feb. British Mission held conference with Federation of Rajahs. Federation agreed to take over C.I.V. Admin. All Rajahs friendly and co-operative excluding Bandoeng.

Third. 1 March. Small scale looting and arson by young terrorists area Gianja XG 3637.

Fourth. 2 March. 0755 hours first flight of Dutch Landing Force ashore on Sanoer Beach XG 3822. No opposition. Force H.Q. established Denpasar XG 2424 at 0905 hours. Situation reported quiet. Dutch Forces are ex P.W. from Siam and consist of two Dutch Inf. Bns. and one Indp. Naval Coy.

/Fifth...

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East Indies contd...

Bali Op. Fifth. 3 March. Three Rajahs request the  
Progress presence of Dutch Troops in their States,  
report. Situation reported as most satisfactory.  
Sixth. Full report of progress of Ops. Present  
dispositions. Cas. Future planning. Civil  
reaction has been called for.  
(Alfsea 061230 to W.O. Sacsea.)

Programme of Dutch S/M O.21 from Fremantle to Rotterdam carrying ex P.O.Ws. and other Naval personnel.	S.O. R.N.N. Melbourne's O30540 not to all. Concurred following sailing plan for H.N.M. S/M O.21 homeward bound from Fremantle on 13th March with ex P.O.W's. and other naval personnel due for repatriation.																								
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All dates are approx. subject to alterations if necessary  
at C.O's discretion.

3. C. in C. R.N.N. Holland will take over operational control  
of O.21 on departure from Port Said and is requested to arrange  
for alterations in sailing plan on further voyage if required.
4. O.21 is instructed to report expected time of arrival and  
requirements to authorities concerned (R) to me at least 24 hours  
in advance. Request she will be granted the necessary facilities.
6. O.21 is to report whether a British Liaison staff will take  
passage on this voyage.

(C. in C. R.N.N.E. 061305GH to C. in C.E.I.) See 140754 (FRRA)  
+ 281121 (E1)

- Oprep. O2061. Cipher 6th March. 091967.  
For M.O.12.  
To 0800 hrs 6th March 1946.  
Outer Islands. A. All areas N.T.R.
- B. Nica Broadcast Station now installed Balikpapan working  
on nine point four M/C between 2000 and 2200 hrs.
- C. N.T.R.
- D. One Dutch P.L. ex Batavia left Balikpapan by air 4th March  
for Gorontalo. Second P.L. left 5th March.
- Sumatra.
- A. Padang. Ord. dump raided by Indon. area 302968 eight rifles  
stolen. Bangka. Convoy from Muntok met slight fire near  
Tetalang. All other areas quiet.
- East Java.
- A. Sourabaya. 9 Bgde. Own patrol engaged by approx. 150 Indons.  
with many automatics from A Kampong south of road 442693.  
Patrol withdrew to Kietek. Own cas. two I.O.Rs. killed five  
wounded. Patrol from Gendajgan found trees felled along road  
and bridge 545662 (or 547642) blown. 5 rounds enemy 75 M.M.  
fell Soeni 509654. 123 Brigade. Arty. engaged party enemy  
Gopang (or Lopang) 3869. Own patrol with arty. engaged enemy  
386736. Own cas. one wounded. Road blocks 307816 mortared  
and shelled. Inter Coy. reliefs took place without incident.

/Bali...

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Oprep. Bali Tambanaa XG 1437 (or 1431) and Kloengkoeng XG 4536 visited without incident. Pemoedas from Bangli XG 3946 attacked Pemoedas at Kloengkoeng. Pemoedas attacked Japs Bedahoeloe XG 3238. Giandjar XG 3636 occupied by one Coy. without incident.

B. to D. N.T.R.  
Central Java.  
A. East Semarang. Light patrol activity during past 24 hours. South Semarang. Indon. patrol dispersed by own troops 902776 own patrols report area north and east of road 958043 now clear of Indon troops.  
B. to D. N.T.R.  
West Java.  
A. Batavia. Kramat Area quiet. Own patrols recce area east and south of the R.A.P.W.I. camp 024987. All quiet. Buitenzorg, and Bandoeng not yet received. R.A.P.W.I. 44 from Batavia to Billiton. 6 from Batavia to Singapore. 94 from Batavia S.E. Bandjermasin. (Alfnei 061510 to Alfsea.Sacsea. W.O.)

French escort vessels  
LA GRACIEUSE  
LA CAPRICIEUSE  
for F.I.China. Ref. 548C of 29.12.45. Take <sup>LA</sup>CAPRICIEUSE under your orders and sail from Colombo as follows:  
(A) 1700EF March 7th.  
(B) Singapore.  
(C) 12 knots.  
Acknowledge.  
(F.O. Ceylon 061520EF to LA GRACIEUSE, Admiralty, C. in C.E.I.)  
(Cancelled by 071521.)

TERPSICHORE destroyer on passage to U.K. from B.P.F. and for reserve. 548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Bombay as follows:  
(A) 1200EF 8th March.  
(B) Aden.  
(C) 16 knots.  
(G) Onward routeing to U.K.  
Acknowledge.  
(F.O. Bombay 061547EF to TERPSICHORE.)

S.O. Force 69 lapse of. My 271508EF/Nov. 1945. The title of S.O. Force 69 has lapsed.  
/ Title of S.O. Force 69 will be used for Movement of British Forces into Borneo and Celebes.  
(C. in C.E.I. 061621 to F.O.M.F.A. S.O.R.L.C. Admiralty. R.N.O. Saigon. C.S.5. N.O.I.C. Bangkok.)

Commodore (D) East Indies lapse of appointment. The appointment of Commodore (D) East Indies will lapse on 11th March.  
2. The administration of DUNCANSBY HEAD and frigates will be transferred to Commanding Officer, H.M.S. WOOLWICH as from 7th March.



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East Indies contd...

Commodore  
(D) East  
Indies  
lapse of  
appointment.

3. From 9th March the administration of destroyers will be carried out by Captain (D) 6 direct to Commander-in-chief.

4. The administration of Frigates will be conducted through Senior Officer Frigates (short title S.O.F.) Commander J.E. Fenton O.B.E. R.N. has been appointed LOCH QUOICH in command and as Senior Officer Frigates.  
(C. in C.E.I. 061639EF to All R.N. Ships and Establishments.)

# MESSAGE.

Rec 219.3.45 E.I.  
~~22A.~~  
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061201/March

From C. in C. E.I.

Date: 18.3.46

Recd: no T.O.R.

Naval Code (Y)

To N.O.i/c Kilindini  
Info F.O. Bombay S.P.N.O. Bombay Admiralty

N.W.D.

Your 041554.

- to be towed  
of  
by hulk  
from  
Kilindini*
1. In that case towage should be limited to the H.M.S. CLYDE the largest S/M.
  2. There is no possibility of providing another (?at sea) till after the southwest monsoon.
  3. Request Admiralty will authorize disposal by sinking of H.M.S. ROVER and H.M.S. OSIRIS.

061201 See 091201.

Delayed in War Registry owing to non receipt of reference. See also N.O.i/c Kilindini's 091201

1st S.I. (3)  
D.F.S.I.  
Controller  
V.C.N.S.  
A.C.N.S. (O)  
A.C.N.S. (W)  
U.S. (S)  
U.S. (F)  
O.D. (9) for action  
D.C. (2)  
M. (6)  
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D. of P. (C) (3)  
D.T.A.S.W. (3)  
D. of S.T. (10)  
D.T.D. (4)  
C.C.R.T. (2)  
D.Mov. (7)  
D. of C.  
W.G.F.  
M.F.  
D.N.C. (2)

E. in C.  
D. 57  
A.O.S.D.  
W.D.  
F.O.S. by Courier  
Dep. Contr. (3)  
D. (4)  
E. in C. (4)  
D.N.C. (2)  
D. of C.  
S.W.R. (6)

} Bath (20)  
by Courier

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

CAISTOR  
CASTLE  
frigate  
from  
escorting  
landing  
craft  
to U.S.A.

When ready about 6th March sail CAISTOR CASTLE to Plymouth, England.  
(C.N.O. 060120 to Com. East Seafron. Com. 3. Admiralty.)

Escort  
Carriers  
for  
re-delivery  
to U.S.A.

Ref. N.O.I.C. Greenock's 011845 (N.T. in W.D.)  
Request confirmation that both SMITER and TRUMPETER are being sailed for St. Johns a.m. 10th March and that E.T.A. St. Johns of both ships is a.m. 16th March.  
2. Request details of Newfoundland personnel embarked in each ship be signalled.  
(N.O.I.C. Newfoundland 061228Z to Admiralty.)

WEAR  
Frigate  
return  
from  
escorting  
landing  
craft  
to U.S.A.

Sail WEAR New York to Bermuda when ready about 7th March.  
(C.N.O. 062000 to Comeastseafron. Com. 3. Admiralty. C. in C. Lant.)

Far East and Australia.

Australia's  
Station  
limits.

Limits of the Australian Station. The present operational limits of the Australian stations are-  
(a) on the west 110 degs. east longitude. Vide A.G.M. 483A of 10th April. 1942. This, however, differs with S.A.C.S.E.A's 311605 Jan. (N.T. in W.D.) para. 3, in which the limit is given as 086 degs. East.  
(b) on the north southern limit of Sacsea area of responsibility and the boundary between the Australian station and the Pacific Ocean area. This limit is given in Sacsea 311605 and repeated in C. in C.E.I's general message 660C date time group 111047 Feb.  
(c) on the east by 159 degs. east.  
2. The limits described in para. 1 above do not confirm with the pre-war limits of the Australian station as described in consolidated orders and regulations 1942 column 1, article 4.

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Australia's  
Station  
limits.

3. Would be grateful for Admiralty remarks regarding further intentions for limits of the station. The question of inclusion of Manus in the Australian station is considered important as also is Nauri Island which at present is administered by Australia.

4. After receipt of your remarks it is intended to raise this question on (?) Government level.  
(A.C.N.B. 060130 to Admiralty.)

PERSEUS  
Aircraft  
maintenance  
ship for  
passage  
to U.K.

A.C.N.B. is instructed to sail PERSEUS when ready on 22nd March from Sydney to U.K. carrying out following programme.

<u>E.T.A.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>E.T.D.</u>
24th March.	Melbourne.	26th March.
31st March.	Fremantle.	1st April.
10th April.	Trincomalee.	13th April.
20th April.	Aden.	20th April.
24th April.	Suez and transit to Port Said.	25th April.
28th April.	Malta.	30th April.
3rd May.	Gibraltar.	4th May.
8th May.	Portsmouth.	

2. S.O.A. 14 knots.  
(F.O.S.A. 060202Z to A.C.N.B. Admiralty. A.C.1. PERSEUS.)

URCHIN  
destroyer  
for return  
to U.K.  
and reserve.

A.C.N.B. is requested to sail URCHIN when ready on 15th March from Sydney to U.K. carrying out following programme:

<u>E.T.A.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>E.T.D.</u>
17th March.	Melbourne.	19th March.
24th March.	Fremantle.	26th March.
4th April.	Trincomalee.	5th April.
12th April.	Aden.	12th April.
16th April.	Suez and transit to Port Said.	No. E.T.D.
22nd April.	Gibraltar.	24th April.
28th April.	Chatham.	

2. S.O.A. 14 knots.  
(F.O.S.A. 060203Z to Admiralty. R.A.D. B.P.F.)

CUMBERLAND  
Trooping.

Departed Sydney 0145Z 6th March CUMBERLAND for Fremantle route direct S.O.A. 19 knots.  
E.T.A. Breakwater 0001Z 11th March.  
(F.O.I.C.(S) 060210Z to N.O.I.C. Fremantle. A.C.N.B.)

Cruiser  
EURYALUS  
from  
Shanghai  
to Hong Kong.

(B) EURYALUS.  
(D) Shanghai.  
(E) 1130H March 6th.  
(F) 13 knots.  
(G) Direct.  
(H) Hong Kong.  
(I) 0830H March 9.  
(S.O. Force 5 060420Z to C. in C. B.P.F.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

Japan

re transfer  
of supplies  
from  
American  
L.S.Ts.  
etc.

IZ 1387.

1. Air Ministry OQQC 4385 T.O.O. 281010 indicates that after 1st March, 1946, American War and Navy departments will have no power to make transfers of equipment and supplies except in emergency cases.
2. From broader aspect, as B.C.O.F. is operationally part of U.S. Command and may be given tasks by that command necessitating our obtaining facilities, resources, and possibly equipment from U.S. sources, we suggest that the question of excluding B.C.O.F. from revised American regulations be represented.
3. We are particularly concerned over P.O.L. which the Australian Government have been already asked to obtain from American sources for U.K./India contingents up to 1st Jan. 1947.
4. In addition B.C.O.F. considers it will need L.C.T. for maintenance and tactical movement in Japan in event of interruption of rail and road services. Proposals referred to in J.C.O.S.A. 41 to extent B.C.O.F. area are relevant. We are having question of alternatives for L.C.T. examined, but it appears likely that we will need them and that only source of provision will be purchase from Americans.  
(Defence H.Q. Melbourne 060520Z to Cabinet Offices.)

LONDON  
cruiser  
trooping.

Departed Fremantle 0230Z 6th March.  
LONDON for Colombo. E.T.A. 0900EF 13th March.  
Route direct. S.O.A. 20 knots.  
(N.O.I.C. Fremantle 060714Z to Com. i/c. Aden.  
C. in C.E.I.)

Disposition  
signal  
no. 54.

C. in C. B.P.F. 060720Z Admiralty, A.C.N.B.  
N.Z.N.B. F.O.S.A. etc.  
See Lion Copy.

MESSAGE.IN

UNCLASSIFIED.

060720Z/March.

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

Date: 7.3.46.

Recd. 2317.

P/L.

To Admiralty, A.C.N.B., N.Z.N.B., F.O.S.A., C. in C. E.I.,  
S.O. Force T, S.O. Force S, F.O.I.C. Sydney, S.E.A.C.,  
F.O.M.F.A., F.O. Ceylon.

Disposition signal number 54.

- (A) At Tokyo.  
ARGONAUT COSSACK MENESTHEUS EMPIRE NEPTUNE.
- (B) At sea bound Tokyo - APOLLO.
- (C) At Kure.  
TYNE HOGUE COMET CAUVERY GLENEARN MULL OF  
KINTYRE FORT BEAUHARNOIS DINGLEDALE TANCRED  
GOLDEN MEADOW.
- (D) At sea bound Kure - SUTLEJ.
- (E) At Shanghai.  
SWIFTSURE FINISTERRE BLACK SWAN EASEDALE BROOMDALE  
CAMPERDOWN EMPIRE DAMSEL.
- (F) At Hong Kong.  
DUKE OF YORK BLACK PRINCE BARFLEUR CONTEST AIR  
WIDEMOUTH BAY THRACIAN OPPOSUM WHIMBREL WHITESAND  
BAY WOODCOCK BIGBURY BAY TALENT TALLY HO  
KELINTAN COURIER HARE LIBERTY WAVE WELCOME  
JEWEL SERENE TODAY ORSAY B.Y.M.S. 2017 2018  
2045 2064 2153 2080 120th H.D.M.L. Flotilla  
RAREHEAD AORANGI EMPIRE PRIDE WAVE EMPEROR  
WAVE KING WAVE MONARCH WAVE REGENT RAPIDOL  
CELEROL, LOMA NOVIA, SEVEN SISTERS, DEREST CREEK  
SALT FLAT FORT CONSTANTINE FORT DUQUESNE FORT  
ROSALIE FORT SANDUSKY FORT WRANGELL FORT COLVILLE  
HICKORY GLEN, SLESVIG, VARVAIN, BARONIA, FERNMOOR,  
SPRINGDALE, KING SALVOR, SALVICTOR, PRINCE SALVOR,  
EMPIRE JOSEPHINE, EMPIRE SAM, ROCKCLIFFE, ROCKWING,  
ROCKSAND ROCKPIGEON.  
A.F.D. 18 refit and repairs ARIADNE, HIND, B.Y.M.S.  
2246 2284 BROWN RANGER JAARSTROOM VACPORT.
- (G) At sea bound Hong Kong.  
BERMUDA EURYALUS PHEASANT REDPOLE, BACCHUS.
- (H) At sea bound Sama - CRANE.
- (J) At Subic - VERNAN BAY WEAZEL.
- (K) At sea bound Subic - ENCORE ALLEGIANCE.
- (L) At sea bound Saigon - TRAFALGAR.

(M)/.....

- (M) At Singapore.  
ASSISTANT PIONEER EMPIRE FLON FORT LANGLEY  
JERUSALEM PROME ERIN MARUDU ENTICER ENIGMA  
A.F.D. 20 defects EMPIRE GODON.
- (N) At sea bound Singapore - EMPIRE SALVAGE BOSPHORUS.
- (O) At sea bound Bombay - GREEN RANGER.
- (P) At Dreger Harbour - SLRBOL.
- (Q) At sea bound Dreger Harbour - NEWFOUNDLAND.
- (R) At Townsville - ROCK FOREST ROCK PORT.
- (S) At Mackay - ROCKGLEN.
- (T) At Brisbane.  
SAN ANDRES AIMWELL Refit and repairs - HART BARTHORPE.
- (U) At Sydney.  
VENGEANCE ULYSSES URCHIN TIRELESS TRUNCHON  
LANXMAN LEWES BONAVENTURE PERSEUS BEAULBY FIRTH  
HERON ROCKMOUNT.  
A.F.D. 17 refit and repairs ANSON VINDEX FORT DUNVEGAN  
ARTIFEX.
- (V) At sea bound Sydney - SPEARER ACHILLES.
- (W) At Auckland - AMETHYST GLORY Refit ALACRITY.
- (X) At sea bound Wellington - BELFAST.
- (Y) At Melbourne - URANIA.
- (Z) At sea bound Jervis Bay.  
IMPLACABLE VENERABLE AMARDA TYRAN.
- (AA) At Fremantle - ADAMANT TOTEM TAPIR PENN FORT  
PROVIDENCE.
- (BB) At sea bound Fremantle - TURPIN TAURUS VOX VORCIOUS  
VIRTUE.

2. Left station -

- (A) GAMBIA TUSCAN GRINVILLE HOLM SOUND HICKORY  
STREAM for U.K.
- (B) HERMELIN FORT CHARLOTTE return to trade.
- (C) SPRAGGE return to U.K. authorities.

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A.C.N.S. (0). D.C. (2).  
D. of S. (3). O.D. (9).  
D. of S.T. (10). D.T.N.S.W. (3).  
O.I.C. (2). M. (2).  
D.S.O. W.D.

KING

7.3.1946.  
Thursday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

Destroyers  
for service  
in Med.

Take VENUS, VIRAGO and VOLAGE under your orders and sail 0930A 8th March via Medri routes to Malta.  
2. Speed as requisite to arrive 1130A 11th March  
Trials and exercises will be carried out on passage.  
5. Acknowledge.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 071106A to SAUMAREZ, D.3. VENUS, VIRAGO, VOLAGE.)

S/M's  
TANTIVY  
TEMPLAR.

Take TEMPLAR under your orders and sail 0900A 8th March via Medri routes to Malta.  
2. Speed 12 knots. E.T.A. 1800A 11th March.  
5. Acknowledge.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 071130A to TANTIVY, TEMPLAR.)



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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

LOTHIAN  
L.S.H.(L)  
on passage  
to U.K.  
from B.P.F.

Sail at 1800B 7th March to Malta speed 12 knots.  
E.T.A. a.m. 11th. Report accurate E.T.A. to  
C. in C. Med. when known.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 071220 to LOTHIAN.)

INCONSTANT  
destroyer  
for Turkish  
Navy.

WIGTOWN BAY and INCONSTANT arrived Istanbul.  
(N.A. Ankara Istanbul 071255 to Capt. (D) Malta.  
V.A.M. Adm.)

F.T.27  
(Fleet tender)  
on passage.

Sail at 1600B 7th to Alexandria for onward  
routeing to Malta. Speed  $8\frac{1}{2}$  knots. E.T.A. 1200B  
8th. My 271238/ Feb. and 051924/ neither to  
V.A.M. refers.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 071255B to F.T. 27. Admiralty.)  
/ Intend to sail TULIP independently and to use  
GUARDIAN to escort F.T. 27 sailing from Port  
Said 5.3.46.  
/ Cancelled F.T. 27 still defective, to sail  
independently 1000/6 to Malta.  
My 071255B returned defective.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 071906B to F.O.L.E.M.)

Alexandria  
Situation  
at.

Situation in Alexandria is anything but  
satisfactory. I went with Area Commander to  
Governor this afternoon and asked how much longer  
it would be necessary for all British Forces to  
remain off the streets and for all transport to  
cease. We are working in conjunction with the

G.O.C. British troops in Egypt.

2. The Governor admitted that there was an area of Alexandria that neither he nor the police could enter. He hoped that if Nahas and Sidki came to some agreement, the present situation might end.
3. The Egyptian Army and Police are both disliking the present situation, as they feel in keeping order and defending the British, they are going against their own Government and certainly against the wishes of a large proportion of the people.
4. It was decided that certain Army convoys escorted by police, would be run tomorrow, Friday, but otherwise all service traffic is again to cease by 0700.
5. This hiding policy is not pleasant and must give the Egyptian insurgents considerable encouragement, but it seems the best policy until the Government proves whether it can establish order.
6. The Royal Navy, with one or two exceptions, is well placed and concentrated in Ras el Tin and SPHINX.  
(F.O.L.E.M. 071959 to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.)

GRADISCA  
ashore  
on Gavdo Is.

Sitrep Number 3.  
(2) Intend discontinuing Sitrep S until there  
should be something worthy of report.  
(HAYDON 072005B to F.O.L.E.M. C. in C. Med.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

M/S on  
passage.

M/S S in COQUETTE Ceylon W/T 548C of 29.12.45.  
sail from Aden as follows:  
(A) 0600C 8th.  
(B) Suez.  
(C) 9 knots.  
(E) Acknowledge.  
(Com. Aden 071114C to MARY ROSE. Admiralty.)

KORTENAER  
Dutch  
destroyer  
on passage.

548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Sourabaya as follows:  
(A) 1500 8th March.  
(B) Fremantle for onward routing to Sydney.  
(C) 18 knots.  
(G) Acknowledge.  
(N.O.I.C. Sourabaya 071254GH to KORTENAER D.S.  
Admiralty.)

Oprep  
Netherlands  
E.I.

02014 cipher 7th March.  
To 0800 hours 7th March 1946.  
West Java.

(A) Batavia own patrols operated in areas of  
recent unrest. All quiet. Anti-looting measures  
continue to work well. Bandoeng. Night 4-5 March.

approx. 40 T.R.I. opened heavy fire on own coy. posn. 889195.  
Own tps. replied and Indons withdrew. Some sniping continued  
but all quiet by 1000 hours own cas. nil. Rd. to Tjimahi-  
Padelarang opened without incident. (inhab?) friendly. All  
quiet in the spring area. Convoy with half sqn. 13 L arrived  
1200 hours without incident. Rd. to Padelarang again opened  
morning 5th Mar. for sup convoy with half sqd. 11 Cav. for  
Batavia and Main 37 Bde. H.Q. with one bn. moving Buitenzorg.  
Some shooting started staged by T.R.I. (or T.D.I.) to be result  
arrival extremists from Batavia.

Buitenzorg. All quiet.

B. N.T.R.

C. Wef 1200 hours 5 Mar. 1 Bde. assumed comd. 37 Bde Area  
Bandoeng. Wef. 1800 hours 6 Marc. 37 Bde. assumed comd.

Buitenzorg 1 Seaforth arrived Bandoeng. 6 Mahratta arrived  
Buitenzorg.

D. 1 Seaforth less three coys. 857196 coys 852194, 861191  
(or 861196). 5/8 Punjab Andir A/F 5 Raj. Rif. less 4 coys.  
846203 coys 836197, 842216, 844195 Div. H.Q. for defence. Half  
sqn. 13 L 857196.

East Java.

A. Sourabaya. 9 Bde. All Patrols N.E.S. Some movement round  
Kletek perimeter during night D.F. put down 123 Bde. Patrols  
west of Domas (or Domys) engaged own cas. nil. Inter coy. reliefs  
took place without incident.

Bali. Advanced (?Bn.) H.Q. and two coys. occupied Sihgaradja  
G 1283 without incident.

B. Moro (or Mosf) and Menganti areas flooded.

C. N.T.R.

D. 3/9 GR Coys 503763, 32618, 357771.

Sumatra.

A. Medan. Two coys with two tps. armed cars left on recce  
Soegall (or Boeffal) 3694. Padang. 11 looters caught.

Other...

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Netherlands  
E.I.

Other areas N.T.R.  
B and D. N.T.R.  
Outer Islands.  
A. South Celebes. Patrol activity continues.  
Pare-Pare area quiet. Palopl (or Palopo) Dutch  
(?sups) convoy ambushed (?twice) to south of  
town raiders dispersed. All other areas N.T.R.

B and C. N.T.R.

D. Two pls. ex Batavia arrived Gorontalo. Central Java Oprep received corrupt.

Note by C.6 Tels: Message delayed through being received corrupt.  
(Afnei 071255 to Alfsea, Sacsea. W.O.)

French  
escort  
vessels  
on passage.

Cancel my 061520 548C of 29.12.45. Take  
LA CAPRICEUSE under your orders and sail from  
Colombo as follows:  
(A) 1700EF 7th March.  
(B) Trincomalee.  
(C) 12 knots.  
(G) Trinco. for D.G. range thence to Pondicherry  
and Singapore. Acknowledge.  
(F.O. Ceylon 071521 to LA GRACIEUSE. Admiralty.)

Oprep.

091996. 02027 cipher 7th March.  
to 0800 hours 07.  
Central Java.

A. East Semarang. Air op. reports large conc.  
of Indon. troops approx. 500 in Karangnengan 1619. Troops  
also seen formed up in cols. Batoc (or Batoe) 110185. Air op.  
aircraft crashed 1500 hours 06 cause unknown two B.O.S. injured.  
South Semarang. Own troops 961058 engaged by M.Gs. and approx.  
20 Indon. which driven off by M.O.Rs. and S.A. fire. Arty.  
fired S.O.S. task 963052. Own cas. one B.O.R. wounded. Air op.  
engaged small number Indon. troops 938049. Indon patrol in  
Kampong Djatingaleh 9707 dispersed by S.A. fire.  
West Semarang. Patrol sent to recce area west of airfield.  
(Alfnei 071630 to Alfsea, Sacsea.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

- \* BELFAST  
Cruiser. BELFAST arrived Wellington 182320 6th March/  
Departed 050420/7th March/ for Napier. E.T.A.  
2100Z 7th March.  
(N.Z.N.B. 070507Z to F.O.S.A. C.S.L. Admiralty.)  
/ as received. *See below*
- Re-organisation Your 261021 (N.T. in W.D.)  
of Australian Destroyer Subject to your concurrence, intend:  
Flotillas (A) Australian Destroyer Flotilla to be organised  
and Frigates. as 10th D.F. This Flotilla number was allocated  
to Australian Destroyers which served in  
Mediterranean during war.  
(B) Australian Frigates to be organised as first  
Frigate Flotilla.  
It is proposed to use distinguishing signal allocated to first  
corvette flotilla and call signs etc., appropriate to first  
corvetted group for this Australian unit.  
(A.C.N.B. 070542Z to Admiralty.)
- ULYSSES  
destroyer Departed Sydney 0630Z 7th March.  
on passage ULYSSES for Melbourne. F.O.S.A. 280704 refers,  
to U.K. route direct, S.O.A. 14 knots. E.T.A. Port Phillip  
Heads 0730K 9th March. Hold Hydropac 583.  
(F.O.I.C.S. 070654Z to N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne.)
- Cruise of Intend DUKE OF YORK leave Hong Kong 11th March  
DUKE OF YORK for cruise in Japanese waters including visits  
to Japan to Nagasaki Kagoshima Kure and Tokyo then proceed  
waters Sydney E.T.A. 10th April for docking and short  
without refit.  
C. in C.B.P.F. 2. C. in C. B.P.F. will remain at Hong Kong.  
(C. in C. B.P.F. 070933Z to Admiralty.)
- SUFFOLK Departed Fremantle 1030Z 7th March. SUFFOLK for  
trooping Aden. F.O.S.A.'s 200051Z refers. E.T.A. Aden a.m.  
to U.K. 18th March. Route direct. S.O.A. 19 knots.  
(N.O.I.C. Fremantle 071110Z to Com i/c. Aden.)
- \* C.S.2. Arrived Napier, BELFAST wearing flag of C.S.2.  
in BELFAST. (C.S.2. 072100Z to C. in C. B.P.F. N.Z.N.B.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

Carrier  
INDOMITABLE  
from  
Gibraltar  
for Portsmouth.

Sail 2200A 8th March to Portsmouth.  
2. Speed 18. E.T.A. 2000Z 11th March.  
Acknowledge.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 081215 to INDOMITABLE.)

Escort  
Carrier  
QUEEN  
Trooping.

Sail 1400Z 8th March via Medri routes to Malta  
for O/R Port Said.  
2. Speed 15½. E.T.A. 0600Z 11th March.  
Acknowledge.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 081255A to QUEEN.)

Destroyers  
TERMAGANT  
on passage  
from B.P.F.  
to U.K.  
for Reserve.

Sail 1700A 9th March to Portsmouth.  
2. Speed 14. E.T.A. Outer Spit Buoy 1040Z 13th  
March.  
Acknowledge.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 081447A to TERMAGANT.)

South Atlantic.

TEST  
frigate  
on passage  
to E.I.  
for R.I.N.

Simonstown departure TEST for Durban keeping  
constant watch on broadcast SL. E.T.A. 0700B  
March 11th.  
(C. in C.S.A. 080936 to Admiralty. N.H.Q.I.)

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Friday.FOREIGN STATIONS.Mediterranean.

Frigate  
HALLADALE  
on passage  
from E.I.S.  
to U.K.  
for reserve.

Sail at 0600B 9th to Malta. Speed 12 knots.  
E.T.A. a.m. 12th. Report accurate E.T.A. to  
C. in C. Med. when known. Acknowledge.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 081715B to HALLADALE.)

LEONIAN  
Boom Carrier  
on passage  
to U.K.  
calling at  
Haifa.

Sail at 1100B 9th March to Haifa. Adjust  
speed to arrive 0600B 10th. Broadcast  
D. of S.T. 070016B (N.T. in W.D.) being passed  
to LEONIAN C. in C. Med., S.N.O.L.A. refers.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 081855B to LEONIAN.)

Situation  
at Alexandria.

Situation in Alexandria improves. Convoys  
mentioned in para. 4. of my 071959 (N.T. in W.D.)  
were running without incident.  
(F.O.L.E.M. 081932 to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.)  
(Para. 4.) Certain Army Convoys escorted  
by Police would be run tomorrow Friday.

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Friday.FOREIGN STATIONS.East Indies.

French Frigate TONKINOIS on E.I.S. Station. 548C of 29.12.45. sail from Aden as follows:  
 (A) 0800C 9th.  
 (B) Colombo.  
 (C) 13 knots.  
 Acknowledge.  
 (Com. Aden. 081045C to F.S. TONKINOIS.)

GAMBIA Cruiser on passage to U.K. from B.P.F. 548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Trincomalee as follows:  
 (A) 0900EF 9th March.  
 (B) Aden.  
 (C) 20 knots.  
 (G) For onward routeing to U.K.  
 Acknowledge.  
 (C. in C.E.I. 081116 to GAMBIA. Admiralty. F.O. Ceylon.)

Confirmation of boundary between S.E.A.C. and Australian Area required. Your 111047 Feb. states boundary between S.E.A.C. and Australian Area to be "From the inter-section of 141 degs. E. and the Pacific Ocean area boundary due south to the south coast of New Guinea thence west to the north of Timor and through the Ombai Straits between Sawoe and Roti Island to 013 degs. S. 120 degs. E. thence to 001 degs. S. 086 degs. E. and then due South".  
 2. A.C.N.B.'s 070029/Feb. states the same boundary to be: "From the inter-section of 141 degs. E. and the 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 Noti Island to 13 degs. S. 120 degs. E. thence to 015 degs. S. 086 degs. E.  
 3. Request boundary be confirmed. S.A.C.S.E.A's 311221 Jan. also refers.  
 (Hd. of M.II. 081405 to C. in C.E.I.) *See 140929.*

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

Cadet  
Training  
Cruiser  
FROBISHER.

Trinidad arrival FROBISHER.  
(N.O.I.C. Trinidad 081715Q to C. in C. A.W.I.)

SENNEN  
Cutter  
return of  
ship's  
company  
to U.K.

Your 03144, space for return U.K. of Ship's company SENNEN booked on QUEEN MARY embarking New York 20th March, request SENNEN arrive Boston not later than 14th March if possible, otherwise passage may not be available until 7th April, this would entail considerable dollar expenditure, request E.T.A. Boston be reported when known.  
(B.A.D. 082238Z to C. in C. G.A.W.I. Admiralty.)

Far East and Australia.

Escort  
Carrier  
PATROLLER  
Trooping.

A.C.N.B. is requested to sail PATROLLER from Sydney p.m. March 16th for the U.K. carrying out the following programme:

<u>E.T.A.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>E.T.D.</u>
22nd March.	Fremantle.	23rd March.
31st March.	Colombo.	31st March.
6th April.	Aden.	6th April.
10th April.	Suez and transit to Port Said.	11th April.
16th April.	Gibraltar.	16th April.
19th April.	Plymouth.	

(F.O.S.A. 080451 to A.C.N.B. Admiralty.)

M/S Tasks  
in B.P.F.  
Area will  
complete  
about end  
May. Question  
of retention  
of F.M/S  
on station.

Anticipate that minesweeping tasks for 10th M.S.F. in the Britpacflt area will have been completed by the end of May.  
2. Request Admiralty policy on whether it is intended to maintain fleet minesweepers in far eastern waters. It is considered desirable to maintain some minesweepers during 1946 within reasonable call of the China coast in case a requirement should arise.  
(C. in C. B.P.F. 080654Z to Admiralty.)

GLORY  
A.C.  
for Japan.

Departed Auckland 2135Z 7th March. GLORY for Kure. E.T.A. 25th March.  
(N.Z.N.B. 082223Z to Admiralty. V.A.(Q).)



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Saturday.

SITUATION REPORT.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

C. in C. East  
Indies.

The Flag of Vice Admiral Sir Arthur F.E. Palliser  
C.B. D.S.C. as Commander in Chief East Indies  
Station was hoisted at 0800 today.

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Saturday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

TEAZER  
TROUBRIDGE  
Destroyers  
on passage  
to U.K.  
from B.P.F.

Take TEAZER under your orders and sail in  
TROUBRIDGE 0900A 10th March to U.K.  
2. Speed 14. E.T.A. TROUBRIDGE at Harwich  
a.m. 14th March. TEAZER at Plymouth 1300Z  
13th March.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 091146A to Capt. (D) 24 )

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Saturday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

ATHELING  
Cruiser  
trooping. Sail at 0515B 10th to Aden and Fremantle. Report your T.O.D. Suez and E.T.A. Aden to all addressees in this signal. Acknowledge.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 091127B to ATHELING. Admiralty.)

