

HOME COMMAND SIGNALS

From 1st July 1945 the War Diary for Home Commands was discontinued.

Important signals in Home Commands have been retained, and these have been numbered, listed and indexed monthly, and bound (see volumes - Home Command Signals).

FOREIGN STATIONS  
(Classification  
by stations).

- North Atlantic
- South Atlantic
- Mediterranean
- East Indies
- America and West Indies
- Australia and New Zealand
- U-boat Campaign.

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

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

- (a) Movements of H.M. Ships. (Prepared by Operations Division, Naval Staff) (23rd February 1940).
- (b) Western Approaches (daily) Situation Reports (1st September 1943).
- (d) Convoy Returns (Positions of convoys and composition of escorts, positions of independent ships and H.M. Ships: From Combined Flot) (1st March 1941).
- (e) Daily Convoy Summary (Report made by Admiralty to Comnav, giving arrivals and departures, with composition of convoy) (21st June 1943).
- (f) Air Staff Operational Summary (prepared by Air Ministry War Room) (1st July 1941, No.222)
- (g) Daily Operations Report for First Lord (prepared by Operations Division, Naval Staff) (15th September 1939).
- (h) List of abbreviations.
- (i) List of convoy letters.

The Admiralty WAR DIARY

Instructions had been given before the war for the compilation of a War Diary. This task was allotted to the Historical Section (D.T.S.D.) which was attached for the purpose to the Information Section of Naval Intelligence Division and was allotted six liaison officers for the purpose. This plan never functioned. Difficulties were experienced in the opening rush of war in providing the staff, the accommodation and above all the full information necessary for an historical diary. A skeleton diary was, however, compiled for September 1939, was expanded later, but it was not till November 1939 that suitable accommodation was provided and Major C.S. Goldingham, R.M., and Mr. George Hurford commenced the compilation of a regular War Diary, dating from October 1, 1939\*

\* The information, therefore, in September and October 1939 is incomplete and should be supplemented by reference to the original telegrams in the War Registry volumes (in the Record Office).

As the supply of information in N.I.D.19 Information Section was inadequate recourse was had to the signal packs in Signal Section of Operations Division. This procedure while most helpful was not entirely satisfactory as the packs could not be removed from the signal room (No.40 O.B.) and

the information had to be extracted <sup>there</sup> /as opportunity offered.

Nor was the War Diary in receipt of MOST SECRET signals other than those in D.N.I.'s distribution. These will be found in Record Office War Registry Volumes including M (Personal) and Special Files.

Another difficulty was that while the War Diary was dealing chiefly with telegrams, despatches and reports were being sent by V.C.N.S. to the Historical Section, housed in another building (Audit House). These difficulties led to proposals by V.C.N.S. for the reorganisation of the Historical Section. These began in February 1940 and culminated in a Board Letter of June 15, 1940, in which among other duties the Historical Section of D.T.S.D. was made "responsible for the compilation of the War Diary which will form the basis of the History of the present War." The Diary, which by that time had three compilers - Major C.S. Goldingham, Mr. George Hurford and Commander G.F.S. Bowles, R.N. - was transferred to the Historical Section and was for the first time given a regular service of signals from the War Registry. This distribution did not however include 'Hush Most Secret'. It was not till April, 1942, that approval was obtained for them to be sent in batches, for security reasons, one month in arrears (i.e. signals for January would be received about March 1). For security

reasons/

reasons these were kept in separate files in a safe. Consequently the 'Hush' signals are not in the bound volumes of the Diary but are bound in separate volumes.

An important supplement to the War Diary is its Index, which is in three sections (a) SUBJECTS, (b) WARSHIPS, (c) MERCHANT SHIPS. It may be estimated that the requirements of a WAR DIARY at the commencement of a war are (a) suitable and separate accommodation (b) a staff of at least three naval or marine officers as 'compilers' two clerical officers and one indexer. Compilers of the Diary had access to the War Room. On October 1, 1943, Mr. Hurford was given the task of preparing a Preliminary Narrative of the War at Sea. On August 29, 1944, Commander G.F. Bowles was succeeded as a compiler by Commander O.M. Frewen, R.N. On December 28, 1944, Major C.S. Goldingham was given the task of preparing the History of the Pacific, being succeeded in his charge of the War Diary by Commander J.E.P. Bickford, R.N. who remained until the Diary was closed on September 30, 1946.

When Commander O.M. Frewen left for health reasons on June 30, 1945, Commander \_\_\_\_\_ took his place. The War Diary for Home Commands was discontinued though important signals in Home Command continued to be filed and bound separately up to September 30, 1946.

War Diary.

1.8.1946.  
Thursday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

INDEFATIGABLE  
Trooping.

Sail 1000B 1st August via Medri route to Malta  
for o/r Colombo.  
2. Speed 20. E.T.A. 1200B 3rd August.  
5. Acknowledge.  
(F.O. Gib. 010942B to INDEFATIGABLE. Admiralty.  
C. in C. Med. R.A. Malta.)

CRANE  
A.A.Sloop  
on passage  
to U.K.  
from B.P.F.  
and for  
Reserve  
Cat. B.

Sail 1200 B 1st August to Harwich.  
2. Speed 14 E.T.A. 1000A 5th August.  
6. Acknowledge.  
(F.O. Gib 011036B to CRANE. Admiralty. C. in C.  
Plymouth. C. in C. Portsmouth. C. in C. Nore.)

RAIDER  
destroyer  
attached  
to OCEAN  
carrier on  
passage to  
Malta.

My 311223 July RAIDER did not sail owing to  
defects. Further signal will be made.  
(F.O. Gib. 012114B to C. in C. Med. OCEAN,  
RAIDER. R.A.D. Med., R.A. Malta. C.S. Malta.)  
(See 021613B)

1.8.1946.  
Thursday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

SHOREHAM Intend sailing from Port Said at 0400Z 2nd August  
on passage for Gibraltar. E.T.A. 1000Z 9th August.  
to U.K. A. Route 2/1.  
B. Speed 10.5 knots.  
(SHOREHAM 011030B to F.O. Gibraltar. Admiralty.  
C. in C. Med. N.O.I.C. Port Said.)

H.M.A.S. M/S GAWLER, LAUNCESTON, PIRIE arrive Famagusta  
GAWLER a.m. 2nd August to prepare for transfer and are  
LAUNCESTON to sail on 8th to arrive Istanbul a.m. 11th.  
PIRIE 2. B.N.A. Ankara's 251809 July not to all.  
for transfer WIGTOWN BAY and ENARD BAY will be sailed to  
to Turkey. arrive Istanbul a.m. 12th. B.N.A. Ankara is  
requested to obtain concurrence of Turkish  
Government.  
3. GAWLER acknowledge.  
(C. in C. Med. 011055 to GAWLER, B.N.A. Ankara.  
LAUNCESTON, PIRIE, Admiralty, R.N.O. Famagusta.)

Palestine. According to Master of HOCHELAGA he sailed from  
Illegal Panama and when off Trafalgar was instructed  
immigrants by British W/T Operators to proceed to Alexandretta  
s.s. Ship passed north of Cyprus and at about 2359C/30  
HOCHELAGA. off Cape Andreas was diverted again to r/v with  
Caiques off Ras en Nakura.  
2. Ship was not detected by air searches.  
3. Caiques failed to r/v, and at daylight 31st  
Master was put under restraint by passengers who steamed ship  
into Haifa.  
4. VIRAGO Northern ship of three patrolling destroyers was  
distracted by having to board one of two other suspect ships  
known to be in vicinity and missed HOCHELAGA which probably  
passed inshore of her.  
5. My 310710 July refers.  
(S.N.O.(A) H. 011310 to C. in C. Med. Admiralty. N.O.I.C. Haifa.)

LARGO BAY Intend to sail LARGO BAY from Malta p.m. 6th  
frigate August to Gibraltar and Portsmouth 261659(N.T. in  
for passage W.D.) July not to all.  
to U.K. (C. in C. Med. 011448B to Admiralty. C. in C.  
Portsmouth. A.S. Portsmouth. F.O. Gibraltar.  
F.O.C.R.F. R.A.D., R.A.M.)

Movement. Departure 0900/1st August LIVERPOOL for Jaffa.  
(N.O.I.C. Haifa 011808C to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.)

Movements. 1st August Port Said arrivals. 1530 VENGEANCE  
from Suez. Departures 1430 GAWLER and PIRIE to  
Famagusta. 1600 VENGEANCE, LOCH ECK, in company  
to Gibraltar. 1900 PACINOTTI to Naples.  
Suez arrivals. Nil. Departures 0400 VENGEANCE  
to Port Said.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 011910B to C. in C. Med. Admiralty  
C. in C.E.I. R.N.O. Aden.)

War Diary.

1.8.1946.  
Thursday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Movements.

Arrivals Singapore 31st July. F.S. LA CHARENTE.  
L.S.T's 3022, 3017, 3008, 3501.  
Departures Nil.  
(F.O.M.A. 010130Z to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F.  
C. in C.E.I. Com. Hong Kong.)

Movements.

Colombo 31st July.  
Arrivals Nil.  
<sup>10<sup>th</sup></sup> M.S.F. Departures JEWEL, WAVE, LAERTES, LIBERTY,  
ORSAY, WELCOME.  
(F.O. Ceylon 010900 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)



1.8.1946.  
Thursday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

PADSTOW BAY  
and  
PORLOCK BAY  
on passage  
to A.W.& In  
Stn. with  
L.C.H. 75  
in tow.

At 2000Z Thursday August 1st my position and weather 50371,35514, 97380, 92652 my C.S. 180 degs. 12 knots toward position quoted in NR.G. 514 until Mercator track to Bermuda is met, when course will be directed to west-ward;  
2. Tow was transferred at 1000Z today my 302234Z refers.  
(PADSTOW BAY 012001Z to F.O.G.M.A. Admiralty.  
PORLOCK BAY, C. in C. A.W.I.)

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

Your 311510. Suggestion is in line with both Admiralty and Air Ministry policy. Your 022200 has already been discussed by Joint Sea/Air Warfare Sub Committee who has made a favourable recommendation which included exchange of all A/S information as now proposed by C.N.O. Further reply will be made shortly after next meeting of main Joint Sea/Air Warfare Committee.  
(D.T.A.S.W. 011947A to B.A.D. Air Ministry.)

Far East and Australia.

R.I.N. SUTLEJ  
Sloop  
attached to  
B.P.F. from  
E.I.

(B) SUTLEJ (DE).  
(B) Tokyo.  
(E) 0800 Utem 1st Aug.  
(G) Direct.  
(H) Kure.  
(I) p.m. 4th August.  
(S.O. Force T. 010542 to N.O.I.C. Kure. M.R.O.  
Tokyo, Admiralty, C. in C. B.P.F.)

2.8.1946.  
Friday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

RAIDER  
Attendant  
destroyer  
on OCEAN  
carrier.

Sail on completion of trials about 1730B 2nd  
August via Medri routes to Malta.

2. Speed 14. E.T.A. p.m. 5th August.

5. My 012114B/refers.

6. Acknowledge.

(F.O. Gib. 021613B to RAIDER. OCEAN. Admiralty  
C. in C. Med. R.A. Malta. R.A.D. Malta.)

/ RAIDER did not sail owing to defects.

2.8.1946.  
Friday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Australian  
M/S for  
transfer  
to Turkey.

Your 021100 (N.T. in W.D.) present position in GERALTON in Red Sea BROOME as far as is known still at Karachi.  
2. GERALTON will await arrival of BROOME before proceeding to Istanbul provided there is no great delay.  
(C. in C. Med. 021025B to B.N.A. Ankara. GAWLER, Admiralty, BROOME, R.N.O. Famagusta.)

H.M.A.S.  
M/S transfer  
to Turkey.

Your 011055. According to latest information in my possession and passed to the Turks, C. in C. E.I's. 281240 June (N.T. in W.D.) BROOME's groups were about 12 days ahead of GAWLER.  
2. Can I be given present whereabouts of BROOME's groups and approximate date of arrival at Istanbul. Admiralty please pass to all addresses.  
(B.N.A. Ankara 021102C to C. in C. Med. Admiralty. R.N.O. Famagusta. BROOME, GAWLER.)

WIGTOWN BAY  
and ENARD BAY  
frigates  
with drafts  
for Trieste  
and Piræus  
respectively  
to Istanbul  
for crews of  
minesweepers  
transferred  
to Turkey.

With draft embarked sail at 0900B.  
third August to Trieste E.T.A. 1100B 5th.  
3. N.O.I.C. Trieste is requested to sail WIGTOWN BAY to r/v in position 37 degs. 22 N. 24.10 E. at 1000B 11th August with ENARD BAY.  
4. Thence take ENARD BAY under your orders and proceed to Istanbul. E.T.A. 1000B 12th.  
5. On completion of transfer of H.M. Ships GAWLER, LAUNCESTON and PIRIE to the Turkish Navy the crews are to be embarked in WIGTOWN BAY and ENARD BAY and you are to sail in company to Malta reporting your E.T.A.  
(C. in C Med. 021219 to WIGTOWN BAY, ENARD BAY, GAWLER, R.A.(D) Med. R.A. Malta. C.S.M. for K.H.M. S.N.O.A.D. N.O.I.C. Trieste, B.N.A. Ankara S.B.N.O.(G).)

Sail at 1900B 7th August with draft embarked to Piræus E.T.A. 0700B 9th.  
3. G.R.E.N.O. South Aegean is requested to sail ENARD BAY to r/v with WIGTOWN BAY at 1000B 11th in position 37 degs. 22 mins. N. 24 degs. 10 mins. E.  
4. Thence you will be under the orders of WIGTOWN BAY for passage to Istanbul and return to Malta.  
5. Acknowledge.  
(C. in C. Med. 021413B to ENARD BAY, WIGTOWN BAY, R.A. (D) Mediterranean. R.A. Malta. C.S. Malta, for K.H.M.)

LARGO BAY  
frigate  
for passage  
to U.K.

Sail at 2100B 6th August. to Gibraltar.  
2. E.T.A. 0800B 10th.  
4. F.O. Gibraltar is requested to sail LARGO BAY to Portsmouth a.m. 11th to arrive at 1800A 15th.  
5. Acknowledge.  
(C. in C. Med. 021433B to LARGO BAY, R.A.(D) Med., R.A. Malta. C.S. Malta for K.H.M. F.O. Gib. Admiralty. C. in C. Portsmouth.)

MOST SECRET.

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2.8.1946.  
Friday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean contd...

Movements.

Departures from Jaffa. LIVERPOOL for Alexandria  
1145C/2. Arrival VOLAGE from Limasol 0830C/2.  
(N.O.I.C. Haifa 021731C to C. in C. Med. Admiralty)

2.8.1946.  
Friday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Movements.

Arrival Singapore 1st August. ERIN.  
Departures PHEASANT, EMP<sup>RE</sup> PROTECTOR, VAR,  
LACHARENTE, GUADALUPE.  
(F.O.M.A. 020130Z to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F.  
C. in C.E.I. N.O.I.C. Hong King.)

Notification  
to Irak  
Government  
of visits  
of H.M.  
ships to  
Shatt Al  
Arab.

Following repeats A.H.Q. Iraq 231838 July  
addressed: S.N.O.P.G. Info., C. in C.E.I.,  
S.B.N.O.M.E. H.Q. R.A.F. Medme.  
AX 2296 July 20th. Article 7 of Anglo Iraq  
Treaty of 1930 concludes in stating that "His  
Brittanic Majesty's ships shall have general  
permission to visit the Shatt Al Arab on the  
understanding that his Majesty the King of Iraq  
is given prior notification of visits to Iraq  
ports".

2. By local agreement formal procedure of  
notification is the Embassy through the Ministry of Foreign  
Affairs. Above connection has lapsed since 1942. Ambassador  
however now considers essential review it subject Treaty  
requirements of formally notifying the Iraq Government in advance  
of visits to Iraq ports by H.M. Ships.

3. Ambassador therefore requests that from now on British  
Embassy Baghdad be always given 4 days notice of visits except  
in emergency when a few hours notice will do.  
(C. in C.E.I. 022330EF to Admiralty.)

2.8.1946.  
Friday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

N.O.I.C.  
St. Johns  
Newfoundland  
lapse of  
appointment.

H.M.C.S. AVALON decommissioned 31st July and  
appointment of N.O.I.C. St. Johns lapsed.  
Signals and correspondence concerning New  
Foundland should be addressed to N.L.H.Q.  
(N.S.H.Q. 021955Z to C.O.A.C. Admiralty.  
C. in C. A.W.I. C.N.O. C.N.M.O. N.M.C.S. BARCAN.)

Far East and Australia.

FORMIDABLE  
trooping,

A.M. 301810/ July. Delay in lifting main body  
of Drafting Pool to Singapore is acceptable.  
FORMIDABLE is still required for this duty.  
(C. in C. B.P.F. 020526 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.  
F.O. Ceylon. F.O.M.A. Combrax B.P.F. Ceylon.  
FORMIDABLE.)

3.8.1946.  
Saturday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

ATHELING  
trooping  
to U.K.

Sail 1300B 3rd August to Spithead for o/r.  
2. Speed 16. E.T.A. 1200A 6th August.  
6. Acknowledge.  
(F.O. Gibraltar 031200B to ATHELING, Admiralty,  
C. in C. Plymouth. C. in C. Portsmouth.)

VICTORIOUS  
trooping  
to U.K.

Sail 1100B 4th August to Plymouth.  
2. Speed 20. E.T.A. 1800A 6th August.  
6. Acknowledge.  
(F.O. Gibraltar 031218B to VICTORIOUS. Admiralty  
C. in C. Plymouth. Combrax Devonport.)

War Diary.3.8.1946.  
Saturday.FOREIGN STATIONS.East Indies.TAPIR  
S/M  
passage  
to U.K.

Intend to sail from Aden as follows:  
 (A) 1500Z 3rd August.  
 (B) Port Said.  
 (C) 11 knots.  
 (E) E.T.A. Port Said 1600Z 8th intend to depart  
 Port Said 0500Z/11th date of Canal transit 8th  
 August.  
 (TAPIR 030600Z to C. in C. E.I. Admiralty.  
 C. in C. Med. N.O.I.C. Port Said. R.N.O. Aden.)

ALACRITY  
A.A.Sloop  
with Governor  
General of  
Malayan  
Union on  
cruise.

Sail from Singapore as follows:  
 (A) 0930Z 4th August.  
 (B) Kuching.  
 (C) 12 knots.  
 (G) Carry out cruise in Sarawak Waters as  
 required by the Governor General of Malayan Union  
 ending at Kuching about 20th August. Then return  
 to Singapore. Acknowledge.  
 (F.O.M.A. 030758Z to ALACIRTY, C. in C. B.P.F.  
 Admiralty. Com. Hong Kong. Com. Escort Forces.)

R.T.ASSIDUOUS.

On completion of fuelling p.m. today 3rd August  
 sail from Singapore as follows:  
 (A) Penang to assist SALVALOUR in towing BEN  
 CLOMOND to Singapore.  
 (B) S.O.A. 9 knots.  
 (F.O.M.A. 030817 to ASSIDUOUS, SALVALOUR, Admiralty,  
 C. in C. B.P.F. Com. Hong Kong.)

Movement.

Arrival Khor Kuwai LOCH GLENDHU.  
 (LOCH GLENDHU 030901 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.  
 S.N.O.P.G. Norfolk.)

Movement.

Sailed H.M.S. VINDEX 1530Z today Saturday 3rd  
 August.  
 (Reporting Officer Mauritius 031130Z to C. in C.  
 S.A. C. in C.E.I. Admiralty.)

GERALDTON  
M/S for  
passage  
for transfer  
to Turkey.

Intend sailing for Port Said at 1230B today.  
 E.T.A. Suez 0001B Tuesday August 6th.  
 (GERALDTON 031145B to C. in C.E.I. C. in C. Med.  
 N.O.I.C. Port Said.)

NORFOLK  
cruiser  
in Persian  
Gulf.

Your 190319 July.  
 Request exact details of movements and berths  
 occupied by NORFOLK on 18th/19th July and  
 confirmation that ship did not fuel.  
 (D.O.D. Hd. of M.I. 031301A to NORFOLK,  
 C. in C.E.I.)



War Diary.

3.8.1946.  
Saturday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies contd...

L.S.T. 3514  
with stores  
etc., for  
Palembang  
(Sumatra).

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

(A) 0001Z 4th August.

(B) Palembang.

(C) 10 knots.

(F) 0030Z 5th August at river mouth.

(G) L.S.T. 3514 has army medical personnel  
vehicles and stores embarked. She is sailing  
in company with S.S. MELCHIOR TREUB from whom

she will tranship personnel before passage up river.

2. R.N.O. Palembang is requested (a) to arrange M.L. to meet  
L.S.T. 3514 at river mouth at 0030Z 5th August and lead her up  
river (b) to sail L.S.T. 3514 for Batavia on completion of discharge.

3. R.N.O. Palembang and L.S.T. 3514 acknowledge.

(F.O.M.A. 031642Z to L.S.T. 3514. C. in C. B.P.F. N.O.I.C. Hong  
Kong. Batavia. C.C.O.)

3.8.1946.  
Saturday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

Visit of  
R.C.N.  
Officer to  
confer with  
R.N. Officers  
and Naval  
historians.

My 291232/ July.  
As Lieut. Langlows will be arriving approximately  
7th August and is required to return to Canada  
at an early date, request I may be informed when  
it will be convenient for him to visit R.N.  
Colleges.  
(C.N.M.O. 031224A to Admiralty. R.N. College  
Greenwich, R.N. College Dartmouth.)  
/ Quoting signal from N.S.H.Q. concerning  
visit of Instr. Lt. J.S.M. Langlows R.C.N. (R)  
to Royal Naval College Greenwich and Dartmouth.

Far East and Australia.

Movements.

Arrivals 31st July.  
(A) Port Moresby MILDURA.  
(B) Tulagi VERYAN BAY.  
Departures:  
(A) ~~TOUNSVILLE~~<sup>Townsville</sup>, ECHUCA for Brisbane.  
(B) ~~SYDNEY~~<sup>Sydney</sup>, SWAN for Melbourne.  
(A.C.N.B. 030042Z to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F.  
C. in C.E.I. N.Z.N.B.)

War Diary.

4.8.1946.  
Sunday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

LAUNCESTON  
M/S on  
passage for  
transfer  
to Turkey.

Intend to sail from Port Said as follows:  
0700Z 5th August.  
2. Famagusta.  
3. 12 knots.  
(LAUNCESTON 040952B to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.  
N.O.I.C. Port Said. R.N.O. Famagusta.)

Gibraltar  
Visit of  
C. in C.  
Med.

The Commander in Chief will leave Malta by air  
on Tuesday 6th to visit Gibraltar returning to  
Malta on Thursday 8th.  
2. Signals are to continue to be sent to Malta  
whence any messages requiring the personal  
attention of the Commander in Chief will be  
forwarded.  
(C. in C. Med. 041145 to C.S.I. S.B.N.O. M.E.  
F.O.L.I. S.B.N.O. (G). R.A.D. Med. R.A. Malta.  
Admiralty. F.O. Gib.)

