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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

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

Sail 1230B 1st July to Chatham.
2. Speed 14. E.T.A. Sheerness 0700A 5th July.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Gib. 010910B to SUPERB. F.O. C/S. 15.
Admiralty. C. in C. Nore. C. in C. Portsmouth.)

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

Sail 1530B 1st July to Plymouth.
2. Speed 14. E.T.A. 2100A 4th July.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Gib. 010916B to ORION. F.O. C/S. 15.
Admiralty. C. in C. Plymouth.)

ZENITH
destroyer
detached
from H.F.
to Med.

Sail 0100B 2nd July via Medri routes to Malta.
2. Speed 23. E.T.A. 2000B 3rd July.
5. C. in C. Med's. 271138 June refers.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Gib. 011230B to ZENITH. Admiralty.
C. in C. Med. C. in C.H.F. R.A.D. Med.)

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

F.O. Gibs. 271106B/. My position at 1300Z July
1st, 37 degs. 39 mins. N. 18 degs. 40 west,
course 275 degs., speed 10 knots. Weather fine
clear light cloud wind North West by West force 1.
2. Your 302229. Intend detaching LINARIA at
0800 tomorrow 2nd July E.T.A. Ponta Delgada
1900Z. She is rejoining me on completion.
(L.S.E. 51. 011350Z to C. in C. Plymouth.
Admiralty. F.O. Gibraltar).
/ Orders to L.S.E.51. to take LINARIA and
sail to Bermuda for o/r New York.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Palestine.
Illegal
immigration
patrol.

Following identification by R.A.F. H.M.S. VIRAGO closed S.S. AKBEL in position 34 degs. 22 mins. N. 32 degs. 30 mins. E. at 010130 and is shadowing. 2. Ship is crowded with immigrants and was flying Turkish Flag when first sighted. (N.O.I.C. Haifa 010155 to C. in C. Med. Admiralty. S.N.O. (A) H.)

RAJAH
trooping.

Intend to sail for Gibraltar 1000B tomorrow 2nd July speed 16 knots. (RAJAH 011716 to N.O.I.C. Port Said. C. in C. Med. F.O. Gib. S.B.N.O. M.E.)

Movements.

Port Said July 1st.
Arrivals., 1630 GLENEARN from Aden.
1700 LOCHACHRAY from Aden.
1700 RAJAH from Aden.
Departures: 0800 MONTCALM to Toulon.
2100 GLENEARN to U.K.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 011917B to C. in C. Med. Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. R.N.O. Aden.)

Movement.

Departures SAUMAREZ to Famagusta at 2100 1st.
(N.O.I.C. Haifa 012143C to C. in C. Med. Admiralty)

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East Indies.

Movements. Arrivals Singapore 30th June - AMETHYST, BARTHORPE, ROCKMOUNT, ROCKPORT, ROCKGLEN, ROCKFORST, 3 M.F.R.S. HARE, ASSIDUOUS, BELGOL, departures Nil. (F.O. Malaya 010130Z to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I.)

Movements. Trincomalee 30th June. Arrivals VENERABLE. OCEANWAY, HOGUE, BARCLOSE. (C. in C.E.I. 010900 to Admiralty. F.O.C. F.O.M.F.A.)

SHOREHAM A.M. 221709 May. Para. 2. not to WILD GOOSE and Sloop my 250947 May, not to Admiralty. Main to return refrigerating machinery in SHOREHAM which broke to U.K. down completely for 14 days has undergone temporary repair but is not satisfactory and cannot be relied on. Leakage of coils has raised expenditure of CO2 to 14 times the normal.

These coils could not be replaced in Bombay but were repaired there.

2. The heat of the Persian Gulf summer is rapidly reaching its peak. Only by rigidly conserving her steaming times can SHOREHAM remain a moderately effective unit.

3. Whatever the situation as regards A.M. 142051/ to C. in C.E.I. only, it is not considered that SHOREHAM should remain in Persian Gulf until August.

4. WILD GOOSE arrives Bahrein 7th July. On her arrival, propose to sail SHOREHAM to U.K. If situation should deteriorate before arrival of WREN a frigate could always be sent. (C. in C.E.I. 011241 to Admiralty. S.N.O.P.G. WILDGOOSE, SHOREHAM. WREN.)

(See 026140A)

≠ Request you will sail NORFOLK to Bombay.

FORMIDABLE
trooping.

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

(A) As convenient a.m. 2nd July.

(B) Colombo.

(C) 20 knots.

Acknowledge.

(F.O. Bombay 011822 to FORMIDABLE. Admiralty.

C. in C.E.I. F.O. Ceylon. S.R.N.O. Bombay.)

SEFTON
L.S.I.(L)
trooping
outwards.

E.I.P.I. 7. Intend to sail from Aden as follows:

(A) 1900C 1st July.

(B) Bombay.

(C) 13 knots.

(D) W.C. 337.

(F) E.T.A. Bombay 1100EF/7.

(G) Have 4000 bags mail and 5 boxes of mutilated Indian currency for Bombay.

(SEFTON 011830Z to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty.

F.O. Bombay. R.N.O. Aden.)

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East Indies contd...

Shifts of
flag -
C.S.5.

Your 010810A herewith 896C and 901C.
(A). Important to NORFOLK, GLASGOW, LANDGUARD,
and F.O.C. 896C Unclassified.
At 0800 Wednesday 12th my flag is to be shifted
from LANDGUARD to NORFOLK and the flag of C.S.5.
is to be shifted from NORFOLK to GLASGOW
D.T.G. 081100EF June.

(B) 901C. Unclassified. 896C of 8th June signals,
correspondence and mail for C.S.5. should continue to be
routed to NORFOLK D.T.G. 101557EF/June. (N.T. in W.D.)
(Trinco C.C.O. 012345 to Admiralty.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

S/M's
returning
to U.K.

Departed Sydney 0105Z 1st July TAURUS (SO)
TAPIR, TURPIN for Fremantle E.T.A. 0900K
10th July route direct. S.O.A. 10 knots.
TAURUS for slipping at Fremantle TAPIR, TURPIN
for o/r to U.K. Captain S.M.4. 072325 June not
to all refers.
(F.O.I.C. Sydney 010151 to N.O.I.C. Fremantle.
A.C.N.B. Capt. S/M. 4. TAURUS, TAPIR, TURPIN,
Admiralty.)

S/M's
transferred
to 5th S.M.
Flotilla.

H.M. Submarines TAURUS, TURPIN, TOTEM and
TAPIR have been transferred to the 5th Submarine
Flotilla to date 1st July. Accounts to DOLPHIN
(S/M 4. 010155 to F.O. S/M. Admiralty. (Hd. of M.)
S/M. 5. C. in C. B.P.F.)

PHEASANT
A.A.Sloop
programme
for return
to U.K.

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

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Leave.</u>
-	Hong Kong.	10th July.
14th July.	Singapore.	14th July.
18th July.	Colombo.	20th July.
28th July.	Aden.	28th July.
1st Aug.	Suez.	1st Aug.
1st Aug.	Port Said.	1st Aug.
4th Aug.	Malta.	5th Aug.
8th Aug.	Gibraltar.	10th Aug.
14th Aug.	Portsmouth.	-

2. Anticipate all available accommodation will be filled
when ship leaves Hong Kong.

3. Request mail be diverted accordingly.

(C. in C. B.P.F. 010311Z to Admiralty. PHEASANT. C.E.F. Comm.
Hong Kong. C. in C. Med.)

See 201003 Z (E.I)

Movements.

Arrivals 27th June.

- (A) Adelaide - GLORY, FINISTERRE.
- (B) Townsville - BATAAN.
- (C) Kavirg - SWAN, ARVARA, COWIE, KATOOMBA, LITHGOW.
- 28th. (A) Townsville - BARWOON.
- (B) Wewak - CONDAMINE.

Departures 27th.

- (A) Sydney - MANOORA for Brisbane.
- 28th. (A) Sydney - WARRAMBOOL for Townsville.
- (B) Townsville - BARWOON for Sydney.
- (C) Darwin - MACQUARIE for Batavia.
- (D) Wewak - CONDAMINE for ^{Drewer} Harbour.
- (A.C.N.B. 010646Z to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. N.Z.N.B. C.O.I.S.
Kilindini.)

BERMUDA
cruiser
with
BARFLEUR
destroyer.

- (B) BERMUDA and BARFLEUR.
- (C) E.T.A. 96.8
- (D) Fukuoka.
- (E) 0730I July 2nd.
- (H) Nagasaki.
- (I) 1730I July 2nd.
- (C.T.G. 96.8 012250Z to Com Nav Jap. Admiralty.
C. in C.B.P.F. Com. Flat. Act. Sasebo.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

LINARIA
Corvette
on passage
for return
to U.S.A.

Arriving 2130 today 2nd July. Request oil
fuel may be available on arrival.
(LINARIA 021313 to British Consul Ponto Delgada.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Clearance of Benghazi and Tobruck Harbours assistance required.

1. Grateful for any assistance from you or Admiralty to speed up clearance of Benghazi and Tobruck Harbours. Urge that these take priority over Tripoli Harbour where maint by shipping is practicable under existing conditions.

2. Main difficulty is to ensure quick clearance of essential wrecks without risking loss of money to taxpayer. Impossible to obtain any accurate estimate of value of potential salvage resulting from complete clearance but it is certain that minimum clearance only will be expensive because overheads in providing plant will not be covered by value of limited salvage obtained.

3. If a reliable contractor can be obtained then choice lies between (A) contract on cost plus basis with Government taking value of salvage or (B) getting contractor to make lump sum bid for whole job and allowing him to retain salvage value. Alternative (B) would incl. proviso that essential wrecks must be cleared first. Both alternatives require clarification of Admiralty prize money and related problems.

4. Strongly recommend Admiralty should take over clearance of both Benghazi and Tobruck Harbours as matter of urgency. Meanwhile am investigating possibilities of local contract but will require your assistance in clarification prize money problems as in three above.

5. This signal not discussed with R.N. here.
(C. in C. M.E. 021150B to War Office.)

FALMOUTH
on passage
to U.K. in
collision
with
Italian
trawler
FRANCESCA
YM P.300

Regret to report at 1140 in position 37 degs. 01 mins. N. 11 degs. 34 E. and in dense fog was in collision with Italian trawler FRANCESCA YM.P.300.

2. Trawler's bows stove in and making water. Am attempting to salvage and tow to Pantellaria. (FALMOUTH 021240B to C. in C. Med. F.O. Gib. Admiralty.)

My 021240/ (B) and para (3) damage to FALMOUTH negligible. Side plating port side dented four feet above water line between 28 and 29 frames. (FALMOUTH 021510B to C. in C. Med. F.O. Gib. Admiralty)

✓ FALMOUTH in collision with Italian Trawler FRANCESCA in dense fog.

My 021240/ para 2 (one).

1. M.F.V. berthed in Pantellaria, steaming last mile under own power.

2. Casualties minor abrasions of four fishing boats crew, treated on board and discharged.

3. Am proceeding.

(FALMOUTH 021805B to C. in C. Med. F.O. Gib. Admiralty.)

✓ Report of collision with Italian trawler FRANCESCA YM P.300.

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Mediterranean contd...

C. in C. Med. Movements. C. in C. Med's to carry out the following programme
(A) Leave Malta 5th July by air for Cyprus.
(B) Leave Cyprus 7th July by air for Heraklion.
(C) Embark in LIVERPOOL at Heraklion.
(D) Sail in LIVERPOOL escorted by CHIVALROUS and STEVENSTONE p.m. 7th July to arrive Piraeus a.m. 8th July.
(E) Leave Athens 10th or 11th July by air and return to Malta.
2. (A) The flag of C. in C. will be transferred from ST. ANGELO to LIVERPOOL to ST. ANGELO on his embarkation at Heraklion and from LIVERPOOL to ST. ANGELO on his return to Malta.
(B) LIVERPOOL is to report intended time of transfer of flag in each case.
3. From 5th July to 11th July inclusive signals requiring the immediate and personal * of the C. in C. should be addressed to C. in C. Med. (Afloat) info C. in C. Med. and routed to Malta for onward transmission via Governor Cyprus and/or LIVERPOOL as appropriate.
4. Separate signals follow to authorities concerned giving S.P.s in LIVERPOOL.
(C. in C. Med. 021752 to Med. Stn. Admiralty. Comnavmed.)
* ?attention.

Movements. Port Said July 2nd arrivals.
0600 ATTILIO REGOLO from Naples.
0900 RANEE from Malta.
0730 M.L. 134 from Alexandria.
Departures:
1000 RAJAH to Gibraltar Suez.
1715 REDPOLE and WOODCOCK from Aden.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 021805 to C, in C. Med. C. in C.E.I. Admiralty. R.N.O. Aden.)

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cruiser.

E.I.P.I. sail from Singapore as follows:

- (A) 1500GH 2nd July.
- (B) Cocos Island.
- (C) Via Riouw and Banka Straits 14 knots.
- (E) (S) Hydrop TC 944 WF 644.
- (K) Disembark Mrs. Glunies Ross and Party at

Cocos Island. Sail for Fremantle on 7th July or as soon as practicable thereafter. Acknowledge.
(F.O.M.A. 020213Z to SWIFTSURE. Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F. N.O.I.C. Hong Kong.)

PICKLE M/S
to escort
Japanese
cruiser
MYOKO for
scuttling.

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

- (A) p.m. 2nd July.
 - (B) Penang.
 - (G) Escort Japanese cruiser MYOKO in tow of Japanese tugs to scuttling ground 03 degs. 05.5 mins. N. 100 degs. 41 mins. E.
2. You will be ordered to sail from Penang to join 7th M.S.F. in Malacca Straits about 9th July for passage to Trincomalee.
Acknowledge.

(F.O.M.F.A. 020227Z to PICKLE. Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F. Com. Hong Kong.)

MAGICIENNE
M/S.

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

- (A) 0830Z 3rd July.
- (B) Tanjong Datu to join M.S.11.
- (C) 14 knots.
- (G) MAGICIENNE H.S. stores and draft embarked for Force 20.

Acknowledge.

(F.O.M.A. 020307Z to MAGICIENNE. S.O. M/S. Flot.10. S.O. M/S. Flot. 11. S.O. Force 20. Admiralty.)

CORBRAE
M/S
Maintenance
ship.

Reference E.I.T.M. 43. Intend to sail from Sandakan with SERENE 166th M.S.F. and R.F.A.

LULING in company as follows:

- (A) 1500GH Wednesday 3rd July.
- (B) Singapore Naval Base calling at Labuan en route.

(C) 7.5 knots.

(F) a.m. July 10th.

(G) Ships are calling at Labuan to embark 30 displaced Chinese and collect mail.

(CORBRAE 020404Z to F.O. Malaya. C. in C. B.P.F. S.O. M/S. 11. S.O. M/S. 10. S.O. Force 20.)

Movements.

Colombo 1st July.

Arrivals ATHELING, U.S.S. MONONGAHELA.

Departures nil.

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

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East Indies contd...

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

BROOME and GERALDTON delayed Bombay to complete essential defects. Estimated time of completion 7th sailing 8th July arrive Karachi 10th.
2. Intend to sail them in company with DHANUSH from Karachi to refuel from DHANUSH at Has Al Hadd as insufficient fuel carried to sail direct Karachi to Aden.
3. DHANUSH to act as escort until north of Guardafui thence direct to Kilindini.
4. N.O.I.C. Karachi is requested to issue necessary sailing orders. My 250924/ (N.T. in W.D.) June not to all refers.
(F.O. Bombay 021140EF to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty. C. in C. Med. Capt. i/c. Aden.)

SHOREHAM
sloop
to return
to U.K.

Your 011241 para. 4. Approved.
2. WREN is expected to be ready to leave U.K. 20th July to work up at Malta.
(V.C.N.S. 021640A to C. in C.E.I. S.N.O.P.G. WILDGOOSE. SHOREHAM. WREN.)

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America and West Indies.

Atlantic
U.S.
Operational
Units.

Change my 252034. Atlantic. Serial 237.
NORTH CAROLINA, WASHINGTON, RANDOLPH, at
Annapolis. F. D. ROOSEVELT at Norfolk. CLEVELAND,
HUNTINGTON, at Philadelphia. JUNEAU at Cascobay.
PORTSMOUTH at Monrovia. HOUSTON at Oslo.
FARGO at Trieste. LITTLE ROCK at Gothenburg,
Sweden. TARAWA KEARSARGE at sea.
(C.N.O. 021703Z to Admiralty. Comnavu.)

Proposed
Free
exchange
of anti-
submarine
electronics
research
between
U.S. Navy
and British
Admiralty.

Following proposal dated 2nd July received from
C.N.O.
1. "The United States Navy Department is
favourably inclined toward a free exchange of
anti-submarine electronics research and
development information between the United States
Navy and the British Admiralty.
2. It is requested that Chief of Naval
Operations be advised of the Admiralty's
views in this connection in order that further
steps may be initiated if appropriate".
The above proposal represents an important
step forward in A/S collaboration and it should
be noted that the term electronics is broadly

interpreted in United States Navy and that agreement may
therefore lead to virtually complete exchange on all A/S
matters.

Information has been received unofficially that Assistant
C.N.O. (Operations) Rear Admiral Styer has been recently
appointed co-ordinator of under sea warfare to effect closer
co-ordination of efforts of office of C.N.O. to improve
capabilities for offensive undersea warfare and also
countermeasures against undersea warfare. To enhance the
chances of British attendance at Admiral Styer's first meeting
which anticipate will be held shortly, very early reply is
requested to C.N.O.'s proposal.

In this connection confirmation is also requested that United
States attendance at meetings of A/S Sub-Committees of Joint
Sea/Air Warfare Committee has been invited and accepted.
(B.A.D. 022200Z to Admiralty.) *see 311510 Z.*

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Far East and Australia.

Pacific. U.S. Summary 71.
Operational Pacific Coast - TUCSON, AMSTERDAM, OKLAHOMA CITY,
Naval Units. MIAMI, ST. PAUL, PASADENA, OAKLAND, ASTORIA,
PRINCETON. 4 DD.
At Pearl - 1 DD.
Marshall Islands - SHANGRI~~L~~A, SAIDOR, FALL~~R~~RIVER,
13 DD.

Atom Bomb target ships in Marshalls no longer to be reported.
West Pacific - CHICAGO, BREMERTON, LOS ANGELES, HELENA,
DULUTH, TOPEKA, BOXER, ANTIETAM, POINT CRUZ 24 DD.
(C.N.O. 021701Z to Admiralty. Comnaveu.)

C.S.2. in
BERMUDA.

Arrived Nagasaki BERMUDA wearing flag of
s/c. COMBRIT CRURON II, with H.M.S. BARFLEUR in
company.
(C.T.G. 06.8 020900 to Comnavjap. Admiralty.
C. in C. B.P.F.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

LINARIA
Corvette
on passage
for return
to U.S.A.

Arrival 2200Z 2nd. LINARIA departure delayed
at least 24 hours owing to boiler trouble.
(Consul Ponta Delgada 031045Z to C. in C.Plymouth.
S.O.(I) Gibraltar)
(See 051615)

Delayed at Ponta Delgada with condenser,
no boiler feed water available locally. Request
L.S.E. 51 rejoin me here in order to supply
me and signal her E.T.A. at 0900Z/4 on 2150 k/cs.
(LINARIA 031330Z to C. in C. Plymouth. Admiralty. F.O. Gib.
L.S.E.51.)
(See 041425Z)

South Atlantic.

Movement.

Arrived Freetown 1000 2nd July, NEREIDE
departure 1800 2nd July. NEREIDE.
(S.O.(I) Freetown 031031 to Admiralty. C. in C.Med.
C. in C.S.A. F.O.G.M.A.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

WHITE BEAR
Surveying
vessel
on passage
to U.K.
from E.I.

Sail at 0900B 8th July by appropriate Medri routes to Gibraltar carrying out surveys as in your 021528 not to all on passage.
2. Adjust speed to arrive Gibraltar 1600B 14th.
4. Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med. 031127B to WHITE BEAR. F.O. Gib. Admiralty. R.A. Malta. C.S.M. for K.H.M.)

D.S.
BANCKERT
destroyer
on passage
to N.E.I.
from
Holland.

Intend to sail 1900B 4th July via Medri route to Port Said for o/r to Batavia. C.Z.M. Netherlands 081006ZA June not to all refers.
A. Speed 16. E.T.A. 5th July 0800.
(BANCKERT (D.S.) 031201 to C. in C. Med. Com. (L) N.O.I.C. Port Said. Admiralty. B.D.Z. Netherlands)

Movement.

Departure H.M.S. STEVENSTONE 0600/3rd July for Rhodes.
(N.O.I.C. Haifa 031806 to C. in C. Med. Admiralty)

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East Indies.

Movements.

Arrivals Singapore 2nd July.
QUEEN M1 in JASEUR, NIGER, H/S GERUSALEMME.
Departures:
SWIFTSURE, QUEEN, PICKLE and Jap Cruiser MYOKO

in company.
(F.O.M.A. 030130Z to Admiralty. Sub. C. in C. B.P.F. Com.
Hong Kong.)

JASEUR
M/S.

With MS 11 embarked sail from Singapore as follows:

- A. 0630Z 4th July.
- B. ~~111430Z~~ DATE to rejoin 11th M.S.F.
- C. 11.5 knots.
- G. JASEUR has stores embarked for Force 2.
(F.O.M.A. 030357Z to JASEUR. S.O. Force 20.
S.O. M/S. 10. Admiralty.)

GLASGOW
Cruiser
programme.

Circumstances permitting I intend to proceed on the following course in GLASGOW.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Leave.</u>
-	Trincomalee.	7th Aug.
13th Aug.	Rodriguez.	14th Aug.
15th Aug.	Mauritius.	23rd Aug.
26th Aug.	Seychelles.	30th Aug.
2nd Sept.	Dar es Salaam.	12th Sept.
12th Sept.	Zanzibar.	16th Sept.
16th Sept.	Kilindini.	5th Oct.
10th Oct.	Aden.	14th Oct.
19th Oct.	Male.	21st Oct.
23rd Oct.	Trincomalee.	-

2. Governors are being informed separately.
(C. in C.E.I. 031124 to Admiralty. GLASGOW. C. in C.S.A.
C. in C. B.P.F. Focrin. R.O. Rodriguez. R.N.O. Mauritius,
Port Officer Seychelles.)

VENGEANCE
A.C. for
U.K.

Request you will sail VENGEANCE for U.K. as soon as convenient.
2. Carrier Air Group should return in ship and will be disbanded on arrival.
3. Ship should be operational until clear of the Med.)
(V.C.N.S. 031900 to C. in C.E.I. C. in C. Med. Admiral (Air). F.O. Air. E.I. C. in C. B.P.F. R.A.A. B.P.F.)

ATHELING
Trooping.

E.I.P.I. One. Sail from Colombo as follows:
(A) 0630EF. 4th July.
(B) Singapore.
(C) 16 knots.
Acknowledge.
(F.O. Ceylon 030923 to ATHELING. Admiralty. F.O.M.A. C. in C.E.I. C. in C. B.P.F.)

