

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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- 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) Eastern 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 1945).
- (f) Air Staff Operational Summary (prepared by Air Ministry War Room) (1st July 1941, No.222)
- (g) Daily Operations Report for First Lord (prepared by Operations Division, Naval Staff) (13th September 1939).
- (h) List of abbreviations.
- (i) List of convoy letters.

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Saturday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic

L.Cs. on
passage to
U.S.A.

Three craft of 281 L.C. Flotilla have arrived from U.K. to join two L.C.Q. from Malta and join fleet tenders for passage to U.S.A.

(2) LINARIA sent as escort for Atlantic crossing has defects which will delay her until 20th June.

(3) Request another escort may be sent in order to avoid congestion and jeopardizing release groups.

(F.O. Gibraltar, 011230B to Admty., Cs. in C. Plymouth, Mediterranean.) See 021300A.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

NEREIDE,
sloop,
for S.At.
Station.

A.M. 261820 April (not to Capt. D. Malta) NEREIDE will be ready to leave Malta about 17th June. Request your wishes for first destination and route to South Atlantic Station. (C. in C. Med., 011138B to C. in C. S.At., NEREIDE.) See 031041 (S.At.)

Haifa, Naples, As a result of my recent visit to Haifa it is intended to reorganise that port reduce the shore based personnel there and down grade the post of N.O.I.C. to a Commander who will combine the duty with staff officer to S.N.O.A. This will economise one acting captain's appointment.

(2) It is also intended to combine N.L.O. to S.A.C.M.E.D. with N.O.I.C. Naples a Lieutenant Commander R.N.V.R. being provided from station resources as assistant N.O.I.C. This will save another acting captain's appointment.

(3) In the meantime, I have further reviewed R.A. Malta's staff and consider that the time has not come to dispense with his C.S.O. The officer holding this appointment has many duties to perform in contact with the Civil Government and other services and should be of Captain's rank. Request therefore para. 2 my 151928 may be cancelled and that Acting Captain Gordon now available at Malta consequent upon the reduction referred to in my para., may be appointed C.S.O. to R.A. Malta vice Swinley. Relief for Commander Gregory will not be required A.M. 281949 May refers.

(4) The effect of foregoing intentions and proposals are reduce 1 Captain R.N. 2 Acting Captains R.N. 1 Commander R.N. add 1 Acting Captain 1 Lieutenant Commander R.N.V.R. (C. in C. Med., 011307 to Admty.)

Adriatic,
piracy,
patrol to
be in-
stituted.

In view of report of recent seizure of Italian fishing vessels in the Adriatic you should institute a patrol by one of the destroyers or escorts allocated to you of area north of 42° N. in which Italian Fishing vessels normally operate. (2) Ships on patrol should attempt to establish the identity of vessels met but must not board unless - (a) A definite act of piracy is observed on high seas,

(b) A request for assistance is received from Master or crew of a fishing vessel.

(3) Any vessel arrested should be brought into Trieste. On no account are Yugoslav territorial waters to be entered for any purpose whatsoever.

(3) H.M. ships employed on this duty should embark an interpreter and a local fisherman with knowledge of the fishing ground and vessels if practicable.

(C. in C. Med., 011345 to N.O.I.C. Trieste, F.O.L.I., Admty., N.L.O.S.A.C. Med.)

/re Policy...

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean - Contd.

re Policy to-
wards Royal
Hellenic
Navy.

Can reply now be made to letter number 900MED46/
001381/7/1 dated 15th March 1946 regarding future
policy towards the Royal Hellenic Navy.
(C. in C. Med., 011802 to Admty., S.B.N.O.Greece.)

Movement.

Arrived Haifa 1000C today Saturday SAUMAREZ, VENUS,
VOLAGE.
(S.N.O.Haifa, 011900C to C. in C. Med., Admty.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

BUSHWOOD,
deperming
ship for
passage to
U.K.

E.I.P.I. 1. Sail from Trincomalee as follows -
A. 0800 EF 4th June. B. Colombo for onward
routeing to U.K. C. 4½ knots. Acknowledge.
(C. in C. E.I., 011111, to BUSHWOOD, Admty.,
F.O. Ceylon, HIGHFLYER.)
Cancelled by 050809.

Movement.

NORFOLK left Karachi 1130/1st June. E.T.A.
Bombay Light Vessel 0630/3rd June.
(Navy Charge Karachi, 011203 EF to C. in C. E.I.,
F.O. B.N.H.Q., F.O. Ceylon.)

COSSACK,
destroyer,
on passage.

Sail from Spore as follows -
A. 0900 GH 3rd June. B. Fremantle, calling at
Christmas Islands. C. Via Rhio Gaspar and
Sunda Straits, 14 knots. Acknowledge.
(F.O.M.F.A., 011233 to COSSACK, C. in C. B.P.F.,
Admty., Com. Hongkong., A.C.N.B.)

7th M/S
Flotilla.

E.I.T.M. 43. Take ships in para. 2 under your
orders and sail from Singapore as follows -
A. 1200 GH 3rd June. B. Banguay Channel.
C. 11 knots.
(2) CHAMELEON, MICHAEL, SANDRAY, PLUCKY, PINCHER,
RIFLEMAN acknowledge.
(F.O.M.F.A., 011719 GH to RECRUIT, C. in C. B.P.F.,
S.O. M/S 7.)

FENCER,
trooping
outwards.

FENCER sailed 1830B, speed 16 knots, E.T.A. Aden
0700C/5th June.
(FENCER, 012023B to Admty., Cs. in C. E.I., Med.)

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America & West Indies.

DITTANY,
corvette,
on passage
for return
to U.S.A.

My 311535 May. DITTANY sailed to comply 1400/1st
June.
(Com. i/c Bermuda, 011542 to C. in C. A.W.I.,
N.S.H.Q., C.O.A.C.)
Instructions to DITTANY to sail from Bermuda for
New York on 1st June.

2.6.1946
Sunday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

L.Cs.,
passage to
U.S.A.

Your 011230. No other escort is available.
Convoy should be sailed without escort.
(D.O.D., 021300A to F.O. Gibraltar., C. in C.
Plymouth, C. in C. Mediterranean.)

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2.6.1946
Sunday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

ARTIFEX,
heavy repair
ship, on
passage to
U.K.

Sailed from Port Said 0700Z today Sunday 2nd for
Gibraltar S.O.A. 11 knots, E.T.A. 1300Z/9.
(ARTIFEX, 020920B to F.O. Gib., C. in C. Med.,
Admty.)

Movements.

Port Said June 2nd, arrivals 1030 CAP DES PALMES
from Aden.
Departures 0900 ARTIFEX to Gibraltar, 0100 U.S.S.
GREENWICH BAY to Alex., 0800 GLENGYLE to Gib.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 021340B to C. in C. Med., Admty.
C. in C. E.I., N.O.I.C. Aden.)

MOON, M/S.

Ref. F.O.G.M.A.'s 301649. Request MOON may be
sailed to join flotilla at earliest opportunity as
soon as D.G. ranging is completed. Consider cali-
bration can be deferred until flotilla arrives off
Malta 7th.

- (2) Request the same programme may be used for MARY ROSE.
- (3) Request I may be allowed to arrange any working up programme
for these ships.
- (4) Consider it in the best interests of the service, these
ships may rejoin flotilla as early as possible any working up
periods being arranged by me, my para. 3 refers.
(M/S 8, 021800 to C. in C. Med., MOON, F.O.G.M.A., Admty.)

Movements.

Departed Haifa 0001C/2nd CHEQUERS, CHEVIOT, CHARITY,
CHILDERS.
Arrived Haifa 1130C/2nd SUPERB.
(S.N.O. Haifa, 021846C to C. in C. Med., Admty.)

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East Indies.

Movements.

Arrival Singapore 1st June D.8 in COSSACK, LOCH
GLENDDHU, R.F.A. EMPIRE HERALD.
Departures BEACHY HEAD, TOCOGAY, GOLDEN FLEECE,
R.F.A. EMPIRE BOUNTY, MAENAD, JASEUR, FLYING FISH.
(F.O.M.F.A., 020900GH to Admty., etc.)

APOLLO, fast
minelayer
on passage
to U.K. for
rescue.

Sailed Aden 1230Z/2nd June, speed 17 knots. E.T.A.
Suez 1300Z/5th June. Intended to sail from
Port Said for Gibraltar at 0700Z/7th June.
(APOLLO, 021235Z to Admty., Cs. in C. Med., E.I.,
N.O.I.C. Port Said.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

North Atlantic

ARGONAUT
cruiser.

1. Sail 1315B 3rd June to Portsmouth.
2. Speed 18. E.T.A. 1000 6th June.
3. 5th June.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 031210B to ARGONAUT, Admiralty,
C. in C. Portsmouth, C. in C. Plymouth).

COVERLEY
Danlayer,
19th M/S
on passage
to U.K.

- COVERLEY sail 1700B 3rd June to Chatham.
2. Speed 9. E.T.A. a.m. 10th June.
 7. COVERLEY acknowledge.
(F.O. Gib., 031534B to COVERLEY, Admty. M/S 19)

South Atlantic

NEREIDE
sloop.
Joining S.A. Station

Your 011138. Request NEREIDE be sailed for
Simonstown when ready calling at Gibraltar and
Freetown for fuel.
(C. in C. S.A., 031041B to C. in C. Med,
Admty. Capt. (D) Malta, NEREIDE).

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FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean

F.S. Intend sailing 1100B/4th from Port Said to
CAP DES Toulon. Speed 13½ knots. E.T.A. a.m. 9th June.
PALMES (CAP DES PALMES, 031017 to Premar Three Marine
A.M.C. Paris).

Visit of H.M. Ships to S. Turkish ports. Concurrence has been obtained for the following visit of H.M.S.'s to South Turkish ports:-
(a) H.M.S. MAURITIUS to Mersin June 11th - 14th.
(b) H.M.S. PEACOCK to Marmarice June 6th - 10th.
Fethiye June 10th - 14th. Antalya June 15th-21st.
2. Request ships be sailed accordingly.
3. PEACOCK as desired by S.B.N.O. Greece on conclusion of this cruise.
4. Any useful information on port visit should be reported. (C. in C. Med., 031217 to C.S.15, S.B.N.O. Greece, B.N.A. Ankara, Admty. H.M.S. PELICAN, H.M.S. MAURITIUS, PEACOCK, Capt. (D) Malta).

15th C.S. Your 291418 May. Situation will now be as in
reliefs. A.M. 281613/May (N.T. in W.D.) Reference para. 2 thereof SHEFFIELD expects to leave U.K. on the 5th July.

2. In addition OCEAN should be leaving U.K. about 9th July to return to Mediterranean.
3. It will, however, not be possible to provide any cruiser reinforcement from Home Fleet during the "loan period" as only BIRMINGHAM will be operational and she is in a poor state.
4. Request therefore you will consider retaining ORION at least until mid July as originally proposed in your 061146 May. (D.O.D. App. V.C.N.S., 031432A to C. in C. Med) See 041538B.

SUPERB cruiser S.N.O.(A) Haifa. SUPERB assumed duty of S.N.O.(A) Haifa at 1500C/3 June.
(S.N.O.(A) Haifa, 031501C to C. in C. Med., Admty. S.N.O.L.A., C.S.15, AJAX, D. Three).

SHARPSHOOTER surveying vessel on passage. Intend sailing to enter Canal at 0600 June 4th. E.T.A. Aden June 12th. (SHARPSHOOTER, 031645 to Com. Aden).

Movements Arrivals 1100 SHARPSHOOTER from Gibraltar. 1900 CAVALIER from Aden. 1930 U.S.S. PINE ISLAND from Colombo.
Departures 1900 CAVALIER to Gibraltar. 2130 U.S.S. PINE ISLAND to Alexandria. (N.O.I.C. Port Said, 032135B to C. in C. Med., Admty. C. in C. E.I., N.O.I.C. Aden).

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East Indies

D.S. E.I.T.M.43. Sail from Batavia as follows.
VAN (A) 1400GH/3rd June. (B) Patrol Java Sea.
KINSBERGEN (D) W.C.324. (E) MO (?NI) Bombay.
Sloop (G) While on patrol, remain 40' off North Java
for patrol. Coast (?except) to call (?North) Semarang.
Return being arranged p.m. 7th June acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Batavia, 030250 to VAN KINSBERGEN D.S.
C. in C. B.P.F., Admty).

GOZO Reference 548C intend to sail from Aden as
M/S on follows:-
passage to A. 1400c/3rd June. B. Suez. C. 11.5 knots.
U.K. (GOZO 030911C to C. in C. E.I., Admty. C. in C.
Med).

COLOSSUS COLOSSUS will sail for U.K. about 25th June.
A.C. (C. in C. E.I., 030936EF to COLOSSUS, Admty.
F.O. Air E.I., F.O. Ceylon).

SUFFOLK Intend following programme for SUFFOLK. All
cruiser dates June unless shown otherwise. Read in
trooping. three columns.

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart</u>
8th	Colombo	10th
16th	Aden	17th
20th	Suez	21st
21st	Port Said	22nd
26th	Gibraltar	27th
29th	Plymouth	29th
30th	Spithead	30th
1st July	Sheerness	-

- Fuel at Aden and Gibraltar.
- Admiralty is requested to divert mails accordingly.
(C. in C. E.I., 03100EF to Admty. C. in C. Portsmouth, C. in C.
Nore).

D.S. E.I.T.M.430 sail from Batavia as follows:-
VAN GALEN (A) 1200GH 3rd June. (B) Patrol Area S.W.
Destroyer and S. of Borneo. (C) 13. (G) Relieve
for patrol. ~~EVERISEN~~. Acknowledge.
(C.C.O. Batavia, 031001 to VAN GALEN, C. in C.
B.P.F., Admty., C. in C. E.I.)

CUMBERLAND E.I.T.M. 43. Intend to sail from Aden as
cruiser follows: (A) 0700C/4th June. (B) Suez.
trooping (C) 18½ knots.
homewards. (CUMBERLAND, 031049C to N.O.I.C. Aden, Admty.
C. in C. E.I., C. in C. Med).

/Programme...

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East Indies contd...

Programme of C.V.E's proceeding to Hong Kong and Singapore.

Concur in C. in C. B.P.F's 280800 May. Request Admiralty will adjust programmes accordingly. (C. in C.E.I. 031112 to C. in C. B.P.F. Admiralty.)

MINSTREL
M/S.

E.I.T.M. 43. Sail from Singapore as follows:
(A) p.m. 3rd June. (B) Banguay Channel to join RECRUIT. (c) 12 knots. Acknowledge.
(F.O.M.F.A. 031528GH to MINSTREL, Admiralty. S.O. Force 20. M/S.7).

Carriers anticipated sailings.

Your 011028 passed to F.O. Air E.I. Following are anticipated sailings of Carriers from Colombo.

<u>Ship.</u>	<u>E.T.D.Colombo.</u>	<u>Assumed Destination.</u>
RAJAH.	21st June.	Chatham.
PATROLLER.	22nd June.	Plymouth.
FENCER.	24th June.	Chatham.
COLOSSUS.	25th June.	Chatham.
FORMIDABLE.	7th July.	Portsmouth.
INDOMITABLE.	18th July.	Portsmouth.
ATHELING.	20th July.	Plymouth.
QUEEN.	22nd July.	Portsmouth.
RANEE.	8th August.	Portsmouth.
INDEFATIGABLE.	17th August.	Portsmouth.
RAJAH.	28th August.	Chatham.
PATROLLER.	6th September.	Plymouth.

2. Request information whether aircraft can be folded.
(C. in C.E.I. 031534EF to C. in C. Med. C. in C. B.P.F. Admiralty.)

Movements.

Sailed LIONESS, LYSANDER and LAERTES for Brunei Bay.
(F.O.M.F.A. 031543GH to S.O. Force 20, Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F.)

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America & West Indies

Evacuation of French children from Hanoi to France. Your 202209Z May not to C. in C. B.P.F., A.M. 211804A May not to C. in C. E.I., S.A.C.S.E.A., 270339Z May, and C. in C. B.P.F. 280405 May. 2. French Maritime authorities in London and Paris have received no request from any French source for assistance in evacuating 1200 French and French Eurasian children from Hanoi to France. Subject however to certain conditions that have been indicated to them the Ministry of Transport are prepared to assist with AMARAPOORA and GERUSALEMME. 3. Request you invite French Naval Attache in Washington to take appropriate steps with Paris in order that official request may be made if desired, and that you will point out to him that as AMARAPOORA and GERUSALEMME are both due Kure 5th June the matter is one of urgency to avoid delay to these ships. 4. C. in C. B.P.F. is requested to hold AMARAPOORA and GERUSALEMME at Kure pending further instructions. 5. Agreed M.O.T. (D. of P. (Q) App. 4th Sea Lord, 031914A to B.A.D. Washington, S.A.C.S.E.A., C. in C. B.P.F., C. in C. East Indies, F.O.M.F.A.) See 041525Z. *r 131822A (F.E.A.)*

BALLINDERRY frigate. N.O.I.C. Trinidad Naval Staff Officer, Jamaica, from BALLINDERRY. BALLINDERRY sailed Puerto-Barrios 0100Z 1st June and arrived Belize 1600Z 1st June. (Kingston, Jamaica, 032100 to C. in C. A.W.I., Admty. B.A.D. Washington)

Far East & Australia

R.A.N.S. Minesweepers on passage for transfer to Turkey. GAWLER PIRIE and LAUNGESTON 5 departed 2 days late from Cairns on my 100359 amended by my 150433 May. (A.C.N.B., 030016Z to GAWLER, F.O. Ceylon, C. in C. B.P.F., C. in C. E.I., F.O.M.F.A., Admty).

B.P.F. turn over of command. DUKE OF YORK wearing flag of Commander in Chief B.P.F. leaves Hong Kong on 6th June for Singapore where command of the British Pacific Fleet will be turned over to Vice-Admiral Sir Denis Boyd. 2. On assuming command of the British Pacific Vice-Admiral Boyd will proceed to Hong Kong in VENERABLE arriving about 15th June. Admiral Lord Fraser will proceed to England in DUKE OF YORK. 3. Signals and correspondence for C. in C. to continue to be routed to Hong Kong. (C. in C. B.P.F., 031023 to B.P.F. Gen. 099P, Admty. C. in C. E.I., A.C.N.B.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

Gibraltar,
L.Cs. for
passage to
U.S.A.

Following craft are assembled at Gibraltar for
passage to U.S.A. via Bermuda.
L.C.H. 129, L.C.I.(1) 119, 289. L.C.Q. 500, 510.
Fleet Tenders 5, 16, 19, 29.

(2) Owing to defects in LINARIA, the ocean escort,
it is not expected the convoy will leave Gibraltar
before 22nd June.

(3) B.A.D. Washington is requested to signal destinations in U.S.A.
of L.C.Q. and fleet tenders.

(F.O. Gib., 041155B to B.A.D. Washington, C. in C. W.A.I.)

MARY ROSE,
M/S.

Subject to satisfactory trials MARY ROSE will
be sailed to Malta p.m. 12th June.

(2) Ship will require D/G ranging at Malta.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 041205B to Admty., C. in C. Med.)
See 051213.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

KELANTAN,
maintenance
ship (M/S)
on passage
to U.K.

Sail at 0800B/5th June by appropriate Medri
routes to Gibraltar for onward routing to U.K.
(2) Speed 10 knots, E.T.A. 1100B/9th.
(4) Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med., 041529B to KELANTAN, Capt. M/S
Med., Almed.)

15th C.S.
reliefs.

It is hoped to adhere to 28th June for sailing of
ORION for U.K., but if commitments for cruisers
are materially increased by then consideration
will be given to para. 4 A.M. 031432.
(C. in C. Med., 041538B to Admty.)

ORIBI,
destroyer,
ceremony for
transfer to
Turkey.

The change of flag ceremony will take place the day
after the arrival of ORIBI at Istanbul. This
ceremony will probably take place in forenoon as
immediately after it is intended to undergo a 2
hours steaming trial, one hour at half speed and
one hour at $\frac{3}{4}$ speed. The same evening the S.N.O.
will give a dinner to officers and crew.
(2) Details of turnover of stores etc., will be
handed to you on arrival.

Admiralty please pass to all addressees.

(B.N.A. Ankara, 041549B to ORIBI, Admty., C. in C. Med.)

Haifa, re-
organisation,
destroyer
reliefs.

Your 011307 fully concur.
(Admty., 041733A to C. in C. Med.)

Movements.

Port Said June 4th arrivals 0300 L.C.T. 7029 from
Haifa.
Departures 0600 SHARPSHOOTER to Aden, 1100 CAP
DES PALMES to Toulon.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said, 041810B to Cs. in C. Med., E.I.
Admty.)

Departure 1000C/4th VENUS for Alexandria.

(S.N.O.(A) Haifa, 041911C to C. in C. Med., Admty.)

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East Indies.

LONDON, E.I.P.I. One sail from Colombo as follows -
trooping. A. 1115 EF 4th June. B. Aden. C. 20 knots.
(F.O. Ceylon, 040815 EF to LONDON, Admty.)

