

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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- East Indies
- America and West Indies
- Australia and New Zealand
- U-boat Campaign.

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

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

- (a) Movements of H.M. Ships. (Prepared by Operations Division, Naval Staff) (23rd February 1940).
- (b) Western Approaches (daily) Situation Reports (1st September 1943).
- (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.

1.4.1946.
Monday.

War Diary.

SITUATION REPORT.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Captain L/C
Mediterranean
Appointment
lapsed.

Appointment of Capt. L/C Med. lapsed today.
Administrative responsibilities previously
undertaken by him will now be undertaken by
Commanding Officer H.M.S. PHOENICIA. (p. 3)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

HIGHWAY
L.S.D.
disabled
on passage.

Disabled in position 33 degs. 30 mins. North
33 degs. 12 mins. West owing leaky tubes both
boilers. Examination port boiler reveals all 12
spare fire tubes recently replaced Chatham need
plugging. Starboard boiler will be examined when
cool. Repairs will be effected with despatch
and further signal made when passage via Bermuda
can be resumed at reduced speed.
(HIGHWAY 010317Z to C.N.O. C. in C. Lant. Comnob
Bermuda.)
(See 021140)

PIONEER
Aircraft
Maintenance
ship returning
to U.K. from
B.P.F. and
for reserve.

Sail 0900A 2nd April to Clyde.
2. Speed 14. E.T.A. Tail of the Bank 1500Z 6th
April.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 011518A to PIONEER. Admiralty. C. in C.
Rosyth.)

TUSCAN
GRENVILLE
destroyer
on passage
for U.K.
from B.P.F.
for reserve.

Take TUSCAN under your orders and sail in GRENVILLE
2200A 3rd. April to Portsmouth.
2. Speed 14. E.T.A. 0930Z 7th April.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 011536 to Capt. (D) 25. TUSCAN.
GRENVILLE.)

D. S/M.
O.24 for
Rotterdam.

Sail 1400A 2nd April via Necri routes to Rotterdam.
2. Speed 12. E.T.A. Hook of Holland first light
8th April.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 011542A to NUN? Admiralty. B.D.Z.
NAVLE Holland.)
(Probably D/S.M. O.24)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

OCEAN
Light Fleet
Carrier
with MEYNELL
Attendant
destroyer
for return
to U.K.
(~~later~~ for
reserve.)

Take MEYNELL under your orders sail at 1000B 2nd April to Gibraltar by appropriate Medri routes for onward routeing to U.K. OCEAN to Rosyth and MEYNELL to Harwich.
2. Speed as requisite for flying practice E.T.A. Gibraltar a.m. 6th reporting accurate E.T.A. 24 hours in advance.
4. Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med. 011119B to OCEAN. MEYNELL. V.A. Malta. Admiralty.)

Appointment
Captain L/C
Med. lapsed.
Drafting of
Combined
Operations
ratings etc.,

The appointment of Captain L/C Med. lapsed as from 1st April. The administrative responsibilities previously undertaken by Captain L/C Med. in accordance with M.S.O. 28 paras 6-10 will now be undertaken by the Commanding Officer PHOENICIA with the exception of drafting matters.
2. The responsibility for drafting of combined operations ratings is transferred from HAMILCAR to V.A.M. as from 1st April. Signals regarding routine drafting of combined operations ratings are to be addressed to V.A.M. (Repeated) C. in C.

Med. correspondence concerning routine drafting is to be addressed to V.A.M. (for Drafting Commander.)

3. Responsibility for the attachment of combined operations officers is now undertaken by C. in C. Med. and signals regarding routine attachment of combined operations officers are to be addressed to C. in C. Med. (Repeated) PHOENICIA. Correspondence regarding the attachment of combined operations officers is to be addressed to C. in C. Med. through normal service channels.
4. All other signals and correspondence regarding the administration of combined operations personnel previously addressed to Captain L/C Med. are now to be addressed to PHOENICIA.
5. Admiralty pass to COPRA Drafting for information.
6. This cancels previous message to this subject.
(C. in C. Med. 012000 to Med. Command 323B. Admiralty.)

Senior Officer
of Ships
allocated
to Eastern
Med. Haifa
(S.N.O.A.)
responsibili-
ties

Reference para. 3. 316B the Senior Officer of the ships allocated to the Eastern Med. (short title S.N.O.A.) Haifa, is to assume responsibility in detail for the operation of Naval Patrols off the Palestine Coast as required by local conditions and subject to the general directions of the C. in C. Med.

2. To achieve continuity and to further Liaison with the other services he will be assisted by a Commander R.N. who is being appointed as staff officer operations to S.N.O.A. (Haifa) and will transfer to each successive senior officer as he takes over.
3. When circumstances allow the S.N.O.A. (Haifa) may detach ships of his force to visit ports in Cyprus, Egypt and the Levant for rest and recreation keeping C. in C. Med. informed of such movements.
(C. in C. Med. 012001B to Med. Gl. Mess. 324B. Admiralty.)

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Monday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Movements
C. in C.E.I.

Trincomalee 31st March departures:
C. in C.E.I. in PETARD.
M/S 6 in POSTILLION.
PELORUS, PERSIAN, LENNOX, LIGHTFOOT, MELITA,
IMERSAY, LINGAY.
(C. in C.E.I. 010900 to Admiralty.)

F.S.
LA GRANDIERE
Sloop for
F.I.China.

548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Colombo as follows:
(A) 1700EF 1st April.
(B) Saigon.
(C) 12 knots.
Acknowledge.
(F.O. Ceylon 010936 to LA GRANDIERE. Admiralty.
C. in C.E.I.)

Weekly report
of M/S
progress
No. 15.

1. Current Operations.
(A) Serial 18 Berhala Strait 11th M.S.F. sailed from Singapore 29th March to commence clearance of E.F.M.I's 366 and 430.
(B) Serial 19 Banka Strait 7th M.S.F. continued sweeping of E.F.M.I. 298 negative result to date.
(C) Serial 21 Nicobars no further information to my 111057 March.
(D) Serial J Dindings Area 152nd M.S.F. completed magnetic sweeping of E.F.N.I. 69 detonating a total of three mines operations in this area continues.
(E) Serial L Moulmein River Force 18 detonated one magnetic mine in river making a total of 12 mines to date. River open and safe to shipping up to head of New Island.
(F) Serial Q Bangkok Force 19 sails from Singapore 1st April to commence magnetic sweeping of S.W. Monsoon anchorage at Goh Sichang and further sweeping of Bangkok River.
(G) Serial R Kedah River Area 166th M.S.F. completed magnetic sweeping of E.F.M. 161 detonating 3 mines. Operation in this area continues.
2. Future Operations.
Nothing to report.
(F.O.M.F.A. 011025 to C. in C.E.I.)

D.S.
EVERTSEN
on passage
to N.E.I.

548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Aden as follows:
(A) 1500C 1st.
(B) Colombo.
(C) 15 knots.
(E) Acknowledge.
(Com. Aden 011150 to D.S. EVERTSEN. Admiralty
C. in C.E.I.)

PATROLLER
Carrier
trooping
to U.K.

548C of 29.12.45. ^{Sail.} ~~SAIL~~ from Colombo as follows:
(A) 1800 EF. 1st April.
(B) Aden.
(C) 16 knots.
Acknowledge.
(F.O. Ceylon 011248 to PATROLLER.)

1.4.1946.
Monday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies contd...

F.S. 548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Singapore as follows:
SENEGALAIS (A) 1730GH 2nd April.
destroyer (B) Colombo for onward routeing.
escort (C) 14 knots.
on passage (F) Proceeding via Colombo to save steaming time
to Djibouti. at request of French Authorities. Acknowledge.
(F.O.M.F.A. 011251 to SENEGALAIS(F.S.). Admiralty.)

BEAULY FIRTH Destination of BEAULY FIRTH in U.K. is Rosyth.
Aircraft 2. On arrival passengers and men due for release
engine repair and on longest abroad roster are to be discharged.
ship. To Foreign service leave is to be given in accordance
be released with A.F.O. 395/46.
from Naval 3. BEAULY FIRTH is to be released from Naval
service Service. In preparation to vessel being handed over
after arrival to M.W.T. all Naval Stores and equipment are to be
in U.K. removed.
4. BEAULY FIRTH to report number of personnel
and amount of stores for disembarkation on arrival
in U.K. to C. in C. Rosyth and Admiralty.
(D.O.D. 011321 to C. in C.E.I.)

LOCH ECK 548C of 29.12.45. Take L.C.T. addressed under
frigate your orders and sail from Singapore as follows:
with L.C.T's (A) A.M. 5th April.
1102, 1153, 1237 (B) Batavia.
for Batavia. (C) Via Riouw and Gaspar Strait 6½ knots.
(G) Acknowledge.
(F.O.M.F.A. 011539GH to LOCH ECK. C. in C.E.I.
WOOLWICH. C. in C. Neth. Forces.)

L.C.T's 548C of 29.12.45. Take L.C.T. 913, 1160, 1195
for Borneo. and 1241 (Senior Officer F.O. 70 L.C.T.) under
your orders and sail from Singapore as follows:
(A) 0800 5th April.
(B) Escort L.C.T. to Labuan then proceed as
convenient to Kuching.
(C) 7 knots.
(G) VERYAN BAY is being sailed from Hong Kong to Labuan to escort
L.C.T. when loaded to Hong Kong. C. in C. B.P.F's 300411Z not to
all or needed refers. Acknowledge.
(F.O.M.F.A. 011738GH to S.O. M/S. 7. Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)

1.4.1946.
Monday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

C.S.10
in BIRMINGHAM
cruise.

Kingston, Jamaica. Departure C.S.10 in
BIRMINGHAM.
(S.O.(I) Jamaica 010705 to C. in C.H.F. C. in C.
A.W.I. Admiralty.)

PREMIER
Escort
Carrier
returning
to U.S.A.

Sail -
1. 1700Z 14th April and at 15 knots proceed
Norfolk V.A. for delivery to U.S. Authorities
routed from Sambro Light vessel through position
40.40 North 67.40 West thence direct to destination.
E.T.A. Cape Henry 1800Z 3rd April.
3. Amend E.T.A. as necessary.
5. Request Com. 5. provide pilot.
6. Acknowledge.
(C.O.A.C. 011410Z to PREMIER.)

Far East and Australia.

PERSEUS
Aircraft
Maintenance
Ship on
passage to
U.K. (Com.A.T).

Departed Fremantle 0100 1st April PERSEUS
wearing Broad pendant of Comat for Trincomalee
E.T.A. 1000Z 10th April. Route direct and S.O.A.
14 knots.
(N.O.I.C. Fremantle 010341Z to TRAFALGAR.
C. in C.E.I. F.O. Ceylon.)

C. in C.
Hong Kong
to take
passage in
ARGONAUT
to U.K.

I would like re-arrange for C. in C. Hong Kong
when relieved to travel home in one of the ships
of the British Pacific Fleet returning to U.K.
2. Most suitable ship would be ARGONAUT at present
planned to leave in June. Request approval for
ARGONAUT to leave the station early May to give
passage to C. in C. Hong Kong on relief.
(C. in C. B.P.F. 010838Z to Admiralty.)
(Appd. 041203)

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2.4.1946.
Tuesday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

HIGHWAY
L.S.D.
disabled
proceeding
to U.S.A.

Your 011947. Port now in action. Starboard same 12 also in action 1400Z today when P.C.S. 32 degs. 21.3 mins. North 36 degs. 00 mins. West. 270 degs. 10 knots. E.T.A. Norfolk p.m. Wednesday 10th. Grateful offer assistance which do not anticipate require.

(HIGHWAY 021140Z to C. in C. Lant.)

Your 010317Z. Report situation and progress.

(F.O.G.M.A. 021147 to HIGHWAY.)

^ H.M.S. HIGHWAY's report that she is disabled and passage via Bermuda will be resumed at reduced speed.

3rd Destroyer
Flotilla
on passage
to U.K.
for reserve.

Capt. D. 3 take MUSKETEER, MARNE and MATCHLESS under your orders and sail in MILNE 0815A 4th April, via Necri routes to U.K.
2. Speed 12. E.T.A. MARNE, and MATCHLESS at Portsmouth 0900Z 8th April, MILNE and MUSKETEER at Harwich 1600Z 8th April.

7. Capt. D. 3. acknowledge.

(F.O.G.M.A. 021607A to D.3. Admiralty. MILNE, MUSKETEER, MATCHLESS, MARNE.)

U.S.
C.T.G. 120.5
in HELENA
cruiser with
CONE and
GLENNON
destroyers
for U.K.

Intend to sail C.T.G. 120.5 in HELENA with CONE and GLENNON in company 0900A 3rd April to Southampton. E.T.A. Needles 0700Z 6th April.
(F.O.G.M.A. 021641A to C. in C. Portsmouth. C.T.G. 120.5 HELENA, GLENNON. CONE.)

OXNA
ARRAN
COPINSAY
Trawlers
for U.K.
and disposal.

Following has been received from Reporting Officer Las Palmas, begins:
Addressed F.O.G.M.A. Repeated. Admiralty. C. in C. West Africa.

Intend sailing OXNA from Las Palmas Thursday 4th April.

2. ARRAN and COPINSAY will be delayed until Monday 8th April owing to machinery defects on both ship's work in hand by Ship's Staff.
Ends. 021137Z. Ends.

(Gib. C.C.O. 022339A to Admiralty. Capt. W. Africa.)

2.4.1946.

Tuesday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Movements of Warships in Eastern Med. and Red Sea areas to be summarised by C. in C. Med.

As from 2159 G.M.T. 5th April (316B of 28th March refer) Movements of Warships in the Eastern Med. and Red Sea areas will be summarised by C. in C. Med. with the following exceptions:
(A) N.O.I.C. Port Said is to report daily arrivals at and departures of ships from Port Said and Suez to C. in C. Med. repeated Admiralty.
N.O.I.C. Aden and C. in C.E.I.
(B) S.N.O.A. (Haifa) is to report Movements ships allocated to him to C. in C. Med. repeated Admiralty.
(C. in C. Med 020948B to Med. Gl. Message. Admiralty.)

LOCH INSH
TAFF
frigates
on passage
to U.K.
and for
reserve from
E.I.

Take TAFF under your orders and sail at 1600B/3rd April to Alexandria. E.T.A. 0700B 4th. Keep constant watch on Alexandria Broadcast. Acknowledge. (N.O.I.C. Port Said 021220 to LOCH INSH. Admiralty. C. in C. Med.)

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2.4.1946.

Tuesday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Movements.

Colombo 1st April.

Arrivals.

Departures.

JAMAICA.

QUEEN.

VICTORIOUS.

PATROLLER.

HENGIST.

SALVIOLA

SCARAB.

APHIS.

COCKCHAFER.

(F.O. Ceylon 020900 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)

Movements.

Arrived D.S. EVERTSEN, L.S.E. (LS) 1.

Departed DUNCANSBY HEAD D.S. EVERTSEN, L.S.E. (LS)
(Com. Aden 020900C to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)

GLENROY
L.S.I. (L)
for U.K.

Intend following revised programme for GLENROY.
All dates April unless shown otherwise.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
-	Bombay.	9th.
14th.	Aden.	14th.
19th.	Suez.	19th.
19th.	Port Said.	19th.
22nd.	Malta.	24th.
1st May	Portsmouth.	

2. Fuel and water Aden, Malta. Provisions Malta.

3. Time allowed to call Gibraltar if necessary.

(C. in C.E.I. 020929 to Admiralty C. in C. Portsmouth. C. in C. Med.)

VICTORIOUS
A.C.
Trooping.

548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Colombo as follows:

(A) As convenient p.m. 3rd April.

(B) Fremantle.

(C) 20 knots.

(D) QC 257 QCA 718 WC 251 WF 576.

(E) Broadcast V shifting to broadcast Bells at
0800 7th April. Acknowledge.

(F.O. Ceylon 020934 to VICTORIOUS. Admiralty.)

D.S. TROMP
cruiser
returning
to Holland.

C. in C. R.N.N.E's 011531 (N.T. in W.D.) not to all,
following is revised programme for TROMP.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
9th	Colombo.	11th.
17th.	Aden.	17th.
21st.	Suez.	21st
21st.	Port Said.	23rd.
28th.	Gibraltar.	29th.
3rd May.	Ymuiden.	-

2. All dates April unless shown otherwise.

3. Fuel at Colombo, Aden, Port Said, Gibraltar.

(C. in C.E.I. 021042 to Admiralty. C. in C. Med. F.O.G.M.A.
F.O.L.E.M. F.O. Ceylon.)

/Lend lease...

2.4.1946.
Tuesday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies contd...

Lend Lease
return
landing
crafts
for Subic
Bay.

Comphlseafror. Horlc. Tmlc. S.U.B.S.I.C. landing
craft and tugs in para. 2 sail from Singapore 1st
April for lease lend return E.T.A. Subic Bay
8th April.

2. (A) L.C.Q. 338495 L.C.A. 317 L.C.I.(L) 58910
Total 24 craft.

(B) DESTINY, ORIANA, EMPHATIC, FLARE.

(F.O.M.F.A. 021555 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.
Washbrit C.C.O.)

see 130802.

2.4.1946.
Tuesday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

DIADEM
10th C.S.
H.F. on
cruise.

2nd April St. Vincent departure 1245Q DIADEM.
(DIADEM 021410Q to C. in C. A.W.I.)

Frigates
returning
to U.S.A.

Ref. my 261850Z detached DOMINICA and FREEDOM
at 001500Z position 37 degs. 22 mins. North
49 degs. 45 mins. West. E.T.A. Bermuda 1100Z/6.
(ST. HELENA 021445Z to Admiralty. C. in C. Plymouth.)

BELLONA
10th C.S.
H.F. cruise.

Sailed St. Lucia.
(BELLONA 021513 to Admiralty. C. in C.A.W.I.
C. in C. H.F. C.S.10.)

U.S.
Dispositions
Atlantic.

Change my 261540. Atlantic Serial 224. MIDWAY
at New York. DENVER, HOUSTON, CLEVELAND, COLUMBIA,
MONTPELIER, SALERNO BAY, at Newport. DAYTON,
PALAU at Norfolk. HELENA at Gibraltar. ATTU
at Canal Zone. MACON, HUNTINGTON, SOLOMONS at
sea.
(C.N.O. 021645 to Admiralty. Commaveu.)

Far East and Australia.

IMPLACABLE
returning
to U.K.
wearing
flag of
A.C.1.

A.C.N.B. is requested to sail IMPLACABLE wearing
flag of A.C.1. to U.K. to carry out following
programme. All times Z.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Sail.</u>	<u>S.O.A.</u>
-	Sydney.	0100/5th May.	18 knots.
2200/9th.	Fremantle.	0500/10th May.	20 knots.
0800/19th.	Durban.	0900/21st May.	17 knots.
0800/23rd.	Capetown.	0900/25th May.	19 knots.

A.M. 7th June port of destination U.K.
(F.O.S.A. 020129Z to A.C.N.B. Admiralty.)
(See 081557) *Cancelled by 150609*

FORMIDABLE
A.C. Trooping.

A.C.N.B. is requested to sail FORMIDABLE when
ready on 11th April for U.K. carrying out
following programme.

<u>E.T.A.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>E.T.D.</u>
-	Sydney.	11th April.
22nd April.	Colombo.	23rd April.
27th April.	Aden.	28th April.
1st May.	Suez & transit to Port Said.	1st May.
6th May.	Gibraltar.	6th May.p.m.
8th May.	Portsmouth.	-

2. S.O.A. 20 knots.

(F.O.S.A. 020559 to A.C.N.B. Admiralty. FORMIDABLE.)

2.4.1946.
Tuesday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia contd...

Re Japanese
atrocities
in cruiser
TONE.

Your 270543.
Next of kin pressing for precise information
as to
(a) exact date. (b) manner of deaths.
Can you furnish brief details?
2. Presumed these could be passed on without
prejudice to further investigations in progress.
(Hd. of M.I. 021440 to U.K.N.A.)
(See 030741Z)

Australian
Victory
march
contingent.

Your 291046 March. Understood TAMAROA originally
planned to bring Australian and New Zealand
Military detachments is delayed.
2. (a) Will SHROPSHIRE bring all arms of
Australian contingent.
(b) Can she bring New Zealand contingent as well.
3. It is presumed she will be filled to capacity.
4. Request immediate reply.
(D. of M. 021448 to A.C.N.B. SHROPSHIRE. C. in C.
E.I. C. in C.S.A.)
(Rep. 030704)

U.S.
dispositions
Pacific.

CR. No. 5179.
Pacific Summary 59. Operational Naval Units.
Southeast Pacific 9 DD. PACIFIC COAST, PENNSYLVANIA
NEW YORK, ARKANSAS, NEVADA, SARATOGA, BENNINGTON,
SHANGRI-LA, INDEPENDENCE, BAIROKO, SICILY, CAPE
GLOUCESTER, RENDOVA, PRINCE WILLIAM, NASSAU,
SAIDOR, BARNES, SALT LAKE CITY, PENSACOLA, AMSTERDAM, OKLAHOMA
CITY, BIRMINGHAM, MIAMI, ASTORIA, SPRINGFIELD, TUCSON 18 DD.
Enroute U.S. IOWA, SITKOH BAY, Enroute Pearl 15 DD.
At Pearl LEXINGTON, BADOENG STRAIT, POINT CRUX, FALL RIVER, 20 DD.
North Pacific none. South Pacific none. South West Pacific
PUGET SOUND, West Pacific BOXER, ANTIETAM, HANCOCK, SIBONEY,
COLUMBUS, BREMERTON, CHICAGO, LOS ANGELES, HOBART, ARGONAUT,
DULUTH, TOPEKA, ATLANTA 29 DD.
(C.N.O. 021640 to Admiralty. Commaveu.)

3.4.1946.
Wednesday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

SURSAY
attached
danlayer
on passage
to E.I.

My 281537 March. Defects not now expected to complete before 11th April.
(F.O.G.M.A. 031152A to Admiralty. C. in C. Med. M.S.11. SURSAY.)

South Atlantic.

Norwegian
crews for
SUDEROY ONE
and SUDEROY
TWO whalers
returning
to Norway.

My 231154. Information has been received through Messrs. Mann George Agents for Bruun and Von Derlitte that Norwegian Officers and crews for SUDEROY ONE and SUDEROY TWO are available in Norwegian Whale Factory Ship ANTARCTIC due Capetown about end of April. They also state that Master of ANTARCTIC proposes to take over these two ships and sail them to Norway direct.
2. If the above is approved the difficulty of providing crews from R.N. sources would be overcome.

Request, therefore, an early decision on my 291437 to Admiralty only.

3. In the event of transfer being made in South Africa the Norwegian Shipping Trade Commissioner in Capetown will insist on:

(A) Lloyds survey.

(B) Ships being slipped and painted underwater and may insist on withdrawal of tail shafts for examination.

In view of short time available request information whether this should be an Admiralty commitment. It is presumed that in other respects the hand over if carried out here would be in accordance with A.F.O. 332/45 and through M.W.T. Capetown.

(C. in C.S.A. 031415B to Admiralty. C. in C. Rosyth. S.B.N.O. Norway.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

LIVERPOOL
Cruiser. Sail at 0930B 4th April as direct as safe navigation permits to Haifa.
2. Speed 14 knots. Report E.T.A.
3. Keep constant watch on Malta broadcast.
4. Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med. 031033 to LIVERPOOL. C.S.15. V.A. Malta.)

EASTWAY
L.S.D.
for return
to East Indies. Sail at 0800B 5th April by appropriate Medri route to Alexandria.
2. Speed 12 knots. E.T.A. 0600B 8th.
3. Ship is for onward routing to East Indies after disembarkation of six Fairmile hulks for disposal at Alexandria. She will require a berth with a minimum depth of 30 feet on arrival.
5. Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med. 031055 to EASTWAY. V.A. Malta.)

MINDFUL
R.T.
with MAID
MARION
(Naval
Auxiliary
Boat) in tow. H.M.R.T. MINDFUL with MAID MARION in tow sailed at 1030A/3rd to Gibraltar calling in North African ports as convenient.
2. 9 knots or better.
3. E.T.A. April 7th daylight.
4. Medri routes.
6. 301210B C. in C. Med's refers.
(Comar Bizerta 031055A to C. in C. Med. F.O.G.M.A.)

LYSANDER
M/S
returning
to E.I. Sail at 0600B 4th April to Aden and East Indies report T.O.D. Suez and E.T.A. Aden to all in this signal. Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 031135B to LYSANDER. Admiralty.)

F.S.
COMMANDANT
DOMINE
Escort
on passage
to E.I. Sail at 0600B 4th April to Djibouti.
Report your T.O.D. Suez and E.T.A. Aden to all in this signal French communications. Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 031146B to COMMANDANT. DOMINE.)

RANEE
Carrier
trooping. Sail at 1800B 4th April by appropriate Medri routes to Port Said for onward routing to Singapore.
2. Speed 16 knots. E.T.A. Port Said 0800B 7th April.
4. Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med. 031217 to RANEE.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

LOCH KATRINE
LOCH TARBERT
frigates
on passage
to U.K.
and reserve.

548C of 29.12.45.
Take LOCH TARBERT under your orders and sail
from Aden as follows:
(A) 1200C 3rd.
(B) Suez for U.K.
(C) 12 knots.
Acknowledge.
(Com. Aden 031048C to LOCH KATRINE. Admiralty.
C. in C.E.I. LOCH TARBERT.)

CAPRICE
CAMBRIAN
destroyers
on passage
to U.K.

548C of 29.12.45.
Take CAMBRIAN under your orders and sail from
Trincomalee as follows:
(A) 0600EF 5th April.
(B) Aden.
(C) 14 knots.
(E) Constant broadcast V.
(G) For onward routeing to U.K.
Acknowledge.
(C. in C.E.I. 031144 to CAPRICE, Admiralty.
F.O. Ceylon. D.6).

Intend following programme for CAPRICE and
CAMBRIAN all dates April unless shown otherwise.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
-	Trincomalee.	5th.
11th.	Aden.	13th.
17th.	Suez.	17th.
17th.	Port Said.	20th.
25th.	Gibraltar.	28th.

2nd May Portsmouth CAPRICE.

2nd May Chatham CAMBRIAN.

2. Fuel at Aden and Port Said.

3. F.O.G.M.A. is requested to sail ships independently as
requisite from Gibraltar.

4. Admiralty requested to divert mails accordingly.

(C. in C.E.I. 031238 to Admiralty, C. in C. Nore. C. in C.
Devonport. C. in G. Med. C. in C. Portsmouth.)

ULYSSES
URANIA.
destroyers
on passage
to U.K.
and reserve.

548C of 29.12.45. Take URANIA under your orders
and sail from Aden as follows:
(A) 1600C 3rd.
(B) Suez for U.K.
(C) 14 knots.
Acknowledge.
(Com. Aden 031300C to ULYSSES. URANIA. Admiralty.
C. in C.E.I.)

6th M/S
Flotilla
on passage
to U.K.

548C OC 29th Dec. 1945.
Take snips addressed under your orders and sail in
POSTILLION from Cochin as follows:
(A) 0830EF on 4th April, 1946.
(B) Aden.
(C) 9 knots.
(G) For onward routeing to U.K. via Port Said,
Malta, and Gibraltar. C. in C.E.I.'s 291124/3/46, acknowledge.

(N.O.I.C. Cochin 031432 to M/S 6. Admiralty. Com i/c. Trincomalee.)

*See also C.E.I. 010900 to Admiralty
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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

C.S.10
H.F.
in BIRMINGHAM
on cruise.

Nassau Bahamas. Arrival C.S.10 in BIRMINGHAM.
(C.S.10 030700R to C. in C. H.F. S.O.I.C. Jamaica.
C. in C.A.W.I.)

BELLONA
10th C.S.
H.F. on
cruise.

Arrived Antigua.
(BELLONA 030830Z to Admiralty. C. in C. A.W.I.)

DIADEM
10th C.S.
H.F. on
cruise.

0800Q arrival St. Kitts DIADEM.
(DIADEM 030921Q to C. in C. A.W.I. C. in C.H.F.
C.S.10)

Far East and Australia.

SUFFOLK
Naval
trooping
programme.

Add to A.M. 281141 March. Not to SUFFOLK. Naval
Trooping programme.
SUFFOLK 29th April - Malta: Ceylon 17th May.
(D. of M. 030042 to C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I.
C. in C. Med.)

Australian
Victory
March
contingent.

Your 021448 SHROPSHIRE will bring Australia
contingent only.
2. Understand N.Z. contingents being formed from
personnel in U.K.
(A.C.N.B. 030704 to Admiralty SHROPSHIRE.)

Japanese
atrocities
on board
cruiser
TONE.