*See 29/201
+ 12027 Aug*

See 10/1051

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East Indies contd...

ANSON E.I.P.I. 1. Sail from Colombo as follows:
 Battleship (A) 1700EF 4th July.
 on passage (B) Suez.
 to U.K. (C) 15 knots.
 wearing (G) Wearing flag of Vice Admiral Sir John
 flag of Edelsten.
 Adml. Sir Acknowledge.
 John (F.O. Ceylon 030935 to ANSON, Admiralty,
 Edelsten. N.O.I.C. Port Said. C. in C.E.I. N.O.I.C. Aden.)

AUSONIA E.I.C.I. 1. Sail from Kilindini as follows:
 Repair (A) 041000C.
 ship on (B) Aden.
 passage (C) 13 knots.
 to U.K. (N.O.I.C. Kilindini 031121C to AUSONIA.
 Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. C. in C. Med. F.O. Ceylon.
 N.O.I.C. Aden.)

Force No.11. Force Number 11 is allocated to B.Y.M.S. 2005
 and M/S 2006 2244 and 2225 for Minesweeping operations
 Operations off Tenasserim Coast.
 off (S.O. M/S7.031257 to S.O. M/S. 10. S.O. M/S. 11.)
 Tenasserim Coast.

Naval Following is anticipated programme of Naval
 Trooping Trooping vessels sailing from U.K. in August 1946.
 programme
 Aug. 1946. Ship. E.T.D. U.K. Destination. E.T.A.
 PATROLLER. 3rd Aug. Malta;Colombo 4th Sep
 Hong Kong.
 RAJAH. 3rd Aug. Malta;Colombo 30th Aug
 Hong Kong.
 FENCER. 7th Aug. Malta; Colombo. 28th Aug
 FORMIDABLE. 11th Aug. Malta; Colombo 5th Sep
 Singapore.
 VICTORIOUS. 28th Aug. Colombo. 15th Sep
 ATHELING. 30th Aug. Colombo. 19th Sep

2. FENCER available for o/r as required by C. in C. B.P.F. in agreement with C. in C.E.I. *(amended by 160154 FEA)*.
 3. FORMIDABLE will lift main body of B.P.F. pool and stores from Colombo to Singapore.
 4. ATHELING must turn round at Colombo.
 5. C.V.E's will be withdrawn from trooping on completion of above programme and QUEEN and RANEE on return from current voyages.
- (D. of M. 031832A to C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I. C. in C. Med. C. in C. Portsmouth. C. in C. Plymouth. C. in C. Nore. Admiral (Air). F.O. Ceylon. R.A. Malta. S.B.N.O. M.E.)
 (Amended by 042059A) + 0.71927 August.

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

Intend to sail from Aden as follows:

(A) 0800 4th July.

(B) Suez.

(C) 14 knots.

(COLOSSUS 032341 to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty.

C. in C. Med. N.O.I.C. Port Said.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

Movements.

29th Arrivals:

(A) ~~MACKAY~~ *Merkey* BATAAN.

~~Bataan~~ Departures:

(A) Rabaul KANIMBLA for Sydney.

(B) Fremantle COSSACK for Geraldton.

(A.C.N.B. 030132 to Admiralty. C. in C. E.I.

N.Z.N.B. C.O.I.S. Kilindini.)

VICTORIOUS
trooping.

Departed Sydney 0700Z 3rd July. VICTORIOUS
for Fremantle E.T.A. Fairway buoy 0730H 8th July
route direct S.O.A. 20 knots.

(F.O.I.C. Sydney 030703 to N.O.I.C. Fremantle
A.C.N.B. VICTORIOUS. Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F.
Com. Hong Kong.)

THRACIAN
destroyer
tender
received
for sale.

Can reply now be given to my 260600/ June please.
It is strongly desired to have this vessel
removed from Naval custody before typhoon season
develops.

(Comm. Hong Kong. 030925 to Admiralty.)

/ Request approval to accept 85000 dollars
Hong Kong equivalent to £5312. 10. Od. sterling
for THRACIAN.

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North Atlantic.

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

Proceed to Ponta Delgada and comply with LINARIA 031330~~4~~, not to all.
(C. in C. Plymouth 040922 to L.S.E. 51. F.O. Gib. Admiralty. LINARIA. B.N.A. Lisbon.)
/ Delay of LINARIA at Ponta Delgada due to condenser.

INDEFATIGABLE
A.C. trooping.

Sail 1700B 4th July to Portsmouth calling at Plymouth 1300A 7th July to disembark passengers.
2. Speed 16. E.T.A. Outer Spit Buoy 0700/8th July.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Gib. 041207B to INDEFATIGABLE. Admiralty.
C. in C. Plymouth. C. in C. Portsmouth)

LINARIA
Corvette
on passage
for return
to U.S.A.

My 031330~~4~~. Condenser defects made good. Intend to sail at 1300Z 5th in accordance with previous orders.
(LINARIA 041425~~2~~ to C. in C. Plymouth. Admiralty. F.O. Gib. L.S.E. 51.)

South Atlantic.

ROTHESAY
Training
ship for
W. African
ratings.
Allocated
to S.
Atlantic.

Reference A.L. PD. 029/45 section 1(B) and Pink List dated 19th June 1946. Request an indication of policy for employment of ROTHESAY and date when she will join South Atlantic Station.
2. May I be informed if policy for training of West African Colonial Naval forces has been agreed upon as a result of replies to A.L. M.07198/45 of 16th November 1945.
(C. in C.S.A. 041426 to Admiralty.)

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Mediterranean.

Movements.

July 3rd arrivals:

2000 - RED POLE and WOODCOCK from Suez

2130 - PATROLLER from Aden.

2130 - IS. TOSCANA from Massawa.

Departures:

0430 - RANEE to Aden.

1200 - LOCH ACHRAY to Gibraltar.

0335/4 - RED POLE and WOODCOCK to Malta.

(N.O.I.C. Port Said 040349B to C. in C. Med. Admiralty. C. in C. E.I. R.N.O. Aden.)

Medn.

Intend following programme for Cruisers:

Cruiser

(A) R.A. Malta in PHOEBE leaves Malta 15th July.

programmes.

Arrives Trieste 17th July and relieves C.S.15 as S.N.O.A.D.

(B) C.S.15. in H.M.S. MAURITIUS leaves Trieste 19th July. Arrives Malta 21st July.

(C) AJAX leaves Malta 7th July to relieve FARGO in Adriatic.

(D) LIVERPOOL Heraklion 7th July, Piraeus 8th to 11th July, Alexandria 13th to 17th July Palestine coast 18th to 25th July, Port Said 25th to 27th Malta 30th July. MAURITIUS docks 22nd July.

(C. in C. Med. 041111 to C.S.15. R.A. (D). Med. H.M.S. LIVERPOOL. PHOEBE.)

DUKE OF YORK
on passage
to U.K.
with Adml.
Lord Fraser
on board.

Sail at 0930B 5th July by appropriate Medri route to Gibraltar for o/r to Plymouth.

2. Speed 14 knots. E.T.A. 0730B 8th.

4. Admiral Lord Fraser is embarked.

5. Acknowledge.

(C. in C. Med. 041149 to DUKE OF YORK.

Admiralty. F.O. Gib. C.S.M. for K.H.M. R.A. Malta.)

My 041149 being passed to C. in C. Plymouth.

DUKE OF YORK expects to arrive off Plymouth breakwater at 0800A 11th July.

(C. in C. Med. 041547 to C. in C. Plymouth.

DUKE OF YORK. Admiralty. F.O. Gib.)

Capt. M/S
Med. lapse
of
appointment.

Request reply to my 181514.

(C. in C. Med. 041230 to Admiralty.)

My 181514 June para. 2. As you have now assumed administration of minesweepers have you any objection to appointment of Capt. M/S. lapsing on conclusion of current Med. Zone Board Meeting.

(C. in C. Med. 041233 to R.A.D. Med. Capt. M/S. Med. F.O.L.I. R.A. Malta.)

From 1st August 1946. R.A.D. Med. will assume responsibility for administration of all minesweepers.

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Mediterranean contd...

Capt. M/S.
lapse of
appointment.

Your 041233/ no objection.
(R.A.D. 041814 to C. in C. Med.)
/ Any objection to appointment of Capt. M/S.
lapsing on conclusion of current Med. Zone
Board Meeting.

ZENITH
destroyer
on passage
to U.K.
from Medn.

Sail at 0900B July 7th to Gibraltar.
2. Routed as direct as safe navigation permits
and in accordance with Medri.
3. S.O.A. 14 knots. E.T.A. 0800B 10th.
5. F.O. Gib. is requested to sail ZENITH so
as to arrive Portland on Monday July 15th.
6. Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med. 041601B to ZENITH. Capt. D.2.
R.A.D. Med. R.A. Malta. F.O. Gib.)

ADMIRAL

G.S. AEGEAN
ex LAUDERDALE
ADMIRAL
HASTINGS
(Ex CATTERICK)
Destroyers on
loan from R.N.

AEGEAN take HASTINGS under your orders and sail
about 1200B July 9th on completion of exercises
to Zante.
3. S.O.A. 14 knots. E.T.A. 1300B 10th.
4. Greek communications.
5. Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med. 041617B to LAUDERDALE, CATTERICK.
R.A.D. R.A. Malta. S.B.N.O. (G). Admiralty.)

OCEAN A/C
RAIDER
destroyer.
Programme.

A.M. 291412/ June. Propose the following programme
for RAIDER and OCEAN. Arrive Gibraltar a.m.
Monday 15th July. Sail Monday 22nd July arrive
Malta p.m. Thursday 25th July, anchor at MX and
disembark reserve aircraft.
2. On arrival at Gibraltar the ship will have
spent 25 days at sea out of 30. A week in harbour
is included for maintenance and ships company recreation.
3. Subject to approval of this programme it is proposed to
disembark 3 Seafire and 3 Firefly aircraft to North Front
Gibraltar for flying practice.
(OCEAN 041633A to C. in C. Med. F.O. Gib. Capt. Air Med.
Admiralty.)

/Re Sailing OCEAN and RAIDER about 10th July to Gib. for o/r
as desired by C. in C. Med.

RAIMONDA

Movements.

July 4th. Arrivals 0900 IS MONTE CUCCOLI
from Taranto. 1100 IS ORIANI from Taranto.
Departures. 0900 ATTILIO REGOLO to Taranto.
1330 PATROLLER to Gibraltar.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 041810 to C. in C. Med.
Admiralty. R.N.O. Aden. C. in C.E.I.)

Movements.

Arrival ENARD BAY 0500C/4th July from Malta,
departure ENARD BAY 1600C/4th July for Alexandria.
(N.O.I.C. Haifa 041810C to C. in C. Med.
Admiralty.)

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Mediterranean.contd....

Crown Prince
of Greece
for passage
to U.K. in
COLOSSUS
A/C.

Crown Prince of Greece has been ordered by King of Greece to come to London. Understand he is not allowed to fly. He asks for a passage in H.M. Ship for himself, The Crown Princess and one A.D.C. If COLOSSUS can take them, request approval for them to proceed to U.K. in her.
2. COLOSSUS please report on displacements of other passengers if ordered to do this duty. (S.B.N.O. M.E. 042215 to C. in C. Med. Admiralty. COLOSSUS.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

RANEE
trooping.

E.I.P.I.7. Sailed from Suez, as follows:
(A) 2300Z Wednesday 3rd July.
(B) Aden for 1200 tons oil fuel but no water
thence Colombo.
(C) 16½ knots.
(RANEE 040001Z to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty.
C. in C. Med. R.N.O. Aden. Ceylon W/T. F.O.Ceylon)

TOCOGAY
attached
danlayer
11th M/S
Flotilla.

E.I.M. 43. Sail from Tanjong ~~Datu~~ as follows:
(A) 0300Z 5th July.
(B) H.M. Dockyard Singapore.
(C) 8.5 knots.
(F) 0100Z 7th July.
2. TOCOGAY acknowledge.
(S.O. Force 20. 040217 to TOCOGAY. F.O.M.A.
C. in C. B.P.F. Admiralty.)

Frigates
for U.K.

My 311624⁴ May not to all. Intend to sail
LOCH ECK and LOCH CRAGGIE to U.K. about 17th
July.
(C. in C.E.I. 041006^{EF} to Admiralty. F.O. Ceylon.
S.O. Frigates.)
^ Intend to sail LOCH MORE to U.K. about mid-June.

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Far East and Australia.

SWIFTSURE
cruiser
programme
for return
to U.K.

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

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Leave.</u>
3rd Aug.	Colombo.	6th Aug.
12th Aug.	Aden.	12th Aug.
16th Aug.	Suez.	16th Aug.
16th Aug.	Port Said.	17th Aug.
22nd Aug.	Gibraltar.	23rd Aug.
27th Aug.	Sheerness.	-

(C. in C. B.P.F. 040554Z to Admiralty. C.S.2.
SWIFTSURE. Com. Hong Kong. C. in C.E.I.)

BARFLEUR
destroyer.

(B) BARFLEUR.
(D) Nagasaki.
(E) 0845I Friday 5th.
(F) 14 knots.
(H) Kure.
(I) 1745I Saturday 6th.
(S.O. Force "T" 042345 to C. in C. B.P.F.
R.A.D. B.P.F. Sasobo. N.O.I.C. Kure.)

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North Atlantic

FLUELLEN
attached
danlayer
8th M/S
Flotilla
on passage
from Med.,.

Sail 2000B/5th July to Chatham.
(2) Speed 9½ E.T.A. p.m. 11th July.
(6) Acknowledge.
(F.O.Gibraltar, 051440 to FLUELLEN, M/S 8, Admty.,
Cs. in C.Plymouth, Portsmouth.)

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

My 031045Z. LINARIA departed 1330Z today.
S.O.A. 10 knots. E.T.A. Bermuda p.m. 13th.
(Consul Ponta Delgada 051615Z to C. in C.
Plymouth, L.S.E. 51, C.N.O., C. in C. Lant.,
Comnob Bermuda, C.E.S.F.)

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Mediterranean.

Crown Prince of Greece for passage to U.K. in COLOSSUS. S.B.N.O. M.E. 042215/ July. Request decision whether passage in H.M. Ship should be approved. (C. in C. Med. 051104B to Admiralty. S.B.N.O. M.E. COLOSSUS.)
/ Visit of Crown Prince of Greece to London.

Re transfer of ORIBI destroyer to Turks. Since firecontrol and Radar blue in GAYRET differs considerably from type previously supplied, Turkish authorities request following may stay until about end of July:
Lieut. R. Cocup R.N.V.R.
Mr. Craggs. Gunner R.N.
P.O. E. Corner Radio Mechanic.
C.P.O. A. Kirk. O.A. 4.
P.O. Hackworth. G.I.

In addition gunnery rating can instruct multiple pompom which is first of its kind in Turkish Navy.
2. Submit that retention of the above will ensure remainder of party will be able to leave by first available opportunity after 13th July. My 221016/ June not to all refers.
(A.B.N.A. Istanbul 051114C to C. in C. Med. Admiralty. B.N.A. Ankara. R.A. Malta.)
/ Bulk of Ship's Company of ORIBI sailed for Malta today in ENARD BAY (vide my 171735, not to S.B.N.O. M.E.)

LOCH SCAVAIG frigate on passage to U.K. for reserve Cat. B. Intend to sail from Port Said to Gib. at 2100B 5th July speed 11 knots. E.T.A. Gib. 0600A 10th. Communication constant broadcast M. shifting to GS at 1800 10th.
(LOCH SCAVAIG 051800B to F.O. Gib. C. in C. Med., Admiralty. N.O.I.C. Port Said.)

Movements. Arrivals Port Said July 5th.
0830 D.S. BANCKERT from Alexandria.
1800 LOCH SCAVAIG from Aden.
Departures:
0500 TOSCANA to Naples.
2100 LOCH SCAVAIG to Gibraltar.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 051807 to C. in C. Med. Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. R.N.O. Aden.)

Movement. Departures 2100C 5th July VIRAGO for Alexandria.
(N.O.I.C. Haifa 052110 to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.)

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Air Opns.
S.E. Asia.

ACCX 726. 5 Jul.

KX 51069. Personal for C.A.S. from Pirie. Herewith review of Air Operations in South East Asia covering period 16 to 30 June inclusive.

2. Air Cover for road convoys in Java. One 21 June road convoy proceeding Batavia to Bandoeng fired on from position 8 miles West Bandoeng. Thunderbolts of 81 Sqn. made reconnaissance of area and dropped warning leaflets. Ground patrol investigating position fired on and one man killed. 95 V.C.P. requested aircraft strafe area. Seven strafing runs made after which enemy firing ceased and convoy reached Bandoeng without further opposition. Thunderbolts of 81 and 60 Sqdns. flew 148 sorties giving air cover to British and Dutch road convoys moving between Batavia and Bandoeng.
3. Tactical reconnaissance over Java. Dakota of 31 Sqn. on tactical reconnaissance saw train with ten open trucks containing troops heading toward Buitenzorg on the 17 June. On 27th June Thunderbolts of 81 Sqn. while on route Southern Sumatra made reconnaissance Parigi airfield which appeared serviceable. Oscar and single engine Biplane trainer seen in dispersals.
4. Transport. Dakotas of 31 Sqn. evacuating displaced persons from Soerakarta flew 193 sorties and carried 4806 displaced persons to Samarang and 1336 to Batavia. 585 tons of freight and 5013 passengers and casualties were carried between Batavia and Bandoeng by Dakotas of 31 Sqn. Flying 276 sorties. While flying between these two towns the aircraft made 13 supply drops in Tjandjoer Buitenzorg and Poentjak. On 21 June Dakota making supply drop on Tjianidoer was fired at by 1sm?. Aircraft not hit. 31 Sqn. also flew 37 sorties between Batavia and other airfields in Java, Sumatra, Malaya, Borneo and Bangka Island.
5. Photographic reconnaissance 4 Photographic reconnaissance sorties flown by Spitfires over Java and Sumatra.
6. Reconnaissance over Borneo. On 22 June Sunderland of 209 Sqn. flew reconnaissance off coast of Borneo in search of suspected minefield. No mines were sighted.
7. Tactical reconnaissance over Sumatra. Total of 12 tactical reconnaissance sorties flown by 155 Sqn. Spitfires over Northern Sumatra. 17 June gathering of Indonesians seen in some villages South West Medan. Reception patrol flown to Arnhemas on 24 June in support of Army Operations. 26 June (?Serpoum) airfield appeared serviceable and small group of men seen drilling at Boelos. 27 June 2 Thunderbolts of 81 Sqn. saw groups of men marching at Telook Betoeng Telook Betoengs (Mandai) airfield appeared serviceable.
8. Air Sea Jungle Rescue. 19 June Sunderland with R.A.F. MO? on board (corrupt group) took off to land alongside American Merchantman and fly sick sailor to Singapore. Rough sea prevented landing and aircraft circled while Ships Captain communicated by (?) W/T account of sailors illness. R.A.F. M.O. W/T's diagnosis and prescribed medicine. Dakotas of 52 and 277 or 267 Sqdns. and Expeditor of A.H.Q. Burma Comm. Sqn. flew 10 or 15 (corrupt) sorties in search of an Expeditor of A.C.S.E.A. Comm. Sqn. missing on 22 June between Meqgui and Mingaladon and two Spitfires of 136 Sqn. one missing on 17 June between Mingaladon and Akyan the other of 20 June between Ranree

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Air Opns.
S.E. Asia.g
cont...

and Akyab search aircraft made no sightings.
22 June Spitfire missing on 20 found by Civilian
Police North of Akyab. Pilot safe. Army party
reported Headman on Island (?) 30 miles South
Tavor saw Expeditor fall into sea 5 miles off
shore log books recovered 30 June. 2 Dakotas

and York searched for missing (?) Dakotas last contacted South
East Penang. No (?) sighting made.

9. Transit and Ferry. 30 Transit and Ferry sorties flown
between Ceylon, India, Borneo, Malaya, Siam, Hong Kong and U.K.
by Sunderlands, Liberators, Mosquitoes and Expeditor. (1 corrupt
group). Operations by Dutch Sqdns.

10. Tactical reconnaissance Java. Kittyhawks of 380 or
180? Sqdn (R.N.I.A.A.F) Mitchells of 18 Sqdn. (R.N.I.A.A.F) and
a Dakota of 321 Sqdn (R.N.N.A.F) flew 22 tactical reconnaissance
sorties, over Eastern Java, Sumatra and (MA:PRA) straits. 30
June aircraft reported all bridges along Kletak-Kri-Jan and
Deiared Ja (sic) roads destroyed. Road blocks seen South and
East Krijan. 18 and 30 June Kittyhawks fired? on from Krijan area.

11. Photographic reconnaissance. 27 June Catalina of 321 Sqdn.
flew a photographic reconnaissance over Batavia Hagglang
Bandjermasin and Madura Island.

12. Transport. Dakotas and Catalina of 321 Sqdn. and Mitchells
of 18 Sqdn. flew 11 or 14 (?sorties) between Soerabaja Bali
Balikpapan Andon Celebes and Australia.

(A.H.Q. A.C.S.E.A. 050650Z to A.M. London.)

MULL OF
KINTYRE
Motor Craft
Maintenance
ship on
passage to
U.K.

E.I.P.I. One. Sail from Colombo as follows:

- (A) 0830EF 6th July.
- (B) Aden.
- (C) 10 knots.
- (D) WC 342.
- (E) Constant V Broadcast.

Acknowledge.

(F.O.C. 050959 to MULL OF KINTYRE. Admiralty.
C. in C.E.I.)

H.M.A.N.
M/S on
passage
for transfer
to Turkey.

GAWLER and PIRIE, LAUNCESTON will leave Colombo
8th July for Karachi, Aden and Malta. E.T.A.
Karachi 13th July.

2. F.O. Bombay's 021240 not to all indicates
that endurance is insufficient for a passage
Karachi to Aden.

3. R.N.O. Aden is requested to sail SCOTOL to
arrive Masira a.m. 17th July. SCOTOL to fuel

minesweepers and return in company to Aden.

4. N.O.I.C. Karachi is requested to report any unforeseen
delays to minesweepers.

(C. in C.E.I. 051122 to R.N.O. Aden. N.O.I.C. Karachi. GAWLER,
PIRIE, LAUNCESTON, SCOTOL. Admiralty.)

(See 081500C)

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D.S. VAN D
KANSBERGEN
Sloop
with M/S
for Java.

Take LISMORE, TOOWOMBA, BURNIE, IPSWICH under your orders and sail from Trincomalee as follows:
(A) 0700EF 6th July.
(B) Batavia calling at Sabang.
(C) 10 knots.
Acknowledge.
(C., in C.E.I. 051146EF to VAN KINSBERGEN (D.S.) LISMORE, TOOWOMBA, BURNIE, IPSWICH, F.O. Ceylon.)

~~S.S.~~M/V
SOUTHERN
PRINCE
Br. 11447
tons.

Your 190448 June. (N.T. in W.D.). Port of release will be either in U.K. or Egypt, and a further signal will be made immediately the port is known.
2. In meantime, vessel should be sailed to U.K. at your convenience, her programme to include calling at an Egyptian Port, should a decision not have been communicated by the time she leaves Singapore.
(D.O.D. 051152A to F.O.M.F.A. C. in C. B.P.F. C.S. Singapore).
(See 081000)

INDOMITABLE
A.C.
trooping
programme.