4.8.1946.  
Sunday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Movements.

Arrivals at Singapore 3rd August SHARPSHOOTER,  
U.S.S. PASSUMPSIC.  
Departures. H.N.M.M.S. 1074, 1022, L.S.T. 3505,  
FORT PROVIDENCE.  
(F.O.M.A. 040130 to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F.  
C. in C.E.I. N.O.I.C. Hong Kong.)

FENCER  
trooping.

FENCER will not be required by C. in C.E.I.  
for lift from Ceylon to U.K.  
(C. in C.E.I. 041250 to Admiralty. C. in C.B.P.F.  
Combrax B.P.F. F.O.M.A. F.O. Ceylon.)

Movement.

Colombo 3rd August.  
Arrivals - SWIFTSURE.  
(F.O. Colombo 041330 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)

5.8.1946.  
Monday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Chinese  
ship FUPU  
outward  
bound  
from U.K.  
to China.

Concur with programme for Chinese ship FUPU through the Med. Your 011442. Break.  
(C. in C. Med. 051107B to C. in C. Plymouth. Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. C. in C. B.P.F. Naval Attache, Shanghai.)

C.S.1.  
S.N.O.(A)  
Haifa  
and transfer  
of flag.

C.S.One. will sail in AJAX from Malta 1400B 6th August for Haifa E.T.A. 1130C 9th August to assume duty as S.N.O.A. Haifa.  
2. On completion of self refit MAURITIUS will be sailed to Haifa where C.S.One will transfer his Flag back to her.  
3. LIVERPOOL is to leave Alexandria p.m. 7th August for Malta.  
(C. in C. Med. 051238 to C.S.One. Admiralty. N.O.I.C. Haifa. R.A.M. AJAX. LIVERPOOL.)  
(Amended by 060928B)  
C.S.1. will transfer this flag temporarily from

MAURITIUS to AJAX at 0800 6th August.

2. Signals for C.S.1. are to be routed to both AJAX and MAURITIUS.

3. Correspondence is to continue to be sent C.S.1. in MAURITIUS only.

(C.S.1. 051903 to Medn. Stn. Gl. Admiralty.)

Su 121355C.

Movements.

5th August Port Said arrivals nil. Departures: 0900 LAUNCESTON for Famagusta. Suez arrival nil. Departures nil.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 051923B to C. in C. Med. Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. R.N.O. Aden.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

COURIER  
SERENE  
M/S for  
passage  
to U.K.

Intend following programme for M/S 10 in COURIER  
with SERENE in company.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
-	Colombo.	7th August.
13th August.	Karachi.	15th August.
23rd August.	Aden.	25th August.
31st August.	Suez.	31st August.
31st August.	Port Said.	2nd Sept.
6th Sept.	Malta.	7th Sept.
11th Sept.	Gibraltar.	14th Sept.
19th Sept.	Devonport (SERENE)	-
20th Sept.	Chatham (COURIER)	-

2. Fuel Karachi, Aden, Port Said, Malta and Gibraltar.  
(C. in C.E.I. 050017 to Admiralty. F.O. Ceylon. N.O.I.C. Karachi,  
R.N.O. Aden.)

Movements.

Arrivals Singapore 4th August. Nil.  
Departures ALACRITY, ASSIDUOUS, L.S.T. 3514.  
DINGLEDALE.  
(F.O.M.A. 050130Z to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F.  
C. in C.E.I. Com. Hong Kong.)

M/S report  
No. 33.

Weekly report of M/S progress No. 33.  
Serial 18 Berhala Strait E.F.M.I. 366 11th M/S Flotilla  
completed this serial, no further mines swept.  
Serial 33 S. Approaches Singapore E.F.M.I. 482 11th  
M/S Flotilla commences with sweep. 10 mines cut.

Serial T. Tavoy. No further information to my 290300Z/  
Future operation.

Serial 33. E.F.M.I. 480. Malaya East Coast allies ground mines.  
(F.O.M.A. 050230Z to C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I. S.A.C.S.E.A.  
Admiralty.)

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

Chinese ship  
FUPO.

Concur in passage through East Indies Station.  
Your 011442 (N.T. in W.D.) refers.  
(2) C. in C. B.P.F. pass to N.A. Shanghai.  
(C. in C.E.I. 050950 to C. in C. Plymouth,  
Admiralty. C. in C. Med. C. in C. B.P.F. N.A.  
Shanghai.)

PORTLAND  
BILL.  
Armament  
maintenance  
ship.

E.I.P.I. sail from Colombo as follows:  
(A) On completion of loading p.m. 6th August.  
(B) Bombay.  
(C) 9 knots.  
Acknowledge.  
(F.O. Ceylon 051227 to PORTLAND BILL. Admiralty  
C. in C.E.I. F.O. Bombay. F.O.C.R.I.N.)

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East Indies contd...

KISTNA  
A.A. Sloop  
on anti-  
smuggling  
patrol.

Sail from Madras as follows:

- (A) 1630 5th.
  - (B) Anti-smuggling patrol.
  - (C) 10.
  - (G) Acknowledge.
- (N.O.I.C. Madras 051252 to KISTNA. Admiralty.  
C. in C.E.I. COMBAY. N.H.Q. (I). )

SWIFTSURE  
cruiser  
on passage.

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

- (A) 1100EF 6th August.
  - (B) Aden.
  - (C) 15 knots.
- Acknowledge.  
(F.O. Ceylon 051459EF to SWIFTSURE. Admiralty.  
R.N.O. Aden. C. in C.E.I. C. in C. Med. Ceylon W/T).

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Far East and Australia.

C.S.5. Arrived Yokohama NEWFOUNDLAND wearing Flag of  
in Com. Brit. Cruron 5.  
NEWFOUNDLAND. (F.O.I. Force T. 050158 to M.R.O. Tokyo. Admiralty.  
C. in C. B.P.F., Com. Hong Kong. N.O.I.C. Kure.)

Movements. Arrivals 1st August.  
(A) Sydney ARUNTA.  
(B) Kukum VERYAN BAY.  
2nd August.

(A) Dredger, WILCANNA.  
(B) Melbourne, SWAN.

Departures 1st August.

(A) Vila, WHITESAND BAY for Port Moresby.

2nd August.

(A) Sydney, HOBART for Hervey Bay.

(B) Biak MANOORA for Morotai.

(A.C.N.B. 0501611Z 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.

QUEEN  
trooping  
to U.K.

1. E.T.A. 1000B Friday 9th.
2. E.T.D. 1500B Saturday 10th.
3. E.T.A. Plymouth 1900B Tuesday 13th.
4. Requirements on arrival follow.  
(QUEEN 060844B to F.O. Gib.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

C.S.1. My 051238 para. 3. For a.m. 8th read p.m. 7th.  
S.N.O. Haifa. (C. in C. Med. 060928B to C.S. One. Admiralty.  
N.O.I.C. Haifa. R.A.M. AJAX. LIVERPOOL. S.N.O.A.  
Haifa S.B.N.O. M.E.)

S.B.N.O. M.E. The flag of Rear Admiral H.W.U. McCall D.S.O.  
Change of is to be hoisted at 0800 local time 8th August in  
Flag. TALLYBONT and transferred to Navy House Port Said at  
0800 local time 9th August.  
2. The flag of Vice Admiral Sir William Tennant  
K.C.B., is to be struck at sunset on 8th August.  
(C. in C. Med. 060952 to Capt. "D" 3 TALLYBONT,  
Cdr. (L) N.O.I.C. Port Said. S.B.N.O. M.E. Admiralty  
C. in C.E.I. S.N.O. Persian Gulf.)  
(Cancelled by 070858B) (See 091245).

Movements. 6th August Port Said arrivals:  
0500 INDEFATIGABLE from Malta.  
1430 ELAN from Beirut.  
Departures:  
0700 INDEFATIGABLE for Suez.  
1800 ELAN for Beirut.

Suez arrivals:  
1030 TURPIN from Aden.  
1400 GERALDTON from Aden.  
2000 INDEFATIGABLE from Port Said.  
Departures:  
1200 TURPIN for Ismalia.  
2000 GERALDTON for Port Said.  
2100 INDEFATIGABLE for Aden.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 061953B to C. in C. Med. Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.  
R.N.O. Aden.)

WIGTOWN BAY Sail at 2000B 8th August to Istanbul. E.T.A. 1100  
and ENARD 12th.  
BAY frigates 3. Adjust speed to r/v position 37 degs. 22 mins.  
on passage N. 24 degs. 10 mins. E. with ENARD BAY.  
to Istanbul. 4. Thence take ENARD BAY under your orders and  
carry out import of C. in C. Med's 021219B.  
5. Acknowledge.  
(N.O.I.C. Trieste 062015B to WIGTOWN BAY. ENARD  
BAY. GAWLER. R.A. (D). Med. S.N.O.A.D. B.N.A.  
Ankara. C. in C. Med.)

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East Indies.

ULSTER  
destroyer.

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

- (A) 0600H 7th August.
- (B) Hong Kong.
- (C) 17 knots.
- (F) 10th August.

Acknowledge.

(F.O.M.A. 060243Z to ULSTER, Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F. N.O.I.C. Hong Kong. R.A.D. B.P.F. Capt. D.8)

COCKADE  
destroyer.

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

- (A) 0600GH 7th August.
- (B) Hong Kong.
- (C) 17 knots.
- (F) 10 August.

Acknowledge.

(F.O.M.A. 060243Z to COCKADE. Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F. N.O.I.C. Hong Kong. R.A.D. B.P.F. Capt. D.8.)

C. in C.E.I.  
in GLASGOW.

E.I.P.I. One.

Intend to sail in GLASGOW from Trincomalee as follows:

- (A) 1400EF 7th August.
- (B) Rodriguez.
- (C) 15 knots.

(C. in C.E.I. 061002 to Admiralty. GLASGOW. R.O. Rodriguez. Ceylon W/T. F.O.C.)

EASTWAY  
L.S.D.  
SHAMSHER  
frigate  
for Persian  
Gulf.

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

- (A) 0900EF 7th August.
- (B) Basra.
- (C) 12 knots. Call at Karachi.
- (G) Acknowledge.

(F.O. Bombay 061057EF to EASTWAY. Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. F.O. Ceylon. S.N.O. P.G., N.O.I.C. Karachi. SHAMSHER. R.N.O. Bombay.)

7th M.S.  
programme  
for passage  
to U.K.

Following is proposed programme for 7th M/S. Flotilla, less SANDRAY and SCARAVAY who are delayed at Aden.

<u>Place.</u>	<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
Aden.	-	7th August.
Suez.	13th August.	13th
Port Said.	14th	16th
Malta.	20th	24th
Gibraltar.	28th	29th
U.K.	2nd September.	

2. Call at Malta is considered desirable in order to wash through boilers, which will be overdue for clean and to enable ships to paint after a heavy monsoon passage.

3. If approved by you, Admiralty is requested to divert mails accordingly.

4. M.S.7. is to report proposed destination of ships in U.K. (C. in C.E.I. 061125EF to C. in C.Med. S.O.7th M.S. Admty. R.N.O. Aden.) (See 070923C. (Med.)

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East Indies. contd...

7th M/S  
programme  
for passage  
to U.K.

E.I.T.M. 43. Intend to sail from Aden with  
PICKLE, RECRUIT, CHAMELEON, RIFLEMAN, PINCHER,  
PLUCKY.

- (A) 0820C 7th August.
- (B) Port Said.
- (C) 9 knots.
- (F) E.T.A. Suez daylight 13th August. Request  
Canal transit that day.  
(M.S.7. 062009C to C. in C.E.I. C. in C. Med.  
Admiralty. N.O.I.C. Port Said. R.N.O. Aden.)

M.S.10  
in COURIER  
and SERENE  
on passage  
to U.K.

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

- (A) On completion of fuelling a.m. Wednesday  
7th August.
- (B) Karachi.
- (C) 12 knots.

Acknowledge.

(F.O. Ceylon 061200 to M.S.10 in COURIER. SERENE  
Admiralty. F.O.C.R.I.N. C. in C.E.I.)

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Tuesday.FOREIGN STATIONS.Far East and Australia.

- B.P.F. Intend following programme during period end August to early October.
- Programme of movements from end of August to early October.
- (A) EURALUS. Leave H.K. with R.A. <sup>Woodhouse</sup> WOODHOUSE 21st August arrive Yokohama 26th August then in Japanese water as requested by C.S.5. becoming S.O. Force "T" on October 1st.
- (B) NEWFOUNDLAND hoist flag of R.A. <sup>Woodhouse</sup> WOODHOUSE as C.S.5. at Yokohama on 27th August visit Kure from 2nd to 9th September visits and exercises as required by C.S.5. from 9th to 23rd September. Fleet exercise 24th to 28th September. Visit Yokohama for one day leaving on 1st October for H.K. and thence to U.K. flag of C.S.5. to be transferred to Bermuda at H.K.
- (C) GLORY and VENERABLE to remain in Ceylon until Seafire D.L.T. is completed thence to Kure spending two days at H.K. en route. If possible take part in Fleet exercise 24th to 28th September Yokohama 30th September to 7th October thence to H.K. calling at Kure for two days if desired.
- (D) ARMADA (R.A.(D) ) leave H.K. 30th August Shanghai 2nd to 17th September Chingwangton and Peitaho 19th to 30th September H.K. 4th to 15th October thence to U.K.
- (E) TRAFALGAR. Leave H.K. 28th August Chingwangton and Peitaho 1st to 16th September. Woosung, Nanking, Shanghai and Tsingtau in company with C. in C. 18th September to 4th October H.K. 7th to 10th October thence to U.K.
- (F) BARFLEUR leave Yokohama with R.A. Servaes 28th August for H.K. and U.K.
- (G) HOGUE leave Ceylon about 21st August to arrive H.K. not later than 2nd September refit at Hong Kong and leave U.K. about 25th October.
- (H) LAGOS leave Kobe 17th August to join and attend on carriers.
- (I) CAMPERDOWN Japanese Waters as required by C.S.5. and attend on carriers details dependent on carrier programme arrive Hong Kong 6th October and leave for U.K. about 10th October.
- (J) FINISTERRE attend on carriers until they arrive at Hong Kong subsequent movement dependent on date of arrival Hong Kong.
- (K) Eighth Destroyer Flotilla COSSACK and CONTEST arrive Kure 28th August CONSTANCE, COMET and COCKADE arrive Kure 1st September, ports in B.C.O.F. area 5th to 12th September, ports in Nagasaki area 12th to 23rd Sept. Fleet exercise 24th to 28th Sept. then to Yokohama COSSACK, CONTEST, and COMET to return to Hong Kong with carriers. CONSTANCE and COCKADE remain in Japan with S.O. Force "T".
- (L) ADAMANT Fourth S/M Flotilla and HART Kure 30th August till 7th September ports in Nagasaki area 7th to 23rd September Fleet exercise 24th to 28th September Kobe 30th Sept. to 5th October thence to Hong Kong.
2. Intend that Captain D.8 should carry out instructions and flotilla exercises while in Kobe and B.C.O.F. area. Suitable ports to visit are Kochi, Mituthama and Kamatsushima. Flotilla regatta if required should be held at Yokohama after fleet exercise.
3. Intend that 8th D.F. and submarines should exercise together in Nagasaki area. Suitable ports to visit are Nagasaki, Sasebo and Obama.

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Far East and Australia. contd...

B.P.F.  
Programme  
of movements  
from end of  
August to  
early  
October  
contd...

4. D.8 and S/M are to forward requirements and proposals to C.S.5 who is requested to co-ordinate their programmes.
5. Outline plan of fleet exercise will be arranged between C. in C. B.P.F. and C.S.5. during period at Yokohama 20th to 26th August nature of exercise is dependent on programme of carriers but will probably include replenishing at sea.
6. Arrangements are being made for tanker to be available at Nagasaki, for fuelling destroyers.
7. C.S.5. is requested to inform American authorities. (C. in C. B.P.F. 060252Z to N.R. 103).

5th C.S.  
B.P.F.  
change in  
course and  
procedure.

- Intend BARFLEUR leave Hong Kong 17th August for Yokohama. Ship will carry out fuel consumption trials on passage and will arrive 21st August.
2. S.O. Force "T" is requested to arrange for BARFLEUR to carry out measured mile trials at Yokohama as convenient. R.A.D's letter No. PD.675/6/56 of 30th May not to all refers.
3. Rear Admiral Woodhouse will embark in EURYALUS at Hong Kong about 20th August and ship will sail 21st August for Yokohama arriving 26th August.
4. Rear Admiral Woodhouse will assume command of 5th Cruiser Squadron on 27th August. On relief Rear Admiral Servaes will embark in BARFLEUR and ship will sail p.m. 27th August for Hong Kong for onward routing to U.K.
5. Request ships be sailed to comply.
6. BARFLEUR is requested to signal C.S.5. proposed programme for passage to U.K.  
(C. in C. B.P.F. 060344Z to BARFLEUR, F.O.C.S.5. Com. Hong Kong. Capt. D.8. Capt. D.19. R.A.(D). B.P.F. F.O. Aircraft Carriers. EURYALUS. Admiralty.)  
✓ As received. ?Carry out.

TYNE  
destroyer  
depot ship  
programme  
for return  
to U.K.

Intend following programme passage of TYNE to U.K.			
<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Leave.</u>	
-	Hong Kong.	8th August.	
13th August.	Singapore.	13th August.	
19th August.	Colombo.	22nd August.	
29th August.	Aden.	30th August.	
3rd Sept.	Suez.	3rd Sept.	
4th Sept.	Port Said.	4th Sept.	
10th Sept.	Gibraltar.	11th Sept.	
16th Sept.	Sheerness.	-	
(C. in C. B.P.F. 060827 to Admiralty. C. in C. Nore. F.O. Gib. TYNE.)			

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GENERAL.

Services  
release  
of  
personnel.

Following is repetition of Cabinet Office message OZ.2755 T.O.O. 061945 addressed S.A.C.S.E.A. S.A.C. Med. C's in C. Middle East, C. in C.B.A.O.R. C. in C. B.T.A. C. in C. India, B.I.E.J.C.O.S.A. begins:

Following from Chiefs of Staff.

1. It has recently been pointed out that the Army is getting behind the other two Services in the matter of releases of personnel. This is attributed to the fact that the Army has had to take most of the weight regarding prisoners-of-war, resettlement and general occupational duties.

2. To meet manning difficulties consequent on release schemes, it is necessary for all three Services to render each other the maximum mutual assistance possible.

3. As each Service has similar difficulties, it is clear that any assistance from one to another can only be on a day to day basis but where possible local Commanders-in-Chief and Senior Officers should by mutual agreement arrange such assistance. This assistance may be outside the normal scope of the Service concerned.

4. No increase in manpower is available for mutual services rendered and no delay in releases is acceptable on this account.  
Ends.

(Admiralty O71302A to A.I.G.10. A.I.G.21.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

LEANDER  
cruiser  
on passage  
allocated  
to Medn.  
Fleet.

Sail 1115B 9th August via Medri route to Malta.  
2. Speed 14. E.T.A. 0900B 12th August.  
5. Acknowledge.  
(F.O. Gibraltar 071136B to LEANDER, Admiralty.  
C. in C. Med. R.A. Malta. C.S.M. C.S.I.)



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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Re hoisting  
Flag of R.A.  
H.W.U. McCall  
as S.B.N.O.  
M.E.

Cancel my 060952/  
(C. in C. Med. 070858B to TALYBONT, Capt. D.3.  
S.B.N.O. M.E. Cdr. (L) N.O.I.C. Port Said.  
Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. S.N.O. P.G.)  
/ The flag of Rear Adl. H.W.U. McCall to be  
hoisted 0800 8th August in TALYBONT. The flag  
of Vice Adl. Sir William Tennant to be struck  
at sunset on 8th August.  
(See 091245).

7th M/S  
Flot. on  
passage.  
Destination  
on return  
to U.K.

C. in C.E.I.'s 061125 para.4. propose all ships  
proceed to home ports viz -  
(A) Devonport PICKLE.  
(B) Chatham RECRUIT, PINCHER.  
(C) Portsmouth CHAMELEON, PLUCKY, RIFLEMAN.  
2. SANDRAY and SCARAVAY who were originally  
manned by patrol service from Lowestoft to go to  
Chatham.  
(S.O. M.S.F. 7. 070923C to C. in C. Med. C. in C.  
E.I. Admiralty.)  
Your 061125/ concur.  
(C. in C. Med. 071051B to C. in C.E.I. S.O. M/S.7.  
Admiralty. R.N.O. Aden. N.O.I.C. Port Said.  
R.A. Malta. F.O. Gibraltar.)  
/ Programme for 7th M/S Flot. less SANDRAY  
and SCARAVAY who are delayed at Aden.

Frigates  
for  
Istanbul.

Your 011055. Visit of ENARD BAY and WIGTOWN BAY  
is welcomed. Admiralty please pass to other  
addressees.  
(B.N.A. Ankara 071114C to C. in C. Med. GAWLER,  
Admiralty. R.N.O. Famagusta.)

ALAUNIA  
on passage  
to U.K.

Final destination in U.K. of ALAUNIA is Clyde.  
2. On arrival at Plymouth, passengers and food  
purchases are to be disembarked, and on completion  
C. in C. Plymouth is requested to sail ship for  
the Clyde.  
3. On arrival in the 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.  
(D.O.D. 071755A to C. in C. Med. ALAUNIA. C. in C. Plymouth.  
C. in C.E.I. C. in C. B.P.F.)

SOUTHERN  
PRINCE  
Accommodation  
ship on  
passage  
to U.K.

First destination of SOUTHERN PRINCE is Plymouth.  
2. On arrival passengers and food purchases  
referred to in ALAUNIA's 310630 (N.T. in W.D.) July,  
not to all, are to be discharged. A further  
signal will be made indicating final destination  
of ship.  
3. SOUTHERN PRINCE is to report her E.T.A. at  
Plymouth to C. in C. Plymouth and Admiralty.  
4. C. in C.E.I.'s 271048 July, not to all refers.  
(D.O.D. 071809A to C. in C. Med. C. in C. Plymouth.  
SOUTHERN PRINCE. C. in C.E.I.)

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Mediterranean contd...

Movements.

7th August Port Said arrivals. 0930 TURPIN from Ismailia. 1530 GERALDTON from Suez. Departures. 1800 TALYBONT for Haifa. Suez arrivals nil. Departures nil. (N.O.I.C. Port Said 071907B to C. in C. Med. Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. S.M.I. R.N.O. Aden.)

SHEFFIELD  
visit  
to Azores.

Your 231717/July (not to all). Portuguese Authorities have agreed to visit of H.M.S. SHEFFIELD to Azores and have been informed of duration of visit stated in your 301707/July. (Hd. of M.II. 072201A to C. in C. Med. C. in C. A. & W.I. SHEFFIELD. C. in C. Plymouth. B.N.A. Lisbon. British Consul, Ponta Delgada, F.O. Gib.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

ALAUNIA  
on passage  
to U.K.

Position 0800Z 7th. 0818 North 52.37 East.  
Course 342. S.O.A. 11 knots. Italian ship  
ERITREA in company. E.T.A. Aden 1700Z 9th.  
Request R.N.O. Aden acknowledge.  
(ALAUNIA 070855Z to C. in C.E.I. R.N.O. Aden.  
C. in C. Med. I.S. ERITREA.)