Your 021440. Full report was despatched to
Admiralty 8th March. Survivors were captured 9th
March 1944 and executed on board TONE during
night of 18th March. Survivors were asleep at
time and each one was called separately for
execution which was performed with sword.
Officers carrying out execution had instructions
to do it as humanely as possible. Above may be
communicated to relations.
(U.K.N.A. 030741Z to Admiralty.) See 141800A.MAY.

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GENERAL.

Troop
Transports.

Troop Transports. Request you ask local agents of companies to include in their sailing signals to their principals:

1. Number of civilian passengers embarked for U.K. (Excluding Merchant Navy Personnel and D.B.S.)

2. Number of Merchant Navy personnel embarked for

U.K. together with the name of the Company on whose articles they appear.

3. Number of D.B.S. embarked for U.K. addressees to pass to all concerned in their areas.

(D.S.T. 040056 to P.S.T.O's India, Med. Wash. etc.,)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

BERWICK
cruiser
trooping.

Sail 0700A 5th April to U.K.
2. Speed 18. E.T.A. Devonport 1700Z 7th April,
Portsmouth 0830Z 8th April.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 041209A to BERWICK. Admiralty.)

R.N. Base
Horta
closed.

R.N. Base Horta now completely closed, no British
forces now in Horta
2. H.M. Vice Consul Horta has assumed
responsibility for passing signals as necessary
should any be received for R.N. at Horta.
3. Addressees requested to further promulgate
as necessary.
(S.B.N.O. Horta 041215Z to F.O.G.M.A.)

Lend-lease
frigates
PERIM and
TORTOLA
with L.C.
Convoy
for U.S.A.

PERIM take TORTOLA (MYZS) under your orders and
sail 1000A 6th April to Bermuda for O/R U.S.A.
escorting L.C.Q. 492 (QDND) L.C.H. 182 (CZMS)
187 (CZMY) 239 (CZQG) 245 (CZQP) L.C.I. (L) 315
(MCZXR) 16 (QDPN) 131 (CZVK) 238 (CZQJ) 212
(QDPR) 279 (CZSZ) (last two are joiners from
Gibraltar).
2. Speed 9½. E.T.A. to be reported when known
to Com.i/c Bermuda (R) C. in C. A & W.I., B.A.D.
Washington, Admiralty.
3. After leaving Gibraltar convoy is to shape
course for Salvage Island. On reaching Lat. 31° N. a westerly
course along this latitude may be set if weather is favourable
If favourable, course should not be altered to the west until
reaching a more southerly latitude. PERIM is to decide when
to leave this latitude to steer for Bermuda.
4. If it is essential for any craft to put in to Las Palmas
the whole convoy is to proceed there in company and F.O.G.M.A.
is to be informed of intentions as much in advance as possible
by signal prefixed important.
5. Consideration should be given to convoy stopping for 24 hours
at sea on favourable day for making necessary machine adjustments.
6. P.C.S. and weather report is to be signalled at 1200Z daily
to F.O.G.M.A. (repeated) Admiralty, while east of Long. 40° W.
thereafter to C. in C. A & W.I. repeated all info. addresses of
this signal less C. in C. Med.
7. Final destinations PERIM and TORTOLA to Boston landing
craft to New York except L.C.Q. 492 to Bermuda. C. in C.
Plymouth's 251546 March not to all refers.
8. Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 041541A to PERIM.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

SALVESTOR
Salvage
vessel
on passage
to U.K.

Sail at 1300B 5th April by appropriate Medri route to Gibraltar for onward routing to Southampton.
2. Speed 10 knots. E.T.A. Gibraltar 1600B 9th.
4. Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med. 041227 to SALVESTOR. V.A. Malta. C.S. Malta for K.H.M.)

AURORA
Cruiser
returning
to U.K.
to reduce
to reserve
Category B.

C. in C. Med's 251127 March not to all is concurred in.
AURORA is to be reduced to Reserve Category B whilst awaiting refit, for which she will be taken in hand at Portsmouth in September 1946.
(V.C.N.S. 041252 to C. in C. Med. Portsmouth. AURORA.)

TAFF
LOCH INSH
Frigates
on passage
to U.K.
and reserve.

Take TAFF under your orders and sail at 0600B/6th April proceeding by Medri routes to Gibraltar speed 12 knots. E.T.A. 1300A 12th April.
(F.O.L.E.M. 041127B to LOCH INSH.)

Movement
Italian
Sloop
ERITREA.

Sail at 0500B 5th April to Aden. Report your time of departure Suez and E.T.A. Aden to all addresses in this signal.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 041740 to ERITREA.)

Escort
Carrier
RAJAH
Trooping
return
to U.K.

Sail at 1400B 5th April to Gibraltar. Speed 16 knots E.T.A. a.m. 10th April. Report accurate E.T.A. Gibraltar to F.O.G.M.A. when known. Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 041930 to RAJAH.)

TOP SECRET

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041645/April.

From : C. in-C. Mediterranean.

Date : 5.4.46.

Recd. 1018

NAVAL CYPHER F.O.(X)

*Palestine
Policy to
be adopted
re Illegal
Immigration*

Addressed : Admiralty
Repeated : F.O.L.E.M.

Request early decision on my 251027 March.

Closing down of Messina is being held up until decision is given whether coastal force mobile base, which is in reserve there, should be brought forward for use at Haifa or offered for disposal.

041645

A.2
REC.

1st Lord
1st S.L.(3)
D.F.S.L.
3rd S.L.
V.C.M.S.
A.C.M.S.(0)
Secretary
U.S.S.

D.O.D.(4)
D.N.I.(4)
D. of P.(2)
D. of P.(Q)(3)
D.C.A.M.(6)
Hd. of M.(6) -
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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Movements.

Arrivals Singapore 3rd ~~March~~ ^{April} L.S.T. 3035
S/M's VOX, VORACIOUS. Departures LOCH CRAGGIE.
(F.O.M.F.A. 040900GH to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)

Return
of Salvage
Vessel
SALVALOUR
to U.K.

Sail from Colombo at 1000EF 5th April with L.C.
27 in tow for Bombay and Muscat. S.O.A. 6 knots.
On arrival Muscat SALVALOUR proceeds to Aden
for o/r. to U.K. Report your P.C.S. every 48 hours
to C. in C.E.I. (R) Admiralty and F.O. Ceylon.
Acknowledge.
(F.O. Ceylon 041056EF to SALVALOUR.) *See 102109.*

ARIADNE
fast
minelayer
on passage
to U.K.
and for
reserve.

548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Aden as follows:
(A) 0930C 5th.
(B) Suez for U.K.
(C) 15 knots.
Acknowledge.
(Com. Aden 041203C to ARIADNE, Admiralty. C. in C.
E.I.)

CAPRICE
CAMBRIAN
destroyers
on passage
to U.K.
to reduce
to reserve
Category B.

Your 031238, which is being passed to F.O.C.R.F.
CAPRICE and CAMBRIAN are to reduce to Category B
Reserve on arrival in U.K. A.M. 131246 October
refers.
2. F.O.C.R.F. is requested to issue the necessary
instructions.
(A.C.N.S. 041514 to C. in C.E.I. F.O. Ceylon.)

DEVONSHIRE
cruiser
trooping
to U.K.

Intend following programme for DEVONSHIRE. All
dates April.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
-	Colombo.	7th.
11th.	Aden.	12th.
15th.	Suez.	15th.
15th.	Port Said.	16th.
20th.	Gibraltar.	20th.
23rd.	Plymouth.	-

2. Fuel at Aden, Gibraltar.
(C. in C.E.I. 041804 to Admiralty. C. in C. Devonport.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

GORLESTON
Cutter
DIRECTOR
Rescue
Tug
returning
to U.S.A.

H.M. Ships GORLESTON and DIRECTOR arrived 2nd April.
(Cdre. i/c. Bermuda 041308Z to C. in C. A.W.I.)

RESTIVE
Rescue
Tug
from U.K.

H.M.R.T. RESTIVE arrived 2nd April.
(Cdre. i/c. Bermuda 041309 to C. in C. A.W.I.)

Far East and Australia.

10th
Destroyer
Flotilla
R.A.N.
Formation
of.

Following ships will form 10th Destroyer Flotilla BATAAN, ARUNTA, WARRAMUNGA, QUICKMATCH, QUIBERON, QUADRANT. Capt. (D) 10 A/Capt. H.M. Burrell R.A.N. in BATAAN.

2. Effective 0001Z 8th April when 10th Destroyer Flotilla comes under the operational and administrative control.
(A.C.N.B. 040036 to Senior H.M.A. Squadron All N.O's i/c. H.M.A. Ships V.A.Q. C. in C. B.P.F. Admiralty.)

1st Frigate
Flotilla
Royal
Australian
Navy
formation
of.

Following ships will form 1st Frigate Flotilla SHOALHAVEN, MACQUARIE, CONDAMINE, DIAMANTINA Senior Officer Comd. R. Rhoades D.S.C. R.A.N. who will commission SHOALHAVEN about 1st May.

2. Effective 0001Z 8th April when 1st Frigate Flotilla comes under the operational and administrative control of C.C.A.S. in accordance with the terms of C.N.O. 81/46.
(A.C.N.B. 040042 to Navycirc (No. 4811). V.A.(Q) C. in C.E.I.)

Re loan
of BATHURSTS
to Dutch.

Your 061539/ Dec. CAIRNS was transferred to the R.N.N. for a period not exceeding three months in the first place on 17th January and WOOLONGONG on 11th February.

2. As this period will expire shortly request instructions as to the future status of these vessels.

(A.C.N.B. 040628 to Admiralty. V.A.(Q))
(See 081715)

✓ Agree to loan of 8 Bathursts to the Dutch for a period not exceeding 3 months.

/C. in C....

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

C. in C.
Hong Kong
taking
passage
for U.K.
in H.M.S.
ARGONAUT.

Your 010838. Approved for C. in C. Hong Kong
to take passage to U.K. in ARGONAUT and for her
to leave station in early May.
(Sec. to V.C.N.S. 041203 to C. in C. B.P.F.)

New Zealand
D.G. Range.

Admiralty have no peacetime requirement for a
D.G. Range in New Zealand. Your 180235 Dec. (N.T.
in W.D.) and A.M. 271859 Dec. refer.
(Admiralty S.D.G. 042046 to N.Z.N.B. C. in C.
B.P.F. A.C.N.B.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Flag Officer
Levant and
Eastern
Med.
(F.O.L.E.M.)

S.B.N.O.M.E.

Admiral Tennant relinquished operational and administrative control of the Eastern Med. (F.O.L.E.M.) today and transferred his quarters to Cairo. He assumes the title of S.B.N.O. and F.O. Liaison Middle East. Short title S.B.N.O. M.E.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

Frigates
on passage
from E.I.
to U.K.
for reserve.

Take LOCH LOMOND under your orders and sail 0900A
8th April to Portsmouth.
2. Speed 12. E.T.A. 0900Z 12th April.
3. Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 051546A to LOCH FYNE.)

South Atlantic.

R.C.N.
Cruiser
UGANDA
cruising
to S.A.
Ports.

Departed Montevideo for Rio de Janeiro 1245Z
5th April as in my 291230 March.
(UGANDA 051348Z to N.S.H.Q. C. in C. A.W.I.
C.O.A.C.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

ST. KITTS
destroyer
returning
to U.K. Sail at 0800B 7th April by appropriate Medri
route to Gibraltar for onward routing to Sheerness.
2. Trials on measured mile are to be carried out
before leaving Malta.
3. Speed 14 knots. E.T.A. Gibraltar 1000A
10th. E.T.D. 1000A 11th April.
(C. in C. Med. 051007B to ST. KITTS.)

Flag of
C.S.15
to return
to ORION. C.S.15 will retransfer his flag from AURORA
to ORION at 1000 G.M.T. 6th April.
(C. in C. Med. 051011B to Med. Stn.)

CONSTANCE
destroyer
on passage
to B.P.F. On completion of HF/DF calibration about 1700/9th
April, sail as direct as safe navigation permits
to Ras El Kanayis to carry out bombardment
practice in accordance with my 011059 amended
by my 041500.
2. Carry out fuel consumption trials en route
adjusting speed to arrive at Ras El Kanayis at
1600B/11th.
3. On completion of practice proceed by appropriate Medri
route to Port Said, E.T.A. 1400B 12th April.
4. Keep constant watch on Malta broadcast.
5. Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med. 051147 to CONSTANCE. Capt. D.8.)

L.S.I. (L)
SEFTON
on passage
from E.I.
to U.K. Sail at 1300B 5th April Gibraltar via Malta, speed
12 knots. E.T.A. Gibraltar a.m. 12th April.
Report accurate E.T.A. Gibraltar to F.O.G.M.A.
when known.
3. As Malta was not included in SEFTON's
programme request if conditions permit that
arrangements be made by V.A.M. to embark
passengers from Malta off entrance to harbour on
ship's arrival there about 1600B 8th April. C. in C. Med.
011659 April and C. in C.E.I's 060931 March not to all refer.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 051150B to SEFTON.)

F.T.27
on passage
to U.K. Sail at 1100B April 7th to Gibraltar for onward
routing to U.K.
(2) Routed as direct as safe navigation permits
and in accordance with Medri.
(3) S.O.A. 8½ knots. E.T.A. first light 12th.
(5) You are to report P.C.S. at 1200Z daily
and you may take shelter in North African Ports
should weather or circumstances necessitate, reporting your
intentions.
(6) Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med. 051551B to F.T.27. F.O.G.M.A.)

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- L.S.T's on passage. Take L.S.T. 394 under your orders and sail at 0800B 6th. April to Gibraltar. Speed 9 knots. E.T.A. a.m. 15th. Report accurate E.T.A. Gibraltar to F.O.G.M.A. when known. Acknowledge. (N.O.I.C. Port Said 051739 to L.S.T. 77. L.S.T. 394)
- Relinquishment of operational and administrative control of Eastern Med. by F.O.L.E.M. F.O.L.E.M. will relinquish operational and administrative control of the Eastern Med. at 2159 G.M.T. 5th April and will move his H.Qs. to Cairo.
2. Admiral Tennant will retain command of all Naval establishments in Egypt and Red Sea North of 15 degs. North and will hold over-all responsibility for their administration. He will assume title of S.B.N.O. for F.O. Liaison Middle East - Short Title S.B.N.O.M.E.
3. Administrative responsibility for establishments in Egypt Red Sea North of 15 degs. North is delegated to Captain (L) Alexandria who is authorised to communicate direct with C. in C. Med. on matters requiring personal attention of Admiral Tennant. Confirmatory instructions will be forwarded by letter. Upon final withdrawal from Alexandria these duties will be turned over to N.O.I.C. Port Said.
4. Direct operational control of Levant and Eastern Med. Black Sea and Red Sea North of 15 degs. North will be assumed by C. in C. Med. Local responsibility is delegated to S.N.O. (Afloat) Haifa as in my 324B T.O.O. 012001 April.
5. S.N.O. L.A. will continue to administer establishments in Levant direct under C. in C. Med. and will assume responsibility for Cyprus.
6. Administrative control of Turkey will be assumed by C. in C. Med.
7. S.B.N.O. Greece will assume operational and administrative control of Dodecanese. My 326B T.O.O. 021128 April refers.
8. This signal supersedes Med. 316B T.O.O. 281147 March. (C. in C. Med. 051740B to Med. G.M. 338B. Admiralty.)
- U.N.R.R.A. opening of shipping routes to relief ports. U.N.R.R.A. continue to press for the opening of shipping routes to relief ports in Jugoslavia..
- (2) The establishing of Medri routes to Jugoslavian ports which is dependent on satisfactory mine clearance operations in that area is part one likely to be delayed indefinitely until assistance is given to Jugoslav minesweeping. My 011838/ Feb. refers.
- (3) Unless a favourable decision to transfer the 10 B.Y.M.S. to Jugoslavia is forthcoming by the 30th April it will be necessary to start withdrawing B.Y.M.S. from the Adriatic and sailing them to U.S. ports in order to release British crews.
- (4) Request earliest instructions may be given as to whether the 10 B.Y.M.S. referred to in my 171241 Feb. should be prepared for transfer to the Jugoslavs or for return to U.S.A. A.M. 191836 (N.T. in W.D.) March refers.
- (C. in C. Med. 051752 to Admiralty. A.F.H.Q. for U.N.R.R.A.)
- Re mine clearance problem in Jugoslav waters discussed with Jugoslavia representatives in Malta.

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Friday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Release
and disposal
of
CONFEDERATE
Salvage
Vessel.

A.M. 060035/ Para. 3. Application has been made by a Barrister at Law, Aden acting for E.M.Z. Svitzers Salvage of Copenhagen, for absolute release of CONFEDERATE, formally seized in accordance with Naval Prize Manual in April, 1940, at Aden.
2. Application has been forwarded to the proper Officer of the Crown, Aden.
3. CONFEDERATE sailed for Alexandria 21st March. (N.O.I.C. Aden 050936GH to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty.)

Destroyers
TYRIAN and
URCHIN on
passage from
B.P.F. to
U.K. for
Reserve.

548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Colombo in company with URCHIN as follows:
(A) 0600EF 6th April.
(B) Aden.
(C) 14 knots.
Acknowledge.
(F.O. Ceylon 051042 to TYRIAN.)

Policy re
L.C. in
S.W. Pacific
Lifts of
L.C's in
forward
area.

S.O.R.L.C.S. 011748 not to B.P.F. In addition S.O.R.L.C. reports following lifts required in forward area.
(A) 2 L.C.T's to Hong Kong.
(B) 5 L.C.T's 1 L.C.G.(M) 6 L.C.M's (7) to Australia. C. in C. E.I's 211716 Feb. refers.
(C) 4 L.C.T's (R) to U.K. C. in C. E.I's 211618 (N.T. in W.D.) Feb. refers.
2. It is considered that L.S.D. which lifts L.C.T's to Hong Kong could be loaned for approximately 14 days for local lifts at Hong Kong if C. in C. B.P.F. required.
(F.O.M.F.A. 051730 to C. in C.E.I. C. in C. B.P.F. Admiralty.)

D.S.
O.21
on passage
to Holland.

548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Aden as follows:
(A) 0700C 6th.
(B) Suez for onward routing.
(C) 11 knots. Acknowledge.
(Com. Aden 051803 to O.21 D.S.)

Siam
MAGICIENNE
and B.Y.M.S.
to sweep
approaches
to Bangkok.

Following is repetition of my 301923 (N.T. in W.D.) quoted my 021650 (N.T. in W.D.) Begins:
Addressed S.O. Force in MAGICIENNE repeated Admiralty C. in C.E.I. N.O.I.C. Bangkok, Ceylon W/T, Commander M/S Singapore, from F.O.M.F.A. 548C of 29th Dec. Take B.Y.M.S. 2205, 2244, 2043, 2161, 2006 and 2236 under your orders and sail from Singapore as follows:

(A) 1600 2 D April.
(B) To sweep Goh Sichang Anchorage off Bangkok entering Bangkok when necessary to fuel and provision.
(C) 10 knots.
(G) Acknowledge.

D.T.G. 301923 (N.T. in W.D.) ends.
Your 040039 (N.T. in W.D.) NR 6/477 also refers.
(F.O.M.F.A. 052321 to Admiralty.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

DIADEM
Cruiser
10th C.S.
H.F. on
cruise.

5th April St. Kitts 0800Q departure DIADEM.
(DIADEM 050830Q to C. in C. A.W.I. Admiralty.)

BELLONA
10th C.S.
H.F. on
cruise.

Sailed Antigua.
(BELLONA 051500Q to Admiralty. C. in C.H.F.)

C.S.10
in
BIRMINGHAM
on cruise.

Nassau, Bahamas, departure C.S.10. in BIRMINGHAM.
(C.S.10 052050R to C. in C. H.F. C. in C.A.W.I.)

Far East and Australia.

R.N. help
in carrying
wheat from
Australia
to India
to avoid
famine.

A.M. 261828 March para. 2. Small quantities of
wheat are being shipped to Ceylon in H.M. Ships.
2. ARTIFEX E.T.D. 7th April will carry
approximately 700 tons measurement FORMIDABLE
E.T.D. 11th April 100 tons measurement.
3. Final destination of wheat is Bombay.
4. Further signal will be made regarding other
shipments during April.
(V.A.Q. B.P.F. 050029 to C. in C.E.I.)

B.P.F.
Minesweeping
report No.10.

See folio by way 0106332 May C. C. E. I. See 150701. # 090130 May.
(A) 10th M.S.F. continuing magnetic clearance
off Lema Channel negative results.
(B) 180th B.Y.M.S. continuing magnetic clearance
of west Lamma Channel 2 further mines exploded.
(C. in C. B.P.F. 050113 to Admiralty. M/S 10.
Com. Hong Kong.)

6.4.1946.
Saturday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

INDOMITABLE
A.C.
Trooping
outwards.

Sail 1600A 6th April via Medri routes to Malta
for o/r Sydney.
2. Speed 15½ knots. E.T.A. 0800B 9th April.
5. Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 061231A to INDOMITABLE.)

FANCY
M/S.

On completion trials FANCY sail p.m. 8th April
via Medri routes to Malta.
2. Speed 10 knots. E.T.A. p.m. 12th April.
7. FANCY acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 061830A to FANCY. Admiralty.)

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6.4.1946.
Saturday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

F.S. SOMALI 548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Aden as follows:
destroyer (A) 2100C 6th.
escort (B) Djibouti for onward routeing to Suez and
returning Toulon.
to Toulon (C) 15 knots.
from E.I. (F) E.T.A. Djibouti 0630C 7th. Acknowledge.
(Com. Aden 061030C to F.S. SOMALI.)

Chinese repatriation of.

I have approximately 1,200 Chinese Merchant Seamen and civilians plus 300 Service personnel awaiting passage from Singapore to Hong Kong and Shanghai. At present I am unable to provide a shipping lift to meet this commitment.

2. Subject to Admiralty approval of your 260715 not to all I would be grateful if AORANGI on return to Hong Kong be routed via Singapore.
3. Subject approval of above A.C.N.B. requested signal E.T.A. Singapore and breakdown of capacity by cabin and troopdeck which would be available to me at Singapore.
4. Admiralty please pass D. of S.T.
(H.Q. Alfsea 061145 to C. in C. B.P.F. Admiralty.)

Enemy Merchant ships in Malayan Waters. and ~~Prize~~ Courts.

- A.M. 291255 March.
2. F.O.M.F.A.'s 031131 March cannot be dealt with by C. in C. E.I. as no Technical Officer available.
3. Request Admiralty ruling be given on this matter and that early consideration be given to appointment of Admiralty Marshal on F.O.M.F.A.'s staff.
4. F.O.M.F.A.'s 051812 Feb. also refers.
(C. in C.E.I. 061715 to Admiralty. F.O.M.F.A.)

*See 301431, 061207 May
171816A May.*

PATROLLER Carrier trooping to U.K.

548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Aden as follows:
(A) 0400C 7th.
(B) Suez for U.K.
(C) 16 knots.
Acknowledge.
(Com. Aden 062335C to PATROLLER. Admiralty.)

6.4.1946.
Saturday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

HIGHWAY
L.S.D.
DOMINICA
frigate
FREEDOM
R.T.
returning
to U.S.A.

HIGHWAY's 061130Z (N.T. in W.D.) not to all.
HIGHWAY is to proceed towards Bermuda entering dockyard for repairs if necessary.
(2) Should HIGHWAY consider that she can reach Norfolk without Dockyard assistance Com. i/c. is requested to sail DOMINICA and FREEDOM to r/v with HIGHWAY off St. Georges at 1300Z 8th April. All ships are then to proceed in company to Norfolk Virginia.
(3) HIGHWAY is to report at 2000Z tomorrow Sunday whether it will be necessary to enter Bermuda repeating signal to C.S.10.
(C. in C. A.W.I. 061530Z to HIGHWAY. Com. i/c. Bermuda.)

NYASALAND,
BARBADOS
Frigates
returned
to U.S.A.

NYASALAND and BARBADOS arrived.
(B.N.L.O. Boston 061548 to Admiralty. B.A.D.)

H.M.C.S.
UGANDA
on training
cruise.

N.S.H.Q. Ottawa 031840Z not to all. Following is approved programme for UGANDA cruise from Trinidad to Esquimalt.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Leave.</u>
24th April.	Port of Spain.	a.m. 27th April.
p.m. 30th April.	Colon.	a.m. 2nd May.
a.m. 11th May.	San Pedro.	a.m. 14th May.
p.m. 17th May.	Esquimalt.	

15 knots will be considered economical speed for balance of this cruise. Acknowledge.
(N.S.H.Q. Ottawa 061740Z to UGANDA. Admiralty. C. in C. A.W.I. C.O.A.C.)

Far East And Australia.

Escort
vessels
in B.P.F.
Reductions
of to be
effected
earlier
than
originally
intended.

Of the 15 Escort vessels now in the B.P.F. 5 left U.K. between Oct. 1944 and Jan. 1945, which is six to nine months earlier than any of the remainder. The ships in question are REDPOLE, CRANE, WOODCOCK, PHEASANT and WHIMBREL.
(2) These ships performed long and arduous escort duties with the Fleet Train during ~~FORBES~~ and subsequent operations. They have moreover, seen the majority of the Fleet Train with whom they operated leave for U.K., and I consider that their return should not be long delayed.

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Saturday.FOREIGN STATIONS.Far East and Australia contd...

Escort
vessels
in B.P.F.
reductions
of to be
effected
earlier
than
originally
intended.

(3) It was previously intended to sail two Escorts for U.K. in Oct. and two in Nov. these sailings and the arrival of the Despatch vessel ALERT reducing the number in the B.P.F. to the peace time strength of 12.

(4) Two factors affecting the requirements for Escort vessels during the summer have however arisen as follows:

(A) Visit of Escorts to Australia for rehabilitation and refit will shortly cease.

(B) The expected requirement for a Yangtse Patrol has not yet materialised, nor is it expected to do so in the near future.

(5) I therefore consider that the planned reductions can now be effected earlier than was previously intended, and propose that the five ships in para. one should be released as follows: two in June, two in July, and one in August.

(6) It is appreciated that this will temporarily reduce the number of Escorts below the present planned figure, but I consider that this can be accepted.

(C. in C. B.P.F. 060207 to Admiralty. C.E.F.)

See 140216.

Boundary
between
British
Empire
area and
U.S. Pacific
Ocean Area.

This repeats S.A.C.S.E.A. 311605/Jan (N.T. in W.D.) as requested your 041838 (N.T. in W.D.)

(1) Following promulgated for information.

(2) The following boundaries as laid down by S.C.A.P. between the British Empire area and U.S. Pacific Ocean areas on 28th August 1945.

From the Coast of French Indo China at 016 degs. N. to 007 degs. 40 mins. N. 116 degs. E. thence along the 1939 boundary between the Phillipines and British North Borneo to 005 degs. N. 127 degs. E. thence due East to 130 degs. E. thence due South to the Equator thence due East to (other version read 146 degs. E. thence East to 002 degs. 20 mins S. thence due South 159 degs. E. thence due South) 140 degs. E. thence to 002 degs. 20 mins. N. 146 degs. E. thence East to 002 degs. 20 mins. S. 159 degs. E. thence due South.

(3) The following boundary between S.E.A.C. and the Australian area will come into effect when A.F.N.E.I. take over responsibility from the Australians for the remainder of N.E.I. (about 9th Feb.) From the Intersection of 141 degs. W. 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 (Sawdw?) and Roti Island to 013 degs. S. 120 degs. E. thence to 015 degs. S. 086 degs. E.

(4) Domfelk F.O.M.F.A. area is bounded on the West by longitude 95 degs. E. and latitude 10 degs. N. between the West Coast of Siam and the intersection with longitude 95 degs. E. and elsewhere by such boundaries.

(5) C.S.5. area consists of F.O.M.F.A. area South of the Equator from 95 degs. E. to the West Coast of Borneo, thence along the boundary between British and Dutch Borneo to the East Coast of Borneo, thence due east to the P.O.A. S.E.A.C. boundary thence along the S.E.A.C. boundary as in paras. one and two above.

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5.4.1946.
Saturday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia contd...

Boundary
between
British
Empire
Area and
U.S. Pacific
Ocean Area.

(6) A.F.N.E.I. area after taking over the remainder of N.E.I. from the Australian will consist of all Dutch territories in the N.E.I. which are in S.E.A.C. with the exception of part of the Rioue and Lingga Archipelagoes and the Anamba Islands is the defined boundary between Malaya Command and A.F.N.E.I. is as follows, all inclusive to A.F.N.E.I.

Lingga Archipelago South Dempo Strait - Petong Island Doerai Island Mandol Island - Rangsang Island.

(A.C.N.B. 060400 to Admiralty.)

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7.4.1946.
Sunday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

OCEAN
light
fleet
carrier
returning
to U.K.