A.M. 271135A June (not to all) intend, subject to the concurrence of C. in C.E.I., the following programme for INDOMITABLE.

2. Arrive.	Place.	Depart.
-	Portsmouth.	17th July.
20th July.	Gibraltar.	29th July.
23rd July.	Malta.	24th July.
26th July.	Port Said.	26th July.
27th July.	Suez.	27th July.
30th July.	Aden.	31st July.
5th Aug.	Colombo.	9th Aug.
14th Aug.	Aden.	15th Aug.
18th Aug.	Suez.	18th Aug.
18th Aug.	Port Said.	18th Aug.
21st Aug.	Malta.	22nd Aug.
24th Aug.	Gibraltar.	24th Aug.
27th Aug.	Plymouth.	27th Aug.
28th Aug.	Portsmouth.	-

3. Approximately 2,400 and 2,800 tons of oil fuel will be required at Gibraltar and Aden on the outward passage.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 051556 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. INDOMITABLE.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

R. Tugs
returning
to U.K.

Take REWARD and ENFORCER under your orders and sail at 1900Z Saturday 6th July, 1946, and proceed to Plymouth, England. Acknowledge.
(Com. i/c. Bermuda 051950 to WARDEN, REWARD ENFORCER. C. in C. A.W.I. C. in C. Plymouth. Admiralty.)

VICTORIOUS
trooping
to U.K.

It would be appreciated if the port of arrival in U.K. of VICTORIOUS could be indicated as soon as convenient in order that female passengers may inform their relations with a view to their being met on arrival.

2. There are almost certain to be some women who will not be met by any one and are visiting U.K. for the first time, consequently it is considered that some form of welfare organisation should be ready at port of arrival to assist and care for such cases.

3. A nominal list of female passengers together with their next of kin is being sent to Admiralty by air mail from Colombo. Copies will be sent to C. in C. Portsmouth and Plymouth.

(VICTORIOUS 050116 to Admiralty. C. in C. Plymouth. C. in C. Portsmouth.)
(See 091102A)

Far East and Australia.

Capt. D.(8)
in COSSACK.

Departed Geraldton in COSSACK 0500Z 5th July for Tarakan. Route via Lombok Strait. E.T.A. Tarak entrance buoy 0040Z 11th July. S.O.A. 14 knots.
(Capt. D.8. 050505Z to C. in C. B.P.F.
Com. Hong Kong. A.C.N.B. Admiralty. F.O.M.F.A.)

Movements.

Arrivals 2nd July (A) ^{Rabaul} ~~ABAU~~, DELORAINÉ, ARARAT,
(B) ~~INSCHAPEN~~, SWAN, KATOOMBA, LITHGOW, ECHUCA,
COWRA,

Departures 1st (A) Sydney Taurus, TAPIR, TURPIN,
for Fremantle TALLY HO, TALENT for Vila 2nd.

(A) Sydney WARREGO, for survey Queensland area.

(B) Rabaul DELORAINÉ for Townsville.

(A.C.N.B. 050649Z to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F.)

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*Forecast of Ships leaving
B.P.F.*

050801/July

Date: 5/7/46
Time: 1845

From: C. in C. Brit. Pacific
Fleet.

Naval Code (X)

RECIRCULATION

To: Combrax B.P.F. Ceylon.
Repeated: C. in C. E.I., Admiralty, Commodore Hong Kong,
F.O.M.A.

Your 021135 4 para. 2.

A. Malayan Area not repetition not included in
B.P.F. figure in A.M. 021135 4 March.

B. Forecast of ships leaving B.P.F.

October. NEWFOUNDLAND, BARFLEUR, CAMPERDOWN,
TRAFALGAR, ARMADA, HOGUE, TIRELESS,
TRUNCHEON, TALENT, TALLY-HO.

November and December or date uncertain.
FINISTERRE, LAGOS, RAME HEAD, HIND,
BONAVENTURE.

2. Arrivals in B.P.F.

October. AMPHION, ASTUTE, AFFRAY, and AURIGA.

November. GAMBIA, ALERT.

3. Comm. Hong Kong and F.O.M.A. are requested to
comply with Combrax para. 2 (C) and Admiralty with
para. 2 (D).

050801. See 171110A-

4 Requirements of lift from Hong Kong
and Singapore.

4 Not identified in War Registry.

2nd S.L.
V.C.N.S.
A.C.N.P. (2)
D. of M. for action.
N.A. 2nd S.L. (2)
N.
C.W. (2)
M. (2)
D. Mov. (7)
D.W.R.N.S. (2)

O.D. (8)
D.C. (2)
D.S.O.
Mails
W.D.

JM.
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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

FALMOUTH
sloop
on passage
to U.K.
from
Persian
Gulf.

Sail 1200B 6th July to Plymouth.
2. Speed 12. E.T.A. first light 10th July.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Gib. 060919B to FALMOUTH. Admiralty.
C. in C. Plymouth.)

H.M.A.N.
SHROPSHIRE
cruiser
on passage
to Australia.

Sail 1000B 7th July via Medri routes to Malta
for o/r Sydney.
3. Speed 14. E.T.A. 0900B 10th July.
5. SHROPSHIRE's 241351 June, not to all, gives
requirements.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Gib. 061125B to SHROPSHIRE. Admiralty.
C. in C. Med. R.A. Malta. C.S.M., N.O.I.C. Port
Said.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Movement.

Arrivals H.M.S. VOLAGE, 0700C/6th July from
Alexandria.
(N.O.I.C. Haifa 061804 to C. in C. Med. Admiralty)

Passage of
Crown Prince
and Princess
and A.D.C.
to U.K. in
COLOSSUS.

Your 051104B. No objection to Crown Prince,
Princess and A.D.C. taking passage in COLOSSUS
provided other passengers are not displaced.
2. If they cannot be taken in COLOSSUS, Greeks
should be asked to apply for a passage through
diplomatic channels in normal way.
(1st. S.L. 062218A to C. in C. Med. S.B.N.O. M.E.
COLOSSUS.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

I.S.
ERITREA
sloop
on passage.

E.I.P.I. 1. Sail from Singapore as follows:
(A) 0130Z 7th July.
(B) Aden B.
(C) Via Sunda Straits, 9.5 knots.
Acknowledge.
(F.O.M.A. 060423Z to ERITREA. Admiralty.
C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I.)

SHOREHAM
Sloop.

My 011214 para. 4.
Intend to sail SHOREHAM about 15th July to U.K.
(C. in C.E.I. 060927EF to Admiralty. S.N.O. P.G.
H.M.S. WILD GOOSE. H.M.S. SHOREHAM.)

FORMIDABLE
A.C. Trooping.

Intend following programme for FORMIDABLE.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Leave.</u>
-	Colombo.	8th.
13th.	Aden.	13th.
16th.	Suez.	16th.
16th.	Bitter Lakes.	17th.
17th.	Port Said.	17th.
19th.	Malta.	20th.
24th.	Plymouth.	24th.
25th,	Portsmouth.	-

All dates July. Fuel Aden and Malta, Gibraltar omitted owing to call at Malta.

(C. in C.E.I. 060949 to Admiralty. FORMIDABLE. F.O. Ceylon. R.N.O. Aden. N.O.I.C. Port Said.)

E.I.P.I. One sail from Colombo as follows:

(A) 0745EF 8th July.
(B) Aden.
(C) 20 knots.

Acknowledge.

(F.O. Ceylon 061136EF to FORMIDABLE. Admiralty. C. in C. Med.)

H.M.A.S.
M/S on
passage
for transfer
for Turkey.

E.I.P.I. One. Take PIRIE and LAUNCESTON under your orders and sail from Colombo as follows:

(A) 1000EF Monday 8th July.
(B) Karachi.
(C) 12 knots.

Acknowledge.

(F.O. Ceylon 061147EF to GAWLER, PIRIE, LAUNCESTON. Admiralty. N.O.I.C. Karachi.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

Release to
U.S.N. of
British A/S
developments.

Your 022200. Admiralty will be pleased to accept offer of C.N.O. and to continue to release to U.S.N. all British A/S developments. It may be remarked that recent U.S.N. contacts have been as interested in operational and training thought as in material research and development.

2. Comnaveu. has not yet been invited to Joint Sea/Air Warfare Committee but this is under consideration and substance of most A/S matters so far discussed has been passed to Comnaveu or B.A.D. in other papers.
(D.T.A.S.W. 061645A to B.A.D.)

Far East and Australia.

SWIFTSURE
cruiser
on passage.

As weather is unsuitable for remaining at Cocos Islands over night intend to proceed at 1200Z 6th July. E.T.A. Fremantle 0300Z 11th July.

(SWIFTSURE 060935 to C. in C. B.P.F.
F.O.M.A. A.C.N.B. N.O.I.C. Fremantle. Admiralty.
C.S.2.)

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Sunday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

MANXMAN
fast
minelayer
on passage
to U.K. and
for reserve
Cat. B.

Sail 2300B 7th July to Plymouth for o/r Spithead
and Sheerness.
2. Speed 19. E.T.A. 0700A 10th July.
6. MANXMAN's 281130 June, not to all; refers.
7. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Gibraltar 071312Z to MANXMAN. Admiralty.
C. in C. Plymouth.)

Incident
at Gibraltar
between
Australian
personnel
from H.M.A.S.
SHROPSHIRE
and Civil
Police.

In case of press report, on Friday night 5th July
a fracas occurred ashore in Gibraltar between
Australian personnel from H.M.A.S. SHROPSHIRE and
Civil Police in which latter used batons. From
reports I have received it is my personal opinion
that although there must have been faults on both
sides, the manner in which the matter was handled
by the Police was far from satisfactory and I
have made local representations to that effect.
(F.O. Gibraltar 071438 to Admiralty. C. in C. Med.
A.C.N.B. H.M.S. SHROPSHIRE.)

See 12 1545 B

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Movements.

Arrivals Singapore 6th July. H.S. AMARAPOORA.
MICHAEL, CRANE, Departures GOLD RANGER, LOCH
GLENDHU, U.S.S. SALAMONIE, M. CRANE.
(F.O.M.A. 070130Z to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F.
C. in C.E.I.)

7th M/S
Flotilla.

E.I.P.I. One. RECRUIT take ships in para. two
under your orders and sail from Singapore as
follows:

- (A) 0800Z 8th July.
- (B) Trincomalee.
- (C) 11 knots.
- (D) WC. 342.
- (E) V. Broadcast.

- 2. PINCHER, CHAMELEON, PLUCKY, RIFLEMAN, SANDRAY, SCARAVAY.
- 4. M/S Seven sail in PICKLE from Penang as requisite join
RECRUIT at position in para. three.
- 5. Acknowledge.
(F.O.M.F.A. 070252Z to RECRUIT. S.O. M/S.7.)

RANEE
trooping.

Intend to sail from Aden as follows:

- (A) 1330Z Sunday 7th July.
- (B) Colombo.
- (C) 16 1/2 knots.
- (F) a.m. Saturday 13th July.
(RANEE 070745Z to Admiralty. F.O. Colombo.)

Movements.

Colombo July 6th.
Arrivals U.S.S. KANKAKEE.
Departures MULL OF KINTREE, LOCH ECK.
(F.O. Ceylon 070900 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)

VENGEANCE
A.C.

Intend VENGEANCE shall leave Colombo 20th July
for U.K.
(C. in C.E.I. 070911 to Admiralty. VENGEANCE
C. in C. B.P.F.)
Admiralty message 031900/ VENGEANCE's 041345/ is
being passed for information. Ship will be
operational on passage but flying hours will have
to be husbanded.
(C. in C.E.I. 070912 to Admiralty. C. in C. Med.
Admiral Air. F.O. Air. E.I.)
/ Requesting sail VENGEANCE for U.K.
/ Not identified in W/R.

H.M.A.S.
M/S on
passage for
transfer to
Turkey.

Take GERALDTON under your orders and sail from
Bombay as follows:

- (A) 0800EF 8th July.
- (B) Karachi.
- (C) 10 knots.
- (F) 1000EF 10th July.
- (G) My 021140 refers. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Bombay 070959EF to BROOME. GERALDTON,
Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. F.O. Ceylon.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

R.T.
returning
to U.K.

My 051950Z/.

H.M. Ships WARDEN, REWARD, and ENFORCER sailed
to comply 1900Z 6th July.

(Com. i/c. Bermuda 071430 to C. in C. A.W.I.
C. in C. Plymouth. Admiralty. B.A.D. N.S.H.Q.)

/ WARDEN, REWARD and ENFORCER to proceed to
Plymouth.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic

DUKE OF YORK
wearing the
flag of
Admiral Lord
Fraser, re-
turning to
U.K. from
Far East.

Wearing the flag of Admiral Lord Fraser sail 1645B
8th July to Plymouth.
(2) Speed 17 E.T.A. 0800A/11th July.
(6) Acknowledge.
(F.O. Gib., 081235B to DUKE OF YORK, Admty., C. in
C. Plymouth.)

South Atlantic.

NEREIDE
sloop on
passage
to join S.A.
Station.

St. Helena arrival July 8th NEREIDE.
(C. in C. S.A., 081547 to Admty., R.N.O. Freetown)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean

PATROLLER
trooping.

Sail at 1800 today July 8th to Gibraltar for
onward routeing to Plymouth.

(4) Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med., 081044B to PATROLLER, R.A. Malta,
C.S. Malta for V.A.M., F.O. Gib., Adnty.)

Movements.

July 8th arrivals 1800 LOCH MORE from Aden.
Departures Nil.

(2) Suez arrived 0800 COLOSSUS from Aden.
Departed COLOSSUS to Bitter Lakes.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 081805 to C. in C. Med.,
Adnty., C. in C. E.I., R.N.O. Aden)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies

SS. SOUTHERN
PRINCE,
Br. 11477
tons.

Your 051152*. SOUTHERN PRINCE has on board 200 S.R.R.D. and 115 other naval personnel most of which are due for return to U.K.

(2) Ship also has on board large quantity of naval equipment including fixtures stores and victualling stores and to remove these would cause considerable delay in sailing ship.

(3) Master states remaining crew will then be insufficient to maintain this equipment if left on board.

(4) Consider, therefore, essential SOUTHERN PRINCE proceed U.K. for release. Request your very early views as ship will be ready to sail 17th July.

(5) Accounts of naval personnel are now carried in ALAUNIA. Propose they remain until arrival both ships in U.K.

(F.O.M.A., 081000 to Admty., C. in C. B.P.F., C.S. Singapore.)

* Port of release for SOUTHERN PRINCE either in U.K. or Egypt. See 111000A.

H.M.A.S. M/S
on passage to
Med. for
transfer to
The Key

E.I.T.M. 43 sail to comply with C. in C. E.Is. 051122. A. 1200C/10th. B. ~~HABIRA~~ C. 6 knots. (R.N.O. Aden, 081500C to SCOTOL, C. in C. E.I., F.O. Ceylon, N.O.I.C. Karachi, F.O. Bombay, GAWLER, PIRIE, LAUNCESTON.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

QUEEN,
 carrier,
 programme.

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

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Leave</u>
-	Hongkong	13th July
17th July	Singapore	17th July
22nd July	Colombo	24th July
31st July	Aden	31st July
4th August	Suez	4th August
5th August	Port Said	5th August
11th August	Gibraltar	11th August
14th August	Plymouth	14th August
15th August	Portsmouth	-

(2) Request mails be diverted accordingly.
 (C. in C. B.P.F., 080309Z to Admty., QUEEN, Com. Hongkong, F.O.M.F.A., C. in C. E.I.)

VINDEX, E.
 Carrier,
 defect.

Repair to one blade of starboard propeller in VINDEX by burning on a new tip has been unsuccessful and the tip has broken off. The resultant vibration is excessive and ship can proceed on one engine only the remaining engine being used only for manoeuvring.

(2) No spare blade is available at Hongkong the time required to make a new blade and the congestion of docking facilities due to other urgent requirements dictate that the ship should proceed with her projected programme at a reduced speed of about 10 knots as far as Simonstown.

(3) Request immediate action to send the required spare blade Swan Hunter Drawing No. 5282 to Simonstown for fitting there before the ship continues her passage to U.K.

(4) E.T.A. Simonstown 17th August.
 (C. in C. B.P.F., 080626Z to Admty., VINDEX, C. in C. E.I., C.S. Simonstown, C. in C. S.A., F.O.M.A.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

South Atlantic.

NIGERIA, cruiser, Simonstown arrival NIGERIA.
joining S.At. (C. in C. S.A., 091237 to Admt., R.N.O. Freetown)
Station.

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Tuesday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean

OCEAN,
carrier.

Your 041633 July. Programme approved.
(C. in C. Med., 091044B to F.O. Gibraltar, Capt.
(A) Med., Admty., OCEAN)

PATROLLER,
trooping.

C. in C. E.I.S. 141034 June C. in C. Med's
081044B July (neither to all) and my 290001Z June,
E.T.A. Plymouth now 0700A Monday 15th.
(2) Admiralty is requested to inform War Office
and Air Ministry.
(PATROLLER, 091900Z to Admty., Cs. in C. Plymouth,
Nore, Portsmouth.)

Movements.

Port Said July 9th arrivals.
1200 COLOSSUS from Bitter Lakes.
1900 SAINFOIN from Aden. Departures Nil.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 091933 to C. in C. Med.,
Admty., C. in C. E.I., R.N.O. Aden.)

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Tuesday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS

East Indies.

Movement.

Arrivals Singapore 8th July ATHELING.
Departures RECRUIT, PLUCKY, RIFLEMAN, CHAMELEON,
R.F.A. BISHOPDALE 1st 3011.
(F.O.M.A., 090130Z to Admty., C. in C. B.P.F.,
Com. Hongkong.)

MICHAEL, M/S.

E.P. 12 R.K. Sail from Singapore as follows - ^{M.S.}
A. 1200Z/9th July. B. ~~1100Z~~ date to rejoin ~~as~~ 11
C. 10.5 knots. G. MICHAEL has mails and draft
embarked for force 20. Acknowledge.
(F.O.M.A., 090333Z to MICHAEL, C. in C. B.P.F.,
S.O. Force No. 20, S.O. M/S 10, S.O. M/S 11, Admty.)

Movements.

Trincomalee 8th July. Arrivals F.S. TOURVILLE,
F.S. EMILE BERTIN, H.M.S. LOCH ECK. Departures
H.M.I.S. CARNATIC.
(C. in C. E.I., 090900 EF to Admty., F.O. Ceylon,
Admiral 1st French C.S., N.O.I.C. Cochin.)

Bombay 8th July arrivals nil, departures DHANUSH, BROOME,
GERALDTON.
(F.O. Bombay, 090900 EF to Admty., C. in C. E.I., R.N.O. Bombay,
N.H.Q.(I))

Colombo 8th July. Arrivals DABCHICK. Departures U.S.S.
KANKAKEE, FORMIDABLE, SURSAY, LAUNCESTON, GAWLER, PIRIE, R.F.A.
ECHODALE.

(F.O. Ceylon, 090900 EF to Admty., C. in C. E.I.)

VENGEANCE,
A/C, pro-
gramme for
passage to
U.K.

Intend following programme for VENGEANCE.

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Leave</u>
-	Colombo	20th July
26th July	Aden	27th July
31st July	Suez	1st August
1st August	Port Said	1st August
7th August	Gibraltar	9th August
13th August	Sheerness	-

(2) Fuel at Aden.

(C. in C. E.I., 091011 EF to Admty., VENGEANCE,
F.O.C., N.O.I.C. Port Said.) See 101049, 101457A

SHOREHAM,
sloop for
U.K.

Request you will sail SHOREHAM for U.K. as con-
venient about 15th July.
(C. in C. E.I., 091014 EF to S.N.O. P.G.,
SHOREHAM, WILD GOOSE, Admty.)

SHARPSHOOTER
surveying
vessel.

E.I.P.I. One. Sail from Trincomalee as follows.
A. 1500 EF 10th July. B. ~~1100Z~~ to carry out
survey as in my 021412 EF (N.T. IN W.D.)
C. 12 knots. Acknowledge.
(C. in C. E.I., 091148 EF to SHARPSHOOTER,
Admty., F.O.C., N.O.I.C. Rangoon, R.N.O. Penang,
F.O.M.A.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America & West Indies.

Atlantic operational summary.

Change my 021703. Atlantic Serial 238.
KEARSARGE, JUNEAU at New York.
PORTSMOUTH at Dakar.
NORTH CAROLINA, WASHINGTON, RANDOLPH, HOUSTON,
LITTLE ROCK at Sea.
(C.N.O., 091712Z to Admty., Comnavu.)

Far East and Australia.

VINDEX, carrier Intend VINDEX Hongkong 9th July for Singapore. on passage to Ship is to signal F.O.M.A. number of passengers U.K. programme than can be embarked for passage to Colombo.

(2) VINDEX then proceed Colombo E.T.A. 23rd July where remaining passengers will disembark except a few for S. Africa and U.K.

(3) Crew for SWALE will embark at Colombo for passage to Simonstown.

(4) Ship will then proceed Durban calling at Mauritius en route to embark civilians on passage to S. Africa. E.T.A. Durban about 9th August.

(5) VINDEX will embark 100 Tiger Months at Durban for lift to U.K. subject to confirmation of these requirement by Admiralty. Ship will then proceed Simonstown where new propeller will be fitted. My 080626 not to all refers. E.T.A. Simonstown about 17th August.

(6) Ship will sail from Simonstown for U.K. when ready.

(7) Until new propeller is fitted S.O.A. will be about 10 knots. (C. in C. B.P.F., 090732 to F.O.M.A., Cs. in C. E.I., S.At. Admiralty.) See 130351.

TYNE, des-troyer depot ship for U.K.

To enable TYNE to adjust complement at Colombo before drafting, pool moves to Singapore intend to sail ship from Hongkong about 8th August for onward routing to U.K.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 090805 to Admty., R.A.(D) B.P.F., TYNE.)

/VICTORIOUS...

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Tuesday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia - Contd.

VICTORIOUS, A.C.N.B. 180729.
A/C, trooping VICTORIOUS delayed in Fremantle by bad weather. Conditions permitting ship will sail tomorrow 10th July. This at present indicates 48 hours delay in future programme.
(N.O.I.C. Fremantle, 090805Z to A.P.N.B., F.O.I.C. Sydney, Admty., C. in C. E.I.)

VICTORIOUS port of arrival Devonport, date August 5th. Arrangements being made with Victoria League to go down to ship and look after those not being met. Your 050116 July refers. (Director of Welfare Services (Admty.) 091102A to VICTORIOUS, Cs. in C. Plymouth, Portsmouth.)

H.M.N.Z.S.	Following passage to U.K. is proposed for ACHILLES		
ACHILLES,	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart</u>
cruiser,	-	Auckland	17th July
programme	29th	Darwin	29th
for return	8th August	Colombo	10th
to U.K.	18th	Aden	20th
	25th	Port Said	27th
	30th	Malta	1st Sept.
	4th	Gibraltar	6th
	10th	Portsmouth	-

(2) Colombo will be altered to Trincomalee if desired by C. in C. E.I.