FORMIDABLE  
A.C.  
Trooping. Immediately on arrival at 0600B 10th sail to Aden for onward routeing to Sydney. Report your T.O.D. from Suez and E.T.A. Aden to all in this signal. Acknowledge.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 091214B to FORMIDABLE.)

REAPER  
S.P. Carrier  
on passage  
to U.K. REAPER sail at 1800A 11th March by appropriate Medri route to Gibraltar for onward routeing to Portsmouth and Clyde.  
2. Speed 16 knots. E.T.A. 0830A 14th at Gibraltar.  
5. K.H.M. is requested to provide tugs to stand by REAPER at 1715A 11th March.  
6. REAPER acknowledge.  
(C. in C. Med. 091423 to REAPER C.S. Malta for K.H.M.)

F.S.  
L'ESCARMOUCHE  
Frigate for  
N.E.I. L'ESCARMOUCHE sails at 091800B from Suez to Aden and East Indies. S.O.A. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  knots. E.T.A. March 14th a.m.  
(L'ESCARMOUCHE 091815 to N.O.I.C. Port Said. Com. Aden.)

Situation  
at Alexandria. Alexandria mainly quiet. British military authorities anxious about Egyptian police who are getting exhausted and disheartened. Service personnel are still being kept off the streets.  
(F.O.L.E.M. 091845B to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Flag C. in C. East Indies hoisted. Flag of Vice Admiral Sir Arthur F.E. Palliser K.C.B. D.S.C. as Commander in Chief East Indies Station hoisted at 0800 on 9th March. (C. in C.E.I. 090826 to East Indies Stn.)

COLOSSUS Carrier. C. in C.E.I. 061140/ and C. in C. S.A. 031221 there is no question of COLOSSUS returning to the United Kingdom. (Sec. to V.C.N.S. 091212 to C. in C.E.I. C. in C. S.A.)  
GLASGOW arrives Simonstown 22nd March with reliefs for COLOSSUS.

7th M/S Flotilla for Banka Strait. 548C of 25.12.45. Take CHAMELEON, RIFLEMAN, MINSTREL and MICHAEL under your orders and sail from Singapore as follows:  
(A) 1200GH 10th March.  
(B) To operate in Banka Strait.  
(G) Acknowledge.  
(F.O. Malaya 091244GH to M/S Seven.)

LENNOX M/S to join M/S 6. 548C of 24.12.45. Sail from Penang as follows:  
(A) 1700GH today 9th March.  
(B) Port Hastings area to join M.S.6.  
(C) 10 knots.  
(F) 0700 GH 11th March.  
(G) Acknowledge.  
(R.N.O. Penang 091324 to LENNOX.)

# MESSAGE.

Rec'd 19.3.45  
54.A E.I.  
IN

UNCLASSIFIED.

EF  
091201/March.

From. C. in C. E.I.

Date. 10.3.46.

Time. 0815.

P/L

Addressed. N.O.I.C. Kilindini.  
Info. Admiralty.

*lowage of  
by mules from  
Mandini*

My 061210 regret tug has now had to be diverted to other urgent commitments prospect of towage to India before monsoon is now negligible.

091201EF.

✶ Delayed in War Registry owing to non-receipt of reference.

1st S.L. (3)

D.F.S.L.

Controller.

V.C.N.S.

A.C.N.S. (O)

A.C.N.S. (W)

U.S. (S)

U.S.F.

O.D. (9)

D.C. (2)

M. (6)

D.N.I. (5)

D. of P. (3)

D. of P. (Q) (3)

D.T.A.S.W. (3)

D. of S.T. (10)

D.T.D. (4)

C.C.R.T. (2)

D. Mov. (7)

D. of C.

W.G.F.

M.F.

D.N.C. (2)

E. in C.

D. 57.

A.O.S.D.

W.D.

F.O.S. by Courier.

Dep Contr. (3)

D. (4)

E. in C. (4)

D.N.C. (2)

D. of C.

S.W.R. (6)

Bath (20)  
by Courier.

9.3.1946.  
Saturday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

LAWSON  
LOUIS  
INGLIS  
frigates  
for return  
to U.S.A.

My P.C.S. at 1200Z 9th 38 degs. 59 mins. N.  
62 degs. 00 mins. W. 270. 14 knots. INGLIS  
and LOUIS in company. E.T.A. INGLIS Ambrose  
Light Vessel 2000 10th. E.T.A. LAWSON and LOUIS  
5 Fathom Bank Light Ship 2359Z 10th. LAWSON and  
LOUIS intend anchoring off entrance and INGLIS  
off Sandy Hook till further orders.  
(LAWSON 091232Z to C.N.O. C. in C. Lant.  
Comnob Bermuda.)

CURZON  
Frigate  
with landing  
craft for  
return U.S.A.

Take H.M.R.T. FAVOURITE and landing craft under  
your orders and sail for New York departing  
Bermuda 111400Z March. On reaching vicinity  
of Ambrose Light Vessel and provided your  
presence with the convoy is not necessary detach  
and proceed direct to Philadelphia. Acknowledge,  
and sail to comply.  
(Cdre. i/c. Bermuda 091310Z to CURZON, FAVOURITE  
L.C.I.(L) 171 - 179 250, 274, 376, 388, 380,  
L.C.H. 242, 275, L.C.I.(L) 0020 etc.,)  
(See 132130Z)

Far East and Australia.

Unsuitability  
of 10th M.S.F.  
for sweeping  
Kure Channel.

My 200758/Feb. Report now received from M/S 10  
and being forwarded to Admiralty indicates that  
unsuitability of 10th M.S.F. for sweep in Kure  
Channel was due to super sensitivity of mines.  
(C. in C. B.P.F. 090315Z to Admiralty. M/S 10.  
KELANTAN. Com. Hong Kong.)

Matmu.

Matmu 3 will embark for Malta in PERSEUS sailing  
22nd March.  
3. Combrax Sydney pass to Matmu 3.  
(F.O.N.A.P. 090356Z to Admiralty. V.A.(Q).  
F.O.I.C. Sydney.)

10.3.1946.  
Sunday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

BALLINDERRY  
Frigate  
on passage  
to station.

Your 051457.  
Arrival Ponta Delgada 1000Z 9th BALLINDERRY  
E.T.D. (?1200Z) 10th, S.O.A. 12 knots. E.T.A.  
Trinidad p.m. 18th.  
(Consul, Ponta Delgada 101130Z to N.O.I.C. Trinidad  
Admiralty.)

10.3.1946.  
Sunday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

REAPER  
on passage  
to U.K.

Following is revised programme.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Port.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
14th March.	Gibraltar.	15th March.
18th March.	Portsmouth.	19th March.
21st March.	Greenock.	-

(REAPER 101005Z to C. in C. Med. INDEFATIGABLE.)

ENTERPRISE  
Trooping.

Following is revised programme.

<u>Arrived.</u>	<u>Port.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
14th March.	Gibraltar.	15th March.
18th March.	Portsmouth.	19th March.
21st March.	Greenock.	-

(ENTERPRISE 101005 to C. in C. Med.)

NESS  
frigate  
on passage  
to U.K.  
and reserve.

Sail at 1730B 10th to Malta. Speed 11½ knots.  
E.T.A. a.m. 14th. Report accurate E.T.A. to  
C. in C. Med. when known. Acknowledge.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 101135B to NESS. Admiralty.)

F.S.  
LA GRANDIERE  
Sloop.

Sail at 0630 11th to Djibouti. Report your  
T.O.D. Suez and E.T.A. Djibouti to all addressees  
in this signal. Acknowledge.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 101635 to LA GRANDIERE.)

Alexandria  
Situation.

I have just returned from a meeting with the  
Governor of Alexandria and the Area Commander  
there, were informed that Army transport would  
be free again to circulate through the city and  
that in certain streets, service cars would  
also be safe. But the Governor could not guarantee that trouble  
would not again break out if we were to grant leave to service  
personnel. We grudgingly accepted these conditions for a few  
more days.

2. In short, though the situation has considerably improved  
the Egyptian Authorities have not got control of the whole  
City. They are apprehensive of what may happen next Friday  
15th March which is Independence Day.  
(F.O.L.E.M. 101812B to C. in C. Med.)



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Sunday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Re towage of S/M bulks ROVER, OSIRIS and CLYDE from Mombasa to Bombay for scrapping.

Your 0545 March 8th (N.T. in W.D.) Following is a repetition of my 1554 March 4th. Navycharge Trincomalee pass to C. in C.E.I.S. Repeated F.O. Bombay. S.O.R.E. E.I.S. Admiralty. No power can be made available for submarine which cannot be steered nor skeleton crew accommodated. In the circumstances I consider 3 in Tandem would be unduly hazardous. (Navycharge Mombasa 100838 to Admiralty.)

SALVESTOR  
Salvage vessel for passage to U.K.

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

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
-	Colombo.	10th March.
19th March.	Aden.	21st March.
28th March.	Suez.	28th March.
28th March.	Port Said.	30th March.
3rd April.	Malta.	5th April.
9th April.	Gibraltar.	13th April.
18th April.	U.K.	

2. Fuel at Aden, Port Said, Malta, Gibraltar.
3. Admiralty is requested to order destination in U.K. (C. in C.E.I. 101037 to Admiralty. C. in C. Med Fleet.)

Oprep Netherlands E.I.

Afnei 101630 Alfsea, Sacsea. W.O.  
See Lion Copy.

NIGER with 152 M.S.F. for M/S operations Dinding River. (Malaya.)

Intend following programme for NIGER and 152 M.S.F. on completion of area B 12 M.S.F. sail from Penang for fuel and fresh provisions. E.T.A. Penang 0800GH 15th March, NIGER to Singapore to embark important stores. E.T.A. Singapore 1600GH 15th March. Departing Singapore, 1200GH 18th March 152nd M.S.F. sail from Penang as convenient to r/v with NIGER 360 degs. White Rock Light 10 miles 1600GH 19th March proceeding Dinding River as requested for sweeping operations. (NIGER 102142 to F.O.M.F.A. Admiralty.)

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

*Sp. Report.  
N.S. Indies*

101630/March

Date. 10.3.46.

From AFNEI

Recd. 2120

CIPHER

Addressed. Alfsea. Sacsea. War Office (MO 2)

EMERGENCY

092262

?2061 Cipher 10 March

Oprep up to 0800 hrs 10th March '46.

West Java. A. Batavia. No major incidents. 20 looters arrested in FMA area. Pandoeng. Coy. posn. 889195 fired on. Spasmodic shooting continued until 1430 hrs. Own cas Nil. Coy. Isola Hotel observed two secs Indos using rifles and discharges area 858275 appeared to be fighting each other. Coy reced Kampong 870274 sniped two MGS fired into Kampongs after own tps withdrew.

Buitenzorg. Situation quiet. Coy visited Tjigombong (?QW 9638) without incidents. B to D N.T.R.

Central Java. East Semarang. Indon wearing Khaki engaged Mranggen Rly. station also warehouse 064078 by arty. South Semarang. Own patrol to area 9704 found some Indon tps who fled on approach. During night slight activity Kampong Djanal 9707. B. N.T.R. C 2/13. Netherland Light Inf.Bn arrived Semarang. D. 21/3 (or 2/13) Dutch Lt. Inf. Bn. BKS 9607.

East Java. A. Sourabaya. 9 Ind. Inf.Bde. 8 Mar. patrol engaged small party enemy who fled south of Tebel 5061. Other patrols N.T.R. Seven rds from believed 85 (or 75) MM fell (?Som) south of Kletek 4569. Patrol engaged party of enemy 475685. Op now in progress to clear area bounded by Gedangan 5166 Tombai (?) 5864 (or 5964) ft 6478 Warye 5169. Few rds. mor fell short of coy moving from Gedang eastwards. Betro 5466 and Tjennadi 5765 reached against slight opposn.arty engaged party enemy area 555674. 12 Ind. Inf.Bde. 8 Mar. Party 24 enemy engaged by 3/9 GR at Doekoeh 323748. Own cas. nil. One LMG 5 riflos captured. Mor bombs fell short of Wargeojenoeng (or Waroeoengong) 4371. Cas Nil. Small party enemy engaged 331829. Arty. Approx 15 Indons approached patrol base est? 406903 engaged by SA arty. Air ops engaged by bofors area Kedamean 3273. Bali. Tac R from Dempassar XG 2424 and patrols at Gianjar XG 3636 Kloengloong XG 4536 Singapadja XG 1283 Nueta XG 1916(or XG 1816) Sanoer XG 2821. No reports received believed N.T.R. Patrol to Tabanan XG 1437 fired on. Fire returned. One extremist leader arrested. Otherwise N.T.R. B.C.D N.T.R. Sumatra. A. Palembang. Own tps carried out raid round quantity varied amn. Padang curfew lifted. Otherwise NTR Bangka. Patrol Uoepeet (or Poetpeet) 6644 found three Chinese killed two wounded and five kidnapped by TRI. Nedan. Midnight 8/9 Mar.5. I.O.Rs reported missing lines Tabdjoeng Norawa. Local patrols carried out on foot but N.T.R. 0630 hrs. two offrs. with escort of seven in three jeeps crossed br 552884 and moved south down track. Two miles along track one Chinese found bound to tree. Reported two Japs in nearby house both arrested. On return north (?Resil) rd seven blocks found all covered by fire. After confused fighting one offr detached from party rejoined unit. Remainder of party not seen since. Party of bn.op with

/two.....

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two tps armoured cars despatched area. Own cas. 1 offr 5 IORS missing believed wounded or killed. Fire was met from rifles LMG grens and MORS. Name of missing offr Major DG Gardner 2 FF RIF. B to D. NTR. Outer islands. NTR. All infm.

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Received in War Registry at 1518/11th. Circulated by War Office to War Office depts. and Defence Office, Cabinet War Room, Defence Map Room, Air Ministry, Foreign Office, India Office and Admiralty

1st Lcdr  
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)  
O.D. (9)  
O.I.C. (2)  
D.N.I. (5)  
D. of P. (3)  
D. of P. (Q) (3)  
D.T.A.S.W. (3)  
D.C.O.D. (7)  
M. (2)  
C.N.I. (2)  
C.C.L.S.  
W.D.  
Ad. Blake

IJ/BKH  
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10.3.1946.  
Sunday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

FROBISHER  
Cadet  
training  
ship.

Trinidad departure for Gibraltar FROBISHER.  
(N.O.I.C. Trinidad 101131Q to F.O.M.F.A.)  
Intend sail from Gibraltar 1200Z 10th March, calling  
Barbados for one hour on passage.  
2. Speed 12 knots. E.T.A. a.m. 22nd March.  
(FROBISHER 101500L to N.O.I.C. Trinidad.)

SENNEN  
Cutter  
returning  
to U.S.A.

SENNEN arrived Bermuda 0730Z 10th. Intend  
she sail at 1930Z 11th direct from Boston at  
12 knots. E.T.A. 1300Z 14th. SENNEN acknowledge  
and sail to comply.  
(Com. 1/c. Bermuda 101935Z to C. in C. A.W.I.)

Frigates  
returning  
to U.S.A.

My P.C.S. at 2000Z 10th. 39 degs. 19 mins. N.  
69 degs. 55 mins. W. 273 R. INGLIS and (?LOUIS)  
in company in bend, detaching INGLIS at 2359 10th  
for New York. E.T.A. Sandy Hook (?Buoy) 1000Z 11th.  
E.T.A. LAWSON and LOUIS 5 Fathom Bank Light  
Vessel 1030Z 11th.  
(LAWSON 102005Z to C.N.O. C. in C. Lant.  
Comnob Bermuda.)

SMILAX  
Corvette  
returning  
to U.S.A.

E.T.A. Cape Henry 1300Z Tuesday 12th March.  
(SMILAX 102230Z to Com. 5. (Norfolk). Admiralty.  
C.N.O.)

Far East and Australia.

AMETHYST  
A/A Sloops.

Departed Auckland 2319Z 8th March. AMETHYST for  
Sydney. E.T.A. 0900Z 13th.  
(N.Z.N.B. 100856Z to Admiralty. V.A.(Q) B.P.F.)

11.3.1946.  
Monday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

SITUATION REPORT.

East Indies.

Commodore .  
(D) East  
Indies  
lapse of  
appointment.

Appointment of Commodore (D) East Indies  
lapsed today.

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Monday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

TULIP  
Corvette  
on passage  
to U.K.  
from E.I.  
and for  
reserve.

Sail 1800A 11th March to Portsmouth.  
2. Speed 10. E.T.A. 1000Z 17th March.  
7. Acknowledge.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 111138 to TULIP. C. in C. Portsmouth.)

SPRINGTIDE  
deperming  
ship  
on passage  
to U.K.  
from E. Indies.

Sail 0930A 12th March to Plymouth.  
2. Speed 9, E.T.A. a.m. 17th March.  
6. Acknowledge.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 111230A to SPRINGTIDE.)

GOLDEN  
FLEECE  
M/S.

GOLDEN FLEECE sail 1900A 12th March via Medri  
routes to Malta to adjust complement and onward  
routeing to East Indies.  
2. Ship is to call at Algiers to land one Bag  
C.B.S. B.N.L.O. is requested to arrange transfer  
so as not to delay ship.  
3. Speed 12 knots. E.T.A. Algiers first light 14th March.  
Malta 0900A 16th March.  
7. GOLDEN FLEECE acknowledge.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 111514 to GOLDEN FLEECE. Admiralty.)

South Atlantic.

<sup>co</sup>  
COLOSSUS  
light  
fleet  
carrier.

Further to A.M. 091212 COLOSSUS should return  
to East Indies direct on completion of refit.  
2. All ratings due for release is Age and Service  
Groups should be discharged forthwith if passage  
to U.K. or Ceylon can be arranged, and every  
endeavour must be made to get ratings concerned  
to U.K. before end of their release period.  
3. Resulting inefficiency and fact that COLOSSUS may be  
non-operational and only capable of steaming to Ceylon at  
economical speed on conclusion of refit is acceptable.  
4. C. in C. East Indies is requested to arrange for as many  
reliefs as possible to be sent to COLOSSUS before end of her  
refit and to adjust ship finally on her return to Ceylon.  
(A.C.N.S.(O) 112020 to C. in C. S.A. C. in C.E.I. COLOSSUS.)

11.3.1946.  
Monday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

QUEEN  
Trooping.

Sail when ready p.m. 11th March by appropriate Medri routed to Port Said for onward routing to Colombo.  
2. Speed adjusted to arrive Port Said 0600B 14th March.

5. REAPER will be proceeding at 1745.  
6. Acknowledge.  
(C. in C. Med. 110949 to QUEEN. Admiralty.)

GUARDIAN  
net layer  
on passage  
to U.K.  
from  
B.P.F.

Sail at 1500A 11th March by appropriate Medri routes to Gibraltar for onward routing to U.K.  
2. Speed 10 knots. adjusted to arrive before dark 15th March.  
4. K.H.M. is requested to provide tugs and pilots.  
5. Should weather or circumstances necessitate you may put into North African ports en route reporting your intentions to C. in C. Med., repeated F.O.G.M.A. and AIMED.  
6. Acknowledge.  
(C. in C. Med. 111031 to GUARDIAN.)

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

Sail at 1400A 12th March by appropriate Medri route to Gibraltar for onward routing to Greenock.  
2. Speed 9½ knots. E.T.A. Gibraltar 2300A 16th March.  
5. Acknowledge.  
(C. in C. Med. 111113 to MULLION COVE.)

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

Sail at 1000B 12th to Gibraltar speed 16 knots.  
E.T.A. p.m. 17th. Report accurate E.T.A. to F.O.G.M.A. when known. Acknowledge.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 111810B to CHASER.)

LIVERPOOL  
with destroyers  
MUSKETEER and  
MATCHLESS  
Cruise.

LIVERPOOL escorted by MUSKETEER and MATCHLESS is to carry out the following programme.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Leave.</u>
-	Malta.	p.m. March 14th.
p.m. March 16th.	Marseilles.	p.m. March 19th.
a.m. March 20th.	Toulon.	p.m. March 22nd.
a.m. March 23rd.	Cannes or Ville Franche	a.m. March 25th.

2. LIVERPOOL is then to return to Malta, and MUSKETEER and MATCHLESS are to proceed to Gibraltar to join MILNE and MARNE, when those 4 destroyers (?will) proceed in company to U.K.

3. The C. in C. intends to arrive Marseilles by air A.M. March 17th and will be accommodated in LIVERPOOL until March 25th when he will proceed by air to Rome.

4. Cdre. Liason American and British Marseilles is to (?report whether) LIVERPOOL's salute to the country on arrival at Marseilles can be returned.

(C. in C. Med. 111846 to MUSKETEER, LIVERPOOL, MATCHLESS.)  
(Postponed See 132214, and 121750 and cancelled by 151707.)

/C. in C. Med...

11.3.1946.  
Monday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean contd...

C. in C.Med.  
visit to  
Southern  
France and  
Rome.

The Commander in Chief Mediterranean intends to embark in LIVERPOOL at Marseilles a.m. March 17th subsequently visiting Toulon and Cannes or Villefranche thence proceeding by air to Rome on March 25th and returning Malta March 28th.

2. (A) The Flag of the Commander in Chief will be transferred from ST. ANGELO to LIVERPOOL during period he is embarked.

(B) LIVERPOOL is to report intended time of transfer of flag.

3. (A) From 0800 G.M.T. March 17th to 0800 G.M.T. March 25th signals requiring the immediate and personal attention of the Commander in Chief should be addressed Commander in Chief Mediterranean (Afloat) (info.)  
Commander in Chief Mediterranean.

(B) Such signals should be routed both to LIVERPOOL and to Malta.

(C. in C. Med. 111911 to Med. Gen. Mess. 285B.)



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11.3.1946.  
Monday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

GRENVILLE  
TUSCAN  
destroyers  
on passage  
to U.K.  
from B.P.F. and  
for reserve

Intend following programme for D25 in GRENVILLE with TUSCAN on passage to U.K. all dates March unless otherwise shown.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
20th.	Aden.	21st.
25th.	Suez.	25th.
25th.	Port Said.	26th.
1st April.	Gibraltar.	3rd April.
7th April.	Portsmouth.	-

2. Fuel at Aden, Port Said, Gibraltar.  
(C. in C.E.I. 110928 to Admiralty. C. in C. Med.  
C. in C. Portsmouth.)

Frigate  
LOCH FYNE  
and LOCH  
LOMOND  
for U.K.  
and reserve.

Intend following programme for LOCH FYNE and LOCH LOMOND on passage to U.K.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
-	Trincomalee.	12th.
13th.	Colombo.	13th.
20th.	Aden.	22nd.
27th.	Suez.	27th.
27th.	Port Said.	29th.
1st April.	Malta.	2nd April.
5th April.	Gibraltar.	8th April.
12th April.	Portsmouth.	-

All dates March unless shown otherwise.

2. Fuel at Aden, Port Said, Malta, Gibraltar.  
(C. in C.E.I. 111035 to Admiralty, C. in C. Med.)

Weekly  
report of  
M/S progress  
No. 12.

1. Current operations.

(A) Serial 17. Rhio Strait. 11th M.S.F. completed magnetic sweeping of E.F.M.I. 266 negative results complete sweeping of E.F.M.I. 10 negative results. Flotilla at present continuing clearance of E.F.M.I. 481.

(B) Serial 19. Bakastrait 7th M.S.F. sailed from Singapore 10th March to resume operations.

(C) Serial 21. Nicobar S. 37th M.S.F. sailed from Port Blair to Madras 27th Feb. to effect reliefs.

(D) Serial 25. Tenasserim Coast no further information to my 041025.

(E) Serials F and H. Penang. Magnetic sweeping of E.F.M.I. 174 completed detonating a total of 9 mines.

(F) Serial J. Dinding area. Magnetic sweeping of E.F.M.I. 70 completed detonating a further 2 mines making a total of 3 for these E.F.M.I.

(G) Serial L. Moulmein River M.M.S. of Force 18 detonated a further 3 magnetic mines at half way anchorage F.M/S.O. now visiting Mounain to investigate situation.

2. Further operations.

Serial Q Bangkok. Minesweeping force expect to sail from Singapore about 1st April.  
(F.O. Malaya 111057 to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty. S.E.A.C. (Kandy).)

/URSA...

11.3.1946.  
Monday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies. contd...

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

548C of 29.12.45. take TUMULT under your orders and sail from Aden as follows:  
(A) 1700C 11th.  
(B) Suez for U.K.  
(C) 14 knots.  
(G) Request canal transit daylight 16th. Depart Port Said 17th, arrive Malta 20th, depart 21st arrive Gibraltar 24th, depart 25th, arrive Portsmouth 29th. Acknowledge.  
(Com. Aden. 111230C. to URSA, Admiralty. C. in C. E.I.)

Lend-Lease  
vessels in  
S.E.A.C.  
redelivery  
of -  
negotiations  
with U.S.A.

Information has been received from Admiralty that it is no longer intended to retain any lease lend ships and craft to meet any post war training requirements and that Indian and Dominion Government will require to negotiate direct U.S.A. authorities for the acquisition of any lease-lend craft required by them.  
2. The following craft have therefore been declared surplus to R.N. requirements:-  
(A) 4 in No. L.C.P. (L). 2. in No. L.C.M.(3)

all at Karachi.

(B) 18 in No. L.C.P.(L) at Bombay (Marve).

(C) One in No. L.C.H., 2 in No. L.C.I.(I) all at Cochin.

3. U.S.N. commission New Delhi is trying to arrange for these craft to be included in the agreement between the U.S.A. and Indian Government. If this is arranged they become the property of H.M.I.G. and transfer to R.I.N. can be arranged by you.

4. Minor Landing Craft will remain as now as in R.I.N. custody for your use pending this decision. The major landing craft are being repaired at Cochin for return to the U.S. Authorities in the Philippines and it is anticipated sailing these at the end of March. Agreement as in para. 3. above is made.

5. A.M. 251755/ not to all or needed refers.

(S.R.N.O. Bombay 111605EF to N.H.Q.I.)

✓ Re delivery of Lend-Lease vessels under Article 9 of Lend-Lease Charter Party. *See 191145*

Madagascar  
Diego Suarez  
lapse of  
appointment  
B.N.L.O.

The appointment of B.N.L.O. Diego Suarez lapsed on March 7th 1946, and all British naval personnel are being withdrawn.  
(C. in C.E.I. 111611EF to E.I. Stn. 707C.)

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America and West Indies.

FROBISHER  
Cadet  
training  
ship.

Arrived and sailed Barbados for Gibraltar speed  
of advance 12 knots.  
(FROBISHER 111050Q to C. in C. A.W.I. F.O. 10th  
C.S.)

CURZON  
with  
L.C.S.  
for U.S.A.

My 091310Z sailing postponed owing to boiler  
defects in CURZON further signal will be made.  
(Cdre. 1/c. Bermuda 111442Z to C. in C. A.W.I.  
Admiralty. F.O.G.M.A. )  
(See 132130Z.)

Far East and Australia.

ULYSSES  
destroyer  
on passage  
to U.K.  
and reserve.

Departed Melbourne 0225 11th March. ULYSSES for  
Fremantle. F.O.S.A. 280704 refers. Route direct.  
S.O.A. 14 knots. E.T.A. Fremantle 0900H 16th  
March.  
(N.O.I.C. Pt. Melbourne 110425Z to N.O.I.C.  
Fremantle.)

ARIADNE  
fast  
minelayer  
for passage  
to U.K.

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

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
-	Hong Kong.	18th March.
22nd March.	Singapore.	23rd March.
27th March.	Trincomalee.	28th March.
4th April.	Aden.	5th April.
9th April.	Suez.	9th April.
9th April.	Port Said.	10th April.
13th April.	Malta.	14th April.
17th April.	Gibraltar.	20th April.
23rd April.	Devonport.	

(C. in C. B.P.F. 110706 to F.O.M.F.A. C. in C.E.I.  
F.O. Ceylon.) See ARIADNE 271645Z Cal Net

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RAJAH  
carrier  
trooping.

Intend following programme for passage of RAJAH  
to U.K.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Leave.</u>
-	Hong Kong.	15th March.
19th March.	Singapore.	19th March.
23rd March.	Colombo.	24th March.
30th March.	Aden.	31st March.
4th April.	Suez Canal.	4th April.
4th April.	Port Said.	5th April.
10th April.	Gibraltar.	11th April.
14th April.	Plymouth.	14th April.
15th April.	Portsmouth.	15th April.
16th April.	Sheerness.	17th April.
17th April.	Chatham.	-

2. Ship will fuel at Aden. All will be filled at Hong Kong.  
C. in C. East Indies 181235 not to all refers.  
(C. in C. B.P.F. 110716 to Admiralty.)

10th M.S.F.  
re allocation  
of to C. in C.  
E.I.

On completion of minesweeping tasks in your  
area about the end of May, 10th M.S.F. is re-  
allocated to C. in C.E.I. to expedite clearance  
of British areas. C. in C. B.P.F.'s 080654,  
S.A.C.S.E.A. 201207 Feb. and C. in C.E.I.  
015534 March, none to all refers.  
(A.C.N.S. 111043 to C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I.)

C.S.2.  
in BELFAST.

Departed Napier BELFAST wearing flag of C.S. Two.  
E.T.A. Suva early p.m. Saturday 16th March.  
(S.O.C.S. 2. 112200Z to C. in C. B.P.F.)

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North Atlantic.

C.S.10  
in BIRMINGHAM  
for Trinidad.

Sailed C.S.10 in BIRMINGHAM with BELLONA and  
DIADEM in company 1100A 12th March to Trinidad  
in accordance with Home Fleet spring cruise orders.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 121113A to Admiralty.)

INDEFATIGABLE  
A.C.  
UNDAUNTED  
destroyer (for  
reserve) for  
U.K.

Take UNDAUNTED under your orders and sail 1130A  
12th March to Portsmouth.  
2. Speed 16. E.T.A. Spithead p.m. 15th March on  
completion of flying off aircraft.  
3. When no longer required UNDAUNTED is to be  
detached and sailed to Plymouth.  
4. Constant watch on Gibraltar Broadcast shifting  
to Home Station organisation 2330A 13th March.  
7. Acknowledge.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 121139A to INDEFATIGABLE. UNDAUNTED.)

FREESIA  
Corvette  
for U.K.  
and reserve  
from E.I.

Sail 1800A 12th March via Nore to Chatham.  
2. Speed 9. E.T.A. a.m. 19th March.  
6. Acknowledge.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 121215A to FREESIA. C. in C. Nore.)

Horta  
Naval Base  
date of  
closing  
down.

Closing Horta Base is now 31st March.  
(S.B.N.O. Horta 122029Z to Admiralty.)

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Mediterranean.

I.S. ATIL<sup>T</sup>IO  
REGOLO<sup>^</sup>  
Cruiser.

Reference 239B of 16th Feb. Delete ATIL<sup>T</sup>IO  
REGOLO who has reverted to category B.<sup>^</sup>  
(C. in C. Med. 120928A to Med. Stn.)  
Category A Italian ships.

LIVERPOOL  
Cruiser  
with  
destroyers  
for French  
Ports.

Taking MUSKETEER and MATCHLESS under your orders  
and sail at 1130A 14th March by appropriate Medri  
route to Marseilles.  
2. Speed 14 knots. E.T.A. 1430A 16th.  
4. Ships to acknowledge.  
(C. in C. Med. 121231 to LIVERPOOL. C.S.15. D.3.)  
(Cancelled by 130942.)

Visit  
LIVERPOOL  
with destroyers  
MUSKETEER  
and MATCHLESS  
to French  
Ports.

C. in C. Med's 111846/ March.  
Para. 1. Berths alongside at Marseilles (group  
missed) arranged.  
2. Para. 3. Request information whether plane  
will land Istres or Marignane airfield.  
3. Para. 4. Salute to the country on arrival  
Marseilles cannot be returned.  
(Cdre. Liaison A & B Marseilles 121750 to  
C. in C. Med.)  
(See 132214)  
/ Programme to be carried out by LIVERPOOL,  
escorted by MUSKETEER and MATCHLESS.

Movements.

Movements. Haifa 12th March arrivals SIRIUS.  
(S.N.O.L.A. 122001 to Admiralty. F.O.L.E.M.)

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East Indies.

TENACIOUS 548C of 29.12.45.  
UNDINE Take TENACIOUS under your orders and sail from  
destroyers Aden as follows:  
for U.K. (A) 1130C 12th.  
and reserve. (B) Suez for U.K.  
(C) 14 knots.  
(G) Request canal transit daylight 16th. Depart  
Port Said 17th, arrive Malta 20th, depart 21st  
arrive Gibraltar 24th, depart 25th.  
TENACIOUS arrive Devonport 29th.  
UNDINE arrive Harwich 30th.  
Acknowledge.  
(Com. Aden. 121045 to UNDINE. Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.S.)

TERPSICHORE 548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Aden as follows:  
destroyer (A) 1130C 12th.  
for U.K. (B) Suez for U.K. (C) 14 knots.  
and reserve. (G) Request canal transit daylight 16th.  
Acknowledge.  
(Com. Aden. 121046C to TERPSICHORE. Admiralty.)

6th M.S. On completion of Tenasserim Coast Operations  
Flotilla about early April, intend 6th M.S.F. proceeds to  
to return U.K. calling at Trincomalee.  
to U.K. 2. F.O.M.F.A. is requested to sail FRIENDSHIP  
on completion and GOZO to U.K. when sufficiently seaworthy  
of Coast to take passage expected date of which should  
Operations. be reported.  
3. F.O.M.F.A. is also requested to confirm  
S.A.C.S.E.A. of para. 1.  
(C. in C.E.I. 121102 to M.S.6. F.O.M.F.A.)  
(See 131230, amended by 140950.)

LA GRACIEUSE 548C of 29.12.45. Take LA CAPRICIEUSE under  
LA CAPRICIEUSE your orders and sail from Trincomalee as follows:  
French ships (A) 1900EF 12th March.  
for F. Indo- (B) Singapore.  
China. (G) For onward routing to Saigon.  
Acknowledge.  
(C. in C.E.I. 121113 to LA GRACIEUSE. Admiralty.  
LA CAPRICIEUSE.)

Proposed A.M. 022206 Feb/4. Propose C. in C. Med. assumes  
change of control of Red Sea Area North of 15 degs. N. on  
Eastern 1st April, 1946. If approve request this be  
Limit of promulgated by A Message.  
Med. Stn. 2. Also that accounts are transferred from SHEBA  
to NILE on that date.  
(C. in C. Med. 121238 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.  
F.O.L.E.M.)  
\* Mediterranean/E. Indies Boundary.

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East Indies contd...

LOCH RUTHVEN 548C of 29.12.45. Take LOCH KILLISPORT under your  
LOCH KILLISPORT orders and sail from Aden as follows:  
for U.K. (A) 1430C 13th.  
and reserve. (B) Suez for U.K.  
(C) 12 knots.

Acknowledge.

(Com. Aden. 121315C to LOCH RUTHVEN, LOCH  
KILLISPORT. Admiralty.)

