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Sunday

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FOREIGN STATIONS

North Atlantic

SCARAVAY,
danlayer,
ex B.P.F.
for U.K.

Sail 1530B/2nd Sept. Harwich.
(2) Speed 9½. E.T.A. 1600A/8th Sept.
(3) Constant watch on Gib. B/C shifting to home
station organisation 0800A/5th Sept.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 011030B to SCARAVAY, Admty., Cs.
in C. Plymouth, Portsmouth, Nore, F.O.C.R.F.,
N.O.I.C. Harwich, S.O.R.F. Harwich, M/S 7.)

SWALE,
frigate,
ex Simons-
town for U.K.

A.M. 311200 August, not to you. You will be
required to call Las Palmas and tow battle
target to Gibraltar.
(2) Report your E.T.A. Las Palmas.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 010032B to SWALE, ROTHESAY,
Admty., Cs. in C. Med., Plymouth, S.A., R.N.O.
Freetown, H.B.M. Consul Las Palmas, B.N.A. Lisbon)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean

SERENE,
10th M/S F.,
for U.K.

My 311017B, (intend sailing in COURIER with SERENE), SERENE delayed 24 hours due to engine room defect.

(2) Have instructed her to signal old programme so as to arrive Gibraltar if possible on 10th Sept.

(M/S 10, 010947B to C. in C. Med., F.O. Gibraltar, Admty., R.A.D., C.S. Malta, N.O.I.C. Port Said, SERENE.)

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PATROLLER, escort carrier, trooping. E.I.P.I. One. Sail from Colombo as follows - (A) 1800 EF 2nd Sept. (B) Singapore. (C) 16 knots. (D) W.C.385. (E) Constant broadcast Victor. (F.O. Ceylon, 010459 to PATROLLER, Admty., Cs. in C. B.P.F., E.I., Ceylon W/T, F.O.M.A., Com. Hongkong.)

Movements Trincomalee 31st August, arrival SPRINGDALE. Departure L.C.T. 4038. (C. in C. E.I., 010900 EF to Admty., F.O.M.A., F.O. Ceylon, N.O.I.C. Cochin.)

KISTNA, A/A sloop, R.I.N. E.I.P.I. 1. Sail from Cochin as follows - (A) 1600 September 1st. (B) Karwar Bay. (C) 9 knots. (D) W.C.383. (E) Constant Victor. (F) 0600 September 3rd. (G) Your 030959 Aug. refers. (N.O.I.C. Cochin, 011033 to KISTNA, Admty., C. in C. E.I., N.H.Q.(I), F.O:B.A., Bombay W/T.)

RAJAH, escort carrier, trooping. Intend to sail from Aden as follows:- (A) 1800C/1st Sept. (B) Colombo. (C) 16 knots. (D) W.C.380. (E) Victor. (RAJAH, 011239C to C. in C. E.I., Admty., F.O. Ceylon, F.O.M.A., R.N.O. Aden.)

TOTEM, submarine ex-Sydney for U.K. (1) Have engine defect requiring workshop assistance. (2) Am proceeding to Colombo by direct route, E.T.A. 1800 FG 8th Sept. (3) Repairs should be completed in 5 days. (4) Requirements before departure will be signalled direct to F.O. Ceylon. (5) Cancel my 280013Z to N.O.I.C. Aden. (6) Communications at present on Bells broadcast shifting to V broadcast at 1200Z/3rd Sept. (7) My position at 2100G/1st Sept. 20° 22' S. 97° 30' E. S.O.A. 11 knots. (TOTEM, 011420Z to Cs. in C. E.I., Med., Admty., N.O.I.C. Aden, F.O. Ceylon, S.N.O.R.S.C.A., F.O.M.C.M., F.O.G.M.A., F.O. S/M, Capt. S.5.)

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North Atlantic

10th M/S F., E.T.A. Gibraltar 0700A Wednesday 4th Sept., E.T.D.
ex B.P.F., 1030ZA Friday 6th Sept. LAERTES and WELCOME in
for U.K. company. GOLDEN FLEECE and WELCOME, E.T.A.
Devonport 0900A Tuesday 10th Sept., LAERTES, E.T.A.
Sheerness p.m. Wednesday 11th Sept.
(GOLDEN FLEECE, 020900A to F.O. Gib., C. in C. Med.,
Admty., S.O. M/S 20, JEWEL.)

GOLDEN FLEECE's 020900 not to all. Following laying up ports
have been proposed in F.O.C.R.F's 271601 August not to ships.
JEWEL Portsmouth, LAERTES Harwich, LIBERTY or GOLDEN FLEECE
Devonport.

(2) Intend to sail these ships accordingly.

(3) WELCOME, WAVE and ORSAY will be sailed to ports detailed in
A.M. 141718 August unless orders are received to the contrary.
(F.O.Gib., 021229B to 10th M/S F., Admty., LIBERTY, GOLDEN FLEECE,
WAVE, ORSAY, Cs. in C. Med., Plymouth, Portsmouth, Nore, F.O.C.R.F.
E.T.A. Gibraltar 1530Z/3rd Sept. E.T.D. 1600Z/4th Sept. E.T.A.
Chatham 1000Z/10th Sept.