(3) It is desired to include short visit to Malta for the educational experience of the young New Zealanders on board.

(N.Z.N.B., 092238Z to Admty., ACHILLES, C. in C. B.P.F., A.C.N.B. C. in C. E.I., C. in C. Med.)
Concur 101242, 110946B (Med.) 110031 (F.E. & A.) 111055 (E.I.)

see 170406Z

10.7.1946
Wednesday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

ST. AUSTEL BAY frigate Sail 1900B/11th July via Medri routes to Malta.
(2) Speed 12, E.T.A. first light 15th July.
(5) Acknowledge.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 101517B to ST. AUSTEL BAY, CARDIGAN BAY, Admty., C. in C. Med.)

REDPOLE, WOODCOCK, A.A.sloops, on passage to U.K. from B.P.F. and for reserve category B. Take WOODCOCK under your orders and sail 0700B/11th July via Necri routes to Harwich.
(2) Speed 15, E.T.A. a.m. 15th July.
(6) Acknowledge.
(Gibraltar, 101523B to REDPOLE, WOODCOCK, C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C. Portsmouth, C. in C. Nore.)

LOCH ACHRAY, frigate, on passage to U.K. from E.I. and for reserve category B. Sail 1700B/12th July to Portsmouth.
(2) Speed 12, E.T.A. 1400A/16th July.
(6) Acknowledge.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 101529B to LOCH ACHRAY, Admty., Cs. in C. Plymouth, Portsmouth.)

South Atlantic.

NEREIDE, sloop St. Helena departure 10th July NEREIDE.
(NEREIDE, 100721Z to C. in C. S.A., Admty., Capt. i/c Simonstown.)

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Mediterranean

COLOSSUS,
LOCH MORE,
on passage to
U.K.

A. Intend to sail from Port Said for Gibraltar at 1300B/10th July with LOCH MORE in company. (COLOSSUS, 100916B to F.O. Gibraltar, LOCH MORE, Admty., C. in C. Med.) *See N.O.I.C. Port Said 101837 below*

Re Intention
not to with-
draw any
further M/S
from Med. un-
til mine
clearance is
completed.

A.M. 201244 May. Request confirmation that the Mediterranean clearance mentioned in para. 1 is intended to mean British commitments only.
(2) Is it intended that flotilla of fleet sweepers to be retained in the Mediterranean is to be kept in full commission or reserve.
(3) On completion of British minesweeping commitments in the Mediterranean will it be necessary to return B.Y.M.S. to U.S.A. and is it intended to keep any B.Y.M.S. or M.M.S. in the Mediterranean in full commission or reserve.
(C. in C. Med., 101407B to Admty.)

ISLAY,
trawler on
passage to
U.K.

Sail at 1700B/10th July to Gibraltar for O/R to U.K.
(2) Routed in accordance with Medri.
(3) Speed 8 knots, E.T.A. 2000B/15th.
(5) Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med., 101453B to ISLAY, R.A.D. Med., R.A. Malta, C.S.M. for K.H.M. F.O. Gib., Admty.)

Movement.

Departure of VENUS 0900C/10th July for Famagusta. (N.O.I.C. Haifa, 101803 to C. in C. Med., Admty.)
Port Said July 10th, arrivals 0730 SESTRIERE from Naples.

Departures 1300 COLOSSUS with LOCH MORE in company to Gibraltar, 1330 SAINFOIN to Gibraltar, Suez F.S. BEARN arrived 1530 from Saigon.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 101837 to C. in C. Med., Admty., C. in C.E.I., R.N.O. Aden.)

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East Indies.

Movement From S.N.O.P.G. E.I.P.I. 13. Bahrein arrived WILD GOOSE.
 (Navycharge Bahrein 100900D to Admty., C. in C. E.I.)

LOCH ECK, LOCH CRAGGIE, frigates for U.K., programme. Intend to sail ships for U.K. as follows -
 A. LOCH ECK 17th July. B. LOCH CRAGGIE on completion of minor defects. Date will be reported.
 (C. in C. E.I., 100912 EF to Admty., LOCH ECK, LOCH CRAGGIE, F.O. Ceylon, HIGH FLYER.)
 Subject to satisfactory completion of LOCH CRAGGIE (My 100912 not to all refers), intend following programme for LOCH CRAGGIE and LOCH ECK sailing in company except through Mediterranean LOCH ECK is to attend on VENGEANCE leaving Port Said p.m. 1st August arriving Gibraltar 7th August. My 091011 not to all refers.

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Leave</u>
-	Trincomalee	17th July
25th July	Aden	26th July
30th July	Suez	30th July
30th July	Port Said	31st July
6th August	Gibraltar	9th August
12th August	Plymouth	-

Fuel at Aden and Gibraltar.
 (C. in C. E.I., 101049 to Admty., LOCH ECK, LOCH CRAGGIE, VENGEANCE, F.O. Air E.I.)

Persian Gulf change of command. Naval W/T station Bahrein closes down. The Broadpendant of Commodore I.W. Whitehorn, R.N. will be hauled down at 0800Z hours tomorrow 11th July, when Captain R.J.R. Dendy, R.N. will assume duty as Senior Naval Officer Persian Gulf and the Naval W/T station at Bahrein will close down.
 (S.N.O.P.G., 101030D to C. in C. E.I., Admty., C. in C. Med., S.B.N.O. M.E., A.O.C. Iraq Military Iraq.)

AUSONIA, repair ship, on passage to U.K. from E.I. Intend to sail from Aden as follows -
 A. 1100/10th. B. Suez and Port Said. C. 11.5 kts.
 (AUSONIA, 101031C to C. in C. E.I., Admty.)

VENGEANCE, A/C. Notwithstanding my 070912* it is considered desirable for VENGEANCE to carry out flying practices in Mediterranean in order to comply with para. 3 of A.M. 031900.
 (2) LOCH ECK is being detailed to attend on VENGEANCE. My 101049 refers.
 (C. in C. E.I., 101051 EF to C. in C. Med., Admty., Adm. Air, F.O. Air E.I.)
 * VENGEANCE will be operational on passage but flying hours will have to be husbanded.

/Your...

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VENGEANCE,
A/C.
(Contd.)

Your 091001.*
Destination of VENGEANCE in U.K. depends on
arrangements for repair and refit now under
discussion. Decision will be signalled when known.
(D.O.D., 101457A to C. in C. E.I., VENGEANCE.
C. in C. Nore.)
* 091011 intended -programme for VENGEANCE.

Movement.

BROOME and GERALDTON arrived.
(F. O. I. C. Karachi, 101658 to C. in C. E. I.,
Admty., S. R. N. L. O. Bombay, F. O. Bombay, N. H. Q. (I),
S. N. O. P. G.)

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America & West Indies.

TOKEN, S/M
on passage.

Intend to sail TOKEN at 1200Z Monday 15th July to Halifax Nova Scotia.
(3) S.O.A. 10 knots, E.T.A. Halifax 1200Z/25th July
(S/M 3, 102205 to Admty., C.N.B. Ottawa, C. in C. Plymouth, F.O. S/M, C.O.A.C. Halifax.)

Far East and Australia

SS. ^ASTONEHALL ?
disabled.

BZ 4996 tons

SS. ^ASTONEHALL owners Messrs. Bill Meir of London stranded Tsing Tao Jan, main engines disabled.
(2) Request approval to tow to Hongkong for repairs and the financial arrangements and towage contract be concluded by Admiralty.
(3) Tug is available.
(Com. Hongkong, 100210 to Admty., C. in C. B.P.F.)

See 17/14/7A.

VICTORIOUS,
trooping.

Departed Fremantle 0300Z/10th July, VICTORIOUS for Trincomalee, in accordance with A.CN.B's 180729 June. E.T.A. Trincomalee 0200Z/16th July. S.O.A. 20 knots. Programme for VICTORIOUS. (N.O.I.C. Fremantle, 100320 to N.O.I.C. Trinco., F.O.I.C. Sydney, Admty., C. in C. B.P.F., C. in C. E.I.)

Flag officer
C.T.G. 96.8
in BERMUDA.

Arrived Yokohama BERMUDA wearing flag of C.T.G. 96.8, QUICKMATCH and BARFLEUR in company. (C.T.G. 96.8, 101030 to Com. Navjap., Admty., C. in C. B.P.F.)

H.M.N.Z.S.
ACHILLES.

Your 092238 concur in programme, subject to agreement of C. in C. East Indies and C. in C. Mediterranean.
(2) Your attention is drawn to A.F.O. 1679/46 regarding fuelling at intermediate ports.
(D.O.D., 101242A to N.Z.N.B., Cs. in C. Med., E.I.)

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East Indies

Persian Gulf Broad pendant of Commodore I.W.Whitehorn hauled
change of down at 0800Z today. Captain R.J.R. Dendy, R.N.
command, Naval assumed duty as S.N.O. Persian Gulf and Naval
W/T Stn. Bah- W/T Station at Bahrein closed down.
rein closed
down.

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North Atlantic.

Movements.

Arrivals 10th Russian minesweeper LENA and trawlers 925 and 928. Arrivals 11th trawlers 926 and 927 and one ocean tug.
(S.O.(I) Gibraltar, 111137B to Admty. for D.N.I., S.O.(I) Med., Malta.)

PATROLLER,
trooping
to U.K.

Sail 1000B/12th July to Plymouth.
(2) Speed 15½, E.T.A. 0645A/15th July.
(6) Acknowledge.
(F.O. Gib., 11249B to PATROLLER, Admty., C. in C. Plymouth.)

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Mediterranean

H.M.N.Z.S.
ACHILLES,
for passage
to U.K.

Your 092238*. Approved for passage through
Mediterranean.
(C. in C. Med., 110946B to N.Z.N.B., ACHILLES,
Admty., Cs. in C. E.I., B.P.F., A.C.N.B.)
* Passage to U.K. proposed for ACHILLES

H.M.A.S.
SHROPSHIRE,
on passage
to Australia
from U.K.

Sail at 1000B/12th July to Port Said for onward
routeing to Sydney.
(3) S.O.A. 13.4 knots, E.T.A. 0900B/15th.
(5) On arrival SHROPSHIRE will require 80 tons
of water. Passage through canal is to be made
on 16th July.
(6) Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med., 111112 to SHROPSHIRE, R.A. Malta,
N.O.I.C. Port Said, Admty.)

Movements.

Port Said July 11th arrivals - nil.
Departures 2200 SESTRIERE to Naples.
(2) F.S. BEARN sailed 0630 from Suez to Lake Timsah
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 111715 to C. in C. Med.,
Admty., C. in C. E.I., R.N.O. Aden.)

VULCAN,
repair and
depot ship
towing
HELLISAY dan-
layer of
8th M/S.

Take HELLISAY in tow and tow to Malta.
(2) Keep single operator periods on Malta area
broadcast.
(3) Signal your E.T.A. to R.A. Malta repeated
above authorities.
(4) Acknowledge.
(S.O. M/S 8, 112316A to VULCAN, HELLISAY, R.A.D.,
C. in C. Med., Capt. M/S Med.)
VULCAN sailed at 2330A with HELLISAY in tow with
main engine breakdown. VULCAN will report E.T.A.
Request tugs may meet on arrival and VULCAN be sailed for Bizerta
(S.O. M/S 8, 112332A to C. in C. Med., VULCAN, HELLISAY, R.A.
Malta, R.A.D. Med., Capt. M/S Med.)

Movement.

Arrivals 0700C/11th July VENUS from Famagusta.
(N.O.I.C. Haifa, 111852 to C. in C. Med., Admty.)

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escort
maintenance
ship

Reference E.I.T.M. 43.

Intend to sail BEACHY HEAD from Tanjong Datu as follows -

A. 0900 GH 12th July. B. Singapore L. C. 8 kts.
F. H.M. Dockyard 1330 GH 14th July.
(S.O. 20, 110117Z to C. in C. E.I., Admty.,
C. in C. B.P.F.)

Movements

Arrivals Singapore 10th July TOCOGAY, SERENE,
LULING, CORBRAE.

166 M.S.F. departures nil.

(F.O.M.A., 110130 to Admty., C. in C. B.P.F.,
C. in C. E.I., N.O.I.C. Hongkong.)SHOREHAM,
sloop, pro-
gramme for
passage
to U.K.Your 091014 EF*. E.I.P.I. 14. A. Leave Bahrein
16th July, arrive Aden 23rd July. Leave Aden
23rd July, arrive Port Said 29th July. Leave
Port Said 31st July, arrive Gibraltar 8th August.
Leave Gibraltar 10th August, arrive Sheerness
16th August.

B. Aden. Port Said. Gibraltar.

C. 29th July.

(S.N.O.P.G., 110927D to C. in C. E.I., SHOREHAM,
WILD GOOSE, Admty.)

* Request you signal programme for SHOREHAM

SS. SOUTHERN
PRINCE, Br.
11477 tons.Your 081000 SOUTHERN PRINCE is to proceed to U.K.
for release. Request you will signal programme
in due course.(D.O.D., 111000A to F.O.M.A., C. in C. B.P.F.,
C.S. Singapore.)ACHILLES
programme
for return
to U.K.N.Z.N.B.'s 092238 passed to F.O.C. and R.N.O.
Aden concur in programme for ACHILLES through
E.I. Station calling at Colombo.(C. in C. E.I., 111055 to Admty., N.Z.N.B.,
C. in C. B.P.F., ACHILLES, A.C.N.B.)S.N.O.
Persian Gulf
command.Captain R.J.R. Dendy R.N. has this day assumed
duty as Senior Naval Officer Persian Gulf and will
have his headquarters afloat in future in
WILD GOOSE.(S.N.O.P.G., 111929 to H.M. Ambassador Baghdad,
H.M. Ambassador Teheran, Political Agent
Political Resident, Persian Gulf, Political Agent
Baherin Political Agent, Kuwait, British Consul
General Basra, British Consul Ahwaz, Admty.,
C. in C. E.I., S.O.(I) E.I.)

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H.M.N.Z.S.
ACHILLES,
programme
for return
to U.K.

Concur in ACHILLES visiting Darwin on passage
your 092238 refers.
(A.C.N.B., 110031 to N.Z.N.B., ACHILLES, C. in
C. B.P.F., Admty.)

Movements.

Arrivals 8th July.
A. Fremantle VICTORIOUS. Departures.
A. ~~DUNBAR~~, CONDAMINE for Rabaul.
(A.C.N.B., 110515Z to Admty., Cs. in C. B.P.F.,
E.I. New Zealand Naval Board.)

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East Indies

5th Cruiser
Squadron
Title lapsed.

Flag of Vice-Admiral W.R. Patterson C.B., C.V.O.
struck at sunset today.
Title of C.S.5 lapsed.

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North Atlantic

Incident at Gibraltar between Australian personnel from H.M.A.S. SHROPSHIRE and civil police.

Chief Justice of Gibraltar is to conduct an enquiry in private with special reference to the disturbances of 5th July and to make recommendations for bettering the co-operation between the police and the service patrols. This had been announced in Local Press.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 121545B to Admiralty, C. in C. Med., A.C.N.B., H.M.S. SHROPSHIRE)

SHEFFIELD cruiser on passage from U.K. to Malta.
(allocated to America & W.I.Station)

Sail 1500B/14th July via Medri routes to Malta.
2. Speed 14. E.T.A. 1400B/17th July.
6. SHEFFIELD acknowledge.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 121617B to SHEFFIELD, Admty. C. in C. Med., R.A. Malta, C.S.M.)

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Mediterranean

ANSON
battleship
on passage
to U.K. from
B.P.F.

C. in C. B.P.F.'s 120519 June owing to high speed
necessary A. to land urgent cot cases at Aden,
ANSON now expects to arrive Port Said p.m. Monday
15th July.

2. It is hoped to be able to leave Port Said at
dawn on Wednesday 17th and arrive Malta p.m.
Friday 19th this will enable engine room
personnel to be rested and ship to be cleaned and
painted as necessary, all of which are highly desirable.

3. It is not intended in any way to alter the remainder of the
programme between Malta and U.K.

4. Request your approval.

(ANSON, 120750Z to C. in C. Med., Admt) Approved 131125.

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East Indies

C.S.5 Title
lapsed.
Flag of
Vice-Admiral
W.R.Patterson
C.B., C.V.O.,
struck.

Flag of Vice-Admiral W.R. Patterson C. B., C.V.O.
is to be struck in GLASGOW at sunset today 12th
July.
2. Thereafter title of C.S.5 will lapse and ships
of the 5th Cruiser Squadron will be administered
by C. in C. E.I.
(C. in C. E.I., 121045EF to Gen. Mes. N.R.938C.
Admiralty)

CRANE
A/A sloop
on passage
to U.K.
from B.P.F.

E.I.P.I. one sail from Colombo as follows:
(A) 1700 EF 12th July.
(B) Aden.
(C) 12 knots.
Acknowledge.
(F.O. Ceylon, 121137 to CRANE, Admiralty,
C. in C. E.I., Ceylon W/T, R.N.O. Aden, C. in C.
Mediterranean).

SHOREHAM
sloop
for passage
to U.K.

Intend following programme for SHOREHAM.

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Leave</u>
-	Bahrein	16th July.
23rd July	Aden	23rd July.
28th July	Suez	29th July.
29th July	Port Said	31st July.
8th August	Gibraltar	10th August.
16th August	Sheerness	-

Fuel at Aden, Port Said, Gibraltar.
(C. in C. E.I., 121212EF to Admty).

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Far East & Australia

B.P.F.
destroyer
reliefs.

To assist with planning with special reference to necessity for arranging refits for FINISTERRE and LAGOS if their release is likely to be delayed it would be appreciated if probable dates when CONSORT and COMUS will leave U.K. could now be given. A.M. 181757* April.

(C. in C. B.P.F., 120054 to Admty. R.A.D.)

*Number of escort vessels required in B.P.Fleet.

D.8 in
COSSACK

Departed Tarakan in COSSACK 0100Z/12th July for Hong Kong. Route via Sibutu, passage and Mineoror Strait. E.T.A. 2300E 15th July. S.O.A. 14 knots.

2. Request berth alongside and assistance to remove H/F and D/F aerial.

(D.8, 120130Z to C. in C. B.P.F., Com. Hong Kong, F.O.M.F.A., Admty).

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North Atlantic

FENCER
trooping
to U.K.

Sail 0100B/14th July to Plymouth for O/R Portsmouth
and Chatham.
2. Speed 16. E.T.A. p.m. 16th July.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 131234B to FENCER, Admty.
C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C. Portsmouth).

South Atlantic

GLASGOW
cruiser.

Sail at 0800B on July 15th for Trincomalee
calling at Port Louis Mauritius to disembark
passengers in accordance with my 111606 (N.T. in
W.D.) and 111614 not to all.
(2) Speed 15 knots E.T.A. Port Louis 1630D July
21st E.T.A. Trincomalee 0930EF July 28th.
4. Acknowledge.
(C. in C. S.A., 130903 to GLASGOW, C. in C. E.I.
R.N.O. Mauritius, Capt. 1/c Simonstown, Admty).

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FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean

ANSON Your 120750 approved.
on passage (C. in C. Med., 131125 to ANSON, Admty)
to U.K. from Request approval to leave Port Said on Wednesday
B.P.F. 17th.

Light Fleet The following planned redistribution of Light
Carriers Fleet carriers has been approved:-
re disposition. (a) VENGEANCE to become Training Carrier vice
THESEUS about November 1946.
(b) TRIUMPH to Mediterranean Fleet about Dec. 1946.
(c) THESEUS to British Pacific Fleet vice

VENERABLE about Jan. 1947.

(d) VENERABLE to return to U.K. on relief, to refit, recommission
and rejoin British Pacific Fleet about August 1947.

(e) GLORY to return to U.K. on return of VENERABLE to British
Pacific Fleet and to join Home Fleet.

2. TRIUMPH, THESEUS and VENERABLE are fitted as flagships.
(D.O.D. App. V.C.N.S., 131130A to C. in C. Med., C. in C. E.I.,
C. in C. B.P.F., C. in C. H.F., Admiral (Air), R.A.A. B.P.F.,
C. in C. portsmouth, VENGEANCE, TRIUMPH, THESEUS)

Movements Arrival 1900C/13th from Famagusta H.M.S. TALYBONT.
(N.O.I.C. Haifa, 131900 to C. in C. Med., Admty).
July 14th arrivals 0700 ATTILIO REGOLO from
Taranto. Departures nil.
2. Suez 1900 ANSON arrived from Aden.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said, 131930 to C. in C. Med.,
Admty. C. in C. E.I., F.N.O. Aden).

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East Indies

WHIMBREL A/A sloop. E.I.T.M.43. Sail from Batavia as follows:-
 (a) 1600GH 13th July.
 (b) Palembang.
 (c) 13
 (f) Entrance Palembang River 1500GH 14th July.
 (g) N.O.I.C. Palembang is requested to arrange pilot to board ship daybreak 15th July.
 2. To sail H.M.S. WHIMBREL on completion of embarkation of troops.
 My 130415Z*refers. Acknowledge.
 (N.O.I.C. Batavia, 130415Z to WHIMBREL, Admty. F.O.M.F.A., A.F.N.E.I., Alfsea, C. in C. B.P.F.)
 * as received.

FORMIDABLE trooping Homewards. E.I.P.I.7. Intend to sail from Aden as follows:
 (A) 1745C/13th July (B) Suez and Bitter Lakes.
 (C) Direct 20 knots. (F) Suez 1200B/16th.
 (FORMIDABLE, 130631C to C. in C. E.I., Admty. N.O.I.C Port Said, R.N.O. Aden, C. in C. Med).

ALAUNIA Intend following programme for ALAUNIA leaving Singapore 19th July.
 Repair ship for passage to U.K. from B.P.F. Programme.

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Leave</u>
7th	Aden	7th
11th	Suez	12th
12th	Port Said	14th
21st	Gibraltar	22nd
26th	Plymouth	-

All dates August unless otherwise stated. Fuel at Aden, Port Said, Gibraltar.
 (C. in C. E.I., 131215 to Admty. F.O.M.A., F.O.C., R.N.O. Aden, N.O.I.C. Port Said, F.O. Gibraltar)

H.M.A. M/S on passage for Transfer to Turkey. H.M.S. GAWLER, PIRIE, and LAUNCESTON arrived.
 (N.O.I.C. Karachi, 131850 to C. in C. E.I., Admty. S.R.N.O. Bombay, F.O. Ceylon, N.H.Q.(I))

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Movements

Arrivals 10th July:-

- (A) Fremantle TAURUS, TAPIR, TURPIN.
- (B) Brisbane DELORAINE (C) Rabaul CONDAMINE
- (D) Jervis Bay HOBART.

Departures. (A) Fremantle VICTORIOUS for Trincomalee.
(B) Dredger, SWAN, KATOOMBA, WARRNAMBOOL, LITHGOW, ARARAT,
ECHUCA, COWRA for Rabaul.
(A.C.N.B., 130009Z to Admty).

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carrier on
passage to
U.K. via
the Cape.