SUSSEX  
Cruiser  
on passage  
to U.K.

548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Aden as follows:

- (A) 1100C 13th.
- (B) Suez for U.K.
- (C) 15 knots.
- (E) Acknowledge.

(Com. Aden. 121730C to SUSSEX. Admiralty.)



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America and West Indies.

Gun salutes  
of 10th C.S.

A.M. 052155 is being passed reference your 101541. Understand you had been consulted and had concurred. No replies have yet been received from individual Governors. See 10th C.S. Cruisers are now saluting ships. (C.S. 10 121816A to C. in C. A. & W.I.)

Far East and Australia.

Australian  
Re Station  
limits.

Your 060130.  
World Wide Station limits are under consideration at present, and a further signal will be sent as soon as possible.  
(Hd. of M.II. 121559 to Admiralty.) *22 280603*

Trooping  
programme.

Programme of Naval Trooping Vessels. Amend  
A.M. 302130 Jan. March sailings to read:-

<u>Ship.</u>	<u>E.T.D.</u>	<u>Destination.</u>	<u>E.T.A.</u>
	<u>U.K.</u>		
QUEEN.	4th Mar.	Malta - Ceylon.	26th Mar.
DEVONSHIRE.	14th Mar.	Malta - Ceylon.	1st Apr.
FENCER.	14th Mar.	Malta - Ceylon.	5th Apr.
VICTORIOUS.	15th Mar.	Ceylon - Sydney.	14th Apr.
RANEE.	25th Mar.	Malta - Ceylon - Singapore.	22nd Apr.
INDOMITABLE.	3rd Apr.	Ceylon - Sydney.	3rd May.

(D. of M. 122235 to C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I.  
C. in C. Med.)

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North Atlantic.

BLENHEIM  
Destroyer  
Depot Ship  
to U.K.

Sail p.m. 13th March to Portsmouth.  
2. Speed 8. E.T.A. p.m. 19th March.  
6. Acknowledge.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 130946A to BLENHEIM.)

DEERSOUND  
Aircraft  
Component  
Repair ship  
to U.K.  
from B.P.F.

Sail 0900A 15th March via Necri routes to Rosyth  
A.M. 251504 not to all refers.  
2. Speed 13½. E.T.A. a.m. 20th March.  
6. Acknowledge.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 131046A to DEERSOUND. Admiralty.)

South Atlantic.

Movements.

Departure H.M. Trawlers ARRAN, OXNA, COPINSAY  
1300 11th for Dakar, Las Palmas, Gibraltar.  
(S.O.(I) Freetown 130916 to Admiralty. F.O.G.M.A.  
Comar Dakar)

TEST  
frigate  
on passage  
to E.I.  
for R.I.N.

Sailed TEST to Kilindini for onward routeing.  
2. S.O.A. 12 knots.  
3. E.T.A. Kilindini 1400B 19th March.  
(Commodore Durban 131047 to Admiralty. C. in C.S.A.)

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Mediterranean.

LIVERPOOL  
Cruiser  
with  
destroyers  
for French  
ports.

Cancel my 121231A.  
(C. in C. Med. 130943 to LIVERPOOL. MUSKETEER,  
MATCHLESS. D.3. C.S.15.)  
MUSKETEER and MATCHLESS to be sailed to  
Marseilles.

F.S.DIXMUDE  
Escort  
Carrier  
carrying  
personnel  
from Beirut  
to Casablanca.

Following is repetition of Almed's 111858  
addressed C. in C. Med. repeated F.O.L.E.M.  
F.O.G.M.A. Marine Paris, N.A. Paris, N.O.I.C.  
Beirut, Comar Beirut, Comar Casablanca, Comar  
Oran, begins:  
1. Following programme intended for F.S. DIXMUDE  
departed from Oran March 15th arrival Beirut  
22nd. Departure from Beirut 24th carrying  
personnel to W.A. Casablanca.  
2. Request concurrence. Ends.  
Para. 2. In view of B.B.C. announcement this  
morning have approved this.  
(C. in C. Med. 131111 to Admiralty.) See 231634

Re stores  
for Greeks  
from  
Alexandria  
etc.,

S.B.N.O. (G) 121125 March. (N.T. in W.D.)  
To F.C.E. Med. (R) S.C.E. (E.M.) with the  
exception of any items in transit concur with  
that transfer of Vote 10 stores from Alexandria  
to Greece as in A.M. 011933 Jan. should be  
cancelled.  
2. No reply to C. in C. Med. 081731 Feb. has  
been received and it is considered that disposal  
of any items held at Alexandria should proceed on the assumption  
that transfer to Vote 10 stores to R.H.N. will not now take  
place as in F.C.E. 142/10375 to O.C.W. and S.C.E.'s concerned.  
(C. in C. Med. 131201 to F.O.L.E.M. S.B.N.O. Greece.) See 211631

MYRLAND  
Firefloat  
returning  
to U.K.

Sail at 1700A 14th March by appropriate Medri  
route to Gibraltar for onward routing to U.K.  
2. Speed 7 knots or better reporting your E.T.A.  
6. Acknowledge.  
(C. in C. Med. 131614A to MYRLAND. Admiralty.  
Almed.)

AURORA  
Cruiser.

Movements Haifa 13th March departed AURORA.  
(S.N.O.L.A. 131648 to Admiralty. F.O.L.E.M.)

LIVERPOOL  
with  
destroyers  
cruise  
postponed.

Following is a repetition of C. in C. Med's  
130948/ (NR34/868) to Admiralty only and 130955  
(NR M308) to MILNE only. Begins: Addressed:-  
Prefect Maritime Troisieme Region Cdre. American  
and British Marseilles S.S.T.O. Clyde LIVERPOOL.  
MUSKETEER. Repeated C.S.15 Admiralty, Capt. (D) 3  
Comar Algiers F.O.L.I. V.A.(M) F.O.G.M.A. From  
C. in C. Med. Programme in my 111846 is postponed.  
Further signal will be made.  
(C.C.O. Malta 132214 to Admiralty. Capt., (D) 3.  
/ Received undecypherable.  
/ Programme of LIVERPOOL, MUSKETEER, MATCHLESS.

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Mediterranean.

Danube 365796.  
Minesweeping. R.A.C. 4539/3102 cipher 13th March.  
H.N. (?S) returned tour of Danube area report indicated that Ismail-Giurgiu open day night. Giurgia-Budapest closed. Budapest Vienna open by day. Minesweeping in progress between Giurgiu-Turnu Severin after incident near Cernavoda. This section probably now open. No traffic seen on river. British barge YPRES-NETHE loaded flax and captured machinery respectively awaiting Turnu Severin proceed Russia.  
(B.M.M. Rumania 131045B to Admiralty, Ministry of War Transport.)

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East Indies.

LOCH LOMOND  
LOCH FYNE  
frigate  
for U.K.  
and reserve.

Ref. 548C of 29.12.45. take LOCH FYNE under your orders and leave Colombo as follows:  
(A) As convenient p.m. March 13th.  
(B) Aden.  
(C) 12 knots. Acknowledge.  
(F.O. Ceylon 130935 to LOCH LOMOND. LOCH FYNE. Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)

LONDON  
cruiser  
trooping  
to U.K.

Ref. 548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Colombo as follows.  
(A) 0900EF March 14th.  
(B) Aden.  
(C) 20 knots.  
Acknowledge.  
(F.O. Ceylon 131128 to LONDON.)

F.S.  
CAP DES PALMES  
For E.I.  
China.

548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Singapore as follows:  
(A) 0700GH 14th March.  
(B) Saigon.  
(C) 13½ knots.  
(G) Acknowledge.  
(F.O.M.F.A. 131201GH to CAP DES PALMES. C. in C.E.I.)

LOCH INSH  
frigate  
on passage  
to U.K.  
and reserve.

548C of 29th Dec. 1945. Sail from Trinco as follows:  
(A) Aden.  
(C) 12 knots.  
(G) For onward routeing to U.K. Acknowledge.  
(C. in C.E.I. 131226 to LOCH INSH. Admiralty.)

*See p. 77*

6th M.S.  
Flotilla  
for return  
to U.K.

Your 121102.  
6th M.R.F. negative GOZO and FRIENDSHIP, should arrive Trincomalee by the end of March. Consider it essential that 4 Sweepers and 2 Denlayers should dock for bottom clearing and boating before further passage owing to present high fuel consumption.  
(S.O. 6th M/S. 131230 to C. in C.E.I.)

Netherlands  
East Indies  
Oprep.

Afnei 131320 Alfsea, Sacsea, W.O.  
See Lion Copy.

/LOCH INSH...

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From: AFNEI

131320/March

Date 13.3.46

Recd 1455

Cipher

To: ALFSEA, SACSEA, War Office  
Info: Landforces Melbourne, Landops.

IMMEDIATE

092469

.02090 cipher 13th March

For M.O. 12

Oprep up to 0800 hrs 13th March.

West Java.

A. Batavia. 15 (or 18) Looters arrested FMA Area. Three Grens and some SAA Fire heard Meester Cornelis area. 3 Bn U Regt Gp proceeded Meester Cornelis. 2/14 Neths Light Inf Bdn under Comd 36 Bde WEF 1700 hrs 11 Mar.

Buitenzorg. NTR.

Bandoeng. Coy posn sniped during Night fire returned. 1 Sea-forth report seeing Jap Tank South Rly line. Tjimahi. Dutch post fired on no cas. Lemban. Op continues satisfactorily eighty tons rice evac. 1,000 tons stores to be evac. Convoy. Sups Convoy met continuous and by sniping opposition East of Soekaboemi 11 Mar. Adv about 8 miles before Harboursing for Night 11/12 Mar area QX2524. Air Sp given on three occasions. Night 11/12 Mar quiet. Tk Convoy from Buitenzorg met opposition and mines 15 miles West of Soekaboemi. Arrived West outskirts 2045 hrs 11 Mar and harboured for Night. Majority of tks damaged by mines. Unable to proceed without repair. Relief Coln 5 Raj Rif with Tks and Arty left Bandoeng 1130 hrs 11 Mar. Mainrd Block and opposition area Tjipatat QX 6028. Strong opposition checked progress and Coln harboured for night 11/12 Mar area BR QX 5427. Coln moved 0700 hrs 12 Mar and reached Tjirandjang 0820 hrs where engaged by LMO. This Coln ordered back to hold Br Safe QX 5427 and ordered to hold this area until further orders two Coys 1 patiala detached Main Convoy returned Bandoeng to extricate Tks. Latest report this morning indicates this Party with Tk Convoy has now rejoined Main Convoy. Tac 1 Bde Plus 3/10 GR left Bandoeng this morning to relieve Main Convoy. All convoys to come under Comd 1 Bde. Latest report this Coln QX 7227 with Main Convoy passing through Sarbopat. Total Cas report to date 10 (or 13) killed 59 wounded. One Strafing run made at QX 291237.

B to D NTR.

East Java/.....

East Java.

A. Sourabaya, 9 Bde. Coy moving West along Main Rd from Kletek and Coy searching Kampongs South of Main Rd encountered Slight LMG and MMG oppositions. Br 556353 blown. Three Grens fired into Coy posn Wonokrono Canal. 3 JAT relieving 3/2 Punjab Pat Baoy's Kletek Ketagan Lendagan. 123 Bde on Pat engaged 25 Indons with LMG Katimoho 3/75. Bali. Terrorists activity Area Tabanan 1436. Own Pl Pat encountered Tps Terrorists this Area.

B to D NTR.

Sumatra.

A. Medan. Further details Ops 11 Mar. Indicate enemy opposn very hy with several MGS. Own Cas one BO six IORs wounded. During return Coln met Rd Block BR M432832 covered by fire. Coy searched area for missing IOR who not found. Several Str Rd Blocks seen. Indons manning them ran on sight. Other areas NTR.

B to D NTR.

Central Java.

A. East (?Semarang). Own posn 986121 (or 986921) fired at South Semarang Own Pat found Rd Blk manned 958046. Fire exchanged Own Cas nil. When Own pat withdrew Indons followed up dispersed by SAA and Arty. Indons wearing full Jap uniforms with steel helmets. Five 3 in Mor Bmbs fell 958057.

West Sererang Indon Tps and lorries engaged by Arty at 848008 and 865131.

B. NTR

C. Elements of T Regt HQ. 360 Men of 2/6 Bn Neth Army. Adv Party 1 Stoottroepen.

D. T Regt HQ 951100. 2/6 RI 954123. First Stoottroepen 9661238 (or 966138).

Outer Islands. A Celebes Ambush near Masambo 120 DAS 20 (? or 26) Mins East 2 DGRS 35 mins South. Dutch suffered 5 killed 9 wounded. Later pat searched area without result. Rebels armed with LAMG and Grens.

Manado. Signal received that Mutiny over and Dutch Flat rehoisted. Leaders arrested and held on Board Piet Hein. Other areas NTR.

B to D NTR.

All Infm.

Note by C6 Tels.

Message delayed through having been received corrupt.

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Received in War Registry 0910/14th, circulated by War Office to Defence Office, Cabinet Warroom, Defence Map Room, Air Ministry, Foreign Office, India Office, and Admiralty.

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 A.C.N.S (W)  
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 D.N.I (5)  
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 D. of P (Q) (3)  
 D.T.A.S.W (3)  
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Wednesday.

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East Indies contd...

LOCH INSH Intend following programme for LOCH INSH and  
TAFF on passage to U.K.  
Frigates All dates April unless shown otherwise.  
for passage Arrive. Place. Depart.  
to U.K. - Trinco. 18th March.  
and reserve. 26th March. Aden. 27th March.  
1st. Suez. 2nd.  
2nd. Port Said. 3rd.  
4th. Alexandria. 6th.  
12th. Gibraltar. 13th.  
17th. Devonport. LOCH INSH.  
17th. Portsmouth. TAFF.

2. Fuel at Aden, Port Said, Gibraltar.  
(C. in C.E.I. 131521 to Admiralty. C. in C. Med. C. in C.  
Portsmouth.)

Minesweeping Your 120033/ and 070704/ Following is a repetition  
programme. 191100 Feb. (N.T. in W.D.) begins:  
Addressed Admiralty, Sacsea, C. in C.E.I. C. in C.  
B.P.F. A.C.N.B. Repeated C.S.5. Cdr. D. M/S. 6 M/s  
7 M/S 11 M/S 37 CORBRAE from F.O.M.F.A.

My 181012 Dec. 1945 refers.

2. Fleet Minesweepers Add:-

Serial 22. Malayan east coast. Clearance of moored mines in  
E.F. M.I. 429 and E.F. M.I. has lines J.K.L. and G.

Serial 23. Malayan east coast. Clearance of moored mines in  
E.F. M.I. 12 lines A to I inclusive.

Serial 24. Malayan east coast. Clearance of moored mines in  
E.F. M.I. 488.

3. Auxiliary sweepers. Add:-

Serial P. (?Singapore) Island. Clearance of inshore moored  
minefields.

Serial Q. Bangkok. Magnetic sweep of southwest monsoon  
(?anchorage).

4. (A) Serial 14, 15, 16 completed.

(B) Serial 17, 19, 20, 21 F.H. and P in progress.

(C) Serial L and J about to be undertaken.

D.T.G. 191100 Feb.. Ends.

(C.C.O. Singapore 131530 to Admiralty.)

/ War Reg. Signal requesting repetition of F.O.M.F.A's 191100.

/ Intended minesweeping programme.

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Wednesday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

S.S. ANNIE GASTON? My P.C.S. at 1200Z today March 13th 39 degs. 03 mins. N. 67 degs. 21 mins W. 327 degs. 12 knots. Have on board 244 rounds Hedgehog with separate fuses and 153 boxes Oerlikon ammunition to be landed. (ANNIE GASTON 131403 to C. in C. A.W.I. Admiralty.)

H.M.C.S. CHARLOTTE-TOWN frigate for Esquimalt. H.M.C.S. CHARLOTTETOWN E.T.D. Balboa 2000/13. E.T.A. San Pedro 24th. Route coastal. Speed 12. E.T.D. San Pedro 26th. E.T.A. Esquimalt 30th. N.B.A.F. until 1800 then N.P.G. Time Z. (Cdre. Panama Sea Frontier 131450 to N.O.I.C. Esquimalt. Commandant 11th Naval District.)

CURZON frigate with landing craft crews. Your 111442. Ships companies ex ships named in your 091310 due to embark SCYTHIA 29th March at Halifax for U.K. provided they arrive U.S.A. by 18th March. Request revised E.T.A. to allow cancellation of arrangements if necessary. (B.A.D. 132130Z to Cdre. in Charge Bermuda. C. in C. A & W.I. Admiralty.)

U.S. Pacific Summary Operational Naval Units. Pacific Summary 56. Operational Naval Units. Southeast Pacific. NEW YORK. Pacific Coast. MASSACHUSETTS, INDIANA, ALABAMA, NEW JERSEY, SARATOGA, LEXINGTON, VELLAGULF, WINDHAM BAY, BAIROKO, SITKOH BAY, BARNES, POINT CRUZ, RENDOVA, PRINCE WILLIAM, ATTU, CAPE GLOUCESTER, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, QUINCY, CANBERRA, AMSTERDAM, OKLAHOMA CITY, MIAMI, ASTORIA, TUCSON 13 DD. En route U.S. PUGET SOUND, CHENANGO. 6 DD. En route Pearl. HANCOCK, BADOENG STRAIT, SIBONEY, VINCENNES, BIRMINGHAM 2 DD. At Pearl. BENNINGTON, SAIDOR, NASSAU 23 DD. North Pacific. None. South Pacific. None. Southwest Pacific. 1 DD. Central Pacific. IOWA, BOXER, ANTIETAM, BREMERTON, COLUMBUS, CHICAGO, LOS ANGELES, DULUTH, ATLANTA, TOPEKA, HOBART, ARGONAUT, 52 DD. (C.N.O. 131843 to Admiralty. Comnaveu.)

U.S. Atlantic Summary. Change my 052240/ Atlantic. Serial 221. MISSOURI, RANDOLPH, in New York. NEW ORLEANS in Philadelphia. LITTLE ROCK, DAYTON, WILKES-BARRE, SANTEE in Canal zone. SOLOMONS, HOGGATT BAY, SAVO ISLAND in Jacksonville. Ex Tripoli KALININ BAY, SUWANNEE, RUDYERD BAY, in Boston. PRINCETON, MACON, KULA GULF, SARGENT BAY at Sea. (C.N.O. 131845 to Admiralty, Comnaveu.) / Ships in ports.

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13.3.1946.  
Wednesday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

CUMBERLAND  
trooping.

Departed Fremantle 0130 13th March. CUMBERLAND  
for Colombo. E.T.A. 0230 20th March. Route direct.  
S.O.A. 19 knots. WC 220.  
(N.O.I.C. Fremantle 130210Z to F.O. Ceylon.  
C. in C.E.I.)

VENGEANCE  
A.C. for  
E.I.  
TYRIAN  
destroyer  
for U.K.  
and reserve.

Request you sail VENGEANCE with TYRIAN in company  
from Jervis Bay to Colombo at 0330 on 22nd March.  
(F.O.S.A. 130542Z to F.O.I.C. (S).)

Channels  
of  
communication  
for B.C.O.F.

J.C.O.S.A. 56. 13th March, 1946.  
From Australian Chiefs of Staff as agent of  
J.C.O.S.A.  
1. W.E.F. 18th March Australian Service  
Headquarters are responsible for issue to  
H.Q. B.C.O.F. of instructions on service matters  
within approved J.C.O.S.A. policy. Following  
channels of communication will w.e.f. 18th March be used by  
Headquarters B.C.O.F.  
(a) On matters of policy to J.C.O.S.A. through the Australian  
Chiefs of Staff as agents.  
(b) Direct with the appropriate Australian Service Headquarters  
on other matters particularly those requiring staff action  
in relation to the current activities of B.C.O.F.  
2. Fuller instructions will follow later.  
(Defence H.Q. Melbourne 130635Z to B.C.O.F. Kure. Cabinet Offices  
etc.,)

14.3.1946.  
Thursday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

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

Sail 0700A 15th March to Portsmouth for onward  
routeing Greenock.  
(2) Speed 16. E.T.A. 0700Z 18th March.  
(6) Acknowledge.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 141055A to REAPER.)

14.3.1946.

Thursday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

QUEEN  
Carrier  
trooping.

Sail at 0600B/15 to Aden and Colombo report  
your T.O.D. Suez and E.T.A. Aden, to all  
addressees in this signal. Acknowledge.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 141040B to QUEEN.)

NESS  
frigate  
on passage  
to U.K.  
and reserve.

Sail at 1700A 16th March by appropriate Medri  
route to Gibraltar for onward routing to U.K.  
2. Speed  $11\frac{1}{2}$  knots. E.T.A. 0700A 19th.  
4. Acknowledge.  
(C. in C. Med. 141533 to NESS. V.A.M.)

8th M/S.

Sail at 0800B 15th to Malta speed 10 knots.  
E.T.A. a.m. 19th report accurate E.T.A. to  
C. in C. Med. when known.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 141642 to S.O.M/S. 8.  
Admiralty.)

Movements.

Port Said 14th March. Arrivals: MARY ROSE,  
L.S.E. 52, QUEEN.  
Departures: Nil.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 141715B to Admiralty.)

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Thursday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Troopships  
and  
Cargo ships  
positions.  
11th - 14th  
March.

D.S.T.O. Malaya 140800. Alfsea for P.S.T.O.  
S.S.A.C.  
See Lion Copy.

S.S.  
MARQUETTE  
(A.M.)

548C of 19.12.45. Sail from Aden as follows:  
(A) 1700C 14th.  
(B) Suez for Piraeus.  
(G) Request Canal transit daylight 19th.  
Acknowledge.  
(Com. Aden. 140924C to MARQUETTE.)

Re boundaries  
between  
S.E.A.C.  
and  
Australian  
Area.

A.M. 081405 March para. 1. Confirmed that  
boundary between S.E.A.C. and Australian Area  
is from the intersection of 141 degs. E. and  
the Pacific Ocean Area Boundary due South to  
the 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. S.  
120 degs. E. thence to 015 degs. S. 086 degs. E.  
and thence due South.  
2. My 140934 March contains amendments recently received from  
F.O.M.F.A. in conjunction with S.A.C.S.E.A. and consolidates  
present information regarding boundaries and areas of  
responsibility for various commands in the S.E.A.C. Area A.  
3. My 111047 Feb. is cancelled.  
(C. in C.E.I. 140929EF to Admiralty. S.A.C.) *See over -*

U.S.S.  
CHIPOLA  
tanker.

U.S.S. CHIPOLA sailed 2050/13th March to  
Singapore onward routeing to Yokohama. E.T.A.  
0800EF 18th.  
(F.O. Ceylon 140955 to F.O.M.F.A. Admiralty.  
C. in C.E.I.)

LOCH ECK  
Frigate  
with  
British  
Mission  
to Benoa.

Intend to sail LOCH ECK with British Mission  
to Benoa thence Lombok at 1500 tomorrow Friday  
15th.  
(N.O.I.C. Sourabaya 141515 to C.S.5. C. in C.E.I.  
F.O. Malaya.)

H.S. CAP  
ST. JACQUES  
for redelivery  
to the French.

Anticipate H.S. CAP ST. JACQUES will arrive  
Toulon mid/April for return to French in  
accordance with para. 2. A.M. 020028 Feb. to  
avoid delay in disposal of Naval Personnel, a  
number of whom are in early A.S.G. Request  
instructions for disposal of stores be issued.  
(C. in C.E.I. 141517EF to Admiralty. CAP ST.  
JACQUES. C. in C. Med.)

/GAMBIA...

# MESSAGE.

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IN

*Position of Troopships  
+  
Cargo Ships*

UNCLASSIFIED. 140800/March.  
From: D.S.T.O. Malaya. Date: 16.3.46.  
Recd: 1507.

P/L.

To: ALFSEA for P.S.T.O. S.E.A.C.  
Info: D. of S.T., P.S.T.O.(I), W.S.A. Singapore.

IMPORTANT.

Position No. 48 0600/11th March to 0600 14th March.

Troopships.

- GERUSALEMME (B) Naval Base Hospital Ship. Awaiting Orders.
- WUSUEH (B) Awaiting Orders.
- HIGHLAND BRIGADE (B) Repairing at anchorage indefinite.
- KARAPARA (C) Sailed Rangoon thence Madras 11/3.
- DELCHIOR TREUB (B) Awaiting Orders.
- STRATHMORE (A) Sailed 11/3 to Kure, Japan.
- EMPIRE BEAUTY (A) Arrived 11/3.
- (B) Embarks Military personnel, for Bangkok.
- (C) 14/3 Bangkok.
- TAOS VICTORY (A) Arrived 11/3.
- (B) Awaiting Orders.
- RAJULA (A) Arrived 12/3 Sailed 13/3.
- (B) Embarked 1515. Disembarked 915.
- MAET SUYCKER (A) Arrived 12/3.
- (B) Disembarked 32
- NEA HELLAS (A) Arrived 12/3.
- (B) Disembarked 14.
- (C) Sails 16/3 for Madras.
- NIEUW AMSTERDAM (A) Arrived 12/3.
- (B) Embarks 3100 RAPWI and 700 Military personnel for U.K. Holland. 16/3.
- (C) Arrived 13/3.
- ELLENGA (B) Disembarked 68. Embarked 646.
- (C) 14/3. Port Swett Calcutta.
- CHESHIRE (A) Arrived 13/3.
- (B) Embarks P.M. 14/3.
- (C) 15/3 Port Swett Bombay.

Cargo Ships.

- CITY OF RANGOON (B) Resident Collier.
- EMPIRE NEWFOUNDLAND (B) Resident Crane Ship.
- RIVERCREST (B) Repairing, to MOWT on completion.
- (C) Fremantle, for orders, indefinite.
- FORT LA CLOCHE (A) Arrived in anchorage from Naval Base 13/3 to Bunker and await C.R.M. reliefs
- SAMFIELD (A) Sailed 13/3 to Madras for orders.
- (B) Discharged 90 tons stores.
- SAMFINN (A) Sailed to Bombay 12/3.
- FORT LA TOUR (B) Discharged 893 tons stores.
- (C) Indefinite.
- SAMDARING (B) Discharged 262 tons stores, loaded for Labuan 346 tons stores.
- (C) 17/3.

/MORIALTA.....

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MORIALTA	(B)	Discharging at Naval Base.
	(C)	Indefinite
SAMSURF	(B)	Discharged 983 tons stores.
	(C)	21/3.
FORT CATARAQUI	(B)	Discharged 968 tons stores.
EMPIRE FAVOUR.	(B)	Discharged 310 tons stores 163 Port Swettenham.
<sup>H</sup> PASBA	(A)	Sailed 12/3 to Bangkok.
	(B)	Discharged 307 tons stores.
CITY OF DERBY	(B)	Discharged 361 tons stores at Anchor.
	(C)	Indefinite.
JOHN J MCGRAW	(B)	Discharged 929 tons stores.
	(C)	22/3.
MARUDU	(B)	Discharging at Naval Base.
	(C)	Indefinite.
HICKORY BROOK.	(B)	Discharging at Naval Base.
	(C)	Indefinite.
EMPIRE JAMAICA	(B)	Discharged 688 tons stores.
	(C)	18/3.
HICKORY DALE	(B)	Discharging at Naval Base.
	(C)	Indefinite.
FORT BUFFALO	(B)	Discharged 1413 tons coal.
	(C)	Indefinite.
CITY OF WORCESTER	(B)	Berthed 13/3. Discharged at Anchor 145 tons stores.
	(C)	Indefinite.
EMPIRE LABRADOR	(B)	Discharged 650 tons stores.
	(C)	17/3.
SAMPFORT	(A)	Sailed 12/3 to Calcutta, for release.
	(B)	Discharged 270 tons stores at Anchor.
EMPIRE BARBADOS	(B)	Loading P.O.L. at Naval Base for Saigon.
	(C)	Indefinite.
EMPIRE DUCHESS	(B)	Berthed 11/3. Discharged 300 tons stores.
	(C)	28/3.
SUIYANG	(B)	Discharged 150 tons Commercial Cargo now bunkering.
	(C)	Indefinite Bangkok.
FORT TURNER	(B)	Engine repairs at Anchor.
	(C)	14/3 P.M. Madras.
FORT RICHELIEU	(B)	Awaiting berth to discharge.
FORT GLENORA	(B)	Berthing 15/3 to discharge.
SAMTRUTH	(A)	Sailed 11/3 for Kure Japan.
YUENSANG	(B)	Bunkering.
	(C)	16/3 Bangkok to load rice for Hong Kong.
SAMSTURDY	(A)	Sailed Saigon 11/3.
OCEAN VESPER	(A)	Sailed 11/3 to Madras.
EMPIRE MORTIMER	(A)	Sailed 11/3 to Hong Kong.
SAMSYLVAN	(A)	Arrived 11/3.
	(B)	Berthing 15/3 to discharge.
KOHISTAN	(A)	Arrived 11/3.
	(B)	Awaiting berth to discharge coal.
SAMTRENT	(A)	Arrived and sailed 12/3.
	(B)	Onward routed to Kure Japan.
STANCLEEVE	(A)	Arrived 13/3.
	(B)	Berths 14/3 to discharge.

/EMPIRE BYNG.....



MESSAGE.IN

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EMPIRE BYNG

- (A) Arrived 13/3.
- (B) To discharge at anchor

Netherlands Shipping.

TJIMANOK

- (B) Discharged 826 tons coal.
- (C) Indefinite.
- (B) Awaiting Traders Coaster Control.

KLIPFONTEIN

RELAU

- (B) Repairing.
- (C) Indefinite.

RIMAU

- (B) Repairing.
- (C) Indefinite.

RESANG

- (B) Repairing.
- (C) Indefinite.

TAPAH

- (B) Loaded 50 tons stores.
- (C) Penang indefinite.

TUNG SONG

- (B) Repairing.
- (C) 16/3 Tumpat.

EMP. SEAHAWK

EMP. SEASCAPE

- (C) 14/3 Port Swett.
- (B) Loaded 288 tons stores.

EMP. SEWARD

EMP. MAYTIME

EMP. SEASHORE

- (A) Sailed 13/3 Kuantan.
- (C) 15/3 Port Swett.
- (C) 15/3 Penang.

EMP. MAYFLOWER

EMP. MAYA

EMP. M. YMOUNT

EMP. M. YTREE

EMP. SEALION

EMP. SEA BEACH

EMP. MAYPORT

- (A) Sailed 12/3 Muar.
- (B) Loaded 206 tons stores.
- (C) Indefinite. Penang.
- (C) Indefinite Trengganu.
- (C) Awaiting Drydock.
- (C) 15/3 Port Swett.
- (C) Indefinite repairing.
- (C) 14/3 Batu Pahat.
- (A) Arrived 13/3.

~~EMP.~~ LANGBY

BAN HONG LIONG

- (B) Discharged 100 tons stores.
- (C) 16/3.
- (C) 14/3 Port Swett.

CIANAND

KRIAN

PULAU ~~KADJANG~~ KIDJANG

- (A) Sailed 13/3 Batavia.
- (B) Loaded 1466 tons stores
- (C) 14/3 Balawan.

INDRAGIRI

- (A) Sailed 13/3 to Padang.
- (A) Arrived 12/3.
- (B) Discharged 55 tons stores.
- (C) 14/3 Batu Pahat.
- (A) Arrived 13/3.
- (B) Discharged 411 tons stores.
- (C) Indefinite.

Agreed C.C.U.

140800.

A.C.N.S. (0)

D.C. (2)

D. Mov. (7)

D.C.O.D. (7)

D.T.D. (2)

D. of S.T. (30)

M. (3)

Mails.

D. of S. (3)

W.D.

Ad. Blake.

U.S.N. (3)

O.I.C. (2)

M.D.G.

D.N.L.O. (2).

B.C.

MESSAGE.

IN

*Boundaries & areas of  
responsibility in  
S.E.A.C.*

RESTRICTED

140934EF/March.

From. C. in C. E.I.

Date. 19. 3. 46.

Time. 2130.

NAVAL CODE J.

Addressed. E.I. Station.  
Repeated. Admiralty. F.O.I.E.M.

// 6900. of 11th Feb and 714 C of 6th March. are cancelled.

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 Aug. 1945.

"From the Coast of French Indo China at 016 degs repetition 016 degs north to 007 degs 40 mins repetition 007 degs 40 mins north 116 degs repetition 116 degs east thence along the 1939 boundary between the Philippine Is. and British N. Borneo to 005 degs repetition 005 degs North 127 degs repetition 127 degs east, thence due east to 130 degs repetition 130 degs east thence due South to the Equator, thence due east to 140 degs repetition 140 degs east, and thence to 002 degs 20 mins repetition 002 degs 20 mins South 146 degs repetition 146 degs east. Thence East to 002 degs 20 mins repetition 002 degs 20 mins south 159 degs repetition 159 degs east, thence due south".

(3) The following boundary between S.E.A.C. and the Australian Area came into effect when A.F.N.E.I. took over responsibility from Australian Forces for the remainder of N.E.I. on the 2nd Feb. 1946.

"From the intersection of 141 degs east repetition 141 degs east and the Pacific Ocean area boundary due south to the south coast of New Guinea thence west to the north of Tamor and through the Ombai straits between Sawoe and Roti Islands to 013 degs South 120 degs east repetition 013 degs south 120 degs east thence to 015 degs south 086 degs east repetition 015 degs south 086 degs east and thence due south".

(4) F.O.M.F.A. area is bounded on the west by longitude 095 degs east repetition 095 degs east and latitude 010 degs north repetition 010 degs north between the West Coast of Siam and the intersection with longitude 095 degs east repetition 095 degs east and elsewhere by S.E.A.C. boundaries

/(5).....

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(5) F.O.M.F.A. area south of Equator extends from 095 degs east repetition 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 paragraphs 1 and 2 above.

(6) A.F.N.E.I. area consists 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 Linga archipelago and the Anamba Is. The defined boundary between Malaya Command and A.F.N.E.I. is as follows, all inclusively to A.F.N.E.I.

"Linga Archipelagoes Mouth of Dempo Straits Petong Island Doera Island Mend~~(21)~~ from ~~(Rangsang Island)~~"  
*Mendel I*

(7) F.O.M.F.A. assumed operational control of S.E.A.C. area as laid down in paragraph 3 from 1000GH on 2nd February 1946.

140934EF.

*see 291101.*

✗ Could be YA

✗ 660C intended 111047

Information regarding boundaries and areas of responsibility for various commands in S.E.A.C. area.

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.  
P.N.L.O. (2)  
N.L.O. Aust. Hsc. (2)  
O.I.C. (2)  
D.T.S.D. (2)  
D.S.D. (2)  
H.W.R. (2)  
D.C.O.D. (7)  
D. of L.D. (2)  
D.T.D. (4)

14.3.1946.  
Thursday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies contd...

GAMBIA 548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Aden as follows:  
Cruiser (A) 0900C 15th.  
on passage (B) Suez for U.K.  
to U.K. (C) 20 knots.  
from B.P.F. (E) Acknowledge.  
(Com. Aden. 141700C to GAMBIA. Admiralty.)