Movements.

Colombo August 6th.

Arrivals.

PHEASANT.

R.F.A. CEDARDALE.

(F.O. Ceylon 070900 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)

Departures.

SWIFTSURE.

PORTLAND BILL.

Movement.

Bahrein arrival LOCH GLENDHU.

(NORFOLK 070900 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.  
Afloat. S.N.O. P.G. LOCH GLENDHU.)

PHEASANT  
A.A.Sloop  
on passage  
to U.K.  
and for  
reserve  
Cat. B.

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

(A) 1600EF 8th August.

(B) Aden for o/r to Suez.

(C) 12 knots.

Acknowledge.

(F.O. Ceylon 071504 to PHEASANT. C. in C.E.I.  
Admiralty. R.N.O. Aden. C. in C. Med. Ceylon W/T.)

10th M/S  
on passage  
to U.K.

Intend sailing LIBERTY and ORSAY p.m. 9th August.  
1946, and JEWEL, WELCOME, WAVE, LAERTES, and  
GOLDEN FLEECE sailing a.m. 10th August, 1946.  
R.N.O. Aden will be informed by JEWEL before 13th  
August whether oiler required for fuelling on  
passage.

(N.O.I.C. Karachi 071547 to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty.  
F.O. Ceylon. N.H.Q. F.O.B., R.N.O. Aden. C. in C.  
Med. M/S.10).

NORFOLK  
cruiser  
re berths  
occupied  
18/19th  
July.

Hasten reply to A.M. 031301.

(D.O.D.071701A to NORFOLK. C. in C. E.I.  
(Trincomalee).

S/M TAURUS  
on passage  
to U.K.  
from B.P.F.

Departed Aden TAURUS 1700Z 7th August for Suez  
and Port Said. S.O.A. 10 knots. E.T.A. Suez  
0500Z 13th August Guards Broadcast V.  
(TAURUS 071743Z to C. in C.E.I. C. in C. Med.  
Admiralty. F.O. Submarines. N.O.I.C. Port Said.  
R.N.O. Aden.)

War Diary.

7.8.1946.  
Wednesday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies contd...

PORTLAND  
BILL for  
passage  
to U.K.

A.M. 071754 August 46. Passage programme for  
PORTLAND BILL will be signalled as soon as  
E.T.A. Bombay is known.  
(C. in C.E.I. 091005EF to Admiralty. PORTLAND  
BILL. C. in C. B.P.F., F.O. Bombay.)

PORTLAND  
BILL  
for passage  
to U.K.

Request passage programme for PORTLAND BILL may  
be signalled.  
(D.O.D. 071754A to C. in C.E.I. C. in C. B.P.F.  
F.O. Bombay. PORTLAND BILL.)  
(See 091005)

War Diary.

7.8.1946.  
Wednesday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

Movement.

Arrival 6th August. PADSTOW BAY.  
(Capt. i/c Bermuda 070230Z to C. in C. A.W.I.  
F.O. Gib. Consul Ponta Delgada.)

Far East and Australia.

C. in C.B.P.F. programme for cruise in BELFAST. C. in C. B.P.F. flying his flag in BELFAST will leave Hong Kong on 15th August for the following cruise:

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Leave.</u>
-	Hong Kong.	15th Aug.
20th Aug.	Yokohama.	26th Aug.
28th Aug.	Otaru.	1st Sept.
4th Sept.	Kure.	10th Sept.
11th Sept.	Kobe.	16th Sept.

2. Further signal will be made regarding subsequent programme.
3. C. in C. B.P.F. will be accompanied by a small staff.
4. Administrative and operational control will remain in A.C.H.Q. Hong Kong signals on important matters personnel and policy signals will be automatically re-routed from Hong Kong to BELFAST. Signals for C. in C. B.P.F. concerning local matters in Japan should be addressed to BELFAST and text commenced "for C. in C. B.P.F". Such signals need not be addressed or repeated C. in C. B.P.F. unless the subject matter requires this. (C. in C. B.P.F. 070117Z to General Station Message No. 187 P. Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. A.C.N.B. N.Z.N.B. U.K.N.A. B.C.O.F. D. CAIR. A.N.A. Nanking. N.A. Shanghai. B.R.N.O. Shanghai.)

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

C. in C. B.P.F's 160136 (N.T. in W.D.) July not to all and E.I.P.I. Para. 14 dated 28th March.  
(A) E.T.D. Batavia 16th August. E.T.A. Singapore 18th August. E.T.D. Singapore 19th August. E.T.A. Colombo 24th August. E.T.D. Colombo 27th August. E.T.A. Aden 3rd Sept. E.T.D. Aden 3rd Sept. E.T.A. Suez 7th Sept. E.T.D. Suez 8th Sept. E.T.A. Port Said 8th Sept. E.T.D. Port Said 9th Sept. E.T.A. Gibraltar 15th Sept. E.T.D. Gib. 15th Sept. E.T.A. U.K. 19th Sept.

(B) Singapore, Colombo, Aden, Port Said, Gibraltar.  
(C) 8th September.

(WHIMBREL 070430Z to C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I. F.O.M.A. SULTAN, Com. Hong Kong. Admiralty.)

7.8.1946.  
Wednesday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia. contd...

Movements.

Arrivals 4th August.

- (A) Hervey Bay, HOBART.
- (B) Rabaul, MILDURA.
- (C) Port Moresby, SHOALHAVEN.
- (D) Morotai, MANOORA.

Departures 3rd August.

- (A) Brisbane, KANIMBIA for Macassar 4th.
- (A) Dredger WILCANNIA for Rabaul, Morotai, MANOORA for Rabaul.
- (A.C.N.B. 070749Z to Admiralty, C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I. N.Z.N.B.)

Naval  
trooping  
programme  
Aug. 46.

Amend A.M. 031832 July to read:-

<u>Ship.</u>	<u>E.T.D.U.K.</u>	<u>Destination.</u>	<u>E.T.A.</u>
PATROLLER.	7th Aug.	Malta: Colombo: Hong Kong.	7th Sep.
FENCER.	10th Aug.	Malta.	17th Sep
RAJAH.	12th Aug.	Malta: Colombo: Singapore.	10th Sep
FORMIDABLE.	24th Aug.	Malta: Colombo: Singapore.	17th Sep
ATHELING.	30th Aug.	Malta: Colombo.	20th Sep

(D. of M. 071927A to C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I. C. in C. Med. )

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8.8.1946.  
Thursday.

FOREIGN STATION.

North Atlantic.

VENGEANCE  
on passage  
A.C. to U.K.  
from E. Indies.

Sail 2100B 8th August to Portsmouth for o/r  
Plymouth.  
2. S.O.A. 14. E.T.A. Spithead 0900A 12th August.  
6. Acknowledge.  
(F.O. Gib. 080931B to VENGEANCE, Admiralty,  
C. in C. Plymouth. C. in C. Portsmouth.)

Frigates  
on passage  
to U.K.  
from E.I.  
and for  
Reserve  
Cat. B.

Take LOCH ECK under your orders and sail 0600B/9th  
August to Plymouth.  
2. Speed 12. E.T.A. 0900A 12th August.  
6. Acknowledge.  
(F.O. Gib. 081143B to LOCH CRAGGIE, LOCH ECK,  
Admiralty. C. in C. Plymouth.)

8.8.1946.

Thursday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATION.

Mediterranean.

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

Sailed for Istanbul from Famagusta at 1015B 8th  
August. LAUNCESTON and PIRIE in company.  
(GAWLER 081015B to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.  
N.O.I.C. Port Said. B.N.O. Famagusta B.N.A.  
Ankara, S.N.O.A. Haifa.)

Movement.

Arrived Haifa from Port Said TALYBONT at 0800C  
today.  
(N.O.I.C. Haifa 081757C to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.)



8.8.1946.  
Thursday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Movements.

Colombo August 7th.

Arrivals Nil.

Departures COURIER, SERENE V.S.I.S. FORT ALABAMA.

(F.O. Ceylon 080900 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)

C. in C.E.I. in GLASGOW.

Trincomalee 7th August.

Departures C. in C.E.I. in H.M.S. GLASGOW.

(C. in C.E.I. 080900EF to Admiralty. F.O. Ceylon. R.O. Rodriguez, F.O.M.A.)

ALAUNIA programme for return to U.K.

Reference C. in C.E.I.'s 30110LEF/ (not to all) following is amended programme.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
9th Aug.	Aden.	10th Aug.
15th Aug.	Suez.	15th Aug.
16th Aug.	Port Said.	18th Aug.
24th Aug.	Gibraltar.	25th Aug.
29th Aug.	Plymouth.	-

2. Fuel required at Aden and Port Said.

3. Admiralty is requested to divert mails accordingly.

(ALAUNIA 081514Z to C. in C. E.I. Admiralty. N.O.I.C. Aden.

N.O.I.C. Port Said. C. in C. Mediterranean. C. in C. Plymouth.)

/ Italian Sloop ERITREA.

8.8.1946.  
Thursday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

WEAR  
frigate  
for return  
to U.K.  
and reduce  
to reserve  
Cat. B.

C. in C. A.W.I's 071125 not to all.  
Destination of WEAR in U.K. is Harwich where ship  
is to reduce to Reserve Category B. F.O.C.R.F.  
if requested to issue necessary instructions.  
2. On arrival passengers and 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 C. in C.  
Nore, retaining on board sufficient men to maintain  
the ship.  
(D.O.D. 081426A to C. in C. A.W.I. C. in C. Nore.  
F.O.C.R.F. Capt. i/c. Bermuda. S.O.R.F. Harwich.  
WEAR)

9.8.1946.  
Friday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

QUEEN  
trooping  
to U.K.

Sail 1500B 10th August to Plymouth for o/r  
Portsmouth.  
2. Speed 16. E.T.A. 1800A 13th August.  
6. Acknowledge.  
(F.O. Gibraltar 091518B to QUEEN, Admiralty,  
C. in C. Plymouth. C. in C. Portsmouth.)

South Atlantic.

VINDEX.  
Carrier  
on passage  
to Cape  
and U.K.

VINDEX arrived 0800/9th August.  
(N.L.O. Durban 091513Z to C. in C. South Atlantic.  
Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. F.O. Ceylon.)

War Diary.

9.8.1946.  
Friday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

S.B.N.O.M.E.  
Change of  
flag.

(See also p. 39A)

The flag of Rear-Admiral H.W.<sup>U.</sup> McCall D.S.O. is to be hoisted 0800B 11th August in RANPURA and transferred to Navy House Port Said at 0800B 12th August.

2. The flag of Vice Admiral Sir William Tennant K.C.B., is to be struck at sunset on 11th August. (C. in C. Med. 091245 to RANPURA, S.B.N.O. M.E. N.O.I.C. Port Said. R.A.M. S.O. C/S.1. Admiralty.)

SHEFFIELD  
cruiser  
for passage  
to A. & W.I.  
Stn.

Sail at 0900B 12th August to arrive Gibraltar 0800B 15th for o/r to Azores and Bermuda.

3. Acknowledge.  
(C. in C. Med. 091455 to SHEFFIELD. R.A.M. for K.H.M. F.O. Gib. Admiralty. C. in C. A.W.I.)

S.N.O.  
(Afloat)  
Haifa.

Arrived Haifa in AJAX 1100C 8th August. Have assumed duty as S.N.O. (Afloat).  
(C.S.1. 091519C to C. in C. Med. N.O.I.C. Haifa, Admiralty).

MESSAGE.

Received in

W.D.

23.8.46

39A  
Med  
IN

UNCLASSIFIED

From: S.B.N.O.M.E.

121836B/August

Date: 22.8.46

Recd: 2253

P/L

To: C. in C. Med.  
Info: Admiralty, N.O.I.C. Port Said, Cdr. (L) Alex.,  
S.N.O.(A) Haifa, C. in C. East Indies

Rear Admiral McCall has assumed duties of S.N.N.O.M.E.  
p.m. today, Monday, 12th August 1946.

121856B

2nd S.L.  
V.C.M.C.  
Nav. Secretary  
M.(5)  
N.A. 2nd S.L.(2)  
C.V.(2)  
C.M.I.  
D.C.(2)  
H.R.(2)  
W.D.  
D.N:A. Harrow

lcr

A.7

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9.8.1946.  
Friday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

D.S.  
CERAM M/S.

E.I.P.I. One. Sail from Singapore as follows:  
(A) 0630GH 10th August.  
(B) Batavia.  
(C) Viaricow and Banka Straits. 10 knots.  
Acknowledge.  
(F.O.M.A. 090413Z to D.S. CERAM. C. in C. B.P.F.  
N.O.I.C. Hong Kong.)

Movements.

Colombo August 8th. Arrivals. ACHILLES.  
Departures. PHEASANT.  
(F.O. Ceylon 090900 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)

7th M/S  
Flotilla  
Danlayers  
for passage  
to U.K.

E.I.T.M. 43. Intend to sail from Aden at 1700G  
9th August taking SANDRAY under my orders:  
(A) 1700G 9th August.  
(B) Port Said for U.K.  
(F) E.T.A. Suez 1230 16th August.  
(SCARAVAY 091038C to C. in C.E.I. R.N.O. Aden.  
M/S.F.7. Admiralty. C. in C. Med., N.O.I.C. Port  
Said.)  
Cancel my 091038C/. Sailing is delayed owing  
to defective sailing gear in SANDRAY.  
(SCARAVAY 091216C to C. in C.E.I. C. in C. Med.  
N.O.I.C. Port Said. R.N.O. Aden. M/S.7. Admiralty.)  
/ E.I.T.M.43. Intend to sail from Aden taking  
SANDRAY under orders.

ACHILLES  
Cruiser  
on passage  
to U.K.

E.I.P.I. One. Sail from Colombo as follows:  
(A) 1800EF 10th August.  
(B) Aden for Suez and U.K.  
(C) 14 knots.  
Acknowledge.  
(F.O. Ceylon 091133EF to ACHILLES. Admiralty.  
C. in C.E.I. C. in C. Med. R.N.O. Aden. N.Z.N.B.  
Ceylon W/T.)

10th M/S  
on passage  
to U.K.

E.I.P.I. 1. Take WAVE, WELCOME, LAERTES, GOLDEN  
FLEECE under your orders and sail from Karachi  
as follows:  
(A) 0900 August 10th 1946.  
(B) Aden.  
(C) 11 knots.  
(R) C. in C.E.I. 310937 July and my 071516 August  
refer.  
Acknowledge.  
(N.O.I.C. Karachi 091415 to JEWEL. Admiralty.  
C. in C.E.I. C. in C. Med. F.O. Ceylon.)

10.8.1946.  
Saturday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

CARDIGAN BAY  
Frigate  
return to  
Malta after  
refit at  
Gib.

Sail 2000B 10th August. Via Medri routes to Malta.  
2. Speed 12. E.T.A. 0800B 14th August.  
5. My 101029 to OCEAN and not to all refers.  
6. Acknowledge.  
(F.O. Gib. 101055B to CARDIGAN BAY. PELICAN,  
Admiralty. C. in C. Med. R.A.M.)

LARGO BAY  
Frigate  
on passage  
to U.K.  
from Med.  
Stn.

Sail 0800B 11th August to Portsmouth.  
2. Speed 12. E.T.A. 0800A 15th August.  
5. Q Messages complete to QZX 1746 Y 747 H 597  
Naveam 1125.  
6. Acknowledge.  
(F.O. Gib. 101149B to LARGO BAY. Admiralty.  
C. in C. Plymouth. C. in C. Portsmouth.)

10.8.1946.  
Saturday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Movements.

9th August Port Said arrivals 1400 TAPIR from Suez. Departures 0002 L.S.T.(Q) 1 to Gibraltar. Suez arrivals 1800 BUCHANESS from Aden. Departures 0430 TAPIR to Port Said. (N.O.I.C. Port Said 100449 to C. in C. Med. Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)



10.8.1946.  
Saturday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

RANEE  
trooping.

E.I.P.I. One. Sail from Singapore as follows:  
(A) 0830Z Sunday 11th August.  
(B) Colombo.  
(C) 14.5 knots.  
(F) 0330Z Friday 16th August.  
(F.Q.MA.100117Z to RANEE, Admiralty. C. in C.  
B.P.F. C. in C.E.I. N.O.I.C. H.K.)

Movement.

Aden arrival 0600C 10th August. ALAUNIA and  
Italian ship ERITREA.  
(ALAUNIA 100601C to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.,  
F.O. Ceylon. R.N.O. Aden.) *See below.*

ANDERSON  
paid off  
at Colombo.

ANDERSON paid off as an independent command  
on 31st July 1946 and became a tender to LANKA.  
All correspondence concerning administration of  
remaining Naval personnel should be addressed to  
C.O. LANKA. Admiralty is requested to promulgate  
by A.F.O.  
(C. in C.E.I. 100916EF to E.I. G.M. 973C.  
Admiralty.) *x has now become a Civil establishment called  
Anderson Wharf Station*

Movements.

French Light Cruiser LE FANTASQUE left Aden  
0630Z/3 for Toulon. Dutch ship HEEMSKERCK left  
Aden 0700Z/8. TIJGERHAAI ~~SS~~ leaving Aden 0300Z 11th  
for Rotterdam.  
(N.O.I.C. Aden 101015 to D.N.I. Navyntell, Colombo.)

M.V. STANHALL  
disabled for  
towage.

Reference Admiralty Message 171417A/July, owners  
of s.s. STANHALL understand some difficulty being  
raised by Chinese Authorities over towage of  
STANHALL from Shanghai to Hong Kong. Request  
information.  
(Hd. of S.101458A to Commodore Hong Kong.)

ALAUNIA  
on passage  
to U.K.

E.I.P.I. One. Sailed from Aden as follows:  
(A) 1400Z 10th August.  
(B) Suez.  
(C) 13 knots.  
(D) WB 229, QBY 586 Medri 13 Naveams 1123.  
(E) Constant V broadcast.  
(ALAUNIA 101404Z to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty.  
Aden. Port Said. F.O.L.I. C. in C. Med. Ceylon W/T).

War Diary.

10.8.1946.  
Saturday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

Movements.

Departures 7th August.

- (A) Brisbane ECHUCA for Sydney.
- (B) Port Moresby WHITESAND BAY for Hong Kong.
- (A.C.N.B. 100017Z to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F.
- C. in C.E.I. N.Z.N.B.)

11.8.1946.  
Sunday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

PATROLLER  
trooping  
outwards.

Sail 1800B 11th August via Medri routes to Malta  
for o/r Hong Kong.  
2. Speed/ E.T.A. 0800B 14th August.  
5. Acknowledge.  
(F.O. Gib. 111118B to PATROLLER. R.A. Malta.  
Admiralty. C. in C. Med. N.O.I.C. Port Said.)  
/ As recd.

South Atlantic.

VINDEX  
Carrier  
on passage  
to U.K.  
from E.I.

Sailed VINDEX Coastal to Simonstown.  
2. S.O.A. 10 knots.  
3. E.T.A. Simonstown 0700B 14th A.M.  
(N.L.O. Durban 111100Z to C. in C. S.A.  
Admiralty. C. in C;E.I. F.O. Ceylon. C. in C.  
Simonstown.)

11.8.1946.  
Sunday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

TAPIR  
S/M on  
passage  
to U.K.

(A) 1600B 11th August.  
(B) Malta.  
(C) 11 knots.  
(F) E.T.A. 1600B 14th August.  
(TAPIR 100830 to C. in C. Med. S.l., Admiralty.  
N.O.I.C. Port Said.)

Palestine  
Turkish  
schooner  
SAGOL  
(YAGUR)  
with  
illegal  
immigrants.

Turkish Schooner SAGOL renamed YAGUR crowded with people and flying Zionist Flag sighted by aircraft and later intercepted in approximate position 33 degs. 21 mins. North. 34 degs. 25 mins. East by BRISSENDEN at 1450 hours? Ship is proceeding towards Haifa shadowed by Destroyer. 2. Previous reports said this vessel left La Ciotat 29th July for Beirut with 750 passengers mostly Jews.  
(S.N.O. A. Haifa 111914C to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.  
N.O.I.C. Haifa.)  
(See 120059)

11.8.1946.  
Sunday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

SCARAVAY,  
SANDRAY  
Danlayers  
7th M/S.  
F.6. for  
U.K.

E.I.T.M. 43.  
Intend to sail from Aden 1700C 11th August taking  
SANDRAY under my orders:-  
(A) 1700C 11th August.  
(B) Port Said for U.K.  
(C) 8 knots.  
(F) Suez 1230C 18th August.  
(SCARAVAY 110840 to C. in C.E.I. M.S.7.  
C. in C. Med., N.O.I.C. Port Said. R.N.O. Aden.  
Admiralty.)

Movements.

Colombo. 10th August. Arrivals: L.S.T. 3029  
U.S.S. CALIENTE. Departures: R.F.A. EMPIRE BOUNTY,  
ACHILLES.  
(F.O. Ceylon 110900 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)

11.8.1946.  
Sunday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

RAME HEAD  
Escort  
Maintenance  
ship.

(B) RAME HEAD.  
(D) Yokohama.  
(E) 2300Z 10th.  
(F) 11 knots.  
(G) Direct.  
(H) Hakodate.  
(I) 0100Z Tuesday 13th August.  
(C.G. 96.8 110025Z to C. in C. B.P.F. Com.  
Hong Kong. Admiralty. M.R.O. Tokyo.)

12.8.1946.  
Monday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

PATROLLER  
trooping.

My 11118 PATROLLER delayed with wire round screw.  
Further signal will be made.  
(F.O. Gib. 121029B to C. in C. Med. PATROLLER.  
R.A.M., N.O.I.C. Port Said. Admiralty.)

SHOREHAM  
on passage  
from P.Gulf  
to U.K.

Sail 0700B 14th August to Plymouth.  
2. Speed 11. E.T.A. 0900A 18th August.  
5. Messages complete to QZX 1746 Y 747 597 Naveam  
1125.  
6. Acknowledge.  
(F.O. Gib. 121149B to SHOREHAM. Admiralty. C. in C.  
Plymouth.)

War Diary.

12.8.1946.  
Monday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Palestine  
Illegal  
immigration.

Second ship intercepted by TALYBONT at 2135 C. 11th August in approximate position 33 degs. 57 mins N. 33 degs. 24 mins E after being sighted by aircraft. Zionist Flag. Hebrew Name. 300 tons. Full of people. Ship proceeding very slowly towards Haifa shadowed by Destroyer.

2. Ship in my 111914C arrested by BRISSENDEN in Haifa Bay at 2340 11th August.  
(S.N.O.A. Haifa 120059 to C. in C. Med. Admiralty. N.O.I.C. Haifa.)  
(See 142359C).

Escort  
vessel  
to be  
nominated  
for return  
to U.K.  
on relief  
by SURPRISE.

A.M. 010149 Nov. (N.T. in W.D.) not to R.A.(D).  
Request you will nominate escort vessel to return to U.K. on relief by SURPRISE.  
(D.O.D. 121156A to C. in C. Med. R.A.(D).)

C.S.1.  
transfer  
of flag  
back from  
AJAX to  
MAURITIUS.