A.M. 121139 (N.T. in W.D.) not to all.
Although Tiger Moths are not to be lifted to
U.K. from Durban, propose that movements in my
090732 should be carried as planned in view of:-
(A) Arrangements already made to lift SWALES crew
to Simonstown and civilians from Mauritius to
South Africa.
(B) Proposal to fit spare blade at Simonstown.

My 080626 not to all refers.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 130351 to Admty. C. in C. S.A., C.S.
Simonstown, C. in C. E.I., Combrax, B.P.F. Ceylon, F.O. Ceylon,
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C. in C. B.P.F.'s 080626. Since leaving Hong Kong 0300Z
July 9th it has been necessary to use starboard engine at slow
speed to avoid excessive wheel; speed made good 10.9 knots with
only slight vibration. If Indian Ocean weather conditions are
normal this speed could be maintained and perhaps exceeded.

(VINDEX, 131410Z to C. in C. B.P.F., Admty., C. in C.
E.I., C. in C. S.A., C.S. Simonstown, F.O.M.A.)
Your 130351 approved.
(D.O.D., 131450 to C. in C. B.P.F.)

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Sunday.

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North Atlantic.

LOCH SCAVAIG, Sail 0800B/15th July to Plymouth.
frigate, (2) Speed 11, E.T.A. 1130A/19th July.
on passage (6) Acknowledge.
to U.K. from (F.O. Gib., 141007B to LOCH SCAVAIG, Admty.,
E.I. and for C. in C. Plymouth, Combrax Devonport.)
reserve,
category B.

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Mediterranean.

COLOSSUS, Your 131430B. E.T.A. Plymouth 0800B/22nd July.
A/C on passage (COLOSSUS, 141440B to Admty., Cs. in C.
to U.K. with Plymouth, Portsmouth.)
Crown Prince
of Greece on
board.

Movement.

Port Said July 14th.
Arrivals nil. Departures nil.
(2) Suez arrivals 0030 L.S.E. 53 from Aden,
departures 0830 ANSON to Bitter Lakes.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said, 141746 to C. in C. Med.,
Admty., C. in C. E.I.)

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H.N.M.S. HEEMSKERCK, A.A. ship, on passage to Holland for refit. H.N.M.S. HEEMSKERCK is to proceed Batavia Tuesday 22nd July to Holland for refit. (2) E.T.D. Batavia 22nd July 1200 GH. Route along west coast Sumatra to Colombo. S.O.A. 14 knots. Sailing programme runs as follows.

<u>E.T.A.</u>	<u>Port</u>	<u>E.T.D.</u>
28th July	Colombo	30th July
7th Aug.	Aden	8th Aug.
12th Aug.	Suez	12th Aug.
13th Aug.	Port Said	16th Aug.
22nd Aug.	Gibraltar	25th Aug.
29th Aug.	Ijmuiden	-

Dates are approximate necessary amendments at discretion.

(4) Fuel required at Colombo, Aden, Port Said, Gibraltar.

HKK is to signal E.T.A's and requirements 24 hours in advance to authorities concerned.

(6) HKK is under my orders until arrival at Port Said when she comes under orders EF BDZ Holland.

(7) N.O.I.C. Batavia is requested to sail HKK to Colombo N.Os. i/c in ports of call are requested to issue further routeing communications and sailing orders.

(A.C. in C. R.N.N.E., No T.O.O., to C. in C. B.P.F., F.O.M.A., N.O.I.C. Batavia, C. in C. E.I.)

Movements.

Arrivals Singapore 13th July LIONESS, JASSEUR, FLYING FISH, LAERTES, LYSANDER, GOLDEN FLEECE, MAGICIENNE, COURIER, JEWEL, WAVE, ORSAY, TRODDAY, WELCOME, LIBERTY, MINSTREL, U.S.S. KANAKAKEE. Departures ATHELING, ASSIDUOUS, BELGOL, U.S.S. MATAPONI.

(F.O.M.A., 140130Z to Admty., Cs. in C. B.P.F., E.I., N.O.I.C. Hongkong.)

M/S 7
 Flotilla.

My P.C.S. 06° 12' N. 83° 52' E. 266° steaming 10 knots, making good six knots RECRUIT, PINCHER, PLUCKY and RIFLEMAN in company unless weather conditions improve shall be unable to reach Colombo before dark Monday 15th.

(S.O. M/S Seven, 140200 to C. in C.E.I., Admty., F.O. Ceylon, F.O.M.A.)

DERBY HAVEN, workshop tender, temporary H.Q. for Malayan naval volunteer reserve.

E.I.P.I. One. Sail from Singapore as follows - A. 0230Z/16th July. B. Palembang. C. Via Rious Strait 11 knots. F. 0001Z/17th July at river mouth. G. R.N.P. Palembang is requested to arrange for DERBY HAVEN to be met at river mouth. Further request DERBY HAVEN be sailed to Singapore Monday 22nd July. Acknowledge.

(F.O.M.A., 140233Z to DERBY HAVEN, C. in C.B.P.F., N.O.I.C. Hongkong, Batavia C.C.O., Admty., R.N.O. Palembang.)

/Movement...

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Movement.

Basra arrivals WILD GOOSE.
(S.N.O. P.G., 140900C to C. in C. E.I.,
E.O.S. Shoreham, Admty., F.O.C.R.I.N. J.U.F. Air)

VENGEANCE,
A/C, for
passage to
U.K.

Sail from Trinco. as follows -
A. 0730 EF 18th July. B. Colombo for onward
routeing to U.K. C. 14 knots. F. 0700 EF 19th
July. Acknowledge.
(C. in C. E.I., 140906 to VENGEANCE, Admty.,
F.O.C. Capt. i/c Aden.)

R.A.N. M/S
on passage.

E.I.P.I. 1. take BROOME and GERALDTON under your
orders and sail from Karachi as follows -
A. 1000 EF 15th July. B. Kilindini. C. 10 knots.
Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Karachi, 141012 EF to DHANUSH, BROOME,
GERALDTON, C. in C. E.I., Admty., C. in C. Med.,
Capt. i/c Aden., S.N.O.P.G., N.O.I.C. Kilindini.)

RANEE,
trooping,
outwards.

E.I.P.I. 1 sail from Colombo as follows -
A. 1700 EF 15th July. B. Singapore. C. 16 knots.
Acknowledge.
(F.O. Ceylon, 141120 to RANEE, Admty., Cs. in
C. E.I., B.P.F.)

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America & West Indies

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

Arrival 14th July LINARIA.
(Com. 1/c Bermuda, 141345Z to C. in C.A.W.I.,
C. in C. Plymouth, F.O. Gibraltar, Admty.,
B.A.D., N.S.H.Q., C.O.A.C.)

Far East and Australia.

S/M TAPIR,
on passage
to U.K.

Departed H.M. S/M TAPIR 0230Z/14 July for Aden
in accordance with Capt. S/M 072325 June S.O.A.
10 knots E.T.A. Aden 0001/4 August.
(N.O.I.C. Fremantle, 140230 to Capt. S/M 4,
R.N.O. Aden, A.C.N.B., Admty., F.Os. 1/c, Com.
Hongkong, TAPIR, TAURUS.)

R.A.D. (B.P.F.)
in TYNE
destroyer
depot ship

Arrived Yokohama TYNE wearing flag of R.A.D.
(F.O. Force T, 141947 to C. in C. B.P.F.,
Commavjap., Com. Hongkong.)

EURYALUS,
cruiser.

Departed Auckland 0318Z/14 July EURYALUS for
Port Moresby E.T.A. 1400 KC 21st July.
(N.Z.N.B., 142249Z to Admty.)

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SITUATION REPORT

Foreign Stations.

East Indies

Persian Gulf, Labour troubles at Oilfields. Labour trouble broke out in A.I.O.Cs. works at Abadan yesterday. H.M. ship NORFOLK sailing with despatch from Karachi, also WILD GOOSE from Basra.

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North Atlantic.

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

E.T.A. Gibraltar 0730B Wednesday 17th July.
P.C.S. at 0800A/15 41.52 N. 09.33 W. 184° 11 kts.
(WOOLWICH, 150900A to F.O. Gib., Admty., C. in C.
Med.)

INDOMITABLE,
trooping.

A.M. 271135A June (not to all) and my 051556*.
Intend to sail INDOMITABLE at 1430A/17th for Gib.
for onward routeing to Colombo calling Malta, Port
Said, Suez and Aden.

(2) Speed 19 knots, E.T.A. Gibraltar 0800B/20th.

(7) Approximately 2400 tons and 2800 tons of oil fuel will be
required at Gibraltar and Aden respectively.

(8) INDOMITABLE acknowledge and sail to comply.

(C. in C. Portsmouth, 151159 to INDOMITABLE, F.O. Gibraltar,
Admty.)

South Atlantic.

Movement.

Simonstown departure GLASGOW.
(C. in C. S.A., 151107 to Admty., C. in C. E.I.,
R.N.O. Mauritius.)

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Medi terranean.

Movements. July 15th Port Said arrivals 1400 ANSON from Bitter Lakes 0800, ABRUZZI from Naples 0900, SHROPSHIRE from Malta 1700, L.S.E. 53 from Suez 1630, F.S. BEARN from Ismailia. ^{ALFREDO}
Departures 0900 ATTILIO REGOLO to Taranto 1000, [^]ORIANI to Taranto 0630, F.S. BEARN to Alexandria.
(2) Suez arrivals 0630 AUSONIA from Aden. Departures 1230 AUSONIA to Ismailia.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 151905 to C. in C. Med., Admty., C. in C. E.I., R.N.O. Aden.)

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Movements.

Arrivals Singapore 14th July BEACHY HEAD, WAR HINDOO, MICHAEL, SURSAY.
Departures BUCHAN NESS.
(F.O.M.A., 150130Z to C. in C. E.I., C. in C. B.P.F., Com. Hongkong.)

AMETHYST,
A.A. sloop,
escorting
harbour tugs
to Hongkong.

E.I.P.I. Take ships in para. 2 under your orders and sail from Singapore as follows -
A. 0530Z/17th July. B. Hongkong. C. Route number 426 (2) in Ocean Passages of the World, 7 knots.
(2) ROCKMOUNT, ROCKPORT, ROCKGLEN, ROCKFOREST, M.F.Vs. 167, 1081 and 1158 total 7 ships.
Acknowledge.
(F.O.M.A., 150433 to AMETHYST, Admty., C. in C. B.P.F., N.O.I.C. Hongkong.)

VINDEX,
on passage
to U.K.

E.I.P.I, I. Sail from Singapore as follows -
A. 2300Z/15th July. B. Colombo. C. 10 knots.
Acknowledge.
(F.O.M.A., 150747Z to Cs. in C. B.P.F., E.I., Admty., Com. Hongkong.)

M/S progress report

Weekly report of M/S progresses No. 30. Serial 30 Borneo A P I passage Koti passage 11th M.S.F. completed magnetic sweep E.F.M.I. 388 total one mine detonated Serial S Aroa Islands E.F.M.I. 45 181st M.S.F. completed clearance total two mines detonated. Flotilla returned to Port Swettenham to replenish prior to commencing E.F.M.I. 75 Klang Strait. Future operations Serial T further sweeping of Tenasserimparts.
(1) Mine clearance of North Borneo completed Force 20 returned to Singapore 12/13 July.
(2) Force 11 first part sails for Tavoy 15th July NIGER in company. Correction weekly M/S report T.P.P. 080920Z/7 should be No. 29.
(F.O.M.A., 150834Z to Cs. in C. B.P.F., E.I., Admty., S.A.C.S.E.A)

*See next page.
(C. in C. E.I. 151118.)*

Situation at Abadan.

Yesterday Tudeh pickets controlled all Abadan areas except refinery. Generally British were not molested unless driving cars in which case vehicles were seized and some occupants rough handled. British military resumed control and further incidents confined to bazaar where many serious clashes between Iranians, Arabs and military occurred last night. Casualties admitted to hospital about 170 including one British latter not serious, many others discharged after treatment, 22 killed. Bawarda isolated from Braim and refinery except telephone communication. Curfew 2300 to 0400 announced. Refinery strike in M.I.S. Haftkel and Aghajari crude stock in Abadan will last about 3 days. Gachsaran normal but was shut down owing to difficulty blending off this crude.
(I.A.F. Abadan, 150853 to Admty.)

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SHOREHAM, sloop, on passage to U.K. E.I.P.I. 17. Intend to sail from Bahrein 0600D/16th July for Aden, E.T.A. a.m. 23rd July. Speed 10 knots. (SHOREHAM, 150910D to S.N.O.P.G., Admty., C. in C. E.I., R.N.O. Aden.)

ATHELING, carrier, trooping	Intend following programme for ATHELING.		
	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Leave</u>
	17th July	Colombo	18th July
	24th July	Aden	25th July
	28th July	Suez	29th July
	29th July	Port Said	29th July
	3rd Aug.	Gibraltar	4th Aug.
	7th Aug.	Spithead	7th Aug.
	8th Aug.	Plymouth	-

(2) Fuel at Aden and Gibraltar.
(3) ATHELING reports size of Portsmouth and Chatham drafts warrants call at Spithead.
(C. in C. E.I., 151006 EF to Admty., ATHELING, F.O.C.R.N.O. Aden., N.O.I.C. Port Said, C. in C. Med.)

M/S, Force 11 constituted. Force 11 which is the minesweeping force shortly to commence operations off the Tenasserim coast is constituted as follows -
First Division B.Y.M.S. 2005, 2006, 2244, 2225, 2232 and 2008.

Second Division B.Y.M.S. 2203, 2204, 2061, 2148, 2015, 2043, 2264 and 2060.

H.Q. and maintenance ship NIGER, H.S.D. and water carrier EMPIRE TESVILLE.

(2) Lieut. Commander Pratt, R.N.V.R. is Senior Officer Force 11 in NIGER.

(3) Cancel my 031257 not to all.

(C. in C. E.I., 151118 to CORBRAE, NIGER, S.O. M/S 11, S.O. Force 11, BEACHY HEAD, C. in C. B.P.F., Admty.)

See previous page (F.O.M.A. 150844)

H.M.R.A.N. M/S on passage for transfer to Turkey. DHANUSH, GERALDTON, BROOME, GAWLER, SCOTOL, LAUNCESTON, PIRIE, DIETO engine defects. GERALDTON sailing delayed by 24 hours. My 141012 not to all refers. Propose sailing all five minesweepers in company with DHANUSH tomorrow 16th July. Minesweepers to be fuelled as required off Masira from SCOTOL and DHANUSH to escort until Cape Guardafui. F.O.Bs. 081122 and 021146 not to all refer.
(N.O.I.C. Karachi, 151200 to C. in C. E.I., Admty., N.H.Q.(I), C. in C. Med., S.N.O.P.G., Capt. i/c Aden.) Approved 161236

Take GAWLER, LAUNCESTON, BROOME, GERALDTON, PIRIE under your orders and sail Karachi as follows -
A. 1200 EF 16th July. B. Kilindini. C. 10 knots. F. Nil.
G. Action to be taken in accordance with my 151200. Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Karachi, 151230 to DHANUSH, C. in C. E.I., Admty., N.H.Q.(I), C. in C. Med., S.N.O.P.G.) See 180449.

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NORFOLK,
to proceed
with des-
patch to
Abadan (Tigris)

Request you will sail NORFOLK with despatch for Abadan. Ship should sail as soon as possible but undue publicity should be avoided - e.g. men should not be recalled from short leave. (1st Sea Lord, 151300A to C. in C. E.I., S.N.O.P.G., NORFOLK) See 180337A
Admiralty 151300 intend sailing 0900 Tuesday 16th July. Request Admiralty direct mail accordingly. (NORFOLK, 152215 EF to C. in C. E.I., Admty., S.N.O.P.G.)

E.G.vessel
for P.Gulf.

Request you will move a second escort vessel into the Persian Gulf.
(1st Sea Lord, 151301A to C. in C. E.I., S.N.O.P.G.)
See 161044.

WILD GOOSE,
in collision
at Basra.

K.R.A.I. Article 1167. WILD GOOSE was in collision with Margil Dock Wharf on 13th July. Damage was done to wooden jetty. WILD GOOSE was in charge of Basra Harbour Master who should have recommended dropping anchor before proceeding alongside, to hold ship against strong flood stream.
(S.N.O.P.G., 151302C to C. in C. E.I., Sec. to Admty., N.L.Branch.)

WILD GOOSE
sloop,
for Abadan.

Proceed in WILD GOOSE to Abadan and remain there until arrival of NORFOLK.
(V.C.N.S., 151840A to S.N.O.P.G., C. in C. E.I., NORFOLK.)

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America & West Indies

S/M TOKEN,
on passage
to Halifax.

My 102205* sailed TOKEN.
(S/M 3, 151241 to Admty., C.N.B. Ottawa, Cs. in
C. Rosyth, Plymouth, A.W.I., F.O.S/M, C.O.A.C.
Halifax, N.S.H.Q. Ottawa.)
* Intend to sail TOKEN to Halifax.

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

Sail at 1900Z today 15th July and proceed to
New York. Acknowledge.
(Com. 1/c Bermuda, 151500Z to LINARIA, C. in C.
A.W.I. Admty., C. in C. Plymouth, F.O. Gib.,
C.N.O., C. in C. Land., C.E.S.F.) See 161327Z

Far East and Australia.

Movements.

Arrivals 11th July.
A. Sydney NORTHERN TRAVELLER.
B. Jervis Bay HAWKESBURY.
C. Fremantle SWIFTSURE.

12th July. A. Rabaul SWAN, KATOOMBA, WARRNAMBOOL, LITHGOW,
ARARAT, ECHUCA, COWRA.

Departures 11th July. A. Sydney HAWKESBURY for Jervis Bay.
B. Brisbane DELORRAINE for Sydney.

12th July. A. Rabaul WESTRALIA for Brisbane.
(A.C.N.B., 150503 to Admty., Cs. in C. B.P.F., E.I., N.Z.N.B.)

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GENERAL

Dispersal
of officers

D.C.N.P., (Admty.) 161925A, A.G.M. Home and Abroad.
See Lion Copy.

MESSAGE.OUT*Dispersal of Officers*

UNCLASSIFIED

161925A/VALV

To A.G.M. Home and Abroad,
741 ABL

Date 16.7.46

P/L

From Admiralty

741 ABL

In continuation of A.G.M. 44A of 1st February, 1946, and 331A of 13th April, 1946, the following tentative programme for the dispersal of officers in the period 1st October to 31st December 1946 is promulgated for information and necessary action:-

2.	<u>Commissioned Officers</u>	<u>Group & Latest Dispersal Date</u>
	<i>Special Branch Officers.</i>	
(1)	Executive, (Incl. F.D.O.'s Warrant & Ex-Warrant Officers <i>not including those in (2) (3) & (4) below.</i>)	54 to 59 31st October, 1946 60 & above 30th November, 1946 (See para.3) 31st December, 1946
(2)	Meteorological Officers (Executive & Special Branches)	48 31st October, 1946 49 30th November, 1946 50 31st December, 1946
(3)	Radar Officers	54 31st October, 1946 55 & 56 30th November, 1946 57 to 60 31st December, 1946
(4)	Electrical Branch Officers	54 & 55 31st October, 1946 56 to 58 30th November, 1946 59 to 63 31st December, 1946
(5)	Naval Air Arm Officers (Except F.D.O.'s and Air Radio Officers) (Including Warrant & Ex-Warrant Officers)	54 31st October, 1946 55 31st December, 1946
(6)	Air Radio Officers	48 31st October, 1946 49 30th November, 1946 50 31st December, 1946
(7)	Engineers (Incl. Warrant & Ex-Warrant Officers)	44 to 47 31st October, 1946 48 to 53 30th November, 1946 54 to 60 31st December, 1946
(8)	Air Engineer Officers (Incl. Warrant Aircraft Officers and Air Ordnance Officers)	62 31st October, 1946 63 30th November, 1946 64 31st December, 1946

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<u>Commissioned Officers</u>	<u>Group & Latest Dispersal Date</u>	
(9) Supply Officers	33 to 34	31st October, 1946
	35 to 38	30th November, 1946
	39 to 43	31st December, 1946
(10) Cypher Officers	47 to 48	31st October, 1946
	49 to 50	30th November, 1946
	51 to 53	31st December, 1946
(11) Medical Officers	54	31st October, 1946
	55	30th November, 1946
	56	31st December, 1946
(12) Dental Officers	48	31st October, 1946
	49	30th November, 1946
	50 & 51	31st December, 1946
(13) Instructors & Schoolmaster Officers (Incl. Warrant and Ex-Warrant Officers)	33 to 35	31st October, 1946
	36 to 42	30th November, 1946
	43 to 47	31st December, 1946
(14) Chaplains	47 & 48	31st October, 1946
	49 & 50	30th November, 1946
	51 & 52	31st December, 1946
(15) Royal Marines (Incl. Warrant and Ex-Warrant Officers)	63	31st October, 1946
	64	30th November, 1946
	65	31st December, 1946
(16) Sea Transport Officers	51 to 59	31st October, 1946
	(See para. 4)	
(17) Nursing Sisters and V.A.D. Officers	49	31st October, 1946
	50 & 51	30th November, 1946
	52 & 53	31st December, 1946

3. The great majority of Marchvols and some Envols of the Executive Branch will have to be released by 31st December, 1946. Further details of these releases will be published shortly by A.F.O.

4. There are no officers in the Sea Transport Service in a higher Age and Service Group than 59.

5. It should be noted that the above programme is a tentative one and several amendments will probably be required to meet the rapidly changing situation which will inevitably occur during the period in question.

161925A

for D.C.N.P. (Q.A.M. Ext. 276)

ROYAL ADMIRALTY DIST:
C.O.S. for D.C.N.P.
Cabinet Section (for Miss Hobbs)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

South Atlantic

Proposed
visit of
C. in C.S.A.
to Pointe
Noire.

Subject to your concurrence I propose that NIGERIA flying the flag of Vice-Admiral Sir Clement Moody, K.C.B., Commander in Chief South Atlantic, should visit Pointe Noire from 13th to 14th Nov. I would be grateful for confirmation by signal that you approve.
(S.O. South Atlantic, 161110 to Vice-Admiral Comandant La Marine En A.O.F.A. Dakar, B.N.A. Paris Admty.)

Flag of C.
in C.S.A.
in NIGERIA,
cruiser.

My flag was transferred to NIGERIA on 9th July.
(C. in C. S.A., 161140 to Admty.)

NEREIDE,
sloop,
joined S.A.
station.

Simonstown arrival NEREIDE.
(C. in C.S.A., 161442 to Admty., R.N.O.Freetown,
C. in C. Med.)

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Mediterranean

AUSONIA,
repair ship,
on passage
to U.K.
from E.I.

Destination in U.K. is Clyde.

(2) On arrival about 2nd August passengers and men due for release and on longest abroad roster are to be discharged. Foreign Service leave is to be given in accordance with A.F.O. 1635/46.

(3) E.T.A. in Clyde is to be reported to C. in C. Rosyth, N.O.I.C. Greenock and Admiralty.

(D.O.D., 161220A to Cs. in C. Med., E.I., Nore, Rosyth, N.O.I.C. Greenock, AUSONIA.)