(ORSAY, 021400Z to F.O.Gib., Admty., C. in C. Med., M/S 10,
JEWEL.)

South Atlantic

NEREIDE,
sloop,
cruise.

Simonstown arrival - NEREIDE.
(C. in C. S.A., 021432 to Admty.)

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Mediterranean

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

Intend to sail as follows from Port Said:-
(A) 0300B Tuesday 3rd Sept. (B) S.O.A. 11 knots.
(C) E.T.A. Malta 1800B/6th Sept. (D) Constant
guard on Malta broadcast. (E) Medus 10111213
QBY 588, WB 364. Naveam 1192.
(2) Propose to sail again from Malta at 0600B/7th
Sept.
(SERENE, 020735B to C. in C. Med., F.O. Gibraltar,
C.S. Malta, R.A.D., Admty., N.O.I.C. Port Said,
S.O. M/S 10.)

RANEE,
escort
carrier,
trooping.

Sail at 1930B/3rd Sept. to arrive Gibraltar
0800B/6th Sept. for onward routeing to U.K.
(2) Shift to Gibraltar broadcast at 1500B/4th.
(C. in C. Med., 021231B to RANEE, R.A. Malta,
C.S.M. for K.H.M., F.O. Gib., Admty.)

Movements.

Port Said. Arrivals 2nd Sept. 0800 FORMIDABLE,
0900 I.S. SESTRIERE, 1000 F.S. L'AJACIENNE.
Departures 0600 COURIER for Malta, 0800 FORMIDABLE
for Suez.

Suez. Arrivals 0500 L.S.T. 3029, 0900 TYNE.
Departures 0530 L.S.T. 3029, 0300 TYNE.

(N.O.I.C. Port Said, 021856 to Cs. in C. Med., E.I., Admty.,
R.N.O. Aden.)

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East Indies

NORFOLK, Bombay 1st September, arrivals NORFOLK.
 cruiser, (F.O. Bombay, 020900 EF to Admty., C. in C. E.I.,
 ex P.Gulf. N.H.Q.(I))

Movements Colombo arrivals 1st September PATROLLER, R.F.A.
 EMP^{IRE} PROTECTOR.
 Departures 1st Sept., nil.
 (F.O. Ceylon, 020900 EF to Admty., C. in C. E.I.)
 Colombo 2nd Sept. Arrivals, U.S.S. NECHES.
 Departures, U.S.S. TAPPAHANNOCK, U.S.S. MERRIMACK, PATROLLER.
 (F.O. Ceylon, 020900 to Admty., C. in C. E.I.)

Commodore, The appointment of Commodore Bay of Bengal short
 Bay of Bengal, title Combay has lapsed as from 1st September
 appointment 1946. The Senior R.I.N. authority on East Coast
 lapsed. of India is the Resident Naval Officer Calcutta,
 pending further instructions.
 (F.O.C.R.I.N., 021704 EF to Admty., Armindia, C.
 in C. E.I., Indian General Message 721.)

CORBRAE, M/S C. in C. Nore's 301246 August. CORBRAE cannot
 maintenance be accepted at Chatham for destoring, but is to
 ship, ex call at Sheerness to land passengers and com-
 B.P.F. passionate cases. On completion C. in C. Nore is
 requested to sail ship to Rosyth.
 (2) On arrival at Rosyth, men due for release 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.
 (3) CORBRAE is to be released from Naval Service. In
 preparation for handing over of vessel to M.O.T. all naval stores
 are to be removed. Removal of equipment will in general be
 carried out at port of reconversion, which will be nominated
 later.
 (4) CORBRAE is to report her E.T.A. at Sheerness to C. in C.
 Nore, Commodore Sheerness and Admiralty.
 (D.O.D., 021829A to Cs. in C. E.I., Nore, CORBRAE, Info. various)

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America & West Indies

BALLINDERRY, C. in C. A.W.I.'s 311510 August, not to all, frigate, (N.T. in W.D.) for U.K. Destination of BALLINDERRY in U.K. is Harwich, where ship is to reduce to reserve, category B. F.O.C.R.F. is 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 ship. (D.O.D., 021124A to Cs. in C. A.W.I. Nore, F.O.C.R.F., Capt. 1/c Bermuda, S.O.R.F. Harwich, N.O.I.C. Harwich, Combrax Portsmouth, BALLINDERRY.)

PORLOCK BAY, Intend proceeding at 1630 Wednesday 4th? Sept. frigate, to St. Johns Newfoundland. S.O.A. 12 knots. northern E.T.A. 1400Z Friday 6th Sept. Communications cruise. constant watch on broadcast L which will be maintained both at sea and in harbour during period of cruise. (PORLOCK BAY, 021708Z to C.O.A.C., S.O.I. Jamaica, S.N.O. Nld., N.S.H.Q., C. in C. A.W.I., Admty., B.A.D., C. in C. Lant, Com. N.A. Patrol, S.D.Y. Halifax.)