Movements. Colombo 3rd ^{June} ~~May~~ arrivals LONDON, R.F.A. BISHOPSDALE
Departures U.S.S. HELENA.
(F.O.C.O., 040900 to Admty., C. in C. E.I.)
Arrivals Singapore June 3rd.
SUSSEX, WAVE EMPEROR, L.S.T.3029, R.F.A. BROOMDALE, SALVALOUR.
Departures D.8 in COSSACK, M/S 11 in LIONESS, LYSANDER, LAERTES,
RECRUIT, PINCHER, PLUCKY, RIFLEMAN, MICHAEL, CHAMELEON, SANDRAY,
R.F.A. BELGOL.
(F.O.M.F.A., 040900 GH to Admty., C. in C. B.P.F.)

JAMAICA, E.I.T.M. 43. Intend to sail from Mauritius as
cruiser. follows - A. 1100D/5th June. B. Durban. C. 15 kts.
(JAMAICA, 041010D to Cs, in C. E.I., S.At., Admty.,
N.O.I.C. Durban.) *see below*

SUSSEX, Following programme is proposed for return passage
cruiser, to U.K.
trooping.

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Leave</u>
-	Singapore	p.m. 7th
a.m. 11th	Colombo	p.m. 13th
a.m. 18th	Aden	p.m. 19th
a.m. 22nd	Suez	a.m. 22nd
p.m. 22nd	Port Said	a.m. 23rd
p.m. 27th	Gibraltar	a.m. 29th
p.m. 1st July	Plymouth	p.m. 1st July
a.m. 2nd July	Portsmouth	p.m. 2nd July
p.m. 3rd July	Chatham	

{a) All dates June except where otherwise stated.

{3) Fuel at Colombo, Aden and Gibraltar.

{4) Transit Suez Canal 22nd June.

{SUSSEX, 041328 GH to C. in C. E.I., Admty.)

Movement. Sailed JAMAICA E.T.A. Durban p.m. 9th.
(R.N.O. Mauritius, 041345D to Cs. in C. S.At., E.I.)

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America & West Indies.

Evacuation of French children from Hanoi to France.

French Naval Attache passed gist of your 031914A* to Admiral Barjot Deputy Chief of French Naval Staff p.m. 3rd June.

(2) His signal was marked very urgent. (B.A.D. Washington 041525Z to Admty.)

* re French assistance to evacuate 1200 French and French Eurasian children from Hanoi to France.

See 131022A (FERA).

R.T. STATICE corvette, with landing craft for return to U.S.A.

Take PATROCLUS and all landing craft addressees under your orders and sail at 1800Z/5th June. You are to detach landing craft (L.C.Q.490, S.O.) to Norfolk and PATROCLUS to New York and proceed to Boston. On being detached PATROCLUS and landing craft as arranged by L.C.Q. 490 are to keep watch on appropriate port waves. STATICE L.C.Q. 490 and PATROCLUS acknowledge. (Com. i/c Bermuda, 041555Z to STATICE.) See 051628Z.

Pacific Summary 67. Operation Naval Units.

Pacific Coast. IOWA, NEW JERSEY, ASTORIA, AMSTERDAM, PASADENA, OKLAHOMA CITY, MIAMI, ST. PAUL, 5 DD.

At Pearl. NEVADA, 9 DD.

Marshall Islands. NEW YORK, PENNSYLVANIA, ARKANSAS, SARATOGA, SHANGRIILA, INDEPENDENCE, PENSACOLA, SALT LAKE CITY, FALL RIVER, SAIDOR, 17 DD.

West Pacific. BOXER, ANTIETAM, POINT CRUZ, CHICAGO, BREMERTON, LOS ANGELES, TOPEKA, DULUTH, ATLANTA, 25 DD. En route Colombo to Singapore. HELENA. (C.N.O., 041601Z to Admty., Comnavu.)

Atlantic, operational naval units.

Change my 281904. Serial 233. NORTH CAROLINA, WASHINGTON at New Port. DENVER, CLEVELAND, MONTPELIER, SICILY at New York. MACON at Norfolk. COLUMBIA at Charleston. KEARSARGE at Canal Zone. HOUSTON at Plymouth. FARGO, JUNEAN, LITTE¹ROCK, SALER~~W~~¹BAY, MINDORO at sea. (C.N.O., 041602Z to Admty., Comnavu.)

DITTANY corvette, returned to U.S.A.

Arrival DITTANY a.m. 4th June 1946. (B.N.L.O. New York 041640R to Admty.)

4.6.1946
Tuesday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

TYNE,
destroyer
depot ship.

Intend that TYNE leave B.P.F. for U.K. end August or early September when it is anticipated that maintenance of fleet destroyers can be taken over by Commodore Hongkong.

(C. in C. B.P.F., 040708 to Admty., TYNE, R.A.D. Combrax.)

MANXMAN,
fast mine-
layer.

B. MANXMAN. D. Yokohama. E. 0630Z/4. F. 19 knots. G. West of Formosa. H. Hongkong. I. 2300Z/7.

(S.B.N.O.(A) 040730Z to C. in C. B.P.F., S.W.Pac. Force, Com. H.K.)

5.6.1946.
Wednesday

War Diary

FOREIGN STATIONS

North Atlantic

ARTIFEX
Heavy
repair ship
on passage
to U.K.

A.M. 281111. Request you will divert ARTIFEX to Cardiff to discharge all stores and food packages referred to in ARTIFEX's 311655 May, not to all.
2. C. in C. Plymouth is requested to sail ship to the Clyde on completion of discharge.
3. ARTIFEX is to report her E.T.A. at Cardiff to C. in C. Plymouth and Admiralty.
(D.O.D., 051200A to F.O. Gib., ARTIFEX, C. in C. Med., Plymouth).

War Diary

5.6.1946.
Wednesday

FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean

RANPURA
Heavy
repair ship.

RANPURA being held Malta pending Admiralty decision on her future movements. C. in C. Med., 041137 (N.T. in W.D.) not to all refers.
2. Cancel my 201739 May (N.T. in W.D.) (C. in C. Plymouth, 051144 to Admty. F.O. Gibraltar, C. in C. Med).

MARY ROSE
M/S

Your 041205B*June. Request MARY ROSE be sailed to Bizerta on completion of defects reporting her E.T.A. to Comar Bizerta and M/S 8.
2. She will be returning to Malta with 8th M.S.F. on June 28th.
(C. in C. Med., 051213 to F.O.Gibraltar, MARY ROSE, S.O. M/S 8, Admty)
*MARY ROSE to sail to Malta.

PRODUCT
for transfer
on loan to
Greeks.

A.M. 151211A/ April. S.B.N.O. Greece 301300B May. PRODUCT should be transferred on loan to Greeks under same terms as given in Admiralty Letter M.07883/45 of 12th November. Loan of temporary nature and for purposes of minesweeping in Mediterranean zone.
(Hd. of M.1 051455A to C. in C. Med., S.B.N.O. Greece)

C. in C.
Med.
Programme.

I intend to leave Malta by air a.m. June 11th to visit S.A.C. Med. at Naples thence a.m. 12th to Venice where I shall embark in LIVERPOOL and arrive Trieste p.m. June 12th to see General Harding and to review the arrangements for co-operation with the Army in the event of trouble in Venezia Giulia.
2. I intend to return Malta by air on 14th June leaving LIVERPOOL in the Northern Adriatic Area.
(C. in C. Med., 051703 to Admty).

Movements

Port Said June 5th. Arrivals - nil.
Departures. 0700 L.C.T. 7029 to Adabiya. 1100 MEDIATOR and A.F.D.48 to Gibraltar.
2. Suez arrived 1630 APOLLO from Aden.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said, 051742B to C. in C. Med., Admty).

C. in C.
Med.
transference
of flag.

(A) Flag C. in C. will be transferred from H.M.S. ST. ANGELO to LIVERPOOL on June 12th and from LIVERPOOL to ANGELO on June 14th.
(B) LIVERPOOL report intended time of transfer in each case.
2. From 0900 June 11th to 0900 June 14th signals requiring immediate and personal attention of C. in C. should be addressed C. in C. Med., Fleet (A) repeated C. in C. Med. Fleet and routed both to LIVERPOOL and Malta.
3. LIVERPOOL will carry normal allowance of S.P's only.
(C. in C. Med Flt. 052140B to Admty. S.B.N.O.M.E., F.O.G.M.A., LIVERPOOL, C.S.15, S.N.O.(A) Haifa, S.B.N.O. Greece, F.O.I.L. R.A. Malta).

5.6.1946.
Wednesday

War Diary

FOREIGN STATIONS

East Indies

BUSHWOOD
deperming
ship for
passage to
U.K.

Cancel my 01111.
(C. in C. E.I., 050809 to BUSHWOOD, Admty.
F.O.Ceylon)

SUSSEX
trooping
programme.

Intend following programme for SUSSEX. All
dates June, unless shown otherwise.

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
11th	Colombo	13th
18th	Aden	19th
22nd	Suez	22nd
22nd	Port Said	23rd
27th	Gibraltar	29th
1st July	Plymouth	1st July
2nd July	Portsmouth	2nd July
3rd July	Chatham	-

2. Fuel at Colombo, Aden, Gibraltar.
3. Admiralty is requested to divert mails
accordingly.
(C. in C. E.I., 050950 to Admty. SUSSEX, C. in C.
Portsmouth).

LOCHMORE
frigate for
U.K.

On completion of present duty LOCHMORE will be
sailed from Ceylon to U.K. about 18th June.
N.O.I.C. Rangoon is requested to expedite
sailing of LOCHMORE to Trincomalee.
(C. in C. E.I. 051508EF to LOCHMORE, N.O.I.C.
Rangoon).

CAVENDISH
destroyer
on passage
to U.K.

E.I.T.M.43. Sail from Bombay as follows:-
A. 1400EF 6th June. B. Aden. C. 14 knots.
G. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Bombay, 051546EF to CAVENDISH, C. in C.
E.I., F.O. Ceylon).

5.6.1946.
Wednesday

War Diary

FOREIGN STATIONS

America & West Indies

STATICE
corvette
with landing
craft for
return to
U.S.A.

My. 041555Z.*
Time of sailing postponed to 1800Z/6th June.
(Com. i/c Bermuda, 051628Z to STATICE,
PATROCLUS, L.C.P.385, L.C.Q.390, L.C.Q.489,
L.C.Q. 490, C. in C. A.W.I.)
*Instructing STATICE take PATROCLUS as all
landing craft addressees under orders and
sail 1800/5th.

Far East & Australia

Movements

2nd June Arrivals (A) Darwin WESTRALIA.
Departures (A) ADAMANT, JARVIS for Brisbane.
(A.C.N.B., 050627Z to A.I.G. one).

6.6.1946.
Thursday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Crews for
M.L's
turned over
to Turkey.

Your 281510B May. Request Turkish Destroyer
bring crews to Malta arriving 0800B on 17th
June. British Ferry crews are not available.
2. Ferry boats will be required to transport
spare gear and stores and should arrive on or
about 24th June.
(C. in C. Med. Flt. 060915 to B.N.A. Ankara.
Admiralty. N.O.I.C. Malta. GREGALE.)

Movement.

STEVENSTONE arrived Haifa from Alexandria
1100C 6th June.
(S.N.O.(A) Haifa 061836C to C. in C. Med.
Admiralty.)

War Diary.

6.6.1946.
Thursday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

BALLINDERRY
frigate.

Request you will make the necessary preparations for BALLINDERRY to tow M.M.S.223 to Bermuda when she leaves Jamaica.
(C. in C. A.W.I. 061330Z to S.O.(I) Jamaica.)

Far East and Australia.

Movement.

(B) ANSON, BARFLEUR.
(C) C.T.G. 96.8
(D) Kobe.
(E) 0230Z/6.
(F) 14 knots.
(G) Kure.
(I) 0930Z/7.
(C.T.G. 96.8 060259Z to Comnavjap. Comflactivities S.O. Force C. C. in C B.P.F. Admiralty.)

7.6.1946.
Friday.

War Diary.

SITUATION REPORT.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

R.A.(D) The Flag of Rear Admiral E.D.B. McCarthy
Mediterranean. C.B. D.S.O. was hoisted today in H.M.S.
PHOEBE as R.A.(D) Mediterranean.

7.6.1946.
Friday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

Landing craft returning to U.S.A. Take following craft under your orders and sail p.m. 8th June to U.S.A. via Funchal (Madeira) and Bermuda:

LCQ 510 (QDNV) 500 (QDNN)
TCI (L) 119 (CZPN) 289 (CZWF)
LCH 129 (CZQD) FT 5 (MSBT) 16 (MSCV) 19 (MSCY)
29 (MSCS).

2. Speed in fair weather 8 knots. E.T.A. Funchal for water a.m. 12th June. Consul has been informed. Firm E.T.A. to be signalled direct to Consul when known.
3. After leaving Funchal convoy should proceed along Great Circle route to Bermuda unless weather necessitates more southerly route being taken.
4. Consideration should be given to:
 - (A) Slow craft being towed to expedite passage.
 - (B) Whole convoy stopping for 24 hours at sea on favourable day between Funchal and Bermuda for making machinery adjustments and transferring fuel and water.
8. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Gib. 071242B to S.O.281. L.C. Flotilla in L.C.Q.510. Admiralty. C. in C. Plymouth. C. in C. A and W.I. Commorlant. P.A.T.M. C.E.S.F. N.S.H.Q.)

WILD GOOSE Sloop to Malta to work up. Sail 1100B 8th June via Nedri to Malta to work up.
2. Speed 11. E.T.A. 0700B 12th June.
5. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Gib. 071546 to WILDGOOSE. Admiralty. C. in C. Med.)

GLENGYLE L.S.I.(L) on passage to U.K. Sail 0800B 8th June to Portsmouth.
2. Speed 16. E.T.A. first light on 1st/ June.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Gib. 071625B to GLENGYLE. Admiralty. C. in C. Plymouth. C. in C. Portsmouth.)
/ as recd.

7.6.1946.
Friday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

APOLLO
fast mine-
layer on
passage
to U.K.

1. Sailed Port Said 0700B June 7th.
2. E.T.A. Gibraltar 1600B June 11th.
3. S.O.A. 18.5 knots.
(APOLLO 070700Z to F.O. Gib.)

R.A.(D)
Mediterranean
Flag of
R.A. and
E.D.B.
McCarthy
hoisted in
PHOEBE
Cruiser.

The flag of R.A. E.D.B. McCarthy was hoisted in PHOEBE at 0800 today June 7th in accordance with Admiralty Letter M.O. 1496/46. (R.A.D.(Med.) 071030 to Admiralty. C. in C. Portsmouth.)

Palestine.
Illegal
immigration
operations.

As result of air search by R.A.F. Capt.(D) 3 in SAUMAREZ has intercepted ~~CAIQUE~~ with approximately 350 immigrants in position 031 degs. 36 mins. N. 034 degs. 03 mins. E. at 1310C 7th June.

2. First reported flying Egyptian flag now flying Zionist flag.

3. Vessel will be boarded to establish identity and arrested, on entering territorial waters.

(S.N.O.(A) Haifa 071507 to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.)
(See 091537)

Operational
Control of
French naval
forces in
Mediterranean.
Relinquishing
of by C. in C.
Med.

C. in C. Med. will relinquish operational control of the French Naval Forces in the Mediterranean at 0001 G.M.T. June 8th.
2. From that time C. in C. Med. will assume direct operational control of the whole of the Mediterranean station except as in para. 3. below.

3. S.B.N.O. Greece and N.O.I.C. Trieste will continue to exercise local operational control in the Sub. areas already allocated to them and S.N.O.A. Haifa will continue his

responsibilities as laid down in Med. Station 324B.

4. N.O.I.C. Naples will cease to be an operational authority. (C. in C. Med. 071509 to Med. Gen. N.R. 456B. Almed. Admiralty. Comnavmed.)

CUMBERLAND
trooping.

Intend to sail from Port Said at 0600B June 8th. Speed 20 knots. O.T.R. Gibraltar 1000B June 12th. (CUMBERLAND 071745B to F.O. Gib. C. in C. Med. Admiralty.)

War Diary.

7.6.1946.
Friday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean contd...

C.S.15
transfer
of flag.

NR.458B. The Flag of C.S.15. will be transferred from ORION to MAURITIUS at 1300B 10th June. Signals and correspondence should be routed, accordingly.
(C. in C. Med. 071802 to Admiralty Comnavmed.)

7.6.1946.
Friday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Movements.

Colombo 6th June.

Arrivals.

GERALDTON.

BROOME.

Departures.

RAJAH.

U.S.S. MARIAS.

R.F.A. EMPIRE TESVILLE.

V.S.I.S. DEMODOCUS.

(F.O. Ceylon 070855EF to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)

War Diary.

7.6.1946.
Friday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

Landing
craft
returned
to U.S.

My 041555Z and 051628Z. H.M. Ships STATICE,
PATROCLUS, L.C.Q.490. L.C.Q. 489. L.C.Q. 390.
and L.C.Q. 385 sailed to comply, 1800Z 6th June.
(Com. i/c. Bermuda 071446Z to C. in C. A.W.I.
N.S.H.Q. C.O.A.C. B.A.D. Admiralty. C.N.O.
C. in C. Lant.)

Far East and Australia.

Adjustment
of East
Indies and
B.P.F.
Station
boundaries.

Reference 090 P of 29th May delete last 7 words
of para. 2.
(C. in C. B.P.F. 070016 to B.P.F. General
Message 102P. C. in C.E.I. F.O.M.F.A. Admiralty.
S.A.C.S.E.A.)

M/S on
passage
for transfer
to Turkey.

GAWLER (S.O.) LAUNCESTON, PIRIE departed
Darwin 0200Z 7th June for Singapore. A.C.N.B's
100359 and 150433 refer. S.O.A. 10 knots.
E.T.A. 0400 15th June.
(N.O.I.C. Darwin 070532Z to A.C.N.B. C. in C.
B.P.F. V.A.M. B.N.A. Ankara.)

Movements.

4th June arrivals:
A. Sydney VICTORIOUS.
B. Darwin, GAWLER, LAUNCESTON, PIRIE.
Departures:
A. Jervis Bay, PENN for Hobart.
B. Brisbane BURNIE, IPSWICH, TOOWOOMBA for
Townsville.
(A.C.N.B. 070543Z to Admiralty. C. in C. East
Indies. New Zealand Naval Board. C.O.I.S.
Kilindini.)

C. in C.
B.P.F. in
DUKE OF
YORK.

My 290707/ and 050526 not to all. DUKE OF YORK
wearing flag of C. in C. B.P.F. will now arrive
Singapore 0930GH 11th June.
(2) Any amendments to programme after arrival
Singapore will be signalled by DUKE OF YORK.
(C. in C. B.P.F. 070712 to F.O.M.F.A. VENERABLE.
C. in C. E.I. C.S.4. DUKE OF YORK. Admiralty.)
/ Programme for passage of DUKE OF YORK to U.K.

7.6.1946.
Friday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia contd...

Movements. Arrived Shanghai BERMUDA.
(S.O. Force (S) 070732Z to C. in C. B.P.F. Admiralty. Com.7th Fleet.)

Naval Trooping programme. As a result of forward routing of Trooping C.V.E's beyond Ceylon referred to in C. in C. E.I's 210949 and C. in C. B.P.F's 280800 neither to all, A.M. 211809/May is amended as follows:

<u>Ship.</u>	<u>E.T.D. U.K.</u>	<u>Destination.</u>	<u>E.T.A.</u>
QUEEN.	6th June.	Malta: Colombo: Hong Kong.	6th July.
ATHELING.	12th June.	Malta: Colombo: Singapore.	8th July.
FORMIDABLE.	15th June.	Malta: Colombo.	2nd July.
RANEE.	19th June.	Malta: Colombo: Singapore: Hong Kong.	22nd July.
INDOMITABLE.	25th June.	Colombo.	14th July.
INDEFATIGABLE.	27th July.	Malta: Colombo.	14th Aug.
PATROLLER.	3rd Aug.	Malta: Colombo: Hong Kong.	4th Sept.
RAJAH.	3rd Aug.	Malta: Colombo: Singapore.	31st Aug.
VICTORIOUS.	Uncertain.	Colombo.	Uncertain.

(D. of M. 071532A to C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I. C. in C. Med.)

8.6.1946.
Saturday.

War Diary.

SITUATION REPORT.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Operational
control
of French
Naval Forces
in Med.

C. in C. Med. relinquished operational control
of the French Naval Forces in Mediterranean
at 0001 G.M.T. today.

War Diary.

8.6.1946.
Saturday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

ORIBI
destroyer
on passage
for transfer
to Turkey.

Sail 0900B 9th June via Medri routes to Malta.
2. Speed 14. E.T.A. 0700B 12th June.
5. Ship requires two days in Malta.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Gibraltar 081019B to ORIBI. Admiralty.
C. in C. Med. R.A. Malta. C.S.M.)

8.6.1946.
Saturday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Incident off Albanian Coast. S.B.N.O. Greece reports Turkish Schooner passing through Northern entrance to Corfu at 0830B 6th June came under small arms fire from Albanian Coast. Has news of this been received in Turkey.
2. In view of more serious incident concerning H.M.S. ORION and SUPERB which has been reported in the Press I should be glad to know how the Turks are re-acting.
(C. in C. Med. 081336 to B.N.A. Ankara. Admiralty. S.B.N.O. Greece.)
(See 121728C) 191201C.