Persian Request a reply may now be made to my 131329~~6~~  
Gunboats. Feb. S.N.O. Persian Gulf's 270832~~4~~ Feb. also  
refers.  
(Naval H.Q. India 141803EF to Admiralty, C. in C.  
E.I.)  
/ Persian crews for gunboats cannot be provided  
for several months.  
/ Three Persian Gunboats now ready in Bombay to  
sail to Korranshah. Further retention of these  
craft will seriously hold up R.I.N. demobilisation.

Re B.P.F. When I paid an official call on the Governor of  
and E.I. Ceylon today he raised the question in a very  
drafting friendly way (?of) arrival here of B.P.F. drafting  
pools pool and told me he had had no official advance  
in Ceylon. intimation.  
2. He explained that while the (corrupt group)  
Government had fully understood necessity for  
considerable requisitioning accentuating the  
need of East Indies Pool, they might find difficulty in accepting  
its continuance in favour of a pool belonging to fleet of a  
different station. He feared possibility of awkward question  
being addressed to his (?Government) to which he might wish  
to reply authoratively.  
3. I explained the reason for Admiralty policy to His Excellency  
including the saving of shipping which prove of direct benefit  
to Ceylon.  
I emphasise the temporary nature of the arrangement and the  
fact that C. in C. B.P.F. and I were making every effort to  
reduce the size of our respective pools. H.E. fully appreciates  
the position.  
4. But it would I think strengthen his hand if the Colonial  
Office informed him officially of the nature and reasons for  
Admiralty policy.  
(C. in C.E.I. 142025EF to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F.)

14.3.1946.  
Thursday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

WARRIOR  
light fleet  
carrier.

At noon today Thursday 14th March 1946,  
WARRIOR was accepted from the builders Messrs.  
Harland and Wolff.  
(WARRIOR 141245 to N.S.H.Q. Admiralty. C.N.M.O.)

Visit of  
U.S. Cadet  
Midshipmen  
to Jamaica  
and Bermuda.

To both: United States Embassy seeks permission  
for U.S.M.S. AMERICAN MARINER (Captain J.H. Masse)  
with 179 Cadet midshipmen from the Massachusetts  
Maritime Academy, together with officers of  
Academy and certain U.S. Maritime Service personnel  
to visit  
To (1) Kingston from 29th March to 3rd April.  
only:  
To (2) Hamilton from 23rd to 27th May.  
only:  
To both: on training cruise. Grateful to learn  
if permission may be granted.  
(S. of S. Colonies 141415 to Jamaica and Bermuda.)  
*See NT. 15.3.46*

Salutes  
Cruise of  
C.S.10  
to W. Indies.

Subject to concurrence of Governors as in  
A.M. 052155/ observance of full pre-war gun  
salutes is strongly recommended.  
(C. in C. A.W.I. 141440 to Admiralty.)  
/ Full pre-war gun saluting to be observed  
for purpose of cruise.

CURZON  
Frigate  
with landing  
craft for  
return to  
U.S.A.

Cancel my 091310Z. Reference S.A.D's 132130  
not to all. Take FAVOURITE and Landing Craft  
addressed under your orders and sail for New York  
at 10 knots departing Bermuda 1200Z 15th. You  
are to detach at your discretion for Philadelphia.  
Report time of detaching.  
(Cdre. i/c. Bermuda 141821Z to CURZON. JED.  
L.C.I.(L) 112, L.C.I.(L) 171, L.C.I.(L) 179,  
L.C.I.(L) 250, L.C.I.(L) 274, L.C.I.(L) 376,  
L.C.I.(L) 388, L.C.I.(L) 380, L.C.H. 242, L.C.H.  
275. C. in C. A.W.I. Admiralty.)

TORRINGTON  
GORE  
Frigates  
TOTLAND  
Cutter  
P.F.S. & P.G.S. Norfolk  
to be returned (B.A.D. 142245Z to Admiralty.)  
to U.S.A.

Your 072334 Navy Department ask that ships  
be sailed to ports as follows, GORE, TORRINGTON,  
TOTLAND, 12 P.F.S. 2. P.G.S. Boston 5 P.F.S. 2  
P.G.S. New York 3 P.F.S. Norfolk. The selection  
of P.F.S. and P.G.S. for Boston, New York and  
Norfolk is at Admiralty discretion.  
(B.A.D. 142245Z to Admiralty.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

VIRTUE, VOX, VORACIOUS for passage to U.K. etc.,	Intend to sail VIRTUE (Senior Officer) VOX, VORACIOUS, March 21st subject to satisfactory trials and repairs.		
	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
	Fremantle.	-	March 21st.
	Singapore.	April 2nd <sup>th</sup>	April 6th.
	Trincomalee.	April 12 <sup>th</sup> <del>12<sup>th</sup></del> missing.	April 18th.
	Aden.	April 30th.	May 1st.
	Port Said.	May 8th.	May 9th.
	Malta.	May 14th.	May 21st.
	Gibraltar.	May 26th.	May 28th.
	Holy Loch.	June 5th.	

2. Assume VOX, and VORACIOUS will be diverted at Malta if required by Greeks.

3. Submarines (?routed) by Singapore to avoid long ocean passage in present circumstances. Spare rings and bottom end bearings flown Singapore by F.O. S/M to be collected. Present spares exhausted.

4. A.S.G. of crews adjusted to June 30th.  
(S/M 4 140242 to C. in C. B.P.F. F.O.S.A.)

D.S. O.21. on passage to Holland with ex P.O.W's etc.,	Departed Fremantle 0300Z 14th March. H.N.M.S. O-21 for Colombo. C. in C. R.N.N.E.'s 061305GH/ refers. E.T.A. Colombo p.m. 26th March. Route direct. S.O.A. 10 knots. (N.O.I.C. Fremantle 140734 to F.O. Ceylon.) / Programme for H.N.M. S/M. O.21.)
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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Visit  
of C. in C.  
Med. to  
French ports.

Taking MILNE, MUSKETEER, MARNE and MATCHLESS  
under your orders sail at 0900A 20th March by  
appropriate Medri route to Marseilles.  
2. Speed 14 knots. E.T.A. 1100A 22nd.  
4. Ships to acknowledge.  
(C. in C. Med. 151107 to LIVERPOOL, MARNE,  
MUSKETEER, MATCHLESS, MILNE. Capt. D. (3) )  
Cancel 285B 11th March. /

2. G.M. the Commander in Chief Mediterranean intends to  
embark LIVERPOOL at Marseilles p.m. 22nd March subsequently  
visiting Toulon and Cannes or Ville Franche thence returning  
Malta by air p.m. 31st March.

3. (A) The Flag of the Commander in Chief will be transferred  
from ST. ANGELO to LIVERPOOL during the period he is embarked.

(B) LIVERPOOL is to report intended time of transfer of Flag.

4. (A) From 1100 G.M.T. 22nd March to 1100 G.M.T. 31st March  
signals requiring the immediate and personal attention of  
the Commander in Chief should be addressed to Commander in  
Chief Mediterranean (Afloat) (Info.) Commander in Chief  
Mediterranean.

(B) Such signals should be routed both to LIVERPOOL and to  
Malta.

(C. in C. Med. 151707 to Med. Stn.)

/ C. in C. Med. intend to embark in LIVERPOOL at Marseilles  
a.m. 17th March subsequently visiting Toulon and Cannes or  
Ville Franche.

CAPTIVE  
total loss.

CAPTIVE is breaking up fast and it is regretted  
that she must now be regarded as a total loss.  
(C. in C. Med. 151130 to Admiralty. F.O.L.E.M.)

FLY (S.O)  
CADMUS,  
ACUTE,  
ALBACORE,  
CIRCE, MUTINE,  
and Danlaying  
trawlers  
ST. KILDA,  
GRUINARD,  
INCHOLM  
and SHEPPEY,  
for U.K.

My 061204 (N.T. in W.D.) Ships are to sail  
for U.K. by 18th April. Every endeavour is to  
be made to complete the operation by this date.  
(C. in C. Med. 151317 to M.S.12. M.S.5. M.S.8.  
Admiralty.)

STEVENSTONE  
destroyer  
with naval  
draft for  
Greece.

Sail at 1700A 16th March by appropriate Medri  
route to Piraeus with Naval draft embarked. My  
141058 not to all refers.  
2. Speed 14 knots. E.T.A. 1000B 18th.  
4. Acknowledge.  
(C. in C. Med. 151553 to STEVENSTONE. D/3 HAYDON.

/HALLADALE....

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean contd...

HALLADALE  
Frigate  
on passage  
to U.K.  
and reserve  
from E.I.  
Station.

Sail at 0600A 16th to Gibraltar.  
{2} Speed 12 knots. E.T.A. 1600A 17th.  
{3} Constant watch on Gibraltar broadcast.  
{4} C. in C. Med's 121629/ refers.  
(Comar Algiers 151700A to HALLADALE. F.O.G.M.A.)  
/ HALLADALE sail at 0800 13th March to Algiers.

Movements.

Movements Haifa 15th March.  
Arrival CHEVRON.  
Arrived and departed JERVIS.  
(S.N.O.L.A. 152335 to Admiralty, F.O.L.E.M.  
C. in C. Med.)



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East Indies.

Movements.

Arrivals Singapore 14th March - WHITE BEAR  
H.S. CAP ST. JACQUES.  
Departures - SANFOIN, U.S.S. ASHTABULA, F.S. CAP  
DES PALMES, L.S.T. 3008, EMPIRE BELLE.  
(F.O.M.F.A. 150900GH to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)

TUSCAN  
destroyer  
on passage  
to U.K.  
and reserve.

548C of 19.12.45. Sail from Karachi as follows:  
(A) 1300EF 16th March.  
(B) Aden.  
(C) 16 knots.  
(G) Acknowledge.  
(N.O.I.C. Karachi 151037 to TUSCAN, N.H.Q.I.  
F.O. Bombay. C. in C.E.I.)

FORMIDABLE  
A.C.  
Trooping.

548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Aden as follows:  
(A) 1400C 15th.  
(B) Colombo.  
(C) 20 knots.  
Acknowledge.  
(N.O.I.C. Aden 151152C to FORMIDABLE. Admiralty.)

GRENVILLE  
destroyer on  
passage to  
U.K. and  
reserve.

548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Bombay in GRENVILLE  
as follows:  
(A) 0900EF 16th March.  
(B) Aden.  
(C) 16 knots.  
Acknowledge.  
(F.O. Bombay 151637EF to Capt. D. 25. GRENVILLE.)

Dutch  
Submarine  
O.21 returning  
to Holland  
No British  
Liaison  
Officer  
embarked.

Further to my 061305GH March/ para. (6). No  
British Liaison Staff is embarked on H.N.M.S./M  
O.21 on this voyage. M.C.C. N.R.452 pass to  
C. in C.E.I. F.O. Ceylon. D.N.E.O. Colombo, B.D.Z.  
N.R. 870. pass to C.M.R. London, N.R.82 S.O.R.N.N.  
Melbourne No. 485.  
(C. in C. R.N.N.E. 152005GH to C. in C.E.I.)  
/ Sailingplan for H.N.M.S./M.O.21)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

U.S.M.S.  
AMERICAN  
MARINER  
training  
course.

No. 268.  
Your Telegram No. 193.  
U.S.M.S. AMERICAN MARINER. Permission may  
be granted.  
(Sir J. Huggins, Jamaica No. T.O.O. 15th. to  
S. of S. Colonies.)  
/ Permission for training course to Jamaica  
and Hamilton.

BALLINDERRY  
frigate  
returning  
to a station.

Unable to establish W/T communication with any  
station since leaving Azores Sunday 10th March.  
Reception Halifax strength 1 to 2 only. Request  
repeat of any signals affecting BALLINDERRY since  
noon Friday 8th March.  
Expect me Trinidad early a.m. Wednesday 20th March.  
(BALLINDERRY 152244P to C. in C. A & W.I. Stn.  
Admiralty. N.O.I.C. Port of Spain.)

Far East and Australia.

CAMPERDOWN  
destroyer  
as escort.

Shanghai 15th March.  
Sailed CAMPERDOWN for escort duty.  
My 140635, not to Admiralty refers.  
(F.O. Force 'S' 150703 to C. in C. B.P.F.  
Admiralty. Comnav China.)

Japanese  
atrocities  
in cruiser  
TONE.

Your 050812. Continued pressure from next of  
kin makes observance your para. (2) increasingly  
difficult.  
(2) Can legal section indicate urgently progress  
of investigations and probable length of necessity  
for secrecy.  
(Hd. of M.I. 151730 to U.K.N.A.)  
(See 190949)

C.S.2.  
in BELFAST.

Arrived Suva C.S.2 in H.M.S. BELFAST.  
(F.O. 2nd C/S 152330Z to C. in C. B.P.F.)

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North Atlantic.

S.S. MAHLON PITNEY (Am. 7200 tons) mined reported from Gibraltar to New Orleans. Following was received at 2100Z/14 from ship at sea on 500 kc/s begins: Urgency from S.S. MAHLON PITNEY (KKA V) struck mine. Ends. 2. Further urgency signal without text or position was intercepted from WCHE (no allocation held) at 2118Z by ship at sea. 3. S.S. MAHLON PITNEY left Gibraltar westbound at 2100Z 12th March. 4. Aircraft circled estimated position of ship 36.20 N., 14.10 W, at time of distress message p.m. 15th March but reported nothing. 5. Signal has been made to both KKA V and WCHE asking if they are in any trouble.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 161105A to Admiralty. C.N.O. Commaveu.)  
(See 181611A)

South Atlantic.

TREPASSEY. TREPASSEY sailed from Margaritte Bay for Stanley 150900.  
(N.O.I.C. Falkland Is. 161804P to Admiralty, C. in C. A.W.I.)

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Mediterranean.

QUEEN  
Carrier  
trooping.

N.O.I.C. Port Said S. 1410403.  
(1) Sailed Suez 2100B 15th March.  
(2) E.T.A. Aden 0900B Tuesday 19th March.  
(3) Request confirmation that Zone minus 3 L is kept at Aden.  
(QUEEN 160831B to Commodore Aden. Admiralty.)

R.N.O.  
Tripoli  
(Syria)  
closed down.

R.N.O. Tripoli (Syria) has been withdrawn and the Naval Base closed down.  
(C. in C. Med. 161101 to Med. Gen. Mess. No. 293B.)

Flag of  
C.S.15  
transferred  
temporarily  
to AURORA.

The Flag of C.S.15 will be transferred temporarily to AURORA at 0800A 20th March.  
2. All correspondence should be continued to be addressed to C.S.15 in ORION. Signals should be addressed to C.S.15 and AURORA and routed to ORION and AURORA.  
(C. in C. Med. 161103 to Med. Stn. 294B. Admiralty.)

URSA  
TUMULT  
destroyers  
for U.K.  
and reserve.

Take TUMULT under your orders and sail to Malta at 1300B 16th speed 14 knots. E.T.A. a.m. 19th report accurate E.T.A. to C. in C. Med. when known. Acknowledge.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 161105B to URSA, TUMULT.)

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

Take TENACIOUS under your orders and sail at 1200B 17th to Malta. Speed 14 knots. E.T.A. a.m. 20th.  
Report accurate E.T.A. to C. in C. Med. when known. Acknowledge.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 161935B to UNDINE.)

TERPSICHORE  
destroyer  
on passage  
to U.K.  
and reserve.

Sail at 1400B 17th March to Gibraltar. Speed 14 knots, E.T.A. a.m. 23rd. Report accurate E.T.A. to F.O.G.M.A. when known. Acknowledge.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 161934 to TERPSICHORE.)

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East Indies.

Information re naval losses during the war for Ceylon "Times" centenary number. Following information has been requested for inclusion in centenary number the "Times of Ceylon".  
(A) Losses of personnel in H.M.S. Ships HERMES, CORNWALL, DORSETSHIRE, VAMPIRE, TENEDOS and HECTOR.  
(B) Highest number of Naval personnel in Ceylon at any one time.  
2. Reference A.L.M. 0327/46 dated 2nd February 1946. Request approval to communicate (B) above and that figures for (A) may be forwarded if approved to publish this information.  
(C. in C.E.I. 160831 to Admiralty.)

LOCH ECK frigate on passage to Benoa etc. Following is a repetition of N.O.I.C. Sourabaya's 151015. Begins: LOCH ECK Repeated Admiralty, C. in C.E.I. Station. F.O.M.F.A. C.S.5. C.S.5. Batavia. S.O.R.N.N. Benoa 5 Indian Division from N.O.I.C. Sourabaya. 548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Sourabaya as follows:  
(A) 1500 15th March.  
(B) Benoa.  
(C) 12 knots.  
(F) 1730 16th March.  
(G) E.T.D. Benoa for Ampenan a.m. 18th remaining at Ampenan 48 hours or as required by O.C.A.M.M. then return Sourabaya. Acknowledge.  
2. F.O.M.F.A. re-encypher pass to Admiralty, 5 Indian Division pass to S.O.R.N.N. Benoa T.O.O. 151015GH.  
(N.O.I.C. Singapore 160900 to Admiralty.)

GLASGOW Cruiser on passage from E.I.Stn. Sail GLASGOW.E.T.A. Simonstown a.m. 22nd. (R.N.O. Mauritius 160910D to C. in C.S.A. C. in C.E.I.S.)

Dutch S/M O.24 on passage to U.K. 548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Aden as follows:  
(A) 1500C 16th.  
(B) Suez A for U.K.  
(C) 12 knots.  
(E) Broadcast V.  
(G) Request Mediterranean chart folios available for collection on arrival at Port Said.  
Acknowledge.  
(N.O.I.C. Aden 160956 to O.24 D.S. Admiralty.)

Netherlands E.I. Opn. Report. Afnei 161120 Alfsea, Sacsea, W.O. See Lion Copy.

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From AFNEL.

Recd. 1516

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Addressed. ALFSEA. SACSEA. War Office.  
Info. L.H.Q. Melbourne. Landops.

EMERGENCY

092716  
02148(or 2138) Cipher 16th March.

Oprep up to 0800 hrs. 16th March.

West. Java.

A. Batavia. Firing south of FMA and near Java Bank during night being investigated. Transport near Klender fired on.

Bandoeng. Minor exchange of shots Seaforth area. No Cas. Convoy. Convoy continued to meet minor oppsn. 14th March. Adv. guard cleared rd. blocks during the afternoon and progress was necessarily slow. Head of convoy reached dispersal ground Bandoeng at 1855 hours. TAC HQ 1 Bde with 3/10 GR left bridge area at 1530 hrs. Coln. engaged by heavy machine gun and rifles until dusk. After clearing area coln. harboured for night. Quiet night. Coln. left harbour 0605 hrs. 15th March arrived Bandoeng 1130 hours without opposn. 5 RAJ RIF supported by tks. and arty. remained to protect br QX 5427.

Lembang. No incidents 120 tons Jap stores evac. to Bandoeng. 26 (or 26) Bde. Harboured Poentjak pass 14th March. Commenced work on bridge 15th March no incidents since arrival.

Buitenzorg. No incidents.

B and C N.T.R.

D. Batavia. 1/1 Punjab Tanah Tinggi 013005 taken over commitments from 8 FF RIF. 4 Rajput 014876 taken over commitments 5 JAT. 6/8 Punjab 005082 relieved 3/4 GR Dutch Tps. 11/14 RI 444016 taken over commitment 1/8 GR and 6/8 Punjab. 1/8 RI relieved 4 Rajput Klender. Bandoeng. 5 RAJRIF QX535270 Coy 542271 Coy 459301, 1/16 Punjab one Coy 036477.

2. 3/4 GR sailed Malaya.

Central Java.

A. South Semarang. Own patrols to 977044 without incident.

B. N.T.R.

C. H.M.S JAMAICA arrived Semarang.

D. N.T.R.

East Java.

A. Sourabaya. 9 Bde. Own patrol had minor brushes 513646. Local this area report enemy H.Q formerly there now moved Malang. 123 Bde. Minor brush 3673. Arty. 18 ft. gap blown(? in br) 329872.

Bali. Few terrorists arrested Tabanan and Denpasar.

/B.....

B. to D. N.T.R.,

Sumatra.

A. Medano. Arty. gap searched area 43005 small quantity arms and amm. recovered. Other areas no incidents.

B. N.T.R

C. Build up 1 Lincoln Palembang continues.

D. N.T.R.

Outer islands.

A. Celebes. Patrols continued Pare Para area without incident.

Ambon. Orderly meeting held attended by Conica other officials and 700 locals regarding future status. Geb.Spoor and Admiral Pinke left Makassar for Manado on 15th March. Other areas. N.T.R.

B to D N.T.R.

RAPWI. 5 from Batavia to Morotai. 15(or 17) from Batavia to Balikpapan. 25 from Batavia to Holland. 82 from Palembang to Batavia, 48 from Sourabaya to Balikpapan. All information.

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War Room, Defence Map Room,  
Foreign Office, India Office,  
Air Ministry and Admiralty.

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A.C.N.S.(W)  
A.C.N.S.(A) (2)  
D.C.(2)  
O.D.(9)  
O.I.C.(2)  
D.N.I(5)  
D. of F(3)  
D. pf P(Q)(3)  
D.T.A.S.W.(3)  
D.C.O.D.(7)  
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C.C.L.S.  
W.D.  
Ad Blake.  
D. Map Room.

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HOLM SOUND  
aircraft  
component  
repair ship  
on passage  
to U.K.  
from B.P.F.

Destination of HOLM SOUND is Rosyth.  
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 HOLM SOUND.  
4. HOLM SOUND to report E.T.A., number of passengers and amount of stores for disembarkation to C. in C. Rosyth and Admiralty.  
(D.O.D. 161246 to C. in C.E.I. C. in C. Med.)

Sitrep 767.

092723. 1464 Ops.

1. Burma. WA states Op. nothing further to report. Myitkyina area. Infm. received 15th March that Maj. Sun received orders withdraw across border.  
Waingmaw S.D. 1644 area clear. Washawng S.D. 3448 probably clear 15th March. Own tps. following up. 1 Kachin under op. Comd. 64 Bde. w.e.f. 12th March. Locns. 17 Div. 4 Border less two coys. Bilin Q.M. 7988. One Coy. Shanywa Q.G. 4613 (or 4617) one Coy. Taungzum Q.M. 6385.  
2. Malaya. 2 Div. 6 Bde. Reports Siyo-Malaya friction Sengkang W.V. 8390. 20 Chinese missing. 7 Div. 35 Bde. Patrol 4/15 Punjab reported approx. 80 Chinese on parade east of Sungei Perac V.E. 0074. Armed with rifles probably Brit. Reported possible negotiations with K.M.T. guerrillas in Grik area.  
3. N.E.I. Outer Islands. Celebes. 12th March ambush near Masaoba 120 degs. 20 mins. E. 2 degs. 35 mins. S. Dutch cas. 5 killed 9 wounded. Manado. Mutiny over and Dutch flag hoisted. Leaders arrested and held aboard R.I.N. ship PIET HEIN. Java. Sourabaya. 9 Bde. Small patrol clashes. 123 Bde. 13th March our patrol and arty. engaged small party Indonesians Kampong W.D. 3183. Own cas. one I.O.R. killed. Semtrang. Patrol clashes south and west of town. Own tps. now hold line south from R.V. 985156 to R.V. 984117. 2/13 Dutch Lt. Inf. Bn. hold line from R.V. 990106 to R.V. 989607. 13th March 2/6 Dutch Lt. Inf. Bn. and 1 Bn. Dutch storm tps. now complete ashore. 13/14th March rd. blocks erected by Indonesians area R.V. 9504 investigated by own tps. One tk. hit mine. Enemy encountered in trenches round house and concrete pillbox this area. Own cas. one B.O.R. killed. 75 m.m. gun shelled area R.9508 night 14/15th March. Bandoeng tank convoy 13 L with two coys. 2 Patiala rejoined main convoy Q.X. 2824 at 0930 hrs. 13th March. Relief coln. 1 Bde. ex Bandoeng attacked at Q.X. 683282. Progress slow due to rd. blocks strongly constructed every few hundred yards. Opposition continually met. Unable reach br. area and harboured night 13/14th March area 626281. Coln. reached Raj Rif posn. Q.X. 5427 at 0830 hrs. 14th March against opposition which was cleared. Sup. convoy to pass through Raj Rif posn. at 1100 hrs. 14th March followed by 1 Bde. Gp. Progress slow but little opposition encountered. Sup. Convoy reached Andur airfield Bandoeng 1900 hrs. 1 Bde. escort following up met heavy fire at 652282. Area cleared up and Gp. harboured night 14/15th March this area. 5 Raj Rif with arty. and tks. sp. remain br. area 543271 Tjirandrang 450302 and 535280. 49 Bde. Gp. completed occupation Lembang Q.X. 8630 and Kjikole Q.X. 9033.

/Slight...



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Saturday.

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East Indies contd...

Sitrep 767. Slight opposition encountered. 4 Mahratta Recce to Tegalharendong Q.X. 8331 fired on by rifles and mors. Buitenzorg. Coy. 1/16 Punjab with det. Fd. Coy. sp. by tks. and arty. reced to br. Q.W. 996424. Br. not repaired coln. returned without incident. Pet convoy escorted by coy. 6 Mahratta attacked by rifle and L.M.G. area Q.W. 9859. Another coy. sent to assist. Bde. signal vehicle ambushed. Own cas. one B.O.R. wounded two I.O.R. missing. 36 Bde. under comd. 23 Div. w.e.f. 1200 hrs. 13th March. Bde. Gp. moved Batavia-Buitenzorg-Peontjak Q.X. 178419 without incident en route for Tjlandjoer Q.X. 3429. At poentjak opposition encountered. After clearing area Bde. harboured night. Batavia. No major incidents. Relief by Dutch U Regtl. Gp. continues. Bali. Terrorist activity area Tabanan X.G. 5436 and Singaradja X.G. 5183. Food boycott at Denpassar starting. Sumatra. Medan. 11th March Indonesians manning rd. blocks area M.M. 5688 engaged by mor. fire. 14th March. 6 S.W.B. with arty, and tks. reced area Temboeng M.5196 and Bandarjetra M.5199. N.T.R. 15th March 7 Ind. Fd. Regt. less one bty. with under comd. two tps 1 Ind. A/Tk. Regt. one coy ?(1 or 2) Patiala searched area 430005. Small quantity arms and amm. captured. Palembang. 13/15th March fly in of 1 Lincolns ex Pandang continues. Bangka. All quiet.  
4. Hong Kong embarkation new First Army continues.  
5. All other comds. N.T.R. All infm.  
(Alfsea 161535 to W.O.)

Persian  
Navy  
Gunboats  
for.

Admiralty Message 162241 Feb. your 270832 Feb. and N.H.Q. India's 131329 Feb. Understanding here was that arrangements for transfer of gunboats should be made between Teheran and F.O. Bombay, and not Foreign Office. Please confirm that this is being done.  
(Hd. of M.I. 162154 to S.N.O. Persian Gulf. N.H.Q. India. C. in C.E.I.)

16.3.1946.  
Saturday.

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America and West Indies.

SMITER  
E Carrier  
for redelivery  
to U.S.A.

Admiralty pass to R.A.R.A. Admiral Air and C.N.M.O.  
also for info.  
SMITER arrived St. Johns, New Foundland 0930/16.  
(F.O. Newfoundland 161030 to C.O.A.C.)  
Proceed in accordance with previous instruction  
to Halifax N.A.S. at 2030Z 16th March.  
(2) S.O.A., 15 knots.  
(3) E.T.A. Halifax 1200Z 18th March.  
(5) Acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(F.O. New Foundland 161458Z to SMITER, Admiralty.)

Far East and Australia.

TYRIAN  
destroyer  
for U.K.  
and reserve.

TYRIAN departs Sydney 22nd March escorting  
VENGEANCE to Colombo, thence proceeding to U.K.  
carrying out following programme:

<u>E.T.A.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>E.T.D.</u>
5th April.	Colombo.	6th April.
12th April.	Aden.	13th April.
17th April.	Suez transit	18th April.
	Port Said.	
24th April.	Gibraltar.	26th April.
30th April.	Sheerness.	

2. S.O.A. 14 knots from Colombo.  
(F.O.S.A. 160153 to Admiralty.)

URANIA  
ULYSSES  
destroyers  
for U.K.  
and reserve.

Departed Fremantle 0515Z 16th March ULYSSES  
and URANIA for Trincomalee F.O.S.A's 280704Z  
refers. E.T.A. Trincomalee 1100FG 25th route  
direct. S.O.A. 14 knots.  
(N.O.I.C. Fremantle 160759Z to R.A.D. B.P.F.  
Capt. D. 25).

# SECRET

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F.E.A.

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

## China Situation

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

150850Z March.

Date 25.3.46.

Recd 1550

P/L.

To Flag Officers B.P.F.  
Info C. in C. E.I. A.C.N.B. U.K.N.A. Admiralty.

INFE 4.

### 1. China.

Situation in Manchuria tense due to sudden unexplained withdrawal of Soviet troops from Mukden on 9th March, leaving part of city in hands of Communists. Chinese Nationalist troops clash with Communists in attempt to gain control of city. Rumor that Russians intend Harbin, Dairen and Port Arthur to remain 100% Russian controlled; area which includes Mukden and Changchun to be nominally Chinese administered. Chinese Nationalists have three armies in Manchuria, two on way from Shanghai and Hong Kong, two to be lifted out of F.I.C. one of which embarks from Hong Kong.

General Marshall is reported to be likely to recommend withdrawal of U.S. land forces in China during next four or five months leaving only personnel employed as instructors of Chinese.

Foreign flag vessels permitted to call at more than one Chinese port to discharge cargo and passengers up to 31st March, 1947.

Chinese Naval party leaving Shanghai shortly for Pratas Reef requested transport and W/T set. Possibility Japanese garrison may still exist at Pratas but unlikely without supplies.

Strike begun on 13th March in Hong Kong Dockyard ended on 16th March. Nominal grievance pay but thought that strike was test of Communist party discipline.

### 2. French Indo China.

French authority established in Indo China 9th March. Franco Chinese agreement signed in Chungking 28th February allows:-

- a) Chinese goods duty free passage on Kuming-Haiphong Railway;
- b) Entry of French troops to north French Indo China to take over from Chinese troops who will be withdrawn by 31st March.

Franco-Annamite agreement reached recognising the Viet Nam Republic of Tonkin and Annam as free state in F.I.C. Federation and similar conditions for colony of Cochin China.

2. French troops landed Haiphong (Tonkin) after exchanging shell fire with Chinese, attributed to French anxiety to catch tide and Chinese slowness in passing orders. Difficulties may arise from:-

a)/

- a) Extremist Annamite elements refusing to follow orders of Viet Nam Republican leader.
- b) Legacy of Chinese inspired solidarity of yellow races versus white.

In south F.I.C. Annamite resistance in Cochin China has been cleared except for areas round Cap St. Jacques and Islands in Gulf of Siam. In south Annam dissident Annamite forces and their sponsors concentrated between 12th and 14th parallels north clearance of this area may take time.

### 3. Netherlands East Indies.

Negotiations between Dutch and Indonesians under chairmanship of Sir Archibald Clerk-Kerr begun. Indonesian re-action to announcement of replacement of British and Indian troops by Dutch unfavourable leading to incidents including heavy attack on road convoy in West Java.

160850Z

1st Lord.  
1st S.L. (3)  
D.F.S.L.  
4th S.L.  
5th S.L.  
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A.C.N.S. (W)  
D. Map Room.  
D.C. (2)  
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D.N.I. (7) and for D.N.L.O. (2)  
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D.T.A.S.W. (3)  
D.C.O.D. (7)  
M. (33)  
C.N.I. (2)  
C.C.L.S.  
W.D.  
Ad. Blake.

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17.3.1946.  
Sunday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

MULLION COVE Hull repair ship on passage to U.K. for E.I. to return to trade.	Sail 1000Z 17th March via Necri route to Clyde. A.M. 231333 Feb. not to C. in C. Plymouth refers. 2. Speed $9\frac{1}{2}$ . E.T.A. 0800Z 23rd March. Acknowledge. (F.O.G.M.A. 170918A to MULLION COVE. Admiralty.)
DEVONSHIRE Cruiser trooping.	Sail at 0900A 18th March via Medri routes to Malta for o/r Colombo. (2) Speed 20. E.T.A. 1000B March 20th. (5) Acknowledge. (F.O.G.M.A. 171130A to DEVONSHIRE. C. in C. Med. V.A.M.)
CHASER G.P.Carrier on passage to U.K.	Sail at 1000A 18th March via Necri routes to Clyde. (2) Speed $15\frac{1}{2}$ . E.T.A. 1200Z 22nd March. (7) Acknowledge. (F.O.G.M.A. 171722A to CHASER. Admiralty.)
FENCER trooping to U.K.	Sail at 1000A 18th March via Necri routes to Clyde. (2) Speed $15\frac{1}{2}$ . E.T.A. 1200Z 22nd March. (7) Acknowledge. (F.O.G.M.A. 171722A to FENCER. Admiralty.)
DULLISK COVE Hull repair ship on passage to U.K. from B.P.F.	Sail 1430A 18th March via Necri routes to Clyde. (2) Speed $7\frac{1}{2}$ . E.T.A. a.m. 26th March. (6) Acknowledge. (F.O.G.M.A. 171730A to DULLISK COVE. Admiralty C. in C. Rosyth.)

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Sunday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

GOLDEN FLEECE  
M/S for  
E.I. Stn.

Sail at 1800B 19th March by appropriate Medri route to Port Said for onward routing to East Indies.  
(2) Speed 12 knots. E.T.A. first eight 23rd.  
(4) Acknowledge.  
(C. in C. Med. 171146 to GOLDEN FLEECE. S.O. 11th M/S. etc.,)

Movements.

Port Said 17th March 1946. Arrival SUSSEX, L.S.T. 3006 CHAPLET. Departures UNDINE, TERPISCHORE TENACIOUS, CHILDERS.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 171645B to Admiralty. C. in C. Med.)

BERRYHEAD  
Escort  
Maintenance  
ship on  
passage to  
U.K. for  
reserve from  
B.P.F.

Sail at 1000B 18th March to Gibraltar. Speed 9 knots. E.T.A. a.m. 27th. Report accurate E.T.A. to F.O.G.M.A. when known. Keep constant watch on Alexandria Broadcast shift to Malta Broadcast at 2200B 21st and Gibraltar Broadcast at 0300B 24th. Acknowledge.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 171715B to BERRYHEAD. Admiralty.)

SUSSEX  
Cruiser  
on passage  
to U.K.

Sail at 1730B 18th to Malta. Speed 15 knots. E.T.A. a.m. 21st. Report accurate E.T.A. to C. in C. Med. when known. Acknowledge.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 171918B to SUSSEX. Admiralty.)

17.3.1946.  
Sunday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Delivery  
of Lend-Lease  
Vessels under  
Article 9 of  
Lend-Lease  
Charter.

Your 111605 received today. It is confirmed that  
major landing craft mentioned in para. 2C are not  
now required by R.I.N.  
2. D.C.O.I. concurs.  
(N.H.Q.I. 171146EF to S.R.N. Bombay.)