A.S. Rosyth's 281234 March not to Admiralty or F.O.G.M.A.
It has not been possible to discharge Petrol at Gibraltar. In order to comply with A.F.O. 1698/46 and render ship gas free before arrival at Rosyth request facilities for discharging approximately 22000 gallons of Aviation Spirit at Southern U.K. port a.m. Saturday 13th April with this alteration to programme ship would arrive Rosyth at 0800 on

Tuesday 16th April.
(OCEAN 071547A to Admiralty.)
(See 081219A)

South Atlantic.

NIGERIA
cruiser
and NEREIDE
sloop to
join
S. Atlantic
Command.

I am anxious that NIGERIA and NEREIDE should join the South Atlantic Command as soon as possible. Working up L/A gunnery and torpedo can be carried out on the station but facilities do not exist for other practices. It is requested these may be carried out before ships leave home waters. L/A gunnery and torpedo being included only if ships will not be delayed thereby.
(C. in C. S.At. 071224B to Admiralty.)
(See 101759)

7.4.1946.
Sunday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

HOLMSOUND
Aircraft
Component
repair ship
on passage
to U.K.
from B.P.F.

Sail at 1730B 7th April to Malta. Speed 10 knots.
E.T.A. p.m. 11th. Report accurate E.T.A. Malta
to C. in C. Med. when known. Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 070733B to HOLMSOUND. Admiralty.
C. in C. Med. V.A.M.)

RANEE
carrier
trooping
outwards.

Sail at 0500B 8th April to Aden and Singapore.
Report your T.O.D. at Suez and E.T.A. Aden to all
addressees in this signal. Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 071045B to RANEE. Admiralty.)

S/M
TRUANT
arrived
Gibraltar
from U.K.

Your 041213, 051206 and 061249. Request
information of movements of TRUANT for which no
previous signal has been received.
(C. in C. Med. 071123 to F.O.G.M.A. Admiralty.)
(See 080947A). Situation Reports.

ENFORCER
with
A.F.D. 27
in tow.

A.F.D. 27 departure Suez Bay 1100B 7th April
present speed 5 knots. E.T.A. Aden 17th.
(ENFORCER 071200 to Com. Aden.)

7.4.1946.
Sunday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

~~F.S.
SENEGALAIS
on passage
to F.I.
China.~~

~~E.I.T.M. 43 sail from Colombo as follows:~~

- ~~(A) 2000 8th April.
(B) Singapore.
(C) 15 knots.~~

~~Acknowledge.~~

~~(F.O. Ceylon 071030 to F.S. SENEGALAIS.)~~

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Transfers of
Flag C.S.5.
and C. in C.
E. Indies.

At 0800 on 10th April the Flag of C.S.5. will be shifted from NORFOLK to JAMAICA. At the same time the Flag of C. in C.E.I. will be shifted from PETARD to NORFOLK.

(C. in C.E.I. 071207 to Admiralty.)

QUEEN
carrier.
trooping
to U.K.

548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Aden as follows:

- (A) 1800C 7th.
(B) Suez for U.K.
(C) 15.5 knots.
(D) QBH 2085 QBY 536.
(E) Broadcast V changing to Broadcast MA at Suez.

Acknowledge.

(Com Aden 071309C to QUEEN. Admiralty.)

7.4.1946.
Sunday

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FOREIGN STATIONS

America & West Indies

Ships for
return to
U.S.A.

Take FREEDOM under your orders and proceed at 1130Z Monday 8th April. Rendezvous with HIGHWAY in accordance with para. 2 of C. in C. A.W.I's 061530Z as amended by HIGHWAY's 072000Z and proceed in company to Norfolk (Va.) Acknowledge and sail to comply.
(Com. I/C Bermuda, 072120Z to DOMINICA, FREEDOM, HIGHWAY, C. in C. A.W.I., Admty). See 082001Z.

Far East & Australia

VICTORIOUS
aircraft
carrier
trooping.

Your 210452/March N.T. in W.D. and 012159/April. VICTORIOUS is due Sydney 14th/April. She is due to leave about 24th/April with draft returning to England.
2. Delay in reply is much regretted.
(D.O.D., 071210 to N. Z. N.B., Admiralty).

8.4.1946.
Monday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

TRUANT
S/M.

Your 071123. A.M. 221111 March (N.T. in W.D.) is being passed to you for information. On completion of exercises TRUANT will proceed Gib. then to Portsmouth.
(F.O.G.M.A. 080947A to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.)

MERMAID
A.A. Sloop.

MERMAID sail 0900A 9th April via Medri routes to Malta.
(2) 12 $\frac{1}{2}$. E.T.A. 1800B 12th April.
(6) MERMAID acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 081155A to MERMAID. Admiralty.)

OCEAN
light
fleet
carrier
with
attendant
destroyer
MEYNELL
for U.K.

Take MEYNELL under your orders and sail 1915A/8th April via Necri routes. OCEAN to Rosyth, MEYNELL to Harwich. E.T.A's to be reported.
2. Speed as requisite for flying. OCEAN's 071547 not to all refers.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 081219A to OCEAN. MEYNELL. Admiralty.)
Request you divert OCEAN to arrive Plymouth 13th April to discharge 22,000 gallons Aviation Spirit.
2. OCEAN's 071547 being passed to C. in C. Plymouth and A.S. Devonport refers.
(D.O.D. 081446 to F.O.G.M.A. OCEAN.)
Your 081652. E.T.A. Plymouth A.M. Saturday 13th April accurate E.T.A. will be signalled.
2. Intend detaching MEYNELL to Harwich before entering Plymouth.
(OCEAN 081933A to F.O.G.M.A.)
/ Report E.T.A. to C. in C. Plymouth.

South Atlantic.

H.M.C.S.
UGANDA
on training
cruise.

Arrived Rio de Janeiro.
(UGANDA 081225Z to N.S.H.Q. C.O.A.C. C. in C.A.W.I.)

War Diary.

8.4.1946.
Monday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

DUNCANSBY HEAD Sail at 1700B 8th April to Malta. Speed 10 knots.
Escort E.T.A. p.m. 12th. Report accurate E.T.A. Malta
Maintenance ship on passage to C. in C. Med. when known. Acknowledge.
to U.K. (N.O.I.C. Port Said 081045B to DUNCANSBY HEAD.
Admiralty.)

AURORA Sail at 0900B 10th April by appropriate Medri
cruiser route to Gibraltar for onward routing to U.K.
returning in accordance with my 251127 March/ not to all.
to U.K. 2. Speed 14 knots. E.T.A. Gibraltar 0900A 13th.
4. Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med. 081227 to AURORA. C.S.15.)
/ Programme for return of AURORA to U.K.

SEFTON You will not now be required to call at Malta.
L.S.I.(L) Proceed to Gibraltar.
on passage (C. in C. Med. 081529 to SEFTON. F.O.G.M.A. V.A.M.
to U.K. Admiralty.)
from E.I.

PERSIMMON Sail at 0600B 9th April to Malta. Speed 12 knots.
L.S.I.(L) Estimated time of arrival p.m. 12th April. Report
on passage accurate E.T.A. Malta to C. in C. Med. when known.
to U.K. Acknowledge.
from E.I. (N.O.I.C. Port Said 081752 to PERSIMMON. Admiralty.)

8.4.1946.
Monday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

F.S.
SENEGALAIS
destroyer
escort
on passage
to Jibouti.

Item 43. Sail from Colombo as follows:
(A) 2000EF 8th April.
(B) Aden.
(C) 15 knots.
Acknowledge.
(F.O. Ceylon 080831 to SENEGALAIS. Admiralty.
Marine Paris.)

LOCH QUOICH
frigate
with NGUVA
in tow for
East Africa
for return
to owner.

LOCH QUOICH with yacht NGUVA in tow sailed p.m.
6th for Kilindini E.T.A. 20th April.
2. Request you return NGUVA to owner. Your
letter reference ACCOY/GEV/EP/366 of 25th August
1945 to Com. E.A. and C. in C.E.I.'s 112148/Dec.
1945 not to D. of S.T. refers.
(D,S.T.O. Ceylon 081108EF to S.S.T.O. East Africa
D. of S.T. P.S.T.O.)

Programme
of naval
trooping
vessels.

A.M. 281141 March/
Admiralty wish to know which of these ships will
be required to proceed to Singapore.
2. Request you signal your requirements as early
as possible so that any necessary arrangements can
be made with Combrax B.P.F. Ceylon.
3. Add to A.M. 281141 SUFFOLK, E.T.D. U.K. 29th
April, Malta, Ceylon 17th May.
(C. in C.E.I. 081601 to F.O.M.F.A.)
✓ Re Programme of Naval Trooping Vessels.

LA GRANDIERE
Sloop
for F.I.
China.

548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Singapore as follows:
(A) 0800GH 9th April.
(B) Saigon.
(C) 12.5 knots.
(G) Enter Saigon through swept channel QCA 621
refers. Acknowledge.
(F.O.M.F.A. 082046 to F.S. LA GRANDIERE.)

8.4.1946.
Monday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

GORLESTON
cutter
DIRECTOR
R.T.
returned
to U.S.A.

H.M. Ships GORLESTON and DIRECTOR arrived.
(B.N.L.O. Norfolk 081519 to Admiralty.)

DOMINICA
frigate
FREEDOM
R.T.
for return
to U.S.A.

My 072120Z H.M. Ships DOMINICA and FREEDOM
sailed to comply.
(Cdre. i/c. Bermuda 082001Z to Admiralty. HIGHWAY.
C.A.O.C. N.S.H.Q.)

C.S.10
H.F. on
cruise.

Arrivals a.m. 8th April. C.S.10 in BIRMINGHAM
and BELLONA and DIADEM.
(Cdre. i/c. Bermuda 082052Z to C. in C. H.F.
Admiralty. C. in C. A.W.I.)

ST. HELENA
CAYMAN
frigates
returned
to U.S.A.

B.N.L.O. Norfolk originates.
H.M. Ships ST. HELENA and CAYMAN arrived.
(Com. 5. 082255 to Admiralty. B.A.D. Wash.)

Far East and Australia.

FORMIDABLE
A.C.
trooping
programme.

FORMIDABLE has been delayed sailing from Sydney
until 12th April. E.T.A. Portsmouth 10th May
in order to give (her time?) for leave E.T.A.
in U.K. Request E.T.D. in A.M. 281141 March may
be amended from 29th May to 31st May.
(F.O.S.A. 080117Z to Admiralty.)

ATHELING
Cruiser
trooping.

A.C.N.B. is requested to sail ATHELING when
ready on 13th April for U.K. carrying out following
programme.

<u>E.T.A.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>E.T.D.</u>
20th April.	Fremantle.	20th April.
28th April.	Colombo.	30th April.
6th May.	Aden.	7th May.
10th May.	Suez and transit to Port Said.	12th May.
20th May.	Plymouth.	

2. S.O.A. 16 knots.
(F.O.S.A.080212Z to Admiralty. A.C.N.B.)

9.4.1946.
Tuesday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

Trawlers
on passage
to U.K.
for
disposal.

ARRAN. COPINSAY and OXNA left Las Palmas
in company 0800Z 8th April for Gibraltar.
(F.O.G.M.A. 090928A to Admiralty. Capt. W. Af.)

South Atlantic.

FAL
frigate

Your 081502 (N.T. in W.D.).
Request you will sail FAL to arrive St. Helena
p.m. 18th April and thence on completion of
embarkation of personnel and stores direct to
Simonstown. Governor of St. Helena is being
informed.
(C. in C.S.A. 091723B to Capt. i/c. W. Af.)

9.4.1946.
Tuesday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

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

Take LOCH TARBERT under your orders and sail at 1700B 9th April to Alexandria E.T.A. 0800B 10th April keep constant watch on Malta broadcast, acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 091113B to LOCH KATRINE. LOCH TARBERT. Admiralty.) *See below*

INDOMITABLE
A.C.
trooping
outwards.

Sail at 0830B 10th April by appropriate Medri route to Port Said.
2. Speed 20 knots. E.T.A. 0830B 12th.
3. Keep constant watch on Malta broadcast.
4. N.O.I.C. Port Said is requested to arrange canal transit immediately on arrival. Ship to anchor night 12th to 13th in Bitter Lakes.
5. Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med. 091123B to INDOMITABLE.)

ARIADNE
fast
minelayer
on passage
to U.K.
from B.P.F.
for Category
B.

Sail at 2000B 9th April to Malta speed 15 knots. E.T.A. a.m. 12th April. Report accurate E.T.A. Malta to C. in C. Med. when known. Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 091230B to ARIADNE. Admiralty. C. in C. Med.)

Movements
ships
proceeding
to U.K.

Port Said 9th April arrivals 1700B ARIADNE from Aden.
Departures 1700B LOCH KATRINE and LOCH TARBERT to Alex 12 knots communications constant 2000B ARIADNE to Malta 15 knots communications constant.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 091835B to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.)

9.4.1946.
Tuesday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

FRIENDSHIP
M/S
returning
to U.K.

548C of 29th December. Sail from Singapore
as follows:

- (A) 0700 10th April.
- (B) Trinco.
- (C) 11 knots.
- (G) For onward S routeing U.K.

Acknowledge.

(F.O.M.F.A. 090723 to FRIENDSHIP. Admiralty.
C. in C.E.I.)

PENN
S/M target
ship.

Sail from Singapore.

- (A) a.m. 10th April after fuelling.
 - (B) Darwin for onward routeing to Brisbane and
Sydney.
 - (C) Via Charimata and Lombok Strait 12.5 knots.
- (F.O.M.F.A. 091226GH to PENN. Admiralty.)

Minesweeping
Berhala
Straits.

548C of 29.12.45. Take LAERTES, FLYING FISH
and MAENAD under your orders and sail from
Singapore as follows:

- (A) 0615 10th April.
- (B) To operate in Berhala Straits.
- (E) VD General periods.
- (G) JASEUR take action on.
- (E) Above acknowledg.

(F.O.M.F.A. 091555 to JASEUR. Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.
M/S 11.)

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Tuesday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

U.S.
dispositions
Atlantic.

Change my O21645. Atlantic Serial 225
WASHINGTON at Annapolis MISSOURI at Istanbul
MIDWAY, SALERNO BAY at Norfolk. HELENA at
Southampton, England. OREGON CITY, HUNTINGTON at
Quantanamo. PALAU at Boston. F. D. ROOSEVELT,
HOUSTON, MINDORO, ATTU at sea.
(C.N.O. 092000 to Admiralty. Comnavu.)

H.M.S.
CAPE WRATH
maintenance
ship on
passage.

H.M.S. CAPE WRATH sailed from Esquimalt 2300Z
9th. April for San Pedro and thence Balboa C.Z.
by safe coastal navigation for onward routing.
2. S.O.A. 10 knots. E.T.A. San Pedro 1400Z
14th April on arrival Balboa require fresh
provisions. E.T.A. Balboa to be signalled by
CAPE WRATH.
(C.O. Pac. Coast (Vancouver) 092253Z to Combaseafrom)
(See 100645Z)

Far East and Australia.

AIMWELL
Rescue Tug
redelivery
to U.S. in
Phillipines.

Report is requested of any intentions you may have
in respect of onward movement from Brisbane of
lend lease tug AIMWELL for redelivery to U.S.
Authorities in Phillipines.
(Captain i/c. R.T's 090029 to F.O.I.C. Sydney
C. in C. B.P.F.)
(Reply 100356)

Admiral
Lord Fraser
C. in C.
B.P.F. in
SWIFTSURE
cruise.

My 081011/ Cancel para. 1 (D) I cannot now fit
in Hakodate.
(C. in C. B.P.F. 090822Z to Admiralty.)

/Admiral...

9.4.1946.
Tuesday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia cont...

Admiral
Lord Fraser
C. in C.
B.P.F. in
SWIFTSURE

Reference para. 1. of 665P amend programme
to read:

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
-	Hong Kong.	18th April.
20th April.	Shanghai.	24th April.
p.m. 25th April.	Chinwangtao.	30th April.
2nd May.	Kure.	4th May.
5th May.	Kure?	5th May.
5th May.	Yokohama.	11th May.
14th May.	Hong Kong.	

(C. in C. B.P.F. 090823 to N.R. 667)

Operational
Naval Units.

Pacific Summary 60. Operational Naval Units.
Southeast Pacific BENNINGTON, SAIDOR. Pacific Coast
PENNSYLVANIA, NEW YORK, ARKANSAS, NEVADA, IOWA,
SARATOGA, INDEPENDENCE, BAIROKO, POINT CRUZ,
RENDOVA, PRINCE WILLIAM, BARNES, SICILY,
SALT LAKE CITY, PENSACOLA, AMSTERDAM, OKLAHOMA CITY,
~~CITY~~ SPRINGFIELD, MIAMI, ASTORIA, TUCSON, 18 DD.
En route U.S. COLUMBUS 9 DD.
En route Pearl HANCOCK, SHANGRI LA, CAPE GLOUCESTER, SITKOH BAY.
At Pearl LEXINGTON, BADOENG STRAIT, NASSAU, FALL RIVER. 26 DD.
North Pacific none.
South Pacific none.
Southwest Pacific PUGET SOUND, SIBONEY.
West Pacific BOXER, ANTIETAM, CHICAGO, BREMERTON, LOS ANGELES,
HOBART, ARGONAUT, BELFAST, DULUTH, TOPEKA, ATLANTA 28 DD.
(C.N.O. 092002 to Admiralty. Comnavau.)

10.4.1946.
Wednesday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

RAJAH
trooping
to U.K.

Sail at 101315A April to Plymouth for O/R Portsmouth
and Sheerness.
2. Speed 16 knots. E.T.A. 0800Z 13th April.
3. Constant watch on Gibraltar Broadcast shifting
to Home Station organisation 0015Z 12th April.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 101129A to RAJAH. Admiralty.)

MINDFUL R.T.
with MAID
MARION
NAB in tow
for U.K.

MINDFUL take MAID MARION in tow and sail noon
11th April to Plymouth.
2. Speed 9 weather permitting. E.T.A. to be
reported.
5. If weather or other circumstances necessitate
stopping at intermediate port intentions are to be
reported to area authority as much in advance as
possible.
7. C. in C. Med.'s 101101 refers.
8. MINDFUL acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 101229A to MINDFUL. Admiralty.)
(Cancelled by 111130)

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South Atlantic.

NIGERIA
cruiser
NEREIDE
Sloop
for S.A.
Station.

Your 071224. It will be necessary for the ships
to work up at Malta, but V.A. Malta will be
informed that working up of L/A Gunnery and
Torpedo can be carried out on South Atlantic
Station.
2. Following are intended programmes.
NIGERIA. Completes Trials end of April. Work
up at Malta mid-May to late June. Sail for
South Atlantic.

NEREIDE. Completes Trials end of April. Shake down at Portland
till mid-May. Work up at Malta in June. Sail for South Atlantic
late June.
(V.C.N.S. 101759 to C. in C.S.A.)

10.4.1946.
Wednesday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

OCEANWAY
L.S.D.
on passage.

Subject to receiving fresh water in time propose
to sail Suez daylight 11th April.
2. E.T.D. Suez 0500/11th April. E.T.A. Aden
0500/16th April.
(OCEANWAY 100735B to N.O.I.C. Port Said. C. in C.
Med.)

PATROLLER
Cruiser
trooping
to U.K.

Sail at 0200B 11th April to Gibraltar, speed
16 knots. E.T.A. (?) M.16th. Report accurate
T.A. Gibraltar to F.O.G.M.A. when known.
Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 101851B to PATROLLER. Admiralty)

Prevention
of illegal
immigration
into Palestine.

Your 251027, not to all. The prevention of illegal
immigration into Palestine is undoubtedly a
responsibility of the Palestine Government. Owing
to the shortage of manpower it is quite impossible
for the Navy to man any extra craft for this
purpose. The Colonial Office have been informed
of this and have been offered six H.D.M.L's
provided the Palestine Government can supply crews.

This has been taken up by the Colonial Office with the High
Commissioner.

2. A decision will be communicated to you as soon as possible
about the closing down of Messina referred to in your 041645.
(Hd. of M.Br. I. 101944 to C. in C. Med. F.O.L.E.M.)

49(a).

CONFIDENTIAL.

Rec'd July. IN

M.L.'s for Turkey

101934/APR 11

RECEIVED:—

From C. in C. Med.

DATE 11.4.46.
TIME

1112.

NAVAL SHORE CODE (T)

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Addressed

V.A.M.

Info: Admiralty, GREGALE, B.N.A. Ankara.

Motor Launches 386, 584, 836, 837, 842, 862 and 863 are to be brought forward for service and transferred to the Turks.

2. This work is to be given priority over all other work on coastal force craft and is to be completed as early as practicable.

3. A thorough estimated date of completion is to be reported as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made for transport of Turks crews. As the latter will require some training they will be invited to arrive 14 days before the date of completion.

4. Boats are to be turned over completed with fuel, Naval stores, spare gear, armament stores, provisions and essential mess gear. Certificates are to be obtained from Turks C.O.s that full outfits have been received with each ship and these certificates together with closed N.S. accounts are to be forwarded to Admiralty in accordance with A.M. (?150511) November, not to Cashier Malta or GREGALE.

5. Joint survey of hull and machinery should be arranged if practicable.

6. Victualling of Turks crews while at Malta is to be arranged free of charge to Turks Govt. vide B.N.A. Ankara's 0218007 and A.M. 0613087 April.

101934 sub 891857 May

7 Ref. transfer of M.L. to Turks.

1st Lord	O.I.C.(2)	Dep. Contr.(3)	
1st S.L.(3)	Resident Clerk	D.U.W.(3)	
D.F.S.L.	D.N.I.(5)	P.I.(2)	B
Controller	D.M.S.(2)	M.F.	A
4th S.L.	D.T.A.S.W.(3)	D.A.S.(4)	T
7.C.N.S.	U.S.F.	E. in C.(4)	H
1.C.N.S.(W)	M.F.L.	D.N.C.(2)	
Parl. Secretary	W.G.F.	S.W.R.(6)	
Secretary	D.U.W.(2)		
.S.S.	D.G.S.		
. of P.(4)(3)	D.C.A.M.(6)		
. of P.(3)	D. Mov.(7)		
D.(9)	D.N.T.(2)		
in C.	D. of S.(3)		
N.C.(2)	D.A.S.(L)		
(6)(M.01132/46)	D. of V.(3)		
II (2)	D.T.S.D.(2)		
C.(2)			

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

D.S. TROMP
cruiser
on passage
to Holland.

E.I.T.M. 43. Sail from Colombo as follows:
(A) 0600/11th April.
(B) Aden.
(C) 14 knots.
(D) WC 269.
(E) Constant broadcast V.

Acknowledge.
(F.O. Ceylon 100947 to TROMP. Admiralty.)

Gun Boats
for Singapore
with BELGOL
tanker.

E.I.T.M. 43. Take APHIS and COCKCHAFER under
your orders and sail with BELGOL in company from
Trincomalee as follows:

- (A) 0900EF 14th April.
- (B) Singapore.
- (C) Calling Nicobars as necessary for fuel and
water from BELGOL RH. Speed 10 knots.
- (E) Constant V.
- (F) BELGOL will be sailed to comply. Acknowledge.
- (C. in C.E.I.S. 100948 to SCARAB. Admiralty.)
- (See 111047)

S/M's
VORACIOUS,
VOX on
passage to
U.K. from
B.P.F.

548C of 29.12.45. On completion of fuelling take
VOX under your orders and sail from Singapore
as follows:

- (A) A.M. 11th April.
- (B) Trincomalee.
- (C) 8 knots.
- (G) For onward routeing U.K.

Acknowledge.
(F.O.M.F.A. 101030 to VORACIOUS.)

FENCER
trooping
to U.K.

Intend following programme for FENCER all dates
April unless shown otherwise.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
-	Colombo.	10th.
15th.	Aden.	15th.
19th.	Suez.	19th.
19th.	Ishaliar.	20th.
20th.	Port Said.	21st.
23rd.	Malta.	24th.
27th.	Gibraltar.	27th.
30th.	Devonport.	30th.
1st May.	Portsmouth.	1st May.
2nd May.	Chatham.	-

2. Fuel at Aden.
(C. in C.E.I. 101031 to Admiralty. C. in C. Nore.)

10.4.1946.

Wednesday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies contd...

BEAULY 548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Aden as follows:
FIRTH (A) 1700C 10th.
Aircraft (B) Suez for U.K.
engine (C) 10 knots.
repair ship Acknowledge.
on passage (Com. Aden 101100C to BEAULY FIRTH.)
to U.K.

SALVALOUR In view of negotiations which are at present
Salvage in train for the disposal of certain salvage
vessel. vessels to authorities abroad, SALVALOUR should
remain on East Indies Station for the time being
pending further instructions. F.O. Ceylon's
041056 to SALVALOUR refers.
(D. of Salvage 102104 to C. in C.E.I.)

10.4.1946.
Wednesday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

H.M.C.S.
CAPE WRATH
maintenance
ship.

Your 092251Z/ to C.O.P.C. E.T.A. Canal Zone
28th April. I have no Gyro compass or Radar,
submit that if opportunity to send Bullion to
Bermuda or other suitable loading port occurs,
in the meantime it may be considered as an
alternative as it will be the fog and iceberg
seas^{on} off Newfoundland.
(CAPE WRATH 100645Z to B.A.D. C.O.P.C.)
/ Enquiring approximate arrival date of H.M.S.
CAPE WRATH at Canal Zone. *See 180525Z.*

Far East and Australia.

AIMWELL
Rescue Tug.

A.M. 090030 (not to all). H.M.R.T. AIMWELL paid
off and was redelivered to U.K. Authorities at
Subic Bay on 30th March.
(C. in C. B.P.F. 100356 to Admiralty.)
Request your reply to Admiralty 090029. Latest
information held in Sydney shows AIMWELL at Subic.
(F.O.I.C.(S) 100517Z to C. in C. B.P.F. Admiralty.)

Wheat
shipments
to Ceylon
in H.M. Ships
India.

My 050029/ following are final details of wheat
shipped in ARTIFEX (A) 7523 bags of 180 lbs.
capacity.
(B) Gross weight 596 tons 17 cwt. 3 qrs.
(C) Consignee is Government of India Food
Department Delhi.
(D) Agents are Grahams Trading Company (India)
Ltd., Bombay.
2. Request you will arrange onward shipment to Bombay.
(V.A. (Q) B.P.F. 100621 to C. in C.E.I.) *See 150701*
/ Shipment of wheat to Ceylon in H.M. Ships.

VICTORIOUS
trooping.

Departed Fremantle 0700Z 10th April VICTORIOUS
for Sydney. Route direct S.O.A. 20 knots. E.T.A.
Hornby light 2130Z 14th April.
(N.O.I.C. Fremantle 100742Z to A/C 1. F.O.I.C.
Sydney.)

Escort
vessels
in B.P.F.
reductions
of.

Your 060207. Approved.
(V.C.N.S. 101841 to C. in C. B.P.F. C.E.F.)
(See 140316)

11.4.1946.
Thursday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

SURSAY
attached
danlayer
on passage
to E.I.
to rejoin
11th M/S
Flotilla.

Sail 0800A 13th April via Medri routes to Malta
for o/r Colombo.
2. Speed 10. E.T.A. 17th April.
5. Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 110948A to SURSAY. M/S.11.)

SUPERB
Cruiser
to join
Med. Fleet.

Sail 1315A 12th April via Medri routes to Malta.
2. Speed 14. E.T.A. 0900B 15th April.
5. Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 111112A to SUPERB. C. in C. H.F.
C.S.10.)

MINDFUL
R.T.
with
MAID MARION
in tow
for U.K.

Cancel my 101229A. A.M. 101517/ not to all
refers.
(F.O.G.M.A. 111130W to MINDFUL. Admiralty.)
/ It is not desirable that MINDFUL should be
deflected to U.K. with MAID MARION.

M/S 12
returning
to U.K.
from Med.
Stn.

M/S 12 take ships addressed under your orders and
sail 0800A 12th April to U.K.
2. Speed 11½ knots. E.T.A. FLY and CADMUS at
Plymouth 0800A 16th April. ALBACORE and MUNTINE
at Chatham 0900A 17th April.
7. M/S 12 acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 111546A to Capt. M/S 12. Admiralty.)

11.4.1946.
Thursday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

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

Your 101235/ not to all. Enter Grand Harbour and berth at Fishmarket.
2. On completion of embarking draft sail at 1000B 12th April by appropriate Medri route to Algiers for onward routeing to Gibraltar and Rosyth.
3. Speed 10 knots. E.T.A. 2000A 14th at Algiers.
5. Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med. 110944 to HOLM SOUND V.A.M. C.S. Malta.)
/ Position course and speed of HOLM SOUND
E.T.A. Malta 0630/12th April.

EASTWAY
L.S.D.
on passage
to E.I.

Sail at 0500B 12th April to Aden. Report your T.O.D. Suez and E.T.A. Aden to all addressees in this signal. Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 111210B to EASTWAY. Admiralty. C. in C. Med. Com. Aden.)