Far East and Australia

Movements Arrivals Singapore 1st Sept. D.S. BOEROE. Departures L.S.T. 3154, A.A. LYSANDER. (F.O.M.A., 020130 to Admty., Cs. in C. B.P.F., E.I., Com. Hongkong.) 29th August, arrivals. (A) Townsville, L.S.T. 3008. (B) Cairns L.S.T. 3017. (C) Darwin L.S.T. 3014. (D) Sydney OCEANWAY. Departures. (A) Rabaul ARARAT, KATOOMBA, LITHGOW, MILDURA, WARRNAMBOOL for Torobend. (B) ~~WARRNAMBOOL~~ LACHLAN for Darwin 30th August. Arrivals. (A) Townsville OPOSSUM. (B) Bowen L.S.T. 3501. (C) Thursday Island KANIMBLA. (D) Tarakina ARARAT, KATOOMBA, LITHGOW, MILDURA, WARRNAMBOOL. Departures. (A) Townsville OPOSSUM for Amboina thence Hongkong. (B) Cairns L.S.T. 3017 for Townsville. (C) Dredger COWRA for Rabaul. Paid off 29th August AIR FAITH. (A.C.N.B., 020332Z to Admty., Cs. in C. B.P.F., E.I., N.Z.N.B.)

HARE, 185P. Sail from Singapore as follows - minesweeper, A. 0230Z/5th Sept. B. Colombo. C. 9 knots. for U.K. D. W.C.382. E. V broadcast. F.0630Z/12th Sept. (F.O.M.A., 020937Z to HARE, Admty., etc.)

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North Atlantic.

ORSAY,
10th M/S.F.
ex B.P.F.
for U.K.

My 021400Z. Owing to temporary defect of steering,
amended E.T.A. 2000Z.
(ORSAY 031240Z to F.O. Gib., Admiralty, C. in C.
Med., M/S.10. JEWEL.)

South Atlantic.

SWALE,
frigate
for U.K.

Arrival St. Helena 1200B 3rd September SWALE.
(SWALE 031230B to Admiralty. C. in C.S.A.).

NIGERIA,
cruiser.

Your 301800+
Confirmed NIGERIA will not visit Dakar nor any
other French West African port.
(C. in C.S.A. 031414 to B.N.A. Paris. Admiralty.)
+ Re visit of NIGERIA to French West African ports.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

FEDE, Auxiliary Schooner thought to be FEVE/ but with
Illegal CADIO freshly painted on stern sighted by aircraft
immigrant intercepted by CHILDERS and boarded by CHILDERS
schooner and CHIVALROUS inside three mile limit off
intercepted Tel-Aviv at 1800 yesterday. Thought to be about
by CHILDERS 1,000 illegals on board many of whom are women.
2/9. Violent resistance offered to the boarding party
making it necessary to put on board six officers
and seventy ratings to compel order. No firearms
were used but about five ratings and eight jews
are injured. Ship is in tow of CHILDERS and expected to arrive
Haifa about 1000 today.
(S.N.O.A.H. 030800C to C. in C. Med. Admiralty. N.O.I.C. Haifa.
C.S.1.).
/ as received.(?FEDE).

FORMIDABLE FORMIDABLE departed Suez 0830^B/3 Sept. S.O.A.
aircraft 20 knots. E.T.A. Aden 0530C 6th Sept.
carrier, 2. W/T constant watch on broadcast. V.
trooping. (FORMIDABLE 030918B to C. in C. Med., R.N.O.
Aden. C. in C.E.I. N.O.I.C. Port Said, Admiralty.)

FENCER, Sail at 1700B 4th September to arrive Gibraltar
escort 0700B 7th for o/r to U.K.
carrier, 2. Shift to Gibraltar broadcast at 1200B 5th.
trooping. (C. in C. Med. 031539 to FENCER, R.A. Malta,
C.S.M. for K.H.M. F.O. Gib., Admiralty.)

Movements. Port Said arrivals 3rd September. 1030 L.S.T. 3029.
1045 TYNE.
Departures 0300 SERENE for Malta. 1030 L.S.T. 3015.
for Malta. 1600 ~~IS~~ MIRAGLIA for Taranto.
1700 SESTRIERNE for Naples. 1730 TYNE for Gibraltar.
Suez arrivals - Nil.
Departures - Nil.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 031800B to C. in C. Med. Admiralty. C. in C.
E.I. R.N.O. Aden.)

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East Indies.

SUTLEJ
A/A Sloop
R.I.N. E.I.P.I.7. Intend to sail from Penang as follows:
(A) 030230Z.
(B) Bombay.
(C) 10 knots.
(D) WC. 3860.
(E) Broadcast V and 500 kc/s.
(SUTLEJ 030218Z to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty.
F.O. Bombay. F.O.C.R.I.N. F.O.M.A. Com. Hong Kong.
Ceylon W/T.)

CORBRAE,
M/S
maintenance
ship
B.P.F.
to U.K. F.O. Ceylon's 301222 August not to all. Following
is programme for onward passage to U.K. is
submitted.