C. in C. Med. 051238B/ para. 2. Intend to transfer my flag from AJAX to MAURITIUS at 1900C today 12th August.  
2. Request Mediterranean Station message 539B be cancelled.  
(C.S.1. 121355C to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.)  
/ On completion of self refit MAURITIUS will be sailed to Haifa where C.S.1. will transfer his flag back to her.

BUCHAN NESS  
M.S.(L.C.)  
on passage  
to U.K.  
from B.P.F.

Intend to sail from Port Said at 0900B August 13th. S.O.A. 10 knots. E.T.A. Malta 0700B August 17th, Malta broadcast.  
(BUCHAN NESS 121458B to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.  
Cdre. Supt. Malta. R.A.M., N.O.I.C. Port Said.)

M/S  
transferred  
to Turkey,  
crews.

WIGTOWN BAY and ENARD BAY arrived Istanbul 1200C 12th August.  
2. Transfer of M/S crews will be completed Friday 16th August. WIGTOWN BAY and ENARD BAY will sail a.m. Saturday 17th August so as to arrive Malta p.m. Monday 19th August.  
(N.A. Ankara 121523C to C. in C. Med. A.N.A. Istanbul. WIGTOWN BAY. ENARD BAY.)

Movements.

12th August Port Said arrivals: 1100 I.S. ABRUZZI  
1600 L.C.T. 7029 from Kabret.  
Departures: 0430 I.S. MONTECUCCOLI to Taranto.  
Suez Arrivals: 0700 D.S. HEEMSKERK.  
p.m. 7th M/S Flotilla. p.m. TAURUS.  
Departures: 1130 D.S. HEEMSKERK.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 121851B to C. in C. Med. Admiralty. C. in C. E.I. R.N.O. Aden.)



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East Indies.

Movements.

Arrivals Singapore 11th August. SALVALOUR, ASSIDUOUS, MAENAD, TRODDAY. Departures RANEE. (F.O.M.A. 120130Z to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I. Com. Hong Kong.)

SWIFTSURE  
(Cruiser)  
on passage  
to U.K.

E.I.P.I.7. Intend to sail from Aden as follows:  
(A) 1200Z 12th August.  
(B) Suez.  
(C) 15 knots.  
(SWIFTSURE 120844Z to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty. R.N.O. Aden. C. in C. Med.)

DHANUSH  
frigate.

E.I.P.I. 1. Sail from Kilindini as follows:  
(A) 0900C 13th.  
(B) Mauritius.  
(C) 12 knots.  
Acknowledge.  
(R.N.O. Kilindini 120955 to DHANUSH. C. in C.E.I. Trincomalee. C. in C.E.I. Afloat. Navy Wireless Ceylon.)

C. in C.E.I.  
in GLASGOW  
Cruise.

My 031124/ July. Visit to Rodriguez abandoned owing to weather. Remainder of cruise programme unchanged.  
(C. in C.E.I.(A) 121127DE to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)  
/ Cruise of GLASGOW.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

CORBRAE  
M/S  
Maintenance  
ship for  
U.K.

Subject to concurrence of C. in C. East Indies, intend that CORBRAE should be sailed for U.K. on completion of docking at Singapore. F.O.M.A.'s letter Malaya number 65 of 29th July, not to Admiralty, refers.

3. Singapore C.C.O. please pass to CORBRAE. (C. in C. Britpacflt. 120258 to Admiralty. F.O.M.A. CORBRAE, C. in C.E.I.)  
(See 150142)(F.E.& A.)

Movements.

Arrivals 8th August.

- (A) Brisbane BARCOO.
- (B) Fremantle SHROPSHIRE.

9th August.

- (A) Sydney ECHU<sup>6</sup>A.
- (B) Brisbane HOBART.
- (C) Rabaul MANOORA.
- (D) Dredger QUIBERON.

Departures:

8th August: (A) Hervey Bay HOBART for Brisbane.

(B) Rabaul WILCANNIA for Port Moresby.

9th August. (A) Devonport LATROBE for Western Port.

(B) Fremantle FORT COLVILLE for Sydney.

(C) Rabaul MANOORA for Sydney.

(D) Dredger QUIBERON for Port Moresby.

Paying Offs: 9th August.

DIAMANTINA at Melbourne into class reserve.

AIR GUIDE at Sydney into G class reserve.

(A.C.N.B. 120721 to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I. N.Z.N.B.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Movement.

Arrived Haifa MARITIUS 1800C 12th August.  
(S.N.O.(A) Haifa 130025 to C. in C. Med.  
Admiralty. N.O.I.C. Haifa.)

Palestine  
Illegal  
immigration.

At 2045 VOLAGE intercepted FENICE in approximate  
position 033 degs. 44 mins. N. 033 degs. 52 mins E.  
proceeding towards Haifa at 7 knots. VOLAGE now  
shadowing ship this a clear case. Ship was  
previously located by aircraft.

2. Summary. My 120059C and 121029C formers refer.  
First and third ship under arrest in Haifa Bay with about 1200  
illegals on board. Half passengers in first ship reported to have  
been transferred from another vessel about 48 hours before  
arrested. Third ship still 90 miles off at 1300C proceeding  
2 knots under small sail with engines stopped shadowed by  
TALYBONT being relieved by BRISSENDEN. Fourth ship FENICE  
(?nearer).

3. All Destroyers out last night and intelligence demand same  
action tonight.  
(S.N.O.(A) 130049C to C. in C. Med. Admiralty. N.O.I.C. Haifa.)  
My 130049C para. 1. Ship arrested by VOLAGE at 0845C 13th August  
and now at anchor in Haifa Bay with 600 on board. Present name  
is KATDIEL-GOFFE. Identification as FENICE not yet confirmed  
and no details of voyage obtainable as no papers or tallies  
found and no one will talk.  
(S.N.O.(A) H. 131259C to C. in C. Med. Admiralty. N.O.I.C. Haifa.)

AJAX  
escorting  
ships with  
illegal  
immigrants  
to Cyprus.

AJAX left Haifa for Famagusta at 1030C. See my  
131011C/R.N.O. Famagusta informed approximate  
E.T.A. 0500B 14th August.  
(S.N.O.A.H. 131254C to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.)  
Sailing AJAX escorting EMPIRE RIVAL and EMPIRE  
HEYWOOD to Famagusta.

A.F.D. 45  
for Malta.

Take A.F.D.45 in tow and sail from Taranto on  
16th August adjusting speed to arrive Malta a.m.  
19th.  
4. Acknowledge.  
(C. in C. Med. 131609 to MARAUDER. A.F.D. 45.  
C.S. Taranto. R.A. Malta., C.S.M. for K.H.M.  
Admiralty.)

TAURUS  
S/M  
on passage  
to U.K.

Departed Port Said TAURUS for Malta. S.O.A. 11  
knots E.T.A. Malta 0800 17th.  
(TAURUS 131755Z to C. in C. Med. Admiralty. F.O.S/M.  
Capt. S.l. N.O.I.C. Port Said.)

Movements.

13th August. Port Said.  
Arrivals - 0115 D.S. HEEMSKIRK. 1400 TAURUS.  
1600 PICKLE, RECRUIT, PLUCKY, PINCHER, RIFLEMAN,  
CHAMELEON. 1715 L.S.T. 3026, L.S.T. 3504.  
Departures - 0900 BUCHAN NESS to Malta. 1730  
SOUTHERN PRINCE to U.K. 2000 TAURUS to Malta.

Suez. Arrivals - A.M. L.S.T. 3504, L.S.T. 3026.  
Departures - 0500 TAURUS. 0715 PICKLE, RECRUIT, PLUCKY, PINCHER,  
RIFLEMAN, CHAMELEON. 0730 L.S.T. 3504, L.S.T. 3026.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 132114B to C. in C. Med. Admy. C. in C.E.I. R.N.O.  
Aden. S/M.l.)

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East Indies.

Movements.

Arrivals Singapore Monday 12th August:  
F.S. ELORN, LYSANDER.  
Departures: L.S.T. 3014.  
(F.O.M.A. 130130Z to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F.  
C. in C.E.I. Com. Hong Kong.)

TYNE  
destroyer  
depot ship  
on passage  
to U.K.

E.I.P.I. One. Sail from Singapore as follows:  
(A) p.m. today 13th August.  
(B) Colombo.  
(C) 12 knots.  
(F) 19th August. Acknowledge.  
(F.O.M.A. 130323Z to TYNE. C. in C. B.P.F.  
C. in C.E.I. Admiralty.)

Movement.

E.I.P.I. 13. August 12th Basra arrived LOCH  
GLENDHU.  
(S.N.O.P.G. 130900C to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.  
NORFOLK, LOCH GLENDHU.)

WIDEMOUTH  
BAY.  
Frigate.

E.I.P.I. 1. Sail from Singapore as follows:  
(A) 0630Z 14th August.  
(B) Batavia.  
(C) Riouw and Banka Straits. 12 knots.  
(F) 0200Z 16th August.  
(G) N.O.I.C. Batavia is requested to sail  
WHIMBREL to Singapore 16th August after WIDEMOUTH  
BAY's arrival.  
2. Acknowledge.  
(F.O.M.A. 130923Z to WIDEMOUTH BAY, C. in C.B.P.F.  
N.O.I.C. Hong Kong. Batavia. C.C.O., WHIMBREL,  
Admiralty, C.E.F. B.P.F.)

10th M/S  
Movement.

COURIER and SERENE arrived today Tuesday 13th  
August at 0830.  
(N.O.I.C., Karachi 131230 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.  
F.O. Ceylon. S.N.O.P.G.)

Movements.

E.I.P.I. One. M.S. 11. in LIONESS with MAENAD,  
MAGICIENNE, JASEUR and FLYING FISH in company  
sailed from Singapore as follows:  
(A) P.M. today 13th August.  
(B) Trincomalee.  
(C) 12 knots.  
(F) 19th August.  
(F.O.M.A. 131317Z to C. in C.E.I. C. in C. B.P.F.  
S.O. M/S. 11. Admiralty, F.O. Ceylon, Ceylon W/T  
Com. Hong Kong.)

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America and West Indies.

Pacific  
Operational  
U.S. Naval  
Units.

Pacific Summary 77. Operational naval units.  
Pacific. Coast SHANGRI~~LA~~, AMSTERDAM, OKLAHOMA  
CITY, MIAMI, SPRINGFIELD, ASTORIA, OAKLAND 8 DD.  
Enroute U.S. POINT CRUZ, SAIDOR 1 DD.  
At Pearl ANTIETAM 2 DD. Enroute Pearl 9 DD.  
Marshall Islands area FALL RIVER. West Pacific  
BOXER, PRINCETON, CHICAGO, BREMERTON, LOS ANGELES,  
HELENA, DULUTH, TOPEKA 24 DD. Enroute. West Pacific  
TARAWA 1 DD.  
(C.N.O. 131905Z to Admiralty. Commavue)

Far East and Australia.

Movement.

Arrivals <sup>Kobe</sup> ~~Kobe~~, QUICKMATCH, CAMPERDOWN.  
(QUICKMATCH 132224Z to C. in C. B.P.F. M.R.O.  
Tokyo. F.O. Force 'T'. Admiralty. R.A.B. B.P.F.  
C.C.A.S. D.10.)

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South Atlantic.

VINDEX,  
carrier, on  
passage to  
U.K.

Simonstown arrival VINDEX.  
(C. in C. S.A., 140943 to C. in C. S.A. (Afloat),  
N.L.O. Durban, C. in C. B.P.F.)  
Destination of VINDEX in U.K. is Rosyth but ship  
may call at Plymouth to discharge passengers if  
numbers warrant. C. in C. S.A. 131134 not to  
all refers.

(2) On arrival men due for release and on longest abroad roster  
and compassionate cases are to be discharged.

(3) Foreign service leave to remainder of ship's company is to  
be given in accordance with A.F.O. 3841/46 retaining on board  
sufficient men to maintain the ship.

(4) On conclusion of leave ship is to reduce to Category B  
reserve. A.M. 291625 May and F.O.C.R.F. 311027 May neither to  
all refer.

(D.O.D. (Admty.) 141238A to C. in C. S.A., F.O.C.R.F., F.O.  
Rosyth, VINDEX.)

GOOD HOPE,  
& NATAL,  
frigates, for  
trooping trip  
to Genoa for  
return of S.  
African  
military  
personnel.

The Director, South African Naval Forces, informs  
me that Union Government are proposing to sail  
frigates GOOD HOPE and NATAL from South Africa  
at end of August on a trooping trip to Genoa and  
return with South African military personnel.  
Assuming that there is no objection to this  
request, information whether fuel and provisions  
from naval or commercial stocks can be made  
available at Genoa.

(2) It is possible that ships may be routed East  
about and information is also requested on:-

(a) Latest rates of Suez Canal dues for these  
two ships whose Suez Canal tonnage is approx. 1840 tons, and  
(b) Whether there is a reduced rate if passage each way was  
made via Suez Canal.

(C. in C. S.A., 141611 to Admty., C. in C. Med., S.B.N.O. M.E.,  
N.O.T.C. Port Said, P.S.T.O. Med.) *Reply: 211808A.*

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Chinese ship FU PO, ex corvette PETUNIA, on passage to Far East from U.K. Sail 1100B/15th Aug. via Medri routes to Malta. (2) Speed 10, E.T.A. noon 19th August. Firm E.T.A. to be reported 12 hours before arrival to C. in C. Med. and R.A. Malta. (4) Acknowledge. (F.O. Gibraltar, 141629B to Chinese ship FU PO)

*Should be under N. Atlantic 14/8*

CHALLENGER, surveying vessel for surveys in P.Gulf and Med. Your 031254 (N.T. in W.D.) CHALLENGER is expected to leave U.K. about mid-Sept. and to proceed to Persian Gulf for priority surveys, returning to Mediterranean about end of April 1947 to continue surveys in Mediterranean waters. (V.C.N.S., 141708A to C. in C. Med.)

Palestine. Illegal immigration. My 120059C\* and 130049C+. Ship drafted under small sail to approx. position 33° 32' N. 35° 02' E. where BRISSENDEN was ordered to board her at 1030C/14th August. No crew identified. Name <sup>? SAN PIETRO</sup> SAN PIHERO painted out on stern. Main motors broken down. Indications in wheelhouse and engine room that ship was Italian.

(2) BRISSENDEN towed ship into Haifa for examination arriving 2040C/14th August - about 600 immigrants on board.  
(3) N.O.I.C. is requested to arrange examination and identification.

(S.N.O.A.H., 142359C to C. in C. Med., N.O.I.C. Haifa, Admty.)

\* Second ship intercepted by TALYBONT 11th Aug. after being sighted by aircraft.

+ VOLAGE intercepted FENICE.

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## Movements

Arrivals Singapore Tuesday 13th August TYNE, WIDEMOUTH BAY, LIONESS, FLYING FISH, JASEUR, MAGICIENNE, SURSAY.  
 Departures, TYNE, B.Y.M.S. 2223, 2007, 2148, 2161, 2203, 2264, LIONESS, JASEUR, MAENAD, FLYING FISH, MAGICIENNE.  
 (F.O.M.A., 140130Z to Admty., Cs. in C. B.P.F., E.I., N.O.I.C. Hongkong.)

10th M/S on passage to U.K. Position at 1100Z lat. 14.56 Long. 52.48 E. course 250, speed 10 knots.

(2) WELCOME, LAERTES, GOLDEN FLEECE in company.  
 (3) E.T.A. Aden 0900Z/16th August.  
 (4) Propose that ships in company and WAVE sail a.m. 19th August making the Canal transit on 25th August.  
 (JEWEL, 140845Z to C. in C. E.I., R.N.O. Aden., M.S.10.)

## Movements.

Colombo 13th August, arrivals HOGUE, VENERABLE, U.S.S. NAVASOTA. Departures L.S.T. 3029.  
 (F.O. Ceylon, 140900 EF to Admty., C. in C.E.I.)

INDOMITABLE A/C, trooping to U.K.

E.I.T.M. 43. Intend to sail from Aden as follows -  
 (a) 0830C/15th August. (b) Suez for Malta and U.K.  
 (c) 20 knots, E.T.A. Suez 0445B/18th August.  
 (INDOMITABLE, 141208C to C. in C. E.I., R.N.O. Aden, N.O.I.C. Port Said, C. in C. Med., Admty.)

PORTLAND BILL, armament maintenance ship on passage to U.K.

E.I.T.M. 43 sail from Bombay as follows -  
 A. 0900 EF. B. Aden., C. 9 knots. G. Acknowledge  
 (F.O. Bombay, 141217 to PORTLAND BILL, Admty., C. in C. E.I., F.O.C., R.N.O. Aden.)

M/S 10 in COURIER & SERENE, on passage to U.K.

E.I.P.I. One. Take SERENE under your orders and sail from Karachi as follows:-  
 A. 0930 EF August 15th 1946. B. Aden. C. 10 knots.  
 (N.O.I.C. Karachi, 141437 EF to M/S 10 in COURIER, SERENE, Admty., Cs. in C.E.I., Med.)



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WEAR,  
frigate,  
returning  
to U.K.  
and reserve

Being in all respects ready for sea sail at 1800Z/15th August and proceed to Portsmouth.  
(3) C. in C. Portsmouth is requested to issue onward routing instructions to Harwich.  
(4) Acknowledge.  
(Capt. I/C Bermuda, 141725Z to WEAR, Cs. in C. A.W.I., Portsmouth, Nore, Plymouth, Admty., F.O.C.R.F., S.O.R.F. Harwich.)

Far East and Australia.

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

Departed Sydney 011300Z/14th August, TOTEM for Fremantle, E.T.A. 0900H/25th August route direct. A.C.N.B.'s 230738 July, not to all refers.  
(F.O.I.C. Sydney, 140330Z to N.O.I.C. Fremantle, A.C.N.B., S.4, S.5, F.O. Submarines, Admty., C. in C. B.P.F., TOTEM.)

COMET,  
destroyer,  
cruise.

Following is a repetition of C. in C. B.P.F. 200616 (N.T. in W.D.) June, begins:-  
To A.C.N.B.  
Repeated Com. Hongkong, F.O.M.F.A., Combrax B.P.F. Ceylon. N.O.I.C. Fremantle, S.S.O., F.O.I.C. Sydney, Capt. D.8.  
From C. in C. B.P.F.

Subject to concurrence of A.C.N.B. for visits to Australian Ports, intend following programme for COMET.  
Leave Hongkong 8th July arrive Tarakan 10th July, leave 12th July arrive Dilli 16th July, leave 18th July arrive Fremantle 23rd July. Ship will fuel at Tarakan. COMET will remain at Fremantle about 3 weeks and then pay short visit to Albany before returning to Hongkong via Singapore. Details of programme after arrival Fremantle by D.Y. Commanding Officers in consultation with N.O.I.C. Fremantle and reported in due course.  
Ends. Your 131558\* refers.

(N.O.I.C. Fremantle, 140655Z to Admty.)

\* Originated by War Registry requesting repetition of 200616 June

Movements.

11th August arrivals, A. <sup>Port Moresby</sup> ~~PORT MORESBY~~, QUIBERON, WILCANNIA.  
Departures, A. <sup>Port Moresby</sup> ~~PORT MORESBY~~, QUIBERON for Sydney.  
B. Dredger ARARAT for Rabaul.  
(A.C.N.B., 140728Z to Admty., Cs. in C. B.P.F., E.I., N.Z.N.B.)

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North Atlantic

ROTHESAY,  
training ship  
on passage to  
S.At. Stn.  
from U.K.

My P.C.S. at 1200A/15th August, lat. 39.55 N.  
long. 09.50 W. Course 180, speed 14 knots.  
E.T.A. Gibraltar 1300A/16th August.  
(ROTHESAY, 151205 to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Admty.)

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Mediterranean

**Movements** VENUS left Haifa 2000C/14th August for Port Said to boiler clean.  
(S.N.O.(A) Haifa, 150019C to C. in C. Med., Admty., N.Os. i/c Haifa, Port Said.) *See below*

**PATROLLER, trooping outwards** My 111118B sail 1200B/15th August to Malta. E.T.A. first light 18th August.  
(3) Acknowledge.  
(F.O. Gibraltar, 150912 to PATROLLER, Admty., R.A.M., C. in C. Med.)  
In order to make up time propose following programme

<u>Port</u>	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Depart</u>
Gibraltar	-	p.m. 15th Aug.
Malta	a.m. 18th Aug.	p.m. 18th Aug.
Port Said	a.m. 21st Aug.	p.m. 21st Aug.
Suez	a.m. 22nd Aug.	a.m. 22nd Aug.
Colombo	a.m. 31st Aug.	p.m. 31st Aug.
Singapore	p.m. 4th Sept.	a.m. 5th Sept.
Hongkong	a.m. 9th Sept.	-

(2) Fuelling in accordance with A.F.O. 1679/46, except to top up at Port Said to reach Colombo.  
(PATROLLER, 151306B to C. in C. Med.)

**Cyprus, landing of illegal immigrants from Palestine.** Cyprus. Disembarkation illegal immigrants from EMPIRE RIVAL and EMPIRE HEYWOOD began at 0600 hours 15 August.  
(C. in C. M.E.L.F., 151120B to War Office.)

**Movements** Port Said arrivals 0700 VENUS 1530 ALAUNIA. Departures 0900 <sup>13</sup> LEGIONARIO for Bitter Lakes. Suez arrivals a.m. ALAUNIA. Departures, a.m. ALAUNIA.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said, 151852B to Cs. in C. Med., E.I., Admty., R.N.O. Aden, N.O.I.C. Haifa.)

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East Indies

Movements

Arrivals Singapore Wednesday 14th August D.S.  
 BOEROE, BRITISH SOLDIER.  
 Departures, WIDEMOUTH BAY, WAVE EMPEROR,  
 E<sup>HERALD</sup> HERALD.  
 (F.O.M.A., 150130 to Admty., etc.)

CORBRAE,  
 M/S main-  
 tenance ship  
 programme for  
 return to U.K.

Intend following programme for CORBRAE.

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart</u>
-	Singapore	20th August
28th Aug.	Colombo	1st Sept.
12th Sept.	Aden	13th Sept.
19th Sept.	Suez	20th Sept.
20th Sept.	Port Said	21st Sept.
30th Sept.	Gibraltar	2nd Oct.
9th Oct.	Chatham	-

(2) This programme differs from proposals in CORBRAE's letter 49/67/8 of 14th August in transit to all except Combrax B.P.F. (F.O.M.A., 150425Z to Admty., CORBRAE, Cs. in C. B.P.F., E.I.)

L.S.T. 3508  
 with 11 B.Y.  
 M.S. for re-  
 turn to U.S.  
 at Subic  
 (Philippines)

Take the 11 B.Y.M.S. in para. under your orders and sail from Singapore as follows -  
 A. 0330Z/16th Aug. B. Subic Bay. C. Via Palawan Passage, 7 knots. F. Report E.T.A. 48 hours in advance to P.D. Subic. (R) Comphilseafon, C. in C. B.P.F., Com. Hongkong and F.O.M.A.  
 G. B.Y.M.S. are to be handed over to U.S. at Subic and crews embarked in L.S.T. 3508 for return passage to Singapore.