Motor vessel SMYRNA intercepted with illegal immigrants. Court case for confiscation of (?illegal) Immigrant Carrier SMYRNA is filed for 28th June in Haifa. My 141327 May not to all addressees refers.
2. Palestine Government states that it is important (?for) success of case that Lt. P.V.M. Davey R.N. of H.M.S. JERVIS be present on that day. Request he may be flown out and that if not available Sub. Lt. Hayter of JERVIS may be sent instead.
(S.N.O. (Afloat) Haifa 081630C to Admiralty C. in C. Med. Capt. (D) 14th D.F. JERVIS. BILPAL. H.C. Palestine.)
✓ M.V. SMYRNA arrested by boarding party 14th May.

LONDON trooping homewards. E.T.A. Suez p.m. Wednesday 12th June.
2. Request canal transit of first light a.m. 13th with pontoon bridge if possible.
3. One hundred tons of water required on arrival.
4. E.T.D. Port Said for Gibraltar a.m.
Saturday 15th June.
(LONDON 082015Z to N.O.I.C. Port Said. C. in C. E.I. C. in C. Med.)

*
On May 15, cruisers ORION and SUPERB, while passing southward through the swept channel, were fired on by Albanian batteries, fortunately without damage.

(British Government Note to Albania, text issued 10.12.1946 - The Times, 11.12.46).

War Diary.

8.6.1946.
Saturday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Movements.

Arrivals Singapore 7th June U.S.S. HELENA
LOCH ACHRAY, LOCH SCAVAIG.
Departures SUSSEX, B.Y.M.S. 2205. 2244, 2223,
2161, 2818, 2162.
(F.O.M.F.A. 08Q130Z to Admiralty. C. in C.
B.P.F. N.O.I.C. H.K. C. in C.E.I.)

FALMOUTH
Sloop
on passage
to U.K.

E.I.T.M.43.
Sail from Bombay as follows:
(A) 0700EF 10th June.
(B) Aden.
(C) 12 knots.
(G) C. in C.E.I.S. 061647/ June refers.
Acknowledge.
(F.O. Bombay 081203 to FALMOUTH, Admiralty,
C. in C. E.I. F.O. Ceylon.)
/ Programme for FALMOUTH.

CAVENDISH
destroyer
on passage
to U.K.

Following is repetition of text of C. in C.E.I's
201506EF/ May.
Intend following programme for CAVENDISH.
All dates June unless shown otherwise.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
-	Trincomalee.	24th May.
28th May.	Bombay.	30th May.
4th June.	Aden.	5th June.
9th June.	Suez.	9th June.
9th June.	Port Said.	9th June.
12th June.	Malta.	13th June.
16th June.	Gibraltar.	18th June.
21st June.	Plymouth.	-

2. Fuel at Aden and Gibraltar.
3. Owing to number of passengers carried it is desirable to call Malta for water. 201506 Ends.
(F.O. Bombay 081207EF to Admiralty.)
/ Quoted in F.O. Bombay's 071235.

War Diary.

8.6.1946.
Saturday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

STATICE
corvette
with L.C.
on passage
for return
to U.S.A.

My position 1630Z June 8th. 1946. Lat. 35.31 N.
Long. 72.04 W. course 294. Speed 9 knots.
L.C.Q. 490385, 390389 and PATROCLUS in company.
Amended E.T.A. Cape Henry 1500Z.
(STATICE 081230 to C. in C. A.W.I. L.C.Q. 490.
PATROCLUS.)

Far East and Australia.

C. in C.
B.P.F.
transfer
of command.

From C. in C. B.P.F. My 040031 not to all.
Intend transfer of command shall now take place
at 1200GH on 11th June.
2. My 070712/ refers.
(DUKE OF YORK 080244 to Admiralty. VENERABLE.
C.S.4. F.O.M.F.A.)
/ DUKE OF YORK wearing flag of C. in C. B.P.F.
will arrive Singapore 11th June.

MANXMAN
fast
minelayer.
Programme
for passage
to U.K.

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

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
-	Hong Kong.	12th June.
15th June.	Singapore.	15th June.
19th June.	Colombo.	22nd June.
28th June.	Aden.	28th June.
1st July.	Suez.	1st July.
1st July.	Port Said.	2nd July.
4th July.	Malta.	6th July.
8th July.	Gibraltar.	9th July.
12th July.	Sheerness.	-

(C. in C. B.P.F. 080342Z to Admiralty. Com.
Hong Kong.)
(See 100247)

REDPOLE
and WOODCOCK
A.A.Sloops
for return
to U.K.

Intend following programme for passage of
REDPOLE and WOODCOCK to U.K.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Leave.</u>
-	Hong Kong.	10th June.
14th June.	Singapore.	15th June.
19th June.	Colombo.	21st June.
27th June.	Aden.	27th June.
1st July.	Suez.	1st July.
1st July.	Port Said.	1st July.
4th July.	Malta.	4th July.
7th July.	Gibraltar.	9th July.
13th July.	Sheerness.	-

(C. in C. B.P.F. 080343Z to Admiralty.)

9.6.1946.
Sunday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

QUEEN
trooping
outwards.

Sail 1800B 9th June via Medri routes to Malta
for O/R Port Said.
2. Speed 15½. E.T.A. noon 12th June.
5. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Gib. 091710B to QUEEN. Admiralty.
C. in C. Med.)

9.6.1946.
Sunday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Operations
re illegal
immigrants
into
Palestine.

Following is corrected version of my 091520.
Begins: Confidential, C. in C. Med., repeated
C.S.15. from S.N.O.(A) Haifa. Haifa Sitrep
No.8. One destroyer was on patrol until 4th
June when intelligence indicated that 2 illegal
immigrant carriers had sailed from Piraeus and
were in the offing. Air search began 1400 4th
and 3 destroyers patrolled that night.

2. 3 aircraft carried out extensive scrutiny search from 0600 to 1700 5th June. Further reports indicated that a third vessel was due from South Italy and that one ship from Greece had transferred her immigrants to second. 3 destroyers remained on patrol.
3. Same destroyers patrolled and air searches continued on 6th and 7th particular attention being paid to Southern waters owing to special information from Jerusalem. Local intelligence indicated that Jewish organizations on shore were making preparations to receive 470 immigrants. From one caique and destroyer patrol was increased to 5 for night 6th/7th owing to large number of caiques at sea.
4. Aircraft reported suspected caique about (?40) miles west of Gaza at 1047C 7th and Capt. (D) 3 in SAUMAREZ sighted at 1315C but was unable to board. My 071507 not to C.S.15 refers.
5. After shadowing Capt.(D) 3 arrested un-named caique at 0149C 8th June in territorial waters 5 miles south of Askelon where numerous lights of some kind were seen ashore. Police launches assisted.
6. SAUMAREZ towed caique to Haifa where the authorities took her over at 1600C 8th June. Master and crew mingled with passengers or else transferred to 2nd caique when immigrants concentrated.
7. Final count gives 255 men and 127 women.
8. Destroyers patrolling now reduced to one.(?as) Jerusalem have decided that (?origin) of the sailings from South Italy in unreliable.
(S.N.O.(Afloat) Haifa 091537C to C. in C. Med. C.S.15.)

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9.6.1946.
Sunday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Movements. Arrivals Singapore 8th June.
VENERABLE Vice Admiral Boyd in VENERABLE, CAMPERDOWN,
with Vice BONAVENTURE.
Adml. Boyd. Departures. Nil.
prospective (F.O.M.F.A. 090130Z to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.
C. in C. B.P.F. Com. Hong Kong.)
B.P.F.
on board.

Movements. Arrivals 8th June. SCARAB. LOCH MORE.
(Navycharge Rangoon 090900FG to F.O.M.F.A.
C. in C.E.I. Admiralty.)

WOOLWICH My 211107 May. WOOLWICH delayed through
destroyer standing by s.s. EMPIRE NILE temporarily in
depot ship difficulties east of Socotra revised programme
on passage as follows. All dates June unless shown
to U.K. otherwise.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
10th.	Aden.	11th.
16th.	Suez.	16th.
16th.	Port Said.	18th.
25th.	Gibraltar.	26th.
1st July.	Chatham.	-

(C. in C.E.I. 090903 to Admiralty. C. in C. Nore.
Med., F.O. Gib.)

SUFFOLK E.I.P.I. One. Sail from Colombo as follows:
trooping (A) 1700EF 10th June.
homewards. (B) Aden.
(C) 20 knots.
Acknowledge.
(F.O. Ceylon 090956C to SUFFOLK.)

Movement. E.I.P.I. One. Sail from Colombo as follows:
(A) 0830EF 10th June.
(B) Trincomalee Exercise Area.
(C) 14 knots.
(F) 0800 11th June.
Acknowledge.
(F.O. Ceylon 091110 to COLOSSUS. Admiralty.)

9.6.1946.
Sunday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

WEAR
frigate.

Departure Kingston 1800R 9th. WEAR to Nassau via Grand Turk Caicos and San Salvador E.T.A. Grand Turk 0600R/11. E.T.A. Nassau p.m. 15th June.
(S.O.(I) Jamaica 091804R to C. in C. A.W.I. Admiralty. B.A.D., Governor Bahamas.)

Far East and Australia.

INDEFATIGABLE
trooping.

Departed Sydney 07008 9th/ June. INDEFATIGABLE for Fremantle E.T.A. 2300Z 14th June. S.O.A. 16 knots route via Bass Straits. 300824 not to all refers.
(F.O.I.C. Sydney 090710Z to A.C.N.B. N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne.)

War Diary.

10.6.1946.
Monday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

CAVALIER
destroyer
on passage
to U.K.

Sail 1800B 11th June to Portsmouth.
2. Speed 14. E.T.A. 1100A 15th June.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Gibraltar 101013B to CAVALIER.
Admiralty. C. in C. Plymouth.)

South Atlantic.

Movement.

H.M.S. JAMAICA arrived 1430 Sunday.
(N.L.O. Durban 100830 to C. in C.S.A.)

War Diary.

10.6.1946.
Monday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Re reduction
in personnel
of Greek
Navy.

I am sympathetic towards S.B.N.O. Greece's 271345/ May, particularly in view of the sentiments expressed in my predecessor's 900/MED 46/001389/7/1 of 15th March 1946, and the importance to us at the present time of an efficient and contented Greek Navy organised on economical lines.

2. I have enquired further into this matter and it appears that a reduction in personnel of 30 to 50 per cent. is contemplated.
 3. From our own experience it is evident that expert advice based on experience is necessary if such a major reorganisation is to take place without grave dislocation and consequent discontent and inefficiency.
 4. In these circumstances and bearing in mind the undesirability of increasing the British Mission staff in Greece and the pressure of work on the personnel departments at the Admiralty, I suggest for consideration that an officer with Admiralty experience of these personnel problems be sent out now (?to) examine the situation on the spot and to recommend to S.B.N.O. Greece the best way of tackling the problem, subsequently one of S.B.N.O. Greece's existing staff to work out details in collaboration with the Greeks and to execute the plan. (C. in C. Med. 101548 to Admiralty. S.B.N.O. Greece.)
- ✓ Concerns drastic reduction in personnel of Greek Navy.

Movement.

1200C 10th June. SAUMAREZ sailed for Beirut.
(S.N.O. Haifa 101625 to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.)

10.6.1946.
Monday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Rangoon
Mine risks.

Subject to hired transport operating to
Tenasserim Ports.

2. Now that EMPIRE RECORD heavy lift ship
is allocated to (?Reply) HICKORY GHYLL.

3. Mines sweeping operations have been carried
out in Moulmein, Tavoy and Merovi and Swept Areas promulgated
by WC messages both these would appear to be risks attached
to shipped, these ports based on the following:

(A) HT BANDRA on June 3rd had a near miss from a mine in the
centre of the Swept Channel at Tavoy and now under repair in
Rangoon. This vessel had approximately 400 passengers aboard
at the time of incident.

(B) On June 2nd Japanese L.C.T. was blown up in Moulmein
River with the loss of all on board.

4. Master of BANDRA refuses to proceed into Tavoy under
present conditions.

5. Am now doing EMPIRE SUBUL, EMPIRE RECORD and EMPIRE
RANGOON for these ports. Latter shipping called Petrol
Carrier.

6. Anticipate possibility of ship masters refusing to proceed
under present conditions.

7. Request confirmation that substance of this signal is
fully appreciated and that the risks are to accepted and
vessels sailed.

(S.S.T.O. Rangoon 101114 to P.S.T.O. (I) Delhi.)

(See 111236 and 130958)

BUSHWOOD
deperming
ship on
passage
to U.K.

E.I.P.I. 1. Sail from Trincomalee as follows:

(A) 0800EF 12th June.

(B) Colombo for onward routeing to U.K. via
Bombay.

(C) 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ knots.

Acknowledge.

(C. in C.E.I. 101150 to BUSHWOOD. Admiralty.
F.O. Ceylon.)

FALMOUTH
Sloop.

FALMOUTH delayed due to an accident while
going alongside R.F.A. DISTOL. S.R.N.O. Bombay
is convening a board of enquiry. My 081203 refers.

2. Anticipated ship will be delayed several
days.

(F.O. Bombay 101722EF to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty.)

MESSAGE.

4-3(a)
IN

Mine Sweeping Report.

UNCLASSIFIED

100300Z/June.

From: FOMFI.

Date: 21.6.46.

Rocd: 1849

P/L

To: C. in C. B.P.F. HAIDA, C. in C, E.I., Admiralty,
SACSEA.

Weekly report of M/S PROGRESS No. 25, Serial U-Borneo - Brunei Bay, 166th M.S.F. have completed magnetic sweep of East Channel. Total of one mine detonated. (Also shown in report No. 24).

Serial 26 - Borneo - North West - Miri, 10th M.S.F. completed clearance EFMI 390 further 41 mines out. Check sweep commenced 9th June,

Serial 28 - Borneo - North West Coast - Brunei Bay, 11th M.S.F. completed clearance 9th June negative result.

Serial 27 - Borneo - North Coast - Banguay Channel, 7th M.S.F. completed clearance Northern Channel negative result reported at native skin divers have recovered and rendered safe 20 mines using charges for fishing mines Japanese Moored probably type 93.

Serial S - Malacca Straits Area Islands and Klang Strait, 181st M.S.F. sailed to commence this serial 7th June.

100300Z

D.C. (2)
O.D. (8)
L.M.S. (2)
D.U.W. (2)
Hydrog. (2)
Staff Charts
D. of N.
D.U.W. (2)
W.D.

J.R. 92

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Monday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

STATICE
corvette
returning
to U.S.A.

1. Mainbearing in main engine unserviceable. Max. speed available 4 knots possibly reducing to zero. Ship is still manoeuvrable while good weather continues.
2. Request tug be detached to stand by.
3. My position at 0200Z 11th June 1946. Lat. 39 degs. 16 mins. N. Long. 71 degs. 38 mins. W.

Course 305 degs. Speed 3 knots.

4. Am making for New York.

(STATICE 102100Z to Com Three. Com.One. C. in C. A.W.I.
C. in C. Lant.)

Far East and Australia.

MANXMAN
fast
minelayer
on passage
to U.K.

My 080342. Intend MANXMAN leave Colombo p.m. 21st June. All subsequent movements will be one day earlier and ship will therefore arrive Sheerness 11th July. p.m. Request programme be amended accordingly. (C. in C. B.P.F. 100247 to Admiralty. MANXMAN. C. in C.E.I. Com. Aden.)

11.6.1946.
Tuesday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

KELANTAN
Maintenance
ship
(Minesweeper)
on passage
to U.K.

KELANTAN sail 0900B 12th June to Portsmouth.
2. Speed 10 knots. E.T.A. a.m. 17th June.
7. KELANTAN acknowledge.
(F.O.G.M.A. 111504B to Admiralty. C. in C.
Portsmouth.)

ARTIFEX
Heavy
repair
ship on
passage
to U.K.
from E.I.

Sail 0900B 12th June to Cardiff for o/r Clyde.
2. Speed 11½ knots. E.T.A. Barry Roads 1600A
16th June.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Gib. 111540B to ARTIFEX. Admiralty.
C. in C. Rosyth.)

APOLLO
fast
minelayer
on passage
to U.K.
from B.P.F.
and for
reserve.

Sail 1730B 14th June to U.K.
2. Speed 18. E.T.A. Plymouth 0700A 17th June.
Portsmouth 1600A 17th June. Sheerness 0900A 18th
June.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Gib 111604B to APOLLO.)

R.A.(D)
in PHOEBE.

Sail in PHOEBE 0900B 12th June via Medri routes
to Malta.
2., Speed 14. E.T.A. 0930B 15th June.
5. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Gib 111616B to R.A.(D). PHOEBE.)

MESSAGE.

Med
45(a) IN
Recd 1.7.46

Med.

UNCLASSIFIED.

111307/June.

From C. in C. Med.

Date 29.6.46.

Recd 1540

P/L.

To. All concerned.
Info. Admiralty.

M S M 467B.

Rear Admiral E.D.B. McCarthy GC D.S.O. has been appointed as R.A.D. Mediterranean and will arrive in Malta on 15 June flying his flag in PHOEBE.

2. Administration. It is intended that on dates to be communicated later R.A.D. shall administer PHOEBE, RANPURA Destroyers, Sloops, Frigates, minesweepers, GRE GALE and Coastal Forces, landing ships and crafts, and all establishment on Manoel Island except the Base Supply Offices.

3. Staff. Capt. D. Malta will be appointed as C.S.O. to R.A.D. and as C.O. H.M.S. FAREHAM, staff of Capt. D. Malta will be absorbed into staff of R.A.D. B.S.O. Malta and S.S.O. to R.A.M. will be re-appointed also as S.S.O. to R.A.D.

4. Operational. Control of sea going units will be retained by C. in C. Med.

111307

1st Lord.
1st S.L. (3)
2nd S.L.
V.C.N.S.
D.C.N.S.
Secretary
Naval Secretary
D.C. (2)
D.S.O.
O.D. (3)
D. Mov (7)
M (2)
D.S.D. (2)
Mails.
C.N.I. (2)
N.A. 2nd S.L. (2)
C.W. (2)
D. of M.
D.S.D. 9 (2)
W.D.
H.W.R. (2)
D. of P. (2)
D. of P. (Q) (2)
D.G.S.
D.N.A. 4 Harrow.

N.M.W.
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Tuesday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Movements.

Arrivals today 11th. 0830 ORION from Famagusta.
1000 VIRAGO from Malta.
Departures. 1400 ORION to Kyrenia.
(S.N.O. (A) Haifa 111845C to C. in C. Med.
Admiralty.)

11.6.1946.
Tuesday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

NIGER E.I.T.M.43. Sail from Singapore as follows.
M/S H.Q. (A) 0600Z 13th June.
Ship. (B) Jesselton.
(C) 12 knots.
(D) W.C.327. Hydropac 887.
(F) 0030Z 16th June.
(G) To return to Singapore with relieved
B.S.G's on instructions from S.O. Force 20.
Acknowledge.
(F.O.M.F.A. 110300Z NIGER C. in C. B.P.F. S.O. M/S. Seven.)

DUKE OF Sailed DUKE OF YORK with Admiral Lord Fraser
YORK embarked 0830Z today for Colombo.
with Admiral (F.O. Malaya 111013Z to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F.
Lord Fraser C. in C.E.I.)
on passage
to U.K.

~~Rangoon~~
~~RANGOON~~
Food Reference S.S.T.O. Rangoon 101114 submitted.
situation 1. The food situation in this area is critical.
and mine 2. It is not possible to bring stores in other
risks. than by sea.
3. The P.S.T.O.(I) is not in a position to
assess the dangers to ships from casual mines.
4. It is requested that C. in C.E.I. may reply
to S.S.T.O. Rangoon direct stating if this risk
may be accepted.
(P.S.T.O.(I) 111236 to C. in C.E.I. N.O.I.C.
Rangoon. D. of S.)
(See 130958)

LOCH GORM Ref. 548C intend to sail from Aden as follows:
frigate (A) 1800Z Tuesday 11th June.
on passage (B) Suez.
to U.K. (C) 12 knots.
(LOCH GORM 111745 to N.O.I.C. Port Said.
Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. Capt. i/c. Aden.
C. in C. Med.)

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Tuesday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

R.T. PATROCLUS arrived a.m. Tuesday June 11th 1946. Admiralty pass to Gibraltar. (B.N.L.O. New York 111600R to Admiralty. F.C.I.C. Gib.)
PATROCLUS returned to U.S.A.

Atlantic Serial 234. Operational Naval Units. CR. No. 5797. Change my 041602/. Serial 234. MIDWAY, F.D. ROOSEVELT, PRINCETON, SALERNO BAY, MINDORO at Norfolk. DAYTON at Boston. KEARSARGE, JUNEAU at Guantanamo. PORTSMOUTH at Capetown. LITTLE ROCK at Plymouth. MISSOURI, DENVER, CLEVELAND, COLUMBIA, MONTPELIER at sea. (C.N.O. 111713Z to Admiralty Comnaveu.) / Atlantic Serial 233. Ref. 041602. Change my 281904Z. Atlantic Serial 233. NORTH CAROLINA, WASHINGTON at New Port. DENVER, CLEVELAND, MONTPELIER, SICILY at New York. MACON at Norfolk etc.,

Operational Naval Units. CR. No. 5799. Pacific Summary 68. Pacific Coast. ASTORIA, AMSTERDAM, PASADENA, OKLAHOMA CITY, MIAMI, OAKLAND, TUCSON. ST. PAUL. 5 DD.