War Diary.

11.4.1946.
Thursday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Gunboats with BELGOL tanker for Singapore. Sail from Trinco 12th April 1946 on completion of loading and proceed in company with H.M. Ships SCARAB, COCKCHAFER and APHIS to Singapore.
(2) Report your E.T.A. to N.C.S.O. Singapore.
(3) W/T watch vide notice to ships wireless station No. 6. of 1945.
(4) My 100948 to SCARAB refers.
(C. in C.E.I. 111047EF to BELGOL.)

Forward area operational control by F.O.M.F.A. 818C. Consequent on relinquishment by C.S.5 of operational control of the Forward Area south of the Equator the title of Lt. Cdr. W.D. O'Brien, D.S.C. R.N. is to be changed from C.S.5. Batavia to N.L.O. Afnei.
(C. in C.E.I. 111106 to East Indies G.M. 818C. S.A.C.S.E.A. Admiralty.)

Re Aircraft in IMPLACABLE for Ceylon. Your 081557. Seafire III aircraft cannot be accepted in Ceylon as all available storage space is required for current aircraft types. Presume Seafire III will be retained on board for return to U.K. in accordance with your 302206 (N.T. in W.D.) August not to R.A.R.A. and 182006 Feb. (N.T. in W.D.) none to H.M.S. IMPLACABLE. (F.O. Air E.I. 111224EF to IMPLACABLE. R.A.R.A.) (See 151721A)

~~BURMA~~
BURMA
Civil authorities assume responsibility of Port of Moulmein. I understand that Civil Authorities have agreed to assume responsibility for the Port of Moulmein on 15th April. Propose that R.N.O. Moulmein shall effect the transfer on that date. Request your early concurrence.
(2) The present navigable channel of Moulmein River together with Moulmein Harbour have been cleared of mines. Owing to constant alterations in the main channel however, alternative channels are being swept and further alterations in the channel are bound to entail a certain degree of risk remaining which must be accepted.
(C. in C.E.I. 111454 to Governor of Burma.)

C. in C.E.I. in NORFOLK. Item 43 sail from Singapore with C. in C.E.I. embarked as follows:
(A) As convenient p.m. 12th April.
(B) Trincomalee.
(C) Speed as requisite to comply with C. in C's instructions.
(G) Acknowledge.
(F.O.M.F.A. 111503 to NORFOLK. Admiralty.)

DEVONSHIRE Cruiser trooping. 548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Aden as follows:
(A) 0900C 12th.
(B) Suez for U.K.
(C) 20 knots.
(D) QBH 2085 QBY 536.
(E) Broadcast V. changing to broadcast MA at Suez. Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Aden. 111835C to DEVONSHIRE. Admty. C. in C.E.I.)

11.4.1946.
Thursday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

DOMINICA
frigate
returning
to U.S.A.

E.T.A. Chesapeake Bay Light Vessel 1630Z.
(DOMINICA 111155Z to Com. 5. C. in C. A.W.I.)

LABUAN
ANTIGUA
frigates
returning
to U.S.A.

My P.C.S. at 1200Z 11th April 55 degs. 18 secs.
North. 12 degs. 36 secs. West. 270 degs. 9 knots.
ANTIGUA has had some slight steering trouble.
(LABUAN 111201Z to Admiralty. F.O.C.R.F.)

10th Cruiser
Squadron
H.F.
returning
to U.K.
from cruise
to W.Indies.

Sailed 10th April, C.S.10 in BIRMINGHAM and
BELLONA and DIADEM.
(Cdre. i/c. Bermuda 111324 to C. in C.H.F. C.S.10.)

Far East and Australia.

FORMIDABLE
trooping
programme.

Your 080117Z. Approved.
(D. of M. 110223 to F.O.S.A. B.P.F. FORMIDABLE.)

Hong Kong
communications.
Stonecutter
W/T.

Stonecutter W/T. Further to my 220235Z March.
Allowing 3 transmitters for proposed Merchant ship
broadcast and 5 spares, the number of transmitters
proposed in para. 7A and B is less than the number
at present in use at Stonecutters operating all
essential services.

2. It is necessary to replace the type 435 A's
in accordance with Admiralty policy. Also necessary to install
suitable transmitters of adequate power and capable of operation
on the higher frequencies and to expand aerial system, to give
satisfactory service in difficult local W/T re condition, in
place of present M.O.W. power transmitters and congested aerals.
e.g. (1) A.T. 1190 has to be used for answering in ship-shore
6, and 12 mc/s bands. Ships at a distance very frequently do not
hear this and broadcast FF has to be used for answering. This
facility is of course not available to Merchant Ships. (2) Two
operators must struggle on certain fixed services using 2 lines
to clear traffic whereas one high power set could obviate this.

11.4.1946.
Thursday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia. contd...

Hong Kong communications Stonecutter W/T. (3) Reference para. 3A and B. It is not considered practical for these two broadcasts to be combined. (4) Para. 2. (C). The Shanghai end is operated by an H.M. Ship, the Army operate the Chungking terminal. Chinese telegraph circuits are entirely unreliable and involve expenditure of foreign currency. The delays and errors involved are not acceptable. (5) Para. 2. (D) Operational requirements for link with U.S. Authorities do not and will not permit using commercial services. (C. in C. Britpacflt 110255Z to Admiralty. Comm. Hong Kong.)
/ Technical disadvantages of Stonecutters not so great whole island probably be used by R.N.

Trooping changes due to defects in SPEAKER G.P. Carrier. It has become necessary owing to serious defects which have developed in SPEAKER for ship to return direct to U.K. from Hong Kong. Ship will sail from Hong Kong at reduced speed about 17th April with all accommodation filled including about 110 men for disembarkation at Colombo. Request these be replaced at Colombo by personnel for U.K.

2. The following are consequences of this decision. My 050230 not to all refers.

(A) An alternative lift from Ceylon to Hong Kong will be required for 450 men E.T.A. Ceylon 23rd April in FORMIDABLE, Combrax Sydney's 07146/ not to all refers. Lift will also be required for such additional officers and men as Combrax B.P.F. Ceylon intended to include in voyage K of my above quoted signal.

(B) Voyage H must be replaced by an alternative lift leaving Hong Kong during second half of May either for Ceylon or U.K.

(C) 450 berths will become available in FORMIDABLE from Ceylon to U.K.

3. C. in C.E.I. is requested to consult with Combrax B.P.F. Ceylon and decide whether it would be practicable for BERWICK and if necessary fast minelayer X to make the lifts in para. 2.

(A) and (B) anove. If this is practicable C. in C.E.I. is requested to inform Admiralty of requirement for BERWICK to proceed to Hong Kong.

4. If this plan is not practicable or Admiralty do not approve use of BERWICK it will be necessary for VENERABLE to disembark her cargo on arrival in Ceylon about 27th April and carry out voyage K to Hong Kong and voyage H as far as Ceylon. A rapid turn round at Ceylon and Hong Kong would be necessary as VENERABLE is required to embark Admiral Boyd at Colombo on his arrival about 29th May in SUSSEX.

5. With reference to para. 2. (C) above it is presumed that the 450 berths in FORMIDABLE can be filled by personnel in Ceylon. (C. in C. B.P.F. 111012Z to Combrax B:P.F. Ceylon. C. in C.E.I.)
/ as received.

H.M.A.S. SHROPSHIRE Cruiser with Australian Victory March contingent. Your 291046 March. Destination in U.K. of SHROPSHIRE is Portsmouth. (D.O.D. 111441 to A.C.N.B.)

12.4.1946.
Friday.

War Diary.

GENERAL.

National
Interest
and record
rate of
release
from Navy.
Strain on
manning
of Fleet.

Admiralty. 2nd S.L. 121708 A.G.M. H. & A.
See Lion Copy.

MESSAGE.OUT

UNCLASSIFIED

121708/April

TO A.G.M. H & A. (325A)

Date. 12.4.46

P/L

From Admiralty

The National Interest has necessitated a record rate of release from the Navy during March and April. This has thrown a great strain on the manning of the Fleet and establishments, which has been most marked in the Supply, Secretariat, Regulating and Engine Room Branches of the Navy.

2. Their Lordships' are well aware of the great efforts made, particularly in the branches named, to cope with the extra burden laid on them and more generally of the fact that the whole process of release has caused officers and men serving on regular engagements in all branches to bear a high percentage of the foreign and sea service. Their Lordships' regret that this has been necessary when, after more than seven years of war conditions, these Continuous Service men were looking forward to some easement and the blessings of family life of which they have been deprived.

3. Until planned reductions in the number of ships and establishments at present manned are fully effected, difficulties in manning will increase and there can be little easement of the load borne by the Continuous Service ratings, since it is vital in the National Interest that the numbers planned be released to civil life punctually and to the maximum possible extent.

4. So far, therefore, retention under the Military Necessity Clause of ratings due for release has been avoided except in a very few cases. The release programme of the various categories of personnel has been carefully adjusted at the Admiralty to this end, while still providing for the manning of the Fleet, albeit with much dilution.

5. With regard, however, to ratings now shortly due to be released, it is expected that Commanders in Chief, and Flag Officers in Charge of Drafting will find it necessary to invoke the Military Necessity Clause for the retention of individuals more frequently than hitherto. Their Lordships' wish this course of action to be adopted rather than adding to the load already borne by those officers and men not due for release or increasing the strain of administering ships and establishments.

121708
for 2nd Sea Lord
Q.A.M. 353

Full Admiralty Distribution.

12.4.1946.
Friday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

MINDFUL
R.T.
with
L.C.Q. 499
for U.S.A.

MINDFUL (NRWJ) take L.C.Q. 499 (QDNM) under your orders and sail 1600A/12th April via Great Circle route to Bermuda for onward routeing New York.
2. Speed 10 knots or better. If ships require to stop at Ponta Delgada for engine adjustments or other reasons intentions and requirements are to be signalled as much in advance as possible to British Consul Ponta Delgada repeated B.N.A. Lisbon Admiralty and F.O.G.M.A.

6. MINDFUL acknowledge.

(F.O.G.M.A. 120929A to MINDFUL. Admiralty.)

H.M. Tug MINDFUL with L.C.Q. 499 in company

require to enter Ponta Delgada p.m. 16th April for 24 hours to make engine adjustments only.

2. Firm will be signalled by MINDFUL when known.

(F.O.G.M.A. 121153A to H.B.M. Consul Ponta Delgada.)

LOCH INSH,
TAFF,
frigates
for U.K.
and reserve
from E.I.

Take TAFF under your orders and sail 0800A 13th April to Home Ports.

2. Speed 12. E.T.A. LOCH INSH at Plymouth first light 17th April. TAFF at Portsmouth 0800B 17th April.

6. Acknowledge.

(F.O.G.M.A. 121107A to LOCH INSH. TAFF.)

War Diary.

12.4.1946.
Friday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Visit of
C.S.15.
to Trieste.

Intend to arrive at Trieste in ORION with
SUPERB in company on 29th April.
2. Would a total from above ships 140 seamen
and 60 Royal Marines be a suitable size of party
for the parade on 2nd May.
3. C.S.15's band will be available.
(C.S.15. 121224 to N.O.I.C. Trieste.)

ORIBI
destroyer
for transfer
to Turkey.

ORIBI again delayed and is now expected to
arrive Istanbul about middle of June.
(D.O.D. 121237 to B.N.A. Ankara. C. in C. Med.
S.B.N.O. Greece.)

See 240858B May

INDOMITABLE
trooping
outward.

Sail at 0500B 13th from Bitter Lakes to Aden.
Report your T.O.D. Suez and E.T.A. Aden to all
addresses in this signal.
3. Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 121040 to INDOMITABLE.)

CONSTANCE
destroyer
on passage
to B.P.F.

Sail at 0500B 13th to Aden reporting your T.O.D.
Suez and E.T.A. Aden to all in this signal.
3. Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 121250 to CONSTANCE. C. in C.
Med.)

QUEEN
trooping
to U.K.

Sail at 0530B 13th April to Gibraltar. Speed
15 to 5 knots E.T.A. a.m. 18th report A.T.A.
Gibraltar to F.O.G.M.A. when known. Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 121555 to QUEEN. Admiralty.)

ARIADNE
fast mine
layer for
U.K. and
reserve
Category B.

Sail at 1130B 14th April by appropriate Medri
route to Gibraltar.
2. Speed 15 knots. E.T.A. 0700A 17th.
4. Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med. 121653 to ARIADNE. Admiralty.)

War Diary.

12.4.1946.
Friday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Calcutta.

There are no Royal Naval Authorities now in Calcutta.
(Bombay 120901FG to C. in C.E.I. F.O.M.F.A.)

URCHIN
destroyer
for U.K.
and reserve
Category B.

548C of 19.12.45. Sail from Aden as follows:
(A) 1200C/12.
(B) Suez for U.K.
(C) 14 knots.
(G) Request canal transit daylight 16th.
Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Aden 121114C to URCHIN. Admiralty.
C. in C.E.I.)

TYRIAN
destroyer
for U.K.
and Reserve.

B48C of 29.12.45. Sail from Aden as follows:
(A) 0700C 13th.
(B) Suez for U.K.
(C) 14 knots.
(G) Request canal transit daylight 17th.
Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Aden 121117C to TYRIAN. Admiralty.
C. in C. E.I.)

RANEE
carrier
trooping.

548C of 29.12.45. Sail from Aden as follows:
(A) 235 C/12.
(B) Colombo
(C) 16 knots.
Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Aden 121140 to RANEE.)

PETARD.

~~E.I.T.M. 43~~
on passage
with
VIRTUE
A/S training
sub, in tow.

E.I.T.M. 43. Take VIRTUE in tow and sail from Singapore as follows:
(A) 1400GH 13th April.
(B) Trincomalee.
(C) 9 knots.
(G) PETARD and VIRTUE to slip as requisite to oil and r/v at Johore Shoal Buoy at 1400. VIRTUE for onward routing Bombay. Acknowledge.
(F.O.M.F.A. 121216 to PETARD. Admiralty.
C. in C.E.I.)
(Cancelled by 130931GH)

F.S.
EMILE BERTIN
cruiser
for French
Indo-China.

E.I.T.M. 43. Sail from Singapore as follows:
(A) 1130 13th April.
(B) Saigon.
(C) 15 knots.
(G) Enter Saigon through swept channel. Q.C.A. 621 refers. Acknowledge.
(F.O.M.F.A. 121524 to F.S. EMILE BERTIN. C. in C. E.I. Admiralty.)

/CAPRICE....

12.4.1946.
Friday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies contd...

CAPRICE,
CAMBRIAN
destroyers
on passage
to U.K.
from E.I.

548C M.F. 29.12.45.
Take CAMBRIAN under your orders and sail from
Aden as follows:
(A) 0600C 13th.
(B) Suez for U.K.
(C) 14 knots.
Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Aden 121825C to CAPRICE. Admiralty.)

12.4.1946.
Friday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

SWIFTSURE
cruiser.

B. SWIFTSURE.
C. C.S.4.
D. Shanghai.
E. 1300H 12th April.
F. 13.5 knots.
H. Hong Kong.
I. 0800H 15th April.
(S.O. Force "S" 120345Z to C. in C. B.P.F.
C. in C.Hong Kong.)

FORMIDABLE
A/C
trooping
to U.K.

Departed Sydney 0645Z 12th April. FORMIDABLE
for Colombo. E.T.A. 1700EF 23rd April. F.O.S.A.
020559 and 080221 not to all refer. Route direct
straight S.O.A. 20 knots.
(F.O.I.C. Sydney 120650 to A.C.N.B. F.O. Ceylon.
N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne.)

C.S.2.
in BELFAST
cruiser
with H.M.A.S.
WARRAMUNGA
destroyer.

Arrived Kure BELFAST, wearing flag of C.S.2.
H.M.A.S. WARRAMUNGA in company.
(C.S.2. 120938 to C. in C.B.P.)

13.4.1946.
Saturday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

ST. KILDA,
SHEPPEY
attached
danlayers
to 12th M/S
Flotilla
on passage
to U.K.

ST. KILDA take SHEPPEY under your orders and sail
p.m. 15th April to Plymouth.
2. Speed 9. E.T.A. a.m. 20th April firm time
to be reported.
7. ST. KILDA acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 131112A to ST. KILDA. SHEPPEY. M.S.12.)

AURORA
cruiser
on passage
to U.K.
from Med.

Sail at 0700A 14th April to Portsmouth speed
14. E.T.A. 2100AV 17th April.
5. Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 131124A to AURORA. Admiralty.)

ULYSSES
URANIA
destroyers
on passage
to U.K.
from B.P.F.
for reserve.

Take URANIA under your orders and sail 0600A
15th April to Devonport.
2. Speed 14. E.T.A. 1030A 18th April.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 131154A to ULYSSES. URANIA. D. 25.
Admiralty.)

13.4.1946.
Saturday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Movements. Port Said 12th April. Arrivals 0830.
INDOMITABLE from Malta 0900 DS 0.21 from Aden
1130. CONSTANCE from Malta 1400. QUEEN from
Aden.

Departures. 0830. INDOMITABLE to Bitter Lakes. LA BOUDEUSE
to Beirut 12 knots. Communications constant.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 130840 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)

3rd or Present intentions are for the Third Flotilla
14th to leave Malta May 17th for Haifa, on relief
Destroyer by the Third D.F. 14th D.F. to return to Malta
Flotilla where CHIEFTAIN will join.
Med. 2. JERVIS and JAVELIN then adjust complement
and sail about May 30th for home ports to pay
off into category 'B' reserve.
(C. in C. Med. 130937 to Capt. (D) 14. Capt. (D) 3.
JAVELIN. JERVIS.)
(See 161342).

Sicily. The appointment S.N.O.E.S.Y. will lapse at 2159
Termination G.M.T. April 13th. All R.N. personnel will be
of appointment withdrawn from Messina on April 15th.
of Senior 2. There will be no British Naval representation
Naval Officer in Sicily except for the R.N.O. at Taormina rest
Eastern camp.
Sicily. 3. Communications via Malta W/T.
(C. in C. Med. 131034 to Med. Gl. Message.
Admiralty.)

15th Cruiser A.M. 161742 Feb. and 261321 Feb. Can any further
Squadron information now be given of probable dates of
reliefs. arrival on Mediterranean station of PHOEBE and
LEANDER please.
(C. in C. Med. 131048 to Admiralty. C.S.15.)
(See 171403)

PERSIMMON Sail at 0900B 15th April by appropriate Medri
L.S.I. (L) route to Gibraltar for onward routing to
on passage Portsmouth.
to U.K. 2. Speed 14 knots. E.T.A. 0700A 18th.
from 4. Acknowledge.
E. Indies. (C. in C. Med. 131207B to PERSIMMON. V.A. Malta.)

/GRADISCA...

13.4.1946.
Saturday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean. contd...

GRADISCA
Sit. Rep.

- (1) B.L.O., British Purser, British Military Guard and apparently all available Sea Transport Fittings and stores for which there was space embarked 7th April in s.s. EZILDACROCE for Naples.
- (2) Italian Captain and 88 members of his crew remain on board with food and water for several days.
- (3) Provisions and furniture for crew, various stores such as W/T and office equipment and practically all upper deck fittings including boats, hawsers, cable gear etc., are still on board and will rapidly become property of Gavdo Islanders when crew departs.
- (4) Ship is expected from Italy in three days time bringing Italian Government Commission to inspect GRADISCA. Captain of GRADISCA anticipates that this ship will embark all but approximately 20 members of his crew who will remain on board as caretakers until Italian Authorities decide disposal. This ship could also take some of the gear as at (3) above.
- (5) GRADISCA Captain now considers himself responsible direct to Italian Admiralty and Ship Owners only.
- (7) Intend proceeding p.m. today to Suda Bay leaving American War Graves Commission Team of two officers and three O.R's assisted by two ratings from STEVENSTONE for duty in Gavdo. This party is accommodated in GRADISCA with bedding and food for three days supplied by STEVENSTONE.
- (8) Intend returning to Gavdo a.m. Tuesday 16th to recover the above party and the type 52 set and to review situation, proceeding to Piraeus on completion T.F.L.
- (9) Request any further instructions regarding disposal of crew and disposal or security of gear as at (3) above may be signalled without delay. Information would also be appreciated as to terms of reference of Italian Government Commission, their date of arrival and the extent to which GRADISCA remains British Naval responsibility after my departure.
(STEVENSTONE 131630B to S.B.N.O. (G). C. in C. Med.)

Port Said
procedure
regarding
communications
etc., on
reduction
of staff of
N.O.I.C.

- As from 15th April the staff of N.O.I.C. Port Said will have been reduced and the following procedure as regards sailing signals and communications is to be brought into force.
2. All warships under British Navy Operational control including American French. Dutch and Italian warships to make own sailing signals on leaving Port Said north bound or Suez south bound. N.O.I.C. to be responsible for reporting departures and arrivals at Port Said daily to Admiralty C. in C. Med. C. in C.E.I. and Com. Aden.
 3. Communications with N.O.I.C. Port Said.
 - (A) Between ships at Port Said and N.O.I.C.'s office by hand message.
 - (B) Information regarding berthing and transits will be transmitted by the Suez Canal company through their W/T station at Ismailia on 500 kcs. The company is not able to accept messages for N.O.I.C. except in cases of exceptional urgency E.T.A. and any other information that N.O.I.C. will require to know before ship's arrival at Port Said should be despatched by cable at last port of call.

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Saturday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean. contd...

Port Said
procedure
regarding
communica-
tions etc.,
on reduction
of staff
of N.O.I.C.

- (4) The following facilities only will be available to ships at Port Said.
(A) D.G. Range.
(B) Cash exchange. Admiralty Cashier for ships without supply officers.
(C) Chart Depot will remain open until the end of June 1946.
(D) Medical assistance limited except for urgent cases.
(E) Supplies of water and oil.
(F) Fresh fruit. Vegetables. Bread and ice

from contractors.

- (G) Canteen stores.
(H) Emergency repairs with exception of docking by contract.
(I) Fleet mail office.
(5). Ships will be required to land their own patrol and no water transport will be available for landing libertymen.
(6). Serial message office is closed down and general messages cannot be supplied but Meari will still be issued.
(C. in C. Med. 131752 to Med. Stn. Admiralty.)

13.4.1946.
Saturday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Lend lease
return
landing
craft for
Subic Bay.

Following is a repetition of F.O.M.F.A.'s 021555
begins: Addressed Admiralty, Repeated C. in C.
E.I., C. in C. B.P.F., B.A.D. Washington,
Comphlseafron. S.O.R.L.S.T., M.L.C. Port
Director Subic, from F.O.M.F.A.

Landing craft and tugs in para. 2. Sailed from
Singapore on 1st April for lease-lend return.
E.T.A. Subic Bay 8th April.

2. (A) L.C.Q. 488, 495, L.C.A. 317 L.C.I. (L) 5, 8, 9, 10,
13, 14, 103, 111, 118, 126, 130, 176, 209, 213, 214, 285, 298,
302, 306, 307, 313, Total 24 craft.

(B) DESTINY, ORIANA, EMPHATIC, FLARE, D.T.G. 021555 April. ends.
(Singapore C.C.O. 130802 to Admiralty.)

PETARD
on passage
with VIRTUE
A/S training
sub in tow.

Cancel my 121216 not to R.N.O. Penang. E.I.T.M.

43. Take VIRTUE in tow and sail from Singapore
(Johore Shoal Buoy) as follows:

(A) 1400GH 13th April.

(B) Penang.

(C) 9 knots.

(F) p.m. 15th April.

(G) PETARD and VIRTUE to slip as requisite to

oil and r/v at Johore Shoal Buoy at 1400.

2. R.N.O. Penang is requested to sail PETARD and VIRTUE not
later than a.m. 18th April for Trincomalee. VIRTUE for onward
routing to Bombay. Acknowledge.

(F.O.M.F.A. 130931GH to PETARD. Admiralty.)

Programme
of Naval
trooping.

Ref. C. in C. E.I.'s. 081601, and a.m. 281141.
Request that LONDON and SUSSEX are sent to
Singapore.

(F.O.M.F.A. 131120 to C. in C.E.I.S.)

13.4.1946.
Saturday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

Visit of
BALLINDERRY
frigate to
Guatemala
and British
Honduras.

Intend BALLINDERRY should visit Puerto Barrios Guatemala from 28th May to 31st May and Belize British Honduras from 1st to 6th June during a short shakedown cruise. Request diplomatic action in accordance with para. one of B.R. 83 may be taken to notify the Guatemalan and U.S. authorities of this visit.
(C. in C. A.W.I. 121513Z to Admiralty. B.A.D.)

Far East and Australia.

^N
KELATAN
maintenance
ship
(Minesweepers)
returning
to Med.

Intend following programme for return of KELANTAN to the Mediterranean - Admiralty's 181901 Dec. not to all, refers.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
-	Hong Kong.	14th April.
20th April.	Singapore.	21st April.
7th May.	Aden.	7th May.
13th May.	Port Said.	13th May.
17th May.	Malta.	-

(C. in C. B.P.F. 130443 to Admiralty. F.O.M.F.A.)

SPEAKER
G.P. Carrier
returning
to U.K.

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

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Leave.</u>
-	Hong Kong.	20th April.
30th April.	Colombo .	2nd May.
9th May.	Aden.	10th May.
14th May.	Suez.	14th May.
21st May.	Gibraltar.	21st May.
25th May.	Greenock.	-

(C. in C. B.P.F. 130745Z to Admiralty. SPEAKER. F.O.L.E.M.)

14.4.1946.
Sunday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

South Atlantic.

ELAND ~~##~~
Base ship
Freetown.

Consequent upon transfer of FAL to South
Atlantic Command ELAND ~~##~~ has now lapsed.
(Capt. i/c. W. Af. 140916 to Admiralty.
F.O.M.F.A.)

14.4.1946.
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LOCH KATRINE, Take LOCH TARBERT under your orders and sail
LOCH TARBERT at 1330B 14th April by Medri route to Malta,
frigates on E.T.A. 1130B 17th April.
passage to 3. Acknowledge.
U.K. and (Capt. (L) 140901B to LOCH KATRINE, LOCH TARBERT,
Reserve from Admiralty. C. in C. Med.)
E.I.

URCHIN E.T.A. Suez 0800B April 16th request daylight
destroyer passage. Intend to proceed Gibraltar on
on passage completion of fuelling Port Said. 305 tons
to U.K. required. S.O.A. 14 knots. Clean Bill of Health
and reserve. held on board.
(URCHIN 141225Z to N.O.I.C. Port Said. C. in C.
Med.)

S/M. P.711 Request information whether reply to F.O.L.E.M.
office for 261255 March may be expected shortly.
purchase. (Capt. (L) 141235B to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.)

Movements. CHILDERS arrived Haifa from Beirut 1100/14th.
(S.N.O.A. Haifa 141801B to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.
S.N.O.L.A.)

D.S. S/M. Sail at 1000B 15th to Gibraltar, speed 11 knots.
O.21 on E.T.A. a.m. 22nd. Report accurate T.O.A.
passage Gibraltar when known.
to Holland. 3. Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 141901A to D.S. S/M. O.21)

QUEEN My 221910/ March (Para. 3).
Carrier Old (F) Auxiliary Feed Pump Motor requires new
trooping water chamber and valve box. Type 185 G.P.M.
defects. Worthington Harrison N.J.(G) Main Feed Pump
Motor. Armature and spare armature require
rewinding.
(H) Port Boiler Air Blower Fan. Spare Armature
requires rewinding.
(J) Main Engine Room exhaust fans one armature requires
rewinding one armature requires commutator skimming.
(K) Evaporator crine pump motor requires complete overhaul.
2. Items (F) (G) (H) and (J) have been included in my letter
Number 5388/9 of 6th April 1945 (not to Admiralty). All these
defects have developed recently and cannot be made good with
ship's resources making good is considered essential to maintain
sea going efficiently trooping.
3. Forward lift is defective and although not absolutely
essential for trooping its unserviceability will make conditions
in the hangars unhealthy and extremely uncomfortable during the
next trip when heavy rain can be expected.

14.4.1946.
Sunday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean contd...

QUEEN
Carrier
trooping
defects.

4. Estimate of 21 days was for making good items (A) to (E) if programme forecast in Admiralty message 281141/ March (not to A.S. Portsmouth) is to be met. It will be necessary to afford the highest priority to the ships refit to make good the essential items.
(QUEEN 142210Z to Admiralty)
/ Re arrival in U.K. and essential repairs etc.,
/ Programme of Naval Trooping Vessels sailing from U.K. in April and May 1946.

14.4.1946.
Sunday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

SALVALOUR
salvage
vessel
for Persian
Gulf with
L.C. 27
in tow.

1. Sail from Bombay, with L.C. 27 in tow, for
Muscat at 1000EF Monday 15th April. Speed of
advance 6 knots.
4.. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Bombay 141026EF to SALVALOUR.)