17.3.1946.  
Sunday.

War Diray.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

Salutes  
in West  
Indies.

A.M. 052155 not to all.  
Following Governors have concurred:-  
Bahamas, Bermuda, Jamaica, Leeward Islands,  
Windward Islands, Barbados, British Honduras.  
2. Last two named stress inability to return  
salutes which presumably does not arise.  
(Hd. of M.I. 170006 to C. in C.H.F.)  
(See C.S.10 201507Z to Admiralty)  
(Head of M.I. 211235 C.S.10)  
Pre-war gun saluting for purposes of cruise if  
Governors concur.

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

My P.C.S. 38.10 N., 70.53 W., 317 degs. 10 knots.  
Com. i/c. Bermuda 141821Z. Intend parting company  
at 1200R today Sunday. E.T.A. Overfalls light  
vessel 0500R tomorrow Monday 18th March.  
(CURZON 171200Z to C. in C. A.W.I.)

S.S. MIKHAIL  
KUTUZOU in  
distress.

S.S. MIKHAIL KUTUZOU call sign UUMG reports  
breakage in hull and requests immediate assistance,  
position 44.04 N., 39.00 W. No time given.  
(Halifax W/T 171210 to Rugby Radio.)

TRUMPETER  
Escort  
Carrier for  
redelivery  
to U.S.A.

TRUMPETER arrived St. Johns Nfld.  
(N.C.I.C. Nfld. 171345Z to C.O.A.C. TRUMPETER  
B.A.D. Wash. Admiralty.)  
Proceed in accordance with previous instructions  
to Halifax Nova Scotia at 2030Z 17th March.  
(2) S.O.A. 16 knots.  
(3) E.T.A. Halifax 1200Z 19th March.  
(5) Acknowledge.  
(N.O.I.C. Nfld. 171603 to TRUMPETER.)

Far East and Australia.

ACHILLES  
Cruiser.

Arrived Auckland 0031Z 17th - S.M.N.Z.S. ACHILLES.  
(N.Z.N.B. 172205Z to V.A.(Q). Admiralty. C.S.15.)

URCHIN  
destroyer  
for U.K.  
and reserve.

Departed Sydney 2135Z 17th March. URCHIN for  
Fremantle. E.T.A. Breakwater 1300H 24th March.  
S.O.A. 14 knots. Route direct.  
(S.O.I.C.S. 172301Z to N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne,  
N.O.I.C. Fremantle. A.C.N.B.)



18.3.1946.  
Monday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

VICTORIOUS  
Trooping.

Sail 1600A 18th March via Medri routes to Port  
Said for O/R Ceylon and Sydney.  
2. Speed 20. E.T.A. 1445B 22nd March.  
5. Acknowledge.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 181031A to VICTORIOUS. C. in C. Med.)

S.S. MAHLON  
PITNEY reported  
mined?

My 161105/. MAHLON PITNEY reports not in any  
trouble.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 181611A to Admiralty.)  
/ S.S. MAHLON PITNEY struck mine.

Gibraltar  
Change of  
name of  
Base ship  
"CORMORANT"  
to "ROOKE"

A.G.M. 199A of 13th March. Change of names  
is to come into force on 1st July, 1946.  
(Hd. of M.II. 181852 to "A" Message Home and  
Abroad.)

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South Atlantic.

R.C.S.  
UGANDA  
cruiser  
on training  
cruise.

Your 180030/. (N.T. in W.D.) The following has  
been received: NR 40/031 from UGANDA 160618Z  
addressed C. in C. A.W.I. C.O.P.C. C.O.A.C.  
N.O.I.C. Falklands info P.N.U.V. Com. 10.  
Departed Valparaiso for Port Stanley 0330Z 16th  
March...Ends.  
(N.O.I.C. Falkland Isles. 180120Z to Admiralty.)

Whalers  
for return  
to Norway.

A.M. 051540 Jan. and 101723/Jan. (neither to all.)  
Request dates when whalers GRIBB, SUDEROY I and  
SUDEROY II will be ready to sail for Christiansands  
(Norway) via Rosyth, for return to the Norwegian  
Authorities.

(2) Your 171140 Jan. (not to all) para (4) infers  
that lack of Officers and Engineer room personnel are holding these  
vessels up. Request you state whether this is still the case.  
(3) Request report of seaworthiness of vessels be signalled to  
Admiralty.  
(D.S.V.P. 182117 to C. in C. S. Atlantic. C. in C. Plymouth.  
C. in C. Rosyth. S.B.N.O. Norway.)

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Monday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

SUFFOLK  
cruiser  
trooping  
to U.K.

W/T from Com. Aden. 548C of 29.12.45. Sail from  
Aden as follows:  
(A) 1800 18th.  
(B) Suez for U.K.  
(C) 20 knots.

Acknowledge.

(N.C. Alexandria 181037C to SUFFOLK. Admiralty.)

Terms of  
re delivery  
of 10 M/S  
to Yugoslavia.

In amplification of my 1616(?08) have confirmed  
with Yugoslav Authorities that further communication  
re terms and conditions of transfer of M/S should  
now be made with U.S. Authority direct reminding  
them of time limit. Admiralty please pass to  
B.A.D. Washington.  
(B.N.R. Belgrade 181209Z to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.  
B.A.D. Washington.)

F.S.  
CROIX DE  
LORRAINE  
frigate  
on passage  
to E.I.

Sail at 0600Z 19th March to Djibouti. Report  
your T.O.D. Suez and E.T.A. Djibouti to all  
addressees in this signal. Keep constant broadcast  
LV, acknowledge.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 181325B to CROIX DE LORRAINE.  
Admiralty.)  
(See 191902B)

GAMBIA  
Cruiser  
on passage  
to U.K.  
from B.P.F.

Sail at 0630B 19th to Gibraltar. Speed 20 knots.  
E.T.A. a.m. 23rd.  
Report accurate E.T.A. Gibraltar to F.O.G.M.A. when  
known.  
Acknowledge.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 181800 to GAMBIA. Admiralty.)

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Monday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

DUNCANSBY HEAD Intend following programme for DUNCANSBY HEAD escort all dates April unless shown other-wise.

	<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
maintenance ship on passage to U.K. and reserve.	-	Trincomalee.	19th March.
	29th March.	Aden.	1st.
	6th.	Suez.	7th.
	7th.	Port Said.	8th.
	13th.	Malta.	18th.
	22nd.	Gibraltar.	24th.
	1st May.	Harwich.	-

2. Fuel at Aden.

3. 200 tons moorings for A.F.D. 37 embarked for Malta.

(C. in C.E.I. 180927 to DUNCANSBY HEAD. Admiralty. C. in C. Med.)

F.S. 548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Trincomalee as follows:

JULES VERNE Auxiliary repair ship for French Indo-China.

(A) On completion of D.G. ranging a.m. 19th March.  
(B) Singapore.  
(C) 12 knots.  
(G) For onward routeing to Saigon.

Acknowledge.

(C. in C.E.I. 180936 to JULES VERNE. Admiralty. F.N.E.O.)

Minesweeping East Indies.

1. Current Operations.

(A) Serial 17, Rhio Strait 11th M.S.F. completed clearance and check of E.F.M.I. 481 19 swept in check sweep, making total of 15 Japanese moored mines swept in this E.F.M.I. This completes serial 17 17 11th M.S.F. returned Singapore 16th March for boiler clean.

(B) Serial 19, Banka Strait, 7th M.S.F. commenced magnetic sweeping of E.F.M.I. 298, negative results to date. Operations continuing.

(C) Serial 21, Nicobars, no further information to my (?1)11057/March.

(D) Serial 25, Tennasserim Coast, 6th M.S.F. completed check sweep of Japanese moored mines in E.F.M.I. 416 and 417, negative results, flotilla at present carrying out check sweep on Japanese moored mines in E.F.M.I. 384, 2 mines and one explosive obstructor swept.

(E) Serial F and H, Penang, 166th M.S.F. completed magnetic sweeping of E.F.M.I. 46, negative results, operations in this area continuing.

(F) Serial J, Dindings area, 152nd M.S.F. completed magnetic sweeping of E.F.M.I. 62 detonating a total of 2 mines, flotilla returned to Penang on 14th March for maintenance.

(G) Serial L, Moulmein River, no further information to my 11057 March. Operations are continuing.

2. Further Operations.

Nothing to report.

(F.O.M.F.A. 181025 to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty. S.A.C.S.E.A.)

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East Indies contd...

F.S. 548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Colombo as follows:  
TONKINOIS (A) 0800EF 19th March.  
frigate (B) Singapore.  
for French (C) 13 knots.  
Indo-China. (G) Onward routeing to Saigon.  
Acknowledge.  
(F.O. Ceylon 181026 to TONKINOIS.)

HOLMSOUND Aircraft component ship for passage to U.K. Propose following programme for HOLMSOUND, all dates April unless otherwise shown.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
-	Trincomalee.	21st March.
31st March.	Aden.	1st.
6th.	Suez.	7th.
7th.	Port Said.	8th.
15th.	Algiers.	17th.
19th.	Gibraltar.	10th.
28th.	Rosyth.	-

2. Fuel Aden.  
(C. in C. E.I. 181209 to Admiralty. C. in C. Med.)  
(See Admy. 221326 to C. in C.E.I.)

HOLMSOUND Aircraft component repair ship on passage to U.K. 548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Trincomalee as follows:  
(A) 0900EF 21st March.  
(B) Aden.  
(C) 10 knots.  
(G) For onward routeing to U.K.  
Acknowledge.  
(C. in C.E.I. 181232 to HOLMSOUND.)

Gunboats ~~re~~ onward routeing of SCARAB, COCKCHAFFER and APHIS to Singapore. A.M. 151611. (N.T. in W.D.) Essential repairs to gunboats undertaken at Bombay will be completed about 15th March. Anticipate they will leave Ceylon early April for Singapore via Nancowry, and Penang. Escort will be provided.  
(C. in C.E.I. 181447EF to Admiralty. S.R.N.O. Bombay.)

ROC Aircraft lighter on passage to Cochin. 548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Massawa as follows:  
(A) 0630C Tuesday 19th March.  
(B) Aden.  
(C) 10 knots.  
(F) 0600C Thursday 21st March. Acknowledge.  
(R.N.O. Massawa 181600C to ROC.)

LONDON cruiser trooping. 548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Aden as follows:  
(A) 1000C 19th.  
(B) Suez for U.K.  
(C) 20 knots.  
(D) QBH 2082 QBY 533.  
(E) Broadcast LV.  
Acknowledge.  
(Com. Aden. 181715C to LONDON. Admiralty.)

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Monday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

SMITER Arrival Halifax SMITER 1300Z 18th March.  
Escort (C.O.A.C. 181330Z to N.S.H.Q. Admiralty. B.A.D.  
Carrier Washington.)  
for redelivery Sail at 1800Z 18th March and at 15 knots proceed  
to U.S. Norfolk Va. for return to U.S. E.T.A. Cape  
Henry 1900Z 20th March.  
3. Amend E.T.A. as necessary.  
4. Attention is drawn to C. in C. A.W.I.  
121545 Jan. being passed to you.  
5. B.N.L.O. Norfolk is requested to make arrangements to supply  
10,000 dollars United Currency.  
6. Request Pilot.  
7. Acknowledge.  
(C.O.A.S. 181535Z to SMITER.)

JUSTICE Request present whereabouts of JUSTICE who  
rescue left Azores on 24th Feb. Consul Ponta Delgada  
tug. 231140 Feb. refers.  
(Admiralty. C. in C. Rescue Tugs. 181559 to  
C. in C. A.W.I. B.A.D. Wash.)  
(See 191455).

Far East and Australia.

Visit of At request of Governor of Suva, arrangements have  
AMETHYST been made for AMETHYST to visit following ports  
A.A. Sloop or anchorage in Fiji Islands, Suva, Lautaka,  
to Fiji Lambasa, Taviuni, Savu Sau and Levuka during  
Is. etc., March and April.  
2. Intend that further visits to Australian and  
Pacific Islands should be made by other escort  
vessels in April, May and June.  
(C. in C. B.P.F. 180825Z to Admiralty. F.O.S.A.)

19.3.1946  
Tuesday.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Foreign Stations

Mediterranean.

Change of  
boundary be-  
tween Medn.  
and E.I.  
Stations  
in Red Sea.

1. On 1st April, 1946 the Mediterranean - East  
Indies boundary in Red Sea is to change to  
parallel of 15° N.

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Tuesday.

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North Atlantic.

C. in C.H.F. Intend to sail from Gibraltar in NELSON with  
in NELSON Home Fleet destroyers in company at 0630Z/21  
visit to March arriving Lisbon at 0700Z/22nd March.  
Lisbon. (C. in C. H.F., 190916 to Admty., F.O.G.M.A.)

Frigates ST. HELENA, DOMINICA and CAYMAN leave Londonderry  
and tug 21st March for Norfolk, Virginia. H.M. tug  
for return FREEDOM joins from Plymouth 23rd March.  
to U.S.A. (2) Anticipate FREEDOM and one frigate will  
require to fuel Ponta Delgada 27th March.  
(D.O.D., 191203 to H.B.M. Consul Ponta Delgada.)

U.S. destroyer Arrival Ponta Delgada 17th U.S. destroyer ROBERT  
ROBERT I. PAYNE I. PAYNE for A.S.R.  
for A.S.R. (S.O.(I) Gibraltar, 191418A to Admty. for D.N.I.)

D.S. EVERTSEN Sail 0800A/20th March via Medri routes to Alex.  
(ex SCOURGE) for onward routeing Aden and Colombo.  
destroyer (2) Speed 15 knots, E.T.A. 0900/25th March.  
for N.E.I. (5) Acknowledge.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 191614A to SCOURGE, F.O.L.E.M.,  
B.D.Z. Neth.)

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Mediterranean.

LONDON,  
trooping  
to U.K.

E.T.A. Suez 0530B/22. Request immediate Canal passage and berth at Port Said until 0700B on 24th.  
(4) Request confirmation that normal short leave may be given at Port Said.  
(5) 178C 2nd Oct. no accommodation available for passengers or stores.  
(6) Vice-Admiral Sir Clement Moody and Commodore Poland are taking passage home in the ship.  
(LONDON, 191307C to N.O.I.C. Port Said.)

C.S. 15 in  
AURORA.

Intend to proceed in AURORA at 0800B/21st March. Speed 14 knots, E.T.A. Trieste 1600B/23rd March. (C.S. 15, 191320 to C. in C. Med.)

Change of  
boundary be-  
tween Medn.  
and E.I. in  
Red Sea.

On 1st April 1946, the Mediterranean - East Indies boundary in the Red Sea is to change to parallel of 15° N.  
(2) The accounts of Naval personnel at Massawa will be transferred from SHEBA to NILE on that date. (V.C.N.S., 191427 to A.G.M. Home and Abroad.)

CROIX DE  
LORRAINE,  
frigate,  
on passage  
to E.I.

(1) CROIX DE LORRAINE from Suez at 1900B/19th.  
(2) Speed 14 knots. (3) E.T.A. Djibouti Saturday 23rd March before darkness.  
(4) N.O.I.C. Port Said's 181325 refer.  
(F.S. CROIX DE LORRAINE, 191902B to Admty., N.O.I.C. Port Said, C. in C. E.I.)



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French escort vessels for French Indo-China. 548C of 20th December take LA CAPRICIEUSE under your orders and sail from Singapore as follows - A. 0700/21st March. B. Saigon. G. Acknowledge. (F.O.M.F.A., 190929 to LA GRACIEUSE, LA CAPRICIEUSE, Admty., Comar Saigon.)

PIONEER, A/C maintenance ship on passage to U.K. from B.P.F. 548C of 29th December 1945 sail from Aden as follows - A. 0800C/20th. B. Suez for U.K. C. 14 knots. G. Request canal transit daylight 24th. Acknowledge. (Com. Aden, 191131C to PIONEER.)

SALVESTOR, salvage vessel on passage to U.K. Ceylon W/T 548C of 29th December 1945 sail from Aden as follows - A. 0800C/20th. B. Suez for U.K. C. 11 knots. E. Acknowledge. (Com. Aden, 191132 to SALVESTOR, Admty., C. in C. E. I. S.)

LOCH KATRINE, LOCH TARBERT frigates, for passage to U.K. Intend following programme for LOCH KATRINE and LOCH TARBERT all dates April unless otherwise shown.

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart</u>
-	Trinco.	25th March
2nd	Aden	8th
8th	Suez/Port Said	9th
10th	Alexandria	14th
17th	Malta	21st
24th	Gibraltar	28th
2nd May	Portsmouth	-

(2) Fuel at Aden, Port Said, Gibraltar.  
(C. in C. E. I., 191132 to Admty., Cs. in C. Portsmouth, Mediterranean.)

Lend lease vessels in S.E.A.C. redelivery of etc. My 111605 March, para. 3. Minor craft in para. 2A and B have been included in this agreement and are now the property of Indian Government. Major landing craft in para. 2C are being returned to Subic Bay in accordance with your 171146 not to all or needed.  
(2) My 111605 has not been repeated to B.A.D. Washington for information.  
(S.R.N.O. Bombay, 191145 to N.H.Q. (I), Admty., C. in C. E. I.)

Lease Lend craft, re-delivery of L.V.Ts. to U.S. etc. It is understood from the U.S.N. Commission that L.V.T. in India although in custody of the British Army were originally supplied under Naval Lend-Lease Agreement and amount to several hundred in number and must therefore be treated as Lease-Lend craft.  
(2) The numbers of the 22 L.V.T. referred to in my 081716\* (N.T. in W.D.) which were transferred from Army Stocks are included in the U.S.N. Commission

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Lease Lend  
craft, re-  
delivery of  
L.V.Ts. to  
U.S. etc.  
(Contd.)

List of Naval Lease-Lend Craft to be recovered.  
(3) The only L.V.T. known to have been supplied  
definitely under Naval Lease-Lend Agreement are  
30 L.V.T. Three transferred to the Army and  
referred to in Admiralty Message 121117 Sept.  
(N.T. in W.D.)

(4) No Amphibians have been included in any agree-  
ment with the Government of India such as that  
referred to in my R.G. 6007 and unless these  
Amphibians are declared before the U.S.N. Commission leave India  
they will have to be returned to an American Port.

(5) In view of Admiralty Message 251755 February request early  
approval of proposal contained in my 081716 March and that the  
question of returning all L.V.T. in Army custody which were  
obtained under Naval Lend-Lease Agreement may be considered.

(6) C. in C. E.I.'s 171004 refers, my 111607 has now been  
repeated to Admiralty for information.  
(S.R.N.O. Bombay, 191550 to Admty., C. in C. E.I.S., S.O.E.I.F.  
Delhi.)

\* Transfer 22 L.V.T.(4) and 45 D.U.K.W. to Army for redelivery  
to Rear Link Force (W) U.S. Authorities.

QUEEN,  
trooping.

548C of 29th December 1945 sail from Aden as follows  
A. 1030C/20th. B. Colombo. C. 15th, 5 knots.  
Acknowledge.  
(Com. Aden, 191735C to QUEEN, Admty.)

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America & West Indies.

JUSTICE, R.T. Admty.'s 181559\* JUSTICE arrived Norfolk 7th March. My 182247 not to you refers. (B.A.D. Washington, 191455Z to N.O.I.C. Bermuda, Admty.)  
\* Request present whereabouts of JUSTICE who left Azores on 24th Feb. Consul Ponta Delgada 231140 Feb. refers.

TRUMPETER, Escort Carrier Norfolk Va. for delivery to authorities routed from for redelivery Sambro Light Vessel through position 40.40 N. to U.S.A. 67.46 W. thence direct to destination. E.T.A. Cape Henry 2200Z/21st March.  
(3) Amend E.T.A. as necessary.  
(5) B.N.L.O. Norfolk is requested to make arrangements to supply ten thousand dollars United States currency.  
(6) Request Com. 5 provide pilot.  
(7) Acknowledge.  
(C.O.A.C., 191615Z to TRUMPETER, Admty., N.S.H.Q.)

CURZON, frigate CURZON arrived Philadelphia at 1000 March 18th. returned to (B.N.L.O. Philadelphia, 191655 to Admty.) U.S.A.

U.S. Pacific Summary 57. Operation Naval Unit. Southeast Pacific, NEW YORK. Pacific coast, MASSACHUSETTS, INDIANA, ALABAMA, SARATOGA, LEXINGTON, VELLA GULF, WINDHAM BAY, BAIROKO, SITKOH BAY, PUGET SOUND, POINT CRUZ, VRENDOVA, ATTU, NASSAU, CAPE GLOUCESTER, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, QUICK, CANUCK, AMSTERDAM, OKLAHOMA CITY, MIAMI, ASTORIA TUCSON, 19 D.D.  
En route U.S. PRINCE WILLIAM, VINCENNES, 3 D.D.  
En route Pearl BADOENG STRAIT, BARNES, BIRMINGHAM, 6 D.D.  
At Pearl BENNINGTON, HANCOCK, SAIDOR, SIBONEY, 21 D.D.  
North Pacific None.  
South Pacific None.  
Southwest Pacific 1 D.D.  
Central Pacific IOWA, BOXER, ANTIETAM, BREMERTON, COLUMBUS, CHICAGO, LOS ANGELES, TOPEKA, ATLANTA, DULUTH, HOBART, ARGONAUT, 42 D.D.  
(C.N.O., 192125 to Admty., Comnaveu.)

W.S. dis-positions Atlantic. Change my 131844\* (57) Atlantic. Serial 222 WISCONSIN, RANDOLPH, <sup>FRANKLIN</sup>ROOSEVELT, HOGGATT BAY, BAYKULA GULF, SANTEE, In Norfolk. PRINCETON, FARO, WILKESBARRE, in Philadelphia. MACON, Newport. HOUSTON in New York. SARGENT BAY in Jacksonville. SHANGRI LA, LITTLE ROCK, SOLOMONS, CHENANGO at Sea.  
(C.N.O., 192130 to Admty., Comnaveu.)  
\* 131845 intended from C.N.O.

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Far East and Australia.

FERNMOOR Intend to sail FERNMOOR 23rd March for Singapore Boom Carrier for onward routeing to Trincomalee for lift of to lift A.F.D. moorings of A.F.D. 37 and as desired by C. in 37 moorings at C. E.I., my 060854\* and F.O.M.F.A.'s 091012 refer. Trincomalee (2) Signals quoted not to all. for U.K. (C. in C. B.P.F., 190440 to Admty., C. in C. E.I., etc.)

\* FERNMOOR on leaving Hongkong approx. 12th March will have space available for carriage of naval or commercial cargo to U.K.

BEAULY FIRTH, Departed Fremantle 0910Z/10th March. A/C engine BEAULY FIRTH for Aden, calling en route at Cocos repair ship on Island. F.O.S.A's 120208Z (N.T.In W.D.) not to all passage to U.K., calling E.T.A. Cocos Island 0030Z/27th March, E.T.D. at Cocos Is. Cocos Island 1230Z/27th March. E.T.A. Aden 0100Z/12 April, route direct via Cocos Island, S.O.A. Fremantle to Cocos Island 8.5 knots, Cocos Island to Aden 9.25 knots.

(N.O.I.C. Fremantle, 190915 to A.C. 1, Com. 1/c Aden, N.O.I.C. Cocos, C. in C. E.I.)

Japanese atrocities in cruiser TONE.

Your 151730. Investigation shows that responsibility for this incident goes far beyond Captain of TONE and may involve Japanese Naval Staff. Premature publicity might prevent the obtaining of important evidence in this connection. Suggest relatives should be informed that personnel are known to be dead and that circumstances of death are being investigated. (U.K.N.A., 190949 to Admty.) *see 270543*

Japan. re British occupation force.

Following from Principal Administrative Officers. (1) U.S. W.D. has intimated unofficially that it would be prepared to regard B.C.O.F. as a contingent force serving under American command, to which S.C.A.P. would have authority to issue supplies and equipment against payment. We have asked J.S.M. to obtain official confirmation of this.

Meanwhile we would be grateful for a rough estimate of dollar expenditure that you expect to incur under the arrangement. (2) Your para. 4. As you know it is essential for us to restrict dollar purchases to minimum. We suggest therefore you approach S.C.A.P. and request him to earmark L.C.T. from his reserves for use by B.C.O.F. in the emergency you envisage. We emphasise however that no additional R.N. personnel can be made available for manning. (Cabinet Offices, 191340Z to Defence H.Qs. Melbourne.)

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North Atlantic.

NESS  
frigate  
for U.K.  
and reserve  
from E.I.

Sail 2359A 21st March to Portsmouth.  
2. Speed 12. E.T.A. 0900Z 26th March.  
5. Acknowledge.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 201131A to NESS. Admiralty.)

WAYLAND  
(Dockyard  
Ship)  
returning  
to U.K.  
from E.I.

WAYLAND sail 1000A 26th March via Necri routes  
to Clyde A.M. 221620 Feb. not to all refers.  
2. Speed 6½. E.T.A. a.m. 4th April.  
7. WAYLAND Acknowledge.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 201215A to WAYLAND. Admiralty.)

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

DULLISK COVE is to call at Spithead to discharge  
passengers and mail for Southern ports. DULLISK  
COVE 181635 not to all refers.  
2. C. in C. Portsmouth is requested to sail ship  
to Clyde on completion.  
3. Ship report E.T.A. Spithead to C. in C.  
Portsmouth and Admiralty.  
(D.O.D. 201242 to F.O.G.M.A. C. in C. Portsmouth.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

TUMULT  
URSA  
destroyers  
on passage  
to U.K.  
and reserve  
from B.P.F.

Take TUMULT under your orders and sail at 1100B 21st March by appropriate Medri route to Gibraltar for onward routeing to Portsmouth.  
2. Speed 14 knots. E.T.A. Gibraltar 0900A 24th.  
5. Acknowledge.  
(C. in C. Med. 201023B to URSA, TUMULT)

FLY  
ALBACORE  
12th M.S.  
Flotilla.

Sail at 1700B 22nd March by appropriate Medri route to Gibraltar taking ALBACORE under your orders.  
2. Speed 10 knots. E.T.A. 1900A 26th March.  
4. Two boilers should only be connected when mine sweeping or when necessary for the safety of the ship.  
5. Acknowledge.  
(C. in C. Med. 201551B to FLY, ALBACORE.)

Leghorn  
closing of  
as British  
operational  
base.

Royal Navy withdrawing from Leghorn as from 220001A March 1946.  
2. Italian Naval Staff now responsible for operational, fuelling and berthing duties.  
3. All transport discharged Naples.  
4. H.M.R.T. PATROCIOUS being sailed Malta and FRISKY. C. in C. Med's 211632A Feb. refers.  
(N.O.I.C. Leghorn 201622 to C. in C. Med. F.O.L.I. V.A. Malta.)  
(See 211058.)

UNDINE  
TENACIOUS  
destroyers  
for U.K.  
and reserve  
from B.P.F.

Take TENACIOUS under your orders and sail at 1400B 21st March by appropriate Medri route to Gibraltar for onward routeing. UNDINE to Harwich, TENACIOUS to Devonport.  
2. Speed 14 knots. E.T.A. Gibraltar 1200A 24th.  
5. Acknowledge.  
(C. in C. Med. 201629B to UNDINE, TENACIOUS.)

F.S.  
COMMANDANT  
DOMINE  
Escort  
vessel  
for F.East.

My 151217 not to all refers.  
1. Request F.S. COMMANDANT DOMINE be sailed March 21st p.m. to Bizerta where she will load spare parts shortly due in this harbour.  
2. Thence be sailed to Port Said for o/r, to Far East.  
(Almed 202155A to C. in C. Med. C. in C. Med. N.A. Paris.)

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East Indies.

BERWICK  
Cruiser  
trooping  
to U.K.                      548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Colombo as follows:  
(A) 1000EF 21st March.  
(B) Aden.  
(C) 20 knots.  
Acknowledge.  
(F.O. Ceylon 200826 to BERWICK. Admiralty.)  
*See below.*

CUMBERLAND  
trooping  
to U.K.                      Ref. 548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Colombo as follows:  
(A) 0530EF 21st March.  
(B) Aden.  
(C) 20 knots.  
(D) QC 255 QCA 715 WC. 232.  
(E) Constant V broadcast.  
Acknowledge.  
(F.O. Ceylon 200930 to CUMBERLAND. Admiralty.)

F.S.  
LA GRANDIERE  
Sloop  
on passage  
to E.I.                      548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Aden as follows:  
(A) 0600C 21st.  
(B) Colombo.  
(C) 12 knots.  
(E) Acknowledge.  
(N.O.I.C. Aden 201100 to LA GRANDIERE.)

FORMIDABLE  
A.C.  
Trooping.                      548C of 29.12.45. sail from Colombo as follows:  
(A) 0700EF 22nd March.  
(B) Sydney.  
(C) 20 knots.  
(D) QC 255 QCA 715 WC 232 WF 567.  
(E) Broadcast V shifting to broadcast BELLS at  
0400Z 26th March. E.T.A. Sydney 0800K 2nd April.  
Acknowledge.  
(F.O. Ceylon 201116 to FORMIDABLE. Admiralty.)

Destroyers  
on passage  
from B.P.F.  
to U.K.                      548C of 29.12.45. Take TUSCAN under your orders and sail from Aden as follows:  
(A) 0930C 21st.  
(B) Suez for U.K.  
(C) 14 knots.  
Acknowledge.  
(N.O.I.C. Aden 201200C to D.25 in GRENVILLE.)

BERWICK cruiser trooping to U.K.	Following programme for BERWICK.		
	<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
	-	Colombo.	21st March.
	26th March.	Aden.	27th March.
	30th March.	Suez.	30th March.
	30th March.	Port Said.	31st March.
	4th April.	Gibraltar.	5th April.
	7th April.	Devonport.	7th April.
8th April.	Portsmouth.		

2. Fuel at Aden and Gibraltar.  
(C. in C.E.I. 201709 to Admiralty.)

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NIGER  
M/S H.Q.  
ship.

Sail from Singapore as follows:

- (A) 1600GH 21st March.
- (B) Penang with stores for Force 152 then sailing 24th March to Amherst to join Force 18.
- (C) 10 knots.
- (G) Acknowledge.
- (F.O.M.F.A. 201844GH to NIGER. Admiralty.)



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America and West Indies.

SMITER  
E. Carrier  
returned  
to U.S.A.

SMITER arrived.  
(N.C.S.O. Norfolk 201030 to Admiralty. Wash. D.C.)

Salutes  
in W.I.

A.M. 170006 not to all.  
Has concurrence of Governor Trinidad to gun  
salutes been received.  
(C.S. Ten. 201507Z to Admiralty.)  
(See Admy. 211235 to C.S.10)

PORTLAND  
BILL  
Armament  
maintenance  
ship.

Your 2006036?/ (N.T. in W.D.) March.  
Following is a repetition of my 182246Z begins:  
C. in C. B.P.F. Admiralty. C. in C. Pac. H.E.D.  
Pearl repeated Comhawsafron, Comfepseafron,  
B.N.L.O. Pearl, C. in C.E.I. N.S.H.Q. F.O.M.F.A.  
B.A.T.M. Ottawa. S.R.N.O. (B.C.) F.O. I.C.  
Singapore, V.A.(Q). B.P.F. N.O.I.C. Vancouver.  
Departed Esquimalt 2030Z Feb. 18th. PORTLAND BILL  
to Pearl Harbour. Oaho Island, for fuel and onward routing to  
Singapore in accordance with Admiralty's 052019Z Feb. '46 not to  
all. Sydney C.C.O. pass to F.O.M.F.A.  
2. E.T.A. Pearl Harbour 2nd March. S.O.A. 9 knots require  
fresh provisions 400 tons fuel oil on arrival Pearl Harbour.  
Passed to (?you) 190643Z Feb.  
No further information.  
(C.O.P.C. 202253Z to V.A.(Q) B.P.F.)  
/ Requesting whereabouts of PORTLAND BILL.

Far East and Australia.

C.S.2  
in BELFAST.

Departed Suva C.S.2 in BELFAST. E.T.A. Tokyo Bay  
Monday 1st April. Request S.O. Force T will  
inform necessary U.S. authorities.  
(C.S. 2.200120Z to C. in C. B.P.F.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Mediterranean.

Leghorn  
closing of  
as British  
operational  
port.

Leghorn closed as an operational <sup>port</sup> today -  
N.O.I.C. Naples assumes operational control  
hitherto controlled by N.O.I.C. Leghorn in  
addition to his sub area.

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Thursday.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Far East and Australia.

(1)  
Organisation  
of V.A.(Q).

The Vice Admiral (Q) organisation will close down on Thursday 18th April. From that date a Captain R.N. will act as British Pacific Fleet Liaison Officer. (B.P.F.L.O.) officer on staff of F.O. Sydney.

(2)  
Flag Officer  
Southern Area  
British  
Pacific Fleet.

Appointment of F.O. S.A. B.P.F. will lapse on 16th April.

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North Atlantic.

C. in C. Home  
Fleet in  
NELSON.

C. in C. Home Fleet in NELSON with MYNGS, ZEST,  
ZEPHYR, ZAMBESI and ZENITH in company, left  
Gibraltar 0800A 21st March for Lisbon in accordance  
with Home Fleet spring cruise orders.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 210810Z to Admiralty. C. in C. Med.)

VALKYRIEN  
Salvage  
vessel  
on passage  
to U.K. for  
Southampton.

My 161231 (N.T. in W.D.) and 161225 (N.T. in W.D.)  
arrived Corunna 20th March.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 211010A to C. in C. Plymouth,  
Admiralty.)

U.S. destroyer  
SUTTON.

U.S. Destroyer SUTTON left Ponta Delgada 18th  
for Norfolk Virginia.  
(S.O.(I) Gibraltar 211526A to Admiralty for D.N.I.)

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Mediterranean.

DEVONSHIRE  
trooping.

Sail at 1800B 21st March by appropriate Medri  
route to Port Said for onward routing to Colombo.  
2. Speed 20 knots. E.T.A. Port Said 1730B 23rd.  
5. Acknowledge.  
(C. in C. Med. 210931B to DEVONSHIRE.)

Leghorn  
closing of  
as British  
operational  
port.

Leghorn closes as a British operational port at  
220001B when N.O.I.C. Leghorn will be withdrawn.  
2. N.O.I.C. Naples will then assume operational  
control of the sub area hitherto controlled by  
N.O.I.C. Leghorn in addition to his sub area.  
(C. in C. Med. 211058 to Med. Stn.)

Transfer  
of stores  
to Greek Navy.

Your 081731 (N.T. in W.D.) and 131201, no  
objection in principle to transfer of any stores  
essential for efficient maintenance of Greek Navy  
on a repayment basis. Although claims will not be  
raised at present, signed receipts must be  
obtained for all items so transferred, Stores  
required for new projects should not be supplied without Admiralty  
approval.  
2. Request report giving types and quantities of materials  
etc., involved in due course.  
(Hd. of M.I. 211631 to C. in C. Med. F.O.L.E.M.)

Cruiser  
SUFFOLK  
trooping  
returning  
U.K.