<u>Place.</u>	<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
Colombo.	---	p.m. 4th Sept.
Aden (Fuel).	17th Sept.	18th Sept.
Suez.	24th Sept.	25th Sept.
Port Said (Fuel)	25th Sept.	26th Sept.
Malta.	1st Oct.	2nd Oct.
Gibraltar (Fuel)	7th Oct.	9th Oct.
U.K. (Exact destination not yet known)	16th Oct.	

Request air mail be diverted to above programme. F.O.Ceylon
pass to all.
(CORBRAE 030330Z to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F.
R.N.O. Aden. F.O.M.A., N.O.I.C.Suez. N.O.I.C. Port Said. C. in C.
Med., R.A. Malta., F.O. Gibraltar, C. in C. Nore, F.O. Ceylon.)
E.I.P.I. One. Sail from Colombo as follows:
(A) On completion of fuelling 4th September.
(B) Aden for Suez and U.K.
(C) 7.5 knots.
(D) W.C.386.
(E) Constant Broadcast V.
(F.O. Ceylon 031135EF to CORBRAE.)

WHIMBREL
A/A Sloop
B.P.F.
for U.K. Sailed from Aden 0300Z/03 S.O.A. 14 knots latest
W.C. Message held 373.
(WHIMBREL 030642 to N.O.I.C. Port Said. C. in C.
Med. C. in C.E.I. Admiralty. R.N.O. Aden.)

GLASGOW,
cruiser
C. in C.E.I. Dar Es Salaam arrival 2nd September GLASGOW flying
the Flag of C. in C.E.I.
(C. in C.E.I. (Afloat) 030900C to Admiralty.
C. in C.E.I.)

Meeting of
C. in C.E.I.
at Middle
East H. Q. Subject to agreement of local Diplomatic
Authorities which C. in C. Med. is requested to
obtain I wish to hold discussions with C. in C.
Med. General Officer Commanding in Chief Middle
East and Air Officer Commanding in Chief Middle
East at General Headquarters Middle East from
8th to 10th October.

2. I therefore request Their Lordships permission to leave my
Station proceeding by air from Nairobi to Middle East about 6th
October and rejoining GLASGOW at Aden about 12th October.
(C. in C.E.I.(A). 031136 to Admty., C. in C.E.I. C. in C.Med., at
Admty., C. in C. Med., Malta, S.B.N.O. M.E.)

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Far East and Australia.

RAME HEAD	Intend following programme for passage of RAME		
escort	HEAD to U.K.		
maintenance	<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Leave.</u>
ship ex	-	Hong Kong.	9th Sept.
B.P.F.	15th Sept.	Singapore.	18th Sept.
for U.K.	24th Sept.	Trincomalee.	25th Sept.
	5th Oct.	Aden.	6th Oct.
	11th Oct.	Suez.	12th Oct.
	12th Oct.	Port Said.	13th Oct.
	21st Oct.	Gibraltar.	24th Oct.
	29th Oct.	Plymouth.	-

Request mails be diverted accordingly.

3. Ship will fuel at Singapore, Trincomalee, Aden and Gibraltar.

(C. in C. B.P.F. 030154 to Admiralty, R.N.O. Aden, M.O.I.C. Port Said, C. in C. Med., F.O. Gib., C.'s in C. Plymouth, E.I., F.O. Ceylon, Combrax B.P.F., Com. Hong Kong. F.O.M.A. RAME HEAD.)

Movements.

31st August. Arrivals.

- (A) Brisbane L.S.T. 3022.
- (B) Townsville L.S.T. 3017.
- (C) Darwin LACHLAN.
- (D) Rabaul COWRA.

Departures:

- (A) ~~Brisbane~~ L.S.T. 3501 for Brisbane.
 - (B) Townsville L.S.T. 3017 for Sydney.
 - (C) Darwin L.S.T. 3014 for Cairns.
 - (D) Rabaul COWRA for Tanakina. Paid off AIR SAILOR.
- (A.C.N.B. Melbourne 030414S to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I. N.Z.N.B.)

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North Atlantic

ORSAY,
minesweeper,
BOY PHILLIP,
drifter.

Take BOY PHILLIP under your orders and sail
2000B/4th September to U.K.

(2) Speed when weather permits towing 8 knots
or better.

(3) Consul Coruna and Comar Brest will be in-
formed that ships will stop at these ports for
coal and water p.m. 8th Sept. and about 12th
Sept. respectively.

(4) From Brest proceed to Chatham detaching BOY PHILLIP to
proceed independently to Plymouth for O/R Grimsby.

(5) Shift from Gibraltar broadcast to Home Station Organisation
at 1200A/8th Sept.

(6) Q Messages complete to QZX 1752 Y 750 H 599 Naveams 1194.

(F.O.Gibraltar, 041200B to ORSAY, BOY PHILLIP, Cs. in C. Plymouth,
Portsmouth, Nore, Med., Admty.)

South Atlantic.

ROTHESAY,
minesweeper,
ex U.K.

My P.C.S. at 1200Z/4th Sept. 15° 33' N. 17° 37' W.
180° 9 knots. E.T.A. Freetown 0730Z/7th Sept.

(ROTHESAY, 041308Z to C. in C. S.A., F.O.Gib.,
R.N.O.Freetown, Admty.)