At Pearl 4 DD. Marshal Islands NEW YORK, NEVADA, ARKANSAS, PENNSYLVANIA, FALL RIVER, 6 PENSACOLA, SALT LAKE CITY, SARATOGA, INDEPENDENCE, SAIDOR, SHANGRI LA 25 DD. West Pacific CHICAGO, BREMERTON, LOS ANGELES, DULUTH, TOPEKA, ATLANTA, BOXER, ANTIETAM, POINT CRUX 24 DD. Enroute Singapore to Shanghai HELENA. (C.N.O. 111717Z to Admiralty. Comnaveu.)

Far East and Australia.

Movements. Jesselton 10th June arrivals: LYSANDER, LAERTES, TOCOGAY. Departures TOCOGAY. (BEACHY HEAD 110101Z to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F. F.O.M.F.A.)

12.6.1946.
Wednesday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

ARTIFEX
Heavy
repair ship
on passage
to U.K.
from E.I.
Station.

ARTIFEX sailed Gibraltar 0700Z 12th June. S.O.A.
11.5 knots. E.T.A. Barry Roads 1500Z 16th June.
(ARTIFEX 121130B to Plymouth. Admiralty.)

CUMBERLAND
trooping.

Sail 0745B 13th June, Spithead for o/r Plymouth.
Speed 17. E.T.A. 0700A 16th June.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O.Gib. 121509B to CUMBERLAND. Admiralty.
C. in C. Plymouth. C. in C. Portsmouth.)

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Wednesday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

QUEEN
trooping.

Sail at 2030B 12th June by appropriate Medri route to Port Said.
2. Speed 16 knots. E.T.A. 1000B 15th.
3. Ship if for onward routing to Far East.
5. Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med. 121159B to QUEEN. R.A. Malta. C.S. Malta. for K.H.M.)

MENESTHEUS
Amenity
ship on
passage to
U.K. from
B.P.F.

Destination in U.K. is Hebburn on Tyne.
2. Arrangements have been made for ship to disembark all Naval stores on arrival at Net Defence Quay, and on completion ship will be taken in hand for reconversion to trade and removal of Admiralty equipment at Messrs Palmers, Hebburn.
3. MENESTHEUS is to report her E.T.A. at Hebburn to C. in C. Nore and Admiralty.
4. C. in C. B.P.F.'s 140129 May, not to C. in C. Nore refers. (D.O.D. 121608A to C. in C. Med. R.A. Malta. F.O. Gib. C. in C. Gib.)

Incident off
Albanian
Coast.

Your 081336/ am in touch with General Staff and Ministry communication. C.N.S. thinks it most unlikely that a Turkish Vessel could have been in that vicinity and that it was a case of misuse of Turkish Flag.

(2) Present laws prohibit Turkish Craft from leaving territorial waters without permission of general staff and permission only granted at present to limited number to cruise in Aegean.

Admiralty please pass to other addressees.
(B.N.A. Ankara 121728C to C. in C. Med. Admiralty. S.B.N.O. Greece.)

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Wednesday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Movements. Arrivals Singapore 11th June. C. in C. B.P.F. in DUKE OF YORK, RAJAH, PATROLLER, R.F.A. CEDARDALE, U.S.S. MONONGAHELA. L.S.T. 3029. (F.O. Malaya 120130Z to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F. N.O.I.C. Hong Kong.)

C. in C. B.P.F. in VENERABLE. Sailed C. in C. B.P.F. in VENERABLE, CAMPERDOWN in company, 10600/ today for Hong Kong. (F.O.M.F.A. 120417 to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F. Com. Hong Kong.)
/ as recd.

Movement. Arrival FENCER 0745C/11. (Capt. i/c. Mombasa 120901 to C. in C. East Indies. Admiralty. F.O. Ceylon.)

SUSSEX trooping homewards. E.I.P.I. One. Sail from Colombo as follows:
(A) 1700F 13th June.
(B) Aden.
(C) 20 knots.
Acknowledge.
(F.O. Ceylon 121014 to SUSSEX. Admiralty. C. in C. Med. C. in C.E.I.)

SHARPSHOOTER survey vessel. E.I.T.M.43. Intend to sail from Aden as follows:
(A) 1100C/13.
(B) 8.5 knots.
(C) Bombay after carrying out survey in Bandra Imross.
(SHARPSHOOTER 121145 to N.O.I.C. Aden. Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. F.O. Bombay.)

FORMIDABLE A.C. trooping. In order to expedite the closing down of (word omitted) and in view of the threatened strikes on Indian Railways, propose that FORMIDABLE should call at Bombay en route to Ceylon and embark.
(A) 80 officers and 300 ratings for passage to U.K.
(B) Approximately 250 ratings for disposal Ceylon.
(2) Ratings in para one (B) will be disembarked at Colombo and FORMIDABLE will then embark to full capacity for U.K.
(3) S.R.N.O. Bombay's 061105 to C. in C.E.I. only, refers.
(C. in C.E.I. 121226 to Admiralty. C. in C. Med. R.A. Malta.)

CAVENDISH destroyer. E.I.T.M.43. Intend to sail from Aden as follows:
(A) 1100^C 13th June.
(B) Suez, Port Said, Malta.
(C) 14 knots.
(F) Suez 0500C 17th Malta p.m. 20th.
(C. in C.E.I. 122104C to Admiralty. C. in C. Med. F.O.L.E.M. V.A.M.)

12.6.1946.
Wednesday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

STATICE
Corvette
returning
to U.S.A.

Arrival STATICE p.m. Tuesday 11th June with major engine defects. E.T.A. for Boston via Cape Cod Canal a.m. Thursday 13th. (B.N.Liaison Officer. New York 121230R. to B.A.D. B.N.L.O.)

Far East and Australia.

C.S.2.
transfer
of flag.

Flag of C.S.Two transferred to BERMUDA. (C.S.2. 120030 to C. in C. B.P.F. Admiralty. Com. Hong Kong. S.B.N.O. (A). Yokohama.)

ANSON
battleship
returning
to U.K.
wearing
the flag
of Vice
Admiral
Edelsten.

Intend following programme for passage of ANSON wearing flag of Vice Admiral Edelsten to U.K.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Leave.</u>
-	Singapore.	28th June.
2nd July.	Colombo.	4th July.
14th July.	Suez.	15th July.
16th July.	Port Said.	18th July.
21st July.	Malta.	23rd July.
26th July.	Gibraltar.	26th July.
29th July.	Portsmouth.	-

2. British Ambassador to China Sir Horace Seymour will take passage in ANSON to U.K. (C. in C. B.P.F. 120519Z to Admiralty. Com Hong Kong. F.O.M.F.A. ANSON. C.S.4. C. in C.E.I.)

13.6.1946.
Thursday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Flag of
R.A.(D)
Mediterranean.

A.M. 151805/May.(N.T. in W.D.). The flag
of Rear Admiral E.D.B. McCarthy. C.B. D.S.O.
as R.A.(D) Mediterranean was hoisted in
PHOEBE on 7th June 1946.
(Hd. of M.II 131553A to C. in C. Med. V.A.
Malta. F.O.G.M.A. R.A. 15th C.S. S.B.N.O. M.E.)

War Diary.13.6.1946.
Thursday.FOREIGN STATIONS.East Indies.F.S. BEARN
Carrier.

E.I.P.I. One. Sail from Singapore as follows:
 (A) 1030Z 13th June.
 (B) Colombo.
 (C) 12.5 knots.
 (F) 0230Z 19th June.
 (G) Acknowledge.
 (F.O.M.F.A. 130152Z to BEARN. C. in C. B.P.F. Admiralty. Comar Saigon.)

BISHOPDALE
(Tanker Br.
8406 tons)
aground.

Sail from Singapore at 1200GH today 13th June to assist BISHOPDALE aground in position 02 degs. 42 N. 101 degs. 025 E. her 131114Z being passed to you only refers.
 3. Your E.T.A. approx. 1000GH tomorrow 14th June.
 4. Acknowledge.
 (F.O.M.F.A. 130403Z to JAUNTY. C. in C. B.P.F. Com. Hong Kong.)

Sail from Singapore when ready p.m. today 13th June and proceed to stand by BISHOPDALE aground in position 02 degs. 42 mins. N. 101 degs. 02 mins. point 5 E. Her 130114Z refers and is being passed to you and JAUNTY only.
 2. JAUNTY sail 1200GH today 13th to assist BISHOPDALE.
 4. Acknowledge.
 (F.O.M.F.A. 130452Z to GOLD RANGER. JAUNTY. Admiralty.)

C.S.4.
in SWIFTSURE
cruiser.

C.S.4. embarked sailed SWIFTSURE 0630Z today for Batavia.
 (F.O. Malaya 130745Z to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F. N.O.I.C. Hong Kong. Batavia.)

FENCER
trooping.

Sail in accordance with E.I.T.M. 43/46.
 (A) 0730C 14th.
 (B) Colombo.
 (C) 16 knots.
 (F) E.T.A. Colombo 1200EF/21.
 (G) Acknowledge.
 (Capt. i/c. Mombasa 130908C to FENCER. Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. F.O. Ceylon.)

~~Rangoon~~
~~RANGOON~~
mine risks.

S.S.T.O. Rangoon's 101114 and C. in C. B.P.F.'s 111236 being passed to Admiralty. No post war mine clearance can ever be guaranteed 100% complete for a number of years and Tenasserim Coast is no exception. The nature of the coast, the strong tides and the shifting channel make the task of clearing this area difficult.
 2. Some degree of danger must therefore persist.
 3. This danger though perhaps somewhat greater than in more straightforward areas is considered to be small in comparison with the utmost importance of feeding the country.

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Thursday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies. contd...

Rangoon
~~RANGOON~~
mine
risks
con d...

4. It is considered therefore that these risks must be accepted while the food situation remains critical..
5. Degaussed ships should be instructed to keep D.G. switched on.
(C. in C.E.I. 130958 to P.S.T.O. India.
S.S.T.O. Rangoon. N.O.I.C. Rangoon. F.O.M.F.A.)

FAIMOUTH
Sloop
returning
to U.K.

- E.I.T.M. Re sail from Bombay as follows:
- (A) 1200EF 14th June.
 - (B) Aden.
 - (C) 12 knots.
 - (G) 101722EF June refers.
- Acknowledge.
(S.O. Bombay 131237EF to FAIMOUTH. Admiralty.
C. in C.E.I. C. in C. Med.)

C. in C.
B.P.F.
Responsibility
for drafting
etc.,

- The Commander in Chief British Pacific Fleet will assume drafting responsibility except as modified by para. 8 for the following establishments on 15th June.
SULTAN, TERROR, SIMBANG. (Including N.A.A. Ratings).
2. Nominal lists of ratings borne in these establishments on 15th June will be transferred to Combrax B.P.F. from C. in C.E.I.
 3. F.O.M.F.A. is requested to forward as soon as possible to Combrax B.P.F. copies to C. in C.E.I. complete nominal lists for all officers and ratings for all Naval Port Parties in the Forward Area.
 4. On receipt of these nominal lists C. in C. B.P.F. will assume the drafting responsibility for these Port Parties.
 5. F.O.M.F.A. is requested to deal as at present with compassionate cases for ratings in ships for whom drafting responsibility has not yet been transferred to C. in C. E.I. B.P.F. ensuring that signals are repeated to and copies of correspondence continue to be forwarded to C. in C.E.I.
 6. No adjustments of personnel in establishments in para.1. are to be made without the prior approval of Combrax B.P.F.
 7. Exchange of ratings in accordance with E.I. drafting instructions N. 22 Area not to be effected between ships and establishments for whom Commander in Chief British Pacific Fleet assumes drafting responsibility and those ships for whom Commander in Chief East Indies continues to be responsible without the prior approval of C. in C. E.I. and Combrax B.P.F.
 8. CODO (ET) will return drafting responsibility for Co-ops units in the forwarded area until 30th June when personnel concerned will be transferred to General Service and become a British Pacific Fleet Drafting Commitment.
 9. The drafting responsibility for certain ships in the Forward Area will be transferred to C. in C. B.P.F. on the 30th June and a further signal will be made on the subject shortly.
 10. My 221915 May not to all refers.
(C. in C.E.I. 131413 to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F. F.O.M.F.A.)

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Thursday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

Evacuation
of French
children
from Hanoi
to France.

A.M. 031914A not to H.Q. Alfsea. Admiralty has now received a request from French Authorities to assist with evacuation of French civilian sick and wounded from Saigon to Toulon. It is understood that Admiral D'Argenlieu will provide details and that these civilians are not necessarily the French and French Eurasian children from Hanoi referred to in para. 2. of A.M. 031914A.

2. M.O.T. are prepared to assist with AMARAPOORA and GERUSALEMME on conditions indicated to French maritime authorities who have agreed to these conditions, and who state that French hospital ship CAP ST. JACQUES is also being provided.

3. Request you will arrange details of embarkation with S.A.C.S.E.A. and that you will sail GERUSALEMME and AMARAPOORA as requisite.

4. AMARAPOORA and GERUSALEMME will subsequently relieve military hospital ships TAIREA and KARAPARA in Indian ocean. Further signal will be made to AMARAPOORA and GERUSALEMME re disembarkation of naval medical staffs and stores at Toulon.

5. Agreed M.O.T. and War Office.

(4th Sea Lord 131822A to C. in C. B.P.F. S.A.C.S.E.A. C. in C. E.I.)

14.6.1946.
Friday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

MARY ROSE
M/S.

Sail on completion of swinging about 1800B 14th June via Medri routes to Bizerta.
2. Speed 12. E.T.A. 0800A 17th June.
5. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Gib. 141053B to MARY ROSE. S.O. M/S. 8. Admiralty. C. in C. Med.)

South Atlantic.

NEREIDE
Sloop.
Joining S.A. Station

My 031041/ request NEREIDE visit St. Helena for 2 days on passage between Freetown and Simonstown.
2. Governor St. Helena will be informed.
(C. in C.S.A. 141026 to C. in C. Med. Admiralty. Capt. D. Malta.)
/ Requesting NEREIDE be sailed for Simonstown when ready.

14.6.1946.
Friday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

LONDON
trooping.

Intend to sail from Port Said at 0700B 15th
for Malta and Gibraltar. Speed 20 knots.
E.T.A. Off Valetta 0900B 17th.
(LONDON 141218B to C. in C. Med. R.A. Malta.
R.A. Gibraltar.)

14.6.1946.
Friday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

BISHOPDALE
tanker.

BISHOPDALE refloated p.m. 13th June and is proceeding to Singapore. She reports no apparent damage.
2. JAUNTY and GOLD RANGER are returning to Singapore.
(F.O.M.F.A. 140448Z to C. in C. B.P.F. Admiralty. Com. Hong Kong.)

RAJAH
trooping.

E.I.T.M. 43. Sail from Singapore as follows:
(A) 2330Z 14th June.
(B) Colombo.
(C) 16 knots.
(G) Acknowledge.
(F.O.M.F.A. 140813Z to RAJAH. Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I.)

COLOSSUS
A. Carrier
programme
for return
to U.K.

Intend following programme for COLOSSUS.
All dates July unless shown otherwise.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
-	Trincomalee.	24th June.
25th June.	Colombo.	26th June.
3rd.	Aden.	4th.
8th.	Suez.	9th.
9th.	Port Said.	10th.
17th.	Gibraltar.	19th.
23rd.	Portsmouth.	-

2. Fuel at Aden.

3. Disembark four aircraft and four engines at Port Said a.m. 10th July.

(C. in C.E.I. 140857 to Admiralty. C. in C. Portsmouth. C. in C. Med. F.O. Air. E.I.)

Before sailing for U.K. COLOSSUS to embark Defiants and Harvards.

NORFOLK
Cruiser.

Request you will sail NORFOLK to Bombay with all convenient despatch.

2. Intention is that ship shall be available to proceed to Persian Gulf if situation requires, meanwhile keeping in touch with events in India.

3. C.O.S. (M.E.) 90 refers.

(V.C.N.S. 142051A to C. in C.E.I. in NORFOLK)

14.6.1946.
Friday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies. contd..

PATROLLER
trooping.

Intend following onward programme for
PATROLLER.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
-	Colombo.	23rd June.
29th June.	Aden.	29th June.
2nd July.	Suez.	3rd July.
3rd July.	Port Said.	4th July.
9th July.	Gibraltar.	9th July.
12th July.	Plymouth.	-

2. Fuel at Aden.

3. Admiralty is requested to divert mails accordingly.

(C. in C.E.I. 141034 to Admiralty. PATROLLER. C. in C. Plymouth)

War Diary.

14.6.1946.
Friday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

Movement.

BALLINDERRY sailed from Grand Cayman for Jamaica 1600Z today 14th June usual communications.
(BALLINDERRY 141707Z to C. in C. A.W.I.)

STATICE corvette returned to U.S.A.

STATICE arrived.
(B.N.L.O. Boston 141830Z to Admiralty. B.N.L.O. New York. C. in C. A.W.I.)

Far East and Australia.

Transfer of Command of C.S.4. to C.S.2.

On 25th June C.S.4. transfers the Command of his Squadron to C.S.2. BERMUDA, SWIFTSURE, BELFAST, NEWFOUNDLAND and EURYALUS will then form 2nd Cruiser Squadron and be administered by C.S.2. signals and correspondence should be addressed accordingly.

2. Request the above be promulgated in Admiralty General Message and that official mail for C.S.4. be diverted to C.S.2. now.
(C. in C. B.P.F. 140642Z to Admiralty. S.O. C/S.2. S.O. C/S.4.)

H.M.A.S. GERALDTON M/S reverting to R.N.

H.M.A.S. GERALDTON reverts to R.N. p.m. 14th June 1946. Lt. Cmdr. Lavender H.D. R.N.V.R. assuming command from Lt. Cmdr. Nichol R.N.V.R. (GERALDTON 141140 to Admiralty F.O.C. C. in C. B.P.F. A.C.N.B.)

15.6.1946.
Saturday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

ATHELING
trooping.

Your 151241Z not to all. Sail as proposed
p.m. 15th June via Medri routes to Malta for
o/r Port Said.
2. Speed 16. E.T.A. a.m. 18th June.
5. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Gibraltar 151516B to ATHELING. Admiralty.
C. in C. Med. R.A. Malta.)

War Diary.

15.6.1946.
Saturday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

WHITE BEAR
surveying
vessel on
passage to
U.K.

Intend sailing 0700B 16th to Malta carrying out
surveys on passage speed 10 knots. E.T.A. 1500B
24th.
(WHITE BEAR 151000B to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.
N.O.I.C. Port Said. R.A. Malta.)

NEREIDE
on passage
to S.A.
Station.

On completion of exercises on Monday 17th June
sail by appropriate Medri routes to Gibraltar
for onward routing to Freetown and Simonstown.
2. Speed 12 knots, report E.T.A. Gibraltar.
4. Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med. 151207 to NEREIDE. Capt. D. Malta.
R.A. Malta.)

Movements.

Port Said June 15th. Arrivals: 0900 QUEEN from
Malta. 0030 MENESTHEUS from Aden. 0600 CITTA DI
ALEXANDRIA from Naples.
Departures: 1200 QUEEN to Ismailia, 1100
MENESTHEUS to Malta, 0700 LONDON to Gibraltar,
0600 SESTRIERE to Tripoli (L).
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 151751B to C. in C. Med.
Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)

War Diary.

15.6.1946.
Saturday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

REDPOLE,
WOODCOCK
A.A. Sloops
for passage
to U.K.

E.I.T.M. 43. Take WOODCOCK under your orders and sail from Singapore as follows:

- (A) a.m. 15th June after embarking draft.
- (B) Colombo.
- (C) 15 knots.
- (G) For onward routeing to U.K.

Acknowledge.

(F.O. Malaya 150102 to REDPOLE. Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F.)

MANXMAN
fast
minelayer.

E.I.T.M. 43. Sail from Singapore as follows:

- (A) 1030Z 15th June.
- (B) Colombo.
- (C) 19 knots.
- (D) WC. 327.
- (E) V Broadcast.

Acknowledge.

(F.O.M.F.A. 150343Z to MANXMAN. C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I. Admiralty.)

LOCH ACHRAY
Frigate for
passage to
U.K.

Intend following programme for LOCH ACHRAY.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
-	Trincomalee.	16th June.
25th June.	Aden.	25th June.
30th June.	Suez.	1st July.
1st July.	Port Said.	3rd July.
10th July.	Gibraltar.	12th July.
16th July.	Portsmouth.	-

2. Fuel at Aden, Port Said, Gibraltar.

(C. in C.E.I. 150840 to Admiralty. C. in C. Portsmouth. C. in C. Med.)

Movement.

E.I.P.I.1. (One) Sail Trincomalee as follows:

- (A) 1015EF 15th June.
- (B) Bombay.
- (C) All conveniently despatched.
- (E) Constant.
- (?F) Acknowledge.

(C. in C.E.I.S. 150930 to NORFOLK. Admiralty. F.O. 5th C.S.)

RAJAH
trooping.

Propose following programme for RAJAH leaving Singapore today 15th June.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Leave.</u>
19th June.	Colombo.	20th June.
26th June.	Aden.	27th June.
1st July.	Suez.	1st July.
1st July.	Port Said.	2nd July.
7th July.	Gibraltar.	7th July.
10th July.	Southampton.	11th July.
12th July.	Sheerness.	13th July.
13th July.	Chatham.	