Sail at 0930B 22nd March to Plymouth. Speed  
20 knots. E.T.A. a.m. 29th March. Report  
accurate E.T.A. Plymouth to C. in C. Plymouth when  
known.  
5. Acknowledge.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 212255B to SUFFOLK.)

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East Indies.

Re disposal  
of 5 S/M  
hulks  
at Mombasa.

Agents have not left Bombay. Your 011517 para. 4.  
refers.  
(S.R.N.O. Bombay 211139EF to C. in C.E.I.  
Capt. i/c. Kilindini.)

PORTLAND  
BILL  
Armament  
Maintenance  
Ship.

A.M. 052019 Feb. Request future movement  
of PORTLAND BILL. E.T.A. Singapore 28th March.  
(C. in C. E.I. 211454 to Admiralty. PORTLAND BILL.  
C. in C. B.P.F.)  
/ Request PORTLAND BILL be sailed to Singapore.

*reply 291113.*

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

Cruise of  
C.S.10. in  
West Indies  
Salutes.

Your 201507 (N.T. in W.D.) not to all.  
Governor Trinidad has only now replied stressing  
Trinidad not a saluting station and cannot  
return salutes. He has not expressed his  
concurrence.

2. In view of short time remaining you should  
explain that question of return salutes does not  
arise (my 170006 not to all refers), and obtain his concurrence  
direct. Colonial Office agree this procedure.  
(Hd. of M.I. 211235 to C.S.10. C. in C. H.F. C. in C. A & W.I.)

TRUMPETER  
Escort  
Carrier  
returned  
to U.S.A.

N.S.S. pass to C. in C. A.W.I.  
H.M.S. TRUMPETER arrived.  
(N.C.S.O. Norfolk Va. 211600R to N.O.I.C. Greenock,  
Admiralty.)

Tugs at  
Bermuda  
disposal of.

Ref. my 021531/ Feb. and 222104/ Jan. <sup>D</sup>  
Request disposal instructions regarding SANBOY  
and ST. BLAZEY may be expedited. Vessels are  
occupying valuable berthing space in Dockyard  
Basin. In view of result advertising SANBOY  
consider it would be a waste of time and money  
to call for tenders for ST. BLAZEY.  
(Com. Supt. Bermuda 212053Z to Admiralty.)  
/ SANBOY advertised but no offers received. Request  
disposal instructions.  
/ Request disposal instructions for ST. BLAZEY.

Far East and Australia.

C.S. 4 in  
SWIFTSURE  
for  
Tsintao.  
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Departed Shanghai 1300H 21st March. SWIFTSURE  
wearing the flag of C.S.4. for Tsintao.  
(S.O. Force "S" 210700G to C. in C. B.P.F.)

Amenity  
Ship  
MENESTHEUS  
in Japanese  
waters.

I hear glowing accounts of MENESTHEUS from ships  
in Japan.  
2. I think the ship will be invaluable in the  
summer months and would be grateful if I could  
keep her till October, releasing her earlier should  
other shore amenities materialize.  
3. My 180323 Feb. refers.  
(C. in C. B.P.F. 211030Z to Admiralty.) <sup>See 302018 APRIL</sup>

/Organisation...

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Organisation of V.A.(Q) closing down 18th April Captain R.N. as B.P.F. Liaison Officer (B.P.F.L.O.)

The Vice Admiral (Q) organisation will close down at 0001Z Thursday 18th April from that date there will be in Sydney a Captain R.N. with a small staff to act as British Pacific Fleet Liaison Officer (B.P.F.L.O.) on the staff of Flag Officer in Charge Sydney.  
2. Only U.K. Civil Staff remaining in Sydney will be D.D.S.(P). D.D.V. (P). S.O.E. and R.N. Cashier.  
3. Intended date for the transfer of the drafting pool from Australia to Ceylon is mid April the officer and men subsequently remaining at the barracks and any outlying parties will continue

to be administered by the Commodore R.N.B. Sydney after the termination of V.A.(Q)'s organisation Combrax Sydney will be responsible direct to C. in C. B.P.F. for any remaining matters of policy but will be administered by A.C.N.B. through F.O.I.C. Sydney.

4. (a) No correspondence which cannot reach Sydney by Wednesday 10th April is to be addressed to the Vice Admiral (Q) or Flag Officer Southern Area.

(b) Correspondence requiring action in Australia which would formerly have been addressed to V.A.(Q) is to be addressed Flag Officer in Charge Sydney copy to British Pacific Fleet Liaison Officer Sydney care F.O.I.C. Sydney.

(c) Correspondence on other matters hitherto dealt with by Vice Admiral (Q) should be addressed Commander in Chief British Pacific Fleet.

(d) Correspondence for the Civil Depts. mentioned above should be addressed to the Dept. concerned care of Flag Officer in Chief Sydney.

(e) For correspondence on personal matters see 634P of 16th March (160414)

5. Signals (a) All non-operational signals addressed to Vice Admiral (Q) after Sunday 14th April should be repeated to Flag Officer in Chief Sydney.

(b) From 0001Z Thursday 18th April no further action on signals will be taken by V.A.(Q).

(c) All signals requiring action by B.P.F.L.O. Sydney will be addressed to F.O.I.C. Sydney for him.

(d) Signals for the Civil Departments remaining in Sydney are to be addressed to Flag Officer in Charge Sydney for the Department concerned.

(e) Personal signals see 634P of 16th March (160414) 6 P 644 D.T.G. 211047 refers to closing down operational duties of F.O.S.A.

(C. in C. B.P.F. 211045 to B.P.F. General P.643.)

F.O.S.A. B.P.F. lapse of appointment.

The appointment of Flag Officer Southern Area British Pacific Fleet short title F.O.S.A. B.P.F. will lapse at 0001Z 16th April.  
2. All operational signals made to F.O.S.A. after 10th April are to be repeated to C. in C. B.P.F. and A.C.N.B. from 0001Z 16th April no action will be taken by F.O.S.A.

3. From 0001Z 16th April C. in C. B.P.F. will assume operational control of ships of the B.P.F. and attached auxiliaries in the area previously controlled by F.O.S.A.

/Movements...



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- F.O.S.A. Movements and programmes for ships already  
B.P.F. Lapse arranged by F.O.S.A. will continue without further  
of reference to C. in C. B.P.F.  
appointment. 4. In future C. in C. B.P.F. will consult  
A.C.N.B. and N.Z.N.B. of projected visits on  
ships of the B.P.F. their respective areas. When  
agreed C. in C. B.P.F. will order the movements.
5. It will not normally be possible for C. in C. B.P.F. to  
arrange details of ships programme which must be done by Flag  
and Commanding Officers on arrival in Australian and New Zealand  
waters and in consultation with appropriate authorities there.
6. 643 D.T.G. 211045/ refers to the closing down Administrative  
duties of V.A.(Q).  
(C. in C. B.P.F. 211047 to B.P.F. General.)  
/ V.A.(Q) Organisation to close down 0001Z Thursday 18th April.

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Flag Officer  
Naval Air  
Pacific.

The office of Flag Officer Naval Air Pacific  
in Sydney will close down about 23rd April.

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North Atlantic.

H.F. arrival  
Lisbon.

NELSON with 2nd Destroyer Flotilla arrived  
Lisbon 0700 today.  
(N.A. Lisbon 221237 to Admiralty.)

South Atlantic.

E.I. Cruiser  
GLASGOW  
arrival  
Simonstown.

Simonstown arrival GLASGOW.  
(C. in C.S.A. 221426 to Admiralty.)

R.C.N.  
Cruiser  
UGANDA  
arrival  
Falkland  
Isles.

H.M.C.S. UGANDA arrived 1100.  
(N.O.I.C. Falkland Ise. 221908 to Admiralty.)

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Mediterranean.

SUSSEX Sail at 0630B March 23rd to Gibraltar for o/r  
on passage in accordance with C. in C. E.I's 031048 not to all.  
from E.I. 2. S.O.A. 16 knots. E.T.A. 2000A 25th.  
to U.K. Acknowledge.  
(C. in C. Med. 221132 to SUSSEX.)

D. S/M Sail at 0900/23 March to Gibraltar. Speed 11 knots.  
O.24 E.T.A. a.m. 30th report accurate E.T.A. Gibraltar  
on passage to F.O.G.M.A. when known. Acknowledge.  
to Holland. (N.O.I.C. Port Said 221210B to O.24. D.S.)

Escort Sail at 2345B March 22nd to Port Said for o/r  
Carrier to East Indies.  
FENCER 3. S.O.A. 16 knots. E.T.A. 1300B 25th,  
trooping. Acknowledge.  
(C. in C. Med. 221511B to FENCER.)

Sitrep No.39. 1. SALVENTURE arrived 1530B.  
Salvage 2. Military guard of one corporal and 6 O.R's  
operations established in GRADISCA with provisions for one  
on GRADISCA. month. Naval ratings and stores withdrawn except  
one type 67 and Aldis Lamp for use of military  
guard.  
3. Stores for GRADISCA have been placed on board  
by SALVENTURE. SALVENTURE intends commencing removal of salvage  
gear a.m. tomorrow, weather permitting.  
4. GRADISCA supplied with fresh water from STEVENSTONE today,  
now has 9 days supply.  
5. STEVENSTONE sails for Piraeus at 2000B tonight at which  
time duty of S.N.O. (A) Gava do lapses. (B) Wind west force one  
weather fair.  
(STEVENSTONE 221800B to F.O.L.E.M.)

OCEAN OCEAN's letter Number 9/1/2750 dated 29th Jan.  
light fleet propose following programme for OCEAN and MEYNELL.  
carrier Arrive. Place. Leave.  
for U.K. - Malta. 2nd April.  
6th April. Gibraltar. 8th April.  
15th April. Rosyth. -

2. Anticipate will require six weeks in U.K.  
for storing with additional fortnight for docking and fortnight  
for shakedown before sailing. More time may be required if  
ship cannot be given berth alongside for whole period.  
3. Request destination in U.K. may be signalled to enable  
advance arrangements to be made for release by 29th April.  
(OCEAN 221844B to C. in C. Med. MEYNELL.)  
(App. 231116 and amended by 251030)

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East Indies.

Dutch ship JACOB VAN HEEMSKERCK A.A. Ship. 548C of 29.12.45. Arrival D.S. JACOB VAN HEEMSKERCK. Departures nil. (N.O.I.C. Sourabaya 220900 to Admiralty. C. in C. E.I.)

Disposal of S/M hulks from Mombasa. Your 011517/ There will be no room on breaking up hard at Bombay for about 6 months in view of difficulty experienced over S/M 7. Request information whether these hulks are to be taken over by buyers on arrival in Bombay harbour I am most averse to having these S/M S lying in the harbour as a Naval liability during the monsoon. (F.O. Bombay 220953EF to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty.) / Disposal of 3 S/M hulks at Mombasa.

Aircraft component ship HOLMSOUND passage to U.K. Your 181209/ approved subject to concurrence of C. in C. Med. (D.O.D. 221326 to C. in C.E.I.) / Proposed programme for HOLMSOUND.

TEST frigate for R.I.N. 548C of 29.12.45. TEST sail from Kilindini as follows:  
(A) 1400 23rd.  
(B) Bombay.  
(C) 12 knots.  
(N.Charge. Mombasa 221526 to Admiralty.)

Landing ship formation My 301015/ para 6. 12 L.S.T. (3) remaining on the station have been formed into No. 52 Flotilla. Individual numbers are as follows 3025 - 3514 - 3010 - 3011 - 3022 - 3029 - 3502 - 3504 - 3505 - 3508 - 3015 - 3038. (2) 16 L.S.T. (3) released are being returned to U.K. (C. in C.E.I. 221840 to Admiralty.) / S.O. Force "W" requested to indicate which 28 in number L.S.T.(3) will be retained after 1st March.

QUEEN Carrier trooping. Admiralty Message 191728/ not to C. in C. Portsmouth and A.S. Portsmouth, allowing four days as essential minimum for turn round at Colombo and the best expectation on homeward voyage. The arrival date at Plymouth would be a.m. Thursday 18th April (Admiralty Message 072346) and arrival Portsmouth on Good Friday.

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East Indies contd...

QUEEN  
carrier  
trooping.

2. Following programme proposed to avoid arrival  
Portsmouth during Easter week end.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
26th March.	Colombo.	a.m. 1st April.
a.m. 7th April.	Aden.	p.m. 7th April.
p.m. 11th April.	Suez,	a.m. 12th April.
	Transit Canal.	
p.m. 12th April.	Port Said.	a.m. 13th April.
a.m. 18th April.	Gibraltar.	p.m. 18th April.
a.m. 22nd April.	Plymouth.	p.m. 22nd April.
a.m. 23rd April.	Portsmouth.	

(QUEEN 221910Z to Admiralty.) *See 142210Z April*

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America and West Indies.

10th C.S. Arrivals Trinidad C.S.10. in BIRMINGHAM with  
H.F. BELLONA, DIADEM.  
Arrivals (N.O.I.C. Trinidad 221201Q to C. in C. Portsmouth.)  
Trinidad. (Cancelled by 231035)

Far East and Australia.

Transfer of Flag of C.S.2. will be transferred from BELFAST to BERMUDA early May.  
(C.S.2 220006Z to Admiralty.)  
from BELFAST to BERMUDA.

Flag Officer Naval Air Pacific closing down. The office of the Flag Office Naval Air Pacific in Sydney will close about 23rd April and Rear Admiral Portal's flag will be struck about 30th April when he will join the J.C.O.S.A. Committee at Melbourne.

2. Request following action be taken regarding publications

(A) Air mail edition of The Times. Supply to F.O.N.A.P. to cease after edition of 15th April. Supply to Rear Admiral R.H. Portal C.B. D.S.C. Flag Officer Naval Representative British Element J.C.O.S.A. "M" Block Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, to start on this date.  
(B) Air mail editions of A.F.Os. and C.F.Os.  
(1) Supply to F.O.N.A.P. to cease with issue of 11th April. Supply to Flag Officer, Naval Representative J.C.S.O.A. to start with issue Thursday 18th April.  
(2) Supply to C.O.R.N.A.S. Schofields, New South Wales, Australia, who will be the remaining Air Authority in Australia to start with the issue of 11th April. Further signal will be made for discontinuance about end of May 1946.  
(F.O.N.A.P. 220102Z to Admiralty. V.A.(Q).)

Hong Kong C. in C. B.P.F. 220235 to Admiralty. Commodore Communications Hong Kong.  
W/T requirements See Lion Copy.  
etc.,

Movement. SWIFTSURE arrived Tsingtao 22nd March.  
(SWIFTSURE 221120 to C. in C. B.P.F.)

130A  
F.E.A.

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*Hong Kong  
Communications*

*Left as requirements* 220235/March.

Date. 23.3.46.

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

Time. 2314.

Naval Code X.

Addressed. Admiralty.  
Repeated. Commodore. Hong Kong.

Admiralty's <sup>and</sup> 012101. Technical disadvantages of Stonecutters are not now so great because whole island can probably be used by Royal Navy.

2. Estimated peace time fixed service requirements for Hong Kong are:

- (A) Whitehall 24 hour service
- (B) Singapore part time service.
- (C) Shanghai and Chungking (or Seat of Chinese Government) Part time service.
- (D) Manila to United States Authorities 24 hour service.
- (E) Japan 24 hour
- (F) Colombo 24 hour.
- (G) Spare, note Ceylon circuit A to be by direct working whenever possible, but via Ceylon using Automatic Radio Link when direct conditions are bad.

Circuit C was a peacetime commitment and Naval responsibility for this will continue. Service is at present continuous. Circuit D is for exchange of Navigational information and handling of operations concerning Marine and Air Distress traffic. This may last two years or longer. Circuit E will be required as long as there is a British Naval Occupation Force in Japan, say two years. Circuit F will be required as long as there is a British Pacific Fleet Barracks in Ceylon, say nine months spare circuit is to allow for expansion and emergency, allowance must be made in circuits A and F for simultaneous transmission on two frequencies.

3. Broadcast requirements.

- (A) Area Broadcast - four high frequencies.
- (B) Merchant ship schedule A Broadcast - one low frequency and 3 high frequencies.

4. Ship-Shore requirements - two continuous lines.

5. Commercial distress standby - one low frequency transmitter.



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6. Local Services. Harbour broadcast Anti Piracy arrangements, exercise waves - four high frequencies and one low frequency, all low power.

7. Transmitter requirements to complete with paras 2 and 6 above are.

- (A) High Power H/F - nine for fixed service, seven for Broadcasts, 2 for Shipshore.
- (B) Low Power H/F - 4 for local services.
- (C) High Power L/F - 2
- (D) Low Power L/F - 1.

8. Intend to instal for

- (A) above - 6 S.W.B 's 11E and 15 S.W.B. 8.  
(includes 3 S.W.B.8's at present in vans, as spares). for
- (B) ET 1190 (includes 2 spare) for
- (C) 3 R 20A (includes one spare) for
- (D) 12 T.A.W.A. transformers (?will) be retained.  
Also two TBL and 2 type 89 for S.T.C.

9. Your para 4. There is a difference between Admiralty and British Pacific Fleet estimates of S.W.B 11's. There are six only in Hong Kong. Those in station on recapture were irreparable.

10. Transmitters for disposal will be (A) 8 TE 435 A.

- (B) 12 T. 1190.
- (C) 2 T.B.L.
- (D) 1R. 20 A.
- (E) two type 89.

Note TE 435 spares fit approximately 12 months are held.

11. Sets in para 8 could be housed in present two transmitting rooms but aerial congestion renders this a hopeless proposition.

12. Irrespective of outcome of communal transmitting station project following work is considered essential and is under discussion with Commodore Hong Kong.

- (A) Instal 5 sets in a Sub Transmitting station in old receiving station. Provide masts and stacked array for Colombo fixed service.
- (B) Erect one additional mast on present transmitting site to ease aerial congestion.
- (C) Erect Rhombic ~~repetition Rhombic~~ for Whitehall fixed service, (no other Rhombic is possible.)  
War Office Agreement required. My 221125 February para 4 refers.

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13. Detailed estimates will be forwarded later but will be less than in para one of my 221125 February.

14. Replacement of TE 435 A's by S.W.B. 11's and introduction of Merchant Ship Broadcast will necessitate additional power. My 221125 February para one (B) and 3 refers.

15. These proposals allow sufficient flexibility to deal with periods of tension which it is considered may well have to be faced before the communal transmitting site is in being. If the communal proposals fall through additional war footing requirements could probably be met by institution of a second subtransmitting station on Stonecutters. Your para 1 (B) refers.

16. The difficulties of storage of the equipment now lying idle continue and it is only possible at the expense of the commercial expansion of the port.

220235. Amended by 230404

^ Estimates existing equipment at Stonecutters W/T. Suggestion to use Colombe as Automatic relay for Whitehall. See 110255Z April. 7-14/46 April.

- 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.I.
- Ad. Blake. (4)
- D. of P. (Q) (3)
- U.S.S.
- D. of S. (3)
- D.R.E. (3)
- W/T Bd.
- M. (6)
- D.S.D. (2)
- C.E. in C.
- W.G.F.
- M.F.
- C.E. in C. (P)
- D.E.E. (3)
- D. (4)
- D.R.E. (2)
- S.W.R. (6)

} Bath (15)  
by Courier.

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North Atlantic.

TERPSICHOE  
destroyer  
on passage  
to U.K. and  
reserve from  
B.P.F.

Sail 0700A/24th March to Plymouth.  
(2) Speed 14, E.T.A. 0930Z/27th March.  
(6) Acknowledge.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 231046A to TERPSICHOE, Admty.)

GAMBIA,  
cruiser,  
on passage  
to U.K.  
from B.P.F.

Sail 1200A/24th March to Spithead.  
(2) Speed 20, E.T.A. 0900Z/27th March.  
(6) Acknowledge.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 231054A to GAMBIA, Admty.)

FROBISHER,  
cadet trai-  
ning ship.

Sail 1130A/24th March to Portsmouth.  
(2) Speed 12, E.T.A. Spithead 0600Z/28th March.  
(F.O.G.M.A., 231114A to FROBISHER.)

South Atlantic.

GRIBB,  
SUDEROY I.,  
SUDEROY II,  
whalers for  
return to  
Norway.

Admiralty message 182117. It is expected that whalers GRIBB, SUDEROY ONE and SUDEROY II will be ready for sea early in April.  
(2) These vessels were being brought forward in slow time in the hope that the officers and E.R. personnel referred to in my 171140 Jan. would be forthcoming but this is not now the case. It is now confirmed that these personnel cannot be provided from Station reserves.

(3) South African Naval Forces have reported these vessels as seaworthy but this is subject to results of inclining experiments arrangements for which are now being made.

(4) Admiralty is requested to pass to S.B.N.O. and M.W.T.R. Norway.  
(C. in C. S.A., 231154B to Admty., C. in C. Plymouth, M.W.T.R. Norway.)

*See 031415B April.*

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Frigates  
returning  
to U.K. from  
E.I. for  
reserve.

Take LOCH KILLISPORT under your orders and sail  
at 1830B March 25th to Gibraltar for onward  
routeing to U.K.

(3) S.O.A. 12 knots, E.T.A. 0630A/29th.

(5) Acknowledge.

(C. in C. Med., 231029B to LOCH RUTHVEN, LOCH  
KILLISPORT.)

VICTORIOUS,  
trooping.

Sail at 0600B/24th March to Aden and Sydney.  
Report your time of departure Suez and E.T.A.  
Aden to all addressees in this signal. Acknowledge.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said, 231110 to VICTORIOUS.)

OCEAN  
light fleet  
carrier,  
programme for.

OCEAN's 221844 being passed to you has been  
approved.

(2) Request destination in U.K. may be signalled.

(C. in C. Med., 231116B to Admty., OCEAN.)

On return to U.K. about mid April OCEAN is to  
proceed to Rosyth to dock, exchange squadrons and  
air stores, adjust complement and give leave.

(2) C. in C. Rosyth is requested to arrange to dock ship as  
soon as practicable after arrival.

(3) As soon as complement can be adjusted, hoped to be end of  
May, ship will be sailed to embark her new air group and return  
to Mediterranean Fleet.

(A.C.N.S.(O), 231251 to C. in C. Med., C. in C. Rosyth.)

See 251030.

LONDON,  
trooping.

Sail at 0700B/24th March to Gibraltar speed 20  
knots. E.T.A. a.m. 28th. Report accurate E.T.A.  
Gibraltar to F.O.G.M.A., when known. Acknowledge.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said, 231240B to LONDON, C. in  
C. Med.)

Combined  
operations  
personnel,  
administra-  
tion of etc.  
in Medn.

H.M. ships and establishments only. In view of the  
imminent withdrawal of all naval personnel from  
Messina the following re-organization will take  
place about the 28th March in the administration  
and drafting of combined operations personnel.

A. The drafting responsibility for combined  
operations ratings will be transferred from H.M.S.  
HAMILCAR to V.A.M.

B. The appointment of Captain L.C. Med. will lapse  
and the administrative responsibilities at present undertaken by  
Captain L.C. Med. in accordance with M.S.O. 28 paras. 6 to 10  
will be undertaken by the C.O. PHOENICIA.

C. The responsibilities for the attachment of combined operations  
officers will be undertaken by C. in C. Med.

(2) A further signal will be made giving the exact date of the  
above transfer, but as from 0001/23rd March signals and corres-  
pondence are to be addressed as follows:-

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Mediterranean.

Combined operations personnel, administration of etc. in Medn. (Contd.)

A. Signals regarding routine drafting matter normally addressed to Capt, L.C. Med. or HAMILCAR are to be repeated to V.A.M. Correspondence regarding routine drafting matter is to be addressed to V.A.M. (for D.C.)  
 B. Signals regarding routine attachments of combined operations officers normally addressed to Capt. L.C. Med. or HAMILCAR are to be repeated to C. in C. Med. and PHOENICIA. Correspondence regarding the attachments of combined operations

officers is to be addressed to C. in C. Med. copy to PHOENICIA.  
 C. All other signals regarding the administration of combined operations personnel normally addressed to Capt. L.C. Med. or HAMILCAR are to be repeated to PHOENICIA and all such correspondence is to be addressed to the C.O. PHOENICIA.

(3) Signals regarding matter referred to in para. 2 above are to be kept to a minimum from the 26th to 28th March inclusive.  
 (4) Admiralty pass to COPRA drafting for info.  
 (C. in C. Med., 231246 to Medn. Statn. General Message.)

DEVONSHIRE, cruiser, trooping.

Sail 0530B/24th, to Aden and Colombo. Report your time of departure Suez and E.T.A. Aden to all. Acknowledge.  
 (N.O.I.C. Port Said, 231300B to DEVONSHIRE.)

Palestine attempts at illegal immigration contemplated forces required to combat.

As forecast in MIL/1/ME dated 19th Feb. 1946 from C. in C. Middle East. The advent of summer weather is likely to mean large scale attempts at illegal immigrating into Palestine in small craft. Evidence from Greece confirms this view.

(2) I do not feel that present force of large modern destroyers assisted by only 2 or 3 police launches would be adequate by (?themselves) to compete with such as invasion.

(3) If 6 H.D.M.Ls. were made available from mid-April for summer months or until future policy

concerning Palestine has been decided they would be of great value in strengthening the present (?force).

(4) I am investigating whether from her present complement each destroyer could man one of these craft. If this (?is) practicable H.D.M.Ls. which are now awaiting disposal at Alexandria could operate from Haifa where a small repair base could be (?established).

(5) Request your approval of this policy.

(F.O.L.E.M., 231313 to C. in C. Med., Admty.) See 251027A, 041645Hp.

F.S. DIXMUDE escort carrier with personnel to Casablanca.

Intend sailing F.S. DIXMUDE at 1700B/24th to Casablanca stopping off Oran to disembark Capitaine de Vaisseau Fato. (2) Speed 13 knots. (3) Routes as in Medri. (4) E.T.A. a.m. 1st April.

(5) C. in C. Med.'s 131113 not to all refers.  
 (N.O.I.C. Beirut, 231634B to Comar Casablanca, DIXMUDE, N.A. Paris.)

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Saturday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

RAJAH, 548C of 29.12.1945. Sail from Colombo as follows -  
trooping A. 1800 EF 24th March. B. Aden. C. 16 knots.  
to U.K. Acknowledge.  
(F.O. Ceylon, 230910 to RAJAH, Admty.)

D.S. JACOB This is repetition of N.O.I.C. Sourabaya 221415  
VAN HEEMSKERCK (N.T. in W.D.) (begins) - addressed JACOB VAN  
A.A. ship. HEEMSKERCK repeated Admiralty, C. in C. E.I.,  
F.O. Malaya, C.S. 5, C.S. 5 Batavia, 5th Indian  
Division, S.O. R.N.N. Bena, C. in C. R.N.N.E.  
548C of 29th December 1945. Sail Sourabaya as  
follows -  
A. 0700/23rd March. B. Bena. C. 14 knots. E. As laid down in  
operational orders. F. 0700/24th March. G. Thence as in  
operational orders. Acknowledge. F.O.M.F.A. recypher and pass  
to Admiralty. Ends.  
(N.O.I.C. Singapore, 231043 GH to Admty.)

Lift of E. QUEEN OF BERMUDA E.T.A. Bombay 31/3 to embark part  
and W. lift East Africans and to be sailed to Rangoon  
Africans in to complete. Vessel should be stored to maximum  
QUEEN OF capacity in view of future programme Rangoon, East  
BERMUDA. Africa is it intended to send rations for A.O.Rs.  
for the West African voyage to Rangoon and since it  
is intended to embark to full cabin capacity with  
British officers for U.K. via Toulon and Medroc  
route request you make arrangements accordingly.

- (2) For D.S.T.O. Rangoon. QUEEN OF BERMUDA first voyage is to  
embark East Africans and sail to Kilindini. On return from  
Kilindini QUEEN OF BERMUDA will embark West Africans completing  
Cabin capacity with officers for U.K. via Toulon. Vessel may be  
routed via Trincomalee or Colombo for fuel and water.  
(3) For D.S.T.O. Ceylon. Request you signal S.S.T.O. Rangoon  
repeat P.S.T.O.(I) which port is preferable and whether any stores  
for cabin passengers will be available.  
(4) For S.T.O.E.A. Request QUEEN OF BERMUDA may be returned to  
Rangoon to embark for West Africa.  
(5) Agreed Arminia.  
(P.S.T.O.(I), 231215 EF to S.T.O. Bombay.)

re Lease-lend Further to my 191550 the following has been  
craft, and re- received from the U.S.N. Commission, New Delhi,  
delivery L.V.Ts through C. in C. E.I. and U.S. Liaison Officer,  
to U.S. Colombo, begins -

"For your information am advised that British Army  
in India Burma Malaya State area eastward 400 to  
600 exact number unknown Lend Lease L.V.Ts. some  
of which have been identified as having been obtained under  
Charter Party Agreement by Admiralty in response has advised that  
British Army has no intention of declaring these surplus. I do  
not propose to initiate further action." Ends.  
(S.R.N.O. Bombay, 231311 to Admty., C. in C. E.I., S.O.E.I.F.Delhi)  
Understood that L.V.T. in India originally supplied under Naval  
Lease Lend, and amount to several hundred and therefore must be  
treated as Lease Lend craft.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America & West Indies.

10th C.S. Arrivals Trinidad 22nd March, C.S. 10 in  
H.F. on cruise. BIRMINGHAM with BELLONA and DIADEM.  
(2) My 221201 not to C. in C. H.F., F.O.G.M.A.  
and C.S. 10 is cancelled.  
(N.O.I.C. Trinidad, 231035Q to C. in C. H.F.)

Canada. 236A. B.3. An agreement has been made with  
Agreements Canada which cancels (with a few exceptions) all  
re supplies. claims for supplies and services delivered or  
furnished after 3rd September 1939 and before 1st  
March 1946. The rendering of claims for such  
supplies and services should be suspended pending  
the promulgation of detailed instructions.  
(Hd. of W.G.F., 231219 to A.G.M. Home and Abroad.)

10th C.S. Arrivals Trinidad 22nd March, C.S. 10 is cancelled,  
with BELLONA and DIADEM.  
(2) My 222120 not to C. in C. Nore Fleet F.O.G.M.A.  
and C.S. 10 is cancelled.  
(N.O.I.C. Trinidad, 231035Q to C. in C. H.F.  
Admty.)

Far East and Australia.

PATROLLER, Departed Fremantle on the 0100Z/23 March PATROLLER  
carrier, for Colombo E.T.A. 0500Z/31st March route direct  
trooping S.O.A. 16 knots.  
to U.K. (N.O.I.C. Fremantle, 230145 to A.C. 1, F.C. Ceylon)

Dutch cruiser From H.N.M.S. TROMP. Reference C. in C. East  
TROMP, pas- Indies' 171301 GH January, para. 5, not to all  
sage to addressees, following is amended sailing programme  
Holland. H.N.M.S. TROMP.

<u>Destination</u>	<u>E.T.A.</u>	<u>E.T.D.</u>
Melbourne	-	24th March
Fremantle	29th March	31st March
Colombo	9th April	11th April
Aden	17th April	17th April
Port Said	21st April	23rd April
Gibraltar	28th April	29th April
Ijmuiden	3rd May	-

(S.O.R.N.N. Melbourne, 230155 to C. in C. E.I.,  
F.O.M.F.A.)

S/Ms VORACIOUS Depart Fremantle 1100Z/23rd March H.M. S/M  
VOX, on pas- VORACIOUS (S.O.) and VOX for Singapore. (2) Route  
sage to U.K. via Sunda Gaspar Straits as safe navigation permits.  
E.T.A. position A. Singapore 0900Z/4th April.  
(Capt. S/M 4, 231112 to F.O.M.F.A., S.N.O.  
Singapore.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

GOLDEN FLEECE M/S, on passage to re-join 11th M/S Flot. Sail at 0600B/25th to Aden. Report your time of departure Suez and E.T.A. Aden to all addressees in this signal. Acknowledge (N.O.I.C. Port Said, 241130B to GOLDEN FLEECE, Admty., F.O.L.E.M.)

FENCER, carrier, trooping. Sail at 0530B/26th March to Aden and Ceylon. Report your time of departure Suez and E.T.A. Aden to all. Acknowledge. (N.O.I.C. Port Said, 241135 to FENCER, Admty., C. in C. Med.)

PIONEER, A/C maintenance ship on passage to U.K. from B.P.F. Sail at 1000B/26th March to Gibraltar. Speed 14 knots. E.T.A. a.m. 1st April. Acknowledge. (N.O.I.C. Port Said, 241136 to PIONEER.)

VICTORIOUS, trooping. N.O.I.C. Port Said's 231110B sailed Suez 1830B/24th March, E.T.A. Aden 1400/27th March. (VICTORIOUS, 241954 to N.O.I.C. Aden, Admty.)

Movements. Port Said 24.3.46. Arrivals PIONEER and L.S.E. 2. Departures VICTORIOUS, LONDON and DEVONSHIRE. (N.O.I.C. Port Said, 241645 to Admty.)



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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

CUMBERLAND,  
trooping.

548C of 29.12.1945 sail from Aden as follows -  
A. 1100C/26th. B. Suez for U.K. C. 20 knots.  
Acknowledge.  
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 251730C to CUMBERLAND, Admty.)

24.3.1946  
Sunday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

Hongkong, My 220235Z para. 12C. Delete reference to War  
communications Office agreement. Proposed Rhombic Site is in  
W/T require- vicinity of Rifle Range and is on Admiralty property  
ments etc. (C. in C. B.P.F., 230404 to Admty., Cdre. Hongkong)

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*March.*

**OUT**

241105 ~~April.~~

To **C. in C. B.P.F.**

DATE **24.4.1946**

*Cruiser reliefs B.P.F.*

**NAVAL CYPHER (X)**

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From Admiralty.

Your 070053.

It is regretted that the present manning situation renders it impracticable to pronounce a definite programme of reliefs for the cruisers of the British Pacific Fleet.

2. For the time being men in Age and Service Groups and in longest abroad rosters due for relief must continue to be relieved by trooping.
3. It is hoped to provide a relief cruiser towards the end of the year, but it is emphasised that part of her ship's company will inevitably be borne for trooping duties only and her complement will require adjustment on arrival on the station.
4. It is expected that it will thereafter be possible to provide further reliefs at about five-monthly intervals which will have the advantage of spreading out the commissioning dates of the ships of the squadron although it will necessitate the absence from U.K. of some ships for over two years.
5. The question of reliefs for the carriers is under consideration but no definite pronouncement can at present be made.
6. Your paragraph 5 approved.

241105 *see 300355*  
for Head of M.II(415)  
Approved V.C.N.S.

V.C.N.S.  
A.C.N.S.(0)  
D.O.D.  
A.C.N.P.(5)  
D. of M.  
D. of P.  
M.II(O.D.1086/46)(5)

*msc*  
*B.P.F.*

25.3.1946.  
Monday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

VALSE  
Trawler  
for passage  
to U.K. etc.