(2) B.Y.M.S. 2036, 2015, 2043, 2060, 2168, 2204, 2059, 2205, 2181, 2061, 2236.  
 (3) Report date of handover and sail when ready for Singapore.  
 (4) Acknowledge.  
 (F.O.M.A., 151022Z to L.S.T. 3508, C. in C. B.P.F., N.O.I.C. H.K., Admty., Comphilseafon, P.D. Subic, B.Y.M.S. 2036, S.O. 52 L.S.T. Flot.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

Far East and Australia

CORBRAE, Request you sail CORBRAE to comply with my  
M/S main- 120258, and order air mail diversion.  
tenance ship (C. in C. B.P.F., 150142Z to F.O.M.A., CORBRAE,  
for U.K. C. in C. E.I., Adnty.)

BARFLEUR, Intend following programme for passage of BARFLEUR  
destroyer, to U.K.  
programme  
for return Arrive Place Depart  
to U.K. with - Yokohama 27 Aug.  
Rear-Admiral 1 Sept. Hongkong 3 Sept.  
Servaes. 7 Sept. Singapore 9 Sept.  
14 Sept. Colombo 16 Sept.  
22nd Sept. Aden 23 Sept.  
27 Sept. Suez 27 Sept.  
27 Sept. Port Said 28 Sept.  
1 Oct. Malta 2 Oct.  
5 Oct.. Gibraltar 6 Oct.  
10 Oct. Portsmouth -

(2) Rear-Admiral Servaes will take passage in BARFLEUR from Yokohama. He will proceed with his Flag Lieutenant from Malta to U.K. by air if passage can be arranged.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 150253Z to Adnty., Capt. D.19 BARFLEUR S.O., C/S 5, R.A.(D), B.P.F., Com. Hongkong, F.O.M.A., C. in C. E.I.)

Movements. 12th August arrivals. A. Rabaul, ARARAT,  
B. Macassar KANIMBLA.  
Departures. A. Fremantle SHROPSHIRE for Adelaide,  
COMET for Singapore. B. Sydney ARUNTA for Brisbane  
(A.C.N.B. 151014Z to Cdre. Hongkong., Cdre. E.I.  
Cdre. B.P.F., Cdre. S.A., Cdre. A. W.I., Cdre.  
Med., F.O.C.R.I.N., N.S.H.Q., A.C.N.B., N.Z.N.B.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic

Movements

- (1) Arrivals, SHEFFIELD 0900 Malta, FENCER 1500 Portsmouth.
- (2) Departures, R.F.A. BIRCHOL 0900 Port Said, Chinese ship FU PO 1100 Malta, PATROLLER 1200 Malta
- (3) Passings, U.S.S. FARGO 0830 Algiers to Tangier (F.O. Gib., 161137B to Admty., C. in C. Med.)

FENCER, trooping.

- Sail 2300B/16th Aug. via Medri routes to Malta for O/R to Port Said.
- (2) Speed 16, E.T.A. early p.m. 19th Aug.
- (3) Constant watch on Gib. B/C shifting to Malta B/C 1700B/18th August.
- (4) Weather report to be signalled 0600Z and 1800Z daily in accordance with A.F.O.'s 1/46 Art. 11 to C. in C. Med.
- (5) Acknowledge.
- (F.O. Gib., 161143B to FENCER, Admty., C. in C. Med., R.A.M., N.O.I.C. Port Said.)

SHEFFIELD, cruiser, on passage to A.W.I.Stn. visiting Azores

- Sail 8.45B 17th August to Bermuda calling at Azores en route.
- (2) Speed 14, E.T.A. Ponta Delgada 1030Z/20th August, E.T.D. a.m. 24th August, E.T.A. Bermuda a.m. 30th August.
- (6) Acknowledge.
- (F.O. Gib., 161611B to SHEFFIELD, Admty., Cs. in C..Plymouth, A.W.I.)

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Mediterranean

**Movements**

Port Said arrivals, 0630 I.S. PACINOTTI,  
1100 I.S. ATTILIO REGOLO, 1600 D.S. TIJGERHAAI,  
2115 SWIFTSURE.  
Departures 0630 PICKLE, RECRUIT, PLUCKY, PINCHER,  
RIFLEMAN, CHAMELEON for Malta.

J 000 D.S. HEEMSKERK for Gibraltar,  
1100 L.C.T. 7029 for Haifa, 1730 L.S.T. 3504 for Gibraltar.  
Suez arrivals, 0300 SWIFTSURE, D.S. TIJGERHAAI.  
Departures, 0600 D.S. TIJGERHAAI, 1030 SWIFTSURE.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said, 161145 to Cs. in C. Med., E.I., Admty.,  
N.O.I.C. Haifa.)

**Palestine,  
Illegal  
immigration**

Schooner IDEROS registered LORIENT Master Jean  
Lowis Tuecia boarded for identification purposes  
outside territorial waters in position 255° Carmel  
11 miles at 0630C today Friday by SAUMAREZ.  
Master stated bound for Beirut.

(2) Very strong circumstantial evidence that had  
landed illegals near Caesarea. Vessel allowed to proceed and  
shadow for some distance towards Beirut when ordered no further  
Naval action.

(3) Palestine Government being given further details.

(4) Three destroyers were on patrol last note.

(S.N.O.A. Haifa, 161624C to C. in C. Med., Admty., N.O.I.C. Haifa)

**SWIFTSURE,  
cruiser,  
on passage  
to U.K.**

Intend to sail for Gibraltar at 2230Z/16th August  
S.O.A. 15 knots, E.T.A. 0630Z/22nd August.  
(SWIFTSURE, 162152Z to F.O.I.C. Port Said, Admty.,  
C. in C. Med., R.A. Malta, F.O. Gibraltar.)

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East Indies

Movement. 185 P sailed from Palembang as follows -  
 A. 0400Z August. B. Singapore. C. Rhio Straits  
 10 knots. F. 1100Z/17th August. G. Acknowledge.  
 (R.N.C. Palembang, 160341Z to L.S.T. 3514, C.  
 in C. B.P.F., C. in C. E.I., F.O.M.A., Admty.,  
 S.O. 52nd L.S.T.F.)

Colombo 15th August arrivals, INDEFATIGABLE, RANEE.

Departures, U.S.S. NAVASOTA.

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

E.I.P.I. 13 Bahrein arrival LOCH GLENDHU.

(NORFOLK, 160900D to Admty., Cs. in C. E.I.S., E.I. Afloat,  
 S.N.O.P.G., LOCH GLENDHU.)

PORTLAND BILL	Intend following programme for PORTLAND BILL:		
on passage to	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart</u>
U.K.	-	Bombay	15th August
	23rd August	Aden	23rd August
	29th August	Suez	29th August
	29th August	Port Said	29th August
	7th Sept.	Gibraltar	7th Sept.
	13th Sept.	Portsmouth	-

(2) Fuel at Aden at Gibraltar.

(C. in C. E.I., 160915 EF to Admty., PORTLAND BILL, F.O. Bombay  
 R.N.O. Aden, N.O.I.C. Port Said, Cs. in C. Med., Portsmouth,  
 F.O. Gibraltar.)

WHIMBREL,	Intend following programme for WHIMBREL -		
A.A. sloop,	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart</u>
for passage	18th Aug.	Singapore	19th Aug.
to U.K.	24th Aug.	Colombo	27th Aug.
programme	3rd Sept.	Aden	3rd Sept.
	7th Sept.	Suez	8th Sept.
	8th Sept.	Port Said	9th Sept.
	15th Sept.	Gibraltar	15th Sept.
	20th Sept.	Sheerness	-

(2) Fuel at Colombo, Aden, Port Said.

(3) Admiralty is requested to confirm that destination in U.K.  
 is Sheerness.

(4) F.O.M.A.'s 130958Z August, not to all, refers.

(C. in C. E.I., 161045 to Admty., WHIMBREL, C. in C. B.P.F.,  
 F.O.M.A.)

INDEFATIGABLE,	Intend following programme for INDEFATIGABLE -		
trooping,	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart</u>
homewards	-	Colombo	21st August
	27th August	Aden	27th August
	30th August	Suez	31st August
	31st August	Port Said	31st August
	5th Sept.	Gibraltar	5th Sept.
	8th Sept.	Plymouth	8th Sept.
	9th Sept.	Portsmouth	-

(C. in C. E.I., 161102 to Admty., INDEFATIGABLE,  
 F.O.C., R.N.O. Aden.)



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East Indies - Contd.

LIBERTY,  
ORSAY of  
10th M/S F.  
on passage  
to U.K.

E.I.P. 17. Intend to sail from Aden as follows -  
ORSAY in company -

A. 1500Z/16th August. B. Suez. C. 10 knots.  
F. 0400Z/22nd August. G. (1) Canal transit  
August 22nd.

(LIBERTY, 161121Z to C. in C. E.I., Admty, etc.)  
Cancel my 161121Z ORSAY has developed main engine  
defects necessitating return to Aden in tow.

(LIBERTY 161657Z to C. in C. E.I., Admty., etc.)

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Far East and Australia

C. in C.B.P.F. I should like to visit Nanking from 20 to 24 Sept. in BELFAST flying my flag in BELFAST with D.19 in TRAFALGAR to Chinese in company to pay my official call on the Chinese ports for Government subsequently paying courtesy visits to other Chinese ports as follows -  
 courtesy visits.

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Leave</u>
18 Sept.	Wosung	19 Sept.
20 Sept.	Nanking	24 Sept.
25 Sept.	Shanghai	30 Sept.
2 Oct.	Tsingtao	4 Oct.
5 Oct.	Chinwangtao	10 Oct.
10 Oct.	Peitaiho	10 Oct.
14 Oct.	Hongkong	-

- (2) TRAFALGAR will remain in company until October when she will return to Hongkong.  
 (3) Request you will ask Chinese authorities for their concurrence in above programme of visits.  
 (C. in C. B.P.F., 160217 to N.A. Nanking, BELFAST, R.A.D.B.P.F., Capt. (D) 18, Com. Hongkong.)

Chinese gun-boat MANLING Chinese river gunboat MANLING (XNCH) grounded on N.W. Horn Pratas Reef in position 20° 46' N. 116° 45' 25" E. on about 10th August.  
 ashore on Pratas Reef (2) S.O.S. sent out by Pratas W/T station a.m. China Sea. 14th August when crew of gunboat reached Island 3 miles away in small boat.

- (3) HIND diverted to stand by, arrived 141800 and ferried 24 Chinese soldiers and army stores to Pratas Island. Transfer delayed by heavy swell and completed 160245. HIND now returning Hongkong.  
 (4) U.S. destroyer SAMUEL M. MOORE took off 36 Naval Officers and ratings and has returned with them to Hongkong.  
 (5) HIND reports vessel in 3 feet of water and badly holed aft. Rock can be seen through after compartment at high and low water. Vessel exposed to heavy swell which is causing her to strain heavily. She will probably break up if swell increased.  
 (6) Consider unlikely that salvage would be possible but intend sailing HIND p.m. today Friday with salvage expert to report.  
 (7) Further signal will be made.  
 (C. in C. B.P.F., 160347 to N.A. Nanking, A.N.A. Shanghai, Com. Hongkong, Brit. Con.Gen. Canton, BELFAST, Admty (for information))

Movements. 13th August arrivals, <sup>Port Moresby</sup> (A) ~~PORT MORESBY~~, BERMUDA.  
 Departures (A) ~~PORT MORESBY~~, BERMUDA for Sydney.  
 Paid off 12th August at Brisbane BINCERA.  
 (A.C.N.B., 160815 to Admty., Cdre. Hongkong. Cdre. E.I.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean

PATROLLER,  
trooping

PATROLLER delayed four days at Gibraltar. Intend programme in C. in C. Plymouth's O11758 be carried out four days late.  
(C. in C. Med., 170905B to Admty., PATROLLER, R.A. Malta, N.O.I.C. Port Said.)

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Saturday

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FOREIGN STATIONS

East Indies

ELORN

Sail from Singapore as follows -

A. 0900 GH 19th August. B. Saigon. C. 10.5 knots  
F. 1800 GH 1st August. G. Call sign FBLR.  
Acknowledge.

(F.O.M.A., 170433Z to ELORN, C. in C. B.P.F.,  
Admty., R.N.O. Saigon.)

RANEE,  
trooping.

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

A. 1745 EF 18th August. B. Aden for Suez and U.K.  
C. 16 knots. G. Rear-Admiral and Mrs. J.M.  
Mansfield taking passage to U.K. Acknowledge.

(F.O. Ceylon, 171001 EF to RANEE, Admty.,  
C. in C. E.I.)

LIBERTY,  
ORSAY, (10th  
M/S F.) on  
passage to  
U.K.

E.I.P.I. 17. Intend to sail from Aden as follows  
ORSAY in company -

A. 0900Z/18th August. B. Suez. C. 9.5 knots.  
F. 0400/24th August. G. (1) Canal transit August  
24th.

(LIBERTY, 171425Z to C. in C. E.I.)

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Far East and Australia

Movements 14th August arrivals (A) Western, <sup>Port,</sup> ~~PORT~~ LATROBE.  
(B) Brisbane ARUNTA. (C) Morotai, L.S.T. 3022.  
(D) Balikpapan, L.S.Ts. 3008, 3017, 3501.  
Departures (A) Sydney TOTEM for Fremantle.  
(B) Port Moresby, WILCANNIA for Finschaffien.  
(C) Lunga, VERYAN BAY for Port Moresby.  
(A.C.N.B., 170216Z to Admty., etc.)

Chinese gun- I.G.H. for information.  
boat ashore My 160347. Understand MANLING was transporting 24  
on Pratas Reef soldiers from Canton to Pratas with about 6  
(China Sea) months' supply of food stores and equipment, all of  
which was landed by HIND on the island. No gear  
of any value left in gunboat except 3 drums fuel  
oil.

(2) Experienced Salvage Officer boarded and  
examined wreck today, Saturday. He reports wreck is heading;  
she has 15° starboard list, is holed fore and aft and bumping  
heavily in swell; sounding gave three feet six inches after  
compartment, four feet two inches engine room, and five feet  
six inches forward. Wooden hull in bad condition. He considers  
salvage operations not possible.

(3) Intend to take no further action.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 170315Z to N.A. Nanking, Com. H.K. A.N.A.  
Shanghai.)

19th Dest. Flot. On arrival in U.K. ships of the 19th D.F. will  
to reduce to reduce to category B at their Home Ports.  
Category B on (V.C.N.S., 171349A to C. in C. B.P.F., F.O.C.R.F.,  
arrival in U.K. Capt. (D) 19, R.A.(D) B.P.F.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

North Atlantic

RAJAH,  
trooping  
outwards

Sail 1900B/18th August via Medri routes to Malta  
for O/R to Singapore.

(2) Speed 16, E.T.A. 0900B/21st August.

(5) Acknowledge.

(F.O.Gibraltar, 181019B to RAJAH, Admty., C. in  
C. Med., R.A.M.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean

ALAUNIA,  
repair ship  
on passage  
to U.K.  
for reserve.

ALAUNIA sailed from Port Said at 0400Z/18th August for Gibraltar.  
(2) S.O.A. 13.5 knots.  
(ALAUNIA, 180408Z to F.O. Gibraltar, Admty., C. in C. Med., C. in C. Plymouth.) *See below (Movements)*

INDOMITABLE,  
A/C trooping

Intend to sail from Port Said at approx. 1900B/18th August via Medri routes for Malta and onward routeing to Gibraltar and U.K. E.T.A. 0830B/21st August. Speed 16 knots.  
(3) Constant watch on Malta Broadcast.  
(INDOMITABLE, 180943B to C. in C. Med., N.O.I.C. Port Said, R.A.M., C.S.M., Admty.) *See below (Movements)*

SS. EMPIRE  
RIVAL, (Brit.  
7045 tons)  
with illegal  
immigrants  
for Cyprus

At 0615C/18th August BRISSENDEN left Haifa for Famagusta escorting EMPIRE RIVAL with approx. 400 males, 400 females, 15 children ex SAN PISERO on board. E.T.A. Famagusta 0600B Monday 19th. AJAX inform R.N.O. Famagusta.  
(S.N.O.(A) H, 180946C to C. in C. Med., Admty., AJAX, N.O.I.C. Haifa)

CUCKMERE,  
frigate, to  
be returned  
to U.S.A.,  
under pro-  
vision sale  
chart.

Comnavmed. has requested CUCKMERE be sailed to U.S. Continental Port for return under provision sale charter.  
(2) Subject to sea trials being satisfactory ship will be ready to leave Malta about 12th September.  
(3) Crew of CUCKMERE are due for dispersal by 15th Oct. Request port of destination in U.S. be communicated and arrangements made for early return of crew from that port to U.K. observing

that should it be necessary to change crew and man ship with later release groups very considerable delay in sailing is anticipated.

(C. in C. Med., 181236 to Admty., Comnavmed., R.A. Malta.)

Movements.

Port Said arrivals and departures 18th August.  
Arrivals - 1245 SCARAVAY, 2100 INDOMITABLE.  
Departures - ALAUNIA 0600 Gibraltar, I.S.  
PACINOTTI 0700 Tripoli, I.S. ATTILIO REGOLO 0900 Taranto, BROOME and GERALDTON 1400 Istanbul, INDOMITABLE p.m. U.K.

Suez Arrivals - INDOMITABLE 0445.

Departures a.m. INDOMITABLE.

(N.O.I.C. Port Said, 181830B to Cs. in C. Med., E.I., Admty., R.N.O. Aden.)

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East Indies

DERBY HAVEN (workshop tender) DERBY HAVEN sailed from Christmas Islands 0300Z August 17th for Singapore. (F.O.M.A., 180147Z to C. in C. B.P.F., Admty., Com. Hongkong.)

CORBRAE, M/S maintenance ship Ref. 1850. Sail from Singapore as follows - A. 0600 GR 20th August. B. Colombo. C. 8 knots. F. 0330Z/28th August. Acknowledge. (F.O.M.A., 180157Z to CORBRAE, Cs. in C. B.P.F., E.I., Admty., Com. H.K.)

WHIMBREL A.A. sloop on passage to U.K. Sail from Singapore as follows - A. 0530Z/19th August. B. Colombo. C. 12.5 knots. F. 1130Z/24th August. (F.O.M.A., 180223Z to WHIMBREL, Cs. in C. B.P.F., E.I.)

ACHILLES, cruiser, on passage to U.K. Aden 17th August. (1) Arrival - ACHILLES from Colombo. (2) Departures - nil. (ACHILLES, 180712Z to C. in C. E.I., N.Z.N.B., Admty.)

M/S on passage to U.K. E.I.P.I. 7. Intend to sail from Aden as follows - WAVE, LAERTES, GOLDEN FLEECE, WELCOME, in company. E.I.P.I. 1 (A) 0500Z/19th August. (B) Suez. (C) 10.5 knots. (F) 1200Z/24th August. (G) Canal transit 25th August. (JEWEL, 181129Z to C. in C.E.I., R.N.O. Aden, Admty., M/S 10.)



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FOREIGN STATIONS

Far East and Australia

Movement.

B. CAMPDERDOWN. C. Kobe. E. 0630 Item/19th.  
F. 14 knots. G. Direct. H. Yokohama. I. 0745  
Item/20th.  
(CAMFERDOWN, 182301Z to S.O. Force I, C. in C.  
B.P.F., M.R.O. Tokyo.)

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South Atlantic.

NEREIDE  
Sloop  
on cruise.

Simonstown departure.

NEREIDE for cruise in accordance with South Atlantic Movement Number 1/46 dated 7th July 1946.

(C. in C.S.A. 190926 to Admiralty.)

Saldanah Bay arrived NEREIDE 1730B 19th August.

(NEREIDE 191615Z to C. in C.S.A. Admiralty.)

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Mediterranean.

Movements.

1. Arrivals <sup>Malta</sup> ~~Malta~~ 0600, PATROLLER from Gib.  
Malta 1100 L.S.T. 3516 from Alex.  
Malta 1900 M.F.V. 1517 and Q.V.S.C.(L) 48 from  
Piraeus.

8th M.S.F. 2. Departures: Malta 0730 THISBE, MARYROSE, ESPIEGLE, FIERCE,  
SHILLAY to Bizerta.  
(C. in C. Med. 191207B to Admiralty. F.O. Gib.)

WIGTOWN BAY  
for Istanbul.  
To embark  
crews of  
GERALDTON  
and BROOME  
M/S transferred  
to Turkey.

Sail at 0900B 24th August to Istanbul to  
arrive 1700B 26th. There embark the crews of  
GERALDTON and BROOME and return to Malta  
reporting E.T.A.  
(3) Acknowledge.  
(C. in C. Med. 191703B to WIGTOWN BAY, BROOME,  
Admiralty. B.N.A. Ankara).

Movements.

Port Said arrivals 19th August.  
1100 I.S. MIRAGLIA. 1300 SANDRAY. 1615 I.S.  
LEGIONARIO.  
Departures: 0530 SANDRAY.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 191850B to C. in C. Med.  
Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. R.N.O. Aden.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

M.S. report  
No. 35.

Weekly progress report No. 35.  
Serial 33. E.F.M.I. 489. Malaya E. Coast.  
11th M.S.F. completed area. No mines detonated.  
Serial T. Tavoy.  
No further information to my 120218Z.

Serial S.N. Klang St. E.F.M.I. 7B.  
2nd Div. Force 11 completed this serial. No mines detonated.  
Note. 11th M.S.F. sailed from Trincomalee 13th August.  
(F.O.M.A. 190215Z to C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I. S.A.C.S.E.A.  
Admiralty.)

R.N.Z.N.  
ACHILLES  
cruiser  
on passage  
to U.K.

E.I.P.I.7. Intend to sail from Aden as follows:  
(A) 1100Z 19th August.  
(B) Port Said.  
(C) 13 knots.  
(G) E.T.A. Suez 1600Z 23rd August. Canal  
transit 24th August.  
(ACHILLES 190845Z to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty.  
N.Z.N.B. N.O.I.C. Port Said. R.N.O. Aden. )

Movements.

Colombo 18th August.  
Arrivals TYNE.  
Departures R.F.A. WAVE SOVEREIGN, RANEE.  
(F.O. Ceylon 190900 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)

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Far East and Australia.

Movement. Arrived Sydney 1000K 18th August. BERMUDA.  
(F.O.I.C. Sydney 190125 to C. in C. B.P.F. Admiralty. BERMUDA. A.C.N.B.)

R.I.N. Intend following programme for passage of  
SUTLEJ SUTLEJ to Bombay.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
-	Hong Kong.	22nd August.
28th August.	Singapore.	31st August.
2nd Sept.	Penang.	5th Sept.
15th Sept.	Bombay.	-

2. Request ship be sailed to comply.

3. F.O.M.A. is requested to arrange berth for

SUTLEJ in Singapore Roads on 28th and 29th August so as to facilitate landing of ratings wishing to attend Mosques for Mohammedan "In" Festival on one of these two days ship should then proceed to Naval Base for fuel on 30th August if desired. (C. in C. B.P.F. 190258Z to Com. Hong Kong. F.O.M.A. Admiralty. F.O.C.R.I.N. F.O. Bombay.)

Movements. Arrivals 15th August.

- (A) Sydney MANOORA 16th August.
- (A) Adelaide SHROPSHIRE.
- (B) Finschafen WILCANIA.

(C) Bougainville Strait, COWRA, KATOOMBA, LITHGOW, MILDURA, WARRNAMBOOL.