2. Fuel required at Aden.

3. Passengers are all Army and R.A.F. My 210949 May not to all refers. Notwithstanding A.M. 072346 March not to all propose therefore that ship calls at Southampton instead of Plymouth and Spithead.

(C. in C.E.I. 151035EF to Admiralty RAJAH. C. in C.B.P.F. F.O.M.F.A. F.O.C.)

15.6.1946.
Saturday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

BALINDERRY
frigate.

Arrived Kingston Jamaica 1900Z 15th June.
(2) Request air mail be forwarded Kingston
until further notice.
(BALINDERRY 152106 to C. in C. A & W.I.
Admiralty. S.O. (I) Kingston Jam. B.A.D.)

Far East and Australia.

Movement.

Jesselton 14th June, Departures:
RECRUIT, RIFLEMAN, PINCHER, CHAMELEON, PLUCKY,
MICHAEL, MINSTREL, SANDRAY, MAENAD.
(BEACHY HEAD 15010Z to Admiralty. C. in C.
B.P.F.)

11th M.S.F. Your 201245 May not to all addressees. Intend
reconstituted. following ships form reconstituted 11th M/S
Flotilla. LIONESS, MAENAD, MAGICIENNE,
MICHAEL, MINSTREL, JASEUR, FLYING FISH,
LYSANDER, TOCOGAY, TRODDAY, SURSAY.

2. Remaining Fleet M/S and danlayers will be sailed for U.K.
on completion present M/S operations in accordance with
para. 3. of your 201245 May.

3. F.O.M.F.A. and Commodore R.N.B. B.P.F. adjust complement
as necessary.

(C. in C. B.P.F. 150103 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. Commodore
R.N.B. B.P.F. Ceylon. F.O.M.F.A. S.O. M/S.7. S.O. M/S.10).
Approved to retain 11th M.S.F. for employment in East Indies
on completion of operation in Pacific Area.

INDEFATIGABLE Departed Fremantle 0002Z/15th June INDEFATIGABLE
A. Carrier. for Aden in accordance with A.C.N.B's 300824/May.
E.T.A. Aden a.m. 27th June. S.O.A. 17 knots.
Route direct. Guards Bells and 500 kc/s
shifting to V 1200Z 17th, holds W.24.
(N.O.I.C. Fremantle 150205Z to Comin Aden.
INDEFATIGABLE.)

16.6.1946.
Sunday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

C.S.15
for Trieste.

As soon as practicable after completion of fuelling about 2200B June 16th, request you sail to Trieste.
2. Speed 20 knots. Report E.T.A.
4. Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med. 160928B to C.S.15. MAURITIUS. Admiralty. LIVERPOOL.)
(See 170030)

S.N.O.(A)
Haifa
transfer
of duties.

SUPERB is to turn over the duties of S.N.O.(A) Haifa to Capt. (D) 3rd D.F. in SAUMAREZ and sail on June 23rd for Malta without Cruiser relief before sailing High Commissioner and G.O.C. Palestine are being informed separately.
(C. in C. Med. 161118B to S.N.O.(A) Haifa S.B.N.O. M.E. Capt. (D) 13th D.F. C.S.15. Admiralty.)

NEREIDE
sloop on
passage to
S. Atlantic
Station.

NEREIDE is to visit St. Helena for two days while on passage from Freetown to Simonstown. C. in C. S.A. 141026 not to you refers.
(C. in C. Med. 161129B to F.O.Gibraltar)

Movement.

Sunday 16th June.
Arrivals 0830: VIRAGO from Port Said.
(S.N.O.(A) Haifa 161825 to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.)

16.6.1946.
Sunday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Movement. E.I.T.M. 43. Para.13. Arrivals SWIFTSURE.
Departures Nil.
(Batavia C.C.O. 160125Z to Admiralty. F.O.
Malaya. C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I.)

Movements. Colombo 15th June.
Arrivals. DUKE OF YORK. BONAVENTURE.
Departures U.S.S. FORT CORNWALLIS, R.F.A.OLNA.
(F.O. Ceylon 160900 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)

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16.6.1946.
Sunday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

Movements.

Jesselton 15th June.

Arrivals: COURIER, HARE, SERENE, WELCOME,
WAVE, LIBERTY, TRODDAY, ORSAY, JEWEL, RECRUIT,
PLUCKY, PINCHER, CHAMELEON, MICHAEL, MINSTREL,
RIFLEMAN, SANDRAY.

Departures. LYSANDER.

(BEACHY HEAD 160101Z to Admiralty. C. in C.
B.P.F. F.O.M.F.A.)

17.6.1946.
Monday

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FOREIGN STATIONS

North Atlantic

R.T.
ENFORCER
towing
A.F.D.5.

Arrival 0800/Z today H.M. Tug ENFORCER.
E.T.D. 0800/Z 18th, S. of A. knots 11. E.T.A.
Angra Terceira 1500Z/18th to land sick officer
and rejoin A.F.D.5 at rendezvous.
(Consul Ponta Delgada 171015Z to Admty. Navyntel
Gib).

WOOLWICH
destroyer
depot ship
on passage
to U.K.
from E.I.

Intend sailing Port Said 0400 Tuesday 18th June,
E.T.A. Gibraltar 0900Z Tuesday 25th, speed 11½
knots.
(WOOLWICH, 171516B to F.O. Gib. C. in C. Med.,
Admty).

Your 141749 and C. in C. Nore's 051541 to
Admty, intend following programme to comply

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart</u>
a.m. Tues. 25th June	Gibraltar	p.m. 25th
p.m. Sat. 29th	Plymouth	p.m. 29th
a.m. Sun. 30th	Portsmouth	p.m. 30th
1415A 1st July	Chatham	

Request anchor berths and disembarkation tender
at Plymouth and Spithead be arranged.
(WOOLWICH, 172220B to Admty. C. in C. Portsmouth,
C. in C. Plymouth).

17.6.1946.

Mon ~~Sun~~ day.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

South Atlantic.

Movement.

JAMAICA's 151123 June (N.T. in W.D.).

JAMAICA sailed noon today.

(N.L.O. Durban 171604 to C. in C. South Atlantic
Admiralty. C.S.5. C.S. Simonstown. GLASGOW.)

17.6.1946.
Monday

War Diary

FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean

C.S.15 for Trieste C. in C. Med's W.160928. Sailed in MAURITIUS. E.T.A. 1630B/18th June. (C.S.15, 170030 to C. in C. Med., N.O.I.C. Trieste, LIVERPOOL)

NIGERIA cruiser for S.A. Station. Sail at 1930B/18th June by appropriate Medri route to Gibraltar for onward routeing to Freetown and Simonstown. 2. Speed 14 knots E.T.A. 0830B/21st. 4. Acknowledge. (C. in C. Med., 171157 to NIGERIA, R.A. Malta, C.S. Malta for K.H.M., F.O. Gib).

GOZO M/S for U.K. and for Reserve Cat. B. Sail at 1200B/17th to Gibraltar for onward routeing to Chatham. 3. S. of A. 12 knots E.T.A. 1900B/20th. 5. Acknowledge. (C. in C. Med., 171220 to GOZO, R.A. Malta, C.S. Malta for K.H.M.)

S.N.O. Adriatic to be taken over by F.O. Commanding 15th C.S. Head of Operational Authorities to be known as S.N.O. Adriatic (Short title S.N.O.A.D.) is established to assume operational control of all British and Allied Warships in Adriatic North of Latitude 40° N. 2. The duties of S.N.O.A.D. will be taken over by R.A. Kinahan, F.O. Commanding 15th Cruiser Squadron, wearing his flag in MAURITIUS, at 0001B June 19th. 3. N.O.I.C. Trieste will then cease to be the operational authorities for this area but will continue to be the sailing authority for ships from Trieste and will carry out such other operational functions as S.N.O.A.D. may direct. (C. in C. Med., 171408B to Med. Gen. NR 477B, Admty).

Movements Port Said 17 June arrivals 1500 CAVENDISH from Aden 1500 LOCH GORM from Aden. Departures 0500 CITTA DI ALEXANDRIA to Naples 1700 MERMAID to Alexandria, 1900 ELAN F.S. to Beirut, 1500 CAVENDISH to Malta. (N.O.I.C. Port Said, 171643 to C. in C. Med., Admty. C. in C. E.I., N.O.I.C. Aden).

ORIBI destroyer transfer to Turkey. ENARD BAY and ORIBI arrived Istanbul 1200C/17th. (N.A. Istanbul, 171645B to Admty. C. in C. Med., Capt. (D) Malta, R.A. Malta). Following programme for ENARD BAY and ORIBI. Tuesday 18th a.m. Change of flag ceremony p.m. acceptance trials. Wednesday 19th a.m. ORIBI will berth alongside dockyard in Golden Horn p.m. Banquet to Officers and Men. Thursday 20th and Friday 21st complete transfer of crews. Tours cricket matches etc., have been arranged by Turkish authorities for these days. Saturday 22nd a.m. ENARD BAY will sail so as to arrive Malta p.m. Monday 24th. (B.N.A. Ankara, 171735B to Admty. C. in C. Med., Capt. (D) Malta ENARD BAY, ORIBI, A.N.A. Istanbul).

17.6.1946.
Monday

War Diary

FOREIGN STATIONS

East Indies

PATROLLER E.I.P.I.1. Sail from Singapore as follows:-
trooping (A) 1030Z. 17th June. (B) Colombo. (C) 16 knots.
Acknowledge.
(F.O.M.F.A., 170437Z to PATROLLER, C. in C.
B.P.F., C. in C. E.I.)

ERITREA E.I.P.I.1 sail from Singapore as follows:
C. in C. (A) a.m. 18th June. (B) Aden. (C) Calling at
B.P.F. Puket thence via 1½ degree channel 13 knots.
Acknowledge.
(F.O.M.F.A., 170457Z to ERITREA (I.S.), C. in C.
B.P.F., C. in C. E.I., C. in C. Med).

LOCH SCAVAIG E.I.P.I.1. Sail from Trincomalee as follows:-
frigate. A. 1300EF 19th June. B. Aden for onward routing
to U.K. C. 10 knots. E. Constant V.
Acknowledge.
(C. in C. E.I., 171014EF to LOCH SCAVAIG,
Admty. F.O. Ceylon, Capt. i/c Aden).

DUKE OF YORK E.I.P.I.1 Sail from Colombo as follows:-
with Admiral (A) 1700EF 18th June. (B) Suez (C) 14 knots.
Lord Fraser on (G) Admiral Lord Fraser is embarked.
board for Acknowledge.
passage to U.K. (F.O. Ceylon, 171536 to DUKE OF YORK, Admty.
Ceylon W/T, C. in C. E.I.)

Evacuation of R.A.P.W.I. and displaced persons from French Indo China. 100M6. Subject evacuation of R.A.P.W.I. and displaced persons first. Following families were evacuated from Hanoi to Saigon in February and have been awaiting repatriation ever since. Read in five columns - (A) Nationality (B) Male (C) Female (D) Children (E) Destination.

(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)
Swiss	11	11	11	Switzerland
Swede	-	1	4	Sweden
Dutch	1	1		Holland
Dutch		1		U.K.
Greek	1	1	2	Greece via France.
American		3		France
Canadian	6	3		Canada
Belgian	1	1		Belgium
Czech.	3	3	3	Czechoslovakia

Total 24 men, 23 women, 21 children.
Second. H.M. Consul General Saigon is pressing for the early evacuation of these people and from a humanitarian point of view it would be desirable to return them to their countries of origin without delay. What is your policy with regard to the evacuation of International displaced persons.
Third. Subject to your agreement and in consultation with Armindia and Govt. of Singapore we could probably arrange to move personnel para. first above to Singapore in the OTRANTO due Singapore on 29th June ex Hong Kong. They could then be held

/for...

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for on-carriage in the MAURETANIA or if no space available in that vessel until an August sailing to U.K. for subsequent movement to their own countries.

Fourth. It is understood there are a large number of people of the above type awaiting in the Far East for repatriation the majority of whom were interned during the Jap occupation. For example you have already been informed of the 1200 French children in F.I.C. S.A.C.S.E.A. 270339Z May address- ed Admty. refers. In addition there are known to be 500 in Hong Kong for which we have no breakdown immediately available.

Fifth. Grateful if you will signal as early as possible.

(A) That proposed arrangements for personnel in para. first above are acceptable.

(B) Military/Sea Transport policy as asked for in para. second above and responsibility for payment.

Sixth. Agreed P.S.T.O., S.E.A.C.

Seventh. Request pass Foreign Office.

Eight. For Alfdetfic. Please pass H.M. Consul General reference his visit to D/P.A.D., S.A.C.S.E.A. (Alfsea, 171658GH to Troopers, D. of S.T., S.A.C.S.E.A., Armindia).

OCEANWAY
L.S.D.

E.I.P.I.1. Sail from Colombo as follows:-
(A) 1800EF 18th June. (B) Singapore. (C) 14 knots. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Ceylon, 171547 to OCEANWAY, Admty.
F.O.M.F.A., C. in C. E.I., C. in C. B.P.F.)

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Far East & Australia

C.S.2 in
BERMUDA

Arrived Tsing Tao H.M.S. ^{BERMUDA} Bermuda wearing flag of
C.S.2.
(C.S.2, 170003Z to C. in C. B.P.F.)

VICTORIOUS
A/C
trooping.

Your 151251*(N.T. in W.D.) E.T.D. VICTORIOUS
3rd July, on proposed programme.
E.T.A. United Kingdom is 5th August.
(F.O.I.C. Sydney, 170102 to Admt, VICTORIOUS)
*Re date of completion of VICTORIOUS.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

FORMIDABLE
trooping.

Sail 1600B 18th June via Medri route to Malta
for o/r Colombo.
2. Speed 20. E.T.A. 1700B 20th June.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Gib. 181037B to FORMIDABLE. Admiralty.
C. in C. Med.)

CHIVALROUS
destroyer
on passage
to Med.
Fleet.

CHIVALROUS sail 0730B 19th June via Medri
routes to Malta.
2. Speed 14. E.T.A. first light 22nd June.
6. CHIVALROUS acknowledge.
(F.O. Gib. 181107B to CHIVALROUS. Admiralty,
Capt. (D) 14. C. in C. Med.)

18.6.1946.
Tuesday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

LOCH GORM
frigate
on passage
to U.K.

Ref. 548C. Intend to sail from Port Said as follows:

- (E) 1500Z 18th June.
- (B) Gibraltar.
- (C) 12 knots.

(LOCH GORM 180903B to N.O.I.C. Port Said. Admiralty. C. in C. Med.)

R.T. ENVOY
on passage
to U.K.

Sail at 1800B June 19th to Gibraltar for o/r to Falmouth.

3. S.O.A. 11 knots. E.T.A. 1300B 23rd.

5. Acknowledge.

(C. in C. Med. 181435B to ENVOY. F.O.Gib. Almed. Admiralty.)

Captain M/S
Mediterranean
lapse of.
R.A.D. Med.
to assume
responsibility
for M/S
vessels.

It is proposed that the appointment of Capt. M/S Mediterranean should lapse on 1st August 1946. 2. From that date R.A.D. Mediterranean will assume responsibility for administration of all minesweepers and M/S vessels on the Mediterranean station and present Chief Staff Officer to Capt. M/S will remain S Minesweeping Adviser on the staff of R.A.D. Mediterranean and continue to act as Cdr. M/S Malta.

3. After the next meeting of the Mediterranean Zone Board of the post war mine clearance organisation it is intended that Chief Staff Officer to F.O.L.I. should assume the Presidency of the Board. The President of the Board will continue to be assisted by the Staff Minesweeping Officer on Commander in Chief's Staff, who is the British member.
(C. in C. Med. 181514 to Admiralty. R.A.D. Med. Capt. M/S. Med. F.O.L.I. R.A. Malta.)

*See 04/230 July.
104/233 "*

ORIBI
destroyer
handed
over to
Turkey.

ORIBI was handed over to the Turkish Authorities at 1000 today, 18th June, 1946.

(N.A. Ankara 181647C to Admiralty. C. in C. Med. R.A. Malta.)

Movement.

Arrivals - TALYBONT from Beirut 1700 18th June.
(N.O.I.C. Haifa 181800C to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.)

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East Indies.

Movement
M/S.

Jesselton 17th June departures RECRUIT,
PLUCKY, PINCHER, CHAMELEON, MICHAEL, MINSTREL,
RIFLEMAN, SANDRAY.
(BEACHY HEAD 180101Z to Admiralty. C. in C.
B.P.F. F.O.M.F.A.)

SWIFTSURE
Cruiser.

385. 43. Sail from Batavia as follows:
(A) 0400Z 19th June.
(B) Tandjong Datu.
(C) Via Caspar Straits 14.
(D) WC 327.
(G) Acknowledge.
(C.C.O. Batavia 180245Z to SWIFTSURE. C.S.4.
Admiralty. F.O. Malaya.)

BUSHWOOD
deperming
ship on
passage
to U.K.

BUSHWOOD will sail from Colombo 19th June for U.K.
via Bombay and Aden. Owing to low speed accurate
passage programme cannot be forecast. Estimated
speed, in reasonable weather $4\frac{1}{2}$ knots.
(C. in C.E.I. 181111EF to Admiralty. F.O.C.
BUSHWOOD. F.O. Bombay.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

Atlantic
Operational
Naval Units.

Change my 111713. Serial 239.
MISSOURI at Casco Bay. MACON at Philadelphia.
DENVER, MONTPELIER, CLEVELAND, COLUMBIA at
Quebec. JUNEAU at New York. RANDOLPH, PRINCETON,
OREGON CITY, PORTSMOUTH, HOUSTON, LITTLE ROCK
at Sea.
(C.N.O. 181611Z to Admiralty. Comanveu.)

Far East and Australia.

VICTORIOUS
A.C.
proposed
programme
trooping.

Request you sail VICTORIOUS on 3rd July carrying
out following programme.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
-	Sydney.	3rd July.
8th July.	Fremantle.	8th July.
15th July.	Trincomalee.	15th July.
16th July.	Colombo.	18th July.
22nd July.	Aden.	23rd July.
26th July.	Suez Canal Transit and Port Said.	28th July.
1st Aug.	Gibraltar.	2nd August.
5th Aug.	U.K.	

Attention is drawn to A.F.O. 1678/46.
(A.C.N.B. 180729Z to F.O.I.C. Sydney. VICTORIOUS. Admiralty.
C. in C. B.P.F.)

Movements.

15th June Arrivals:
(A) Newcastle GLORY, FINISTERRE.
Departures:
(A) Sydney MACQUARIE for Townsville.
(B) Fremantle INDEFATIGABLE for Aden.
(C) Darwin BURNIE, IPSWICH, TOOBOOMBA
for Singapore.
(A.C.N.B. 180733Z to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.
N.Z. Naval Board. C.O.I.S. Kilindini.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

CHIVALROUS
destroyer
on passage
to join
Medn. Stn.

Add four hours to all times in my 181107B.
2. E.T.A. Malta 1000B 22nd June.
(F.O. Gib 191146B to CHIVALROUS. Admiralty.
R.A.M., C. in C. Med. C.S. Malta.)

South Atlantic.

Mauritius
Government
officials
for.

Following Mauritius Government officials are
awaiting passage to Mauritius.
Sir Charlton and Lady Lane. Chief Justice of
Mauritius. Mr. Armstrong wife and child.
Chief Inspector of Labour, Mr. Baker, wife and
2 children. Department of Agriculture. Mr.
Robertson. Poll Tax Inspector.

2. If you concur suggest they be given passage in GLASGOW.
Ship to stop off Port Louis to disembark passengers unless
you wish her to visit the Island.
(C. in C.S.A. 191516 to C. in C.E.I. GLASGOW. Admiralty.)
(See 231023 (E.I.))

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Medi terranean.

CAVENDISH
destroyer
on passage
to U.K.
from E.I.
Stn.

Admiralty your 191221B not to all. Sail at 1145B 21st June to Gibraltar for o/r to Plymouth.
3. S.O.A. 14 knots. E.T.A. Gibraltar 1045B 24th.
5. Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med. 191551 to CAVENDISH. F.O. Gib. R.A. Malta.)

WILDGOOSE
A.A. Sloop
for passage
to Persian
Gulf.

Your 190915 not to all. Sail on completion of exercises on 21st June by appropriate Medri route to Port Said for o/r to Bahrein.
2. Speed 12 knots. E.T.A. a.m. 25th reporting accurate time when known to N.O.I.C. Port Said.
4. Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med. 191601 to WILDGOOSE. FALMOUTH. Capt. D. Malta.)

Alexandria.
Lapse of
appointment
of Capt.(L).

A.F.O. 3228/46. NILE will pay off on 30th June 1946 and the appointment of Captain (L) Alexandria will lapse on that date.
2. As from 1st July 1946 N.O.I.C. Port Said will assume duties formerly carried out by Capt.(L) Alexandria including delegated responsibility under S.B.N.O.M.E. for administration of all remaining establishments in Egypt.
3. On 1st July the present commanding officer NILE will assume the title of Resident Naval Officer Alexandria and Commander Superintendent H.M. Dockyard Alexandria and will act under the N.O.I.C. Port Said as Administrative Authority for all Admiralty civil establishments remaining in Alexandria.
(C. in C. Med. 191732 to M.S.M. 480B. Admiralty.)

270840 NIGM 4948

Movement.