Cancelled by 271230A.

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East Indies

WHIMBREL,
A.A. sloop.

E.I.T.M. 43 sail from Palembang as follows -
A. 0430Z/16th July. B. Padang. C. Banka and
Sunda Straits 15 knots. F. 0630Z/19th July.
(R.N.O. Palembang, 160303Z to WHIMBREL, C. in
C. B.P.F., F.O.M.A., C. in C. E.I.)

B.D.Vs. in
Malayan area

Your 100250 para. 3. Propose following action
with Boom Defence Vessels in Malayan area.
A. Convert and reman. BARTHORPE and BARFOIL with
Asiatic crews.

B. Place in reserve BARFOAM no longer required
by Malayan Government.

C. BARCLOSE remain at Trincomalee.

(2) Operational B.D.Vs. in the area will then be BARFORD,
BARNWELL, BARBERRY, BARRANCA, BARTHORPE, BARFOIL which number
is considered necessary to implement essential refitting
programme these B.D.Vs. and working commitments for next 12
months.

(3) Agreed B.D.O. B.P.F.

(F.O.M.A., 160404Z to C. in C. B.P.F., Admty., C. in C. E.I.
N.O.I.C. Hongkong, C.S. Singapore, F.O. Ceylon.)

NORFOLK,
proceeding
Abadan with
despatch

Admiralty's 151300*, E.T.A. 1330Z/18th July.
Request local authorities be informed.
(NORFOLK, 160847 to S.N.O.P.G., C. in C. E.I.,
Admty.)

* Orders for NORFOLK to sail with despatch
for Abadan.

Movements.

Colombo 15th July arrivals, U.S.S. ASHTABULA,
L.S.T. 3015, CHAMELEON, PINCHER, PLUCKY,
RIFLEMAN, RECRUIT.

Departures, U.S.S. PLATTE, RANEE.

(F.O. Ceylon, 160900 EF to Admty., C. in C. E.I.)

LOCH GLENDHU,
frigate,
for P.Gulf.

Sail from Trincomalee as follows -

A. When ready today 16th July. B. Bahrein then
as ordered by S.N.O.P.G. C. 16 knots. Acknowledged
(C. in C. E.I., 161044 to LOCH GLENDHU, Admty.,
F.O. Ceylon, S.N.O.P.G.)

Frigates
returning to
U.K.

E.I.P.I. One. Take LOCH ECK under your orders
and sail from Trincomalee as follows -

A. 1900 EF 17th July. B. Aden. C. 12 knots.
Acknowledge.

(C. in C. E.I., 161101 EF to LOCH CRAGGIE, LOCH
ECK, Admty., F.O.C., Capt. i/c Aden.)

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KISTNA, A.A. E.I.P.I. One. Sail from Madras as follows -
sloop, for A. 2100/16th. B. Anti-smuggling patrol vicinity
anti-smuggling Point Calamere. C. 11 knots. G. Acknowledge.
patrol. (N.O.I.C. Madras, 161223 EF to KISTNA, Admty.,
C. in C. E.I., N.H.Q.(I) Bombay.)

Re R.N.A.M/S Your 151200 approved.
on passage (C. in C. E.I., 161236 EF to N.O.I.C. Karachi,
PIRIE, BROOME, LAUNCESTON, GERALDTON, GAWLER,
SCOTOL, Admty., C. in C. Med.)

Movement. E.I.P.I. 18. WILD GOOSE arrived Abadan 16th.
(S.N.O.P.G., 161556C to Admty., C. in C. E.I.,
NORFOLK, LOCH GLENDHU.)

July 16th Port Said arrival 1100 AUSONIA from
Ismailia, 0630, MONTE CUCCOLI from Italy.
Departures 1900 AUSONIA to Malta, 0600 SHROPSHIRE to Aden. *See below.*
(2) Suez arrivals 1200 FORMIDABLE from Aden.
Departures 1330 FORMIDABLE to Bitter Lakes.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said, 161850B to C. in C. Med., Admty., C. in C.
E.I., R.N.O. Aden.)

SHOREHAM, Your 121212 being passed to all.
sloop, on As SHOREHAM is Devonport ship final destination
passage to should be amended to Plymouth unless there is
U.K. from special reason for ship to proceed to Sheerness.
P.Gulf. (D.O.D., 161956A to Cs. in C. E.I., Nore, Plymouth
F.O. Gibraltar.)

Abadan, Sitrep on arrival Abadan representative A.I.O.C.
Labour came on board. He anticipates return of labour
troubles. tomorrow Wednesday but general situation is likely
to remain very tense owing to release of Tudeh
Leaders by Prince Firou. These had been
imprisoned by Iranian Military Governor following
disturbances on Sunday night. Disturbances up to the present
have been generally confined to Arab versus Iranian a major
factor being the murder of a leading Arab Sheikh. Iranian
Military Governor seems to have the situation in hand and
martial law will continue for 20 days. Details of events have
presumably been reported by H.B.M. representative who attended
conference with Firou. Presence of British warships will now
undoubtedly give confidence to British personnel of A.I.O.C.
(S.N.O.P.G., 162032 to C. in C. E.I., Admty., NORFOLK, Mideast
C.I.C.I. Baghdad, A.O.C. Iraq, Mil. Iraq.)

H.M.A.S. Departed Suez 2240B/16th July, E.T.A. Aden 1200C/
SHROPSHIRE, 20th July, S.O.A. 15.5 knots. Requirements on
on passage arrival as in my 241351 June not to all.
to Australia. (SHROPSHIRE, 162041Z to Capt. i/c Aden, Admty.,
N.O.I.C. Port Said, C. in C. E.I., A.C.N.B.,
C. in C. Med.)

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America & West Indies

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

My 151500Z LINARIA sailed to comply.
(Com. 1/c Bermuda, 161327Z to C. in C. A.W.I.,
Admty., C. in C. Plymouth, F.O. Gibraltar, C.N.O.
C. in C. Lant., C.E.S.E.)

A.F.D. No. 5
and B.D.Vs.
MOORPOUT,
BARBECUE.

Admty's 211744* (N.T. in W.D.) March.
Work on moorings of A.F.Dock No. 5 is now
completed. Propose MOORPOUT be sailed direct to
Chatham at end of July. Propose BARBECUE be
retained at Bermuda in accordance with my 092004
(N.T. in W.D.)
(C.S. Bermuda, 161957Z to Admty., C. in C.A.W.I.)
* H.M. ships MOORPOUT and BAROVA expected leave
U.K. early April.

Far East and Australia

FENCER,
trooping.

A.M. 031832* and 042059 (N.T. in W.D.) FENCER
is not required to proceed to Singapore or
Hongkong.
(2) Subject concurrence of C. in C. E.I. ship
should return to U.K. from Colombo.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 160154 to Admty., C. in C. E.I.,
F.O.M.A., Cdre. Hongkong.)
* Anticipated programme of Naval Trooping vessels
sailing from U.K. in August 1946.

Movements.

Arrivals 13th July. A. Sydney DELORAINÉ.
B. Port Moresby ARUNTA.
Departures A. Fremantle TURPIN for Aden.
B. Port Moresby ARUNTA for Sydney.
C. Rabaul SWAN, KATOOMBA, WARRNAMBOOL, LITHGOW,
ARARAT, ECHUCA, ~~CARRE~~, ~~CARA~~ for Bougainville
Strait.
(A.C.N.B., 160521 to Admty., Cs. in C. B.P.F.,
E.I., N.Z.N.B.)

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North Atlantic

LOCH MORE,
frigate,
on passage
to U.K. from
E.I. and
for reserve
category B.

Sail 0700B/18th July to Harwich.
(2) Speed 12½ knots, E.T.A. p.m. 23rd July.
(6) Acknowledge.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 170934B to LOCH MORE, Admty.,
Cs. in C. Plymouth, Portsmouth.)

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Mediterranean

FORMIDABLE,
trooping.

FORMIDABLE departed Port Said at 1300B/17th July
E.T.A. Malta Marsa Lock 1130B/19th July. S.O.A.
20 knots.
(FORMIDABLE, 171350B to R.A. Malta, C. in C. Med.,
Admty.)

Capt. M/S
Med. Lapse
of appointment

The appointment of Captain M/S Med. will lapse on
18th July 1946.
(C. in C. Med., 171651 to Med. Stations General
Message, NR 523B, Admty.)

D.3 in
SAUMAREZ.

Arrival 0800C/17th D.3 in SAUMAREZ from Famagusta
departure 0900C/17th HAYDON for Limasol.
(N.O.I.C. Haifa, 171802 to C. in C. Med., Admty.)

Movements

Port Said 17th July arrivals 1230 FORMIDABLE from
Bitter Lakes departures 0430 ANSON to Malta 0900
L.S.E. 53 to Malta 1000 I.S. ABRUZZI to Naples
1300 FORMIDABLE to Malta 2000 I.S. ^{HAIFA}MONTE CUCCOLI
to Taranto.
(2) Suez arrivals nil departures nil.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said, 171810B to C. in C. Med.,
Admty., C. in C. E.I., R.N.O. Aden.)

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East Indies.

ALAUNIA, repair ship, on passage to U.K. E.I.P.I. I. Sail from Singapore as follows - A. p.m. 19th July. B. Trincomalee. C. 13 knots. Acknowledge. (F.O.M.A., 170403Z to ALAUNIA, Admty., Cs. in C. B.P.F., E.I.)

QUEEN, trooping. E.I.P.I. I. Sail from Singapore as follows - A. 1030Z/17th July. B. Colombo. C. 16 knots. Acknowledge. (F.O.M.A., 170413Z to QUEEN, Admty., Cs. in C. B.P.F., E.I.)

^{M/V}
33. SOUTHERN PRINCE, on passage to U.K. (Accommodation ship). E.I.P.I. I. Sail from Singapore as follows - A. a.m. 19th July. B. Aden. E. N.S.W.6 of 1945 and subsequent amendments. F. 30th July. Acknowledge. (F.O.M.A., 170423Z to SOUTHERN PRINCE, Admty., etc.)
See 271048

VICTORIOUS, trooping. E.I.P.I. One. Sail from Trincomalee as follows - A. 1430 EF 17th July. B. Colombo for onward routeing to U.K. C. 20 knots. F. 0900 EF 18th July. Acknowledge. (C. in C. E.I., 170817 EF to VICTORIOUS, Admty., F.O. Ceylon, Capt. 1/c Aden.)

Movements Trincomalee 16th July, arrivals. GLORY, FINISTERRE. Departures LOCH GLENDHU. (C. in C. E.I., 170900 EF to Admty., F.O. Ceylon, S.N.O.P.G., F.O. Air.)

S.N.O.P.G., W/T touch Whilst at Abadan I am not in W/T touch with anyone except Ceylon W/T. (S.N.O.P.G., 170947C to Admty., C. in C. E.I., NORFOLK.) See 190945

7th M/S F. for passage to U.K. Intend following programme for 7th M/S F. on passage to U.K.

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Leave</u>
-	Colombo	19th July
23rd July	Bombay	25th July
29th July	Masirah	29th July
5th August	Aden	7th August

(2) Dates are tentative owing to monsoon conditions. On arrival Aden M/S 7 is to signal proposed onward programme.
(3) GOLD RANGER will accompany flotilla from Bombay and after fuelling them at Masirah is to be detached to Abadan. (C. in C. E.I., 170951 to Admty., C. in C. Med., S.O. 7th M/S F.)

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Frigates for
return to
U.K.

My 101049. Sailed LOCH CRAGGIE (S.O.) and LOCH ECK
(C. in C. E.I., 171130 EF to Admty., R.N.O. Aden,
N.O.I.C. Port Said, C. in C. Med.)

ATHELING,
trooping

E.I.P.I. 1. Sail from Colombo as follows -
A. 0600 EF 18th July. B. Aden. C. 16 knots.
Acknowledge.
(F.O. Ceylon, 171245 to ATHELING, Admty., R.N.O.
Aden, C. in C. E.I.)

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SPEAKER, Arrival 17th, SPEAKER.
escort carrier (Com. i/c Bermuda, 171307 to C. in C. A.W.I.,
on passage for Admty., N.O.I.C. Greenock, N.S.H.Q., C.O.A.C.)
return to U.S.A. *See below*

Atlantic
operational
summary

Change my 091712. Atlantic. Serial 239.
NORTH CAROLINA, WASHINGTON, RANDOLPH at Newport.
HOUSTON, LITTLE ROCK at Stockholm.
FARGO at Venice. PORTSMOUTH at sea.
(C.N.O. Washington, 171331Z to Admty., Comnaveu.)

SPEAKER,
escort
carrier.

Owing to defects SPEAKER will not now sail for
Norfolk Va. till 1130Z/18th July, 1946.
(2) E.T.A. Norfolk 0600R Saturday 20th July.
(3) Anticipated draught on arrival 23 feet.
(5) SPEAKER acknowledge and sail to comply.
(Com. i/c Bermuda, 171631Z to SPEAKER, C. in C.
A.W.I., B.A.D., Com. 5, Admty., N.S.H.Q., C.O.A.C.
C.N.O., C.E.S.F.) See 181452Z

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

Reference A.G.M. 559AZ. P.C.S. at 1200Z/17
36° 13' N. 68° 33' W. 317° 8 knots. passed through
centre of storm at 0830Z/17 wind north west.
West wind reaching force 8 to 9. Wind north west
force 5 moderate confused sea and swell. Heavy
showers with visibility decreasing to 3 cable.
(LINARIA, 172008Z to C. in C. A.W.I., C. in C.
Plymouth, Admty., C.N.O., C. in C. Lant, C.E.S.F.,
Comnor Lant Pat.)

Boston (U.S.A)
lapse of
appointment
of B.N.L.O.

Appointment of B.N.L.O. Boston will lapse on
31st July, 1946.
(B.A.D., 172154Z to Admty., N.S.H.Q., C. in C.
A.W.I., B.N.L.O. New York, Norfolk, Boston,
C.O.A.C.)

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C.S.2,
transfer of
flag

C.S. 2 will transfer his flag from BERMUDA to NEWFOUNDLAND at Hongkong about 29th July. Request mails be diverted accordingly now.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 170103Z to Admty., F.O. 2nd C.S. BERMUDA, NEWFOUNDLAND.)

H.M.N.Z.S.
ACHILLES,
on passage
to U.K.

Departed Auckland H.M.N.Z.S. ACHILLES for Darwin 0100Z/~~24~~th July.
(2) Passage is in accordance with my 092238 which is concurred in by all addressees.
(N.Z.N.B., 170406Z to Admty.)

S/M TAPIR
on passage
to U.K.

Departures 14th July (A) Fremantle TAPIR for Aden.
(A.C.N.B., 170636Z to Admty., C. in C. B.P.F., C. in C. E.I., N.Z.N.B.)

RAME HEAD,
escort main-
tenance ship
escort forces
in B.P.F.
reduction of.

Your 050801.
(2) As Escort Forces in B.P.F. will be reduced to 12, in August, retention of RAME HEAD until Nov. Dec. or later would not appear to be justified.
(3) Request you will sail her for U.K. as soon as practicable after departure of WHIMBREL.
(V.C.N.S., 171110A to Cs. in C. B.P.F., E.I., Cdre. Hongkong.)

TYNE, des-
troyer depot,
ship

B. TYNE. C. R.A.D., D. Yokohama. E. 1030Z/17. F. 10 knots. G. Direct. H. Hongkong. I. 0005Z Wednesday 24th July.
(C.T.G. 96.8, 171246 to C. in C. B.P.F., M.R.O. Tokyo, Admty., Com. Hongkong.)

^{MIV}
~~SS~~. STANHALL,
disabled,
for towage.

No objection to towage of ^{MIV}~~SS~~. STANHALL as proposed in your 100210. On completion forward full report to Director of Sea Transport who will render account in London.
(Hd. of S. 171417A to Cdre. Hongkong, C. in C.B. P.F.)
See 161458 August 1

CONSORT,
COMUS,
destroyers,
allocated
to B.P.F.

Your 120054 (N.T. in W.D.)
It is unlikely that CONSORT and COMUS can be manned for some time and it is regretted that it is not yet possible to forecast when these ships will leave U.K.
(2) Further signal will be made when this is known
(D.O.D., 171954A to C. in C. B.P.F., R.A.D. B.P.F.)

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North Atlantic.

COLOSSUS,
on passage
to U.K. with
T.R.Hs. Crown
Prince and
Princess of
Greece on
board.

Sail 1600B/18th July to Plymouth for O/R
Portsmouth.

(2) Speed 13½ E.T.A. 0800B/22nd July.

(5) T.R.Hs. The Crown Prince and Princess of
Greece embarked.

(6) "Q" messages complete to QZX/1744 Y/745 H/594
Naveam 1074. (7) Acknowledge.

(F.O. Gibraltar, 180919B to COLOSSUS, Admty.,
Cs. in C. Plymouth, Portsmouth.)

WOOLWICH,
destroyer
depot ship,
on passage
to Malta.

Sail at 1400B/19th July via Medri routes to Malta.

(2) Speed 11, E.T.A. 0700B/23 July.

(5) Acknowledge.

(F.O. Gib., 181119B to WOOLWICH, Admty., C. in C.
Med., R.A. Malta, C.S.M., R.A.D. Med.)

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East Indies

NORFOLK, for Bahrein in lieu of Abadan. Amend my 151300 to C. in C. East Indies. Proceed Bahrein pending further instructions. Acknowledge.
(Admty., 180337A to NORFOLK, C. in C. E.I., S.N.O.P.G.) See 190955C
What was position of NORFOLK when she was diverted to Bahrein. A.M. 180337A refers.
(1st S.L., 181751A to C. in C. E.I., NORFOLK.)
Owing to blackout in reception of broadcast "V" during forenoon in Northern Persian Gulf, it is possible that NORFOLK did not receive your 180654* until 1214Z when she was within an hours steaming of Abadan.
(C. in C. E.I., 181855 EF to Admty.)
* Addressed to S.N.O.P.G. repetition of A.M. 180337, ordering NORFOLK to Bahrein pending further instructions.

H.M.A.M/S on passage Following received from Delhi C.C.O. addressed C. in C. E.I. repeated Admiralty, Naval H.Q. India, F.O. Bombay, Capt. i/c Aden, DHANUSH, GAWLER, C. in C. Med. (?from P.S.T.O. India) begins:-
BROOME returned to Karachi p.m. 16th July due to engine defects. DHANUSH remaining with the rest of the M/S probable date of completion to BROOME 25th July. My 151230* ends. T.O.O. 170858.
(Bombay Fort, 180449 EF to C. in C. E.I., Admty., etc.)
* DHANUSH to take GAWLER, LAUNCESTON, BROOME, GERALDTON, PIRIE and sail from Karachi.

Movements. Colombo July 17th.
Arrivals SANDRAY, SCARAWAY, ERITREA, ATHELING.
Departures U.S.S. ASH TABULA.
(F.O. Ceylon, 180900 To Admty. C. in C. E.I.)
Trincomalee 17th July. Arrived and sailed VICTORIOUS.
Departures LOCH CRAGGIE, LOCH ECK.
(C. in C. E.I., 180900 EF to Admty., F.O. Ceylon, R.N.O. Aden.)

WILD GOOSE, and H.M. ships to keep outside Persian territorial waters. WILD GOOSE is to proceed outside Persian Territorial waters forthwith and for the present neither she nor any of H.M. ships is to berth in Persian Territorial waters without orders from Admiralty.
(1st S.L., 181436A to S.N.O.P.G., WILD GOOSE, C. in C. E.I., NORFOLK.) See 191000C.

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SPEAKER,
on passage
for return
to U.S.A.

My 171631Z. SPEAKER sailed to comply.
(Com. i/c Bermuda, 181452Z to C. in C. A.W.I.,
Admty., N.O.I.C. Port Headland, N.S.H.A., C.O.A.C.,
C.N.O., C. in C. Lant.)

Far East and Australia

BARFLEUR,
destroyer

B. BARFLEUR. D. Yokohama. E. 0010/18.
F. 14 knots. G. Direct. H. Jinsen. I. 0630Z
Sunday 21st.
(C.T.G. 96.8, 180129 to C. in C. B.P.F., M.R.O.
Tokyo, Admiralty, R.A.D., B.P.F., BARFLEUR.)

Re S/M attack
on Sydney
Harbour in
1942 for
broadcast.

H.Q. Scap have requested story of submarine
attack on Sydney Harbour in 1942. Information
required to compile reply on weekly feature put
over on radio Tokyo.
(2) Request you signal summary of story so that
reply can be made to Scap as soon as possible.
(UKNA, 180630 to A.C.N.B., Admty.)

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East Indies

NORFOLK
cruiser at
Abadan.

Half way Shatt-al-Arab and Abadan. Ship now in
Abadan and sailing Bahrein 0730 July 19th.
Ref. A.M. 181751A.*
(NORFOLK, 190319Z to C. in C. E.I. (R) Admty).
*Position of NORFOLK when she was diverted to
Bahrein. *See 031301A. August.*

Following is repetition of my 18(?23)01ø begins:
Admiralty 180036A/ not received until 181605C and repetition
18(?16)30C too late to prevent entry of H.M.S. NORFOLK arrived
Abadan 1900C. H.M.S. NORFOLK leaves for Bahrein 0700C 19th
July on first daylight tide.

2. Have had no information regarding situation ashore which
appears completely quiet and tanker loading proceeding normally.

(S.N.O.P.G. 190955C to C. in C. E.I., Admty. NORFOLK).

øFormerly received undecypherable.

/Repeated by 180337A.

Senior
Officer
Persian Gulf
visit to
Basra.

Following is a repetition of my 180455C (N.T. in
W.D.) begins:-

Request approval to enter Basra to regain
personal contact A.O.C. and Military Iraq
spotting in touch since 1200C 16th, my 170947C
refers.

(S.N.O.P.G. 190945 to Admty., C. in C. E.I.,
NORFOLK).

H.M. Ships
not to berth
in Persian
territorial
waters.

Your 181436A. At no time has H.M.S. WILD GOOSE
entered or berthed in Persian territorial waters.
H.M.S. WILD GOOSE is at anchor off Abadan in
waters which harbour authorities assure me are
Iraqian. Is it desired that ships should
leave Abadan to avoid further rumour of
infringing in which case propose leaving for
Basra.

(S.N.O.P.G., 191000C to Admty).

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Far East & Australia

Typhoon
at Hong Kong
severe damage
to H.M.S.
NABCATCHER
(Mobile Naval
air base).

Moderately severe typhoon passed 20 miles south
of Hong Kong at 0900Z/18th.

2. No serious casualties among naval personnel.
3. Severe damage to H.M.S. NABCATCHER. Approx.
300 deprived of accommodation.
4. Some damage to dockyard and requisitioned
property.
5. Following ships grounded but anticipate
little difficulty in refloating British SAI OM,
Norwegian UMITA BAVIKEM. R.N. Manned heavy left
ship SEISHU MARU grounded and holed. Anticipated one weeks work
to refloat.
6. In addition a considerable number of minor craft have been
damaged.

(Com. Hong Kong 190238 to Admty., C. in C. B.P.F.)