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Mediterranean

10th M/S F., My P.C.S. at 0600Z/4th Sept. 33.37 N. 23.38 E.
ex B.P.F., 286° 10.5 knots.
for U.K. (2) E.T.A. Malta 0600Z/6th Sept.
(M/S 10, 040609Z to C. in C. Med., C.S. Malta,
R.A.D., Admty.)
My 311017B*

Para. 2. COURIER will not be fit to sail before a.m. Sunday 8,
due to defective evaporator to descale brine and discharge pipes,
and time in number evaporator coils. Remainder of work will be
carried out by ship's staff. Berth in dockyard will not be
required.

Propose SERENE shall proceed independently to Gibraltar as
previously arranged, and that final rendezvous be effected there.
(M/S 10, 040629Z to C. in C. Med., C.S. Malta, R.A.D., Admty.,
F.O.G.M.A.)

* Intend to sail in COURIER with SERENE from Port Said.

Trooping Admiralty 041949A.
programme. (See Far East and Australia.)

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East Indies

CORBRAE,
M/S main-
tenance
ship, ex
B.P.F.,
for U.K.

Ref. Admty. 021829A. Following is passed for information. (Begins)
From C. in C. Nore to Admiralty info. A.S. Chatham, CORBRAE, F.O.Gibraltar. F.O.M.A.'s 150425Z. It is regretted that at this stage it is not possible to allocate berth in Chatham for CORBRAE. Situation will be reviewed at a later date. 301246 August.
Singapore C.C.O.'s 020855Z and Malta C.C.O.'s 34/610 both to Admiralty only refer.
(H.W.R.(Q), 041006A to C. in C. E.I., C. in C. B.P.F., etc.)

A.M. 021829* para. 1. Reference should read F.O.M.A.'s 150425 August and C. in C. Nore's 301246 August, neither to all.

(2) Both references being passed to all.

(D.O.D., 041110A to Cs. in C. E.I., Nore, CORBRAE.)

* CORBRAE cannot be accepted at Chatham for destoring.

Trooping
programme

Admiralty 041949A.
(See Far East and Australia.)

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America & West Indies

PORLOCK BAY,
frigate,
northern
cruise.

Departure Halifax 1635Z Wednesday 4th Sept.
PORLOCK BAY for St. Johns Nfld. E.T.A. St. Johns
1400Z Friday 6th Sept.
(2) Communications constant watch on broadcast L
(3) PORLOCK BAY's 021708Z refers.
(C.O.A.C., 041640Z to S.N.O. St. Johns Nfld.,
NOOTKA, WARRIOR, N.S.H.Q., C. in C. A.W.I., Admty.,
B.A.D, C. in C. Lant, C.N.A.O.R., S.O.I. Jamaica.)

BALLINDERRY,
frigate,
for U.K.

Being in all respects ready for sea sail at
2100Z/5th Sept. and proceed to U.K., destination
in U.K. will be signalled later.
(2) Communications (details).
(Capt. i/c Bermuda, 041948Z to BALLINDERRY,
Cs. in C. A.W.I., Nore, Plymouth, Portsmouth,
F.O.C.R.F., S.O.R.F. Harwich, B.A.D., N.S.H.Q.,
Admty., S.O.(I) Jamaica, C. in C. Lant.)

Far East and Australia

Movements

1st Sept. arrivals (A) ^{Tarakina} ~~TORAKINA~~, COWRA.
Departures, (A) Thursday Island KANIMBLA for
Sydney. (B) Brisbane WILCANNIA for Sydney.
(A.C.N.B., 040506Z to Admty. Cs. in C. B.P.F.,
E.I., N.Z.N.B.)

Trooping
programme.

A.M. 261039 August.
INDEFATIGABLE, INDOMITABLE and VICTORIOUS
delayed for repairs.
INDEFATIGABLE estimated time of departure 1st
October for Malta, Trincomalee and Singapore.
INDOMITABLE E.T.D. mid October and VICTORIOUS
and FORMIDABLE E.T.D. November.
Destinations and dates not yet decided.
(D. of M., 041949A to Cs. in C. B.P.F., E.I.,
Med., Portsmouth, Plymouth, Nore.)

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PORTLAND BILL, E.T.A. 1300A Saturday 7th, E.T.D. a.m. Monday 9th.
armament maintenance ship, ex B.P.F. U.K. destination unknown.
(PORTLAND BILL, 050724Z to F.O.Gib., Info. C. in C. Med., Admty.)

PORTLAND BILL's 050724, not to C. in C. Portsmouth.
First destination of ship in U.K. is Portsmouth.
(D.O.D., 051713A to F.O.Gibraltar, Info. PORTLAND BILL, Cs. in C. Med., Portsmouth.)

INDEFATIGABLE, aircraft carrier, trooping. Sail 1700B/5th Sept. to Plymouth for O/R Portsmouth
(2) Speed $16\frac{3}{4}$ E.T.A. 1000A/8th Sept.
(3) Constant watch on Gib. B/C shifting to Home Station organisation 0300A/7th Sept.
(F.O.Gib., 051206B to INDEFATIGABLE, Info. Admty., Cs. in C. Plymouth, Portsmouth, Combrax Devonport, Combrax Portsmouth.)