Departures 15th August.

- (A) Port Moresby, SHOALHAVEN for Point Cruz.
- (B) Rabaul, COWRA, KATOOMBA, LITHGOW, MILDURA, WARRNAMBOOL for Bougainville Strait 16th August.
- (A) Balikpapan L.S.T's 3008, 3017, 3501, for Darwin. Paid off 16th August at Sydney. H.D.M.L's 1324, 1325, 1329 "F" Class Reserve.
- (A.C.N.B. 190737Z to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I. N.Z.N.B.)

20.8.1946.  
Monday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

SANDRAY Intend to sail from Port Said.  
Danlayer (A) 0700B 21st August.  
7th M/S (B) Malta for U.K.  
on passage (D) 10 knots.  
to U.K. (F) E.T.A. Malta 0600 25th August.  
(SANDRAY 201014B to C. in C. Med. S.O. M/S. 7.  
SCARAVAY, Admiralty.)

TAURUS Sail at 1200B 20th August by Medri route and as  
S/M on safe navigation permits direct to Portsmouth,  
passage speed 11 knots. E.T.A. a.m. 29th August.  
to U.K. 2. TAURUS to report accurate E.T.A. when  
from B.P.F. passing 40° North.  
4. Acknowledge.  
(Capt. S.I. 201043 to TAURUS, F.O. Subs. 8.5.  
C. in C. Med. F.O. Gib.)

Movements. Port Said Arrivals 20th August, nil nil.  
Departures 0700 SCARAVAY for Malta.  
1100 D.S. TIJGERHAAI for Gib.  
2200 I.S. MIRAGLIA for Taranto.

Suez. Arrivals p.m. PHEASANT.  
Departures. Nil.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 201817B to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.  
C. in C.E.I. R.N.O. Aden.)

Frigates CARDIGAN BAY and ST. AUSTEL BAY will be sailed  
in Adriatic. to arrive Adriatic 7th Sept. PELICAN and  
MAGPIE will leave Adriatic on 9th Sept. for  
Malta.  
(C. in C. Med. 201935B to S.N.O.A.D. PELICAN,  
MAGPIE, CARDIGAN BAY, ST. AUSTEL BAY.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

VENERABLE  
Light A/c Carrier

East Indies.

HOGUE  
destroyer.

E.I.P.I. One. Sail from Trincomalee as follows:  
(A) On completion of exercises about 1030EF  
21st August.  
(B) Singapore for o/r to Hong Kong.  
(C) 14 knots.

Acknowledge.  
(C. in C.E.I. 200852EF to HOGUE. VENERABLE,  
Admiralty. F.O. Ceylon. F.O.M.A.)

TYNE  
destroyer  
depot  
ship on  
passage  
to U.K.

E.I.P.I. 1. Sail from Colombo as follows:  
(A) 1700EF 21st August.  
(B) Aden for Suez, and U.K.  
(C) 12 knots.

Acknowledge.  
(F.O.C. 201012EF to TYNE. Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.  
C. in C. Med. R.N.O. Aden.)

INDEFATIGABLE  
trooping.

E.I.P.I. 1. Sail from Colombo as follows:  
(A) 1730EF 21st August.  
(B) Aden for Suez and U.K.  
(C) 16 knots.

Acknowledge.  
(F.O.C. 201039EF to INDEFATIGABLE. Admiralty.  
C. in C.E.I.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

PADSTOW BAY  
frigate.

Being in all respects ready for sea sail at  
1930Z 21st August and proceed to comply with  
C. in C. A.W.I's Memorandum 687 of 13th August.  
(Capt. i/c. Bermuda 201625Q to PADSTOW BAY.  
Admiralty. C. in C. A.W.I. B.A.D. N.S.H.Q.)

Far East and Australia.

Movements.

18th August arrivals.

- A. Sydney, QUIBERON.
- B. Broken Bay, HAWKESBURY.
- C. Port Moresby, PENN, VERYAN BAY.

Departures:

- A. Sydney, HAWKESBURY for Broken Bay.
  - B. Brisbane BAARCOO for Dredger.
- (A.C.N.B. 200743Z to Admiralty, C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I.)



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Wednesday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

TAPIR  
S/M  
passage  
to U.K.  
from B.P.F.

Sail 0900B 22nd August to Portsmouth.  
2. Speed 10. E.T.A. 1130A 27th August.  
3. Constant watch on Gib. B/C shifting to Home Station organisation 1630A 24th August.  
4. P.C.S. to be signalled at 0800A daily to C. in C. Plymouth and until crossing latitude 43° N. to C. in C. Med. and F.O. Gib., then to C. in C. Portsmouth. Both signals repeated Admiralty.  
(F.O. Gib. 211534B to TAPIR, Admiralty etc.,)

South Atlantic.

VINDEX  
Escort  
Carrier  
for U.K.

Sail at 1530B on Wednesday 21st August for Rosyth calling at Plymouth to disembark passengers. S.O.A. 15.5 knots.  
2. Keep continuous W/T watch on broadcast SL shifting to Broadcast "G" at 1400Z 2nd September and broadcast "BN" at 0800Z 5th September.  
3. E.T.A. Plymouth 6th September.  
(C. in C.S.A. 211025 to VINDEX. Admiralty etc.,)

~~South Atlantic.~~

GOOD HOPE  
and NATAL  
trooping  
trip to  
Genoa for  
S. African  
personnel.

Your 141611. There are no naval stocks of fuel at Genoa. C. in C. Med. is requested to state whether provisions and commercial fuel are available at Genoa. If no commercial fuel is available, fuel could be supplied from naval stocks at Naples, but in this event it would be appreciated if requirements were reduced to what is necessary to reach nearest commercial stocks.  
2. Suez Canal dues are as follows:  
(A) About £700 per ship for each one way trip, plus pilotage and possible per capita charge for personnel carried as passengers.

(B) No reduction is made for return trip.  
(4th S.L. Hd. of M.11. 211808A to C. in C.S.A. C. in C. Med.)  
(Reply from C. in C. Med. see 241352).

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Wednesday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

PHEASANT  
A/A Sloop  
on passage  
to U.K.

(1) Departure Port Said for Malta 0615Z today  
Wednesday 21st August S.O.A. 13 knots.  
(2) W/T Broadcast M.  
(3) Latest QBY 569.  
(PHEASANT 210846 to R.A. Malta, Admiralty etc.,)  
*See Movements below.*

Movements,  
Haifa.

Arrived Haifa 21st August.  
0615C L.C.I. (L) 278 and 258 from Tobruk.  
0600C BRISSENDEN from Famagusta.  
0830 C AJAX from Famagusta.  
Departure 1040C AJAX for Port Said E.T.A. 1130B.  
(S.N.O.(A) Haifa 211214C, 211908C to C. in C.  
Med. Admiralty, etc.,)

FENCER  
escort  
carrier,  
trooping.

Intend following programme for FENCER.  

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
-	Malta.	p.m. 4th Sept.
a.m. 7th Sept.	Gibraltar.	p.m. 7th Sept.
p.m. 10th Sept.	Plymouth.	p.m. 10th Sept.
a.m. 11th Sept.	Portsmouth.	a.m. 11th Sept.
p.m. 11th Sept.	Sheerness.	

  
(C. in C. Med. 211608 to Admiralty.)

Movements.

Port Said arrivals:  
21 August 0715 PHEASANT  
1800 PATROLLER  
0900 IS. SESTRIERE.  
Departures:  
21st August 0715 PHEASANT.  
0700 SANDRAY.

Suez arrivals: Nil.

Departures: Nil.

(N.O.I.C. Port Said 212010B to C. in C. Med. Admiralty etc.,)

EMPIRE RIVAL  
transport  
sabotage.  
Haifa.

At 2245C 21st August three swimmers seen and fired  
at by military guard in empty transport EMPIRE  
RIVAL anchored in Haifa Bay. Shortly afterwards  
2 charges exploded flooding No. 5. hold. Ship  
moving into shallow water now and salvage parties  
on the job.  
(S.N.O.(A) Haifa 212358C to C. in C. Med. P.S.T.O.  
Med. Admiralty. N.O.I.C. Haifa.)  
(See also 220234C)

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Wednesday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

SHARPSHOOTER surveying. Following programme is proposed. Sail from Singapore 0600 Saturday August 24th for survey on East Coast Malaya returning Singapore approx. 21st September.  
2. Request information whether an H.D.M.L. can be made available to bringing up mail and fresh provisions. (SHARPSHOOTER 210559Z to F.O.M.A. Admiralty etc.,) (See 220212).

SPRINGDALE deperming ship for U.K. 185P. Sail from Singapore as follows:  
(A) 0130Z August 22nd.  
(B) Trincomalee.  
(C) 7 knots.  
(D) WC. 377.  
(E) 3 D Single Operator periods.  
(F) 0130Z August 31st.  
(H) One Operator.  
(I) M.M.L.T.  
(F.O.M.A. 210813Z to SPRINGDALE, C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I. F.O. Ceylon. N.O.I.C. H.K. Ceylon W/T. Admiralty.)

NIGER relief as M/S H.Q. ship by DERBY HAVEN. Sail from Singapore as follows:  
(A) 2230Z 23rd August.  
(B) Port Owen to relieve NIGER as S.N.O.(A) Force 11.  
(C) 11½ knots.  
(D) WC. 377.  
(E) V broadcast.  
(F) 0900Z 27th August.  
(G) Pass north of Tavoy Island to enter Port Owen.

2. NIGER is to sail for Singapore as soon as practicable after relief.  
(F.O.M.A. 210837Z to DERBY HAVEN. C. in C. B.P.F. N.O.I.C. Hong Kong. C. in C.E.I. N.O.I.C. Rangoon, NIGER, S.O. Force No. 11. Admiralty.)

Movements. Trincomalee 20th August. Departure GLORY, FINISTERRE, ROC.  
(C. in C.E.I. 210900EF to Admiralty. F.O. Ceylon.)

DHANUSH frigate R.I.N. E.I.P.I. One. Intend to sail from Mauritius as follows:  
(A) 0900 22nd August.  
(B) Dar es Salaam.  
(C) 12 knots.  
(D) W.C. 378.  
(E) Broadcast V.  
(DHANUSH 211037 to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty.)

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Wednesday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

LOCH QUOICH  
frigate  
for Bahrein.

LOCH QUOICH sail from Trincomalee p.m. 28th  
August to relieve LOCH GLENDHU.  
2. Admiralty is requested to divert mail for  
LOCH QUOICH to Bahrein accordingly.  
(C. in C.E.I. 211235EF to S.N.O.P.G. Admiralty.  
C. in C.E.I. (Afloat), LOCH QUOICH, LOCH GLENDHU,  
NORFOLK.)

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21.8.1946.  
Wednesday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

Movements. 18th August.

Arrivals:

(A) Sydney BERMUDA.

(B) Point Cruz SHOALHAVEN.

Departures:

(A) Brisbane ARUNTA, ~~HOBART~~ for Sydney.

(B) Port Moresby PENN, ~~VERYAN BAY~~ for Hong Kong.

(C) Morotai L.S.T. 3022.

(Naval Board, Melbourne 210551 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.  
N.Z.N.B. C.O.I.S. Kilindini.)

22.8.1946.  
Thursday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

SWIFTSURE  
cruiser,  
from  
B.P.F.

Sail 0730B 23rd August to Spithead for o/r  
Sheerness.

2. Speed 14. E.T.A. 0900A 26th August.
3. Constant Watch on Gibraltar B/C shifting to  
Home Station organisation 2330 24th August.
4. P.C. and S. and Weather Report to be  
signalled (details).
5. Q. Messages complete to QZX 1746 Y 747 H 598  
Naveam 1163.  
(F.O. Gibraltar 221625B to SWIFTSURE, Admiralty,  
C. in C. Plymouth. C. in C. Portsmouth. C. in C.  
Nore. Combrax Portsmouth. Combrax Chatham.  
Cdre. i/c Sheerness. A.S. Chatham.)

22.8.1946.  
Thursday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

EMPIRE RIVAL transport (sabotage at Haifa, 21/8). My 212358. Only 1 charge effective. Ship settled 4 feet aft to draught 24 feet. Number 5 lower hold flooded to sea level. Number 5 upper and all number 4 dry with no visible distortion to bulkhead.  
(S.N.O. (A) Haifa 220234C to C. in C. Med. P.S.T.O. Med. Admiralty. N.O.I.C. Haifa.)

10th M/S.F. from B.P.F. 1. E.T.A. Suez 1000Z Saturday 24th August. WELCOME, GOLDEN FLEECE, LAERTES in company.  
2. It will be necessary for GOLDEN FLEECE to fuel at Malta and doubtful if WAVE, WELCOME and LAERTES can make Gibraltar without fuelling.  
3. JEWEL, LIBERTY and ORSAY have ample fuel to reach Gibraltar.  
4. Propose that (A) Ships in para. 2. fuel at Malta sailing on completion for Gibraltar (GOLDEN FLEECE S.O.) (B) In view of ORSAY's poor speed, that she may be sailed from Port Said one day earlier.  
(JEWEL 221250Z to C. in C. Med. N.O.I.C. Port Said, Admiralty, R.A.M. F.O. Gib., M.S.10.)  
(Para 4 approved. C. in C. Med. 231028).

Minesweepers for Turkey. BROOME and GERALDTON arrived Istanbul 1245C 22nd August and will be transferred to the Turkish flag at 1100C 24th August, 1946.  
(N.A. Ankara 221605C to Admiralty. C. in C. Med. (Malta), A.C.N.B. Melbourne. A.N.A. Istanbul.)

Movements. Port Said arrivals: <sup>RAI HONDO</sup> 0800 AJAX, 0900 I.S. MONTE CUCCOLI.  
Departures:  
0600 PATROLLER, 1630 I.S. SESTRIERE.  
Suez arrivals: Nil.  
Departures: Nil.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 221758B to C. in C. Med. Admiralty. C. in C. E.I. R.N.O. Aden.)

22.8.1946.  
Thursday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

SHARPSHOOTER Your 210559 para 1 approved.  
Surveying. 2. Civil Government has represented the urgency of opening Kuantan, Pekan, and Rompin to normal coaster trade, particularly to accelerate food supply. Request therefore you will start your work by surveying approaches to these ports.  
3. Communications in accordance with S 1/46 para. 6 (A) in addition establish communication with Singapore W/T on 8645 Kcs. at 0230Z and 1430Z daily.  
4. Your para. 2. is being answered separately.  
5. C. in C. B.P.F. please pass former to Com. Hong Kong. (F.O.M.A. 220212Z to SHARPSHOOTER. Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F. -N.O.I.C. Hong Kong. C.S. Singapore.)

Movements. Colombo 21st August.  
Arrivals: GLORY, FINISTERRE, ROC.  
Departures: INDEFATIGABLE, TYNE.  
(F.O. Ceylon 220900EF to Admiralty, C. in C.E.I.)

C. in C. in E.I.I.I. 7. Intend to sail in GLASGOW from  
GLASGOW Mauritius as follows:  
cruise. (A) 1408D 23rd August.  
(B) Port Victoria, Seychelles.  
(C) 14½ knots.  
(D) W.C. 378.  
(E) Constant Broadcast V.  
(C. in C.E.I. (Afloat) 220940 to C. in C.E.I. GLASGOW, Admiralty, Port Offices Seychelles. Ceylon W/T.)

Force A. Intend to organise a force consisting of following:  
R.I.N. 2. H.M.I.S. SHAMSHER S.O. 137th H.D.M.L. Flotilla  
Constitution. consisting of launches 1261, 1262, 1263 and 1266  
7th R.I.N. L.C.A. Flotilla consisting of 12 L.C.A.  
3. Force to be called R.I.N. Force A collectively.  
4. Request seagoing authorities number be allocated as soon as possible.  
(N.H.Q. India 221824 and 231015 to Admiralty, C. in C.E.I. (A). F.O. Bombay, F.O. Ceylon, C. in C.E.I. S.N.O.P.G. SHAMSHER.)  
My 221824. For general administrative purposes the force will come directly under F.O.C.R.I.N.  
2. Request you will issue such orders as you consider necessary concerning the channel of correspondence.  
(N.H.Q. India 221826 to S.N.O.P.G. Admiralty. F.O. Bombay. F.O. Ceylon. C. in C.E.I. (Afloat). C. in C. E.I. SHAMSHER.)



22.8.1946.  
Thursday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

PADSTOW  
BAY  
frigate.

My 201625Q. PADSTOW BAY sailed to comply.  
(Capt. i/c. Bermuda 221550Z to C. in C. A.W.I.  
B.A.D. N.S.H.Q. N.O.I.C. Trinidad, S.O.I. Jamaica.  
Admiralty.)

Far East and Australia.

Movements.

Arrivals Singapore 21st August. ALACRITY  
L.S.T. 3011, U.S.S. MONONGAHELA, ADULA,  
Departures D.S. BOEROE.  
(F.O.M.A. 220130Z to Admiralty, C. in C. B.P.F.  
C. in C.E.I. N.O.I.C. Hong Kong.)

23.8.1946.  
Friday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

South Atlantic.

VINDEX  
escort  
carrier  
to U.K.  
for Reserve.

My 211025. Sailing instructions for VINDEX.  
Sailing delayed.  
(C. in C.S.A. 230904 to Admiralty.)

SWALE  
frigate  
to U.K.  
for Reserve.

Subject to satisfactory completion of trials  
intend following programme for SWALE on passage  
to U.K. A.M. 271213 April refers.

2. <u>Arrival.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Leave.</u>
-	Simonstown.	28th August.
3rd Sept.	S. Helena.	5th Sept.
11th Sept.	Freetown.	11th Sept.
19th Sept.	Gibraltar.	21st Sept.
25th Sept.	Plymouth.	-

Thence as required for reduction to Reserve at Harwich F.O.C.R.F.  
021555 May.

4. Governor St. Helena is being informed.  
(C. in C.S.A. 231121 to Admiralty).

23.8.1946.  
Friday.

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FOREIGN STATION.

Mediterranean.

WAVE  
minesweeper  
cc in B.P.F.

My E.T.A. Suez 0700Z Saturday 24th August.  
(WAVE 230722Z to C. in C. Med.)

10th M/S F.  
from B.P.F.  
for U.K.

Your 221250 para. four approved.  
(C. in C. Med. 231028 to JEWEL.)

MAURITIUS  
C.S.1.

Intend to sail from Haifa in MAURITIUS 2000C  
23rd August. E.T.A. Limassol 0700B 24th August.  
(C.S.1. 231735B to C. in C. Med. Capt. D.3.  
Admiralty. N.O.I.C. Haifa.)

Movements.

Port Said arrivals 23rd. August. Nil.  
Departures. 0530 F.S. LE MEKONG. Suez arrivals -  
1200. ACHILLES. Departures p.m. ACHILLES.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 231750B to C. in C. Med.)

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M/S 10  
SERENE  
ex B.P.F.  
for U.K.

Intend to sail from Aden as follows, SERENE  
in company.

- (A) 0300Z 25th August 1946.
- (B) Suez.
- (C) 11 - 50 - knots.
- (D) W.C. 278 W.B. 354 by 586 Naveam 1116 Medri  
1-5 inclu.
- (E) Constant B/C V shifting to B/C 11 at 0300Z  
30th August.
- (F) E.T.A. 0300Z 30th August 1946.
- (G) Canal transit 30th August.  
(S.O. M/S. 10. 230631Z to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty.  
etc.,)  
(SERENE delayed, see 240931Z)

DHANUSH  
frigate  
R.I.N.

Mauritius Departure 22nd August.

- H.M.I.S. DHANUSH.
- (C. in C.E.I. (Afloat) 230900D to Admiralty.  
C. in C.E.I. N.H.Q. India.)

FINISTERRE  
destroyer  
for Cochin.

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

- (A) 1600EF today 23rd August.
- (B) Cochin.
- (C) 14 knots.
- (D) W.C. 379.
- (E) Constant broadcast V.
- (F) 1400EF/24th August.
- (G) Embark as many of draft from Kalugu Retard  
Party as are ready and sail for Colombo 26th August.

Following signals not to all refer, C. in C.E.I. 221917,  
221947, 231037 R.A.A. B.P.F. 222124, Kalugu Retard Party 230929.  
(F.O. Ceylon 231240 to FINISTERRE. S.O. Aircraft Carriers,  
B.P.F. C. in C.E.I. N.O.I.Q. Cochin. Kalugu Retard Party, C.S.  
Colombo. Ceylon W/T. Admiralty.)

INDEFATIGABLE  
A/C trooping  
to U.K.

INDEFATIGABLE sailed p.m. 21st August '46  
loaded the following for U.K. (details of stores).  
(C.S. Colombo 231430 to Admiralty.)

NORFOLK  
Cruiser,  
Persian  
Gulf.

Approved to withdraw NORFOLK from Persian Gulf  
provided that a cruiser is kept within 3 days  
fast steaming off Basra. Your 221011 and S.N.O.  
P.G. 211129 (neither to F.O.C.R.I.N.) (N.T. in  
W.D.)

(D.O.D. V.C.N.S. 231800A to C. in C.E.I. Afloat.  
C. in C.E.I. S.N.O.P.G. F.O.C.R.I.N. S.B.N.O.M.E.  
NORFOLK, A.O.C. Iraq. Military Iraq. Mideast)

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23.8.1946.  
Friday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

PORLOCK BAY  
frigate.

My 191351Z July. PORLOCK BAY delayed by defect revealed in dry dock. Vessel will now sail Bermuda p.m. 27th arriving Halifax a.m. 30th August. Remainder of programme unaffected. 2. S.N.O. Newfoundland pass to Governor. (C. in C. A.W.I. 231925Z to C.O.A.C. PORLOCK BAY, Admiralty. B.A.D. N.S.H.Q. Capt. i/c: Bermuda. S.O. (I) Jamaica. S.N.O. Newfoundland.)

Far East and Australia.

Movement,  
Singapore.

Arrivals Singapore 22nd August. Nil.  
Departures. SPRINGDALE.  
(F.O.M.A. 230130Z to Admiralty.)

Movements,  
Australia.

20th August.  
Arrivals. (A) Sydney. ARUNTA. HOBART.  
(B) Morotai L.S.T. 3014.  
Departures. (A) Adelaide SHROPSHIRE for Melbourne.  
(B) Macassar KANIMBLA for Darwin.

Paid off at Sydney URALBA.

(A.C.N.B. 230312Z to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I.  
N.Z.N.B.)

24.8.1946.  
Saturday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

INDOMITABLE  
A/C  
trooping.

Sail 2030B 24th August to Plymouth for o/r  
Portsmouth.  
2. Speed 18. E.T.A. 0830A 27th August.  
3. Constant watch on Gib. Broadcast shifting to  
Home Station Organisation 0300A 26th August.  
(F.O. Gib. 241025B to INDOMITABLE. Admiralty,  
C. in C. Plymouth. C. in C. Portsmouth. Combrax  
Devonport, Combrax Portsmouth.)

SHEFFIELD  
Cruiser.

Pass for info to C. in C. Plymouth, Capt. i/c.  
Bermuda, F.O. Gibraltar.  
Departure 1000Z today SHEFFIELD. S.O.A. knots 14.  
E.T.A. Bermuda a.m. 30th.  
(Consul Ponta Delgada 241110Z to Admiralty.)