Admiralty pass to F.O.G.M.A., C. in C. Plymouth.  
Intend to sail VALSE when ready about 2nd April  
to Plymouth by direct route.  
2. S.O.A. 9 knots. E.T.A. to be reported direct  
to Admiralty.  
6. Ty. Lieut. (E) W.W. Fairweather R.N.R. and  
Mr. E.W.J. Bryant Gunner (T) R.N. taking passage  
to U.K. Remainder of R.N. Base Horta retard party taking passage  
to Angra Terceira for Lagens and passage to U.K.  
7. VALSE to acknowledge sail to comply, call at Angra en route.  
(S.B.N.O. Horta 252055Z to F.O.G.M.A. Admiralty.)

UNDINE  
TENACIOUS  
destroyers  
on passage  
to U.K.  
and reserve  
from B.P.F.

Take TENACIOUS under your orders and sail 1900A  
25th March. Necri routes and Admiralty notice  
to Marines to Home Ports.  
2. UNDINE carrying out high speed trials on  
passage.  
3. Speed 14. E.T.A. UNDINE at Harwich 0900Z  
29th March. TENACIOUS at Devonport 0930 29th March.  
7. Acknowledge.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 250954A to UNDINE, TENACIOUS. Admiralty)

URSA  
TUMULT  
destroyers  
on passage  
to U.K.  
and reserve  
from B.P.F.

Take TUMULT under your orders and sail 1530A  
25th March to Portsmouth.  
2. Speed 14. E.T.A. 0900Z 29th March.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 251006A to URSA. TUMULT)

NESS  
frigate  
with  
EMPIRE  
HOMESTEAD  
tanker.

My 241515A (N.T. in W.D.) and my 242130A (N.T. in  
W.D.). NESS with EMPIRE HOMESTEAD in tow entered  
Vigo Harbour at 0030A/25th March. After recovering  
tow NESS sailed for Portsmouth.  
(NESS 251120A to F.O.G.M.A. Admiralty.)

25.3.1946.  
Monday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

OCEAN light fleet carrier. Admiralty's 231251Z intend arriving Rosyth a.m. Monday 15th April.  
2. Request my 221844B be amended accordingly. (OCEAN 251030 to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.)

AURORA cruiser programme for return to U.K. Subject to concurrence of Admiralty and C. in C. Portsmouth intend following programme for return of AURORA to U.K.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Leave.</u>
6th April.	Malta.	10th April.
13th April.	Gibraltar.	14th April.
18th April.	Portsmouth.	Nil.

(C. in C. Med. 251127B to C.S.15. Admiralty.)

*See 041252 April*

Greek minesweepers. Your 191240 (N.T. in W.D.)  
2. It is expected that the four M.M.S. at present undergoing refit at Malta will be ready for sea by 31st March.  
3. In view of unforeseen delay in getting these ships ready and the time which would be required after they have arrived in Greece before ACHELOS and ALPHIOS would be released it is requested you will ask Greek Admiralty to consider sailing Whalers with crews for the four M.M.S. who can then take them over at Malta. Your 151145 Dec. refers.  
4. The requirements in A.M. 021414 will then be carried out at Malta and the question of provision of runner crews to South Africa investigated.  
(C. in C. Med. 251206 to S.B.N.O. Greece. V.A. Malta. Greek Ad.)  
≠ ACHELOS and ALPHIOS can be released after arrival of M.M.S.  
✓ Necessity for an inspection and including experiment to be carried out before sailing Whalers.

ULYSSES/URANIA passage to U.K. from B.P.F. and for reserve. C., in C. E.I's 242212EF not to D.25. Intend revised programme for ULYSSES and URANIA in company on Leaving Aden p.m. 3rd April is as follows:

<u>E.T.A.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>E.T.D.</u>
a.m. 7th April.	Suez and Port Said.	p.m. 7th April.
a.m. 13th April.	Gibraltar.	a.m. 15th April.
a.m. 18th April.	Devonport.	-

(ULYSSES 251516 to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty. C. in C. Plymouth.) See East Indies p. 142

Malta ex A/S and M/S trawlers available for disposal. My 011119 (N.T. in W.D.) not to all.  
2. The following ex A/S M/S Trawlers are available at Malta for disposal:-  
SALTARELLO, HUNDA, ROMEO, TANGO, KINTYRE, FOXTROT, ISLAY, PIROUETTE, RUSKHOLM, RONALDSAY.  
3. With the exception of the first 4 which are in good repair the trawlers require from three to six weeks in Dockyard hands to make good defects.  
4. HUNDA is considered best for Norwegian buyer but is being sailed to U.K. D.S.C.D. Cobhams 141553 (N.T. in W.D.) to Admiralty refers.  
(C. in C. Med. 251719 to Admiralty. V.A.M.)

25.3.1946.  
Monday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean contd...

TUSCAN  
destroyer  
on passage  
to U.K.  
from B.P.F.  
for reserve.

Take TUSCAN under your orders and sail to  
Gibraltar at 1200B/26th March. Speed 14 knots.  
E.T.A. a.m. 1st April. Report accurate E.T.A.  
Gibraltar to F.O.G.M.A. when known. Acknowledge.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 251915 to Capt. (D) 25 D.F.)

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251027A March

Date: 25.3.46

Recd: 1201

From: C. in C. Med. Afloat

Naval Cypher O.T.P. (CC)

Addressed: Admiralty  
repeated: C. in C. Med., F.O.L.E.M.

IMPORTANT

*Legal  
immigration  
responsibility*

The question of responsibility of R.N. for prevention of illegal immigration into Palestine by sea is raised by F.O.L.E.M. 231313 March. Presumably the responsibility should rest primarily with Palestinian Government who have not repetition not yet made provision for an adequate force of police launches.

2. If it is to be undertaken by R.N. I consider it must be wholehearted, in which case the increase in Naval Forces and institution of repair base at Haifa proposed by F.O.L.E.M. will be necessary. It is likely even that full naval responsibility having been assumed this will be an overgrowing commitment embarrassing to reduction plans and operations elsewhere.

3. Request early decision on policy to be adopted.

251027A 52041645 Ap

1st Lord  
1st S.L. (3)  
D.F.S.L.  
3rd S.L.  
V.C.N.S.  
A.C.N.S. (0)  
Secretary  
U.S.S.  
D.O.S. (4)  
D.N.I. (4)  
D. of P. (3)  
D. of P. (9) (3)  
D.C.A.M. (6)  
Hq. of M. (6) for action

mc

25.3.1946.  
Monday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Weekly report of M/S progress No. 14.

1. Current Operations:

(A) Serial 18. Berhala Strait. 11th M.S.F. sails from Singapore 29th March to commence sweeping of moored mines in E.F.M.I. 430.

(B) Serial 19. Lanka Strait. 7th M.S.F. continued sweeping E.F.M.I. 298. Negative results to date.

(C) Serial 21. Nicobars. No further information

to my (?11057) March.

(D) Serial 25. Tenasserim Coast. 6th M.S.F. completed check sweep of Japanese moored mines in E.F.M.I. 384. No further mine sweep, this completes serial 25, 6th M.S.F. sailed to Trincomalee.

(E) Serial S.F. and H. Penang. 166th M.S.F. completed magnetic sweeping of E.F.M.I. 112. One mine detonated. This completes serials F and H and flotilla has proceeded to Penang for maintenance.

(F) Serial J. Dindings area. 152nd M.S.F. at Penang making good mechanical defects.

(G) Serial L. Moulmein River. Force 18 detonated 4 magnetic mines in Moulein River, making a total of 11 to date. River open and safe for shipping from Green Island through entrance to Amelia Point.

2. Further Operations.

Serial R. Kedak River. 166th M.S.F. will commence magnetic sweeping of E.F.M.I.'s 61, 67 and 196 about 27th March.

(F.O.M.F.A. 251025 to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty. S.A.C.S.E.A.)

Arrangements for receipt of gunboats H.D. M.L's and floating dock by Persia.

Do not concur in F.O. Bombay's 221623. (N.T. in W.D.). Do not consider that Persian crews will be available for at least 6 months. My 221056 (N.T. in W.D.) refers.

2. Owing to the prospect of Bahrein closing down completely in the near future and that in 6 months time weather should have moderated consider they should remain at Bombay.

(S.N.O. Persian Gulf 251414 to N.H.Q. India.

F.O. Bombay.)

(See 261127).

ULYSSES and URANIA destroyers for U.K. and reserve from B.P.F.

C. in C. E.I.'s 242212EF not to D.25. Intended revised programme for ULYSSES and URANIA in company on leaving Aden p.m. 3rd April is as follows:

<u>E.T.A.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>E.T.D.</u>
a.m. 7th April.	Suez and Port Said.	p.m. 7th April.

a.m. 13th April. Gibraltar. a.m. 15th April.

a.m. 18th April. Devonport.

(ULYSSES 251516Z to C. in C.E.I.)



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Monday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

GORLESTON  
cutter  
returning  
to U.S.A.

My 1408 G.M.T. P.C.S. 37 degs. 32 mins. 08 secs. N.  
30 degs. 36 mins. W. 270 degs. 10 knots.  
(GORLESTON 251525Z to C. in C. A & W.I. B.A.D.  
Washington. Com. Bermuda.)

10th C.S.  
cruiser.

Departure 25th March 1100 C.S.Ten in BIRMINGHAM  
1700. BELLONA.  
(N.O.I.C. Trinidad 251701Q to C. in C. H.Fleet.  
Admiralty. C. in C. A.W.I.)

Far East and Australia.

SWIFTSURE  
Cruiser.

B.P.T.M. 51.  
(B) SWIFTSURE.  
(D) Tsingtao.  
(E) 1000H 25th March.  
(F) 17 knots.  
(H) Yangtze Entrance Buoy.  
(H) 1000H 26th March.  
(C.S.4. 250409 to C. in C. B.P.F. F.O. Force "S"  
Admiralty.)

26.3.1946.  
Tuesday.

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SITUATION REPORT.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

South Atlantic.

Durban  
reducing  
to status  
of N.L.O.  
from Commodore.

Durban will reduce from status of a Commodore to  
that of an N.L.O. on the 1st April, 1946.

26.3.1946.  
Tuesday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

SUSSEX  
cruiser  
on passage  
to U.K.  
from E.I.

Sail 1900A 26th March to Plymouth.  
2. Speed 16. E.T.A. 1400Z 29th March.  
6. Acknowledge.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 261215A to SUSSEX.)

BERRY HEAD  
Escort  
maintenance  
ship on  
passage  
to U.K.  
from B.P.F.  
and for  
reserve.

Indicate number of passengers and amount of stores for discharge on arrival in U.K.  
2. BERRY HEAD to report E.T.A. to C. in C. Nore. Com. i/c. Sheerness and Admiralty.  
(D.O.D. 261640 to F.O.G.M.A. BERRY HEAD.)  
(Rep. 280852).

South Atlantic.

Durban  
reducing  
to status  
of N.L.O.  
from that  
of Commodore.

Durban will reduce from the status of a Cdre. to that of an N.L.O. on the 1st April, 1946. N.L.O. Durban will hold the S.P.S. of a N.O.I.C.  
(C. in C.S.A. 260951 to Admiralty. S.A. A.C.N.B. Melbourne.)

FAL  
Frigate  
repatriating  
Gambia naval  
ratings.

Intend sailing FAL at 1000 27th March to Bathurst for repatriation of Gambian Naval ratings. My 231831 to F.O.G.M.A. only refers. S.O.A. 10 knots. Navigation as safety permits. E.T.A. Bathurst 1000 29th. Ship to sail from Bathurst to Freetown 31st March reporting departure and E.T.A. FAL to acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(Capt. i/c. W.A.F. 261556 to F.O.G.M.A. Admty. R.O. Bathurst. FAL.)  
(See 292113)

26.3.1946.  
Tuesday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Palestine  
illegal  
immigrants  
intercepted  
by CHEVRON  
destroyer.

Vessel intercepted by CHEVRON off Jaffa with about 200 passengers believed to be illegal immigrants at 2245 25th March being brought into Haifa. Further details will be signalled. (S.N.O.(Afloat) Haifa 260155B to F.O.L.E.M. C. in C. Med.)

My 261055 not to all. Motor vessel KISMET about 200 tons stated to have come from Fiume intercepted by CHEVRON. Vessel flying no flag and carried no navigation lights. Difficulty experienced in stopping her but she was eventually stopped by firing burst Oerlikon across bows and over ship. Boarded in position 385 degs. Jaffa Light 2.9 miles.

240 Passengers:- 89 females, 151 males, no children, mostly Polish and Hungarian. No Master or crew could be identified; and vessel was steamed into Haifa by CHEVRON's boarding party and turned over to local authorities. (S.N.O.(Afloat) Haifa 261159B to F.O.L.E.M. C. in C. Med. C.S.15. Admiralty)

F.S.COMMANDANT  
DOMINE Escort  
vessel on  
passage  
calling at  
Djibouti with  
spare  
propeller for  
F.S.SENEGALAIS  
destroyer  
escort.

N.R. 7933. C.D.T. DOMINE devra faire de forty eight heures a Djibouti pour débarquer Helice de Rechange destine au SENEGALAIS. SENEGALAIS prendra cette Helice a Djibouti a son retour vers metropol. Admiralty transmettez N.O.I.C. Aden, N.O.I.C. Port Said, C. in C.E.I. F.O.L.E.M. pour SENEGALAIS N.R. 10 de Marine Paris. (Marine Paris 261225 to COMMANDANT DOMINE. SENEGALAIS.)

SCOURGE  
on passage  
to E.I.  
(new EYERTSEN Det.)  
See p. 106.

Sail at 0600B 27th March and proceed by Medri routes to Port Said speed 15 knots. E.T.A. 1500B 28th March.

3. N.O.I.C. Port Said is requested to arrange canal transit on 29th March and onward routing to Aden for Colombo.

4. Acknowledge.  
(F.O.L.E.M. 261247 to SCOURGE, C. in C. Med., N.O.I.C. Port Said., C. in C.E.I.)

S/M.P.711.  
offer for  
purchase.

Your 211714 Feb.(N.T. in W.D.) and Admiralty's 090332Z Feb. offer to purchase Submarine P.711 as Scrap for 2,000 Egyptian pounds received locally. Request early approval to conclude sale.

(F.O.L.E.M. 261255 to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.)

HUNDA  
Attached.  
danlayer  
to U.K.

Sail at 1900B 27th March to Gibraltar for O/R U.K.  
(2) Routed as direct as safe navigation permits, and in accordance with Medri.  
(3) S.O.A. 9½ knots to be adjusted to arrive dawn 1st April.  
(5) Acknowledge.  
(C. in C. Med. 261610B to HUNDA. F.O.G.M.A. Almed.)

522 14/2350 pm  
app + 23/147.4

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

ARIADNE  
fast  
minelayer  
on passage  
to U.K.

Com. 1/c. Trinco. 548C of 29.12.45.

Sail from Trincomalee as follows:

- (A) 1000EF 28th March.
- (B) Aden.
- (C) 14.5 knots.
- (G) For onward routeing to U.K.

Acknowledge.

(C. in C.E.I. 260930 to ARIADNE. Admiralty. F.O. Ceylon.)

F.S. TONKINOIS  
Frigate for  
F.I. China.

548C of 29.12.45.

Sail from Colombo as follows:

- (A) 0800EF 30th March.
  - (B) Singapore.
  - (C) 13 knots.
  - (G) Onward routeing to Saigon.
- (F.O. Ceylon 261118 to TONKINOIS.)

Gunboats for  
Persian Gulf  
laying up of  
at Bombay.

In view of S.N.O. P.G. 251414/ propose to lay the four gunboats up at Bombay in C. and M.  
2. Propose to retain one crew and to run each of the three running gunboats in turn for training purposes in Bombay harbour.  
3. Civilian shipkeepers will be required for three gunboats. Request sanction.  
(F.O. Bombay 261127 to N.H.Q.I. Admiralty.)  
/ Do not consider Persian crews will be available for at least six months.

BERWICK  
cruiser  
trooping.

548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Aden as follows:

- (A) 0600C 27th.
- (B) Suez for U.K.
- (C) 18 knots.

Acknowledge.

(Com. Aden. 261715C to BERWICK.)

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America and West Indies.

BELLONA Arrived Barbados.  
Cruiser (BELLONA 260838Z to C.S.10. Admiralty. C. in C.H.F.)  
10th C.S.  
H.F. on  
cruise.

U.S. Change my 192130. Atlantic. Serial 2 23.  
dispositions F.D. ROOSEVELT in New York. LITTLE ROCK in Norfolk.  
Atlantic. DAYTON in Quantanamo. SOLOMONS in Jacksonville.  
HOGGATT BAY, SARGENT BAY, ~~SAY~~ SANTEC, CHENANGO,  
in Boston. PALAU in Canal zone. MISSOURI,  
COLUMBIA at sea.  
(C.N.O. 261540 to Admiralty.)

ST. HELENA, 1. Intend to detach DOMINICA and FREEDOM in  
DOMINICA position 37 degs. 20 mins N. 50 degs. 00 mins W.  
frigates to Bermuda for FREEDOM to fuel.  
returning 2. DOMINICA is to take FREEDOM under her orders  
to U.S.A. to comply.  
3. P.C.S. is to be reported daily at 1200Z to the  
above addressees. E.T.A. Bermuda is to be reported  
24 hours before arrival.  
6. After fuelling Bermuda ships will proceed to Norfolk, Virginia  
in accordance with Admiralty signal 161502Z. N.O.I.C. Londonderry  
181830Z and C. in C. Plymouth 211514Z.  
7. On detaching ST. HELENA will originate a signal giving  
approximate E.T.A. Bermuda.  
8. Ships addressed acknowledge.  
(ST. HELENA 261850Z to Comnav Med. C. in C. Plymouth. C.M. N.O.B.  
Bermuda.)

Far East and Australia.

Hong Kong D.P.F. Minesweeping report to Admiralty No. 13  
mine sweeping. (A) 10th M.S.F. continuing magnetic clearance of  
Lema Channel.  
(B) 180 B.Y.M.S. continuing magnetic clearance  
of West Lamma Channel. One exploded.  
(C. in C. B.P.F. 260113Z to Admiralty. S.O. M/S. 1.)

/Australia....

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia. contd...

Australia.  
Re closing  
F.O.N.A.P.  
Office.

In view of the impending closing of F.O.N.A.P. Office on 23rd April no correspondence or printed matter which would arrive in Sydney after 16th April should be despatched to F.O.N.A.P. except urgent letters. Signals should be kept to a minimum.

2. After 23rd April matters affecting our logistics and air technical matters with reference to the B.P.F. should be referred to F.O. Air E.I. Matters concerning administration and training of disembarked squadrons, in Australia in local air logistics and air technical matters and the closing of air facilities in Australia should be referred to Captain (Air) Australia R.N.A.S. Schofields N.S.W.

3. F.O.N.A.P. signal logs from 14th Jan. 1945 to date of lapse of appointment will be transferred to C.C.O. Sydney and in addition duplicate logs from 19th March 1946 will be transferred to N.A.S. Schofields.

4. F.O.N.A.P. Office will close for current business on 23rd April and the flag will be struck on 30th April.  
(C. in C. B.P.F. 260126 to Gl. B.P.F. N.R. 652P. A.C.N.B. N.Z.N.B. Admiralty.)

URCHIN  
destroyer  
on passage  
to U.K.  
and reserve.

Departed Fremantle 1200Z 25th March. URCHIN for Trincomalee. F.O.S.A's 060203Z refers. E.T.A. 1000Z 4th April. Route direct. S.O.A. 14 knots. (N.O.I.C. Fremantle 260645Z to C. in C.E.I. F.O. Ceylon.)

ADAMANT  
S/M depot  
ship.

Departed Fremantle 261040Z 26th March. ADAMANT for Sydney. E.T.A. Hornby Light 2100Z 2nd April. S.O.A. 12.5 knots. (N.O.I.C. Fremantle 261143Z to F.O. Subs. N.O.I.C. Pt. Adelaide. Admiralty.)

PERSEUS  
Aircraft  
Maintenance  
ship broad  
pendant  
of COMAT.

Departed Melbourne 0255Z 26th March PERSEUS wearing broad Pendant of COMAT for Fremantle in accordance with F.O.S.A's 060202 S.O.A. 14 knots. E.T.A. Gagen Roads 0900H 31st March. (N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne 261220Z to N.O.I.C. Fremantle. PERSEUS. A.C.1.)

/Command...

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia contd...

Command  
U.S. Naval  
Forces  
Australia  
and New  
Guinea  
dissolved.

This re-encyphers C. in C. Pacpoa 270346 (A.L.P.O. 75) Action Alpoa. Info. Alusna. Melbourne Moumeanew Calodena "The Command United States Naval Forces Australia New Guinea has been dissolved A.S.O.F. 27th March. Remaining United States naval functions and obligations in Australia New Guinea area have been assumed by Comservpac. These are principally the disestablishment of Milne Bay and matters connected with the Defence Aid Reciprocal Air Board. There will be no naval facilities available in the area for any operational purposes of any description. Capt. Louis H. Guinn U.S.N.R.F.I.O. 585 48 with Headquarters Sydney is Comdr. Task Group 16. 7 under Comservpac. and will remain in area to discharge United States Naval functions and obligations.  
(Wash. W/T 261610 to Admiralty.)

Royal Navy  
to render  
help in  
carrying  
wheat  
supplies to  
avert famine  
in India.

Although it is appreciated that amount carried will be small, it is important that Royal Navy should render any possible help in averting famine in India by the carrying of wheat from Australia. To be of value ships must be available for loading before end of April.  
2. Request you will arrange for any H.M. ships proceeding from Australia to Ceylon between now and end of April to embark whatever amounts they can reasonably accept.  
(D. of P.(Q) 261828 to C. in C. B.P.F. V.A.Q.)

See V.A.Q B.P.F 050029 C.T.E.1



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SITUATION REPORT.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

Japan.  
American  
titles of  
British  
Units.

Task Force 57 has been dissolved and designated  
Task Group 96.8 with R.N. Squadron as task unit  
96.8.1 and the R.A.N. Squadron as task unit  
96.8.2. Force C at Kure is task unit 96.7.3  
and also comes under Comnavjap.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

BERRY HEAD  
Escort  
maintenance  
ship on  
passage to  
U.K. and  
reserve  
from B.P.F.

Sail 0800A 29th March via Necri routes to  
Sheerness.

2. Speed 9. E.T.A. 4th April.

5. Acknowledge.

(F.O.G.M.A. 271038 At o BERRY HEAD. ABERCROMBIE.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

SCOURGE Sail at 0600B 28th to Aden and Colombo. Report  
on passage your T.O.D. Suez and E.T.A. Aden to all addressees  
to E.I. in this signal. Acknowledge.  
EVERISEN (Dutch) (N.O.I.C. Port Said 271245B) to SCOURGE. C. in C.  
Med.)

Greek Greek Admiralty state Whalers are required as  
minesweepers. Danlayers for 160 M/S Flotilla and with exception  
of EVROTAS who? may be released immediately  
(S.B.N.O. Greece 021809 January) cannot be  
released without relief by M.M/S. Crews of

Whalers are required to man M.M/S.  
?2. Following proposed - EVROTAS be sailed to Malta forthwith  
with additional personnel to man two M.M/S. On arrival of two  
M.M/S ALFIOS and ACHELOS to be sailed to Malta and with their  
crews man remaining two M.M/S. Your 251206 refers.  
(S.B.N.O. Greece 271254B to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.)  
(Appd. 291115)

Illegal H.C. ASYA intercepted by CHEQUERS in co-operation  
immigrants with aircraft in position 032 degs. 13 mins. N.,  
to Palestine. 032 degs. 45 mins. E., at 1250B 27th.  
Turkish flag was hoisted on approaching and then  
hauled down and ~~Zionist~~ flag hoisted.  
2. Ship had no clearance papers and has on board  
about 500 immigrants. Have ordered CHEQUERS to escort vessel  
to Haifa.  
(S.N.O. (Afloat) Haifa. 271421 to F.O.L.E.M. Admiralty. C.S.15.)  
My 271421 CHEQUERS with ASYA in company E.T.A. Haifa 0800 28th.  
736 passengers all Jews mostly Polish, equal numbers of each sex.  
Embarked La Ciotat Bay 18th March and sailed next day via  
Bonifacio and Messina calling nowhere en route.  
2. Master reported he was entirely in hands of Jewish Commander  
who he would not identify.  
3. No doubt from chart that ship was making for Tel Aviv.  
(S.N.O. (Afloat) Haifa 271816 to F.O.L.E.M. C. in C. Med. Fleet.  
Capt. (D) 14th D.F.)

ARIADNE In view of Smallpox and Plague reported in Egypt  
Fast in message 692C propose to amend programme given  
minelayer in C. in C. B.P.F's 110706 by sailing from Port  
passage Said on completion of fuelling on Tuesday 9th  
to U.K. April. Arrive Malta Friday 12th April.  
(ARIADNE 271645Z to C. in C. Med.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

LOCH INSH  
TAFF  
frigates  
on passage  
to U.K.  
and reserve.

548C of 29.12.45. Take TAFF under your orders and sail from Aden as follows:  
(A) 1700C 27th.  
(B) Suez for U.K.  
(C) 12 knots.  
Acknowledge.  
(Aden C.C.O. 271110 to LOCH INSH. Admiralty.)

Gunboats  
for E.I.Stn.

548C of 29.12.45. Take APHIS and COCKCHAFER under your orders and sail from Bombay as follows:  
(A) 1700EF 27th March.  
(B) Cochin.  
(C) 10 knots.  
(F) 0800EF 30th March.  
(G) Acknowledge.  
(F.O. Bombay 271127 to SCARAB. APHIS. COCKCHAFER. Admiralty.)

Re receipt  
of gunboats  
H.D.M.L's  
and floating  
dock by  
Persia.

My 221056 and 261140 and C. in C.E.I's 261225 not to Admiralty consider the readiness of the Persians to man and receive the various craft involved should be established on an Inter Government level before directing the various Naval Authorities concerned to deliver them.  
(S.N.O. Persian Gulf 271214D to Admiralty. C. in C. E.I.)

BEAULY FIRTH  
aircraft  
engine  
repair ship  
on passage  
to U.K.  
from B.P.F.

BEAULY FIRTH arrived and sailed.  
(N.O.I.C. Cocos 271705EF to Comic Aden.)

VICTORIOUS  
A.C.  
trooping.

548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Aden as follows:  
(A) 0600C 28th.  
(B) Colombo.  
(C) 20 knots.  
Acknowledge.  
(Com. Aden 271800C to VICTORIOUS. Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)

Anti piracy  
patrol in  
Malacca  
Straits.

548C of 29.12.45. Take H.D.M.L. in address under your orders and sail from Singapore Peak Island as follows:  
(A) 1400GH 28th March.  
(B) To carry out anti-piracy patrol in Malacca Strait.  
(G) Detailed orders follow.  
Return to Singapore on 5th April.  
Acknowledge.  
(F.O. Malaya 271907GH to LOCH GORM. Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. )

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271000/March

From C. in C. East Indies

Date 31.3.46

Recd. 0610

NAVAL CODE (X)

To Admiralty

Info C. in C. B.P.F. V.A.(C) B.P.F. Commodore Hong Kong F.O.M.F.A. F.O. Ceylon  
C.S. Singapore C.S. Trincomalee C.S. Colombo  
Admiralty Message 282213/February.

Following refitting programme now in view for ships of East Indies Fleet to end of 1946.

(A) Simonstown. Refit of three cruisers (10 groups missing) their demands from East Indies Fleet.

(B) Trincomalee. Refit of two destroyers by end June 1946 and intermediate dockings six destroyers and escorts in period April to June 1946 and two escorts period October to November 1946.

(C) Colombo. Refit two escort vessels by early June 1946. Intermediate dockings JAMAICA NORFOLK AUSONIA and CARYSPORT by end April 1946 and GLASGOW and JAMAICA in November to December 1946.

(D) Singapore. Refits and dockings of Fleet minesweepers. Dockings of landing ships. Requirements will gradually reduce and should be very small by September 1946. Also intermediate docking two light fleet carriers in August to September 1946.

(E) Bombay. Occasional dockings of landing ships returning to the United Kingdom and refits of Fleet auxiliaries.

2. During 1947 present ships will have completed two years in East Indies Station and according to previous policy should return to the United Kingdom for refit and recommissioning or be replaced by new ships which have refitted in the United Kingdom. Refit capacity required at Singapore by East Indies Fleet in 1947 should, therefore, be very small. Intermediate dockings of ships, will however, be required at either Singapore or Ceylon as convenient.

3. On foregoing basis following programme of reduction of repair bases is proposed.

(A) Colombo. SRRD organisation will be closed down in early April 1946. Refits of escorts and dockings of ships at Colombo will then be carried out by Messrs. Walkers, ~~repeat Walkers~~, and maintenance of harbour craft and local services in connection with Royal Naval Shore Establishments by small Royal Naval Dockyard employing local labour.

(B) Trincomalee. 1. Intend AUSONIA should dock and have small refit at Colombo in April 1946 during which time ARTIFEX will be working at Trincomalee.

2. ARTIFEX to leave for the United Kingdom by end of May 1946.

3. AUSONIA to leave for the United Kingdom by July 1946, or sooner if destroyers and escorts have been sufficiently reduced by then.

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programme -  
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4. Sober Island and SRR(D) organisation to be closed down when AUSONIA leaves.

5. AFD 49 to be towed to Singapore before South West Monsoon 1946 and AFD 39 to be declared surplus to board of disposal by end of June 1946. AFD 22 to be kept in operation but with civilian crew after July 1946 and AFD 26 to be placed in Care and Maintenance with civilian watch crew at end of June 1946.

*Cost 21. 271000 Admiralty*

Policy for future refitting and repair of Eastern Fleet

Note by War Registry : Final part received undecypherable Repetition is being obtained.

- First Lord
- 1st S.L.(3)
- D.F.S.L.
- 2nd S.L.
- Contr.
- 4th S.L.
- 5th S.L.
- V.C.N.S.
- A.C.N.S.(W)
- A.C.N.S.(A)(2)
- Secretary
- U.S.(S)
- Nav. Sec.
- P.A.S.(PR)
- O.D.(9)
- D.C.(2)
- D. of P.(3)
- D. of P.(Q)(3)
- M.(6)
- D.N.I.(5)
- D.T.A.S.W.(3)
- D. Mov.(7)
- D.G.D.(3)
- D.S.D.(3)
- D.R.E.(3)
- D.57 O.B.1
- D.N.C.(2)
- E. in C.
- D. of N.
- D.N.O.
- D.U.W.(2)
- D.M.S.(2)
- D. of S.(3)
- S.D.G.(2)
- D.C.D. Slough

- V. Contr.(Air)
- D.A.C.R.(3)
- D.N.A.R.(3)
- D.A.E.(4)
- D.C.O.D.(7)
- D.C.A.M.(6)
- D.S.V.P.(3)
- N.A.2 S.L.(2)
- D. of M.
- A.C.N.F.(5)
- P.II (2)
- D. of C.
- M.F.
- Mails
- D.S.O.
- W.D.
- Dep. Contr.(3)
- D.(4)
- D.N.C.(2)
- E. in C.(4)
- D.E.E.(3)
- D.U.W.(3)
- D. of S.
- D.N.O.(4)
- D.A.S.(4)
- D.R.E.(3)
- S.D.G.(2)
- P.I.
- M.F.
- D. of C.
- S.W.R.(6)

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From War Registry

Date - 5th April 1946.

Following is last part of C. in C. E.I's 271000 (refitting programme for East Indies Fleet), circulated incomplete.

6. Dockyard organisation employing local labour supervised by civilian officers will be engaged on maintenance of harbour craft and fleet auxiliaries and the shore maintenance of R.N. and store establishments Trincomalee.

7. To release AUSONIA some existing dockyard stores will require fitting out with machine tools which are available from surpluses on the station, and minor works proposals are involved in the consequent re-arrangement. Agreed proposals will be forwarded.

(C) Singapore.

Date when ALAUNIA repetition ALAUNIA and SOUTHERN PRINCE can be released from Singapore will be reported in June 1946.

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|------------------|-------------------|
| 1st Lord.        | D. of V. (3)      |
| 1st S.I. (3)     | Vice Contr. (Air) |
| D.F.S.I.         | D.A.C.R. (3)      |
| 2nd S.L.         | D.N.A.R. (3)      |
| Contr.           | D.A.E. (4)        |
| 4th S.L.         | D.C.O.D. (7)      |
| 5th S.I.         | D.C.A.M. (6)      |
| V.C.F.S.         | D.S.V.P. (3)      |
| A.C.I.S. (V)     | N.A.2.S.L. (2)    |
| A.C.F.S. (A) (2) | D. of M.          |
| Secretary        | A.C.N.P. (5)      |
| U.S. (S)         | P.II. (2)         |
| Naval Secretary  | D. of C.          |
| P.A.S. (PR)      | M.F.              |
| O.D. (9)         | Mails             |
| D.C. (2)         | D.S.O.            |
| D. of P. (3)     | W.D.              |
| D. of T. (C) (3) | D.C.D. Slough.    |
| M. (6)           | Dep. Contr. (3)   |
| D.N.I. (5)       | D. (4)            |
| D.T.A.S.V. (3)   | D.N.C. (2)        |
| D.Mov. (7)       | E. in C. (4)      |
| D.G.D. (3)       | D.E.E. (3)        |
| D.S.D. (3)       | D.U.W. (3)        |
| D.R.E. (3)       | D. of S.          |
| D.57 C.B.1.      | D.N.O. (4)        |
| D.N.C. (2)       | D.A.S. (4)        |
| E. in C.         | D.R.E. (3)        |
| D. of N.         | S.D.G. (2)        |
| D.H.C.           | P.I.              |
| D.U.V. (2)       | M.F.              |
| D.M.S. (2)       | D. of C.          |
| D. of S. (3)     | S.W.R. (6)        |
| S.D.G. (2)       |                   |

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27.3.1946.  
Wednesday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

10th C.S.  
H.F.  
cruise.

March 27th Grenada arrival 1400Q DIADEM.  
(DIADEM 271448W to C. in C. A.W.I.)

Far East and Australia.

American  
titles  
of British  
Units in  
Japan.

(A) Task Force 57 has been dissolved and designated task group 96.8 with the R.N. Squadron as task unit 16.8.1 and the R.A.N. Squadron as task unit 96.8.2. This British support group comes under Comnavjap.

(B) Force C at Kure is task unit 96.7.3 and also comes under Comnavjap.

(C. in C. B.P.F. 270200 to B.P.F. General 653 (P) )

Japanese  
atrocities  
in cruiser  
TONE.

My 190949 ✓ Secrecy regarding incident may now be lifted but no mention should be made of any Japanese authority other than Captain of TONE.  
(U.K.N.A. 270543 to Admiralty.)  
✓ 190949 intended.



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Thursday.

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SITUATION REPORT.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

(1)  
Italy  
O.C.W.  
lapse of  
appointment.

Post of O.C.W. (Italy) will lapse at 0001 on  
8th April - O.C.W's Sicily and Trieste will  
thereafter be responsible to F.C.E.

(2)  
Eastern Medn.  
operational  
control by  
C. in C. Med.