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

E.I.T.M. 43. Take ships addressed under your
orders and sail in position from Aden as follows:
(A) 0700C 15th.
(B) Suez for U.K.
(C) 9 knots.
Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Aden 141147 to M.S.6. Admiralty.
C. in C.E.I. POSTILLION, PERSIAN, PELORUS,
LENNOX, LIGHTFOOT, MELITA, IMERSAY, LINGAY.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

TOTLAND P.C.S. 37. 42 North, 30. 30. West, 270 degs.
Cutter 10 knots.
GORE Barometer - 1018, wind west south west, 32
frigate air 65, visibility 7, partly cloudy.
returning 2. On reaching 60 degs. west intend detaching
to U.S.A. EMULOUS to Bermuda for fuel and onward routeing
to Norfolk. TOTLAND and GORE proceeding direct
to Boston.
(TOTLAND 141200 to C.N.O. C. in C. Lant.
Comnob Bermuda. C.T.F. 24.)

Far East and Australia.

Escort Your 060207/ and Admiralty's 101841. Propose
vessels the ships referred to be sailed for U.K. as
in B.P.F. follows:
reduction (A) WOODCOCK, REDPOLE in June and in company.
of. (B) CRANE and PHEASANT in July, either
independently or in company.
(C) WHIMBREL in August.
2. It is considered necessary that due to the
mechanical state of WOODCOCK she should be sailed in company
with REDPOLE and before CRANE.
3. Order of return has otherwise been decided with regard
to dates on which ships left U.K. for Eastern Theatre of
operations.
(Capt. Escort Forces 140316 to C. in C. B.P.F. Admiralty.)
(Appd. 152045Z)

Hong Kong My 220235 March. Revised vote ten estimate is
communications 3,300 pounds.
estimates 2. Vote eight estimate on revised basis total of
Stonecutters 400 K.W. for W/T power required. Approximate
W/T. cost vote eight electrical work including oncosts
23,000 pounds, which provides for new submarine
cable from Kowloon, two transformers total
400 K.W. for W/T and additional 150 K.W.
transformer for R.N. Armament Depot expansion additional standby
400 K.W. Diesel alternator cable, H.T. and L.T. switchgear and
installation work.
3. Tentative layout for original 500 K.W. arrangement being
carried by Electrical Captain Bomford in charge for advance
information of D. of D. The 400 K.W. installation now proposed
would be similar in principle.
4. Local approval has been given for:
(A) Erection of Rhombic masts.
(B) Erection of 180 foot mast at main station.
(C) Erection of overhead transmission poles and lines.
Total cost £950.
5. Details of estimates are being forwarded by letter.
(C. in C. B.P.F. 141416 to Admiralty. Commodore Hong Kong.)

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GENERAL.

Volunteers Admty. 152245 A.G.M. Home and Abroad 340A, and
for extended 152253A A.G.M. Home and Abroad 341A.
service scheme See Lion Copy. *See 251935A -*

FOREIGN STATIONS,

North Atlantic.

MYRLAND, MYRLAND left Coruna 1245A/14th April at 8 knots
firefloat, for Plymouth. E.T.A. 1600A/16th April.
on passage (2) W/T transmitter out of action.
to U.K. from (F.O.G.M.A., 150946B to C. in C. Plymouth,
Medn. Stn. MYRLAND, Admty.)

HOLM SOUND Request you divert HOLM SOUND to Spithead to
A/C component discharge personnel and mail referred to in HOLM
ship on pas- SOUND 121607* paras. 3 and 4.
sage to U.K. (2) On completion C. in C. Portsmouth is requested
from B.P.F. to sail ship to Rosyth.
(3) HOLM SOUND report E.T.A. Spithead to C. in
C. Portsmouth and Admiralty.
(D.O.D., 151311A to F.O.G.M.A., HOLM SOUND.)
* N.T. in W.D.

CHIEFTAIN, E.T.A. Gibraltar 1430Z/16.
destroyer, (CHIEFTAIN, 151800Z to F.O.G.M.A., C. in C. Med.)
allocated
to Med.Fleet.

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152245A April

To:- A.G.M. Home and Abroad 340A. Date 15. 4. 46.

P/L

From Admiralty.

Applications are invited from men who fulfil the conditions set out below to volunteer for extended service for either 3 or 4 years from the date of signing.

2. Men eligible Extended Service Engagements are open to ratings of the branches shown in A.F.O. 362/45, paragraph 2 (except that Electrical Mechanics, Naval Airmen (T.G.) and Photographers are NOT eligible). In addition, the following branches are eligible:- Signalmen (A/M) Signalmen (T/P.) Motor Mechanic, Air Fitter, Leading Patrolmen.

Royal Marines, other ranks, including Band ranks, are also eligible, but not Royal Marine Engineers.

All men of the branches to which the scheme is open are eligible:-

- (a) If still serving on "Hostilities Only" engagements with not less than 2 years full time service.
- (b) If, having left the service, whether from Regular or Hostilities Only engagements, they have had not less than 2 years full time service since the outbreak of war. Pensioners are excluded.

NOTE: 1 Reference 2 (a) above. Naval ratings should sign Form S. 55 with the period of engagement amended to read 3 or 4 years as the case may be. Continuous Service Time expired other Ranks R.M. and H.O. Volunteers R.M. will re-engage for the appropriate period on Form S. 367 suitably amended. H.O. Ranks called up under the National Service Acts will attest for the appropriate period on Form R. 105 suitably amended.

NOTE: 2 Men under para. 2(b) wishing to re-engage who have been discharged or are on release leave should make application in accordance with the rules laid down in para. 7 of A.F.O. 7544/46. The rate to be held by Naval ratings who re-enter under this order will follow the rules laid down in para. 9 of A.F.O. 7544/45. Further signal will be made as to the rank in which Royal Marines will re-enter.

3. Character and efficiency. Candidates of all branches must normally have a continuous "V.G" character, but one assessment not lower than "Good" will not debar. Last two efficiency assessments not less than "Satisfactory".

4. Medical Standards. Candidates must reach the medical standard laid down in Appendix 2 to A.F.O. 362/45.

5. Duration of scheme. Re-engagement under this scheme will be open for a limited period only. The re-engagement of men in any particular rate may be stopped at any time before the cessation of the whole scheme, depending on numbers required.

6. Term of Engagement. Engagements will be for either 3 or 4 years from the date of signing, at the option of the applicant. It will not be permissible subsequently to change from a 3 year to a 4 year engagement but transfer to regular engagement, including to complete time for pension, where applicable, will be considered at any time during currency of the special extended service engagement.

7. Special Conditions.

- (a) Pay. Scales of pay will be those applicable to the Services generally. Where no break in service occurs, men will have full rights to any war-excesses or carry-over of family allowance for which they may be qualified on turnover to the new pay code on 1st July, 1946. These full rights will also be retained by men with a break in service provided they re-enter before 1st July, 1946.
- (b) Bounty. A bounty of £33. will be paid to each man in class 2(a) above on signing the engagement, and he will be authorised to buy, if he desires, an outfit of civilian (repetition) civilian clothing from Service sources without coupons for £8. at any time within the currency of his engagement. Each man is required to state on signing whether he will or will not take up a suit on repayment. Men in class 2(b), that is, those who have already been released and received clothing benefits, will be paid a bounty of £25. only.
- (c) Gratuity. A gratuity at the rate of £25. for each year's service on the special engagement will be accumulated and paid on discharge at the end of

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the engagement. The maximum, therefore, that can be received by a man who takes a 4-year engagement is £125, plus £8. or a civilian outfit in lieu. Men invalided during the engagement will receive a proportionate gratuity. Men discharged prematurely for any other reason than invaliding or misconduct will receive £25. for each completed year's service of the engagement, and a gratuity of £25. for the incomplete year, reduced by £3. for each month or part of a month by which it falls short of a complete year (subject to a maximum deduction of £25). No gratuity will be payable to men discharged for misconduct. A man who completes 22 years' service during the currency of a special engagement will be entitled to count the whole of his full-time service including special engagement time as reckonable service for pension, but in that event he will not be eligible for any terminable gratuity.

(d) Leave. Men still serving who sign special engagements will be eligible for :-

- (i) 28 days re-engaging leave.
- (ii) 28 days End of War leave.
- (iii) 28 days terminal leave on completion of engagement.

End of War leave may be postponed and taken together with terminal leave, making 56 days in all on discharge. Men who re-enter will not receive re-engaging and End of War leave if they have already received 56 days release leave.

(e) Civilian Outfit. Men who complete their E.S. Engagements will be eligible for a civilian outfit on discharge even if they have already taken one (or gratuity in lieu) in accordance with (c) above.

8. Men who are accepted for E.S. engagements will forfeit any rights they may possess under the Reinstatement in Civil Employment Act.

9. Reports. Commanding Officers are to report to Admiralty for Director of Manning, copy to Depot concerned, in the case

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of Royal Marines to C.G.R.M. and appropriate division, (by air mail abroad), the following particulars in respect of each individual who signs one of these engagements:-

- (a) Name.
- (b) Port Division and Official Number.
- (c) Substantive and non-substantive rating.
- (d) Seniority
- (e) Age and Service Group.
- (f) Engagement signed, and commencing date
- (g) Engagement on which the man was serving prior to re-engagement, with date of expiry.

Ships which do not bear their own accounts are also to forward a copy of these reports to their parent ships.

10. A separate signal follows showing that men on S.S. and C.S. and pensionable engagements which do not expire whilst the special engagements are open, can participate in this scheme.

11. Powers will be sought to exempt the initial bounty and terminal gratuity from Income Tax.

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152253A/April

TO: A.G.M. Home & Abroad 341A.

DATE: 15.4.46.

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FROM: Admiralty

1. Their Lordships have decided that Naval ratings and R.M. other ranks serving on regular engagements on the first day the special scheme referred to in A.M. 340A is in operation, shall be able to qualify for similar benefits provided they fulfil the requirements set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of that signal, and can complete extended service before reaching the age of 50.

2. Such men who, before 31st October, 1946, undertake to extend their service for three more years after the expiry of their existing engagement, if their services are then required, will qualify for the benefits listed below. No undertaking can be given that they will be retained for any or all of that period since this will depend on requirements at the time the existing engagement expires and on whether they are suitable in all respects for retention.

3. Men who so bind themselves will receive:-

- (a) On signing the undertaking a bounty of either:-
 - (i) If they have not already received a civilian outfit, £33. plus an authorisation to purchase a civilian clothing outfit from Service sources for £8. without coupons at any time within three years, or
 - (ii) if they have already received civilian clothing benefits (i.e. in general, men re-entered on regular engagements after leaving the Service after 16th October, 1944) £25.
- (b) A terminal gratuity of £25. in respect of each year of service which they ultimately give in their supplemental period.
- (c) Leave as in A.M. 340A paragraph 7 (d) (i) and (iii). Re-engaging leave cannot however be taken immediately but may be accrued and granted if possible at the time of expiry of the present engagement if the man concerned is retained for supplemental service. End of war leave will also be granted if not already taken.

4. This terminal gratuity 3 (b) above will be in addition to any discharge benefits, pension or gratuity which they may have earned by their service prior to the supplemental period but their supplemental service will not reckon for increase in any discharge benefit for which their previous service may have qualified them. Men who contract for extended service after completing pensionable service may count their supplementary service for increase of pensions or for gratuity but not both. They will not be eligible in either case to draw their pension until completing supplementary service.

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5. These terminal gratuities will be subject to the rules sent out in A.M. 340A as regards premature discharge during the supplemental service period, etc.,
6. Boys and apprentices serving on regular engagements on the first day the Extended Service Scheme is in operation will not be eligible to enter into continuation engagements but such of them as reach the age of 18 on or before the 31st October, 1946 may on or before that date complete an undertaking in writing to execute an engagement in due course for supplementary service and will then be qualified for initial bounty and terminal gratuity as in 3 (a) (i) above.
7. Men or boys (including apprentices) entering into regular engagements on or after the first day of the Extended Service Scheme, not having served previously in the forces or having served previously for a period of less than 2 years, will not be entitled to complete supplemental engagements.
8. Men who by reason of their previous service would have been eligible to enter into Extended Service engagements but who instead elect to enter into a regular engagement will be entitled to complete in addition an undertaking in writing to execute in due course an engagement for supplemental service, provided they do so on or before 31st October, 1946. They will be eligible for initial bounty under 3 (a) (i) or (ii) and for terminal gratuity under 3 (b). Men similarly eligible for entry on an E.S. engagement who enter instead on a regular engagement after 31st October, 1946 will not be eligible to execute a supplemental service engagement or undertaking.
9. No engagement for supplemental service may run for more than three years, nor may any man execute such an engagement after 31st October, 1946, except to complete an undertaking given before that date.
10. A man now serving on a C.S. engagement of 12 years from the age of 18 who desires to re-engage to complete time for pension may postpone his liability for the three years supplemental service referred to above until he completes time for pension provided that he gives a new undertaking in writing to execute the necessary engagement in due course. He will then be able in accordance with paragraph 4 above to count the supplemental period for increase of pension.
11. Men serving on S.S. engagements of 7 years with a liability of 5 years reserve service who undertake supplemental service will, if accepted, be required to perform a total of 10 years service with the Fleet plus 5 with the reserve and the 3 years supplemental period will not be set off against the 5 years reserve liability.

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12. Men whose regular engagements expire whilst the E.S. Scheme in A.M. 340A is in force should be dealt with in accordance with that order.

13. Reports. C.O.'s are to report to Admiralty for Director of Manning, copy to Depot concerned in the case of Royal Marines C.G.R.M. and appropriate R.M. Divisions (by air mail abroad) the following particulars in respect of each individual who undertakes supplemental service:-

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| (a) | Name |
| (b) | Port Division and Official Number. |
| (c) | Substantive and non-substantive rate. |
| (d) | Seniority |
| (e) | Present engagement and date of expiry. |

Ships which do not bear their own accounts are also to forward a copy of these reports to their parent ship.

14. Powers will be sought to exempt the initial bounty and terminal gratuity from Income Tax.

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for Head of Naval Branch. (Q.A.M. 461).

4 The undertaking should be in the following form and should be signed in duplicate one copy being forwarded to D.N.A. or C.G.R.M. and other retained with the man's Service Certificate.

"I hereby undertake to extend my period of Service for 5 years beyond the date of expiry of my present engagement, if my services are required, in accordance with the conditions of A.G.M. "

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 M. (Books) (2).
 N.I.D. 10 (3).
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 C.N.M.O. (2).
 S.N.O. Force Pluto.
 C.O.H.Q. (2).
 Hd. of S.W.R. (2) Bath.

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Mediterranean.

Loan of mine- sweepers to Greeks for period of mine clearance operations. Your 301056 March approved. (Hd. of M.I., 151211A to C. in C. Med., Capt. M/S Med.)

F.S. SOMALI, Intend sail Port Said at 1700B Tuesday 16th for Bizerta speed 15 knots, E.T.A. a.m. Saturday 20th French communications and broadcast M.A. from E. I. Stn. (SOMALI (F.S.), 151420B to Comar Bizerta, Admty.)

re Aircraft in IMPLACABLE for Ceylon. Your 111224. Seafires referred to are Mark XV (Admty., 151721A to F.O. Air E.I., R.A.R.A., IMPLACABLE.)

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East Indies.

Weekly M/S Report No. 17 (1) Current operations.
A. Serial 18. Berhala Strait 11th M.S.F. completed magnetic sweeping of E.F.M.I. 366 to two negative actuations total of 10 mines detonated commenced wire sweeping of E.F.M.I. 430.
B. Serial 19. Banka Straits 7th M.S.F. completed magnetic sweeping of E.F.M.I. 298. Flotilla returning to Singapore for maintenance.
C. Serial 21. Nicobars. No further information to my 111057 March.
D. Serial J. Dindings. 152nd M.S.F. completed area D. of E.F.M.I. 65. One mine detonated. Flotilla returning to Singapore
E. Serial L. Moulmein River. Force 18 completed clearance of Moulmein River.
F. Serial Q. Bangkok Force 19 commenced magnetic sweep of Goh Sichang 4 mines detonated.
G. Serial R. Kedah River. 166th M.S.F. returning to Singapore for maintenance.
(2) Future operations nothing to report.
(F.O.M.F.A., 150912 to C. in C. E.I., Admty.)

PLANET,
B.D.V. E.I.T.M. 43. Sail from Bombay as follows -
A. 1200 EF/17th April. B. Karachi. C. 7 knots.
G. Onward routeing to Aden. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Bombay, 150953 EF to PLANET, Admty.)

Burma.
Moulmein,
opening of
port. In anticipation of the approval on the responsibility for the Port of Moulmein has been transferred to the authorities under control of this Port Officer Moulmein C. in C. E.I. 111454 refers. Bouyage of the navigable channel and resurvey of alternative swept channel is being pressed forward. Anticipate port will be fully open to steamer traffic by 20th instant. Particulars of navigational aids and safe loading draughts being promulgated.
(R.N.O. Moulmein, 151050 to C. in C. E.I., N.O.I.C. Rangoon.)

FENCER,
trooping. E.I.T.M. 43 sail from Aden as follows -
A. 1730/156? B. Suez for U.K. C. 16 knots.
Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 151545, to FENCER, Admty.)

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Far East and Australia.

PENN,
S/M tar-
get ship.

My P.C.S. 10° thence 7 mins. S. 125° 08' E. 075°
13.5 knots. E.T.A. Darwin 0330Z/16th April.
(PENN, 150130Z to F.O.S.A., S/M 4, Admty.)

IMPLACABLE,
A.C.1, for
U.K. programme

A.C.N.B. is requested to sail IMPLACABLE wearing
the flag of A.O. 1 to U.K. when ready on 5th May
carrying out following programme.

<u>E.T.A.</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>E.T.D.</u>
16th May	Trincomalee	18th May
23rd May	Aden	23rd May
28th May	Suez and transit to Port Said	27th May
3rd June	Plymouth.	

(3) Admiralty is requested to divert private air mail for A.C.1
and staff and IMPLACABLE which cannot arrive Sydney by 3rd
May accordingly.

(F.O.S.A., 150606 to Admty., A.C.N.B.(W), A/C S.1, IMPLACABLE.)
Cancel my 020129.

(F.O.S.A., 150609 to Admty., A.C.N.B., A.C.1.)

R.N. help in
carrying wheat
from Aus-
tralia to
Ceylon to
avoid famine
in India.

My 050029 following are details of further ship-
ments of wheat. Read in 3 columns.

<u>Ship</u>	<u>Number of bags</u>	<u>Gross weight</u>
FORMIDABLE	1,408	112 tons 18 cwt.
ATHELING	625	49 tons 5 cwt. 3 qrs.

Consignee and agents are as in my 100621 request
you will arrange onward shipment to Bombay.
(V.A.(Q), 150701 to C. in C. E.I., F.O. Ceylon,
Admty.)

EURYALUS,
cruiser,
programme.

Following programme has been arranged for EURYALUS.

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Depart</u>	<u>Hongkong</u>
14th April	19th April	21st April
24th April	Saigon 28th April	
1st May	Hongkong.	

(C. in C. B.P.F., 150702Z to Admty., C. in C. E.I.)

INDOMITABLE,
trooping,
proceeding
direct from
Fremantle
to Aden.

As it is expected to fill the ship to maximum
capacity at Sydney and total numbers on board are
likely to be over 2900 including large numbers of
invalids, Wrens and V.A.Ds. it is proposed to make
passage direct from Fremantle to Aden.

(2) At about 17 knots this will shorten time taken
to get home and save oil fuel.

(3) It will avoid worst of monsoon which will have
broken by then and thus enable full ventilation
to be kept going and deck recreation to be continued

(4) Request approval.

(INDOMITABLE, 151010C to Admty., C. in C. E.I.)
Approved 161115A.

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Far East and Australia - Contd.

Manchuria
evacuation
of, by
Russians.

094872. MA/220 Cypher 15th April.
Officially announced Russians evacuated Changchun
14th April. Chinese officials state city sur-
rounded by Communists. Government troops reported
13th April approaching Ssupingkai but may take one
week to reach Changchun.
(Mil. Attache, Chungking, 151530G to W.O. (M.12),
C. in C. India, Naval Staff Officer Shanghai.)

Reduction of
escort vessels
B.P.F.

Your 140316. Approved.
(2) Ships company may be informed.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 152045Z to Capt. Escort B.P.F.,
Admty.)

ALACRITY,
A.A. sloop.

Departure Auckland ALACRITY for Gisborne en
route Timara Bluff and Sydney. E.T.A. Gisborne
2230Z Tuesday 16th April.
(N.Z.N.B., 152107Z to Admty.)

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North Atlantic.

DEVONSHIRE,
cruiser,
trooping
to U.K.

Sailed Port Said 0800/16 to Gibraltar for onward
routeing to Portsmouth.
(2) Speed 20 knots, E.T.A. 1000/20.
(4) All times B.
(DEVONSHIRE, 160900B to F.O.G.M.A., Admty.,
C. in C. Med.) *Should be under Mediterranean p. 81.*

PATROLLER,
trooping
to U.K.

Sail 1200B/16th April to Plymouth.
(2) Speed 16, E.T.A. 0800A/1st April.
(3) Constant watch on Gib. B/C shifting to Home
Station organisation 2200A/17th April.
(6) Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A., 160919B to PATROLLER.)

PERIM,
TORTOLA,
frigates,
returning
to U.S.A.
with landing
craft.

PERIM, TORTOLA and all landing craft sailed from
Las Palmas 1700Z/16th April. Present speed 10
knots.
(PERIM, 161820Z to F.O.G.M.A., Admty.)

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DEVONSHIRE
Cruiser. Sec
previous page.

Final
GRADISCA's
sitrep.

Mediterranean.

(1) My 131630* (N.T. in W.D.) part 8 completed with GRADISCA now keeps W/T watch on 500 k/cs only.

(2) Fresh water and yeast supplied today provides GRADISCA's present complement with rations for 10 days approx.

(JED?, 161240B to S.B.N.O.(G), C. in C. Med.)

* GRADISCA situation report.

3rd and 4th
D.Fs. Med.
return of
one J class
destroyer
to U.K.

Your 130937.

Observing that CHIEFTAIN should arrive at Malta 20th April, and the desirability of reducing to a minimum the time spent in effecting crossing relief, request you will if possible return at least one J class destroyer to U.K. early in May.

(2) CHIVALROUS is due to commission on 29th April. (A.C.N.S.(O), 161342A to C. in C. Med.)

See 191058.

Trawler,
minesweepers
for transfer
to Italians.

HORNPIPE, GRAIN, GAVOTTE, OTHELLO, proceed in company at 1400B/17th for Naples.

(2) Routes as direct as safe navigation permits and in accordance with Vedri.

(3) Speed 10 knots to be adjusted to arrive daylight 19th.

(4) Italian communications.

(5) Acknowledge.

(C. in C. Med., 161619 to M/M 167, HORNPIPE, GAVOTTE, GRAIN, OTHELLO, N.O.I.C. Naples.)

HOLM SOUND,
on passage
to U.K. from
B.P.F.

(1) Intend to sail HOLM SOUND at 171000A to Gib.

(2) Speed 10 knots, E.T.A. 190700A.

(3) Direct.

(Comar Alger, 161650A to HOLM SOUND, F.O.G.M.A.)

Movement.

Sailed 16th April CHEVIOT 0600 for Beirut.

(S.N.O.(A) 4, 161826B to C. in C. Med., Admty., S.N.O.L.A.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Burma.
Moulmein,
Port of
R.N.O. to
remain to
assist in
evacuation
of Japanese.

My 111454. R.N.O. Moulmein has been directed to remain at Moulmein until further orders to assist in evacuation of Japanese.

(2) Notwithstanding the above propose that he should transfer responsibility for the administration of the port to civil authorities now.

(C. in C. E.I., 160925 EF to Governor Burma, S.A.C.S.E.A., Admty.)

PETARD,
destroyer,
with VIRTUE,
S/M in tow.

E.I.T.M. 43. Take VIRTUE in tow and sail from Penang (A buoy) as follows -
A. 1100 GH 18th April. B. Trinco. C. Via Q.C.A. 538. G. PETARD and VIRTUE slip as necessary to M/V A Buoy at 1100 GH. Acknowledge.

(R.N.O. Penang, 161030 GH to VIRTUE, PETARD, C. in C. E.I., Admty.)

VENGEANCE,
A/C.

E.I.T.M. 43 sail from Singapore as follows -
A. 1130 GH 17th April. B. Kure. C. 19½ knots. D. W.C. 271. Acknowledge.

(F.O. Malaya, 161241 GH to VENGEANCE, Admty., C. in C. E.I.)

INDOMITABLE,
trooping,
outwards.

E.I.T.M. 43. Sail from Aden as follows -
A. 1000C/17th. B. Colombo. C. 19 knots. Acknowledge.

(N.O.I.C. Aden, 161245 to INDOMITABLE, Admty., C. in C. E.I.)

D.S. TROMP
cruiser,
for Holland.

E.I.T.M. 43. Sail from Aden as follows -
A. 1900C/16th. B. Suez for Ymuiden. C. 15 knots. Acknowledge.

(N.O.I.C. Aden, 161830C to TROMP (D.S.), Admty.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

BALLINDERRY, Arrivals 15th April BALLINDERRY with M.M.S. 222
frigate. in tow.
(Com. i/c Bermuda, 161406Z to C. in C. A.W.I.,
Admty.)

U.S. dis- Change my 092000. Atlantic. Serial 226
positions, MISSOURI at Naples. PRINCETON, TARAWA, ^{RANKLIN} FAD.
Atlantic. ROOSEVELT, MACON, ATTU, at Norfolk. BENNINGTON,
PRINCE WILLIAM at Canal I. HELENA at Rosyth
Scotland. DENVER at New London. JUNEAU at
Guatanamo. WASHINGTON, CLEVELAND, FARGO, at sea.
(C.N.O., 162130Z to Admty.)

Operational Pacific Summary 61. Operational naval units,
units Pacific southeast Pacific none.
Pacific Coast - NEW YORK, PENNSYLVANIA, NEVADA,
IOWA, ARKANSAS, SARATOGA, INDEPENDENCE, BAIROKO,
RENOVA, BARNET, NASSAU, SICILY, ST. PAUL, SALT
LAKE CITY, PENSACOLA, AMSTERDAM, OKLAHOMA CITY, SPRINGFIELD,
MIAMI, ASTORIA, TUSCAN 26, DD en route U.S. SHANGRI LA, CAPE
GLOUCESTER, SITKOH BAY, COLUMBUS, DD. En route Pearl Point Crus
Paget Sound. At Pearl LEXINGTON, HANCOCK, Bandoeng Strait,
FALL RIVER 24 DD.
North Pacific none. South Pacific none. Southwest Pacific none.
West Pacific BOXER, ANTIETAM, SIBONEY, CHICAGO, BREMERTON, Los
ANGELES, HOBART, ARGONAUT, BELFAST, DULUTH, TOPEKA, ATLANTA, 28 DD.
(C.N.O., 162132Z to Admty.)

Far East and Australia.

VICTORIOUS, A.C.N.B. is requested to sail VICTORIOUS for U.K.
A/C, trooping. when ready on 23rd April, carrying out following
programme.

<u>E.T.A.</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>E.T.D.</u>
28th April	Fremantle	29th April
6th May	Ceylon	9th May
14th May	Aden	14th May
17th May	Suez & transit to Port Said	19th May
23rd May	Gibraltar	24th May
25th May	Plymouth	

(2) VICTORIOUS will call at Trincomalee to disembark aircraft
before proceeding to Colombo.
(F.O.S.A., 160036Z to Admty., A.C.N.B.)
See 201117 E.I.

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Far East and Australia - Contd.

INDOMITABLE,
trooping,
to proceed
direct from
Fremantle to
Aden.

INDOMITABLE's 151010. No Admiralty objection.
(D.O.D., 161115A to F.O.I.C. Sydney, C. in C.E.I.)

Lend-lease
rescue tugs.
re Delivery
dates at
Subic
(Philippines)

Request re-delivery dates at Subic of following
lend-lease rescue tugs may be reported -
EMINENT, FLAUNT, ORIANA, FLARE, DESTINY, EMPHATIC.
F.O.M.F.A. 021555* and EMINENT 060819 refer.
(Capt. i/c Rescue Tugs, 162329A to C. in C. B.P.F.,
Cdre. Hongkong.)
See 200504 and 221222 E.I.

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GENERAL.

Volunteers
for
Extended
Service
Scheme.

Admiralty 172234A to A.G.M. 357A.
See Lion Copy.

MESSAGE.OUT

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172234A/April

A.G.M. 357A (B5).

Date 10.4.46.

P/L.

From Admiralty.

Extended Service Scheme

A.G.M. 340A of 15th April.