Departure 19th June 0915 HAYDON for Beirut.
1230 VOLAGE for Alexandria.
(N.O.I.C. Haifa 191802C to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.)

** Incidents off
Albanian coast*

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East Indies.

D.S.
VAN GALEN
Destroyer.

E.I.T.M. 43.
Take LT 103 and LV 113 under your orders and sail from Batavia as follows:
(A) 1200GH 19th.
(B) Patrol Area S.W. of Borneo.
(C) 7.
(G) Acknowledge.
(Batavia C.C.O. 190320Z to VAN GALEN. L.T. 103. L.V. 113. Admiralty)

Movements.

Colombo 18th June.
Arrivals: WALRUS.
Departures: DUKE OF YORK.
(F.O. Ceylon 190900 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. C. in C. Med. N.O.I.C. Port Said.)

DABCHICK
Controlled
Minelayer.

E.I.T.M. 43. Sail from Kilindini as follows:
(A) 201100Z.
(B) Colombo.
(C) 8 knots.
(G) Calling at Seychelles for bunkers.
(H) One.
Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Kilindini 190906 to DABCHICK. Admiralty C. in C.E.I. F.O. Ceylon.)

BONAVENTURE
transport
on passage
from B.P.F.

E.I.P.I. One. Sail from Colombo as follows:
(A) 0600EF 20th June.
(B) Aden.
(C) 15 knots.
Acknowledge.
(F.O. Ceylon 191055 to BONAVENTURE. Admiralty. N.O.I.C. Aden. C. in C.E.I.)

SUSSEX
trooping.

E.I.T.M. 43 sail from Aden as follows:
(A) 0715C 19th.
(B) Suez for U.K.
(C) 20 knots.
Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Aden 191111C to SUSSEX. Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. C. in C. Med.)

RAJAH,
trooping.

Sail from Colombo as follows:
(A) 1600EF 20th June.
(B) Aden.
(C) 16 knots.
Acknowledge.
(F.O. Ceylon 191137 to RAJAH. Admiralty. N.O.I.C. Aden. C. in C.E.I. C. in C. Med.)

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MESSAGE

190448/June.

IN
Re 7.7.46.

RECEIVED

From F.O. Malaya.

DATE 20.6.46.

TIME 0232.

P/L

Addressed

Admiralty.

Info. C. in C. B.P.F. C.S. Singapore.

A.M. 171519/. Can decision now be given regarding SOUTHERN PRINCE if port of release is in Eastern waters plans must now be made for disposal of Naval and S.M.R.D. ratings. Question of docking ship after lengthy period alongside also arises.

190448

✓ 071519? intended. Signal to be made about SOUTHERN PRINCE.

See 051152A July
r 081000

- D.C.N.S.
- 2nd S.L.
- Controller.
- V.C.N.S.
- D. of P.(2).
- O.D.(8) for action.
- D. of M.
- M.(2).
- D. Mov.(7).
- D.57 O.B.1.
- D. of S.(3).
- N.
- A.C.N.P.(2).
- D. of B.C.
- D. of M.
- D. of P.(C).(2).
- W.D.

- Dep. Contr.(3).) Bath(17)
- D.(4).) BY
- D.A.S.(4).) COURIER
- S.W.R.(6).)

S. SOUTHERN PRINCE
11477 ms.

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East Indies contd...

L.S.E.53.
in collision
with EMPIRE
MOUNTAIN
(Br. 2906
tons.)

Reference K.R. A.I. 1167. Information has been received that L.S.E.53 was in collision with EMPIRE MOUNTAIN at Cochin on 11th June whence coal barge alongside was sunk. Claims for the 14,000 have been lodged.

2. N.O.I.C. Cochin and C.H.D. Bombay have been instructed to arrange surveys of EMPIRE MOUNTAIN and other craft at Cochin, L.S.E. 53 respectively.

3. Reports will be submitted by L.S.E.53

and these authorities to S.R.N.O. Bombay for onward transmission to C. in C.E.I.

(F.O. Bombay 191536EF to Admiralty. L.S.E. (L.C.)53. C. in C. E.I.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

Movements. Jesselton 18th June. Departures BEACHY HEAD COURIER, HARE, JEWEL, LIBERTY, WAVE, WELCOME, SERENE, ORSAY, TRODDAY.
(BEACHY HEAD 190101Z to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F.)

Disposition Changes since my 120727/June.
signal No.68. (A) At sea bound Mitsuhama. BARFLEUR.
(B) At sea bound Kochi. SUTLEJ.
(C) At Thingtar. BERMUDA.
(D) At sea bound Chemulpho. TYNE.
(E) At Swatow. CRANE.
(F) At Hong Kong. ANSON, VENERABLE, CONTEST, LAGOS, WHIMBREL, ALACRITY, HICKORY CREST refit and repairs, NEWFOUNDLAND, CAMPERDOWN, HIND.
(G) At sea bound Hong Kong. BLACK SWAN, WIDEMOUTH BAY, GERUSALEMME, AMARAPOORA, ERIN.
(H) At sea bound Labuan. ASSIDUOUS, BARFOIL.
(J) At Jesselton. NIGER, CHAMELON, MICHAEL, MINSTREL, PINCHER, PLUCKY, RECRUIT, RIFLEMAN, SANDRAY.
(K) At Singapore. WAR HINDOO, FORT EDMONTON, FORT PROVIDENCE, BRITANICA, RELIANT.
(L) At sea bound Singapore. MULL OF KINTYRE. DINGLEDALE, WAVE MONARCH, NORTHERN WARRIOR, SALVICTOR.
(M) At Chittagong. L.S.T. 3010, L.S.T. 3029.
(N) At sea bound Trincomalee. FORT LANGLEY.
(O) At Colombo. BONAVENTURE.
(P) At Abadan. WAVE EMPEROR.
(Q) At sea bound Abadan. EASEDALE.
(R) At sea bound Tanjong. DATA, SWIFTSURE.
(S) At Batavia. M.L.I. 376.
(T) At Newcastle. GLORY, MISTERRE.
(U) At Sydney. FENN, TURPIN, TAURUS, TOTEM, TAPER, TALENT, TALLYHO, TIRELESS, TRUNCHEON.
(V) At sea bound Sydney. BIGHURRY BAY, ADAMANT.
(W) At sea bound Picton. OPOSSUM.
2.
(A) Left station. DUKE OF YORK, WOODCOCK, REDPOLE, MANXMAN, GLENEARN.
(B) Returned to trade. EMPIRE NEPTUNE.
(C. in C. B.P.F. 190626 to Admiralty. A.C.N.B. N.Z.N.B.)

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Thursday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

LONDON
cruiser
trooping.

Sail 0715B 21st June to Plymouth for o/r
Spithead Chatham.
2. Speed 20 E.T.A. Plymouth 1100A 23rd June.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Gibraltar 201243B to LONDON. Admiralty.
C. in C. Plymouth.)

South Atlantic.

JAMAICA
cruiser.

Simonstown arrival JAMAICA.
(C. in C.S.A. 201454 to Admiralty. N.L.O. Durban.
C. in C.E.I. 5.C.S.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

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Incidents off
Albanian
Coast.

My 121728 Ministry Communication informs me that motor caique INCE sailed from Izmir on 10th May with cargo of beans for Bari and may therefore have been in the neighbourhood of Corfu at time of incident reported in your 081336. Official investigations proceeding and results will be

reported to me.

Admiralty please pass to other addressees.

(B.N.A. Ankara 191201C to C. in C. Med. Admiralty. S.B.N.O. Greece.)

**Should be under
19.6.46. See 291731C July.*

MENESTHEUS.
Amenity ship
on passage
to U.K.
from B.P.F.

Sail at 1830B 20th June by appropriate Medri routes to Gibraltar for o/r to U.K.
2. Adjust speed to arrive before dark 23rd.
4. Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med. 201501 to MENESTHEUS. C.S.M. for K.H.M. R.A. Malta. F.O. Gibraltar.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Movements. Arrivals Singapore 19th June.
LOCH CRAGGIE, LISMORE, WAR HINDOO, HICKORY KNOLL.
Departures: L.S.T. 3025. F.S. ELORN.
(F.O.M.F.A. 200130Z to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F.
C. in C.E.I.)

Movements. Colombo 19th June.
Arrivals: MANXMAN, RAJAH, HENGIST, GLENEARN.
Departures: BUSHWOOD, OCEANWAY, WALRUS.
(F.O. Ceylon 200910 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)

AUSONIA My 230948/ May not to all. Intend following
Repair ship programme for AUSONIA who left Colombo 14th
on passage June.
to U.K.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Leave.</u>
24th June	Kilindini.	4th June.
10th	Aden.	10th
15th	Suez.	16th
16th	Port Said.	16th
20th	Malta	22nd
26th	Gibraltar.	28th
2nd Aug.	Chatham.	-

all dates July unless otherwise stated.

2. Fuel at Kilindini, Aden, Port Said and Gibraltar.
3. It is not yet certain whether stores to be embarked at Kilindini will include stores for Malta. If not following amended programme will be carried out.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Leave.</u>
16th.	Port Said.	16th.
23rd.	Gibraltar.	25th.
30th.	Chatham.	-

4. Capt. i/c. Kilindini is requested to signal intentions in due course.
(C. in C.E.I. 201004 to Admiralty. AUSONIA. D. of S.T.)
/ Intend sailing AUSONIA to U.K.

CORBRAE
M/S
Maintenance
Ship.

Ref. E.I.T.M. 43. Intend to sail from Labuan with SERENE 166 M.S.F. and R.F.A. LULING as follows:

- (A) 1200GH June 21st.
 - (B) SANDAKAN. Sandakan.
 - (C) 8 knots.
 - (F) a.m. June 23rd.
- (F.O.M.F.A. CORBRAE 201035Z to F.O.M.F.A. C. in C. B.P.F. Admiralty. S.O. Force 20. SERENE.)

20.6.1946.
Thursday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies contd...

PERSIMMON
L.S.I. (L)
trooping.

Intend sailing at 1600C 20th June for Suez.
S.O.A. 14 knots. E.T.A. Suez 0800B 24th June.
N.O.I.C. Port Said is requested to arrange
Canal transit.
(PERSIMMON 201110C to N.O.I.C. Aden. N.O.I.C.
Port Said. C. in C. Mediterranean. C. in C.
East Indies. Admiralty.)

MANXMAN
fast
minelayer
on passage
to U.K.

E.I.P.I. One. Sail from Colombo as follows:
(A) 1130EF 21st June.
(B) Aden.
(C) 16 knots.
Acknowledge.
(F.O. Ceylon 201114EF to MANXMAN. Admiralty.
N.O.I.C. Aden.)

LOCH MORE
frigate.

Sail from Trincomalee as follows:
(A) 1630EF 23rd June.
(B) Aden for o/r to U.K.
(C) 11 knots.
Acknowledge.
(C. in C. E.I. 201218EF to LOCHMORE. Admiralty.
F.O. Ceylon.)

QUEEN
trooping.

E.I.T.M. 43. Intend to sail from Aden as follows:
(A) 1800C 20th June.
(B) Colombo.
(C) 16 knots.
(F) 0800EF Wednesday 26th June.
(QUEEN 201746 to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty.
F.O. Ceylon.)

20.6.1946.
Thursday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

MULL OF
KINTYRE
Motor craft
maintenance
ship on
passage
to U.K.

Intend following programme for passage of MULL
OF KINTYRE to U.K.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Leave.</u>
-	Hong Kong.	19th June.
25th June.	Singapore.	26th June.
3rd July.	Colombo.	6th July.
15th July.	Aden.	15th July.
21st July.	Suez.	21st July.
22nd July.	Port Said.	22nd July.
31st July.	Gibraltar.	1st Aug.
7th Aug.	Portsmouth.	-

(C. in C. B.P.F. 200617Z. to Admiralty. Com. H.K.
F.O.M.F.A. C. in C.E.I. F.O. Ceylon.)

21.6.1946.
Friday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

NEREIDE
Sloop
on passage
to S.Atlantic
Station.

C. in C. Med's 151207 and your 141026 (neither to all) intend following programme NEREIDE.

<u>Place.</u>	<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
Gibraltar.	-	25th June.
Freetown.	2nd July.	2nd July.
St. Helena.	8th July.	10th July.
Simonstown.	16th July.	-

2. Approximate requirements of oil fuel at Freetown 120 tons.

3. On arrival at Simonstown NEREIDE will have both boilers due for first cleaning in accordance with A.F.O. 2021/45 para.2.(A).
(F.O.G.M.A. 211212B to C. in C.S.A. NIGERIA. NEREIDE. Admiralty.)

NIGERIA
Cruiser
on passage
to join
S.A.Station.

Sail 0930B 22nd June to Freetown for o/r Simonstown.

2. Speed 14. E.T.A. a.m. 28th June.
5. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Gib 211622B to NIGERIA, Admiralty.C.in C.S.A. C. in C. Med.)

SUFFOLK
trooping.

Intend to sail from Port Said at 0600B 22nd June to Gib. S.O.A. 20 knots. E.T.A. 0900B 26th.
(SUFFOLK 212055B to F.O. Gib. C. in C. Med.)

MESSAGE.

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IN

UNCLASSIFIED

211142/June

From C. in C. Med.

Date 29. 6.45.
Received 1540

P. I.

Addressed Med. Fleet 483B.,
Info. Admiralty.

R.A.D. will assume responsibility for all the units mentioned in para. 2 of Mediterranean Station message 437B on 24th June 1946.

2. These units and establishments as a whole will be known as the Destroyer Command.
3. The title of Captain (D) Malta will then lapse.
4. All correspondence previously sent to Captain (D) Malta will be available to R.A.D.
5. V/S and W/T call signs will be allocated.

C. in C. Med. 211142 Med Flt 483B Admiralty

T.O.O. 111307 June.

1st. Lord.
1st. S. L. (3)
2nd. S. L.
V. C. N. S.
D. C. N. S.
Secretary
Naval Secretary
D. C. (2)
D. S. O.
O. D. (8)
D. Mov. (7)
M. (4)
D. S. D. (2)
N. A. Mails.
Mails
C. N. I. (2)
N. A. 2. S. L. (2)
C. V. (2)
D. of M.
D. S. D. 9 (2)
W. D.
H. W. R. (2)
D. of P. (2)
D. of P. (Q) (2)
D. G. S.
D. N. A. 4 Harrow.

AB/EK

21.6.1946.
Friday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

FORMIDABLE
A.C.
Trooping.

Sail at 1500B 21st June by appropriate Medri
route to Port Said for o/r to Bombay.
2. Speed 20 knots. E.T.A. 1500B 23rd.
4. Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med. 210953B to FORMIDABLE. R.A. Malta.
N.O.I.C. Port Said. C. in C.E.I.)

S.B.N.O.
Middle East
transfer of
flag to
STAG base
ship.

At 0800 1st July 1946, my flag is to be hoisted
in STAG at which time it is to be struck in
NILE.
(S.B.N.O. M.E. 211258B to STAG. C. in C. Med.
Admiralty.)

Movement.

Arrivals VENUS 0800C 21st from Alexandria.
(N.O.I.C. Haifa 211805 to C. in C. Med.
Admiralty.)

21.6.1946.
Friday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

H.M.A.S. E.I.P.I.1. Take PIRIE and LAUNCESTON under
 GAWLER, your orders and sail from Singapore as follows:
 PIRIE, (A) 0430Z 22nd June.
 LAUNCESTON (B) Colombo.
 M/S on (C) 11 knots.
 passage Acknowledge.
 for transfer (F.O.M.F.A. 210437Z to GALWER, C. in C.B.P.F.)
 to Turkey.

INDEFATIGABLE To shorten period of hot weather conditions
 A.C.Trooping. for hospital patients intend following.
 (A) To arrive Fairway buoy Aden 0230Z 26th
 June and to sail on completion of fuelling.
 (B) To reach Suez sunrise 29th N.O.I.C. Port
 Said requested to arrange canal passage for
 that date.

2. N.O.I.C. Aden acknowledge.
 (INDEFATIGABLE 210442Z to C. in C.E.I. N.O.I.C. Aden. C. in C.
 Med. Admiralty.)

REDPOLE E.I.P.E. 1. Take WOODCOCK under your orders and
 WOODCOCK sail from Colombo as follows:
 A.A.Sloops (A) 1400EF 21st June.
 on passage (B) Aden.
 to U.K. (C) 12 knots.
 Acknowledge.
 (F.O. Ceylon 210957EF to REDPOLE, WOODCOCK,
 Admiralty. N.O.I.C. Aden. C. in C.E.I.)

LOCH MORE programme for return to U.K.	Intend following programme for LOCH MORE.		
	<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Leave.</u>
	-	Trincomalee.	23rd June.
	2nd.	Aden.	3rd.
	8th.	Suez.	8th.
	8th.	Port Said.	9th.
	15th.	Gibraltar.	18th.
23rd.	Chatham.	-	

All dates except first are July.
 2. Fuel at Aden and Gibraltar.
 (LOCH MORE 211010 to Admiralty.)

21.6.1946.
Friday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

Movements.

17th June. Arrivals - Nil.

Departures -

(A) Melbourne BATAAN for Sydney.

(B) Sydney OPOSSUM for Picton. BLACK SWAN
for Cairns.

(C) Darwin BARWON for Thursday Is.

(A.C.N.B. 210047 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.
C.O.I.S. Kilindini.)

22.6.1946.
Saturday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

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

Sail 0800B 23rd June via Necri to Chatham.
2. Speed 12 E.T.A. first light 28th June.
(F.O. Gib 221225B to GOZO. Admiralty.
C. in C. Plymouth.)

22.6.1946.
Saturday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

ENARD BAY
returning
from
escorting
ORIBI
destroyer
after
transfer to
Turkey.

His Majesty's Consul- General.

No. -

ENARD BAY sailed 0900C 22nd. E.T.A. Malta
1300B 24th. June.

(Istanbul (Constantinople) 220940 to Admiralty.
C. in C. Med.)

Bulk of ships company of ORIBI sailed for Malta
today in ENARD BAY, (vide my 171735B (not to
S.B.N.O.M.E.)

2. 4 officers and 10 key ratings have been
retained at Istanbul to complete muster and
transfer of stores and fixtures. This work

should be completed in about 18 days, when party will be
discharged to Cairo for o/r.

(N.A. Ankara 221016C to Admiralty. C. in C. Med. R.A. Malta.
Capt. (D). Malta.)

SUPERB
cruiser.

Sail at 1200C 23rd June for Malta speed 14
knots and as required for consumption trials
E.T.A. 0800B 26th June.

(N.O.I.C. Haifa 221500 to SUPERB. C.S.15.
Capt. D.3. C. in C. Med.)

SUSSEX
trooping.

Intend to proceed from Port Said at 0700B 23rd.

3. 20 knots.

4. NAVEAM 1021 QBY 568 WB 275 missing 267 270.
(SUSSEX 221930B to C.C.O. Gib. C. in C. Med.)

22.6.1946.
Saturday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

ATHELING
trooping
outwards.

Reference 548C sailed from Suez as follows:
A. 0700B 22nd.
B. Aden.
C. 16 knots.
F. 1600C 25th.
(ATHELING 220700Z to C. in C.E.I. N.O.I.C.
Aden. Admiralty.)

Movements.

Colombo 21st June.
Arrivals FENCER. U.S.S. NANTAHALA.
Departures: GLENEARN, REDPOLE, MANXMAN,
WOODCOCK, LANDGUARD, HENGIST.
(F.O. Ceylon 220900EF to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)

PATROLLER
trooping
to U.K.

E.I.P.I. 1. Sail from Colombo as follows:
(A) 1330EF 23rd June.
(B) Aden.
(C) 16 knots.
Acknowledge.
(F.O. Ceylon 221006 to PATROLLER. Admiralty.
N.O.I.C. Aden. C. in C.E.I.)

FALMOUTH
Sloop
on passage
to U.K.

E.I.T.M.43. Intend to sail from Aden as follows:
(A) 1700C 22nd June.
(B) Port Said.
(C) 11 knots.
(G) Canal passage during daylight 27th June.
(FALMOUTH 221120C to C. in C.E.I. WILDGOOSE.
Admiralty. S.N.O.P.G.)

22.6.1946.
Saturday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

BERMUDA
Cruiser.

(B) BERMUDA.
(C) Combritcruron Two.
(D) Tsingtao.
(E) 00052/22.
(F) 14 knots.
(G) Direct.
(H) Chemulpo.
(I) 00052/23.
(K) 923.
(C.S.2. 220007 to C. in C. B.P.F. Admiralty.
R.A.D. B.P.F.)

MANXMAN
fast
minelayer
on passage
to U.K.
re visit
to I. of
Man.

MANXMAN has requested approval to visit Isle of Man on arrival in U.K. and before giving leave and reducing to reserve. This would delay granting of leave approximately ten days.
2. Request your remarks as to whether this is considered desirable.
3. Your 080342. Average speed to carry out programme appears to be in excess of economical. Was this intended.
(D.O.D. V.C.N.S. 221247A to C. in C. B.P.F.)
(See 250257)

23.6.1946.
Sunday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

South Atlantic.

NEREIDE
Sloop
cruise
on East
coast
Africa.

Intend NEREIDE carry out following East Coast
Cruise.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
-	Simonstown.	19th Aug.
20th Aug.	Saldanha.	26th Aug.
26th Aug.	Capetown.	2nd Sept.
2nd Sept.	Simonstown.	9th Sept.
12th Sept.	Durban.	18th Sept.
19th Sept.	Lourenco Marques.	25th Sept.
27th Sept.	East London.	3rd Oct.
4th Oct.	Port Elizabeth.	12th Oct.
14th Oct.	Simonstown.	