HARE, minesweeper, ex B.P.F. F.O.M.A.'s 310217A August. Destination of HARE in U.K. is Harwich.
(2) Request you will sail ship direct to Harwich.
(C. in C. Nore, 051215 to F.O.Gib., Info. A.S. Chatham, Cdre. Sheerness, HARE, Admty., N.O.I.C. Harwich, S.O.R.F. Harwich, F.O.C.R.F.)

10th M/S F., ex B.P.F. for U.K. LAERTES sail 1900B/5th Sept. to arrive Harwich a.m. 11th Sept. GOLDEN FLEECE take LIBERTY, WELCOME under your orders and sail 0730B/6th Sept. to arrive Plymouth p.m. 10th Sept. JEWEL sail 1200B/6th Sept. to arrive Portsmouth p.m. 11th Sept. WAVE sail 0730B/7th Sept. to arrive Portsmouth a.m. 12th Sept.

(2) Speed $10\frac{1}{2}$ knots or better.
(3) Ships addressed keep constant watch on Gibraltar B/C, all shifting to Home Station organisation at 1100A/8th Sept.
(F.O.Gib., 051236B to JEWEL, GOLDEN FLEECE, LAERTES, WAVE, Info. LIBERTY, WELCOME, M/S 10, Admty., Cs. in C. Plymouth, Portsmouth, Nore, F.O.C.R.F., Combrax Devonport, Combrax Portsmouth, Combrax Chatham, N.O.I.C. Harwich, S.O.R.F. Portsmouth, S.O.R.F. Chatham, S.O.R.F. Harwich, S.O.R.F. Plymouth.)

ACHILLES, cruiser, ex New Zealand. Sail 2100B/5th Sept. to Sheerness.
(2) Speed 14, E.T.A. 0730A/10th Sept.
(3) Constant watch on Gibraltar broadcast, shifting to home station organisation 1700A/7th Sept.
(F.O.Gib., 051518B to ACHILLES, Info. Admty., Cs. in C. Plymouth, Portsmouth, Nore, Combrax Chatham, Cdre. i/c Sheerness.)

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South Atlantic

SWALE,
frigate,
for U.K.

Departure Saint Helena 1000Z/5th Sept. SWALE.
E.T.A. Freetown 11th Sept.
(SWALE, 051005Z to Admty., Info. C. in C. S.A.,
R.N.O.Freetown.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean

TYNE,
destroyer,
depot ship,
ex B.P.F.

Departed Port Said 1500Z/3rd Sept.
(2) Communications broadcast M.A. shifting to G
at 1200Z/7th Sept.
(TYNE, 050705Z to F.O.Gibraltar, Info. C. in C.
Med., Admty., S.B.N.O.M.E.)

FENCER,
escort
carrier,
trooping.

Mov. 7213. Following loaded FENCER in D.W.tons
at Malta. (Details).
Total loaded 67 tons 16 cwt. Ship sailed 1700B/4.
(Mov. Malta, 051245B to TROOPERS London for 1 (M)
2A Info. A.F.H.G.Cite F.H.G.D.M., D. of S.T.
London, Min. of War Transport London, Admty.,
P.S.T.O.Med.)

START BAY,
frigate,
for U.K.

A.M. 121156 August*
START BAY nominated. She will be sailed from
Malta about 15th October.
(2) Request destination in U.K.
(C. in C. Med., 051628B to Admty., Info. R.A.(D)
Med.)
* Request you will nominate escort vessel to
return to U.K. on relief by SURPRISE.

Force at
Haifa.

The force based on Haifa will be stabilised for a
time at four destroyers and four fleet sweepers.
The latter should be used for boarding operations.
(2) ROWENA, MOON, and FIERCE, E.T.A. Haifa 11th
Sept.

(3) OCTAVIA* with three M.F.Vs. in company will leave Malta
about 11th September for Haifa.
(C. in C. Med., 051656 to C.S.N.O.Haifa, Info. N.O.I.C. Haifa,
Admty., S.B.N.O.M.E., S.B.N.O.Greece, R.A.D., C.S.1.)
* STORMCLOUD substituted for OCTAVIA, (C. in C. Med., 061158B.)

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East Indies.

Movements

Arrival LOCH GLENDHU, E.I.P.I.13, Bahrein.
(LOCH GLENDHU, 050900D to Admty., C. in C. E.I.,
Info. S.N.O.P.G.)
Trincomalee 4th arrival WAVE - EMPEROR.
Departure FINISTERRE.
(C. in C. E.I., 050900 to Admty., Info. N.O.I.C.
Madras, F.O.Ceylon.)

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Far East and Australia

BERMUDA,
cruiser.

Arrived Melbourne.
(BERMUDA, 050100Z to C. in C. B.P.F., Info. 5th
C.S., Admty.)