ALAUNIA  
repair  
ship  
ex B.P.F.

Sail 0730B 25th August to Plymouth for o/r Clyde.  
2. Speed 13½ knots. E.T.A. 1330A 28th August.  
3. Constant watch on Gibraltar B/C, shifting to  
Home Station organisation 0100A 27th August.  
(F.O. Gib. 241245B to ALAUNIA, C. in C. Plymouth.  
Admiralty. F.O. Rosyth. F.O.C.R.F. Combrax  
Devonport. S.O.R.F. Clyde. R.N.O. Faslane,  
R.A.C.O.B. (W.A.))

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

GOOD HOPE  
NATAL,  
trooping  
trip to  
Genoa for  
S. African  
personnel.

In view of objections to obtaining supplies in Italian Ports, consider it would be simpler for those ships to call at Malta for fuel and stores.  
(C. in C. Med. 241352 to Admiralty, S.B.N.O.M.E. C. in C.S.A. N.O.I.C. Port Said.)  
A.M. 211808. (See under South Atlantic.)

Destroyers  
for duty  
in Greece.

221017 August Para. 2. D.l. to sail with ships of 1st D.F. at 0700/23 E.T.A. Port Drepano, 24th E.T.D. 1000/27 to arrive Haifa 0800/30.  
Two destroyers are to be detached to Piraeus for duty with S.B.N.O. Greece. Names to be reported. These destroyers are to be changed periodically.  
(C. in C. Med. 241615 to D.l. R.A.D. S.B.N.O. Greece. S.N.O. (Afloat) Haifa, Admiralty.)  
(W.D. Note - For names, see 260304B).

Movements  
Haifa.

Arrival L.C.I.(L) 258 and 278 at 0700C 21st from Tobruk.  
Departures C.S.l. in MAURITIUS 2000C 23rd for Limassol.  
(S.N.O.(A) Haifa 241805C to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.)

Movements,  
Port Said.

Port Said 24th August.  
Arrivals: 1200 ACHILLES. 1600 LIBERTY and ORSAY.  
Departures: 1000 I.S. MONTECUCCOLI. 1400 I.S. LEGIONARIO - both for Taranto.  
Suez arrivals: 0800 JEWEL, GOLDEN FLEECE, WAVE, LAERTES, WELCOME, 0400 LIBERTY, ORSAY.  
Departures: 0630 LIBERTY, ORSAY. 1400 JEWEL, GOLDEN FLEECE, WAVE, LAERTES, WELCOME.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 241911 to C. in C. Med. Admiralty. C. in C. E.I. R.N.O. Aden.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

FINISTERRE,  
destroyer  
for Cochin.

Colombo 23rd August.  
Arrivals Nil.  
Departures, FINISTERRE.  
(F.O. Ceylon 240900 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)

SERENE  
Minesweeper.

Owing to delays in repair of a defect in SERENE she will not be sailing as stated in my 230631Z with COURIER. Delay should not be more than 12 hours and a signal will be made should it be necessary to amend paras (E) (F) and (G) for SERENE.  
(S.O. M/S. 10. 240931Z to C. in C.E.I. C. in C. Med. SERENE, Admiralty. R.N.O. Aden. R.N.O. Port Said, Ceylon W/T, Malta W/T.)

BARCLOSE,  
BARLANE  
boom defence  
vessels.

Subject to Admiralty approval of your 011117 August, it is proposed.  
(1) To pay off BARCLOSE and discharge ships company to GOULD.  
(2) Reduce BARLANE to care and maintenance as vessel's not fitted for laying first class moorings.  
(3) Re-man BARCLOSE with local Asiatic crew of BARLANE.  
(B.D.O. Ceylon 241205 to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty. F.O. Ceylon.)  
(Reply: 261206).

PORTLAND  
BILL for  
U.K.

Departed Aden 1300Z 24th August.  
(PORTLAND BILL 241301 to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty.)  
E.I.P.17. Intend to sail from Aden as follows:  
(A) 1230Z 24th August.  
(B) Suez.  
(C) 9 knots.  
(D) WB.354.  
(E) Constant V then constant M.  
(F) p.m. 30th.  
(G) 31st August.  
(PORTLAND BILL 241445C to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty. C. in C. Med. N.O.I.C. Port Said, R.N.O. Aden, Ceylon W/T, Malta W/T.)

RANEE  
escort  
carrier  
trooping.

Arrival Aden RANEE p.m. PORTLAND BILL a.m. 24th August departure Aden PORTLAND BILL p.m. 24th August.  
(RANEE 241501Z to Admiralty, C. in C.E.I. R.N.O. Aden.)



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South Atlantic.

VINDEX,  
escort  
carrier  
to U.K.  
for Reserve.

My 211025 and 230904. Sailed VINDEX.  
2. Times of shifting W/T watch amended as follows:  
(A) To broadcast (G) 0900Z 6th September.  
(B) To broadcast B.N. 0300Z 9th September.  
3. E.T.A. Plymouth Tuesday 10th September.  
(C. in C.S.A. 251043 to Admiralty. F.O. Rosyth.  
C. in C. Plymouth. C. in C. Med. F.O. Gibraltar,  
Capt. i/c. Simonstown, VINDEX.)

VINDEX is to call at Plymouth to land boats  
shipped to U.K. as detailed in C.S. Durban's 130755 not to all.  
Passengers are also to be landed at Plymouth in accordance with  
A.M. 141238, not to all.

2. VINDEX report E.T.A. at Plymouth to C. in C. Plymouth and  
Admiralty.

(D.O.D. 251719A to C. in C.S.A. VINDEX.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Movements.

Port Said arrivals August 24th.

0100 GOLDEN FLEECE.

1030 WAVE, WELCOME, LAERTES.

1430 JEWEL.

Departures Nil.

Suez arrivals nil.

Departures nil.

(N.O.I.C. Port Said 251830B to C. in C. Med.

Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. R.N.O. Aden.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

INDEFATIGABLE aircraft carrier, trooping. Position 07 18 North 55 21 East. Course 270. Speed 17. E.T.A. Fairway Buoy 0300Z 27th. (INDEFATIGABLE 250130Z to R.N.O. Aden. C. in C.E.I. Admiralty.)

Movements, Colombo. Colombo 24th August. Arrivals WHIMBREL. Departures PASSUMPSIC. (F.O. Ceylon 250900EF to Admiralty, C. in C.E.I.)

FINISTERRE destroyer. E.I.P.I. One. Sail from Cochin as follows:  
(A) (?100) on 26th August 1946  
(B) Colombo.  
(C) 14 knots.  
(D) W.C. 377.  
(E) V broadcast.  
(F) 0800/27.  
(N.O.I.C. Cochin 251201 to FINISTERRE. Admiralty. F.O. Ceylon. C. in C.E.I. N.H.Q.(I). R.A. (Air) Ceylon W/T.)

NORFOLK cruiser. Admiralty's 231800. Approved to withdraw NORFOLK from Persian Gulf provided a Cruiser is kept within 3 days fast steaming of Basra. Intend sailing Karachi a.m. Wednesday 28th August. (NORFOLK, 251245E to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty. N.O.I.C. Karachi, S.N.O. P.G. F.O.C. R.I.N. C. in C.E.I. (Afloat). (W.D. Note:- Cancelled by 272345)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

ASTUTE  
submarine  
for B:P.F.

ASTUTE sail 1600 27th August via Medri routes to Malta for o/r B.P.F.

2. Speed on surface 15. E.T.A. 0800B 30th August.

3. S/M will carry out independent diving exercise on 29th August, Capt. S/M 1. is

requested to assume responsibility for diving and surfacing signals.

4. Constant watch on Gib. broadcast, shifting to Malta broadcast 1130B 30th August.

(F.O. Gibraltar 261155 to ASTUTE. Capt. S/M.1. C. in C. Med. R.A.M., F.O. S/M., Admiralty. N.O.I.C. Port Said.)

PHEASANT  
sloop  
ex B.P.F.  
for U.K.

My P.C.S. at 1200B 37.26 North 06.29 East. Course 264°, speed 13 knots.

2. E.T.A. 0800B Wednesday 28th.

3. Request dock may be made available on arrival subject to report on your M.C.D. representative. C. in C. Med's 251118, refers.

(PHEASANT 261345B to F.O. Gib. A.S. Gib. C. in C. Med. R.A. Malta.)

ROTHESAY  
minesweeper,  
for Freetown.

Sail 1000B 28th August to Casablanca for o/r Freetown.

2. Speed 9. E.T.A. 0800A 29th August.

3. Comar Casablanca is requested to permit this Minesweeper to enter harbour for fuel and to land stores for British Consulate.

4. P.C.S. to be signalled by ship 1200Z daily to C. in C. Plymouth and F.O. Gibraltar until crossing latitude 20 North, then to C. in C.S.A., both signals repeated Admiralty.

5. Constant watch on Gibraltar Broadcast shifting in accordance with A.F.O. 1/46 Section S.A. on crossing latitude 26. 10 North and reporting time 24 hours in advance to C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C.S.A., R.N.O. Freetown and Admiralty.

(F.O. Gibraltar 261531B to ROTHESAY, COMAR Casablanca. Admiralty. C. in C.S.A. C. in C. Plymouth. R.N.O. Freetown.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

South Atlantic.

GOOD HOPE  
NATAL, S.A.  
frigates  
trooping  
trip to  
Genoa.

My 141611. (Union Government propose sailing  
Frigates GOOD HOPE and NATAL from South Africa  
end of August on trooping trip to Genoa)  
The Director South African Naval Forces informs  
me that sailing of two Frigates to Genoa has now  
been postponed.  
(C. in C.S.A. 261042 to Admiralty. C. in C. Med.  
S.B.N.O.M.E. N.O.I.C. Port Said. P.R.T.O. Med.  
(Caserta).)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

CHAPLET,  
CHARITY  
destroyers  
for Piræus.

Following is a repetition of my 251101B/ begins:  
C. in C. Med's 241615. CHAPLET and CHARITY  
E.T.A. Piræus is 1800B 28th.  
(Capt. D.1. 260304B to S.B.N.O. Greece.  
R.A.D. Med. C. in C. Med. Admiralty. S.B.N.O.  
(A) Haifa. G.R.E.N.O. Piræus. CHARITY. CHAPLET.)  
/ Previously received undecypherable.

10th M/S.F.  
from B.P.F.  
for U.K.

Intend to sail as follows:  
(A) ORSAY 1600Z 26th August.  
(B) Speed 10 knots.  
(C) E.T.A. Gibraltar 4th September.  
(D) Two op. periods M.D. broadcast.  
2.  
(A) GOLDEN FLEECE (SO), WAVE, WELCOME, LAERTES -  
0400Z 27th August.

(B) Speed 11 knots.  
(C) E.T.A. Malta 30th August.  
(D) Constant M broadcast. Shifting to Constant G broadcast.  
(E) Latest B message 559B.

3. Further signal will be made when JEWEL and LIBERTY complete maintenance, probably 28th August.  
(JEWEL 261030T to C. in C. Med. M.S.10. N.O.I.C. Port Said.  
R.A.M. F.O. Gibraltar. R.A.D. Admiralty.)

Trooping  
programme.

Admiralty 261039A  
(See Far East and Australia.)

ACHILLES,  
Cruiser,  
New Zealand  
for U.K.

ACHILLES depart Port Said 2130Z 26th August for  
Malta. S.O.A. 14 knots. E.T.A. 1730Z 29th  
August.  
2. Guards 500 kc/s. and broadcast M.  
3. Latest message Q B Y 587 W.B.360 Naveam 1177.  
(ACHILLES 261716Z to R.A. Malta. Admiralty.  
N.O.I.C. Port Said. C. in C. Med. S.B.N.O. M.E.  
N.Z.N.B.)

Movements.

Port Said arrivals: August 26th 0830 RAJAH,  
1000 C.S. FU PO.  
Departures: 1900 VENUS for Haifa.  
2330 ACHILLES for Malta.  
Suez arrivals: Nil.  
Departures: a.m. I.S. ERITREA.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 261758B to C. in C. Med.  
Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. R.N.O. Aden.)

RAJAH  
escort  
carrier  
trooping to  
Singapore.

E.I.P.I. One. Intend to sail from Port Said  
as follows:  
(A) 0600B 27th August.  
(B) Aden.  
(C) 16 knots.  
(D) QBY 587, WB 360.  
(E) Broadcast "V"  
(F) 31st August.  
(RAJAH 261822 to N.O.I.C. Port Said. Admiralty.  
C. in C.E.I. F.O.M.A. F.O. Ceylon. R.N.O. Aden.)  
(Amended by 281945B)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

PATROLLER  
escort  
carrier  
trooping.

PATROLLER arrived Aden 0600C 26th August.  
2. Reference E.I.P.I. 1. Intend to sail from Aden as follows:  
(A) 1800C 26th August.  
(B) Colombo.  
(C) North of Socotra 16 knots.  
(D) WC 380 of 22nd August.  
(E) Constant watch Broadcast V.  
(F) a.m. 1st September.  
(PATROLLER 260851Z to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty F.O. Ceylon. R.N.O. Aden. N.O.I.C. Trinco.)

Movements.

Trincomalee 25th August.  
Arrival H.M.S. BEACHY HEAD. H.M.I.S. NASIK.  
Departures R.F.A. EAGLESDALE.  
(C. in C.E.I. 260900 to Admiralty.)

LOCH GLENDHU,  
frigate from  
Persian Gulf.

E.I.P.I. 13. Bahrein Departure LOCH GLENDHU.  
(NORFOLK 260900 to C. in C.E.I.S. Admiralty.  
C. in C.E.I. (Afloat). LOCH GLENDHU. S.N.O.P.G.)

Trooping  
programme.

Admiralty 261039A.  
(See Far East and Australia.)

LOCH QUOICH  
Frigate  
to relieve  
LOCH GLENDHU  
Persian Gulf.

E.I.P.I. 1. Sail from Colombo as follows:  
(A) 0600EF 27th August.  
(B) Trincomalee.  
(C) 12 knots.  
(D) W.C. 381.  
(E) Constant Broadcast V.  
(F) 1000EF 28th August.  
(G) C. in C.E.I. 211228 refers.  
(F.O. Colombo 261042EF to LOCH QUOICH. Admiralty,  
C. in C.E.I. C.S. Colombo Ceylon W/T.)

GLORY  
A/C  
FINISTERRE  
destroyer.

E.I.P.I. 1. Take FINISTERRE under your orders and sail from Colombo as follows:  
(A) 0900EF 27th August.  
(B) Trincomalee.  
(C) 14 knots.  
(D) W.C. 381.  
(E) Constant Broadcast V.  
(F) 1400EF 28th August.  
GLORY and FINISTERRE acknowledge.  
(F.O. Ceylon 261119EF to GLORY, FINISTERRE. S.O. A/C. B.P.F., C. in C.E.I. Admiralty. Ceylon W/T.)

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East Indies contd...

BARCLOSE,  
BARLANE  
boom defence  
vessels.

Concur in your 241205/ which is being passed to Combrax B.P.F. In view of the fact that GOULD is to close down shortly, Admiralty are requested to give early reply to my 011117. (C. in C.E.I. 261206 to B.D.O. Ceylon. Admiralty. F.O. Ceylon. Combrax B.P.F.).  
/ Propose to pay off BARCLOSE and discharge ship's company to GOULD etc., *See 200710 Sep.*



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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

SHEFFIELD  
Cruiser.  
West Indies  
cruise.

Intend SHEFFIELD should carry out following  
shake down cruise as a private ship:

<u>Place.</u>	<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Leave.</u>
Bermuda.	30th Aug.	16th Sept.
Nassau.	18th Sept.	21st Sept.
Kingston.	23rd Sept.	27th Sept.
Trinidad.	30th Sept.	4th Oct.
Grenada.	4th Oct.	6th Oct.
Barbados.	7th Oct.	9th Oct.
Antigua.	10th Oct.	12th Oct.
Bermuda.	16th Oct.	-

2. N.O.I.C. Trinidad and S.O.I. Jamaica are requested to inform  
Governors of Trinidad and Jamaica of these visits. Other  
governors being informed.

3. Vessel will require to top with oil fuel and fresh provisions  
at Trinidad.

(C. in C.A.W.I. 261925 to Admiralty. SHEFFIELD. B.A.D. N.S.H.Q.  
Capt. i/c. Bermuda. N.O.I.C. Trinidad. S.O.I. Jamaica.)

PORLOCK BAY  
Frigate,  
Northern  
cruise.

Being in all respects ready for sea sail at 2130Z  
27th August and proceed to Halifax to arrive  
a.m. 30th August and thence in accordance with  
C. in C. A.W.I. No. 687 of 16th August 1946.

2. Communications. Constant watch on Halifax  
broadcast L. Additional watch is to be kept on  
appropriate port wave for 4 hours after departure

Bermuda and 4 hours before arrival Halifax.

(Capt. i/c Bermuda 262055 to PORLOCK BAY. C. in C. A.W.I.  
Admiralty. B.A.D. N.S.H.Q. C.O.A.C. S.O.I. Jamaica. S.N.O.  
Newfoundland.)

Far East and Australia.

Movements.

Arrivals Singapore 25th August nil.

U.K. departures ADULA.

(F.O.M.A. 260130 to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F. C. in  
C.E.I. N.O.I.C. Hong Kong.)

HOGUE  
destroyer,  
for Hong Kong.

185 P. Sail from Singapore as follows.

- (A) 0930Z 26th August.
- (B) Hong Kong.
- (C) Direct route. 13 knots.
- (D) Hydropac 1020.
- (E) F.F. Broadcast.
- (F) 0001 31st August.

(F.O.M.A. 260408 to HOGUE, Admiralty. C. in C.  
B.P.F. N.O.I.C. Hong Kong. R.A. Destroyers,  
B.P.F. Capt. (D). 19.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia. contd....

Movements. Arrived 22nd August.  
 A. Melbourne SHROPSHIRE.  
 B. Sydney HAWKESBURY.  
 C. Dredger BARCOO 23rd.  
 A. Melbourne OCEANWAY.  
 B. Fremantle TOTEM.  
 C. Darwin KANIMBLA.  
 D. ~~Bygone~~ LACHLAN.  
 A.M. Departures 22nd.  
 A. Broken Bay HAWKESBURY for Sydney.  
 B. Finschaßen WILCANNIA for Brisbane.  
 C. Bougainville Strait COWRA for Dredger 23rd.  
 A. Melbourne IATROBE for Devonport.  
 B. Brisbane WARREGO for Survey.  
 C. Darwin L.S.T. 3008 for Townsville.  
     L.S.T. 3017 for Bowen.  
 (A.C.N.B. 260803 to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C. E.I.  
 N.Z.N.B.)

Trooping programme. Following is anticipated programme of Naval Trooping Vessels sailing from U.K. in September and October 1946.  
 2. Dates are subject to amendments which will be promulgated.

<u>Ship.</u>	<u>E.T.D. U.K.</u>	<u>Destination.</u>	<u>E.T.A.</u>
ATHELING.	2nd Sept.	Malta/Trincomalee.	24th Sept.
INDOMITABLE.	20th Sept.	Malta/Trincomalee/ Singapore.	15th Oct.
INDEFATIGABLE.	28th Sept.	Malta/Trincomalee/ Singapore.	22nd Oct.
VICTORIOUS.	Mid Oct.	Malta/Trincomalee/ Singapore and possibly Hong Kong.	Mid. Nov.

(D. of M. 261039A 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.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

FORMIDABLE  
A/C  
trooping.

Sail 0745B 28th August via Medri routes to Malta for o/r Singapore.  
2. Speed 20. E.T.A. 0945B 30th August.  
3. Constant watch on Gib. B/C shifting to Malta B/C 1715B 29th August.  
4. Weather report to be signalled 0600Z daily in accordance with A.F.O.'s 1/46 ART 11. to C. in C. Med.  
(F.O. Gibraltar 271200B to FORMIDABLE, Admiralty. C. in C. Med. R.A. Malta. N.O.I.C. Port Said.)

South Atlantic.

KAREL  
DOORMAN  
(ex-NAIRANA)  
Dutch escort  
carrier.

Intend sailing KAREL DOORMAN to Simonstown South Africa at 1700 Thursday 29th August. Route in accordance with Necri thence as safe navigation permits.  
2. S.O.A. 12 knots.  
3. Provisional E.T.A. noon 19th September 1946.  
4. Communication - Constant watch on B/C B.N. shifting to Gibraltar B/C in accordance with S1/46 section MB Table 3 line 1 and then Section S.A. Table 3 line 1 after crossing 5 degs. South. Position, course and speed to be reported at noon daily to C. in C. of area.  
5. Admiralty is requested to divert mails as necessary.  
6. KAREL DOORMAN acknowledge and sail to comply.  
(R.N.O. Faslane 271422 to Admiralty, C.M.R. London. KAREL DOORMAN C. in C.S.A. Capt. i/c. Simonstown. F.O. Rosyth. R.A.C.O.B. C. in C. Plymouth. G.Z.M. Neth. R.N.A.S. Abbotsinch, C.S. Liverpool, C.S. Pembroke Dock, M.C. Glasgow, C. in C. Plymouth.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

WIGTOWN  
BAY frigate  
trooping.

WIGTOWN BAY arrived Istanbul 1800C 26th August.  
2. Transfer of M/S crews will be completed Thursday 29th August. WIGTOWN BAY will sail 0900C Friday 30th so as to arrive Malta p.m. Sunday 1st September.  
3. Accurate E.T.A. will be signalled by WIGTOWN BAY.  
(B.N.A. Ankara 271105C to C. in C. Med. A.N.A. Istanbul. R.A.(D) Med. R.A. Malta. WIGTOWN BAY.)

INDEFATIGABLE  
A/C trooping.

Sailed from Aden 1400Z. E.T.A. Suez 1500Z 30th.  
2. Shifting to Malta broadcast 1400Z 30th.  
3. Request through transit of Canal on 31st and British pilots.  
(INDEFATIGABLE 271406Z to C. in C. Med. N.O.I.C. Port Said. Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. R.N.O. Aden. Colombo W/T, Malta W/T, Aden W/T.)

JEWEL,  
LIBERTY  
10th M/S.F.  
for U.K.

(A) Intend to sail at 0800Z 28th August LIBERTY in company.  
(B) Speed  $11\frac{1}{2}$  knots.  
(C) E.T.A. Gibraltar 5th September.  
(D) Constant broadcast M shifting to constant broadcast G.  
(E) Latest B message 559B.  
(JEWEL 271519 to C. in C. Med. S.O. M/S. 10. LIBERTY. N.O.I.C. Port Said. R.A.M. F.O.G.M.A. Admiralty.)

Movements.

Departures 26th August 1800 L.C.I.(L) 278 and L.C.I.(L) 258 for Famagusta. Arrivals VENUS 0800C 27th from Port Said.  
(S.N.O.(A) H. 271800 to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.)  
Port Said arrivals August 27th.  
1900 I.S. ERITREA.

Departures: 0830 RAJAH for Suez. 1130 AJAX for Malta.

Suez arrivals: Nil.

Departures: Nil.

(N.O.I.C. Port Said 271835 to C. in C. Med. Admiralty. C. in C. E.I. R.N.O. Aden.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Movements.  
See also next  
page.