This scheme is devised to encourage trained men entitled to leave the Service under the release scheme to remain in or to re-enter the Navy where their services are urgently needed.

2. The number of men now serving on regular engagements falls short of the manning needs and some years will be required to build up the regular force by voluntary recruitment to an adequate strength. In addition the Navy is unbalanced as between different categories of ratings. The extended service men will fill the gap during the ensuing critical manning years, and the numbers accepted will be adjusted to secure the required balance between the different categories in the post war fleet.

3. The response needed during 1946 to achieve the desired result amounts to about 26,000 extended service engagements which represents about 1 in every 12 of those eligible by length of service who would otherwise be released.

4. A.G.M. 341A of 15th April.

This part of the scheme is applicable to men now serving on regular engagements which do not expire immediately and is devised to give them, if they so desire, the benefit of the special terms now open to those about to be released.

5. At this stage it is not possible to predict how many volunteers for extended service from this source will be required to honour their re-engagements in due course and thus subsequently earn the gratuity provided in the scheme. The re-engagements will be adjusted according to the needs of the Navy at the time and instructions will be issued by A.F.C. for controlling the actual re-engagements to the numbers and in the categories required.

6. Commanding Officers are to ensure that all ratings are informed about these schemes and that facilities are available for the details to be explained by responsible officers to any men who are interested.

172234A.

for 2nd Sea Lord,
Q.A.M. 353.

Full Admiralty Distribution,

DGC.
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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

S/M TRUANT
on exercises.

Surfaced. My P.C.S. 41 degs. 01 mins. north,
11 degs. 07 mins. west, 347 degs., 14.5 knots.
Diving for 25 hours.
(TRUANT 171201 to F.O.G.M.A. Admiralty. F.O. S/M's
Capt. (S) 5.)

ARIADNE
fast
minelayer
on passage
to U.K.
from F.East
for reserve.

Sail 0830B 20th April to Plymouth.
2. Speed 15. E.T.A. 0630A 23rd April.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 171206B to ARIADNE. Admiralty.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

URCHIN
destroyer
on passage
to U.K.
from B.P.F.
for reserve.

Sailed URCHIN from Port Said 2030Z 16th April.
(B) Destination Gibraltar.
(C) Route direct 2/1 Medri number 22. S.O.A.
14 knots.
(F) E.T.A. Gibraltar 1300Z 22nd April.
(URCHIN 171130B to F.O.G.M.A.)

15th
Cruiser
Sqn.
reliefs.

Your 131048. It is hoped that PHOEBE will
arrive in Mediterranean early in June. It is
not yet possible to give a date for LEANDER.
(D.O.D. 171403A to C. in C. Med. C.S.15.)

See 061146 May.

BEAULY FIRTH
Aircraft
engine repair
ship on
passage to
U.K. from
B.P.F.

Intend sailing 1000Z 18th April for Gibraltar,
following Medri routes 20/3 and 2/1.
2. S.O.A. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ knots. E.T.A. 0600B 26th April.
(BEAULY FIRTH 171430 to F.O.G.M.A. N.O.I.C.
Port Said.)
My 171430. Request facilities for discharge
of 6,500 gallons of 100 Octane spirit in bulk
on arrival. Spirit can be pumped over by ship.
2. Reason for discharge is possible destination
of ship in U.K. is a commercial port.
(BEAULY FIRTH 171500Z to A.S. Gibraltar.
C. in C. Med.)

Movement.

Arrived 17th April CHEQUERS 1200 from Alexandria.
(S.N.O.(A) Haifa 171800C to C. in C. Med.
Admiralty. S.N.O.L.A.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

VOX,
VORACIOUS
A/S Training
Submarines
on passage
to U.K.

Position of VORACIOUS and VOX at 0130Z 17th
08 degs. 15 mins. north, 83 degs. 30 mins. east,
course 278 degs. speed 10 knots. E.T.A. of VOX
and VORACIOUS at Trincomalee 1430Z 17th.
Accommodation is requested from p.m. 17th April
for 8 Officers, 20 Petty Officers and 46 Ratings,
it is also requested that arrangements may be
made for transferring 2,000 dollars Malay into
rupee Ceylon.
(VORACIOUS 170132Z to F.O. Ceylon. Com. Trinco.)

ARTIFEX
Heavy
repair
ship with
wheat for
India to
return to
U.K. from
B.P.F.

Proceed to Colombo for any complement adjustment
required by H.M.S. GOULD.
Proceed thence to Bombay to unload wheat and
thence to U.K.
You will not now be required at Trincomalee.
(C. in C.E.I. 170902 to ARTIFEX, C. in C. B.P.F.
F.O. Ceylon.)

FRIENDSHIP
M/S on
passage
to U.K.

Intend following programme for FRIENDSHIP all
dates May unless shown otherwise.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
-	Trinco.	18th April.
24th April.	Bombay.	26th April.
3rd May.	Aden.	4th.
10th.	Suez.	10th.
10th.	Port Said.	13th.
18th.	Malta.	20th.
24th.	Gibraltar.	26th.
31st.	Portsmouth.	-

2. Fuel at Bombay, Aden, Port Said, Malta, Gibraltar.
3. Fuelling at Malta is desirable due to vessels light condition.
4. Admiralty is requested to divert mails accordingly.
(C. in C.E.I. 170918 to Admiralty.)

FERNMOOR
Boom Carrier
on passage
to U.K.

E.I.T.M. 43 sail from Trincomalee as follows:
(A) As convenient on completion of fuelling
18th April.
(B) Aden for onward routing to U.K. calling
Malta to disembark moorings.
(C) 10 knots.
Acknowledge.
(C. in C.E.I. 170935 to FERNMOOR. Admiralty.)

/ARGONAUT...

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies. contd...

ARGONAUT
Cruiser
with C. in C.
Hong Kong
embarked.

E.I.T.M. 43. Sail from Singapore with C. in O.H.K.
embarked as follows:

- (A) 2300GH 17th April.
 - (B) Hong Kong.
 - (C) Speed as requisite to comply with C. in C.
H.K's. instructions.
 - (F) p.m. 20th April or a.m. 21st April.
- Acknowledge.
(F.O.M.F.A. 171112GH to ARGONAUT. Admiralty.)

ASSIDUOUS
with A.F.D.49
in tow for
Singapore.

E.I.T.M. 43. Sail from Trincomalee with A.F.D.49
in tow as follows:

- (A) As convenient p.m. 18th April.
 - (B) Singapore.
 - (C) As convenient for towing.
 - (D) W.C. 271.
 - (G) Report P.C.S. 0130 G.M.T. daily to C. in C.
- E.I. (R) Admiralty, F.O. Ceylon and also

F.O.M.F.A. when East of 95 degs. East.

- (H) Two.
- (I) M.W.K.B.

Acknowledge.

(C. in C.E.I. 171626 to ASSIDUOUS. Admiralty.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

C.T.G. 96.8.
in BELFAST.
Movement.

(B) BELFAST, WARRAMUNGA.
(C) C.T.G. 96.8 in BELFAST.
(D) Kure.
(E) 0005Z 17th.
(F) 14 knots.
(H) Kobe.
(I) 0500 18th.
(C.T.G. 96.8 170004 to C. in C. B.P.F. Admiralty.)

Reduction
of destroyers
in B.P.F.

It is proposed that reduction of the number of destroyers in the B.P.F. to 8 should be effected in Oct. with the release of BARFLEUR, CAMPERDOWN, TRAFALGAR and ARMADA and that subsequently HOGUE, FINISTERRE and LAGOS in that order should be released on arrival of CONSORT, COMUS and

CORSO. Request confirmation that ships will return to U.K. when released.

(C. in C. B.P.F. 170256 to Admiralty. R.A.F.)
(Appd. 181757)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

PERSIMMON,
L.S.I. (L),
on passage
to U.K.
from E.I.

Sail at 1100B/18th April to Portsmouth.
(2) Speed 14, E.T.A. Spithead 1900A/21 April.
(6) Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A., 181027B to PERSIMMON.)

OXNA,
COPINSAY,
trawlers,
for U.K. and
for disposal.

Take COPINSAY under your orders and sail p.m.
20th April to Plymouth.
(2) Speed 6, E.T.A. 28th April.
(6) Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A., 181707B to OXNA, COPINSAY, Admty.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

TYRIAN,
destroyer,
on passage
to U.K.
from B.P.F.

Departed Port Said 0900Z/18, S.O.A. 14 knots.
E.T.A. Gibraltar 0500Z/24.
(TYRIAN, 180905 to F.O.G.M.A.)

MAHROUSSA,
King of
Egypt's
yacht,
survey, etc.

Your 061253A March not to C.S. Malta.
(1) Ship is of iron construction but in view of
age 80 years consider essential MAHROUSSA should
have complete hull survey and further life
assessed before decision can be made for extensive
reconstruction. Last survey 1919 at Portsmouth.
Suggest survey be carried out at Malta (?Yard).

(2) If survey satisfactory ship available
immediately after for firms representative to visit and consider
reconstruction proposals in order to estimate cost.

(3) Request decision concerning survey at Malta.

(4) H.M. is very anxious to keep the yacht in service. If the
survey at Malta shows the ship not to be suitable for extensive
reconstruction it is requested she may be docked at Malta and
given any necessary minor repairs.

(5) Report on reconstruction proposals is being forwarded after
preliminary inspection by M.C.D. and C.E. Alex.

(S.B.N.O. M.E., 181150B to Admty., C. in C. Med.) See 011419A MAY.

LOCH KATRINE,
LOCH TARBERT,
frigates,
on passage
to U.K.

Take LOCH TARBERT under your orders and sail at
0700B/22nd April by appropriate Medri route to
Gibraltar for onward routeing to Portsmouth.

(2) Speed 12 knots, E.T.A. Gibraltar 1730B/25th.

(4) Acknowledge.

(C. in C. Med., 181207 to LOCH KATRINE, LOCH
TARBERT, V.A.M.)

SURSAY,
attached
danlayer
on passage
to E.I.

Sail at 0630B/22nd April by appropriate Medri
route to Port Said for onward routeing to Colombo.

(2) Speed 10 knots, E.T.A. Port Said 0630B/26th.

(4) Acknowledge.

(C. in C. Med., 181209 to SURSAY, S.O. M/S 11,
V.A.M.)

Cancelled by 220952.

Alex. A/S
fixed
defences.

A.M. 190211 Sept. ?A. Reply has been received
from the Egyptian Authorities that they intend to
take over A/S fixed defences at Alexandria and that
instructions have been given to the coast guard
Administration to send complement of (?officers)
and ratings for training to operate indicator loops.

(2) The Egyptian Authorities state they cannot accept H.D.A.S.
as these were not included in original defence scheme.

(3) The training of the Egyptian personnel will be commenced at
the earliest opportunity.

(4) The H.D.A.S. and equipment will be removed from the stations
before handing over, request disposal instructions.

(5) The question of (?payment) for the indicator loop will be
taken up with the Egyptian Authorities.

(S.B.N.O.M.E., 181211 to Admty., C. in C. Med.) see 021945A

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East Indies.

F.S. GLOIRE, cruiser. E.I.T.M. 43. Sail from Singapore as follows -
 A. 1600 GH 18th April. B. Colombo. C. 18 knots.
 F. a.m. 22nd April. Acknowledge.
 (F.O.M.F.A., 180231 GH to F.S. GLOIRE, C. in C.
 E.I., Marine Paris.)

D.S. WILLEM VAN DER ZAAAN minelayer, for passage to Holland. WILLEM VAN DER ZAAAN, D.S., is to proceed on Monday 22nd April to Holland for refit. Crew consists mainly of repatriated R.N.N. personnel. E.T.D. Batavia 22nd April 1200 GH. Route along east coast Sumatra to escort British L.C.Ts. to Singapore. S.O.A. on further voyage 10 knots. Sailing programme runs as follows -

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Leave</u>
2nd May	Colombo	3rd May
7th May	Bombay	11th May
18th May	Aden	18th May
24th May	Suez/Port Said	27th May
4th June	Gibraltar	5th June
11th June	Rotterdam.	

Dates are approximate. Voyage to be speeded up at C.Os. discretion. Crossing of Indian Ocean is to be completed before the southwest monsoon starts.

- (3) D.S. WILLEM VAN DER ZAAAN has no B.N.L.O.
- (5) D.S. WILLEM VAN DER ZAAAN is under my orders until arrival at Port Said when she comes under orders of C. in C. R.N.N. Holland (B.D.Z.)
- (6) N.O.I.C. Batavia is requested to sail D.S. WILLEM VAN DER ZAAAN to Colombo. N.Os. i/c in ports of call are requested to issue further routeing and sailing orders.
 (C. in C. R.N.N.E., 180849 GH to C. in C. E.I.)

Movements, Dutch A/A ship and S/M. Arrivals JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK, TIJGERHAAI, L.C.T. 1105. Departures nil.
 (N.O.I.C. Sourabaya, 180900 to Admty., C. in C.E.I.)

CONSTANCE, destroyer, on passage to B.P.F. Sail from Aden as follows - A. 1500/18th. B. Colombo. C. 14 knots. G. C. in C. B.P.F.'s 120306 not to Admiralty refers. Acknowledge.
 (Com. Aden, 181005C to CONSTANCE, Admty., C. in C. E.I.)

Hospital ships, etc. dispositions etc, 18.4.'46. VITA H/S, defitting for release, E.T.C. end of April. AMARAPOORA H/S, refit and repair. E.T.C. 22nd April. VASNA H/S, defitting for release to owners. MONOWAI repairing. E.T.C. p.m. 17th to fuel. Sails light Cocos Is. 19th April. STRATHNAVER sailed 16th U.K. embarked ORONTES sailed Singapore 16th embarked. EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA cleaning, embarks, sails U.K. 20th. CHITRAL cleaning, embarking, sails Singapore 19th. EMPIRE TROOPER disembarked. Cleaning, embarking sails Singapore 19th. VARSOVA arrived 15th, discharging cargo to repair and refit. SAMTAY loaded 977 tons stores and 112 M.T. for Japan fitting magazine loading ammn. embarks. OCEAN GYPSY sailed Paran 17th April loaded 470 tons stores, 907 M.T.
 (S.S.T.O. Bombay, 181506 EF to P.S.T.O.)

/FERNMOOR...

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East Indies - Contd.

FERNMOOR,	Intend following programme for FERNMOOR.		
boom carrier,	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart</u>
on passage	-	Trincomalee	18th April
to U.K.	28th April	Aden	29th April
from B.P.F.	5th May	Suez	5th May
	5th May	Port Said	7th May
	11th May	Malta	16th May
	19th May	Gibraltar	20th May

Admiralty is requested to signal destination in U.K.
 (3) Fuel at Aden, Port Said, Gibraltar. Embarked approx. 150
 naval passengers including 6 W.R.N.S. Officers to U.K. 3000 tons
 moorings including 450 tons for Malta.
 (C. in C. E.I., 181511B to Admty., C. in C. Med.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

CAPE WRATH,
maintenance
ship.

Ship was painted with spray gun. Rust is already showing through, ship will be in no condition to enter New York flying the White Ensign. Intend to enter Jamaica to paint ship's side and those parts of upper works that cannot be painted at sea. This should prove economy in every way. My 100145Z. E.T.A. Balboa 26th April. (CAPE WRATH, 180525Z to B.A.D., B.A.T.M., N.S.H.Q.)

Far East and Australia.

Movement.

B. BIGBURY BAY. D. Shanghai. E. 1200/18 April. A. Taku Bar and return Shanghai. (S.O. Force S, 180116Z to C. in C. B.P.F., Admty., Comnav China.)

C.S. 2 in
BELFAST.

Arrived Kobe BELFAST wearing flag of C.S.²~~P.W.G.~~
H.M.A.S. WARRAMUNGA in company.
(S.O. Force T, 180945Z to C. in C. B.P.F., Admty., A.C.N.B.)

Reduction
of destroyers
in B.P.F.

Your 170256 approved except that it is desired that the return of the last Battle should not be dependent on arrival of C.O.R.S.O. Para. 4 of your 300355 March refers.

(2) No date can yet be estimated for commissioning of CONSORT and COMUS but it is hoped that they will join British Pacific Fleet before October. If so, request that you will return a Battle on receipt of information that relief has left Mediterranean to join your station.

(3) If later you find it possible to reduce total numbers to 7 earlier than October, request you will do so.

(4) Confirmed that Battles will return to U.K. They will probably go into reserve.

(5) Request your appreciation of number of escort vessels required in British Pacific Fleet on assumption that one flotilla of destroyers remains.

(V.C.N.S., 181757A to C. in C. B.P.F., R.A.D.B.P.F.) See 140610 May.

. 4120054 July.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Levant
Destroyer
Patrol Force
reduction of.

A.M. 161342 being passed.
Request you will report whether you consider there is any objection in present conditions to Levant Destroyer Patrol Force being (?reduced) to 7 ships.
-2. If not, Capt.(D) 14 is to sail one of JERVIS and JAVELIN to arrive Malta by May 1st to adjust (?complement) prior to returning to U.K. (C. in C. Med. 191058 to S.N.O.(A) Haifa. Capt. D.(14).)
(See 201012)

NIGERIA
Cruiser
for working
up in Med.
preparatory
to joining
S. Atlantic
Station.

NIGERIA will sail from Plymouth about 15th May to work up at Malta.
2. It is desired that ship shall reach her station as soon as possible. Working up of L/A gunnery and torpedo can be completed on South Atlantic Station.
(D.O.D. 191325 to V.A.M. C. in C. Med.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

A.F.D. 27. Arrived ENFORCER towing A.F.D. 27 ENVOY departed CONSTANCE.
(N.O.I.C. Aden 190900C to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)

Movements A.F.D. 49. Trincomalee 18th April arrivals. nil.
Departures FERNMOOR, L.S.T. 3017, FRIENDSHIP, ASSIDUOUS towing A.F.D. 49.
(C. in C.E.I. 190900EF to Admiralty, F.O. Ceylon.)

Movements. H.M. Movements Thursday 18th April.
Departures PETARD with VIRTUE in tow, LOCH CRAGGIE.
(R.N.O. Penang 190900 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)

Gunboats Movements. Intend to sail from Nancowry as follows with APHIS, COCKCHAFER and BELGOL in company.
(A) 1030FG 19th April.
(B) Penang.
(C) 9 knots.
(F) 1200GH 21st April.
(G) For oil and water from BELGOL.
(SCARAB 190925FG to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty.)

VOX, VORACIOUS A/S training S/M's re disposal of. VOX and VORACIOUS now at Trincomalee will be ready to sail about 25th April.
2. VIRTUE towed by PETARD. E.T.A. Trincomalee 23rd April will require towing to final destination.
3. S.R.N.O. Bombay has received offer of rupees ILAKH 50,000 for these submarines to be delivered Cochin S.R.N.O. Bombay's 181143 (N.T. in W.D.) not to all.
4. Request early decision as to disposal. *See 250955*
(C. in C.E.I. 191132 to Admiralty. F.O. S/M.)

RANEE Trooping. Sail from Colombo as follows:
(A) 1815 20th April.
(B) Singapore calling at Penang.
(C) 16 knots.
Acknowledge.
(F.O. Ceylon 191756EF to RANEE. Admiralty.)

19.4.1946.
Friday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

Movements.

Arrivals 15th.

- A. Fremantle. ARTIFEX.
- B. Sydney. VICTORIOUS.
- C. Townsville. BUNGAREE.
- D. Dredger. MANOORA.

Departures.

- A. Sydney. SPRIGHTLY and tow for Newcastle. VENERABLE for Fremantle. TRUNCHEON, TIRELESS, ARMADA, for Brisbane.
 - K. Melbourne. BATAAN for Portland.
 - C. Adelaide. SWAN, KATOOMBA, WARRNAMBOOL, ROCKHAMPTON, TOWNSVILLE, MILDURA, DUBBO, ARARAT, BUNBURY, COWRA, LITHGOW for Melbourne.
 - D. Thursday Island. HART and tow for Hong Kong.
 - E. Dredger. MANOORA for Kure.
- (A.C.N.B. 190954 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. N.Z.N.B.)

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20.4.1946.
Saturday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

DEVONSHIRE
Trooping.

Sail 2000B 20th April to Portsmouth for o/r
Plymouth.
2. Speed 20. E.T.A. 0800A 23rd April.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 200925B to DEVONSHIRE. C. in C.
Plymouth.)

D.S/M.O.21
on passage
to Holland.

E.T.A. Gibraltar Monday 22nd April 1000B.
Request pilot on entering harbour as I have
no chart.
(O.21 (D.S.) 201215B to F.O.G.M.A.)

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Saturday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

HUNDA
trawler
on passage
to U.K.
for disposal.

Sail at 1300B 20th April to Gibraltar for o/r
to U.K.
2. Routed as direct as safe navigation permits
and in accordance with Medri.
3. S.O.A. 10 knots. E.T.A. p.m. 24th April
exact E.T.A. to be reported to F.O.G.M.A. 24 hours
in advance.
5. Armament and Asdic gear has been removed.
6. Captain Lund Larson Norwegian Surveyor
embarked.
7. Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med. 200823B to HUNDA.)

Reduction
of Levant
Destroyer
Patrol
Force.

No objection. Your 191058 refers.
2. Capt. (D) 14 nominates JAVELIN to comply
with para. 2.
(S.N.O.(A) Haifa 201012C to C. in C. Med.)

Movements.

Port Said April 20th.
Arrivals - D.S. TROMP 1745 20th from Aden.
F.S. SENEGALAIS 1735 20th from Aden.
L.S.T. 3009 1800 20th from Aden.
Departures - FENCER 1900 20th to Malta, 16 knots
constant watch on M ?F broadcast.
CAPRICE 0600 20th to Gibraltar, 14 knots, communications,
constant.
CAMBRIAN 0600 20th to Gibraltar, 14 knots communications,
constant.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 202004B to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.)

20.4.1946.
Saturday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

I.S.
ERITREA
Sloop.

Request you sail ERITREA as convenient to Singapore for onward routeing to Shanghai 9. (C. in C.E.I. 200841 to F.O. Ceylon. Admiralty. ERITREA.)

JAMAICA
cruiser
for P.G.

JAMAICA sails from Karachi in accordance with E.I.T.M. 43/46 as follows:
(A) 0900 LF Monday April 22nd.
(B) Muscat.
(C) 12 knots.
(F) 0700DE Wednesday 24th April.
(?) Request you acknowledge.
(Navycharge Karachi 201011EF to Admiralty. JAMAICA.)

F.S.
LE TRIOMPHANT
light cruiser
on passage.

E.I.T.M. 43 sail from Colombo as follows:
(A) 0600EF 22nd April.
(B) Aden.
(C) 15 knots.
Acknowledge.
(F.O. Ceylon 201112 to LE TRIOMPHANT. Admiralty. C. in C. Med.)

VICTORIOUS
trooping.

Your 160036. Would prefer VICTORIOUS to proceed to Colombo before Trinco. (C. in C.E.I. 201117 to F.O.S.A. Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F.) *See 220/38*

PERSEUS
Aircraft
maintenance
ship on
passage
to U.K.

E.I.T.M. 43 sail from Aden as follows:
(A) 1800 20th.
(B) Suez for U.K.
(C) 14 knots.
Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Aden 201220 to PERSEUS.)

KELANTAN
M/S
Maintenance
ship on
passage.

E.I.T.M. 43. Sail from Singapore as follows:
(A) p.m. 21st April.
(B) Aden.
(C) 10 knots.
(G) Acknowledge.
(KELANTAN 201715GH to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty. F.O. Ceylon.)

20.4.1946.
Saturday

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Far East & Australia

C. in C.
B.P.F.
in
SWIFTSURE.

H.M.S. SWIFTSURE arrived Shanghai flying flag
of C. in C. B.P.F.
(S.O. Force S, 200432Z to Com. G. Hong Kong).

Lend lease
rescue tugs
re delivery
dates at
Subic
(Philippines)

Request you reply to A.M. 162329 as these lend
lease tugs were not in B.P.F.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 200504 to F.O.M.F.A.)
See 2212222 E.I.

VENERABLE
A/C.

Departed Fremantle 0600Z/20th April VENERABLE
for Colombo. F.O.S.A's 130046 refers route
direct speed of advance 22 knots E.T.A. Colombo
0430Z/26 April.
(N.O.I.C. Fremantle, 200635 to F.O. A/C 1)

ATHELING
trooping.

Departed Fremantle 0800Z/20th April ATHELING for
Colombo. F.O.S.A's 180212Z refers. S. of A.
16 knots. E.T.A. Colombo 0430Z/28 April.
(N.O.I.C. Fremantle, 200838Z to F.O. A/C 1)

21.4.1946.
Sunday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

D.S.
TROMP
cruiser
on passage
to Holland.

Intend to sail:

- (A) 0800C 22nd April.
 - (B) Gibraltar E.T.A. Saturday 27th April. a.m.
 - (C) 15 knots.
 - (F) Acknowledge.
- (H.N.M.S. TROMP 211200Z to F.O. Gibraltar.)

21.4.1946.
Sunday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Transport
QUEEN OF
BERMUDA.

Transport QUEEN OF BERMUDA sailed 2025EF 20th April for Kilindini. E.T.A. 0800Z 26th.
2. Requirements Kilindini Furnace oil 1000 tons fresh water 1200 tons. Master request 36000 hammocks be supplied on arrival.
3. Personnel disembarked Colombo nil.
(A) British Army Officers 2.
(B) Dutch A.P.W.I. Males 4 females 1. Total 7.
4. Draught on arrival Kilindini 27 feet.
(S.T.O.Ceylon 210900EF to S.S.T.O. E. Africa.)

I.S. ERITREA.

E.I.T.M. 43 sail from Colombo ES F.O.G.W.S.
(A) 1200EF 22nd April.
(B) Singapore.
(C) 12.5 knots.
(G) For onward routeing to Hong Kong A.B.D. Shanghai. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Ceylon 210951 to I.S. ERITREA.)

21.4.1946.
Sunday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

GORE
Frigate
TOTLAND
cutter
returned
to U.S.A.

H.M. Ships GORE and TOTLAND arrived.
(B.N.L.O. Boston Mass. 211930Z to Admiralty.)

22.4.1946
Monday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

MAURITIUS,
cruiser,
for Med.
Fleet.

Sail 1145B/23rd April via Medri routes to Malta.
(2) Speed 14, E.T.A. 0900B/26th April.
(5) Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A., 221113B to MAURITIUS, C.S. 15, Admty.)

D.S. O.21
for Holland.

Sail 1800B/23rd April via Necri routes to Rotterdam
(2) 10, E.T.A. 1000Z/30th April.
(F.O.G.M.A., 221155B to D.S. O.21, Admty.,
C. in C. R.N.N. Holland.)

South Atlantic.

Movement.

FAL sailed from St. Helena p.m. 22nd April.
(FAL, 221431Z to C. in C. S.A., Admty.)

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Monday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

SURSAY,
danlayer,
for E.I.

Cancel my 181209B*
(C. in C. Med., 220952 to SURSAY, S.O. M/S 11.)
* re Sailing of SURSAY to Port Said for onward
routeing to Colombo.

Movement.

Arrived 22nd April CHEVIOT, 1700 from Beirut.
(S.N.O.(A) Haifa, 221809 to C. in C. Med., Admt.)
Port Said April 22nd arrivals 1700B/22nd L.S.T.
3001 and 3024 from Aden.

Departures 0800B/22nd D.S. TROMP to Gibraltar 15 knots
communications constant 2000B/22nd F.S. SENEGALAIS to Bizerta
and Toulon 15 knots.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said, 221833B to C. in C. Med.)

FANCY, M/S
in collision
with SS.
EMPIRE
TEGLEONE,
tanker
(782 tons)

In collision with SS. EMPIRE TEGLEONE of London
which is now in Malta. No damage to H.M. ship.
(FANCY, 221925 to Admiralty.)

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Monday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

ASSIDUOUS
with A.F.D.
49 on pas-
sage East.

Position at 0130Z 07.18 N. 87.26 E. course 102°.
(2) Forward apron A.F.D. 49 tearing off forward
pontoon leaking badly. One generator completely
out of action second generator defective as
result pumps unable to keep pontoon dry.
(3) Consider advisable return Trincomalee for
repair.

(4) Have eased down to two knots. Damage inspected by my
engineer officer. Request instructions.
(ASSIDUOUS, 220230Z to C. in C. E.I., Admty., F.O. Ceylon.)

My 221227 (N.T. in W.D.) not to all.

At 0130Z/22nd ASSIDUOUS towing A.F.D. 49 to Singapore, C.S. 7°
18' N. 87° 26' E. 102°, 2 knots. Dock has sustained damage and
is leaking. ASSIDUOUS generators defective and pumps therefore
insufficient.

(2) Dockyard constructor will embark in CARRON with particulars.
(3) Sail when ready to give assistance. It is at your discretion,
being guided by the advice of the dockyard constructor, whether
dock continues to Singapore or returns to Trincomalee.
(4) Amend my 221220 accordingly.