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East Indies

PHEASANT
A/A sloop
programme
for return
to U.K.

C. in C. B.P.F's 010311Z PHEASANT delayed at
Singapore for approximately 14 days with engine
room defects.
(F.O.M.A., 201003Z to C. in C. E.I. (R) C. in C.
B.P.F., Admty)

Far East & Australia

PRINCE SALVOR
Salvage
vessel
damaged.

H.M.S. PRINCE SALVOR whilst under tow to dockyard
was pierced in No.1 hold by uncharted wreck
lifted from wreck now awaiting docking.
(Com. Hong Kong, 201147 to Admty, (R) C. in C.
B.P.F.)

No signals received for Sunday, 21st July, 1946.

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Mediterranean

OCEAN
programme.

My 041633 and your 181146 not to Capt. (Air) Mediterranean. Propose following amended and further programme for H.M.S. OCEAN and RAIDER.

2. a.m. Wednesday 31st July sail for Malta.
3. a.m. Saturday 3rd August fly off to Halfar

six Fireflies for day and night additional and six Seafires for armament and Army co-operation training.

4. p.m. Saturday 3rd H.M.S. OCEAN, H.M.S. RAIDER to enter harbour.
5. Monday 5th disembark reserve aircraft maintenance and Army liaison section to Halfar.
6. Tuesday 6th to Friday 9th and thereafter for four or five days a week until end of August exercising from MX entering GH for weekends.
7. Seafire and Firefly crews at Halfar would be changed as training progresses anticipate night deck landing training might start about Thursday 15th August.
8. F.R.U. aircraft would be required to assist with gunnery and radar practices and as targets for night fighters.
9. Co-operation of other R.N. ships and R.A.F. in exercises would be welcomed.
10. Anticipate ships would be sufficiently worked up to leave Malta early in September.
(OCEAN, 221359 to C. in C. Med., F.O. Gib. Capt. (Air) Med)

East Indies

M/S report

Weekly report of M/S Progress No. 31 Serial Klang Straits E.F.M.I. 73.

181st M.S.F. commenced sweeping operations.
Future operations - Serial 18 E.F.M.I. 366.

Berhala Strait. Serial 32 E.F.M.I. 482. S. Approaches Singapore. 11th M.S.F. sails 25th July to continue magnetic sweep of E.F.M.I. 66.

My 131715 May refers.

Carry out clearance of Jap. moored mines in E.F.M.I. 482.
(F.O.M.A., 220225Z to C. in C. B.P.F., C. in C. E.I., S.A.C.S.E.A., Admty).

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Mediterranean.

SHEFFIELD
cruiser.

SHEFFIELD has requested permission to pay a short visit to the Azores about 20th August, during passage Bermuda on completion of work up at Malta. (C. in C. Med. 231717 to Admiralty. C. in C. A.W.I. SHEFFIELD. C. in C. Plymouth.) 291900(A & W.I.)
(See 251754A (A. & W.I.) or See 072201 Aug

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

EURYALUS
Cruiser.

- (B) EURYALUS.
 - (D) Port Moresby.
 - (E) 2100Z July 21st.
 - (F) 14 knots.
 - (G) Malucca passage.
 - (H) Manila or K Hong Kong.
 - (M) 1200Z July 26th.
- (EURYALUS 230030Z to C. in C. B.P.F. Admiralty.
A.C.N.B. R.N.O. Port Moresby. N.O.F. N.Z.N., C.S.2)

TOTEM
S/M
programme
for return
to U.K.

Following programme for TOTEM returning U.K.

(A) <u>Arrival.</u>	<u>Port.</u>	<u>Departure.</u>
-	Sydney.	12th August.
23rd August.	Fremantle.	26th August.
14th September.	Aden.	15th September
19th September.	Suez.	20th September
20th September.	Port Said.	21st September
25th September.	Malta.	27th September
1st October.	Gibraltar.	2nd October.
6th October.		

Port of arrival.

(C) TOTEM's 182342 July addressed to F.O.I.C. Sydney, not to all refers.

(D) Request you sail TOTEM accordingly.

(A.C.N.B. 230738 to F.O.I.C. Sydney. TOTEM. Capt. S/M. 4. Capt. S/M.5. Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F. B.P.F.L.O. F.O. Submarine.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Title of
S.B.N.O.
Middle
East.

I have reviewed the proposal in para.5 of my letter 1940/MED46/00700/2/1B of the 22nd June in the light of the recent trends of Treaty negotiations and I now consider the present title of S.B.N.O.M.E. should continue at any rate until Army has withdrawn from the Delta viz about 31st March 1947 when the question should be reviewed again.

2. Arrangements in A.M. 181241(N.T. in W.D.) (not to C. in C.E.I.) should therefore stand which means that Rear Admiral McCall will assume the Command and overall administrative responsibility of Naval establishments in the Levant area and Red Sea North of 15 degs. North. His flag will be flown at Navy House Port Said. What allowances should McCall be paid in these circumstances.

(C. in C.M.E. 241030 to Admiralty. S.B.N.O.M.E. C. in C.E.I.)
Rear Adm. H.W.U. McCall has been appointed to succeed Vice Adm. Sir W.G. Tennant as S.B.N.O.M.E. as from Aug.

Movements.

Arrival 2300C 23rd LIVERPOOL from Jaffa.
Departures 2100C/23.
HAYDON for Famagusta and Malta 1230C/24.
LIVERPOOL for Gaza and Port Said.
(N.O.I.C. Haifa 241800 to C. In C. Med. Admiralty.)

Movements.

24th July.
Port Said. Arrivals. 0630 ATTILIO REGOLO ^{from} ~~for~~ Taranto.
Departures. Nil.
Suez. Arrivals. 0900 CRANE from Aden.
Departures. 1300 CRANE for Port Said.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said. 241900B to C. in C. Med. Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. R.N.O. Aden.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

ATHELING
trooping.

Reference 548C intend to sail from Aden
as follows:

- (A) 1500C 24th July.
 - (B) Suez.
 - (C) 16 knots.
 - (F) A.M. 28th July.
- (ATHELING 240755Z to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty.
N.O.I.C. Port Said. R.N.O. Aden.)

Movement.

E.I.P.I.13. LOCH GLENDHU, arrived Bahrein.
(NORFOLK 240900D to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.
S.N.O.I.)

7th M/S
Flotilla
on passage
to U.K.

E.I.T.M. 43. Take RECRUIT, PINCHER, PLUCKY,
RIFLEMAN, CHAMELEON, SANDRAY and SCARAVAY under
your orders and sail from Bombay as follows:

- (A) 1600EF 25th July.
- (B) Aden.
- (C) Best speed possible via Masirah.
- (G) M/S 7 to fuel from GOLD RANGER off Masirah

as required on completion proceed to Aden.

Acknowledge.

(F.O. Bombay 241101EF to M/S 7 PICKLE. Admiralty. F.O. Ceylon.
C. in C.E.I. R.N.O. Aden.)

H.M.A.S.
BROOME
M/S on
passage.

Sail from Karachi as follows:

- (A) 0900EF 25th July 1946.
 - (B) Aden.
 - (C) 10 knots.
 - (D) WC 356.
 - (E) Continuous Broadcast Victor. Acknowledge.
- (N.O.I.C. Karachi 241530 to BROOME. Admiralty.
C. in C.E.I. F.O. Ceylon. C. in C. Med.)

SHOREHAM
Sloop on
passage
to U.K.

E.I.P.I. 13. Arrived Aden 0300Z 24th July.
(SHOREHAM 241822C to Admiralty. C. in C. E.I.
(STN.)).

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

TOKEN
S/M.

Arrival Halifax 1100Z Wednesday 24th July.
TOKEN from Rothesay Scotland.
(C.O.A.C. 241215 to Admiralty. F.O.S.M. S.M.3.
N.S.H.Q. SCOTIAN).

Far East and Australia.

Dutch ship
EVERTSEN
destroyer.

E.I.T.M.43. Sail from Batavia as follows:
(A) 1400GH 24th.
(B) (? New Britain for) Itam Bay.
(F) A.M. 25th July.
(G) R.N.N.L.O. Priok (?20)0106Z (not to all)
refers. Acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Batavia 240225Z to EVERTSEN. C. in C.
R.N.N.E. R.N.N.L.O. Priok. F.O.M.A. Admiralty.)

Movements.

Arrivals 21st July.
(A) Port Moresby EURYALUS.
Departures. (A) Melbourne VERYAN BAY for Sydney.
(A) Sydney KANIMBLA for Brisbane.
(X) Rabaul SHOALHAVEN for Dreger, QUADRANT for
Guam.
(A.C.N.B. 240518Z to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F.
C. in C.E.I. N.Z.N.B.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

Re
disturbances
during
H.M.A.S.
SHROPSHIRE
visit to
Gibraltar.

In anticipation of press comment W.J. Cummings understood to be an Evening Standard reporter and under contract to Australian Consolidated Press has been in Gibraltar since 16th July to write up the disturbances during SHROPSHIRE visit on 5th July. Nature of his articles not known but likely to have anti service bias Admiralty. Please pass to Captain S. Foley, Australia House. My 071438 and 21545 refers.
(F.O. Gibraltar 251720B to Admiralty. C. in C.Med. A.C.N.B.)

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Mediterranean.

Changes of
Titles
(Military)
in Middle
East.

63707. SD2b.
1. With immediate effect, the title of Commander in Chief Middle East will be changed to Commander in Chief Middle East Land Forces, abbreviation C. in C. MELF.
2. Similarly, Middle East will in future be known as Middle East Land Forces, abbreviation M.E.L.F. All informed.
(W.O. 250900A to EXFOR. C. in C. India. G.H.Q. C.M.F. A.L.F.S.E.A. B.T.A. Land Forces Greece.)

AUSONIA
repair
ship on
passage
to U.K.
from E.I.

A.M. 161220A. Recommend AUSONIA be routed to Chatham in first place for following reasons.
1. 131 ratings of ship's company (excluding repair ratings and S.R.R.D.) have more than 21 months F/S and 48 are due for release by 26th August. These cannot be discharged without relief and F/S leave cannot be given to remainder until reliefs arrive. Many of ship's company live in Chatham area.
2. AUSONIA carries about 500 passengers including Army and rail transport to South of England from Greencok over bank holiday week end appears undesirable.
3. 200 tons of Naval Stores require to be disembarked.
(C. in C. Med. 251326B to Admiralty. C. in C. Rosyth. C. in C. Nore. AUSONIA.)
See 271230A.

Movement.

Departure 0700C 25th VOLAGE for Limasol.
(N.O.I.C. Haifa 251810C to C. in C. Med. Admiralty)

Movements.

25th July arrivals:
0130 CRANE from Suez.
0830 CARABINIERE from Naples.
0900 LIVERPOOL from Haifa.

Departures:

1200 CRANE for Malta.
0700 EMILE BERTIN for Toulon.
Suez - Arrivals Nil.
Departures Nil.

(N.O.I.C. Port Said 251900 to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.
C. in C.E.I. R.N.O. Aden.)

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KINSBERGEN
Sloop for
patrol.E.I.T.M. 43. Sail from Batavia
(A) 002(?)GH 25th July.
(B) Patrol off North coast Java.
Acknowledge. (1971).
(N.O.I.C. Batavia 250438Z to VAN KINSBERGEN.
C. in C. R.N.N.E. R.N.L.O. (?PRIOK).)SHOREHAM
Sloop
on passage
to U.K.
from Persian
Gulf.E.I.P. Intend to sail from Aden.
(A) 0800Z 25th July.
(B) Suez for U.K.
(C) 11 knots.
(F) 0600Z 30th July.
(SHOREHAM 250827^F to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.
R.N.O. Aden. C. in C. Med.)SALVALOUR
(Salvage
vessel) to
tow S.S.
BEN LOMOND
(Br. 7174
tons) to
Singapore.Sail from Singapore when ready p.m. today 25th
July and proceed to Penang. S.O.A. 9 knots.
2. On arrival prepare to tow S.S. BEN LOMOND
to Singapore. JAUNTY will be sailed from
Singapore shortly to assist. Further signal
will be made.
(F.O.M.A. 250913Z to SALVALOUR. Admiralty.
C. in C. B.P.F.)VICTORIOUS
trooping
homewards.Intend sailing from Aden as follows:
(A) 1130C 25th July.
(B) Suez.
(C) 20 knots.
(D) W.C. 355.
(VICTORIOUS 250944C to C. in C. Med. C. in C.E.I.
N.O.I.C. Port Said. Admiralty.)H.M.A.S.
M/S. on
passage to
Medn. for
transfer
to Turkey.Intend to sail from Aden as follows LAUNCESTON
and PIRIE in company.
(A) 0200Z 26th July.
(B) Port Said.
(C) 11 knots.
(E) Broadcast V.
(GAWLER 251035Z to C. in C.E.I. LAUNCESTON,
PIRIE, Admiralty, N.O.I.C. Port Said. R.N.O.
Aden. C. in C. Med.)Frigates
on passage
to U.K.
and for
reserve
Cat.Intend to sail from Aden LOCH ECK in company as
follows:
(A) 0600C 26th July.
(B) Suez.
(C) 12 knots.
(LOCH CRAGGIE 251430 to C. in C.E.I. F.O.C.
Admiralty. R.N.O. Aden. N.O.I.C. Port Said.)

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SHARPSHOOTER Mergui survey complete at request of C. in C.E.I.
Surveying Intends sailing as follows:
vessel E.I.P.I. 1 refers.
Mergui (A) 0900EF 26th July.
survey. (B) Penang to locate wrecks in Southern entrance.
(C) 8½ knots.
(SHARPSHOOTER 251647 to C. in C. B.P.F. Admiralty.
C. in C.E.I. F.O.M.A. N.O.I.C. Rangoon. S.O. Force
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America and West Indies.

Visit of
SHEFFIELD
to Azores.

Request your remarks on C. in C. Med's 231717.
(D.O.D. 251754A to C. in C.A & W.I. C. in C.
Plymouth).

Far East and Australia.

RAME HEAD
Escort
Maintenance
ship.

A.M. 171110/ not to all. Intend RAME HEAD
sail from Hong Kong for U.K. about 9th Sept.
(C. in C. B.P.F. 250120Z to Admiralty. C. in C.
E.I.)
/ Re Sailing RAME HEAD to U.K.

Movement.

Departed New Plymouth 2330Z 24th July.
WHITESAND BAY for Euiga (New Hebrides).
E.T.A. 2230Z 29th July.
(N.Z.N.B. 250414Z to Admiralty.)

Movements.

Arrivals 22nd July
(A) Port Moresby CONDAMINE.
(B) Dreger SHALHAVEN.
Departures:
(A) Bougainville Strait KATOOMBA, ARARAT, COWRA,
ECHUCA, WARNAMBOOL for Rabaul.
(B) Port Moresby EURYALUS for Hong Kong.
(C) Sydney ARUNTA for Melbourne MILDURA for
Townsville.
(A.C.N.B. 250511Z to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F.
C. in C. E.I. N.Z.N.B.)

SWIFTSURE
Cruiser.

Departed Fremantle 0800Z 25th July. SWIFTSURE
for Colombo in accordance with C. in C. B.P.F.'s
120045 June. E.T.A. Colombo 0130Z 3rd August.
S.O.A. 15 knots.
(N.O.I.C. Fremantle 250808 to F.O. Ceylon.
SWIFTSURE. Admiralty. A.C.N.B. F.O.I.C.S. C. in C.
B.P.F. C. in C.E.I.)

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North Atlantic.

ANSON
Battleship
on passage
to U.K.
from B.P.F.
wearing the
flag of
Vice Admiral
Edelsten.

Wearing the flag of Vice Admiral Edelsten sail
1200B 26th July to Portsmouth.
2. Speed 14. E.T.A. Spithead 0900A 29th July.
5. Sir Horace Seymour embarked.
7. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Gib. 261049B to ANSON, Admiralty. C. in C.
Plymouth. C. in C. Portsmouth. Combrax Portsmouth.)

AUSONIA
repair
ship on
passage
to U.K.
from E.I.

Sail 0700B 27th July to Greenock.
2. Speed 12. E.T.A. a.m. 1st August.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Gibraltar 261107B to AUSONIA, Admiralty,
C. in C. Plymouth. C. in C. Rosyth. S.O.R.F.
Clyde.)

WREN
A.A.Sloop
on passage
to Malta
to work
up.
Allocated
to Persian
Gulf
Division.

Sail 0730B 27th July via Medri routes to Malta.
2. Speed 10. E.T.A. 0900B 31st July.
4. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Gibraltar 261119B to WREN. Admiralty.
C. in C. Med. I.R.A.M. C.S.M. R.A.D.)

South Atlantic.

ROTHESAY
training
ship
allocated
to South
Atlantic.

When ready about 7th August ROTHESAY is to be
sailed to Gibraltar for o/r to Freetown to
join West African Training Force.
(D.O.D. 261437A to C. in C. Portsmouth. ROTHESAY.
C. in C.S.A. F.O. Gibraltar. R.N.O. Freetown.)

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Mediterranean.

Movements.

Port Said 26th July.

Arrivals 0830 INDOMITABLE from Malta.

Departures 0900 ATTILO REGOLO for Taranto.

1100 INDOMITABLE for Bitter Lakes.

(N.O.I.C. Port Said 261940B to C. in C. Med.
Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. R.N.O. Aden.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Frigates
on passage
to U.K.

Departures Aden 0600 26th July LOCH CRAGGIE
and LOCH ECK for Suez.
(LOCH CRAGGIE 260700C to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty.
F.O.C., C. in C. Mediterranean.)

Movements.

Bombay 25th P.S.L.C., arrival EASTWAY,
departures PICKLE, PLUCKY, PINCHER, RIFLEMAN,
RECRUIT, SANDRAY, SCARAVAY, CHAMELEON, GOLD RANGER,
R.F.A.
(F.O. Bombay 260900EF to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.
R.N.O. Bombay. N.H.Q.(I).)

ALAUNIA
Repair
ship on
passage
to U.K.

E.I.P.I. 1. Sail from Trincomalee as follows:
(A) 1200EF 29th July.
(B) Aden.
(C) 13 knots.
(D) W.C. 359.
(D) Constant V.
Acknowledge.
(C. in C.E.I. 261201EF to ALAUNIA, Admiralty,
F.O. Ceylon, R.N.O. Aden, Ceylon W/T.)

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Friday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

R.A.(D).
B.P.F.
transfer
of flag.

R.A.(D). B.P.F. transfers his flag from TYNE to ARMADA at Hong Kong on 3rd August request mails be diverted accordingly.
(C. in C. B.P.F. 360136 to Admiralty. R.A.D. B.P.F. TYNE.)

Destroyers
to return
to U.K.

Intend that destroyers should sail from Hong Kong for U.K. as follows:

(A) TRAFALGAR, BARFLEUR and CAMPERDOWN about 10th October.

(B) ARMADA and HOGUE about 15th October.

2. Release of FINISTERRE and LAGOS will be delayed until arrival of CONSORT and COMUS. It is not yet possible to forecast when these latter two ships will leave U.K. Further signal will be made when this information is available.

(C. in C. B.P.F. 260822 to R.A.(D). B.P.F. Capt. 'D'.19. Admiralty. Com. H.K. F.O.M.A. F.O.C. B.P.F. Capt. 'D'8).

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Saturday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

Frigates
on passage
to Bermuda
allocated
to A & W.
Indies
Station.

Arrival 0800Z today H.M. Ships PADSTOW BAY,
PORLOCK BAY.
(Consul Ponta Delgada 271055 to C. in C. Plymouth.
Navy Tel. Gibraltar, Admiralty. Com. i/c. Bermuda.
C. in C. A.W.I.)

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Saturday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

AUSONIA
returning
to U.K.

C. in C. Mediterranean's 251326/ not to C. in C. Plymouth, regret AUSONIA cannot be accepted at Chatham, and passengers should be landed at Plymouth.

2. AUSONIA is to report her E.T.A. at Plymouth to C. in C. Plymouth and Admiralty. On completion of disembarkation of passengers, C. in C. Plymouth is requested to sail ship to the Clyde.

3. On arrival in Clyde, men due for release and compassionate cases are to be discharged. Foreign Service Leave to remainder of ship's company in accordance with A.F.O. 3841/46 is to be given in watches as arranged with F.O. Rosyth, retaining on board sufficient men to maintain the ship.

4. A.M. 161220/ not to C. in C. Plymouth is cancelled.
(D.O.D. 271230A to C. in C. Med. C. in C. Plymouth.

H.M.S. AUSONIA. F.O. Rosyth. C. in C. Nore.)

/ 251326. Recommend AUSONIA be routed to Chatham in first place.
/ Destination in U.K. for AUSONIA is Clyde.

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Saturday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

VENGEANCE on passage to U.K. Aden. Arrived 1400Z 26th July, departed 0330Z 27th July.
(VENGEANCE 270344Z to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. C. in C. Med. R.N.O. Aden.)

10th M.S. Flotilla on passage for return to U.K. E.T.A. Colombo 0230Z Monday 29th July, with WAVE, LIBERTY, WELCOME, LAERTES in company.
2. Propose sailing for Bombay a.m. 1st August.
(JEWEL 270410 to F.O. Ceylon. C. in C.E.I. Admiralty. S.O. M/S.10.)

SOUTHERN PRINCE	Intend following programme for SOUTHERN PRINCE		
Accommodation ship (S.R. R.D.) programme for passage to U.K.	<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Leave.</u>
	-	Trincomalee.	29th July.
	6th.	Aden.	7th.
	11th.	Suez.	12th.
	12th.	Port Said.	13th.
	23rd.	U.K.	-

All dates except first are August.
Fuel at Aden.
(C. in C.E.I. 271048EF to Admiralty, F.O. Ceylon, R.N.O. Aden. N.O.I.C. Port Said. C. in C. Med.)
E.I.P.I. 1. Sail from Trincomalee as follows:

(A) As convenient p.m. 29th July.
(B) Aden for o/r to U.K.
(C) 13 knots.

Acknowledge.
(C. in C.E.I. 271058EF to SOUTHERN PRINCE. Admiralty. F.O. Ceylon. R.N.O. Aden. Ceylon. W/T.) *See 071809A August.*

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America and West Indies.

Re visit
of H.M.S.
SHEFFIELD
to Azores
on passage
to A.& W.I.
Station.

No objections. C. in C. Med.'s 231717 and
A.M. 251754A are applicable.
(C. in C. A.W.I. 271338Z to Admiralty. C. in C.
Med. C. in C. Plymouth. SHEFFIELD.)

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Sunday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

U.S.S. FARGO
Cruiser.

In case of press speculation. U.S.S. FARGO
will be carrying out practices from Malta
between 30th July and 3rd August.
(C. in C. Med. 281251 to Admiralty.)

Movements.

28th July. Port Said arrivals. 2045 ATHELING
from Suez. 2230 VICTORIOUS from Suez.
0900 ^{RAMONSO} MONTECUCOLI from Taranto.
Departures. Nil.

Suez arrivals. 0800 VICTORIOUS from Aden.
Departures 0800 ATHELING for Port Said. 0830 VICTORIOUS for
Port Said.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 282355 to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.
C. in C.E.I. R.N.O. Aden.)