Movements

Arrivals, Singapore 4th Sept. U.S.S. CINMARRON,
BARBERY.
Departures, BRITISH GOVERNOR.
(F.O.M.A., 050130Z to Admty., Info. Cs. in C. E.I.,
B.P.F., Com. Hongkong.)

2nd Sept. Arrivals. (A) Brisbane, L.S.T. 3501.

Departures, (A) Sydney, BATAAN, HOBART, for Port Moresby.

(B) Townsville, L.S.T. 3008 for Sydney.

(C) Point Cruz, SHOALHAVEN for cruise, thence Vila.

(A.C.N.B., 050339Z to Admty., Cs. in C. B.P.F., E.I., N.Z.N.B.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

North Atlantic

RANEE,
escort
carrier,
trooping.

Sail 1830B/6th Sept. to Plymouth for O/R
Portsmouth.
(2) Speed 16½ knots, E.T.A. 0900A/9th Sept.
(3) Constant watch on Gibraltar broadcast shifting
to home station organisation 0100A/8th Sept.
(F.O.Gibraltar, 061125B to RANEE, Info. Admty.,
Cs. in C. Plymouth, Portsmouth, Combrax Devonport,
Combrax Portsmouth.)

ATHELING,
escort
carrier,
trooping.

Sail 2359B/6th Sept. to arrive Malta 1300B/9th
Sept. for O/R Trincomalee.
(2) Shift from Gibraltar B/C to Malta B/C at 1800B/
8th Sept.
(3) Weather report to be signalled 0600Z and 1200Z
daily in accordance with A.F.Os. 1/46 art. 11 to
C. in C. Mediterranean.
(F.O.Gibraltar, 061637B to ATHELING, Info., Admty.,
C. in C. Med., R.A. Malta, N.O.I.C. Port Said.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean

FEDE,
illegal
immigrant
schooner,
intercepted
on 2/9, by
CHILDERS &
CHIVALROUS.

My 030800. The boarding of FEDE was unusual in that it was apparent before boarding that the Master and illegal immigrants realised they were destined for Cyprus rather than Palestine. This brought about such a change of temper from previous boardings that it eventually needed a boarding party of some 80 officers and men and some hours of fierce fisticuffs before control could be established.

(2) Crew and illegals numbering 302 women and 650 men were transferred to EMPIRE HEYWOOD and disembarked Cyprus 4th September.
(S.N.O.(A), Haifa, 061113C to C. in C. Med.,
(R) Admty.)

Force at
Haifa.

My 051656. Para. 3. For OCTAVIA substitute STORMCLOUD.
(C. in C. Med., 061158B to S.N.O.A.Haifa.)

Movements.

Haifa 6th Sept. Arrival CHEVERON from Famagusta. Departure MAURITIUS flying flag of C.S. 1 for Malta.
(S.N.O.(A) Haifa, 061801C to C. in C. Med., Info. Admty., N.O.I.C. Haifa.)

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East Indies

LOCH GLENDHU, Am delayed in Bahrein with defective engine
 frigate, room main supply fan. Estimate time required for
 defect. repair 24 hours.

(LOCH GLENDHU, 060015 to C. in C. E.I., Info.
 S.N.O.P.G., F.O.Bombay, Admty.)

Cancel my 291016 and 291242 EF August.

(2) You are to proceed to Trincomalee.

(C. in C. E.I., 061001 EF to LOCH GLENDHU, Info. Admty., C. in
 C. E.I.(Afloat), S.N.O.P.G., F.O. Bombay, F.O.Ceylon.)

FORMIDABLE,
 aircraft
 carrier,
 trooping.

Arrival Aden 6.9.1946 FORMIDABLE.

(FORMIDABLE, 060900C to Admty., Info. C. in C. E.I.
 F.O.Ceylon.)

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

(A) 0600C/7th Sept. (B) Colombo. (C) Direct 20
 knots. (D) W.C.385. (E) Broadcast V.

(FORMIDABLE, 061217C to C. in C. E.I., Info.

Admty., R.N.O.Aden, F.O.Colombo, Colombo C.C.O.)

NORFOLK,
 cruiser,
 programme

Cancel my 311006 EF August*

(2) Intend following programme for NORFOLK.

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Leave</u>
-	Bombay	10th September
14th September	Colombo	23rd September
24th September	Trincomalee	-

(C. in C. E.I., 060951 EF to Admty., Info.

N.O.I.C. Karachi, NORFOLK, F.Os. Bombay, Ceylon,

S.N.O.P.G., C. in C. E.I.(Afloat))* Intend

following programme for NORFOLK.

LUCKNOW
 A/S vessel
 renamed
 BARODA.

H.M.I.S. LUCKNOW is renamed H.M.I.S. BARODA,
 effect from 1st October, 1946.

(N.H.Q.(I), 061542 to General Message NR. 730 I G,
 Info. Admty. Bath, C. in C. E.I.)

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America & West Indies

PORLOCK BAY, frigate, northern cruise. PORLOCK BAY arrived 1400Z/6th September. (S.N.O.Nfld., 061621Z to C.O.A.C., Info. NOOTKA, WARRIOR, N.S.H.Q., C. in C. A.W.I. Admty., C. in C. Lant, C.N.A.O.P., S.O.I.Jamaica, B.A.D.)