Colombo August 26th Arrivals:  
Portuguese Sloop GONCALO VELHO.  
Departures: ROC, WHIMBREL, R.F.A. EMPIRE EVESHAM.  
(F.O. Ceylon 270900 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)  
E.I.P.I. 13. Basra. Arrivals LOCH GLENDHU.  
Departures WILD GOOSE.  
(S.N.O.P.G. 2709000C to C. in C.E.I. Afloat,  
Admiralty, C. in C.E.I.)

GLASGOW  
C. in C.E.I.

Arrived 26th August. GLASGOW flying the Flag  
of C. in C.E.I.  
(C. in C.E.I. (Afloat) 270900EF to Admiralty,  
~~C. in C.E.I.~~ Port Victoria, Seychelles.)

NORFOLK  
cruiser  
from  
Persian  
Gulf.

E.I.P.I. 7. Cancel my 251245, not to F.O. Bombay.  
Intend sailing from Bahrein as follows:  
(A) 1000B 28th August.  
(B) Bombay.  
(C) 13 knots.  
(D) WC 381 less 380.  
(E) Constant "V" and commercial.  
2. F.O. Bombay pass to F.O.C.R.I.N.  
(NORFOLK 272345 to C. in C.E.I. C. in C.E.I.  
(Afloat) Admiralty. F.O.C.R.I.N. F.O. Bombay  
S.N.O.P.G. N.O.I.C. Karachi.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

R.A.5.  
C.S.

Rear Admiral C.H.L. Woodhouse C.B. with his flag in NEWFOUNDLAND assumed command of the 5th Cruiser Squadron in succession to Rear Admiral R.M. Servaes C.B.E.  
2. C. in C. B.P.F. is requested to promulgate. (C.S.5. 270625Z to Admiralty, C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I.)

Movements.

24th August arrivals:

- (A) Devonport LATROBE.
- (B) Dredger COWRA.

Departures:

- (A) Darwin, L.S.T. 3050 for Cairns.+ (A.C.N.B. 270756Z to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I. N.Z.N.B.)
- (+ Amended by 280412)

Departure FINISTERRE.

(N.O.I.C. Cochin 270900 to Admiralty. C. in C. E.I.S. N.H.Q.(I). )

*Should be under East Indies  
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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

7th M/S.F. Take ships addressed under your orders and sail  
ex B.P.F. in PICKLE 2000B 28th August to Home Ports.  
for U.K. 2. Speed 10. E.T.A. PICKLE at Plymouth 1000A  
2nd September, CHAMELEON, PLUCKY, RIFLEMAN,  
at Portsmouth a.m. 3rd September.  
3. Organise constant watch on Gib B/C shifting  
to Home Station organisation at 0430A 31st August.  
6. My 281153, not to all, re PINCHER and RECRUIT refers.  
(F.O. Gibraltar 281147B to M/S.7. PICKLE, CHAMELEON, PLUCKY,  
RIFLEMAN, C. in C. Plymouth. C. in C. Portsmouth. F.O.C.R.F.  
Combrax Devonport, Combrax Portsmouth, Admiralty.)

South Atlantic.

SWALE Sail at 1330B on Wednesday 28th August for  
frigate Plymouth calling at St. Helena Freetown and  
for U.K. Gibraltar. S.O.A. 12 knots.  
and reserve. 2. Keep continuous W/T watch on broadcast S.L.  
you should report by signal times of shifting to  
broadcast 'G' and subsequently to broadcast  
"BN" at least 24 hours before so doing.  
3. Governor St. Helena has been informed that your E.T.A. at  
St. Helena is 0900Z Tuesday 3rd September.  
(C. in C.S.A. 280902 to SWALE, Admiralty. R.N.O. Freetown.  
F.O. Gibraltar, C. in C. Med. C. in C. Plymouth. C. in C. Nore.  
F.O.C.R.F. Capt. i/c Simonstown.)  
Simonstown departure - SWALE.  
(C. in C.S.A. 281527 to Admiralty. R.N.O. Freetown.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

10th M/S.F.  
ex B.P.F.  
for U.K. My P.C.S. at 0130Z 28th August 22° 08' N.  
37° 37' E. 331° , 11 knots. E.T.A. Suez for  
COURIER 0300Z 30th August.  
2. Your 261540B (N.T. in W.D.) will be  
investigated.  
(M.S.10 280452Z to N.O.I.C. Port Said. C. in C.  
E.I. C. in C. Med. Admiralty.)

T.G.12.5.4.  
(U.S.N.). Following schedule for Task Group 12.5.4. All  
dates September. CTG.12.5.4 in F<sup>A</sup>D. ROOSEVELT  
with LITTLE ROCK, CORRY, NEW and CONE, depart  
Malta p.m. 12th. F<sup>A</sup>D. ROOSEVELT and CONE to  
Algiers. LITTLE ROCK to Bone. NEW to Bougie.  
CORRY to Phillipeville, all arrive a.m. 14th. Depart respective  
Ports a.m. 16th. F<sup>A</sup>D. ROOSEVELT, CONE to Tangier, arrive a.m.  
18th. Depart 23rd for Casablanca, arrive a.m. 24th. LITTLE  
ROCK, CORRY, NEW return to Naples.  
(Comnavu 281706Z to Admiralty.)

Movements. Port Said arrivals 28th August 1000 I.S. ATTILIO  
REGOLO.  
Departures 0600 C.S. FU PO for Aden 1000 JEWEL  
and LIBERTY for Gibraltar.  
Suez arrivals Nil.  
Departures Nil.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 281901B to C. in C. Med. Admiralty. C. in C.  
E.I. R.N.O. Aden.)

RAJAH My 261822B. Intend to sail from Port Said.  
escort Amend para. (F) to read 0700C Sunday 1st Sept.  
carrier 2. Intend to sail for Colombo 1800C Sunday  
trooping 1st September.  
to Singapore. (RAJAH 281945B to R.N.O. Aden. Admiralty.  
C. in C.E.I. F.O.M.A. F.O. Ceylon.)



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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

TYNE  
destroyer  
depot ship  
ex B.P.F.  
for U.K.

Arrived Aden 0700Z 28th August.  
(TYNE 280715Z to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.  
R.N.O. Aden.)

Movements.

Colombo 27th August.  
Arrivals: FINISTERRE.  
Departures: FINISTERRE, GLORY.  
(F.O. Ceylon 280900 to Admiralty. C. in C. E.I.)  
E.I.P.I.13. Bahrein. Arrived WILD GOOSE  
departed NORFOLK and R.F.A. FORT ALABAMA. All  
on 28th August.  
(NORFOLK 281000D to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.  
S.N.O.P.G. C. in C.E.I. (Afloat) ).

WHIMBREL  
A/A Sloop  
ex B.P.F.  
for U.K.

WHIMBREL sailed p.m. 26th August, 1946.  
loaded 1,000 cases tinned fruits weighing 28½ tons  
deadweight equivalent 35¼ tons measurement,  
consigned to Ministry of Food, U.K.  
(C.S. Colombo 280900 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.  
F.O. Ceylon.)

LOCH QUOICH  
frigate  
for Persian  
Gulf.

E.I.P.I. 1. Sail Trincomalee as follows:  
(A) p.m. today 28th August on completion of  
loading ammunition.  
(B) Bahrein.  
(C) As necessary to arrive a.m. 5th Sept.  
(C. in C.E.I. 281212 to LOCH QUOICH. Admiralty.  
C. in C.E.I. (Afloat) F.O. Ceylon. S.N.O.P.G.)

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Wednesday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

PORLOCK BAY  
Frigate,  
Northern  
cruise.

My 262055Z PORLOCK BAY sailed to comply.  
(Capt. i/c. Bermuda 281520Z to C. in C.A.W.I.  
Admiralty. B.A.D. N.S.H.Q. C.O.A.C. S.O.I.  
Jamaica, S.N.O. Newfoundland.)

Far East and Australia.

NIGER  
M/S H.Q.  
Ship.

NIGER sailed from Port Owen 2230Z 27th August  
for Singapore E.T.A. 0330Z 31st.  
(F.O.M.A. 280347Z to C. in C. B.P.F. Admiralty.  
Com. Hong Kong.)

Movements.

25th August. Arrivals:

(A) Sydney FORT DUNVEGAN.

Departures:

(A) Sydney, OPPOSSUM for Townsville.

(B) Devonport, LATROBE for Westernport.

(C) Bougainville Strait, KATOOMBA, LITHGOW, MILDURA,  
WARRNAMBOOL for Rabaul.

(C) Morotai, L.S.T. 3014 for Darwin.

My 270756Z August amend L.S.T. 3050 to read L.S.T. 3014 for  
Darwin and add

Arrivals:

(C) Sydney, EMPIRE CHARMIAN.

(A.C.N.B. 280412Z to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I.  
N.Z.N.B.)

LAGOS  
destroyer.

185P. Sail from Singapore as follows:

(A) 0130Z 29th August.

(B) Trincomalee.

(C) 12 knots.

(D) WC 380.

(E) V. Broadcast.

(F) 0130Z 3rd September.

(F.O.M.A. 280738Z to LAGOS, Admiralty, C. in C.  
B.P.F. Com. Hong Kong. C. in C.E.I. R.A.(D)  
B.P.F. D.19. Ceylon W/T. F.O. Ceylon.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

ROTHESAY  
minesweeper  
(training).

Intend to sail from Casablanca for Freetown  
1900A today 29th August.  
2. Speed 9 knots.  
3. E.T.A. Freetown will be signalled later.  
(ROTHESAY 291027 to F.O. Gib., C. in C. Plymouth,  
Admiralty. Comar Casablanca.)

PHEASANT  
A/A Sloop  
ex B.P.F.  
for U.K.

Sail 1000B 30th August to Portsmouth.  
2. Speed 12. E.T.A. a.m. 3rd September.  
3. Constant watch on Gibraltar Broadcast shifting  
to Home Station organisation 0900A 1st September.  
(F.O. Gibraltar 292114B to PHEASANT, Admiralty,  
C. in C. Plymouth. C. in C. Portsmouth. F.O.C.R.F.  
Combrax Portsmouth. S.O.R.F. Portsmouth.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

RANEE,  
escort  
carrier  
trooping.

Arrival Port Said p.m. 29th August. RANEE from  
Aden.  
(RANEE 290733 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. C. in C.  
Med. F.O. Ceylon. N.O.I.C. Port Said.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Movements.

Trincomalee 28th August.  
Arrival GLORY, FINISTERRE.  
Arrived and sailed LOCH QUOICH.  
(C. in C.E.I. 290900EF to Admiralty. F.O. Ceylon.)

GLASGOW  
C. in C.E.I.

E.I.P.I.7. Intended to sail in GLASGOW from  
Seychelles as follows:  
(A) 0500D 30th August.  
(B) Dares Salaam.  
(C) 14 $\frac{1}{2}$  knots.  
(D) WC.382.  
(E) Constant broadcast V.  
(C. in C.E.I. Afloat 290901D to C. in C.E.I.  
GLASGOW. Admiralty. R.O. Dar es Salaam,  
Ceylon W/T.)

LOCH  
GLENDHU  
frigate,  
ex Persian  
Gulf.

On relief by LOCH QUOICH about 5th September  
you are to proceed to Bombay.  
2. Acknowledge.  
3. Further signal follows:  
(C. in C.E.I. 291016EF to LOCH GLENDHU,  
LOCH QUOICH, Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. (Afloat),  
S.N.O. P.G. F.O. Bombay.)

My 291016 not to all or needed. Embark as many  
as possible of BRAGANZA retard party at Bombay about 10th  
September and sail from Trincomalee 48 hours after arrival.  
(C. in C.E.I. 291242 to LOCH GLENDHU, Admiralty, S.N.O. Persian  
Gulf, F.O. Bombay, R.N.O. Bombay, F.O. Ceylon. C. in C.E.I.  
(Afloat).)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

Movements.

Arrivals Singapore 28th August. LAGOS, SUTLEJ,  
D.S. BOEROE.

Departures Nil.

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

Arrivals H.M.I.S. KISTINA.

(N.O.I.C. Cochin 290900 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.  
Combay, F.O. Bombay, N.H.Q.(I). N.O.I.C. Madras,  
N.O.I.C. Vizag.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

South Atlantic.

NEREIDE,  
sloop,  
cruise.

Your 231225/June para. 2. Portuguese Government agree to visit of NEREIDE to Lourenco Marques from 19th to 25th September, 1946.  
(Hd. of M.II. 301042A to C. in C.S.A. NEREIDE.)

NIGERIA,  
cruiser,  
proposed  
visit to  
Pointe Noire.

Mr. Duff Cooper. No. 391 Saving.  
31st August 1946. Please pass following to Admiralty for C. in C. South Atlantic (R) Admiralty from B.N.A. Paris. (Begins):  
Your 161110 July. Embassy have informed Consul-Generals Dakar and Brazzaville. Former requests confirmation NIGERIA will not visit Dakar or any other French West African Port.  
2. Admiralty pass to C. in C. South Atlantic.  
(Paris 301800 to Foreign Office.)  
Reply: C. in C.S.A. 031414 Sept.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

ACHILLES  
cruiser,  
for U.K.      Sail at 1000B 1st September to arrive Gibraltar  
1100B 4th for o/r to U.K.  
2. Continuous watch W/T shifting from Malta to  
Gibraltar at 0900B 2nd.  
(C. in C. Med. 301105B to ACHILLES. R.A. Malta.  
C.S.M. for K.H.M. Admiralty. F.O. Gibraltar.  
N.Z.N.B.)

ORION  
(Greek)  
Illegal  
jewish  
emigrants.      Greek ship ORION (4798 G.R.T., owners Lyras  
and Lemos, London) sailed Antwerp 24th August  
ostensibly for Port Said.  
2. Belgian source reported July that several  
Jews for Palestine embarked in the Scheldt  
without passing through Antwerp port control.  
Comment - this number has probably increased  
during period when vessel delayed Antwerp, and  
it appears likely that she may follow example of HOCHELAGA.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 301201 to F.O. Gibraltar. C. in C. Med.,  
S.N.O. (A) Haifa. N.O.I.C. Haifa.)  
(Passed to Admiralty for info., by Malta's 311245B).

Movements.      Haifa. Arrivals. First D.F. negative CHAPLET  
and CHARITY from Port Drepano.  
Departures: Third D.F., negative STEVENSTONE and  
HAYDON for Malta.  
(S.N.O. (A) Haifa 301751C to C. in C. Med. Admiralty)  
Port Said arrivals 30th August 0630 FENCER

2030 PORTLAND BILL and COURIER.  
Departures: 0900 I.S. ATTILIO REGOLO for Taranto. 1800 RANEE  
for Malta. 2030 PORTLAND BILL for Gib.  
Suez arrivals 0500 COURIER.  
Departures 0815 COURIER 0835 PORTLAND BILL.  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 301909B to C. in C. Med. Admiralty. C. in C.  
E.I. R.N.O. Aden.)

PORTLAND  
BILL armament  
maintenance  
ship for  
U.K.'      Intend to sail from Port Said as follows:  
(A) 2200Z 30th August.  
(B) Speed 10 knots.  
(C) E.T.A. Gibraltar a.m. 7th September.  
(D) Constant broadcast M. shifting to constant  
broadcast G.  
(E) Latest B message received 566.  
(PORTLAND BILL 301910Z to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.  
F.O. Gib. N.O.I.C. Port Said. F.O.G.M.A.)



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East Indies.

Movements.

Colombo 29th August - arrivals CORBRAE.  
Departures - Nil.  
(F.O. Ceylon 300900EF to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)

LOCH GLENDHU  
relief of  
LOCH QUOICH  
in Persian  
Gulf.

Your 291242, not to S.N.O.P.G. or LOCH QUOICH.  
Intend LOCH GLENDHU should proceed to Bahrein  
for fuel and turnover to LOCH QUOICH, thence  
to call at Khorkuwai on passage to Bombay.  
2. LOCH GLENDHU acknowledge.  
(S.N.O.P.G. 301014C to C. in C.E.I. C. in C.E.I.  
(Afloat). Admiralty. R.N.O. Bombay. F.O. Bombay.  
F.O. Ceylon. LOCH QUOICH.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

PORLOCK BAY  
frigate,  
Northern  
cruise.

Arrivals Halifax 1300Z Friday 30th August.  
PORLOCK BAY from Bermuda.  
(C.O.A.C. 301310Z to C. in C. A & W.I. Capt.  
i/c. Bermuda. Admiralty. N.S.H.Q. B.A.D. B.N.O.  
Newfoundland.)

SHEFFIELD,  
cruiser,  
ex U.K.

Arrived 30th August. SHEFFIELD.  
(Capt. i/c Bermuda 301630Z to C. in C. A.W.I.  
Admiralty. C. in C. Med., C. in C. Plymouth.  
F.O. Gib.)

Far East and Australia.

Movements.

27th August. Arrivals:  
(A) ~~TOWNSVILLE~~ L.S.T. 3022.

Departures:

(A) Melbourne. OCEANWAY for Sydney.

Paid off 16th at Sydney F class reserve, BUNBURY.

(A.C.N.B. 300147 to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I.  
N.Z.N.B.)

SUTLEJ  
R.I.N.  
Sloop.

Sail from Singapore as follows:

(A) 2330Z 30th August.

(B) Penang.

(C) 11 knots.

(D) W.C. 382.

(E) V Broadcast.

(F) 1000Z 1st Sept.

(G) Sail on 3rd Sept. for Bombay.

Reporting intentions in accordance with 185P. Para.7. C. in C.  
B.P.F's 190258 refers. Acknowledge.

(F.O.M.A. 300517Z to SUTLEJ. C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I.  
Admiralty. F.O.C.R.I.N. Com. Hong Kong. F.O. Ceylon. Ceylon W/T,  
F.O. Bombay.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean

10th M/S.F.,  
ex. B.P.F.,  
for U.K. Intend to sail in COURIER with SERENE as follows  
from Port Said.  
A. 0600B Monday 2nd Sept. B. S.O.A. 12 knots.  
C. E.T.A. Malta 0800B/6th Sept. D. Constant guard  
on Malta broadcast. E. Medris parts one to five  
inclusive, QBY 587, Naveam 1190, and W.B. 354.  
F. Intend to comply with your 131115, August.  
(2) Propose to sail again from Malta with SERENE at 1400B/6th  
September.  
(M/S 10, 311017B to C. in C. Med., F.O. Gib., C.S. Malta, R.A.(D),  
SERENE, Admty., N.O.I.C. Port Said.)

ORION (Greek) N.O.I.C. Port Said's 301201\* being passed to you  
illegal Jewish for information.  
emigrants. (Malta C.C.O., 311245B to S.B.N.O. Greece,  
Admty., D.N.I.)  
\* Concurs illegal Jewish emigrants embarked  
Scheldt without passing through Antwerp Port Control

Albanian Albanian H.D.M.L. yesterday 30th trailed her coat  
Provocation for several hours in Greek territorial waters off  
to Greece. North Coast of Corfu. Greeks at present showing  
praiseworthy restraint.  
(S.B.N.O. Greece, 311442 to C. in C. Med., Admty.)

INDEFATIGABLE, Sailed from Port Said 1700Z/31.  
aircraft (2) E.T.A. Gibraltar Bay 0600Z/5th Sept. E.T.D.  
carrier, p.m. 5th Sept.  
trooping. (3) Require 1000 tons oil fuel.  
(4) Changing to Gibraltar broadcast 1800Z/3 Sept.  
(5) Request anchor berth.  
(INDEFATIGABLE, 311810Z to F.O. Gibraltar,  
C. in C. Med., Admty., S.B.N.O. M.E., Malta W/T.)

FENCER, FENCER sailed 1800B for Malta.  
escort Speed on passage 16 knots.  
carrier, E.T.A. a.m. 3rd September.  
trooping. (FENCER, 311816B to C. in C. Med., Admty., N.O.I.C.  
Port Said.)

Movements. Arrivals 31st August 0800 I.S. ABRUZZI, 1830  
INDEFATIGABLE, 2130 SERENE. Departures 1700  
FENCER for Malta, 1830 INDEFATIGABLE for Gib.  
Suez arrivals SERENE. Departures 0500 INDEFATIGABLE  
(N.O.I.C. Port Said, 311900B to Cs. in C. Med., E.I.  
Admty., R.N.O. Aden.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

East Indies

NORFOLK,  
cruiser

Intend following programme for NORFOLK:-

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Leave</u>
1st	Bombay	9th
12th	Karachi	20th
22nd	Bombay	All Sept.

(C. in C. E.I., 311006 to Admty., C. in C. E.I.  
(Afloat), F.O. Bombay, N.O.I.C. Karachi, S.N.O.P.G.  
NORFOLK.)

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Far East and Australia

Movements

28th August arrivals (A) Sydney SHROPSHIRE.  
(B) Brisbane WILCANNIA.  
Departures (A) Sydney BARWON for Port Moresby.  
(B) Townsville, L.S.T. 3022 for Brisbane.  
(C) Darwin KANIMBLA for Thursday Island. (D)  
Fremantle, TOTEM for Aden.  
(A.C.N.B., 310013Z to Admty., Cs. in C. B.P.F.,  
E.I., N.Z.N.B.)

RAME HEAD  
escort  
maintenance  
ship

Intend to remove a few essential machine tools  
from RAME HEAD before proceeding to U.K. These  
are urgently required by Hongkong Dockyard and are  
covered by yard machinery proposals.  
(2) Request information as to probable future  
service of RAME HEAD so that decision can be  
reached on removing machine tools other than in  
para. 1.

(3) Request immediate reply to avoid delay in sailing.  
(C. in C. B.P.F., 310122Z to Admty., RAME HEAD, Com. Hongkong.)  
Your 310122Z. RAME HEAD forms part of the Post War Fleet  
and will reduce to category B reserve on return to U.K.  
(D.O.D., 311902A to C. in C. B.P.F., Com. Hongkong, RAME  
HEAD.)

HARE,  
minesweeper,  
ex B.P.F.,  
for U.K.

Intend following programme for HARE.

-	Singapore	5th Sept.
12th Sept.	Colombo	15th Sept.
16th Sept.	Aden	28th Sept.
4th Oct.	Suez	5th Oct.
5th Oct.	Port Said	6th Oct.
14th Oct.	Gibraltar	16th Oct.
22nd Oct.	Chatham	-

(2) Fuelling at Colombo, Aden, Port Said and Gibraltar.  
(3) Request mails may be diverted accordingly.  
(F.O.M.A., 310217 to Admty., ANCHORITE, HARE, Cs. in C. B.P.F.,  
E.I., Med., Nore, M/S 10, R.N.O. Aden, N.O.I.C. Port Said, F.O.  
Gibraltar, F.O. Ceylon.)

LYSANDER,  
11th M/S F.

Sail from Singapore as follows -

(A) When ready a.m. 1st Sept. (B) Trincomalee.  
(C) 9 knots. (D) W.C.382. (E) V Broadcast.  
(F) 0200Z/8th Sept.  
(F.O.M.A., 310307Z to LYSANDER, M/S 11, Admty.,  
Cs. in C. B.P.F., E.I., F.O. Ceylon, Com.  
Hongkong, Ceylon W/T.)