(C. in C. E.I., 221235 EF to CARRON, ASSIDUOUS, F.O. Ceylon.)
Sail from Trincomalee as follows -

A. As soon as ready. B. To R/V with ASSIDUOUS. C. 20 knots.
My 221227 (N.T. in W.D.) (not to all) refers. Acknowledge.

(C. in C. E.I., 221220 to CARRON, Admty., F.O. Ceylon,
F.O.M.F.A., D.6.) See 240915.

Movements,
gunboats.

Sunday 21st April. Arrival SCARAB with APHIS,
COCKCHAFFER and BELGOL in company.
(R.N.O. Penang, 220900 to Admty.)

M.S. report
No. 18.

(1) (Ketaan Toee?) Current operations.
A. Serial 18. Berhala Strait. 11th M.S.F.
completed wire sweep of E.F.M.I. 430. No mines
swept. Flotilla at Singapore.
B. Serial 19. Banka Straits. 7th M.S.F.
completed magnetic sweep of E.F.M.Is. 298 and 32.

No mines detonated this completes serial 19. Flotilla returned
to Singapore and sails 23rd April to commence serial 3.

C. Serial 21. Nocobars. No further information to my 011057
March.

D. Serial J. Dindings. 152nd M.S.F. completed E.F.M.I. 65. No
further mines detonated. 152nd M.S.F. at Singapore.

E. Serial L Moulmain. Force 18. Sweeps swept alternative channel
at Natmaw crossing and ferry route to Martaban. No mines
detonated. Force proceeded to Tavoy River to commence serial N
on 19th April.

F. Serial Q. Bangkok. Force 19 completed magnetic sweep of Goh
Sichang Anchorage. Total of 9 mines swept. Betan magnetic sweep
G R Bangkok River, 1 mine detonated.

G. Serial R E Kedah River. Sweeping completed. No further mines
detonated. 166th M.S.F. at Singapore.

(2) Future operations. Nothing to report.

(F.O.M.F.A., 221025 to C. in C. E.I., Admty., S.A.C.S.E.A.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies - Contd.

ENNERDALE, L.S.G. on passage to U.K. Sail as convenient p.m. 22nd April for Aden for onward routeing to U.K. in accordance with S.R.N.O. Bombay's 191149. (3) Acknowledge. (F.O. Bombay, 221113 EF to ENNERDALE, Admty., C. in C. E.I., C. in C. Med.)

Lend-lease tugs re-delivered at Subic. A.M.162329A. All six tugs were handed over on 13th April. (F.O.M.F.A., 221222 GH to Admty., B.A.D.)

AMRITSAR, A/S patrol vessel with H.D.M.Ls. for Persian Gulf. Take three H.D.M.Ls. in tow and sail from Bombay as follows -
A. 1400 EF 22nd April. B. Muscat. C. 6 to 7 knots. G. To return to Bombay on completion calling at Karachi if necessary for bunkers. I. AMRITSAR acknowledge. (F.O. Bombay, 221240 EF to AMRITSAR, Admty.)

INDOMITABLE, A/C trooping. 548C 29th December. Sail from Colombo as follows. A. 0830/23rd April. B. Fremantle. C. 19 knots. D. W.C. 276. Acknowledge. (F.O. Ceylon, 221255 to INDOMITABLE, F.O.I.C. Sydney, N.O.I.C. Fremantle.)

Movements. Arrivals Singapore 21st April - GOLD RANGER, GLENPOOL, U.S.S. GUADALUPE. Departures, KELANTAN, D.S. VAN GALEN and 1 L.C.T., 4 M.Ls., L.S.T. 3508, WAVE GOVERNOR. (F.O.M.F.A., 221500 GH to Admty., C. in C. E.I.)

WHITE BEAR, surveying vessel. Sail from Singapore as follows -
A. 0830 GH 23rd April. B. Port Swettenham area. G. Act in accordance with programme in para. 2 of your letter No. 720/100 of 29th March not to all. (F.O.M.F.A., 221539 to WHITE BEAR, Admty., C. in C. E.I.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America & West Indies.

ANTIGUA,
LABUAN,
frigates,
returned
to U.S.A.

ANTIGUA and LABUAN arrived. T.O.O. 22100OR.
(B N.L.O. Boston, 221641Z to Admty., B.A.D.)

CAPE WRATH,
maintenance
ship.

CAPE WRATH due Canal zone 28th April. When ready
Compaseafiron sail to New York via Jamaica.
Comeastseafiron sail onward New York to St. John's
Newfoundland.
(C.N.O., 222140Z to C.P.S.F., C.E.S.F.)

Far East and Australia.

VICTORIOUS,
A/C.

Comply with C. in C. E.I.'s 201117.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 220138 to VICTORIOUS, C. in C.
E.I.)

EURYALUS,
cruiser,
for F.I.
China.

B. EURYALUS. D. Labuan. E. 2300Z/21st April.
F. 14 knots. G. Direct. H. Saigon. I. 2300Z/23rd
April at Cap St. Jacques. L. In accordance with
553P.
(EURYALUS, 220242Z to C. in C. B.P.F., Admty.,
R.N.O. Saigon.)
Following from C. in C. E.I.

"Would prefer VICTORIOUS to proceed to Colombo before Trincomalee."
(2) Act accordingly.
(A.C.N.B., 220246Z to VICTORIOUS, N.O.I.C. Fremantle.)

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Tuesday.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Foreign Stations.

Mediterranean.

Mediterranean
Station
change of
command.

1. Admiral Sir Algernon U. Willis, K.C.B., K.B.E.,
D.S.O. today assumed command of the Mediterranean
Station in succession to Admiral Sir John H.D.
Cunningham, G.C.B., M.V.O.

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Tuesday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

DUNCANSBY
HEAD escort
maintenance
ship on
passage to
U.K. to be
paid off
with reserve.

Sail 1800B/24th April via Necri routes to Harwich.
(2) Speed 10, E.T.A. a.m. 1st May.
(6) Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A., 231036B to DUNCANSBY HEAD, Admty.)

URCHIN, des-
troyer on
passage to
U.K. from
B.P.E and
reserve.

Sail 1700B/24th April to Harwich.
(2) Speed 14, E.T.A. 1600A/28th April.
(6) Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A., 231042B to URCHIN, Admty., C. in C.
Nore.)

OCTAVIA, M/S
returning to
Malta after
refit at
Gibraltar.

OCTAVIA sail 1400B/26th April Medri routes to Malta.
(2) Speed 10, E.T.A. 1500B/30th April.
(6) OCTAVIA acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A., 231706B to OCTAVIA, Admty., M/S 5,
C. in C. Med.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Admiral Sir
Algernon U.
Willis,
assumed
command of
Med. Station.

Admiral Sir Algernon U. Willis, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.
S.O. has today Tuesday 23rd April assumed command
of the Mediterranean Station in succession to
Admiral Sir John H.D. Cunningham, G.C.B., M.V.O.
(C. in C. Med., 230804 to Admty., C. in C. E.I.)

S/M P.711
offer for
purchase.

Propose to approve F.O.L.E.M.'s 261255 March.
Captain (L) 141235 refers.
(C. in C. Med., 231147 to Admty., Capt. (L))

C. in C. Med.
in LIVERPOOL

LIVERPOOL is to leave Haifa p.m. April 29th and
proceed to Alexandria where C. in C. Med. will
embark in her.

(2) Wearing the flag of C. in C. Med. LIVERPOOL is
to leave Alexandria p.m. May 1st and return to
Haifa.

(3) Further signal will be made regarding her subsequent
movements.

(4) Owing to this change of programme AJAX is to leave Naples
p.m. April 24th and proceed direct to Haifa to coastal convoy
duty as S.N.O.(A) (Haifa).

(5) Cancel my 231018*. Amend para. 7 my 161154 neither to all.
(C. in C. Med., 231428B to LIVERPOOL, AJAX, Capt. (D) 14.)

* Not yet identified.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

ASSISTANCE Intend following programme for ASSISTANCE, all
auxiliary dated May unless shown otherwise.
repair ship
for return Arrive Place Depart
to U.K. 2nd Singapore 26th April
15th Trincomalee 5th
21st Aden 16th
22nd Suez 22nd
1st June Port Said 24th
7th June Gibraltar 2nd June
7th June Portsmouth
(2) Fuel at Trincomalee, Aden, Port Said, Gibraltar.
(C. in C. E.I., 230840 to Admty., C. in C. Portsmouth.)

F.S. GLOIRE, Sail from Colombo as follows -
cruiser, A. 1708/23rd April. B. Aden. C. 15 knots.
on passage. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Ceylon, 230930 to F.S. GLOIRE, Admty.,
C. in C. E.I.)

Gunboats on E.I.T.M. 43. Take APHIS, COCKCHAFFER, BELGOL
passage. under your order and sail from Penang as follows -
A. 1300 GH 24th. B. Singapore. C. 9 knots.
G. Acknowledge.
(R.N.O. Penang, 231017 to SCARAB, Admty., C. in
C. E.I.)

FORMIDABLE, E.I.T.M. 43. Sail from Colombo as follows -
A/C, trooping A. 1100/24th April. B. Aden. C. 20 knots.
homewards. (F.O. Ceylon, 231230 to FORMIDABLE, Admty.,
C. in C. E.I.)

Netherlands For M.O. 12. To 0800 hours 23rd April, 1946.
East Indies West Java. A. Batavia.
Oprep. Looters broke roof and entered warehouse 968052.
Guard from own troops fired. Handed seven looters
over to civil police Glodok. U Brigade patrol to
West of Tjilintjing encountered and blocked own
casualties nil. P Sing attacked 0400 hours by approx. 100 men.
Attack beaten off. One D.O.R. wounded. Det Depot. Patrol fired
at 900798 fire returned and area searched. Own casualties one
wounded. 1 R.J. patrol near Kampong Tjkeonir 1389 attacked.
Attack beaten off. Enemy dispersed towards Bekasi. Own
casualties nil. Report states one of enemy casualties suspected
to be Japanese soldier. Buitenzorg. Body of squadron leader
Borchall brought to Buitenzorg on 21st April. Civil police
report two Surasnan families murdered area Tjipajoeng 0747
night 19/20th April. 9 murdered including two children. 2 sur-
vivors now in Buitenzorg. 4 murderers arrested. Tjiandjoer.
N.T.R. Bandoeng. North. All quiet. N.T.R. South. 1/9
(or 149) R.I. clash with Indons 868113. Own casualties nil.
Patrols to Lampongs Sourabaya 899185 and Tjibogo 910180 en-
countered armed Indons. Lembang. Indon attempt to blow br.

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Netherlands 884303 at 2305 hours 20th April foiled. Patrol
 East Indies investigated but found nothing. On return patrol
 Oprep. ambushed by fire and L.M.G. fire in Lempong 895292.
 (Contd.) Patrol reinforced and enemy (?closed in) by own mors.
 B. N.T.R.
 C. 36 Brigade H.Q. and 8 F.F.R. arrived Batavia.
 D. Dutch locs. H.Q. Regtl. Group moved ex Polonia.
 I-I Regtl. Group moved Tjimanggi to Tjibonong. British Logram 5
 R.A.J. R.I.F. less three companies and 1 platoon 876292. Company
 less one platoon 870250 platoon 875249. 3/10 G.R. relieved 1
 Seaforth Lembang and Isola. 3/3 G.R. conc. area 8524.
 Central Java.

A. Semarang. East. 221221 Indon mors bombed area own positions
 984116-984121-987134-990106. Position at 987134 subjected to
 close range L.M.G. and mortar fire. Own troops returned fire.
 Own casualties nil. 222030 hours 1 storm troops engaged sus-
 pected mortar positions at 002119 also searched areas to north
 and south. South. 220615 patrol 2/13 R.I. fired on by Indons
 at road block 959048. Indons withdrew. Patrol then attacked by
 Indons in Japanese uniform from three sides. Relief patrol also
 encountered heavy opposition at 954050. Own troops engaged
 this point. Both patrols then withdrew. Party engaged 952049.
 Own casualties nil. 21100 art engaged large group Indons
 962022. West. N.T.R.

B. - D. N.T.R.

East Java.

A. 9 Brigade. Night 21/22nd April slight jittering Gedangan
 5066 otherwise N.T.R. 1 N.M. brigade. Jittering of patrol
 bases Bringkang 3277 and Menganti 3577 during night 21/22nd
 April. Bali. Patrol area X.G. 1437 captured 8 terrorists.
 Ombok. No reports received.

B. - D. N.T.R. Sumatra. N.T.R.

Outer Islands.

A. Borneo. N.T.R. South Celebes. Kilaka 4° 05' S. 121° 35' E.
 Missing N.C.Os. and men returned with arms. 4 rifles taken from
 extremists 20th April. 52 arrests made. Whole Koraka population
 and some police had joined (?reb) white party. Situation now
 well in hand. Remainder outer islands. N.T.R.

B. - D. N.T.R. All informed.

(A.F.N.E.I., 231445 GH to W.O.)

7th M/S F.
to Borneo.

Sail from Singapore as follows -

A. p.m. 25 April. B. Sarawak River (pending).
 C. 11 knots. F. 1100 GH 27 April at entrance to
 Sarawak River. G. R.N.O. Kuching is requested to
 arrange movement of PICKLE to Kuching when SS.
 DAKVAD leaves. Date understood to be 29 April.
 M.S. 7 acknowledge.
 (F.O.M.F.A., 231931 GH to M/S 7, Admty.,
 C. in C. E.I.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America & West Indies.

U.S. Atlantic Change my 162130. Atlantic. Serial 227.
dispositions. WASHINGTON at Boston. MISSOURI at Algiers.
BENNINGTON, MINDORO, PRINCE WILLIAM at Norfolk.
HELENA at Southampton. DENVER at Bermuda.
CLEVELAND at Newport. COLUMBIA, MONTPELIER at
New London. LARGO at Guantonomo. PRINCETON, MIDWAY, F^{AD}.
ROOSEVELT, MACON, LITTLE ROCK, DAYTON, SALERNO BAY, SAIDOR at sea.
(C.N.O., 232140Z to Admty., Comnaveu.)

Far East and Australia.

C.S. 2 in B. BELFAST, WARRAMUNGA. C. C.S. 2 in BELFAST.
BELFAST. D. Kobe. E. 0100Z/23. F. 14 knots. H. Yokohama.
I. 0600Z/24.
(S.O. Force T, 230119 to C. in C. B.P.F.,
Capt. D. (?), Admty.)

Hongkong. All vessels sunk at Hongkong or in its approaches
Salvage of were either scuttled before the evacuation or sunk
vessels, by us or Allied bombing. It would appear there-
Government fore, that the salvage or removal of all vessels
responsibility sunk in these waters is a Government responsibility.
The vessels are either Government owned or
Chartered and some Neutral or Allied vessels cap-
tured by the Japanese or Japanese vessels.

- (2) The Japanese vessels are being salvaged where possible and handed over to the Chinese Government against payment of salvage expenditure. Some Japanese ships are dispersal and removal cases.
- (3) It is not intended to retain more than one salvor class vessel on the State after the typhoon season is over the salvage programme in prospect can be met by the lifting craft boom vessels and lifting pontoons.
- (4) It is possible by the end of September that except for three or four cases the bulk of the salvage work will be completed but it depends upon the ruling at (1) whether the remainder are Government liabilities in which case it is preferable they be undertaken by R.N. Salvage Organisation.
- (5) Customary close association is maintained between P.S.V.O. and Boom Vessels are used wherever practicable on salvage.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 230639Z to Admty., Com. Hongkong.)
My 230639 is in reply to A.M. 121220Z.
(C. in c. B.P.F., 230640Z to Admty.)

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V.A.(Q)
lapse of
appointment.

The flag of Vice Admiral J.W. Rivett Carnac C.B.,
D.S.C., will be hauled down at sunset on Saturday
27th April.
(V.A.(Q), 230821Z to C. in C. B.P.F., Admty.)

VICTORIOUS,
trooping.

Departed Sydney 0810Z/23rd April VICTORIOUS for
Fremantle. F.O.S.A.'s 160035, not to all, refers.
Route via Bass Strait, S.O.A. 20 knots, E.T.A.
Fremantle 0900 hours 28th April.
(F.O.I.C. Sydney, 231026Z to N.O.I.C. Fremantle,
A.C.N.B., N.C.I.C. Port Melbourne.)

BLACK PRINCE,
cruiser,
2nd C.S.

Arrived Dunedin BLACK PRINCE.
(N.Z.N.B., 232045Z to F.O.I.C. Sydney, C.S. 2.)

Pacific Sum-
mary 62.

Operational Naval Units. South East Pacific.
BARNES, PACIFIC COAST, NEW YORK, PENNSYLVANIA,
NEVADA, ARKANSAS, IOWA, SARATOGA, SHANGRI LA,
INDEPENDENCE, BAIROKO, RENDOVA, ST. PAUL, COLUMBUS,
SALT LAKE CITY, PENSACOLA, SITKOH BAY, SICILY,
AMSTERDAM, PASADENA, OKLAHOMA CITY, SPRINGFIELD, MIAMI, ASTORIA,
TUCSON, 27 DD.
En route U.S. HANCOCK, POINT CRUZ, BADOENG STRAIT, 5 DD.
En route Pearl NASSAU, PUGET SOUND, SIBONEY, at Pearl LEXINGTON,
FALL RIVER, 20 DD.
North Pacific None. South Pacific None. Southwest Pacific None.
West Pacific BOXER, ANTIETAM, CHICAGO, BREMERTON, LOS ANGELES,
BELFAST, ARGONAUT, DULUTH, TOPEKA, ATLANTA, 28 DD.
(C.N.O., 232130Z to Admty.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

South Atlantic.

NIGERIA
Cruiser
for Med.
for working
up prior
to joining
South
Atlantic
Station.

Following is intended programme for NIGERIA.
Sail from Plymouth 15th May.
Arrive Malta 22nd May.
Sail from Malta as required by C. in C. South
Atlantic on completion of work up about 18th June.
(D.O.D. 241950A to C. in C.S.A. V.A.Malta. NIGERIA.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

British Naval Mission to Greece. Duties and responsibilities of. Can final directive regarding duties and responsibilities of British Naval Mission to Greece be provided now.
2. A.M. 021227/ March refers.
(C. in C. Med. 241201 to Admiralty. S.B.N.O. Greece)
Final directive will be issued by Foreign Office in near future.

see Army. 031539 Army C. Med.

M/S 6 on passage to U.K. My 221045B. Intend to sail from Port Said p.m. 27th April in POSTILLION with PERSIAN, PELOROUS, MELITA, LENNOX, LIGHTFOOT, LINGAY, IMERSAY arriving Malta a.m. 2nd May.
(S.O. M/S 6 241430 to C. in C. Med. M/S 6. Admiralty)

SURSAY danlayer 11th M/S on passage. Sail at 1000B 26th April by appropriate Medri routes to Port Said for onward routeing to Colombo.
2. Speed 10 knots. E.T.A. 0900B 30th.
4. Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med. 241753 to SURSAY.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

CARRON Your 231435 (N.T. in W.D.) and 231445 (N.T. in W.D.)
destroyer neither to all but passed to F.O.M.F.A. approved
standing for CARRON to remain with A.F.D.49 until 0600 25th
by A.F.D.49 April. If situation then remains satisfactory
towed by deck is to continue to Singapore and CARRON return
ASSIDUOUS to Trincomalee at economical speed.
on passage (C. in C.E.I. 240915EF to CARRON, ASSIDUOUS.
to Singapore.F.O.M.A.)

ASSIDUOUS reports she has 120 tons unseable fuel
remaining and expenditure is 12 tons per day if
5 knots can be maintained it will take 9 days to
reach Singapore, consider in the circumstances this margin is
too narrow.

2. Present sea and swell conditions make it impracticable for
CARRON to transfer oil without incurring damage. Advantage
will be taken if conditions make oiling possible. Puloweh
should be reached about 1600EF Saturday, 27th, when conditions
should be favourable and CARRON will then have 120 tons fuel
available to transfer.

3. Request information whether there is oil available for
ASSIDUOUS at Sabang or Penang.
(CARRON 241210EF to C. in C.E.I. F.O. Ceylon. ASSIDUOUS.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

PERIM
frigate
on passage
for return
to U.S.A.

Position 1200Z. 33 degs. 27 mins. N. 50 degs.
07 mins. W. Course 2.64. Speed 9.5 knots.
Weather Wind S.S.E. Force 3 to 4. Sea moderate.
Swell heavy. Cloudy with rain squalls. Visibility
outside squall 7 miles.
(PERIM 241225Z to C. in C.A.W.I.)

Far East and Australia.

C. in C.
B.P.F. in
SWIFTSURE.

(B) SWIFTSURE.
(C) C. in C. B.P.F.
(D) Shanghai.
(E) 0800H April 24th.
(F) 20½ knots.
(H) Chingwangtao.
(I) 1800 hours 25th.
(S.O. Force (S) 240221Z to C. in C. B.P.F.
Com. Hong Kong. Admiralty.)

H.M.A.S.
SHROPSHIRE
Cruiser
on passage.

Departed Fremantle 0200Z 24th April.
SHROPSHIRE Capetown E.T.A. 0700Z 9th May.
SHROPSHIRE's 160051Z refers route through positions
(a) 30 degs. S. 100 degs. E.
(b) 30 degs. S. 40 degs. E.
and thence to Capetown. S.O.A. 14 knots.
(N.O.I.C. Fremantle 240338 to C. in C.S.A. A.C.N.B.
Admiralty.)

C.S.2.
in BELFAST.

Arrived Yokohama BELFAST wearing flag of C.S.2.
H.M.A.S. WARRANUMGA in company.
(S.O.C. Squadron 240600 to C. in C. B.P.F. S.O. Force
C. A.C.N.B.)

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GENERAL.

Volunteers
for exten-
ded service
scheme.

A.G.M. 340A and 341A of 15th April and A.G.M. 357A
of 17th April. As there appears to be some doubt
as to whether the extended service engagement
scheme is now in force it is confirmed that it
came into force on 15th April.
(A.C.N.P., 251935A, A.G.M. Home and Abroad 380A.)

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

TYRIAN,
destroyer,
on passage
to U.K. for
reserve,
from B.P.F.

Sail 0800B/26th April via Necri routes to Harwich.
(2) Speed 14 knots, E.T.A. 0800A/30th April.
(6) Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A., 251118B to TYRIAN.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

SIRIUS,
cruiser,
for passage
to U.K. with
V.A. Dal-
rymple
Hamilton
embarked.

With Vice-Admiral Dalrymple Hamilton embarked for passage to U.K. sail at 1415B/1st May be appropriate Medri route to Gibraltar for onward routeing to Portsmouth.
(2) Speed 14 knots, E.T.A. Gibraltar 1330B/4th May proceeding 1930B/4th in order to arrive at Portsmouth a.m. 8th.
(4) Berth alongside is requested at Portsmouth to facilitate disembarkation of baggage of Admiral Cunningham and Vice-Admiral Dalrymple Hamilton.
(5) SIRIUS acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med., 251015B to SIRIUS, C.S. 15, V.A. Malta.)

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SUFFOLK,
cruiser,
trooping,
D.G.ranging
en route.

Can arrangements be made for SUFFOLK to carry out D.G. ranging off Malta on 5th May. E.T.A. a.m. 5th May and E.T.D. p.m. 5th May.
(2) Reference A.F.O. 1196/46. SUFFOLK has not been ranged since May 1945.
(SUFFOLK, 251605 to V.A.M., C. in C. Nore, Admty.)

C.S. 15,
in ORION.

Intend to proceed in ORION with SUPERB in company at 1945B/26th speed 14 knots.
(2) E.T.A. Trieste 1100B/29th.
(C.S. 15, 251648 to C. in C. Med., SUPERB, Admty.)

Movement.

Sailed 25 April. CHEQUERS at 0830 for Beirut.
(S.N.O.(A) H, 251823C to C. in C. Med.)

Port Said,
reduction of
staff of
N.O.I.C. pro-
cedure regard-
ing sailing
signals and
communication.

As from 15th April the staff of N.O.I.C. Port Said has been reduced and the following procedure as regards sailing signals and communications is now in force.
(2) All warships under British Navy Operational control including American, French, Dutch and Italian warships to make own sailing signals on leaving Port Said north bound or Suez south bound. N.O.I.C. to be responsible for reporting departures and arrivals at Port Said daily to Admiralty, C. in C. Mediterranean, C. in C. E.I. and Com. Aden.

(3) Communications with N.O.I.C. Port Said,
A. Between ships at Port Said and N.Os. i/c Office by hand message.
B. Information regarding berthing and transits will be transmitted by the Suez Canal Company through their W/T station at Ismailia on 500 k/cs. The company is not able to accept messages for N.O.I.C. except in cases of exceptional urgency. E.T.A. and any other information that N.O.I.C. will require to know before ship's arrival at Port Said should be despatched by cable at last port of call.

(4) The following facilities only will be available to ships at Port Said as from 30th April.

A. D.G. range.
B. Cash exchange. Admiralty cashier for ships without supply officers.

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Port Said,
reduction of
staff of
N.O.I.C. pro-
cedure regar-
ding sailing
signals and
communication.
(Contd.)

C. Chart Depot will remain open until the end of June, 1946.

D. Medical assistance limited except for urgent cases.

E. Supplies of water and oil.

F. Fresh fruit. Vegetables. Bread and ice from contractors.

G. Canteen stores.

H. Emergency repairs with exception of docking by contract.

I. Fleet mail office.

J. Limited range of naval stores.

(5) Ships will be required to land their own patrol and no water transport will be available for landing libertymen.

(6) Serial message office is closed down and general messages cannot be supplied by Meari will still be issued.

(Hd. of M.Branch, 251825A, A.G.M. Home and Abroad 379A.)

See 261746 (Med.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

JAMAICA,
cruiser.

E.I.T.M. 43. JAMAICA arrived Muscat at a.m.
24th April.

(2) Intend to sail from Muscat as follows -
A. 1000D/25th April. B. Fort Victoria, Seychelles.
(JAMAICA, 250930 to C. in C. E.I.)

re Offer for
sale of VOX,
VORACIOUS,
VIRTUE, A/S
training
submarines.

Your 201245* para. 3. Confirmed that price is for
all three. Your 191132 it is thought that price
might be slightly raised if promise could be given
to deliver submarines to Cochin before Monsoon.
Reference not to all or needed.

(S.R.N.O. Bombay, 250955 to C. in C. E.I.)
* N.T. in W.D.

Ships sailing
for U.K.

It is possible that ships will sail for U.K. as
follows -

A. 3rd May CAESAR, CARRON, CARYSFORT, PETARD.
B. Early May HARTLAND POINT.
C. End May LOCH GORM, LOCH ACHRAY, LOCH SCAVAIG,
WOOLWICH.

D. Early June BUCHAN, NESS, AUSONIA.

(C. in C. E.I., 251005 EF to all ships mentioned
in text, and Admty.) *See 170930 May + 230948 May.*

FRIENDSHIP,
M/S, on
passage to
U.K.

Sail from Bombay as follows -

A. 0030 EF 26th April. B. Aden. C. 12 knots.
G. Acknowledge.

(F.O. Bombay, 251046 to FRIENDSHIP, Admty.)

ASSISTANCE,
repair ship
for U.K.

E.I.T.M. 43. Sail from Singapore as follows -

A. a.m. 26th April. B. Trincomalee. C. 10 knots.
G. For onward routeing U.K. Acknowledge.

(F.O.M.F.A., 251153 GH to ASSISTANCE.)

ARTIFEX,
heavy repair
ship, MAGNOLIA
trawler for
U.K.

My 170902 and 241750 neither to all. F.O.C. is
requested to sail ARTIFEX as convenient to Bombay
towing MAGNOLIA.

(2) F.O. Bombay is requested to sail ARTIFEX after
unloading wheat to Aden towing MAGNOLIA.

(3) ARTIFEX and MAGNOLIA are to proceed indepen-
dently from Aden to U.K. On arrival at Aden

ARTIFEX is to signal her proposed passage programme

to C. in C. Med., (R) Admty., C. in C. Nore, C. in C. E.I.,
F.O.G.M.A., N.O.I.C. Port Said.

(C. in C. E.I., 251527 to F.O. Ceylon, F.O. Bombay, ARTIFEX,
MAGNOLIA.)

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East Indies - Contd.

D.S. VAN
GALEN
destroyer.

T.M. 43. Take H.D.M.L. 1260 under your orders and sail Batavia as follows -
A. 1800 GH 25th April. B. Position 002° 00' S. 109° 50' E. C. 10. E. Moni Bombay. F. 0600 GH 27th April. G. Darwin to relieve VAN KINSBERGEN on patrol off Southwest Borneo.
C. in C. Mombasa N.E.'s 240950 not to all addressees refers. Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Batavia, 251613 GH to VAN GALEN, D.S. C. in C. E.I.S., Admty.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America & West Indies.