C. in C. Mediterranean will assume operational  
control of Eastern Mediterranean and Red Sea  
north of 015° North on 5th April, 1946.  
F.O.L.E.M. will relinquish operational control of  
Eastern Medn. on 5th April and will assume duties  
of F.O. Liaison Middle East short title F.O.L.M.E.  
and fly his flag at Rasaltin Alexandria.

28.3.1946.  
Thursday.

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SITUATION REPORT.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Flag Officer  
Commanding  
Royal Indian  
Navy.

Vice Admiral Sir Geoffrey J.A. Miles K.C.B. hoisted  
his flag today in succession to Vice Admiral  
J.H. Godfrey C.B.

28.3.1946.  
Thursday.

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SITUATION REPORT.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

(1)  
Australia  
Flag Officer  
Southern  
Area B.P.F.  
lapse of  
appointment.

The appointment of Flag Officer Southern Area  
British Pacific Fleet will lapse on 16th April  
1946.

(2)  
Vice Admiral  
(Q) closing  
down of.

The Vice Admiral (Q) organisation will close  
down on 18th April 1946.

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GENERAL.

Vouchering procedure for supplies and services to U.S. Navy. The following vouchering procedure for supplies and services to the U.S. Navy is to be put in hand at once.

2. Issuing Establishments are to furnish to the U.S. Naval Authority receiving such services and supplies vouchers in at least quadruplicate (i.e. excluding any copies required for domestic records). Vouchers should show the name and rank of the U.S. Naval Officer to whom the services or supplies were furnished, together with the date, name and accounting number of the U.S. Naval Vessel or Station concerned. Two copies will be retained by this receiving officer and two copies of which one must be the top copy will require to be sent into office in support of the claim. All copies must be signed by the receiving officer in ink or in indelible pencil.

3. Full instructions regarding claims procedure will shortly be promulgated by A.F.O. Claims for repayment should not be made pending the issue of the A.F.O.  
(Hd of W.G.F. 281205 to A.G.M. Home and Abroad.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

BERRY HEAD  
Escort  
maintenance  
ship on  
passage to  
U.K. from  
B.P.F. and  
for reserve.

Admiralty's 261640 E.T.A. Sheerness 4th April.  
Passengers for discharge on arrival.  
(A) Naval Officers - 10  
(B) Naval Ratings.  
Portsmouth - 23.  
Chatham - 42.  
Devonport - 46.  
Lowestoft - 3.  
(C) R.A.F. Other ranks - 30.  
(BERRY HEAD 280852Z to Admiralty. C. in C. Nore.  
Com. i/c. Sheerness.)

C. in C.H.F.  
in NELSON.

NELSON with MYNGS, ZAMBESI, ZEST, ZEPHYR and  
ZENITH in company sailed 1100 from Lisbon.  
E.T.A. Portland 0700 31st March.  
(N.A. Lisbon 281137 to Admiralty.)

CIRCE  
M/S with  
M.F.V. on  
passage to  
U.K. from  
Med.

CIRCE take M.F.V. 1170 under your orders and sail  
1000A 30th March to U.K.  
2. Speed  $7\frac{1}{2}$  or better. To expedite passage  
consideration should be given to towing M.F.V. if  
weather permits.  
3. E.T.A. M.F.V. at Plymouth 5th April CIRCE at  
Chatham 6th April. Confirmed times to be reported.  
8. CIRCE acknowledge.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 281555 to CIRCE, Admiralty.)

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Mediterranean.

LOCH FYNE  
LOCH LOMOND  
frigates  
on passage  
to U.K. from  
E.I. for  
reserve.

Take LOCH LOMOND under your orders and sail to Gibraltar at 1200B 29th March.  
S.O.A. 12 knots. E.T.A. p.m. 4th April.  
2. Acknowledge.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 281130B to LOCH FYNE.)

Operational  
control of  
Eastern Med.  
by C. in C.  
Med.  
F.O.L.E.M. to  
relinquish  
control and  
to assume  
duties of  
F.O. Liaison  
M.E.  
Short Title  
F.O.L.M.E.

F.O.L.E.M. will relinquish operational and administrative control of the Eastern Med. at 2159 G.M.T. on 5th April and will assume duties of F.O. Liaison Middle East, short title F.O.L.M.E. continuing to fly his flag at Ras Altin Alex.  
2. Captain (L) will take over administrative responsibility for naval establishment in the Alex. area.  
3. Direct operational control of Eastern Med. and Red Sea North of 015° North will be assumed by C. in C. Med. who will delegate local responsibility as necessary, to S.N.O. (A) Haifa.  
4. Further signal will follow regarding changes in W/T organisation.  
(C. in C. Med. 281147 to Med. S.M.B. 316.)

*See 051740 April.*

SALVESTOR  
Salvage  
vessel  
on passage  
to U.K.  
towing M.F.V.  
1526 to Malta.

Sail at 0800B 29th March towing M.F.V. 1526 to Malta. Speed 8 knots. E.T.A. a.m. 3rd April.  
Report accurate E.T.A. Malta to C. in C. Med. when known. Acknowledge.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 281200B to SALVESTOR. Admiralty.)

Post of  
O.C.W (Italy)  
to lapse  
8th April.

Post of O.C.W.(Italy) will lapse at 0001 8th April after O.C.W. has arranged for continued maintenance of buildings in Naval occupation in his works area and for disposal of matters arising from his recent consultations with F.C.E.

2. O.C.W's Sicily and Trieste will thereafter be responsible directly to F.C.E. to whom all relevant correspondence and communications should be forwarded.  
(C. in C. Med. 281544 to V.A.M. F.O.L.I. S.N.O.E.Sy. Admiralty for C.E. in C.)

Movements.

Port Said 28th March.  
Arrivals - L.C.G. (M) 103, L.C.G. (M) 117.  
Departures - EVERSEN.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 281930 to Admiralty.)

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East Indies.

Flag Officer Vice Admiral Sir Geoffrey J.A. Miles K.C.B.  
Commanding hoisted his flag as Flag Officer Commanding  
Royal Indian Navy at 0900 28th March in succession  
Navy. to Vice Admiral J.H. Godfrey C.B.  
(F.O.C.R.I.N. 280900EF to East Indies Gen. Message.  
Admiralty.)

F.S. 548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Singapore as follows:  
JULES VERNE (A) 1200GH 28th March.  
on passage (B) Saigon.  
to F.I. (G) Acknowledge.  
China. (F.O.M.F.A. 280944GH to JULES VERNE. Admiralty.)

PORTLAND BILL Request reply to my 211454/. E.T.A. Singapore  
Armament of PORTLAND BILL is now 4th April.  
Maintenance (C. in C.E.I. 281133 to Admiralty.)  
Ship. / Request future movement of PORTLAND BILL  
E.T.A. Singapore 28th March.

DEVONSHIRE 548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Aden as follows:  
trooping. (A) 1830C 28th.  
(B) Colombo.  
(C) 20 knots.  
Acknowledge.  
(Com. Aden. 281045 to DEVONSHIRE.)

Dutch S/M Following is revised sailing plan for H.N.M.S. O.21  
O.21 My 061305 13 para. (2) refers.  
on passage 

Port.	E.T.A.	E.T.D.
Colombo.	26th March.	29th March.
Aden.	6th April.	7th April.
Port Said.	13th April.	16th April.
Gibraltar.	24th April.	24th April.
Rotterdam.	30th April.	

  
to Holland. (C. in C. R.N.N.E. 281121 to C. in C.E.I. F.O.  
Ceylon. Admiralty.)

Trincomalee The appointment of Commodore in Charge Trincomalee  
Commodore will lapse p.m. on 1st April, 1946 when the  
in charge administration of Trincomalee will be assumed by  
lapse of Commander in Chief East Indies.  
appointment. (C. in C.E.I. 281524 to E.I. Gl. Mess. 775C.  
Admiralty.)

S.S. SUIYANG For P.S.T.O. S.E.A.C. Following from Port  
Br. 2,590 tons Commandant Bangkok addresses D.Q.M.G. (M). Alfsea  
mined. Begins: Q9388. 28th March. SUIYANG mined  
1717/27th March 4 miles above Paynam en route to  
complete loading at anchorage.  
Engine room No. 3. and No. 4. holds and complete  
after deck under water, No. 1 and No. 2 holds still dry. Vessel  
on river bank. Superficial examination possible, complete loss  
of major salvage operation, two Lascars injured.

/Arrangements....

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S.S. SUIYANG Arrangements being made to recover approx. 350  
Br. 2,590 tons tons rice from No. 1 and No. 2. Further report  
mined. will follow. Agreed S.T.O. ends.  
(H.Q. Alfsea 281535 to D. of S.T. London. D. of S.T.  
Hong Kong.)



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America and West Indies.

C.S.10  
H.F. in  
BIRMINGHAM  
on cruise.

Kingston, Jamaica. Arrival C.S.10 in BIRMINGHAM.  
(S.O.(I) Jamaica 280930R to C. in C.H.F.)

NYASALAND  
BARBADOS  
frigates  
returning  
to U.S.A.

My position at 1200Z 47 degs. 30 mins. N.  
34 degs. 43 mins. W. course 220, speed 10 knots.  
BARBADOS's steering engine defective.  
(NYASALAND 281200Z to C. in C. A & W.I. Admiralty.)

Far East and Australia.

PENN S/M  
target ship  
towing S/M  
VIRTUE.

Departed Fremantle 0100Z 28th March PENN towing  
S/M VIRTUE to Singapore. Route via Sunda and  
Gaspar Straits as safe navigation permits thence to  
position (A) 0022 8th April. S.O.A. 9 knots.  
2. PENN calling at Batavia en route for fuel.  
E.T.A. Batavia 0600Z 5th rejoining S/M VIRTUE later.  
F.O.M.F.A's 251652/GH refers. (N.T. in W.D.)  
(N.O.I.C. Fremantle 280225Z to S.5. S.4. N.O.I.C.  
Batavia. C. in C.E.I.)

Station  
limits  
Timor.

Your 121559/ March to A.C.N.B. only. S.A.C.S.E.A.  
has indicated that British Chiefs of Staff have  
agreed that Dutch Timor shall come within S.E.A.C.  
boundary.  
2. Australian military forces handed over  
responsibility accordingly to S.O.R.N.E.I? as from  
19th March.

3. Suggest that whole of Timor should now be excluded from the  
Australia Station and that northern boundary given in S.A.C.S.E.A.  
311605/ Jan. para. 3. should be amended to read - from the  
intersection of 141 degs. east at the Pacific Ocean area boundary  
due south to the south coast of New Guinea thence in a westerly  
direction on 11 degs. south 120 degs. east thence to 13 south  
thence to 15 degs. south 86 degs. east.

(A.C.N.B. 280603 to Admiralty.) (Amended by 290341)

/ World wide station limits under consideration.

/ Not identified in War Reg. verification being obtained.

/Naval...

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Far East and Australia. contd...

Naval  
Trooping  
programme.

Following is probable programme of Naval  
Trooping Vessels sailing from U.K. in April  
and May, 1946.

<u>Ship.</u>	<u>E.T.D.</u> <u>U.K.</u>	<u>Destination.</u>	<u>E.T.A.</u>
INDOMITABLE.	3rd Apr.	Malta - Ceylon - Sydney.	3rd May.
INDEFATIGABLE.	25th Apr.	Ceylon - <i>Sydney</i>	16th May.
BERWICK.	24th Apr.	Malta - Ceylon.	12th May.
LONDON.	3rd May.	Malta - Ceylon.	21st May.
RAJAH.	5th May.	Ceylon.	27th May.
PATROLLER.	7th May.	Malta - Ceylon.	29th May.
CUMBERLAND.	7th May.	Malta - Ceylon.	25th May.
SUSSEX.	11th May.	Malta - Ceylon.	29th May.
QUEEN.	14th May.	Malta - Ceylon.	5th June.
FENCER.	18th May.	Ceylon.	9th June.
FORMIDABLE.	29th May.	Ceylon.	16th June.

*Suffolk →  
29th April.  
Malta-Ceylon  
17th May.*

2. It is expected that either INDEFATIGABLE or FORMIDABLE will be required to go on to Sydney depending on the date on which personnel in Australia become available for return to U.K. (A.C.N.S.(O) 281141 to C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I. C. in C. Med.) (See 302036)

*See 030042 Gpl.  
081601 (E.1)  
101447.*

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South Atlantic.

FAL  
frigate  
repatriation  
of ~~GAMBIA~~  
Naval  
Ratings  
at Bathurst.

Your 261556 to F.O.G.M.A. <sup>Gambian</sup>~~GAMBIA~~ Naval ratings  
disembarked also stores landed intend to sail  
from Bathurst at 1600 30th March. My E.T.A.  
Freetown is 1600 1st April.  
(FAL 292113 to Capt. i/c. W. Af. Admiralty.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Re Greek  
minesweeping  
EVROTAS.

Your 271254/ approved.  
(C. in C. Med. 291115 to S.B.N.O. Greece. Admiralty.)  
/ EVROTAS be sailed to Malta.

CUMBERLAND  
cruiser  
trooping.

Sail at 0600B 30th March to Plymouth, speed 20 knots  
E.T.A. p.m. 5th April. Report accurate E.T.A.  
Plymouth to C. in C. Plymouth when known.  
Acknowledge.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 291510 to CUMBERLAND. Admiralty)

CONFEDERATE  
Salvage  
vessel.

Salvage vessel CONFEDERATE with equipment of  
VALKYRIEN should be sailed for Southampton without  
delay. My 060035 not to all refers.  
(D. of Salvage 291604 to F.O.L.E.M.)

JERVIS  
JAVELIN  
destroyers  
to return  
to U.K.  
and reserve.

Your 031013 Nov. para. A.  
Request JERVIS and JAVELIN, when relieved, may  
be sailed to U.K. for reduction to Category "B"  
Reserve.  
2. Request you will inform ships before sailing.  
(D.O.D. 291756 to C. in C. Med.)

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East Indies.

F.S. SOMALI Destroyer Escort. 548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Trincomalee as follows:  
(A) 1300EF 29th March.  
(B) Aden.  
(C) 15 knots.  
(G) For onward routeing to Djibouti.  
Acknowledge.  
(C. in C.E.I. 290942 to F.S. SOMALI.)

ULYSSES destroyer on passage to U.K. and reserve. 548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Bombay as follows:  
(A) 0700EF 30th March.  
(B) Aden.  
(C) 16 knots.  
(G) Acknowledge.  
(F.O. Bombay 291052EF to ULYSSES.)

Forward area operational control of by F.O.M.F.A. 695C dated 28th Feb. 1946. is cancelled as from March 31st 1946. F.O.M.F.A. will assume operational control in the Forward area south of the Equator of the area originally delegated to C.S.5. and defined in para. 5. of 140934 dated 14th March 1946.  
(C. in C.E.I. 291101 to E.I.Stn. Nr. 778C. Admiralty)

*see 11106 April*

6th M/S returning to U.K. 548C of 29.12.45. Take ships in information address under your orders and sail in POSTILLION from Trincomalee as follows:  
(A) 0730EF 31st March.  
(B) Cochin.  
(C) 9 knots.  
(G) For onward routeing to Aden and U.K.  
Acknowledge.  
(C. in C.E.I. 291102 to M/S.6. PERSIAN, PELORUS, LENNOX, LIGHTFOOT, MELITA, IMMERSAY, LINGAY.)  
Intend following programme for 6th M.S.F. less

FRIENDSHIP and GOZO.  
Arrive.

	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
-	Trincomalee.	31st March.
3rd April.	Cochin.	4th April.
13th April.	Aden.	15th April.
21st April.	Suez.	22nd April.
22nd April.	Port Said.	24th April.
29th April.	Malta.	1st May.
6th May.	Gibraltar.	8th May.
14th May.	Devonport.	-
15th May.	Portsmouth.	-
16th May.	Chatham.	-
16th May.	Lowestoft.	-

2. POSTILLION, LENNOX to Devonport. MELITA, PERSIAN to Portsmouth. PELORUS, LIGHTFOOT to Chatham. IMMERSAY, LINGAY to Lowestoft.

3. Fuel at Cochin, Aden, Port Said, Malta, Gibraltar.

4. M/S 6 in POSTILLION.

(C. in C.E.I. 291124 to Admiralty, Combrax Portsmouth.)

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East Indies contd...

PORTLAND  
BILL  
Armament  
maintenance  
ship.

Your 211454/. PORTLAND BILL should be released for return to U.K. not later than Sept. 1946.  
2. Tools and equipment should be removed from this ship as necessary for the rehabilitation of Singapore Naval Base.  
(V.C.N.S. 291113 to C. in C.E.I. C. in C. B.P.F. F.O.F.M.A.)  
/ Request future movements of PORTLAND BILL.

C. in C.E.I.  
change of  
flag during  
absence in  
Singapore.

My flag is to be shifted from AUSONIA to PETARD at 1800 on 31st March during my absence in Singapore, my office will remain at N.H.Q. Trincomalee and all signals except those of a personal nature should continue routed to Trincomalee C.C.O.  
(C. in C.E.I. 291126 to E.I. G.M. 779C. Admiralty.)

JAMAICA  
cruiser  
programme.

Intend following programme for JAMAICA.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Leave.</u>
-	Colombo.	12th April.
16th April.	Karachi.	22nd April.
24th April.	Muscat.	25th April.
1st May.	Seychelles.	3rd May.
6th May.	Kilindini.	14th May.
14th May.	Tanga.	16th May.
16th May.	Zanzibar.	18th May.
18th May.	Dar-es-Salaem.	24th May.
1st June.	Simonstown.	-

(C. in C.E.I. 291230EF to JAMAICA. Admiralty. F.O.C.R.I.N.)

11th M/S  
Flotilla.

548C of 29.12.45. M.S.11. in LIONESS with MAENAD, LAERTES, FLYING FISH and JASEUR in company sailed from Singapore as follows:

- (A) 0700GH 29th March.
- (B) To operate in Berhala Strait.

Acknowledge.

(F.O.M.F.A. 291804GH to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)

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MESSAGE

291255/March

OUT

From Admiralty

To

DATE

29.3.46

C. in C. E.I.  
Info. F.O.M.F.A.

P/L

SENT

DEFERRED

Request confirmation that F.O.M.F.A's 031131/March is being dealt with by you. If Admiralty action is required request you signal accordingly.

291255

for Hd. of N.L. Br.

Q.A.M. 482

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America and West Indies.

R.C.N.  
Cruiser  
UGANDA  
on training  
cruise.

Departed Stanley for Montevideo J.1215 Z 29th  
March. Broadcast SL from 0001 G.M.T. March 31st.  
(UGANDA 291230Z to N.S.H.Q. C.O.A.C. C. in C. A.W.I.)

DIADEM  
10th C.S.  
H.F. on  
cruise.

Trinidad departure 27th March DIADEM.  
(N.O.I.C. Trinidad 291701Z to C. in C.H.F.  
Admiralty.)

Far East and Australia.

U.S. Naval  
Organisation  
in Western  
Pacific and  
Japan.

Subject is United States Naval Organisation in  
Western Pacific and Japan. Com. Fifth Fleet in  
IOWA sailed for West Coast of United States with  
8th D.D. 24th March. Remainder of his force  
disposed as follows:

- (A) Rear Admiral Jennet in COLUMBIA CA with four  
D.D. reported to for duty to Comnavjap.
- (B) Rear Admiral Phillips in TOPEKA with two other  
C.L. and 4 D.D. reported to Com. 7th Fleet.
- (C) Task force 57 reported for duty to Comnav.  
See my 270200Z March.

2. Task force designation for forces in (a) and (b) have not  
yet been notified. Comnavjap has assumed responsibility under  
S.C.A.P. for naval tasks in connection with enforcement of  
surrender terms and in support of the occupation forces in Japan.  
Com. 7th Fleet under C. in C. Pac. for control of areas which  
were formerly assigned 5th Fleet.

3. Both British and United States forces in paras. one (a)  
and (c) above have equal relationship to Comnavjap. Neither come  
under any United States Command Afloat.  
(C. in C. B.P.F. 290335 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. F.O.N.A.P.  
V.A.(Q).)

Station  
Limits  
Timor.

Amend all after South 120 degs. East in my  
280603/ to read "thence to 13 degs. South thence  
to 15 degs. South 86 degs. East."  
(A.C.N.B. 290341 to Admiralty. C. in C. E.I.S.)  
/ Agreed that Dutch Timor to come within S.E.A.C.

/H.M.A.S....



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Far East and Australia.

H.M.A.S. SHROPSHIRE cruiser with Australian Victory March contingent for U.K. The Australian Government have approved of H.M.A.S. SHROPSHIRE proceeding to U.K. with the Australian Victory March contingent. Intend following programme.

<u>E.T.A.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>E.T.D.</u>
-	Melbourne.	18th April.
23rd Apr.	Fremantle.	24th April.
9th May.	Capetown.	11th May.
21st May.	Freetown.	21st May.
30th May.	Portsmouth or Port in U.K. as designated by Admiralty.	

(A.C.N.B. 291046 to Admiralty. SHROPSHIRE. C. in C. E.I. C. in C.S.A.)  
(See 021448 April.)

*see 111441 April.*

Flag Officer Southern Area B.P.F. lapse of appointment (F.O.S.A.B.P.F.)

The appointment of Flag Officer Southern Area British Pacific Fleet short title F.O.S.A.B.P.F. will lapse at 0001Z 16th April.

2. All operational signals made to F.O.S.A. after 10th April are to be repeated to C. in C. B.P.F. and A.C.N.B. From 0001Z 16th April no action will be taken by F.O.S.A.

3. From 0001Z 16th April C. in C. B.P.F. will assume operational control of ships of the B.P.F. and attached auxiliaries in the area previously controlled by F.O.S.A. Movements and programme for ships already arranged by F.O.S.A. will continue without further reference to C. in C. B.P.F.

4. In future C. in C. B.P.F. will consult A.C.N.B. and N.Z.N.B. on projected visits on ships of the B.P.F. their respective areas. When agreed C. in C. B.P.F. will order the movements.

5. It will not normally be possible for C. in C. B.P.F. to arrange details of ships programmes which must be done by Flag and Commanding Officers on arrival in Australian and New Zealand waters and in consultation with appropriate authorities there.  
(Hd. of M. 291956 to A.G.M. Home and Abroad 272A.)

Vice Admiral (Q) Organisation closing down of.

The Vice Admiral (Q) organisation will close down at 0001Z Thursday 18th April 1946. From that date there will be in Sydney a Captain R.N. with a small staff to act as British Pacific Fleet Liaison Officer (B.P.F.L.O) on the staff of Flag Officer in Charge Sydney.

2. Only U.K. Civil Staff remaining in Sydney will be D.D.S.(P) D.D.V.(P) S.C.E. and R.N. Cashier.

3. The intended date for the transfer for the drafting pool from Australia to Ceylon is mid April, the officer and men subsequently remaining at the barracks, and any outlying parties will continue to be administered by the Commodore R.N.B. Sydney. After the termination of V.A.(Q)'s organisation Combrax Sydney will be responsible direct to C. in C. B.P.F. for any remaining matters of policy but will be administered by A.C.N.B. through F.O.I.C. Sydney.

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Far East and Australia cont...

Vice Admiral  
(A)  
organisation  
closing down  
of.

4. (a) No correspondence which cannot reach Sydney by Wednesday 10th April is to be addressed to the Vice Admiral (Q) or Flag Officer Southern Area.

(b) Correspondence requiring action in Australia which would formerly have been addressed to V.A.(Q) is to be addressed Flag Officer in Charge Sydney copy to British Pacific Fleet Liaison Officer

Sydney care of F.O.I.C. Sydney.

(c) Correspondence on other matters hitherto dealt with by Vice Admiral (Q) should be addressed Commander in Chief British Pacific Fleet.

(d) Correspondence for the Civil Departments mentioned above should be addressed to the Department concerned care of Flag Officer in Charge, Sydney.

5. (a) All non-operational signals addressed to Vice Admiral (Q) after Sunday 14th April should be repeated to Flag Officer in Charge, Sydney.

(b) From 0001Z Thursday 18th April no further action on signals will be taken by V.A.(Q).

(c) All signals requiring action by B.P.F.L.O. Sydney will be addressed to F.O.I.C. Sydney for him.

(d) Signals for the Civil Departments remaining in Sydney are to be addressed to Flag Officer in Charge, Sydney for the Department concerned.

(Hd. of M.(II) 291957 to A.G.M. Home and Abroad.)

30.3.1946.  
Saturday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

LIVERPOOL  
Cruiser.

Intend to sail at 0930A 31st March to Malta routed via Cape Bon Channel.  
2. Speed 14 knots. E.T.A. Harbour entrance 1430B 2nd April.  
(LIVERPOOL 301029A to Almed, C.S.15. C. in C. Med.)

Loan of  
minesweepers  
to Greeks  
for period  
of mine  
clearance  
operations.

PRODUCT? can be spared from present M/S servicing duties about mid June.  
2. Greek Admiralty have requested loan of this vessel.  
3. Request approval. S.B.N.O. Greece's 271826 Nov. refers.  
(C. in C. Med. 301056 to Admiralty, Capt. M/S Med. S.B.N.O. (G).)

*app'd 15/12/44 A. April.  
see 28/11/45 May.*

S.S.  
EZILDA GROCE  
1230 tons  
GRADISCA  
ashore  
on Gavdo Is.

EZILDA GROCE arrived Gavdo Island 1500B 30th March.  
2. SALVENTURE embarked 3 Italian Officers and 18 ratings ex GRADISCA and sailed for Malta 1600B 30th March.  
3. Total still remaining aboard GRADISCA B.N.L.O. British Purser, British Military Guard, 21 Italian Officers and 78 ratings.  
4. E.T.A. Malta will be signalled later.  
(SALVENTURE 301655B to C. in C. Med. F.O.L.E.M. V.A.M.)

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Saturday.FOREIGN STATIONS.East Indies.QUEEN  
Carrier  
trooping.Ref. 548C of 29.12.45.  
Sail from Colombo as follows:  
(A) 1030EF April 1st.  
(B) Aden.  
(C) 16 knots.  
Acknowledge.  
(F.O. Ceylon 301025 to QUEEN.)Aden  
re Med and  
E.I.  
boundaries.Admiralty message 022206/ Feb. Unless there are reasons for an immediate decision of which I am not aware I should prefer that the projected transfer of Aden to the Mediterranean Command should be deferred until I have had an opportunity of visiting Aden.  
(C. in C.E.I. 301055EF to Admiralty. C. in C. Med. F.O.L.E.M.)  
/ Med./East Indies boundary in Red Sea to revert temporarily to latitude 15 degs. North, and *extension of Med. to include Aden is under consideration.*RAJAH  
carrier  
trooping.548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Aden as follows:  
(A) 0800C 31st.  
(B) Suez for U.K.  
(C) 16 knots.  
Acknowledge.  
(Aden C.C.O. 301121C to RAJAH.)ENTICER  
to assist  
tug S.S.  
FORT JUPITER  
tanker  
(AM 10296 tons)Sail from Singapore as follows:  
(A) When ready p.m. today 30th March.  
(B) To assist FORT JUPITER in position 05 degs. 13 mins. North. 97 degs. 15.5 mins East.  
(C) 12 knots.  
(F) Acknowledge.  
(F.O.M.F.A. 301336 to ENTICER.)URANIA  
destroyer  
on passage  
to U.K.  
and reserve.Departed Karachi 0730EF 30th March. URANIA for Aden. Route direct S.O.A. 16 knots. C. in C. E.I. 242112EF refers.  
(URANIA 301856EF to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty.)B.Y.M.S. 2008  
and 2005  
minesweeping  
in Dindings  
Area.Detach from convoy and with B.Y.M.S. 2005 in company proceed to Penang by Q.C.A. 538.  
2. R.N.O. Penang is requested to sail B.Y.M.S. 2008 and 2005 when fuelled to operate with RECRUIT in Dindings Area.  
3. Report your E.T.A. Penang to R.N.O. Penang repeated F.O.M.F.A. and RECRUIT.  
4. RECRUIT is to signal rendezvous.  
7. Acknowledge.  
(F.O.M.F.A. 301943GH to B.Y.M.S. 2008. Admiralty.)

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Saturday.FOREIGN STATIONS.America and West Indies.BELLONA  
10th C.S.  
H.F. on  
cruise.Departed Barbados.  
(BELLONA 300620Q to Admiralty. C. in C. A.W.I.  
C. in C. H.F.)  
Arrived at St. Lucia.  
(BELLONA 301401Q to C. in C. H.F. C.S.10.)DIADEM  
H.M.C.S.  
H.F.M.  
cruise.Intend to sail from St. Vincent 1100Q 2nd April  
E.T.A. St. Kitts 0900W 3rd April. Intend to  
carry out 12 knots consumption trials en route.  
(DIADEM 301001Q to C.S.10. C. in C. A.W.I.)  
March 30th. Grenada departure 0630Q DIADEM.  
St. Vincent arrival 1200Q DIADEM.  
(DIADEM 301203Q to C. in C. A.W.I.)Far East and Australia.F.N.A.P.  
impending  
closing of.  
Correspondence.In view of the impending closing of F.O.N.A.P.  
Office on 23rd April, no correspondence or printed  
matter which would arrive in Sydney after 16th  
April should be despatched to F.O.N.A.P. except  
urgent letters. Signals should be kept to a  
minimum.2. After 23rd April, matters affecting air  
logistics and air technical matters with reference to the B.P.F.  
should be referred to F.O. Air E.I. Matters concerning  
administration and training of disembarked squadrons in Australia  
in local air logistics and air technical matters and the closing  
of air facilities in Australia should be referred to Captain(Air)  
Australia R.A.A.F. Schofields N.S.W.3. F.O.N.A.P. signal logs from ~~14th~~ January 1946, to date of  
lapse of appointment will be transferred to C.C.O. Sydney and in  
addition duplicate logs from 10th March 1946 will be transferred  
to Schofields.4. F.O.N.A.P. Office will close for current business on 23rd April  
and the flag will be struck on 30th April.  
(Hd. of M.(II) 300014 to A.G.M. Home and Abroad 274A.B9.)INDEFATIGABLE  
A.C. Trooping.A.M. 281141 para.2. INDEFATIGABLE will go on to  
Sydney E.T.A. 26th May and should be used to bring  
home as many as possible of lift in V.A.(Q) 070752  
para. 6.2. As this is probably the last naval trooping  
trip to Australia, the majority of the officers accommodation  
outward has been offered to Australia House and will be mainly  
used for Australian service wives.  
(D. of M. 302036 to C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I. C. in C. Med.)  
(2nd S.L. concurs.)

300353Z/March

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

DATE 31. 3.46.

TIME 2340

NAVAL CYPHER X

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Addressed Admiralty.

Programme of Cruisers reliefs visualised in para.4 of A.M.241105/ would result in the four remaining cruisers of the B.P.F. being relieved about the following dates -

NEWFOUNDLAND	November 1946
EURYALUS	April 1947
BERMUDA	September 1947
BELFAST	February 1948

2. While present commitments will not allow any further reduction in the total number, I am anxious to reduce the above periods if at all possible. Relief of A.S.G.s and men of longest abroad roster by trooping as suggested in para.2 of A.M. would involve virtually recommissioning the ships and a rate of drafting which would cause great loss of efficiency.

3. I am anxious to adhere to the programme in my 070053 March for the reasons stated, and if of any help would suggest that two of the cruisers are relieved temporarily by fast minelayers. The latter look well, have a much smaller complement and good accommodation for passengers which is generally a requirement in this area.

4. If necessary to assist in the manning problem I further propose that 8th D.F. should temporarily consist of seven destroyers and that the last ship should not join.

300355Z See 181757 APRIL.

Present manning situation renders it impracticable for definite programme of reliefs for cruisers of B.P.F.

1st. Lord.  
 1st. S.L. (3)  
 D.F.S.L.  
 2nd. S.L.  
 5th. S.L.  
 V.C.N.S.  
 A.C.N.S. (A) (2)  
 U.S.N.P.  
 O.D. (9)  
 D.C. (2)  
 A.C.N.P. (5)  
 D. of M.  
 D. of P. (3)  
 M. II (O.D. 1086/46) (6) for action  
 D<sup>Nat</sup> (5)  
 D. of P. (Q) (3)

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31.3.1946.  
Sunday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

RANEE  
trooping  
outwards  
with F.O.  
Designate  
Malaya  
on board.

Sail at 1200A 31st March via Medri routes to Malta  
for O/R Singapore.  
2. Speed 14. E.T.A. 0700B 3rd April.  
5. Rear Admiral H.J. Egerton Flag Officer Malaya  
Designate is passenger on board.  
6. Acknowledge.  
(F.O.G.M.A. 311014A to RANEE. Admiralty.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

S.S.  
MARQUETTE  
Am.

1. Sail at 0800B 2nd April as safe navigation permits by appropriate Medri routes to Atlantic Ocean area.
2. Speed 13 knots.
4. C. in C. Lant is requested to notify final destination.
5. Acknowledge.  
(GRENO Saegean 311131B to MARQUETTE, C. in C. Med. C. in C. Lant. V.A.M. F.O.G.M.A.)



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Sunday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

URANIA  
destroyer  
on passage  
to U.K. and  
reserve.

Departed Karachi 0730EF 30th March URANIA for  
Aden. Route direct. S.O.A. 16 knots. C. in C.E.I.  
242112EF refers.  
(URANIA 310856EF to C. in C.E.I.)

Movements  
Gunboats.

Arrivals SCARAB, APHIS and COCKCHAFFER.  
(N.O.I.C. Cochin 310900 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.S.)

SALVIOLA  
Salvage  
vessel with  
L.C.26 in  
tow.

Sail from Colombo at 1100EF 1st April with L.C.26  
in tow for Bombay and Muscat.  
S.O.A. 6 knots. Acknowledge.  
(F.O. Ceylon 311032 to SALVIOLA.)

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

548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Aden as follows:  
(A) 1700C 31st.  
(B) Suez for U.K.  
(C) 9.5 knots.  
Acknowledge.  
(Com Aden 311100 to HOLMSOUND. Admiralty. C. In C.  
E.I.S.)

F.S.  
BARFLEUR  
A.M.C.  
for F.I.  
China.

548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Singapore as follows:  
(A) 0600GH 1st April.  
(B) Saigon.  
(C) 12.5 knots.  
(G) Enter Saigon through swept channel QCA.621  
refers. Acknowledge.  
(F.O. Malaya 311139 to F.S. BARFLEUR.)

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Sunday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

H.M.C.S.  
WARRIOR  
Light  
Fleet  
Carrier.

Arrival Halifax H.M.C.S. WARRIOR from U.K. at  
1615Z 31st March.  
(C.O.A.C. 311635Z to N.S.H.Q. Admiralty. Adml (Air)

Far East and Australia.

D.S. TROMP  
Cruiser.

Departed Fremantle 2330Z 30th March TROMP for  
Colombo. E.T.A. a.m. 9th April. Route direct.  
S.O.A. 14.5 knots.  
(N.O.I.C. Fremantle 310900Z to C.S.5. F.O. Ceylon.  
C. in C.E.I.S.)