2. Request Portuguese Government may be notified of proposed
visit to Lourenco Marques.
(C. in C.S.A. 231225 to Admiralty. NEREIDE.)

23.6.1946.
Sunday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Movements.

Arrival 23rd June HAYDON 1600 from Beirut.
Departures SUPERB 1200 for Malta.
STEVENSTONE 1000 for Beirut.
(N.O.I.C. Haifa 231804 to C. in C. Med. Admiralty)

23.6.1946.
Sunday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Movements.

Arrival Singapore 23rd June BURNIE, IPSWICH,
TOOWOOMBA, NIGER, U.S.S. ASH/TABULA.
Departures Nil.
(F.O. Malaya 230130Z to Admiralty.)

Mauritius
Government
Officials
taking
passage
for.

Concur in C. in C.S.A's 191516 subject to
Admiralty approval.
2. It is not intended that GLASGOW should
visit Mauritius other than to disembark
passengers.
3. Admiralty is requested to determine the
charge to be made to these passengers.
(C. in C.E.I. 231023 to Admiralty. C. in C.
S.A. GLASGOW.)

COLOSSUS
A.C. on
passage
to U.K.

E.I.P.I. One. Sail from Trincomalee as follows:
(A) As convenient 24th June.
(B) Colombo for o/r to U.K.
(C) 14 knots.
(D) WC 340.
(E) Constant V.
Acknowledge.
(C. in C.E.I. 231223EF to COLOSSUS. Admiralty.
F.O. Ceylon.)

23.6.1946.
Sunday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

R.T.WARDEN
with A.F.D.5.
in tow for
Bermuda.

A.F.D.5. P.C.S. at 1200Z 23rd June 31° 58' N.
45° 10' W. 270° 5.2 knots. Wind east south
easterly force 2. Sea smooth long low south
easterly swell. Visibility good.
(WARDEN 231305Z to C. in C.A.W.I. Com.1/c.
Bermuda.)

Far East and Australia.

C.S.2.
in BERMUDA.

Arrived Chemungo, BERMUDA wearing flag of
C.S.2.
(C.S.2. 230015Z to C. in C. B.P.F. Com. 7th Flt.)

24.6.1946.
Monday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

NEREIDE
Sloop
on passage
to S. Atlantic
Station.

Sail 0730B 25th June to Freetown for o/r St.
Helena and Simonstown. My 211212 refers.
2. Speed 11. E.T.A. Freetown 1200Z 2nd July
St. Helena 1000Z 8th July.
(F.O.Gib 241237B to NEREIDE. Admiralty.
C. in C.S.A. C. in C. Plymouth.)

24.6.1946.
Monday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

ORION
on passage
to U.K.
calling at
Algiers for
presentation
ceremony.

Intend to sail ORION at 1600 June 27th from Malta to arrive Algiers at 1000B June 29th in order that her Commanding Officer may present the decoration of the Order of the British Empire to Captain H.G.C. Thibemont at a ceremony on board ORION the same forenoon.
2. ORION will leave Algiers p.m. the same day 29th for Gibraltar for o/r to Devonport.
3. Your 240950 to C. in C. Med. only refers. (C. in C. Med. 241620B to Almed. ORION. C.S.15. F.O. Gib.)

FORMIDABLE
trooping.

FORMIDABLE departed Suez 1700B 24th June for Aden. S.O.A. 20 knots. E.T.A. 1500C 27th June. (FORMIDABLE 241715B to C. in C. Med. C. in C.E.I. Comaden.)

PERSIMMON
L.S.I.(L)
trooping.

Intend sailing A from Port Said 26.0600B 25th June.
(A) S.O.A. 15 knots.
(B) E.T.A. Gib. 1500 30th June.
(PERSIMMON 241800 to F.O.Gib. N.O.I.C. Port Said. C. in C. Med.)

War Diary.

24.6.1946.
Monday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Weekly report of M/S progress. No. 27. Serial U. Borneo. Brunei Bay. 166th M.S.F. completed this section of serial 19th June. No further mines reported. Flotilla with CORBRAE and SERENE sailed from Labuan for Sandakan on 21st June. Serial 31. Borneo. West Coast. Iri Brunei. 10th M.S.F. have completed 50 per cent searching sweep of two areas in western half of this serial with negative results. Flotilla less SERVICE proceeding to Tanjong Datu. 11th M.S.F. completed 80 per cent searching sweep of 2 areas in northern half of this serial with negative results. Fleet Minesweeping Officer carried out aerial mine reconnaissance of this serial on 2nd June. Conditions good. No mines sighted. As existence of these mines is not confirmed no further sweeping is contemplated. Serial 30. Borneo. West Coast Api Passage Koti Passage 7th M.S.F. completed magnetic sweeping of northern half E.F.M.I. 389 negative results. Serials Area Islands, 181st M.S.F. continued magnetic sweeping one further mine detonated. Flotilla arrived Singapore 20th June to replenish. Notes. Tenasserim Coast. Further sweeping requirements. LOCH CRAGGIE with Lord Killlearn's representative and Lt. Cdr. M/S Singapore sailed 22nd June for Rangoon for conference on 26th June with Staff Minesweeping Officer East Indies Fleet and representative of Burma Government. LOCH CRAGGIE with party on board will subsequently visit Tenasserim Coast ports to ascertain what further sweeping is practicable. (F.O.M.F.A. 240342 to C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I. Admiralty. Saceea.)

NIGER
M/S
Maintenance
ship.

E.I.T.M. 43. Sail from Singapore as follows:
(A) 1030Z 25th June.
(B) Tanjong Datu.
(C) 12 knots.
(G) To return to Singapore with relieved A and S.Gs on instructions from S.O. Force 20. Acknowledge.
(F.O.M.F.A. 240343Z to NIGER. S.O. Force 20. S.O. M/S. 7. S.O. M/S. 10. S.O/M.)

Movements.

Trincomalee 23rd June.
Arrivals H.M.R.T. HENGIST towing LANDGUARD.
Departures. H.M.S. LOCH MORE.
(C. in C.E.I. 240900EF to Admiralty. F.O.C.)

FENCER
trooping.

E.I.P.I. One. Sail from Colombo as follows:
(A) 0630EF Tuesday 25th.
(B) Aden.
(C) 16 knots.
(D) W.C. 340.
(E) Constant broadcast V. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Ceylon 241126EF to FENCER. Admiralty. N.O.I.C. Aden.)

24.6.1946.
Monday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies contd...

GERALDTON
BROOME
M/S on
passage
for transfer
to Turkey.

E.I.P.I. 1. Take GERALDTON under your orders
and sail from Colombo as follows:

- (A) 1700EF 25th June.
- (B) Bombay.
- (C) 12 knots.

Acknowledge.

(F.O. Ceylon 241524EF to BROOME. GERALDTON.
C. in C.E.I. Admiralty. F.O. Bombay.)

War Diary.

24.6.1946.
Monday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

PADSTOW BAY
Frigate
Cruise.

Following cruise is intended for PADSTOW BAY.

<u>Place.</u>	<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Leave.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
Bermuda.	6th Aug.	21st Aug.	Fuel and Provisions.
Havana Cuba.	26th Aug.	30th Aug.	
Vera Cruz Mexico.	2nd Sept.	6th Sept.	
Tela Honduras.	10th Sept.	12th Sept.	
Kingston (Jam.)	15th Sept.	18th Sept.	Fuel.
Bluefields Nicaragua.	20th Sept.	22nd Sept.	
Port Limon Costa Rica.	23rd Sept.	26th Sept.	
Cartagena Columbia.	28th Sept.	1st Oct.	
Curacao.	3rd Oct.	7th Oct.	Fuel if necessary.
La Guaira Venezuela.	8th Oct.	11th Oct.	
Trinidad.	13th Oct.	19th Oct.	Fuel and self refit.
Georgetown British Guiana.	21st Oct.	24th Oct.	
Paramaribo Surinam.	25th Oct.	28th Oct.	
Charber CAYENNE French Guiana.	29th Oct.	1st Nov.	Fuel.
Trinidad.	4th Nov.	5th Nov.	Fuel.
Kingston.	9th Nov.	10th Nov.	
Bermuda.	15th Nov.		

2. Request diplomatic action in accordance with B.R.83 may be taken to inform countries to be visited and U.S. authorities may be informed.

3. S.O.(I) Jamaica is requested to commence preparation of (?issuing)briefs.

(C. in C. A. & W.I. 241445Z to Admiralty. B.A.D. N.S.H.Q. PADSTOW BAY. S.O.(I) Jamaica.)
(See 251931)

amended by W.R.3.7.46.

24.6.1946.
Monday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

S.S.
WAR BHARATA
(Tanker
Br. 5604
tons).
Collision
with
lighters
claim for
damages.

Following from B.R.N.O. Shanghai begins:
On 29th May while proceeding to her berth without
a pilot WAR BHARATA crushed 2 lighters moored
alongside another ship. Admiralty liability
clearly established. Owner asked 12 million
dollars compensation. Damage surveyed by
Lloyds representative who recommends offer
of just under 3 million. Conditions in K.R.
and A.I. 1167 clause 10 are fulfilled except
for amount. Request approval to settle as
delay is likely to increase amount of claim;
cost of repairs in Shanghai is abnormal.
D.T.G. 230248Z June Ends.
Request very early approval meanwhile enquiry
will be held.
(C. in C. B.P.F. 240745 to Admiralty. B.R.N.O.
Shanghai.)
(See 261852A.)

25.6.1946.
Tuesday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

RANEE
trooping
outwards.

Sail 1800B 25th June via Medri routes for Malta
for o/r to Hong Kong.
2. Speed 16. E.T.A. 0700B 28th June.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Gib. 251204B to RANEE. Admiralty. C. in C.
Med.)

CAVENDISH
destroyer
on passage
to U.K.
from E.I.

Sail 0830 26th June to Plymouth.
2. Speed 14. E.T.A. 1030 29th June.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Gib 251228B to CAVENDISH. Capt. (D)6.
Admiralty. C. in C. Plymouth.)

Movements.

1. Arrivals:
CAVENDISH 0745B Malta.
282 LC Flotilla 1500B Plymouth.
2. Departures:
A.F.D.48 and MEDIATOR 1400 Bermuda.
ENVOY 1630 Plymouth.
3. Passings. Nil.
(F.O. Gib 251222B to C. in C. Plymouth.
C. in C. Med. Admiralty.)

WOOLWICH
destroyer
depot ship
on passage
to U.K.
from E.I.

Sail 1900B 25th June to Plymouth for O/R
Spithead and Chatham.
2. Speed 11½. E.T.A. noon 29th June.
7. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Gib 251510B to WOOLWICH. Admiralty.)

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25.6.1946.
Tuesday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

ORION
on passage
to U.K.
calling
at Algiers
for
presentation
ceremony.

Sail at 1600B 27th June by appropriate Medri
route to Algiers.
2. Speed 14 knots. E.T.A. 1000 29th.
3. After complying with para. 1 of my 241620 not
to all sail for Gibraltar and U.K. p.m. 29th
reporting E.T.A.
5. Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med. 250903B to ORION. F.O. Gibraltar,
C. in C. Plymouth. F.O.C.R.F.)

Movements.

Port Said June 25th . Arrivals: 0930 L.S.E.50
from Aden. 0950 WILD GOOSE from Malta.
Departures. 0600. PERSIMMON to Gibraltar.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 251715B to C. in C. Med.
C. in C.E.I. Admiralty. N.O.I.C. Aden.)

U.S.S.FARGO
(Cruiser)
with
Comnavmed
on board
for Trieste.

U.S.S. FARGO with Comnavmed embarked leaving
Malta p.m. 25th June to arrive Trieste 1400B
27th June. Please arrange for ship to be
berthed alongside on arrival.
2. Comnavmed wishes to discuss situation with
you so that he may get fully into Venezia Giulia
picture and to meet local Army and Air Force
Authorities. It has been arranged that during
this visit you will retain operational control
as S.N.O.A.D.
3. Request you sail LIVERPOOL p.m. 27th June to Malta.
4. It is Comnavmed's intention U.S.S. FARGO should remain
in North Adriatic until 10th July. This will give AJAX time
to carry out practices before joining your command on that date.
(C. in C. Med. 251854 to S.N.O. Adriatic. Comnavmed. Admiralty.
N.O.I.C. Trieste.)

Illegal
immigrants
patrol
S.S.COLON
intercepted.

As a result of R.A.F. reconnaissance H.M.
Destroyer VENUS and TALYBONT intercepted S.S.
COLON 70 miles from (?Gibraltar) at (?20)30C/25th
June. Ship is ex - Corvette and is packed with
people. She (?will be) shadowed (?and) boarded
on entering territorial waters. Port of
register Panamanian City but no colours flying.
(N.O.I.C. Haifa 252130C to C. in C. Med.
Admiralty. S.N.O.(Afloat) Haifa.

25.6.1946.
Tuesday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Movements.
C.S.4 in
SWIFTSURE.

Arrivals Singapore 24th June.
C.S.4. in SWIFTSURE, OCEAN, DINGLEDALE,
BONAVENTURE, U.S.S. PLATTE.
Departures: Nil.
(F.O.M.F.A. 250130Z to Admiralty. C. in C.B.P.F.)

AMETHYST
A.A.Sloop
with harbour
tugs for
Singapore.

E.I.T.M. 43. Take BARTHORPE, ROCKGLEN, ROCK
MOUNT, ROCKPORT, ROCKFOREST, 3 M.F.Vs.
under your orders and sail from Batavia. as
follows:
(A) 0900GH 16th June.
(B) Singapore.
(C) Via Gaspar Straits 7.5
(E) Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Batavia 250200Z to AMETHYST.)

FENCER
trooping
programme.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Leave.</u>
-	Colombo.	25th June.
2nd.	Aden.	2nd.
6th.	Suez.	6th.
6th.	Port Said.	7th.
13th.	Gibraltar.	14th.
17th.	Plymouth.	17th.
17th.	Portsmouth.	17th.
18th.	Chatham.	-

All dates except first one are July. Fuel at Aden.
(C. in C.E.I. 250847 to Admiralty. FENCER. Capt. i/c. Aden.)

D.S.
HEEMSKERK
A.A.Ship.

E.I.T.M.43. Sail from Batavia as follows:
(A) 0900GH 26th June.
(B) Patrol Area south west and south of
(?Borneo).
(C) 13.
(G) Relieve (?C. in C. B.P.F.)
Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Batavia 250925 to HEEMSKERCK,
Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. F.O.M.F.A.)

COLOSSUS
A.C. on
passage
to U.K.

E.I.P.I. One. Sail from Colombo as follows:
(A) 0900EF 26th June.
(B) Aden.
(C) 14 knots.
(D) WC 340.
(E) Constant broadcast "V".
Acknowledge.
(F.O. Ceylon 250940EF to COLOSSUS. Admiralty.)

25.6.1946.
Tuesday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies contd...

BUSHWOOD
deperming
ship with
engine
defects
on passage
to U.K.

BUSHWOOD put in Cochin with serious engine defect. Date of completion unknown until stripped down. Further signal will be made. BUSHWOOD's 222115/not to all refers. (N.O.I.C. Cochin 251438 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. F.O. Ceylon. F.O. Bombay.)
/ N.T. in W.D.
(See 271140)

LOCH ACHRAY
frigate.

E.I.P.I.7.
Intend to sail from Aden 1800C today Tuesday 25th.
(LOCH ACHRAY 251701C to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty. C. in C. Med.)

25.6.1946.
Tuesday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

PADSTOW BAY Your 241040/. Request ships be ordered to
PORLOCK BAY carry out oil fuel consumption trials at
frigates. speed of 10, 11, 12 and 15 knots while on
passage to Bermuda.
(C. in C.A.W.I. 251931Z to C. in C. Plymouth.
Admiralty.)

U.S. Atlantic Change my 181611. OREGON CITY, PROVIDENCE
Serial Two. at Philadelphia. PORTSMOUTH at Lagos. FARGO
36. at Spithead, F. D. ROOSEVELT Denver, COLUMBIA
Cleveland, MONTPELIER at sea.
(C.N.O. 252034Z to Admiralty. Comnaveu.)

Pacific Operational Naval Units. Pacific Coast.
Summary 70. ASTORIA, AMSTERDAM, OKLAHOMA CITY, MIAMI,
SAINT PAUL. PASADENA, OAKLAND, TUCSON 4 DD.
Enroute U.S. PRINCETON, ATLANTA 1 DD.
At Pearl 2 DD. Enroute Pearl 1 DD.
Marshall Islands. PENNSYLVANIA, NEVADA, ARKANSAS,
NEW YORK, SARATOGA, SHANGRI LA, INDEPENDENCE,
SAIDOR, SALT LAKE CITY, PENSACOLA, FALL RIVER. 27 DD.
West Pacific. CHICAGO, BREMERTON, HELENA, LOS ANGELES, DULUTH,
TOPEKA, BOXER, ANTIETAM, POINT CRUZ, 24 DD.
(C.N.O. 252036Z to Admiralty. Comnaveu.)

Far East and Australia.

MANXMAN A.M. 221247/. Consider MANXMAN should proceed
fast direct to Chatham to give full leave. Subsequently
minelayer ship should only visit Isle of Man if delay in
on passage reducing to reserve can be accepted and subject
to U.K. to Admiralty policy on such visits.
2. S.O.A. on passage to U.K. is governed by
A.M. 211000 Nov. As ship is being employed
on trooping speed of up to 20 knots is permitted.
This policy has been applied to all fast Minelayers who have
been employed exclusively on trooping duties since the end of
the war.
(C. in C. B.P.F. 250257 to Admiralty.)
/ MANXMAN has requested approval to visit Isle of Man, is
this considered desirable.

Movements. 23rd June. Arrivals:
(A) Sydney BIGBURY BAY.
Departures:
(A) Sydney GLORY, FINISTERRE for Western Ports.
(A.C.N.B. 250455Z to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.
N.Z.N.B. C.O.I.S. Kilindini.)

War Diary.

25.6.1946.
Tuesday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia contd...

Manchuria
Communist
activities.

O98860. CBP 9455.
In compliance with Machin's MA335 herewith
of Sitreps 30 and 31. Begins: D.T.O. 061140
MA/37. Sitrep 30. Government troops swinging
across Sunrari River. Have also occupied Lafa
east of Kerin thus securing another line of

communication towards Harbin. Little frontal resistance by
Communists but continual sabotage of lines of communication.
China. Situation unchanged. No reports of progress in
negotiations. Ends.

Sitrep 31. D.T.O. 121750. MA 320. Government proclaimed
15 day truce beginning 1200 hours June 7. General Tu C. in C.
North East (corrupt group) announced June 8 that it is
intention of Govt. to proceed with occupation of Manchuria
including Dairen after completion of 15 days. Announcement of
truce follows immediately by an outburst of Govt. propoganda
to the effect that Communists are not observing it. There
appears to be some truth in statement of renewed Communist
activities in Shantung. Government states Chiaohsien and Tsao
Chuang captured by Communist June 9 Tehchow June 10 and
fighting still going on areas Taian and immediate vicinity
Tsing Tao. Latest information regarding Manchuria according
Govt. reports Communists attacking Allsaling Govt. Sichang
Skerki lines which runs (corrupt group) Kaiping inclusive
Penhsi Hailung Lafa Shuanglgeng Li Buyan-changwu (or
Liaoyuanchanuwu) Peipoa. General Tu warned Communists June 11
that they must withdraw from Lafa area by noon on June 12 or
take consequences. Communist propoganda concentrating against
us. Aids to Govt. troops be sent Manchuria. 3 man negotiations
now resumed possible some agreement may be patched up but
difficult see how and real satisfactory or lasting arrangements
can result from present situation ends.
(Landforces, Hong Kong 251230 to War Office. B.A.S. Washington.
C. in C. India.)

26.6.1946.
Wednesday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

SUFFOLK
trooping.

Sail 0730B 27th June to Plymouth for o/r
Spithead and Sheerness.
2. Speed 20. E.T.A. 1000A 29th June.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Gib. 261207B to SUFFOLK. Admiralty.
C. in C. Plymouth. C. in C. Portsmouth.)

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26.6.1946.
Wednesday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

MULL OF
KINTYRE
on passage
to U.K.

E.I.T.M. 43 sail from Singapore as follows:

- (A) 0430Z 26th June.
- (B) Colombo.
- (C) 9.5 knots.

Acknowledge.

(F.O.M.F.A. 260128Z to MULL OF KINTYRE. C. in C.
E.I. F.O. Ceylon. Admiralty.)

ATHELING
trooping.

Reference 548C of 29th December 1945.
Sailed from Aden.

- (A) 260600C.
- (B) Colombo.
- (C) 16 knots.
- (D) W.C.340.
- (E) Constant Broadcast V.
- (F) p.m. 1st July.

(ATHELING 260300Z to C. in C.E.I.)

Movements.

Colombo 25th June.

Arrivals.
COLOSSUS.

Departures.

FENCER.
BROOME.
GERALDTON.

(F.O. Ceylon 260900 to Admiralty, C. in C.E.I.)

Movements.