R.T. EMULOUS, H.M.R.T. EMULOUS arrived 2000R/25th.
returned to (B.N.L.O. Norfolk Va., 250900R to Admty.)
U.S.A.

Far East and Australia.

TRAFALGAR, Arrived Yokohama TRAFALGAR.
destroyer. (O.U. 68, 250040 to C. in C. B.P.F., Admty.)

BARFLEUR, C F. 7 (B) BARFLEUR (D) Shanghai (E) 0830H/25
destroyer. (F) 15 knots (H) Hongkong (I) 0900Z/27.
(S.O. Force S, 250358Z to C. in C. B.P.F.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

FENCER
Carrier
trooping
to U.K.

FENCER sailed 0800B 26th April to Plymouth for
onward routeing Portsmouth and Chatham.
2. Speed 16. E.T.A. first light 29th April.
(F.O.G.M.A. 260943B to FENCER. C. in C. Plymouth.)

GLENROY
L.S.I.(L)
on passage
to U.K.
from E.I.

Sail at 1200B 27th April to Portsmouth.
2. Speed 15. E.T.A. 1800A 30th April.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 261455B to GLENROY. Admiralty.)

BEAULY
FIRTH
Aircraft
Engine
repair
ship for
U.K. from
B.P.F.

Sail 1200B 28th April via Necri routes to Rosyth
a.m. 011321 not to all refers.
2. Speed 11. E.T.A. 0600A 4th May.
3. Constant watch on Gib. B/C shifting to Home
Station organisation 1500A 30th April.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 261507B to BEAULY FIRTH. Admiralty.
C. in C. Rosyth.)

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Mediterranean.

LIVERPOOL
Cruiser.

Sail at 0930 Monday 29th April for Alexandria
S.O.A. 13 knots. E.T.A. Outer Harbour entrance
093030 April.
(S.N.O.L.A. 261053 to LIVERPOOL. Capt. (L) Alex.
C. in C. Med)

Port Said
procedure
regarding
sailing
signals
and
communica-
tions on
reduction
of staff.

Med. Station message 354B and Admiralty 251825A
delete para. 4A as from 30th April 1946 add para. 4J
limited range of naval stores.
(C. in C. Med. 261746 to Med. Station Message 379B.)

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East Indies.

Movement. At Kan Bay - Halmahera, proceeding Morotai a.m. Saturday 27th.
(CAVALIER 260135Z to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty.)

GONDWANA, A.M. 021813/ March to C. in C.E.I. only. GONDWANA and SIND due Trincomalee shortly for transfer to R.N. and for laying up. Intend on transfer they should revert to the original names of BURNET and BENTON respectively.
Corvettes for transfer to R.N. (C. in C.E.I. 260905 to Admiralty. N.H.Q. India. GONDWANA.)
/ Concerning arrangements to lay up GONDWANA and SIND on E.I. Stations.

LOCHMORE E.I.T.M. 43. Take F.T.18 in tow and sail from frigate Singapore as follows:
with F.T.18 (A) 0800GH 27th April.
in tow (B) Subic Bay F.T.18 for Lend-Lease return.
for lend- (C) 12 knots via Palawan passage.
lease (G) LOCHMORE will embark runner crews of Lease-
return. Lend craft to capacity and return to Singapore.
Speed of return passage up to 29 knots.
Acknowledge.
(F.O.M.F.A. 261127GH to LOCHMORE.)

Movements. E.I.T.M. 43.
Sail from Bahrein as follows:
(A) 1400 hrs. 27th April.
(B) Bombay.
(C) 11 knots.
Acknowledge.
(S.N.O.P.G. 261400D to FALMOUTH. C. in C.E.I.)

6th Destroyer Intend following programme for D.6 in CAESAR with Flotilla CARYSFORT, PETARD, CARRON. All dates May.

returning to U.K.	Arrive.	Place.	Depart.
	-	Trincomalee.	3rd.
	10th.	Aden.	11th.
	15th.	Suez.	15th.
	15th.	Port Said.	17th.
	23rd.	Gibraltar.	25th.

2. Arrive Devonport 28th CAESAR, Portsmouth 28th CARYSFORT
PETARD, Chatham 2th/ CARRON.

3. Fuel at Aden, Port Said, Gibraltar.
(C. in C.E.I. 261450 to Admiralty.)
/ as received.

HARTLAND Item 43 sail from Singapore as follows:
POINT. M.S. (A) 0800GH 28th April.
(L.S.) for (B) Trinco.
passage to (C) 10th knots.
U.K. (G) For onward routing U.K. Acknowledge.
(F.O.M.F.A. 261519GH to HARTLAND POINT. Admiralty.
C. in C.E.I.)

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Far East and Australia.

APOLLO
fast
minelayer
BLACK
PRINCE
cruiser
for U.K.

Intend ships sail from U.K. as follows:
(A) APOLLO from Hong Kong about 15th May.
(B) BLACK PRINCE from Sydney about 21st May.
(C. in C. B.P.F. 260329Z to Admiralty. Com. Hong
Kong. APOLLO. BLACK PRINCE.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

BERWICK
Cruiser
trooping.

Sail 2000B 27th April via Medri routes to Malta for O/R Colombo.
2. Speed 17. E.T.A. 0600B 30th April.
5. Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 271030B to BERWICK. Admiralty, C. in C. Med.)

CAPRICE
destroyer
on passage
to U.K.
from E.I.
and for
reserve.

Sail 2000B 28th April to Portsmouth.
2. Speed 14. E.T.A. 0800A 2nd May.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 271154B to CAPRICE, Capt. D.(6) CAMBRIAN.)

CAMBRIAN
destroyer
on passage
to U.K.
from E.I.
and for
reserve.

Sail 0830B 28th April via Necri routes to Chatham.
2. Speed 14. E.T.A. 0830A 2nd May.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 271206B to CAMBRIAN, Capt. (D).6. CAPRICE. Admiralty.)

BEAULY FIRTH
Aircraft
Engine repair
ship from
B.P.F. and
Gift food
for Britain
from
Queensland.

Request you divert BEAULY FIRTH to Cardiff to discharge all personnel and stores referred to in BEAULY FIRTH's 061047 para. one and para. two.
2. C. in C. Plymouth is requested to sail ship to Rosyth on completion of discharge.
3. BEAULY FIRTH is to report her E.T.A. at Cardiff to C. in C. Plymouth and Admiralty.
(Admiralty 271238A to F.O.G.M.A. BEAULY)

U.S. Cruiser
HELENA
for Far East.

Following itinerary recommended for HELENA. C.N.O's 191440, not to nor needed by all. Transit Suez 18th to 20th May. Admiralty concurs visists to British controlled ports. Depart Port Said 21st May, arrive Colombo 30th May, depart 3rd June, arrive Singapore 7th June, depart 11th June. Arrive Manila 14th June.
(Com 12th Fleet 272012Z to C.N.O. C. in C. Pac. C. in C. Lant. U.S.S. HELENA.)
(Appd. 300921Z.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Movements
destroyers.

Sailed 26th April. CHILDERS 0600 for Famagusta
CHAPLET 1630 for Alexandria.
(S.N.O.(A) H.271349 to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.
S.N.O.L.A.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Movements. Arrivals Singapore 26th April. SCARAB, APHIS, COCKCHAFER, R.F.A's BELGOL, BROOMDALE and ECHODALE. Departure ASSISTANCE. (F.O.M.F.A. 270900GH to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)

Oprep. To 0800 hrs 27th April.

Netherlands West Java. Batavia. British tps. N.T.R.

East Indies. Dutch tps. U Bde. 1/8 UI patrol with one scout car and one armoured car along rd. Jaroeng (or Djengnol) 083997 Bekassi. Met ops. at Tjakoeng 108998. Two rifles one L.M.G. 12 grens. docs. and Jap currency captured. L Regtl. Gp. (?word corrupt) op. area Laeloet 0965 (or 0365). One I.M.G. and grens captured. Bandoeng North. Bangkok power station 867249 (or 867240) fired on by L.M.G. from 930241. Silenced by own more. Indons again approached posn. 0300 hrs. Dispersed by grenade.

South. 1/5 R.W. cleared Kampong Marnasari 915146 several rifles and M.Gs. captured. Lembang 3/10 Gr. patrol to 897208 exchanged shots with 30 Indons. Morning 26 3/10 Gr. cleared area Tjilidang (?word corrupt). Own arty. brought down on approx. area 898298. Village occupied but all Indons had fled.

Padalang. Long range sniping continued. Tjiandjoer. Prisoners captured by 5 Jat area Poentjal handed over to civil police. Police co-operative. Sappers inspected B.S. 203411 damaged by convoy 24 April. Buitenzorg. 37 Bde. Gp. recce area 958662 as result of information and incidents. Old barracks 953352 (or 953652) found deserted. N.T.R. B. (?Sacsea) up to Bandoeng 0900 hrs. 26 April. C 3/3 9 Gr. to Buitenzorg on T. Doan convoy. Convoy cleared Tjiandjoer 1115 hrs. N.T.R.

D. 4 Rajput take over all gds. from 2 Ind. Gren. conc. 998003 less one pl. at 161 Bde. H.Q.

Central Java. East Semarang. N.T.R. South Semarang. Patrol 2/13 at 974049 fired on from 977048. Fire returned. Our arty. engaged Kampong Temhalang 9804. West Semarang. Patrol 2/6 R.I. clashed with 12 Indons 896119. 2 Carbines captured. B to D. N.T.R.

East Java. 9 Ind. Inf. Bde. N.T.R. 1 (?WM) Bde. Patrol 2 Bn. from Endangdan engaged by L.M.G. from 509653 and 508746. Approx 300 Indons seen same area. Posns jittered night 25/26 elsewhere N.T.R. Bali. Patrols round all occupied area. Nine arrests. Sumatra N.T.R. Outer islands no reports received by 80 Bde. from Dutch. All infm. (Afnei 271110 to Alfsea, Sacsea. W.O.)

Movements.	Reference	A.M. 262326/ March week ending 27th. Apr.			
French ships.	Place.	Ship.	Arrived.	Sailed.	Destina- tion.
	Colombo.	FS LE TRIOMPHANT.	-	22nd Apr.	Aden.
	Colombo.	F.S. ERITREA.	-	22nd Apr.	Singapore.
	Colombo.	F.S. GLOIRE.	22nd Apr.	23rd Apr.	Aden.
	Colombo.	F.S. COMMANDANT DOMINE.	22nd Apr.	-	Trinco.

(S.O. (I) 271200 to Admiralty for D.N.I.)
/ Instructions for reporting movements of Foreign Warships.

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27.4.1946.
Saturday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies contd...

PICKLE
M/S.

PICKLE arrived Penging in Sarawak River 1200/27th.
(PICKLE 271303GH to F.O.M.F.A. C. in C.E.I.)

27.4.1946.
Saturday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

CAPE WRATH
Coastal
Forces
maintenance.

CAPE WRATH E.T.D. Cristobal 27th. E.T.A.
Kingston 29th. En route New York. Speed 10.
Route direct.
(Compaseafron 270418Z to R.N.O. Jamaica.)

28.4.1946.
Sunday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

A/S training
S/M's on
passage to
U.K. from
E.I.

S/M 4's 140242 (N.T. in W.D.) amended by his
200350 both March neither to all and F.O. S/M's
261434 (N.T. in W.D.) not to all. In order to
avoid congestion resulting from five V Class
Submarines being at Malta together VIRTUE, VOX,
and VORACIOUS should now be sailed from Port Said
to Gibraltar without calling at Malta unless it is
essential.
(C. in C. Med., 281113B to VIRTUE, VOX, VORACIOUS,
WOLFE. Capt. S/M. Admiralty.)
See 291240A.

JAVELIN
destroyer.

Departure from Haifa 28/4 JAVELIN at 1230C for
Malta E.T.A. 1330 1st May.
(S.N.O.(A) Haifa 281959C to C. in C. Med. Admty.)

28.4.1946.
Sunday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

OCEANWAY
L.S.D.
with oiling
barges for
Subic.
Philippines.

My 181529 not to all or needed.
After unloading mobile oiling barges at
Singapore request OCEANWAY may be sailed for
Subic Bay to disembark C.T.16 (U.S. number P.T.93)
and (T.17 (U.S. number P.T.198)). My 011145
not to all refers and then to Hong Kong to
disembark one mobile oil barge.
2. After disembarkation Commodore Hong Kong is
requested to sail OCEANWAY to Singapore.
3. Further programme for OCEANWAY follows.
4. OCEANWAY is due Singapore about 2nd May.
(C. in C.E.I. 281112 to F.O.M.F.A. S.O.E.I.F. Com. Hong Kong.)

CAVENDISH,
CAVALIER
destroyers
to embark
crews of
lend-lease
craft.

Intend to sail from Morotai with CAVALIER.
(A) 0830I 30th April.
(B) Subic Bay.
(C) 14 knots.
(F) Subic Bay 0900H 3rd May.
(G) Embark crews four of returned lease-lend
landing craft and sail from Singapore 1130H
4th May.
(CAVENDISH 281542 to C. in C.E.I. F.O.M.F.A.
C. in C. B.P.F. P.D. Subic Bay.)

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Sunday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

Frigates
with
landing
craft on
passage for
return to
U.S.A.

PERIM & TORTOLA
Arrival 27th April ~~PERIM & TORTOLA~~ L.C.Q. 492,
L.C.I.(L)'s 16, 131, 212, 238, 379, 315,
L.C.H. 182, 187, 239, 245.
(Cdre. i/c. Bermuda 281545Z to C. in C. A.W.I.
B.A.D. C.N.O. C. in C. Lant.

Far East and Australia.

EURYALUS
Cruiser.

(B) EURYALUS (D) Capt^{sr} Jacques (E) 0800 April
28th. (F) 14½ knots. (G) West of Paracel.
(H) Hong Kong. (I) 0830Z May 1st. (K)
Hydropac 670. (L) Broadcast V shifting to F.F.
at 1200Z April 29th.
2. F.O.M.F.A. pass to R.N.O. Saigon.
(EURYALUS 280725Z to C. in C. B.P.F. Admiralty.
F.O.M.F.A. R.N.O. Saigon.)

VICTORIOUS
A.C.
Damaged
by heavy
weather.

Regret to report following damage probably due to
rough weather.
2. (A) Damage starts at 3 ft. 6 inches below
low water level at stem.
(B) Stem and adjacent shell plating torn away
from this point to distance 9 ft. horizontally
vertically 15 ft. and 6 ft. horizontally at the
base.
(C) The edges of the plating are torn but not
projecting.
(D) Doubling plate at low water level port side is torn and
folded back for distance of 4 ft. horizontally depth of plate
6 ft.
(E) P.V. Tube intact.
3. Consider ship is unfit for long sea passage at high speed.
4. Am undertaking emergency repairs which will take not less
than four days depending on local resources.
5. Request Constructor Captain be flown to Fremantle immediately
to advise.
(VICTORIOUS 280730Z to F.O.I.C. Sydney. A.C.1. Admiralty.)
My 280730Z/ further examination reveals more serious damage
forefoot has dropped.
2. Presence of constructor Captain at earliest possible moment
is essential.
(VICTORIOUS 281300Z to F.O.I.C. Sydney.)
(See 290755.)
Re damage due to rough weather.

28.4.1946.
Sunday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

ANSON
Battleship.

Arrived Tokyo ANSON. ⁴
(S.O. Force I. 280830Z to C. in C. B.P.F.
Admiralty. P.D. Yokohama.)

ALACRITY
A.A. Sloop.

ALACRITY departed Bluff at 0500Z 27th April
for Sydney E.T.A. 2300Z 1st May.
(N.Z.N.B. 282103Z to Admiralty.)

29.4.1946.
Monday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

SANSOVINO
L.S.I.(L)
on passage
to U.K.
from E.I.
defects.

Stern gland is leaking badly and beyond adjustment
(2). Consider docking desirable at Malta or
Gibraltar since bad weather would increase leak
dangerously.

(3). Ships staff can complete re-packing in
four working hours with ten feet of water in dock
40 feet $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch stern gland packing required from
dockyard.

(4). Draught 22 feet 9 inches aft 17 feet
forward. Have 800 passengers on board for U.K.

If docking programme necessitates long delay request examination
at Gibraltar to consider possibility of continuing without.
(SANSOVINO 291031B to V.A.M. F.O.G.M.A.)

A/S training
Submarines
VOX,
VORACIOUS,
VIRTUE.

Your 281113 not to C. in C.E.I. VOX, VORACIOUS,
VIRTUE are being held at Trincomalee pending
decision on possible disposal on East Indies
Station.
(D.O.D. 291240A to C. in C. Med. F.O. S/M.
C. in C.E.I.)

PERSEUS
aircraft
maintenance
ship on
passage to
U.K. from
B.P.F.

Sail 0900B April 30th to Gibraltar for onward
routeing to Clyde.
3. S.O.A. 14 knots. E.T.A. 1000B 3rd.
5. Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med. 291526 to PERSEUS.)

BERWICK
cruiser
trooping.

Sail at 1100B 30th April on completion of
disembarking draft by appropriate Medri route to
Port Said.
2. Speed 19 knots. E.T.A. 1300B 2nd May.
4. Ship is for onward routeing to Colombo.
5. Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med. 291706B to BERWICK. V.A. Malta.
C.S. Malta for K.H.M.)

Movement.

LIVERPOOL sailed from Haifa 1000C 29th.
(S.N.E.(A) Haifa 291838C to C. in C. Med.
Admiralty.)

29.4.1946.
Monday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

FORMIDABLE
trooping.

E.I.T.M. 43 sail from Aden as follows:

- (A) 1100C 29th.
- (B) Suez for U.K.
- (C) 20 knots.

Acknowledge.

(N.O.I.C. Aden 290801C to FORMIDABLE. Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)

Movements.

Arrived FORMIDABLE, FERNMOOR, F.S. LE TRIOMPHANT
F.S. GLOIRE, R.F.A. ENNERDALE.

Departed R.F.A. ENNERDALE L.S.T. 3503, L.S.T.
3019.

(N.O.I.C. Aden 290900C to Admiralty. C. in C.
E.I.)

F.S. GLOIRE
Cruiser
on passage.

E.I.T.M. 43 sailed from Aden as follows:

- (A) 1800C 29th.
- (B) Djibouti and Suez for O/R.
- (C) 17 knots.
- (F) E.T.A. Djibouti 0800C 30th.
- (G) E.T.A. Suez 0600 4th May.

Requirements on arrival Port Said 1800D 4th May
200 tons fresh water. Acknowledge.

(N.O.I.C. Aden 290925C to GLOIRE F.S.)

ATHELING
Carrier
trooping.

E.I.T.M. 43 sail from Colombo as follows:

- (A) 1800EF 29th April.
- (B) Aden.
- (C) 16 knots.

Acknowledge.

(F.O. Ceylon 291059 to ATHELING. Admiralty.)

SALVIOLA
(Salvage
vessel) with
L.C.26 tow
for Persian
Gulf.

Sail from Bombay with L.C. 26 in tow for Muscat
at 1200EF Tuesday 30th April. S.O.A. 6 knots.

4. Acknowledge.

(F.O. Bombay 291102EF to SALVIOLA.)

F.S.
LE TRIOMPHANT
Light Cruiser
on passage.

E.I.T.M. 43 sail from Aden as follows:

- (A) 0600C 1st May.
- (B) Suez for onward routing.
- (C) 15 knots.

895 Medri. Acknowledge.

(N.O.I.C. Aden 291215C to LE TRIOMPHANT. F.F.S.
Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. Marine Paris.)

ASSIDUOUS
R.T.

Am remaining at anchor off Ringin. Unable to
continue Singapore, unless supplied with minimum
60 tons boiler water. Evaporator defective,
not capable of maintaining sufficient supply fresh
water to stem ship to port. Request arrangements
be made to supply.

(ASSIDUOUS 291800GH to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty.)

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Monday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

WEAR
frigate
with GANEFF
in tow from
miscellaneous
duties at
Bermuda
for C.O.A.C.

Sail 1900Z Tuesday 30th April and proceed to
Halifax with GANEFF in tow. On arrival Halifax
GANEFF is to be handed over to C.O.A.C.
Acknowledge and sail to comply.
(Cdre. i/c. Bermuda 291815Z to WEAR, N.S.H.Q.)
Amended by 301659.

Far East and Australia.

Flag Officer
Naval Air
Pacific
Flag struck.

The Flag of Rear Admiral R.H. Portal C.B. D.S.C.
as Flag Officer Naval Air Pacific will be struck
at sunset on Tuesday 30th April.
(F.O.N.A.P. 290043Z to Admiralty. C. in C.
B.P.F. Adml.(Air) F.O.I.C. Sydney.)

ARGONAUT
with
Vice Adml.
Sir Cecil
Harcourt
for U.K.

Vice Admiral Sir Cecil Harcourt will embark in
ARGONAUT 1st May for passage to U.K. intend
ship carry out following programme.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Leave.</u>
-	Hong Kong.	1st May.
6th May.	Singapore.	6th May.
11th May.	Colombo.	16th May.
22nd May.	Aden.	22nd May.
25th May.	Suez.	26th May.
26th May.	Port Said.	27th May.
29th May.	Malta.	31st May.
3rd June.	Gibraltar.	3rd June.
6th June.	Portsmouth.	-

2. Request mail be directed accordingly.
(C. in C. B.P.F. 290335Z to Admiralty.)

Damage to
VICTORIOUS
due to
rough
weather.

From B.P.F.L.O. VICTORIOUS 280730 (N.T. in W.D.)
and 281300 April, not to all, refers. Request
INDOMITABLE may be held at Fremantle pending
decision of C. in C. B.P.F. on future movements
of VICTORIOUS.
(F.O.I.C. Sydney 290638 to A.C.N.B. C. in C.
B.P.F. Admiralty.)
(See 02090 May.)

(... VICTORIOUS

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Monday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia contd...

VICTORIOUS
Damaged
by heavy
weather.

VICTORIOUS now at Fremantle, has sustained severe weather damage.
2. INDOMITABLE is to remain at Fremantle until extent of damage to VICTORIOUS is known.
3. INDOMITABLE report number of passengers now on board.
(C. in C. B.P.F.290755 to VICTORIOUS. INDOMITABLE S.O. A/C.1.)
(See 020909H May.)

COSSACK
destroyer.

(B) COSSACK.
(D) Yokohama.
(E) 0400Z 29th.
(F) 14.
(G) Via Osumi Kaiky.
(H) Shanghai.
(I) Entrance Buoy 2315Z 1st May.
(S.O. Force T. 290855 to C. in C. B.P.F.
S.O. Force S. R.A.D. B.P.F.)

Movement.

Sailed from Chinwangtao 1430Z 29th April
S.O.A. 18.5 knots. E.T.A. Kure 0100Z 2nd May.
(SWIFTSURE 291518Z to C. in C. B.P.F. Admiralty.
S.O. Force (S).)

GAMBIA
Cruiser
allocated
to B.P.F.

GAMBIA is allocated to B.P.F. on completion of present refit.
(D.O.D. 291915 to C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C. Plymouth.)

30.4.1946
Tuesday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

U.S. cruiser
HELENA for
Far East.

Following from C.N.O. to Comtwelfth Flt., Info.
Admin Office of Comtwelfth Flt., Cincpac/Cincpoa/
Hedpearl. Admin Office of Cinclant, Comaterulant,
Comanvmed, Comseventh Flt., U.S.S. HELENA (CA.75).
URDIS 272012Z.* Approved D.T.G. 292020Z. Ends.
(Comnavcu 300921Z to Admty.)
* Itinerary recommended for HELENA.

30.4.1946
Tuesday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

C. in C. Med.
transfer of
flag.

Intend flag of C. in C. Med. to be transferred from
ST. ANGELO to LIVERPOOL at 2100B today Tuesday 30th
April.
(LIVERPOOL, 301351B to ST. ANGELO, Capt. (L),
C. in C. Med., V.A. Malta.)

Movement.

CHEVRON arrived Haifa 1400 today Tuesday from
Alexandria.
(S.N.O. (A) H, 302010C to C. in C. Med.)

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Tuesday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Movements. Arrivals Singapore 29th April L.S.T. 3011, D.S. VAN KINSBERGEN, B.Y.M.S. 2061, U.S.S. SABINE, departures nil.

(F.O.M.F.A., 300900 to Admty., C. in C. E.I.)

Arrivals KORTENAER, ZUIDER KRUIS, EMPIRE NICHOLAS.

Departures KORTENAER.

(N.O.I.C. Sourabaya, 300900 to Admty., C. in C. E.I.)

Malaya. There will be no naval authority ashore at Port
Port Swettenham from 30th April.
Swettenham. (C. in C. E.I., 300929 EF to E.I. G.M. No. 845C.,
Admty.)

RANEE, Intend following programme for RANEE, all dates May.

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart</u>
-	Singapore	2nd
6th	Colombo	8th
15th	Aden	15th
19th	Suez	19th
19th	Port Said	20th
23rd	Malta	23rd
29th	Devonport	29th
30th	Portsmouth	-

(2) Fuel at Aden.

(C. in C. E.I., 301004 to Admty., C. in C. Portsmouth.)

I.S. ERITREA E.I.T.M. 43 sail from Singapore as follows -
sloop. A. 1300 GH 14 May. B. Hongkong. C. 13 knots.
D. W.C. 285. G. For onward routeing Shanghai.
Acknowledge.

(F.O. Malaya, 301137 to ERITREA.)

Enemy mer- Request whether reply may now be given to my
chant ships 061715 re appointment of Admiralty Marshal on
in Malayan Staff of F.O.M.F.A.
waters and (C. in C. E.I., 301431 EF to Admty., F.O.M.F.A.)
prize courts

SPEAKER, Sail from Colombo as follows -
trooping. A. As convenient p.m. 1st May. B. Aden.
C. 12.5 knots. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Ceylon, 301959 to SPEAKER, Admty.)

30.4.1946.
Tuesday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

CAPE WRATH
maintenance
ship on
passage.

Arrivals Kingston Jamaica CAPE WRATH.
(S.O.(I) Jamaica 301305Z to C. in C. A.W.I.)

Pacific
Summary 62.

Operational Naval Units. South East Pacific.
Pacific Coast - NEW YORK, NEVADA, ARKANSAS,
NEW JERSEY, IOWA, SARATOGA, SHANGRILA,
INDEPENDENCE, RENDOVA, POINT CRUZ, BADOENG
STRAIT, BAIROKO, SICILY, AMSTERDAM, OKLAHOMA CITY,
SPRINGFIELD, MIAMI, ST. PAUL, COLUMBUS, ASTORIA, TUOSON, 31 D.D.
Enroute U.S. PUGET SOUND, NASSAU, SAIDOR, OAKLAND.
En route Pearl PENNSYLVANIA, SALT LAKE CITY, PENSACOLA.
At Pearl LEXINGTON CAPEL, GLOUCESTER, SIBONEY, FALL RIVER 21 D.D.
North Pacific - None.
West Pacific BOXER, ANTIETAM, CHICAGO, BREMERTON, LOS ANGELES,
DULUTH, TOPEKA, ATLANTA, BELFAST, NEWFOUNDLAND 28 D.D.
(C.N.O. 301555 to Admiralty. Comnaveu.)

Atlantic
Serial 228.

Change my 232140.
MISSOURI, HELENA, HOUSTON at Gibraltar.
MIDWAY, F^{AD} D. ROOSEVELT, PRINCETON, MACON,
FARGO, LITTLE ROCK, SALERNO BAY at Trinidad.
KEARSARGE at Norfolk. DENVER at Newport.
MONTELIER, MINDORO, BARNES at sea.
(C.N.O. 301557Z to Admiralty, Comnaveu.)

Sailing of
WEAR for
Halifax.

Correct Cdre. i/c. Bermuda's 291815Z "Halifax
to arrival" to read "Halifax with GANEFF in tow
on arrival."
(Bermuda C.C.O. 301659 to N.S.H.Q. C.O.A.C. B.A.D.)

Far East and Australia.

Hong Kong
Transference
of Flag of
C. in C.

Flag of C. in C. Hong Kong will be transferred
from Government ^{HONG KONG} Hong Kong to ARGONAUT at 0800
1st May and struck in ARGONAUT sunset the same
date.
(C. in C. Hong Kong 300209Z to C. in C. B.P.F.
Admiralty.)

MENESTHEUS
Amenity ship.

Your 211030 March. Ministry of Transport have
confirmed that MENESTHEUS is urgently required
by trade and that ship can be taken in hand for
conversion in June. It is regretted that it will
therefore be necessary for MENESTHEUS to leave
British Pacific Fleet now.
2. Request you will sail her as soon as
practicable.
(D.O.D. Appd. V.C.N.S. 302018A to C. in C. B.P.F.)