S/M's for
Piraeus.

Departures 0900C 28th. TANTIVY and TEMPLAR
for Piraeus.
(N.O.I.C. Haifa 281802 to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.)

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Mediterranean.

ATHELING
trooping.

Sailed from Port Said 0800/29. S.O.A. 16 knots.
E.T.A. Gibraltar a.m. 3rd August.
(ATHELING 290845Z to F.O. Gibraltar. C. in C. Med.
S.B.N.O. M.E. Admiralty.)

VICTORIOUS
trooping.

Intend sailing from Port Said at 0800Z 30th July.
S.O.A. 20 knots. E.T.A. Gibraltar 0930Z 3rd August.
(VICTORIOUS 291359Z to C. in C. Med. F.O.
Gibraltar. N.O.I.C. Port Said.)

Palestine.
Illegal
immigration
s.s. BALBAO*
arrested.

Steam ship BALBAO* was arrested inside
Territorial Waters off Haifa at 0844C 29th July.
In spite of violent avoiding action and after
warning shots had failed to make ship reduce from
14 knots H.M.S. (VENUS?) went alongside and
boarded.

2. Approximately 2,670 immigrants including 700
children and 300 women of whom half are pregnant.

3. Details and Port of departure will be signalled later.
(S.N.O. (Afloat) Haifa 291655 to C. in C. Med. Admiralty. N.O.I.C.
Haifa.)

* Renamed HAGANAH (D. Telegraph 30.7.46) (corvette).

Incidents
off Albanian
Coast.

My 191201 June not to S.O. (I) L.E.M. Ministry
of Communication report today that they have been
in telegraphic communication with motor Caique
INCI at Bari and that Master states that they
were not fired at at any time. Further details
are not known as to recent movements of INCI.

Admiralty please pass to other addressees.

(B.N.A. Ankara 291731C to C. in C. Med. Admiralty. S.B.N.O. Greece.
S.O. (I). L.E.M.)

Movements.

29th July Port Said.

Arrivals. 1300 ABRUZZI from Naples.

Departures. 0930 ATHELING for Gibraltar.

1530 LIVERPOOL for Haifa.

Suez. Arrivals. Nil.

Departures. Nil.

(N.O.I.C. Port Said 291900 to C. in C. Med. Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.
R.N.O. Aden.)

29.7.1946.
Monday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

PROTECTOR relays was at Plymouth

Movements.

Arrivals Singapore 28th July.

PROTECTOR, ASSIDUOUS.

Departures.

11th M.S.F

MAENAD, JASEUR, FLYING FISH, LIONESS, MAGICIENNE
SURSAY, COURIER, SERENE.

(F.O.M.A. 290130Z to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F.
C. in C.E.I. N.O.I.C. Hong Kong.)

M/S report
No. 32.

Weekly report of M/S progress No. 32. Serials S
Klang Straits E.F.N.I. 75.

181st continued sweeping. Negative results.

Flotilla returned to Singapore from maintenance.

Serials 18/Serials 32 11th M.S.F. left Singapore

to commence these serials. Serials T Tenasserim Ports Tavoy.
Force 11 swept an area north of Reef Island negative results.
(F.O.M.A. 290300Z to C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I. Admiralty.
S.A.C.S.E.A.)

Movements.

Trincomalee 28th.

Arrivals: H.M.S. GLASGOW, H.M.S. GOLDEN FLEECE.

Departures: H.M.S. ROC.

(C. in C.E.I. 290900EF to Admiralty. F.O.C.,
C. in C.S.A. N.O.I.C. Cochin. F.O.M.A.)

H.M.A.S.
GERALTON
M/S on
passage
for transfer
to Turkey.

Your 271235. GERALTON delayed. Boiler defects.
Date of departure a.m. 31st.

(R.N.O. Aden 291055C to C. in C.E.I. GERALTON,
GANNET.)

GLASGOW
cruiser
programme.

My 031124.

Intend GLASGOW shall fuel at Seychelles, Kilindini
and Aden. Request tanker may be sent to arrive
Seychelles 26th August estimated requirements
1000 tons.

(C. in C.E.I. 291201 to Admiralty. Port Officer
Seychelles. R.N.O. Kilindini, R.N.O. Aden.)

D.S. JACOB
VAN HEEMSKERK
A.A. Ship.
on passage.

E.I.P.I. One. Sail from Colombo as follows:

(A) 1700EF 30th July.

(B) Aden.

(C) 14 knots.

Acknowledge.

(F.O. Ceylon 291526EF to H.M.N.S. HEEMSKERK
Admiralty, R.N.O. Aden, C. in C.E.I. C. in C.
R.N.N.E.)

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East Indies contd...

PICKLE
7th M/S
Flotilla
on passage
to Medn.

Approved to shape course for Aden. Keep GOLD RANGER with you until you are certain of all ships reaching Aden. Fuelling should be possible either at Qishin or under Lee of SOCOTRA.

2. Detach GOLD RANGER to Abadan when no longer required.

3. Report P.C.S. and intentions daily repeating signal to Aden.

(C. in C.E.I. 291601 to PICKLE, Admiralty, F.O. Bombay, R.N.O. Aden. I.A.F. Abadan.)

Flag Officer
Air East
Indies lapse
of appoint-
ment.

Reference 959C of 27th July. Not to Admiralty. As from the lapse of appointment of Flag Officer Air E.I. on 30th July his duties except as in para. 2. below will be undertaken by the C.O. R.N.A.S. Katukurunda under the title of Captain Air East Indies correspondence and signals are to be addressed accordingly.

2. As from the 30th July Commander in Chief E.I. and F.O. Ceylon will administer R.N.A.S. Trincomalee and R.N.A.S. Katukurunda respectively except as regards Air matters which will be dealt, by Captain Air E.I.

3. Above is an interim provisional arrangements pending Admiralty approval of final Air Organisation.

(C. in C.E.I. 291802Z to E.I.S.G.Mess. 965. Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

Visit of
R.C.N.
Officer to
confer with
R.N.Officers &
Historians.

The following received from N.S.H.Q. begins:
Visit of Instr. Lieut. J.S.M. Langlois R.C.N.(R)
to Royal Naval College Greenwich and Dartmouth
approved. Officer to report STADACONA for passage
not later than 0900 28th July. Request C.N.M.O.
clear with Admiralty, purpose of visit being to
confer with R.N. Officers and naval historians
re teaching of naval history. 221552Z ends..
Request information that this will be convenient.
(C.N.M.O. 291232A to Admiralty. R.N. College
Greenwich, R.N. College Dartmouth.) *See 031224A August*

Far East and Australia.

ACHILLES
cruiser.

ACHILLES departed Darwin M5230Z 29th July
for Colombo. Route direct South of Sumatra.
S.O.A. 13.5 knots. E.T.A. 0909Z 8th August.
(N.O.I.C. Darwin. 290420Z to F.O. Ceylon.
C. in C. B.P.F. N.Z.N.B. Admiralty. ACHILLES.)

30.7.1946.
Tuesday.

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SITUATION REPORT.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Flag Officer
Air E. Indies
Appointment
lapsed.

Appointment of Flag Officer Air East Indies
lapsed today. His duties taken over by C.O.
R.N.A.S. Katukurunda under title of Captain Air
East Indies with the exception that C. in C.E.I.
and F.O. Ceylon will administer R.N.A.S. Trincomalee
and R.N.A.S. Katukurunda respectively except as
regards air matters which will be dealt with by
Captain Air East Indies.

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Tuesday.

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SITUATION REPORT.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

Rear Admiral
Aircraft
Carriers
and Air
Stations
B.P.F. and
East Indies.

Rear Admiral A.R.M. Bridge C.B.E., today assumed command as Rear Admiral Aircraft Carriers and Air Stations B.P.F. and East Indies in succession to Rear Admiral C.H.L. Woodhouse C.B. as Rear Admiral Aircraft Carriers B.P.F.

30.7.1946.
Tuesday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Movement.

Arrival 0645C 30th LIVERPOOL from Port Said.
(N.O.I.C. Haifa 301801C to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.)

Movements.

30th July Port Said arrivals 1800 LOCH ECK from
Suez 1830 LOCH CRAGGIE from Suez. 1900 SHOREHAM
from Suez.

Departures. 1000 VICTORIOUS = 50 = Gibraltar
1000 MONTECUCCOLI for Naples. Suez arrivals
0600 SHOREHAM from Aden. 0700 LOCH CRAGGIE and

LOCH ECK from Aden.

Departures 0800 SHOREHAM for Port Said. 0830. LOCH CRAGGIE
and LOCH ECK for Port Said.

(N.O.I.C. Port Said 302115 to C. in C. Med., Admiralty. C. in C.
E.I., R.N.O. Aden.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Movements.

Arrivals Singapore 29th July.
F.S. VAR, D.S. WALCHEREN, DUIVELAND.
Departures. TRODDAY, AMETHYST, ROCKGLEN,
ROCKPORT, ROCKMOUNT, ROCKFOREST, M.F.V's 167,
1081, 1158. L.S.T. 3502.
(F.O.M.A. 300130 to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F.
C. in C.E.I. R.N.O. Saigon.)

Movements.

^{15 M.S.F.} Colombo 29th July. Arrivals. JEWEL, WAVE,
WELCOME, LAERTES, LIBERTY, ORSAY.
Departures. SHROPSHIRE, L.S.T. 303. L.S.T. 4038.
(F.O. Ceylon 300900 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)

Movements.

Trincomalee 29th July.
Departures SOUTHERN PRINCE, ALAUNIA.
(C. in C.E.I. 300900 to Admiralty. F.O. Ceylon,
F.O.M.A. R.N.O. Aden.)

ALAUNIA
for passage
to U.K.
escorting
Italian
Sloop
ERITREA
Aden.

My 300856 not to all. Italian Sloop ERITREA
leaves Colombo today 30th to r/v with you as
previously ordered. She has on board 300 Italian
repatriates and is urgently required in Italy.
The condition of her hull is not entirely sound.
2. You are to escort her from off Colombo as far
as Aden proceeding by the following Monsoon route
for low powered vessels.

- (A) 8 degs. channel.
- (B) 6 degs. N. 67 degs. E.
- (C) 6 degs. N. 60 degs. E.
- (D) 8 degs. N. 52 degs. 40 mins. E.
- (E) Socotra channel.

- 3. E.S. of ERITREA in fair weather is 13 knots.
- 4. Signal amendment to your own passage programme to U.K. when known.

5. Acknowledge.

(C. in C.E.I. 301101EF to ALAUNIA. ERITREA, F.O. Ceylon. R.N.O. Aden. S.B.N.O. M.E. N.O.I.C. Port Said. C. in C. Med. F.O.L.I. Admiralty.)

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

- (A) 1530EF 30th July.
- (B) to r/v with ALAUNIA in position 270 degs. Colombo Clock Tower 10 miles at 1630EF/30 thence as ordered by C. in C. Aden.
- (C) Route as in C. in C.E.I.'s 301101/3 13 knots. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Ceylon 301319 to ERITREA. Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. C. in C. Med. F.O.L.I. R.N.O. Aden. Ceylon W/T. ALAUNIA.)

see 081514Z August

COCKADE
destroyer.

E.I.P.I. 1. Sail from Trincomalee as follows:
(A) 0700EF 31st July.
(B) Singapore Naval Base for o/r to Hong Kong.
(C) 14 knots.
(G) To land damaged lubricating oil cooler at Singapore Naval Base.
Acknowledge.
(C. in C.E.I. 301118EF to COCKADE. Admiralty.
C. in C. B.P.F. F.O.M.A. F.O. Ceylon. Com. Hong Kong.)

30.7.1946.
Tuesday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

INDOMITABLE
trooping
outwards.

E.I.T.M. 43 intend to sail from Aden as follows:
(A) 0900C 31st July.
(B) Colombo E.T.A. 0630EF 5th August.
(C) 19 knots.
(INDOMITABLE 301217C to C. in C.E.I. F.O. Ceylon.
R.N.O. Aden. Admiralty.)

PHEASANT
A.A.Sloop
programme
for passage
to U.K.

C. in C. B.P.F's 0103/11. My 201003 and
PHEASANT's 250148 last two not to all.
Intend following revised programme for PHEASANT.

2. Arrive.	Place.	Depart.
-	Singapore.	1st Aug.
6th Aug.	Colombo.	8th Aug.
16th Aug.	Aden.	16th Aug.
20th Aug.	Suez.	20th Aug.
20th Aug.	Port Said.	20th Aug.
23th Aug.	Malta.	25th Aug.
28th Aug.	Gibraltar.	30th Aug.
3rd Sep.	Portsmouth.	-

3. Request mail be diverted accordingly.
(F.O.M.A. 301222Z to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F. PHEASANT,
N.O.I.C. Hong Kong.)

E.I.P.E.L. Sail from Singapore as follows:

- (A) 0030Z 1st August.
- (B) Colombo.
- (C) 13 knots.
- (G) Acknowledge.

(F.O.M.A. 301223Z to PHEASANT. C. in C. B.P.F. N.O.I.C. Hong Kong.
C. in C.E.I.)

QUEEN
trooping
homewards.

Reference CZVI M.43 intend to sail from Aden
at 1500Z Tuesday 30th July.

2. E.T.A. Suez 0700Z Saturday 3rd August.
(QUEEN 301452 to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty. C. in C.
Med.)

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Tuesday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

PORLOCK BAY
and
PADSTOW BAY
frigates
for A.W.I.
Station
towing of
L.C.H. 75.

A.M./291820A. PORLOCK BAY should undertake this tow. PADSTOW BAY should arrive Bermuda by 6th August preparatory to docking. (C. in C. A.W.I. 301415Z to PADSTOW BAY, PORLOCK BAY. Admiralty. F.O. Gib. B.A.D. N.S.H.Q.)
/ re L.C.H. 75 towed to Bermuda by PADSTOW BAY or PORLOCK BAY. On arrival examine and report of effecting repairs locally.

Departure 1615Z today PADSTOW BAY towing L.C.H. 75 and PORLOCK BAY. (Consul Ponta Delgada 301700A to C. in C. Plymouth. Admiralty. Com. i/c. Bermuda. C. in C.A. and W.I.) Your 301415Z/ received and understood.

- 2. Tow will be transferred to enable PADSTOW BAY to arrive Bermuda 6th August carrying out fuel consumption trials on passage.
 - 3. My 302115Z also refers.
- (PADSTOW BAY 302234Z to C. in C. A.W.I. Admiralty. F.O. Gibraltar. ~~PORLOCK BAY.~~)
/ Towing of L.C.H.M.5. *→ Should be under N. at latitude 30/7*
(See 012001Z)

ASSISTANCE
(Auxiliary
repair ship)
returned to
U.S.A.

ASSISTANCE arrived Norfolk, Va., today Tuesday July 30th. (B.N.L.O. Norfolk 302122Z to Admiralty. C. in C. Portsmouth. C. in C. A.W.I. Bermuda. B.A.D. Wash.)

Far East and Australia.

Rear Admiral
Aircraft
Carriers
and Air
Stations
B.P.F. and
East Indies.

Rear Admiral A.R.M. Bridge C.B.E. has today assumed command as Rear Admiral Aircraft Carriers and Air Stations B.P.F. and E.I. in succession to Rear Admiral C.H.L. Woodhouse C.B. as Rear Admiral Aircraft Carriers B.P.F. (F.O. A/C. B.P.F. 301300EF to C. in C.E.I. C. in C. B.P.F. Admiralty. A.C.N.B. F.O.M.A. Com. Hong Kong. F.O. Ceylon. Capt. (Air) E.I. F.O.I.C. Sydney for B.P.F.L.O.)

FORMIDABLE
trooping.

Your 120830 para. 2. and A.M. 181058 both June and neither to FORMIDABLE.
2. Defects have delayed FORMIDABLE until 24th August. E.T.A. Colombo 10th September.
3. Presume this delay in lifting main body of Drafting Pool stores and equipment from Colombo to Singapore is acceptable and that you still wish to use FORMIDABLE for this duty. (D. of M. 301810A to C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I. F.O. Ceylon. F.O.M.A.)

31.7.1946.
Wednesday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

MULL OF
KINTYRE
Motor
craft
maintenance
ship on
passage to
U.K. from
B.P.F. for
Reserve
Category B.

Sail 1800B 31st July to Portsmouth for o/r Clyde.
2. Speed $9\frac{1}{2}$. E.T.A. 1st light 6th August.
5. Q Messages complete to QZX 1745 Y 745 H 597.
Naveam 1094.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Gibraltar 311052B to MULL OF KINTYRE
Admiralty. C. in C. Portsmouth. C. in C. Plymouth.)

OCEAN.
Aircraft
carrier
on passage
to Malta
with RAIDER
destroyer.

Take RAIDER under your orders and sail 1000B
1st August via Medri routes to Malta exercising
en route in accordance with your 221359 not to
all.
2. Speed as necessary to arrive p.m. 4th August.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Gibraltar 311228B to OCEAN. RAIDER.
Admiralty. C. in C. Med. Capt. (Air) Med.)

31.7.1946.
Wednesday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Palestine. S.S. HOCHELAGA arrested by Boarding Party from
Illegal H.M.S. SAUMAREZ on arrival at Haifa 0700C 31st
immigrants flying Zionist flag and carrying 500 immigrants.
in S.S. (S.N.O.(A).H. 310710 to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.
HOCHELAGA N.O.I.C. Haifa.)
(Ho) 628 tons. (See 011310)

LOCH CRAGGIE Intend to proceed from Port Said as follows:
on passage (A) 1600B 31st July.
to U.K. and (B) Gibraltar.
reserve (C) 12 knots.
Cat. B. (LOCH CRAGGIE 310801B to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.
F.O. Gib. N.O.I.C. Port Said.)

Movements. 31st July Port Said arrivals:
0800 PACINOTTI from Naples.
1500 CARABINIERE from Bitter Lakes.
1530 GAWLER from Aden.
1530 LAUNCESTON from Aden.
1600 PIRIE from Aden.
Departures: /9000 ABRUZZI for Naples.
1600 LOCH CRAGGIE for Gibraltar.
Suez arrivals:
0500 GAWLER, PIRIE, LAUNCESTON from Aden.
0930 VENGEANCE from Aden.
Departures: 0830 GAWLER, PIRIE, LAUNCESTON for Port Said.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 311959B to C. in C. Med. Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.
R.N.O. Aden.)
/ as received.

H.M.A.S. PIRIE, LAUNCESTON. Intend to sail with PIRIE
M/S. on in company from Port Said for Famagusta at 011300Z
passage August. E.T.A. 020900Z August.
for transfer 3. LAUNCESTON is delayed at Port Said for repairs
to Turkey. to evaporator.
(GAWLER 312040B to C. in C. Med. R.N.O. Famagusta,
N.O.I.C. Port Said, Admiralty.)

31.7.1946.

Wednesday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Movements.

Arrivals: Aden. H.M.S. TURPIN. A
Departures: Hospital Ship ~~AMARPOORA~~, QUEEN,
GERALDTON, F.S. LE FANTASQUE, INDOMITABLE.
(INDON 310900C to Admiralty. C. in C. E.I.
C. in C. Med. N.O.I.C. Port Said. R.N.O. Aden.)

Force H
M/S
operating
off
Tenasserim
Coast -
constitution
of.

Force 11th which is the minesweeping force
operating off Tenasserim Coast is constituted
as follows:
First Division B.Y.M.S. 2005, 2006, 2244, 2225,
2232 and 2008. Second Division B.Y.M.S. 2203,
2061, 2148, 2264, 2258, 2223, 2007, 2161 and
2236.

H.Q. and Maintenance ship NIGER.

H.S.D. and Water Carrier EMPIRE TESVILLE.

2. Commanding Officer NIGER is Senior Naval
Officer afloat Lieut. Commander Pratt R.N.V.R.

is responsible for all matters appertaining to Minesweeping.

3. Cancel my 151118 and note change in composition of second
division.

(C. in C; E.I. 310916 to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F. F.O.M.A.

N.O.I.C. Rangoon. R.N.O. Noulmein, TERROR, NIGER, Senior Officer
Force 11. S.O. 11th M.S.F. BEACHY HEAD.)

SHARPSHOOTER
Surveying
vessel.

Intend sailing from Penang as follows:

(A) 0700GH August 1st.

(B) Singapore.

(C) 8.5 knots.

(SHARPSHOOTER 310941GH to C. in C. B.P.F.
Admiralty. F.O.M.A. C. in C.E.I.)

H.N.M.S.
CERAM
M/S (ex
BURNIE).

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

(A) 1600 on 1st August.

(B) Singapore.

(C) Via Banka Strait 10.

(G) R.N.N.L.O.

PRIOK's 0930Z not to all refers.

Acknowledge.

(N.O.I.C. Batavia 310945Z to CERAM D.S. G. in C.
R.N.N.E. R.N.N.L.O. PRIOK, C. in C. B.P.F.)

NORFOLK
cruiser
shortage of
supplies.

In reply to NORFOLK 281045/ it is hoped to
find solution shortly but meantime suggest LOCH
GLENDDHU should collect N.A.A.F.I. stores for
NORFOLK from Basra.

(C. in C.E.I. 31118EF to S.N.O. P.G. H.M.S.
NORFOLK. Admiralty.)

/ Shortage of supplies on board ship.

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Wednesday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

Proposed free exchange of anti-submarine electronics research between U.S. Navy and British Admiralty.

C.N.O. has now stated that study of recent task papers on A/S warfare development and staff targets for future A/S weapons indicates that U.S. Naval trends of thought are similar to our own. C.N.O. therefore extends the invitation of 2nd July (vide B.A.D. 022200) to include "the free exchange of all matters pertaining to A/S warfare including development of air and surface ship tactics". C.N.O. further suggests the assignment of officers and technicians to the appropriate agencies of each other's Service. This will be the subject of further discussion here, but in the meantime request Admiralty's preliminary view at an early date.
(B.A.D. 311510Z to Admiralty.)
(See 011947A) Aug.

Far East and Australia.

RANEE trooping programme.

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

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Leave.</u>
-	Hong Kong.	4th August.
8th August.	Singapore.	10th August.
15th August.	Colombo.	17th August.
23rd August.	Aden.	24th August.
28th August.	Suez.	28th August.
28th August.	Port Said.	29th August.
1st September.	Malta.	2nd September.
5th September.	Gibraltar.	5th September.
8th September.	Plymouth.	8th September.
9th September.	Portsmouth.	-

2. Approximately 200 tons and 1,700 tons oil fuel required Colombo and Aden respectively.

(C. in C. B.P.F. 310701Z to Admiralty. RANEE. Com. Hong Kong. F.O.M.A. C. in C.E.I. Combrax B.P.F. Ceylon. R.N.O. Aden.)

EURYALUS.

EURYALUS on passage from New Zealand to Hong Kong was diverted to Manila to obtain information required by A.M. 161814/
2. Ship is due to leave Manila for Hong Kong 2nd August.
(C. in C.B.P.F. 310724 to Admiralty. EURYALUS.)
Request for enquiries to be made whether OCEANWAY would be available for sale through U.S.F.L.C.,