Arrivals Singapore 25th June. ANSON, VENERABLE,
HOGUE, MULL OF KINTYRE, U.S. ERITREA, U.S.S.
AUCILIA.

Departures. VENERABLE, HOGUE, NIGER, OCEANWAY,
BURNIE, IPSWICH, TOOWOOMBA, L.S.T. 3514. D.S. WETTINGEN, VOORNE,
THOLEN, YSSELMONDE.

(F.O.M.F.A. 260930Z to Admiralty. C. in C.B.P.F. Com. Hong Kong.)

INDEFATIGABLE
A.C.Trooping.

Aden 26th June. INDEFATIGABLE arrived a.m.
departure p.m. for Port Said.

- 2. E.T.A. Suez 0800Z 27th.
 - 3. Shifting to Malta broadcast at 0300Z 27th.
 - 4. N.O.I.C. Port Said acknowledge.
- (INDEFATIGABLE 261445Z to N.O.I.C. Aden. Admiralty.
C. in C.E.I. C. in C. Med.)

RAJAH
trooping
homewards.

Intend to sail from Aden as follows:

- (A) 0700C.
- (B) Port Said.
- (C) 16 knots.

(RAJAH 261516C to C. in C.E.I. N.O.I.C. A den.
C. in C. Med.)

26.6.1946.
Wednesday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies contd...

MANXMAN
on passage
to U.K.

E.I.P.I. One. Intend to sail from Aden as follows:

(A) 2000Z 26th June.

(B) Suez.

(C) 19 knots.

(G) Request N.O.I.C. Port Said arrange for pilot on arrival Suez 1500Z 29th for night passage of canal.

(MANXMAN 261600Z to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty.)

H.M.A.S.
SHROPSHIRE
cruiser
requirements
when on
return from
U.K. to
Australia.

Following is extract of SHROPSHIRE's 241351 (N.T. in W.D.) begins:

Request following arrangements be made for Furnace Oil Fuel and Drinking water.

Aden 20th July 1750 tons Fuel.

80 tons Water.

Colombo 27th July. 750 tons Fuel.

80 tons water on arrival.

59 tons daily....Ends.

(2) Anticipate SHROPSHIRE will sail for Fremantle 29th July.

(C. in C.E.I. 261730EF to Capt. i/c. Aden. F.O. Ceylon. SHROPSHIRE.)

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26.6.1946.
Wednesday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

THRACIAN
destroyer
tender
received
for sale.

Nine Tenders have been received for purchase of THRACIAN the highest was that of Messrs Wing Hung repeated Wing Hung at 85000 dollars Hong Kong equivalent to £5312. 10. Od. sterling. Request approval to accept.
(Commodore Hong Kong 260600 to Admiralty.)

See 03 0925 July

Movements.

23rd June arrivals:
(A) Thursday Is. BARWON.
(D) Rabaul KANIMBLA.
Departures:
(A) Sydney BATAAN for Townsville ERIN for Hong Kong.
(B) Townsville NORTHERN WARRIOR for Singapore.
(C) Thursday Is. BARWON for Townsville.
(A.C.N.B. 260633Z to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.
N.Z.N.B. C.O.I.S. Kilindini.)

CRANE
A.A.Sloop
for passage
to U.K.

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

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Leave.</u>
-	Hong Kong.	1st July.
5th July.	Singapore.	5th July.
9th July.	Colombo.	11th July.
17th July.	Aden.	17th July.
21st July.	Suez.	21st July.
21st July.	Port Said.	21st July.
24th July.	Malta.	25th July.
28th July.	Gibraltar.	28th July.
1st Aug.	Sheerness.	-

2. Anticipate all available accommodation will be filled when ship leaves Hong Kong.
(C. in C. B.P.F. 261440Z to Admiralty. Com. Hong Kong. C. in C. E.I. F.O. Ceylon. Com. Aden.)

s.s.WAR
BHARATA
claim for
damage
against.

Your 240745 dated 25th June, 1946 refers collision WAR BHARATA with two lighters on 29th May. Presume lighters mentioned are privately owned. On terms of your advice as to Admiralty liability, settlement at 3 million dollars approved. A.F.O. 4112/40, however, clearly authorises local settlement up to £1,000 sterling. On average rate of exchange \$7000 to £1 sterling settlement would be approximately only £450 and within your powers of local settlement.
(Hd. of M.L. 261852A to C. in C. B.P.F. B.R.N.O. Shanghai.)

27.6.1946.
Thursday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

LINARIA
Corvette
L.S.E.51
on passage
for return
to U.S.A.

L.S.E.51 take LINARIA under your orders and sail 0800B 28th June to Bermuda for o/r New York.
2. Speed 9 knots or better. Route as safe navigation permits and weather necessitates North of Madeira to destination.
5. Admiralty is requested to divert mails to New York.
6. L.S.E. 51 acknowledge.
(F.O.Gib 271106B to L.S.E.51. Admiralty.
N.S.H.Q. C. in C.P.C.)
(See 011350Z)

SUSSEX
trooping
to U.K.
and to be
paid off
into Reserve.

Sail 1700B 29th June to Spithead for o/r.
2. Speed 20. E.T.A. 0700A 2nd July.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O.Gib. 271628B to SUSSEX. Admiralty. C. in C. Plymouth.)

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27.6.1946.
Thursday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Alexandria lapse of appointment of Captain (L). 480B/ para. 3. For R.N.O. Alexandria and Commander Superintendent H.M. Dockyard Alexandria read Commander (L) Alexandria. (C. in C. Med. 270840B to M.G.M. 494B). / T.O.O. 191732/June. H.M.S. NILE will pay off 30th June appointment of Capt. (L) Alexandria will lapse on that date.

SUPERB. Cruiser on passage to U.K. from Med. Station. Sail at 0800B 28th June by appropriate Medri route to Gibraltar for o/r to Chatham. 2. Carry out fuel consumption trials on passage and adjust arrival at Gibraltar to 1500B 30th. 4. Acknowledge. (C. in C. Med., 270853B to SUPERB.C.S.15. Admiralty.)

FLUELLEN Attached danlayer 8th M/S on passage to U.K. Sail at 1600B Friday 28th June by appropriate Medri route to Gibraltar for o/r Chatham. 2. Speed 8½ knots. E.T.A. a.m. 3rd July. 4. Acknowledge. (C. in C. Med. 271039B to FLUELLEN. M/S.8. Admiralty. R.A. Malta.) (See 291243 and 291606)

Attempted Jewish illegal immigration into Palestine. After 23 hours shadowing by destroyers S.S. COLON (?ex) Canadian (?corvette) was arrested by (?H.M.S. VENUS) and representative of (?Palestine) (?Police) at (?20)00C 26th (?June) 2 miles from Haifa port. Jewish (?press) refer to ship (?as) BEAUHARNOIS or JOSIAH WEDGEWOOD. 2. So far party of 19 attempted escape in small boats outside territorial waters and in addition ship brought 851 male and 408 female illegal immigrants mostly from Central Europe. 3. Master and crew not yet identified. (N.O.I.C. Haifa 272130 to C. in C. Med.) (See 291006) *(See also CB. 02165, Campaign Against Illegal Immigration).*

Movement. Arrived Port Said. (FALMOUTH 272300B to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.)

Movements. Port Said June 27th Feb. Arrivals. 0830 I.S.A. ABRUZZI from Naples. 2230 FALMOUTH from Aden. Departures nil. 2. Suez arrivals 0830 LLANSTEPHAN CASTLE from Aden. 0930 DUKE OF YORK from Colombo. Departures 1230 DUKE OF YORK to Bitter Lakes, anchored Bitter Lakes 1730. 1600 LLANSTEPHAN CASTLE to Port Said. (N.O.I.C. Port Said 272351B to C. in C. Med.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Movements.

Arrival Singapore 26th June. ALACRITY.
Departures. BONAVENTURE, MULL OF KINTYRE,
U.S.S. PLATTE, U.S.S. ASHTABULA, DINGLEDALE.
(F.O.M.F.A. 270130Z to C. in C. B.P.F.
C. in C.E.I. Com. Hong Kong.)

ANSON.
B.S.

E.I.T.M. 43. Sail from Singapore as follows:
(A) 0130Z 28th June.
(B) Colombo.
(C) 15 knots.
Acknowledge.
(F.O.M.F.A. 270323Z to ANSON. C. in C.B.P.F.
C. in C.E.I. Admiralty.)

ALACRITY
Governor
General
Malaya
Union's
visit
to Borneo.

C.I.P.I. One, Sails from Singapore as follows:
(A) 0130Z tomorrow 28th June.
(B) Touching my 280302Z to you only refers.
(C) 15 knots.
(F) 0630Z 29th June.
(G) The Governor General Malaya Union will join
you TM/ 30th June conform to his requirements
until confirmation of his Sarawak visit on
3rd July then return to Singapore. Acknowledge.
(F.O.M.F.A. 270404Z to ALACRITY. C. in C.B.P.F.
Admiralty. Com. Hong Kong.)
/ as received.

Your 270404Z/ understood.
(ALACRITY 271200Z to F.O.M.F.A. C. in C.B.P.F. Admiralty.
Com. Hong Kong.)
/ Sailing instructions for ALACRITY.
Governor Gen. Malaya Union will join you 30th June.
(See 301247Z).

WHIMBREL
A.A.Sloop.

E.I.P.I. One. Sail from Singapore as follows:
(A) 0630Z 29th June.
(B) Batavia.
(C) Via Riouw and Banka Straits 13 knots.
(F) 0030Z 1st July.
(G) N.O.I.C. Batavia is requested to sail

LOCH GLENDHU to Singapore as convenient after arrival of
WHIMBREL.
(F.O.M.F.A. 270437Z to WHIMBREL, LOCH GLENDHU, Admiralty,
C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I.

LOCH GLENDHU
escorting
SHOFOKU.
MARU.

Sail from Batavia as follows:
(A) 1600GH 27th June.
(B) Cheribon.
(C) 8.
(F) 1200GH/28th.
(G) Escort SHOFOKU. MARU carrying 400
Indonesians to Cheribon.
After happenings SHOFOKU. MARU will embark 39
Indonesians and 8 Chinese. On completion, escort
SHOFOKU. MARU back to Batavia.
Acknowledge.
(Batavia 270750 to LOCH GLENDHU, Com. Hong Kong.
F.O.M.F.A. A.F.N.E.I.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies contd...

WILD GOOSE Sloop for Persian Gulf. Immediately after exchange of stewards with FALMOUTH and without prejudice to your personal visit to (S.B.N.O.?) M.E. H.M.S. WILD GOOSE is to proceed with despatch to Bahrein and thence outer by S.N.O. P.G. Call at Aden is to be omitted. Acknowledge and report date of arrival at Bahrein.
(WILD GOOSE 270941 to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty. S.B.N.O. M.E. S.N.O.P.G.)
Your 270941 acknowledge.

2. Leaving Port Said p.m. 28th E.T.A. Bahrein 7th July. It may be necessary to call at Aden for fuel if consumption at (Portion corrupt) proves excessive.
(WILD GOOSE 272331B to C. in C.E.I. S.N.O.P.G.)

BUSHWOOD deperming ship on passage to U.K. My 251438/ Repairs completed intend sailing BUSHWOOD a.m. 28th June for Bombay.
(N.O.I.C. Cochin 271140 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. F.O. Ceylon.)
/ BUSHWOOD put in Cochin with serious engine defect.

GLENEARN L.S.I.(L) Accommodation ship on passage to U.K. from B.P.F. (A) E.T.A. Aden 1530C 27th.
(B) Next port Port Said.
(C) S.O.A. 16 knots.
(GLENEARN 271502C to C. in C.E.I. C.O.I.C. Aden. N.O.I.C. Port Said.)

Carrier FORMIDABLE trooping. E.I.P.I.7. Intend to sail from Aden as follows:
(A) 745C/28th.
(B) Bombay.
(C) Direct 20 knots.
(FORMIDABLE 272143C to C. in C.E.I.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

BERMUDA
Cruiser.

Com. Fleet Activities.

- (A) Sebo.
 - (B) BERMUDA.
 - (C) C.S.2.
 - (D) Chemulpo.
 - (E) 0730Z/27.
 - (F) 12 knots.
- (F.O.C/S. 270755 to C. in C. B.P.F.)

28.6.1946.
Friday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

Sloop
FAIMOUTH
on passage
to U.K.
from E.I.

Intend sailing Port Said for Gibraltar as follows:
1. Date time 1615B 28th June.
(FAIMOUTH 281420B to F.O. Gib.)
(Should be under Mediterranean)

28.6.1946.
Friday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Surveying
ship
WHITE BEAR
on passage
to U.K.
carrying
out survey
in Malta
Channel and
Galita
Island.

Propose to sail having completed defects at
0830 Monday 1st July E.T.A. Gibraltar 0900/11
July. Surveys in Malta Channel and Galita
Island will be carried out on passage.
(WHITE BEAR 280910 to C. in C. Med.)

RANEE
trooping
outwards.

Sail at 2030B 29th June by appropriate Medri
route to Port Said.
2. Speed 16 knots. E.T.A. 0830B 2nd July.
3. Ship is for o/r to Hong Kong.
5. Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med. 281023B to RANEE.)

Movements.

Port Said 28th arrivals: 1400 DUKE OF YORK from
Bitter Lakes 0700 I.S. SESTRIERE from Naples.
0400 LIANSTEPHEN CASTLE from Aden.
Departures: 1700 WILD GOOSE to Bahrein.
1630 FALMOUTH to Gibraltar.
2000 I.S. ABRUZZI to Naples.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 281708B to C. in C. Med.)

28.6.1946.
Friday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Movements.

Arrivals Singapore 27th June.
WHIMBREL, U.S.S. MANTEE.
Departure L.S.T. 3505, FORT WAYNE.
(F.O. Malaya 280130Z to Admiralty.)

Movement.

E.I.P.I. 7.
Intend sailing from Muscat 1500 today Friday
E.T.A. Khorkuwait 1311 Saturday 29th.
(SHOREHAM 280630D to N.O.I.C. Persian Gulf.
Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)

Carrier
QUEEN
trooping
outwards.

Sail from Colombo as follows:
(A) As convenient p.m. 28th June.
(B) Singapore.
(C) 16 knots.
Acknowledge.
(F.O. Ceylon 280846 to QUEEN.)

SHARPSHOOTER
Surveying
vessel.

(A) 0900EF 29th June.
(B) Trincomalee.
(C) 8.5 knots.
(D) W.C. 340.
(G) Acknowledge.
(F.O. Bombay 281221EF to SHARPSHOOTER. C. in C.
E.I.)

28.6.1946.
Friday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

S.O. Force
(S)
lapse of
title.

The title of S.O. Force "S" lapses at 0001Z
29th June. All signals or letters affecting
Royal Navy at Shanghai should be addressed
British Resident Naval Officer (short title
B.R.N.O.) Shanghai Postal address care of
H.B.M. Consulate General.
(C. in C.B.P.F. 281134 to B.P.F. Gl. N.R.137 P.)

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29.6.1946.
Saturday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Palestine.
Attempted
Jewish
illegal
immigration.

Delete reference to BUCKINGHAM in my 272130/.
Corvette is known to have served as BEAUHARNOIS
during the war.
(N.O.I.C. Haifa 291006 to C. in C. Med. S.N.O.(A)
Haifa. Admiralty.)
/ Arrest of s.s. COLON by VENUS.

FLUELLEN
8th M/S
Attached
Danlayer
on passage.

Defect has been made good by ship's staff and
trials are satisfactory. Request sailing
instructions.
(FLUELLEN 291243 to C. in C. Med. R.A.Malta.
R.A.D. Malta. Capt. M/S. Med.)
My 281628 and 291243. Proceeded at 1600.
(FLUELLEN 291606 to C. in C. Med. R.A.Malta.
Admiralty. K.H.M. Capt. M/S. Medn. R.A.D. Medn.)

WILD GOOSE
Sloop
on passage
to Persian
Gulf from
U.K.

WILD GOOSE sailed Suez 1630B 29th. S.O.A.
16 knots. E.T.A. Bahrein a.m. 8th July. My
272331B and F.O. Bombay's 291425E.I. neither to
all intend calling at Aden to take 130 tons fuel
E.T.A. Aden 0530C 3rd July. E.T.D. Aden 0930C
3rd July.
(WILD GOOSE 291701B to C. in C.E.I. C. in C. Med.
Capt. i/c. Aden.)

Movements.

June 29th Port Said.
Arrivals 1030.
MONTREAL from Lake Tumsah 0700 M.L.134 From Alex.
1800 INDEFATIGABLE from Aden.
Departures 1400 LLANSTEPHAN CASTLE to Gibraltar
2000 SESTRIERE to Naples 1800 INDEFATIGABLE to
Gib.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 292010B to C. in C. Med.)

29.6.1946.
Saturday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Movements.

Arrivals Singapore 28th June. U.S.S. NANTAHALA, SALVICTOR, RECRUIT, RIFLEMAN, PINCHER, PLUCKY, CHAMELEON, SANDRAY, NIGER.
Departures Vice Admiral Edelston in ANSON. U.S.S. NANTAHALA, BROOMDALE, ALACRITY.
(F.O. Malaya 290130Z to Admiralty, C. in C.B.P.F. C. in C.E.I. Cdre. Super. Naval Base, Singapore).

NIGER
M/S H.Q.
ship.

E.I.P.I. 1. Sail from Singapore as follows:
(A) 1030Z 29th June.
(B) Tanjong Batu.
(C) 14 knots.
(G) To return to Singapore with relieved A and S.O's on instructions from S.O. Force 20.

Request turnaround be expedited.
2. Intend sailing MAGICIENNE to join M/S 11 about 3rd July with next draft.
(F.O.M.F.A. 290403Z to NIGER. C. in C. B.P.F. S.O. M/S. 11. S.O. M/S. 10. S.O. Force 20. Admiralty.)

Movements.

Colombo June 28th.

Arrivals.

GAWLER.
PIRIE.
LAUNCESTON.

Departures.

L.S.R. (Q) 1.
QUEEN.

(F.O. Ceylon 290900 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)

SAINFOIN
L.S.I. (L)
Trooping
and for
return to
U.S.A.

H.M.S. SAINFOIN sailed 280200Z for U.K. via Suez. Ship will signal Naval Control Aden E.T.A. Aden and requirements.
(S.S.T.O. 291439EF to D. of S.T. P.S.T.O. (I) S.S.T.O. Suez.)

LOCH SCAVAIG
frigate
on passage
to U.K. and
for reserve
Cat. B.

Intend to sail from Aden at 0600C tomorrow 30th June to Suez. S.O.A. 11 knots. E.T.A. Suez 0600B 5th July.
(LOCH SCAVAIG 291607C to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty. R.N.O. Aden. F.O.L.E.M. C. in C. Med.)

PATROLLER
trooping
homewards.

Reference E.I.T.M. 43 PATROLLER arrived Aden 1045Z sailed 1800Z Saturday 29th. Speed 16 knots, destination Suez.
(PATROLLER 291930Z to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty. C. in C. Med. C. in C. Plymouth.)

29.6.1946.
Saturday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

C.S.2.
in BERMUDA.

Arrived Fukuoka BERMUDA wearing flag of C.S.2.
and BARFLEUR.
(S.O.C/S. 2. 290959 to Comnavjap. C. in C. B.P.F.)

War Diary.

30.6.1946.
Sunday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

PERSIMMON
L.S.I.(L)
trooping.

Sail 1430B 30th June to Liverpool for o/r Clyde.
2. Speed 15. E.T.A. Barlight Vessel 0600A 4th
July.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Gib. 301235B to PERSIMMON. Admiralty.
C. in C. Plymouth. C. in C. Rosyth.)

South Atlantic.

NIGERIA
cruiser
on passage
to join
S.A. Stn.

Sail 0930 30th June for Simonstown.
2. Speed 14. E.T.A. 1000 9th.
5. Acknowledge.
(R.N.O. Freetown 300901 to NIGERIA, Admiralty.
C. in C. Plymouth. C. in C.S.A.)

30.6.1946.
Sunday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

MANXMAN
fast
minelayer
on passage
to U.K. and
Cat. B.
(A months
notice.)

1. Intend to sail from Port Said at 0500Z July 1st.
2. S.O.A. 19 knots.
3. E.T.A. Malta 0500Z July 3rd.
(MANXMAN 301411Z to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.
R.A. Malta.)

Movements.

June 30th Port Said.
Arrival 0600 MANXMAN from Aden.
Departures 0700 nil 134 to Alexandria
1700 DUKE OF YORK to Malta.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 301900 to C. in C. Med.
Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. R.N.O. Aden.)

War Diary.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Movements.

Arrivals Singapore 29th June Nil.
Departures WHIMBREL, NIGER, U.S.S. MANATEE.
(F.O.M.F.A. 300130Z to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F.)

Borneo
visit of
H.E. Governor
General of
Malayan
Union in
ALACRITY.

Arrived Kuching H.E. Governor General of
Malayan Union on board.
(ALACRITY 301247Z to F.O.M.F.A. Admiralty.
Capt. E. Forces B.P.F.)

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30.6.1946.
Sunday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

D.8 in
COSSACK.

Departed Fremantle 0200Z - 30th June D.8. in
COSSACK for Geraldton. E.T.A. Geraldton 2315Z
29th June route direct. S.O.A. 10 knots.
(N.O.I.C. Fremantle 300252Z to C. in C. B.P.F.)