BALLINDERRY, frigate, for U.K. My 041948Z* BALLINDERRY sailed to comply, (Capt. i/c Bermuda, 061801Z to C. in C. A.W.I. Info. Cs. in C. Nore, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Lant, Admty., F.O.C.R.F., S.O.R.F., Combrax Portsmouth, B.A.D., N.S.H.Q., S.O.(I) Jamaica.)
* BALLINDERRY to sail 2100Z/5th Sept.

Far East and Australia

Movements Arrivals Singapore 5th September - nil.
Departures L.S.T. 3038, HARE.
(F.O.M.A., 060130Z to Admty., Info. Cs. in C. B.P.F., E.I., Com. Hongkong.)

3rd September arrivals - (A) Sydney WILCANNIA. (B) Port Moresby BARWON.
Departures - (A) Sydney BERMUDA for Melbourne. (B) Brisbane L.S.T. 3022 for Sydney.
(A.C.N.B., 060634 to Admty., Cs. in C. B.P.F., E.I., N.Z.N.B.)

SS. SAMADRE, (lost propeller.) SAMADRE arrived safely Yokohama in tow of EURYALUS no cargo.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 060642 to Admty., Salvage.)

GLORY, VENERABLE, aircraft carriers. My 200629 Aug. not to all. Intend GLORY, wearing flag of R.A.A.B.P.F., and VENERABLE carry out following programme:-
(a) Arrive Hongkong about 1st Oct. and carry out exercises with other B.P.F. ships until 14th Oct.
(b) On completion of exercises VENERABLE proceeds Singapore for docking and self refit. My 260825 July not to all refers. GLORY disembarks (?aircraft,) at Kaitak for training.
(c) On arrival Singapore VENERABLE will disembark C.A.G. to Sembawang. On completion of period in dockyard C.A.G. will be re-embarked and ship will return to Hongkong.
(d) GLORY re-embarks C.A.G. about 11 Nov. and proceeds Singapore for docking and self refit subsequently returning Hongkong. C.A.G. will be landed at Sembawang while ship is in dockyard.
(2) R.A.A.B.P.F. is requested to make detailed arrangements with appropriate authorities.
(3) Programme is dependent on date when carriers will be required to return to Ceylon to re-embark Seafire Squadrons.
(4) FINISTERRE and LAGOS will attend on carriers until arrival

/at...

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GLORY,
VENERABLE,
aircraft
carriers.
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at Hongkong and during part of exercise period. Names of attendant destroyers for subsequent movements will be signalled in due course. (C. in C. B.P.F., 060658 to S.O.A/C Carriers B.P.F. Info. C.S. 5, D.8, D.19, GLORY, VENERABLE, FINISTERRE, LAGOS, Admty., C. in C. E.I., F.O. Ceylon, Capt. (Air) E.I., F.O.M.A., Combrax B.P.F., C.S.Singapore, SIMBANG, NABCATCHER, Com. Hongkong.)

DERBY HAVEN,
relief by
NIGER.

185P. Sail from Singapore as follows -
(A) 0430Z/7th Sept. (B) Port Owen to relieve DERBY HAVEN with Force 11. (C) 10½ knots. (D) A.C.386. (E) V Broadcast. (F) 0100Z/11th Sept. (F.O.M.A., 061013Z to SHIKARI (?NIGER intended), Info. Admty., BLACK SWAN, DERBY HAVEN, Cs. in C. B.P.F., E.I. Com. Hongkong, N.O.I.C. Rangoon.)

When relieved by NIGER at Port Owen 11th Sept. proceed to Lumut on Dindings River, E.T.A. p.m. 13th Sept.

(2) Sail as convenient from Lumut with L.C.T. 490 in tow and proceed to Singapore calling at Penang if necessary to fuel.

{ 3) 33 Bde. pass to L.C.T. 490.

{ 4) DERBY HAVEN and 33 Bde. acknowledge.

(F.O.M.A., 061137Z to DERBY HAVEN, Info. Cs. in C. E.I., B.P.F., NIGER, BLACK SWAN, L.C.T. 490, Com. Hongkong, N.O.I.C. Rangoon, 33 Bde., Admty.)

W.D.Note. - Amended by 081337, q.v.

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North Atlantic

ORSAY,
minesweeper,
BOY PHILLIP,
drifter,
ex Gib.

My P.C.S. at 1200Z/7th Sept. 43° 00' N. 09° 30' W.
025° 8.5 knots.
E.T.A. Coruna 1900Z. BOY PHILLIP in company.
(ORSAY, 071340Z to C. in C. Plymouth, Info. Admty.
M/S 10.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean

Boarding
of illegal
immigrant
ships

You may authorise ships boarding illegal immigrants to use hoses if boarding is resisted.
(2) You should consult Palestine authorities about use of tear smoke when boarding. I understand Palestine Police are so equipped.

(3) Your 061113 refers.

(C. in C. Med., 071313 to S.N.O.A.H., Info. Admty.)

Attention is invited to S.N.O.M.E.'s 030800 and 061013 (061113 intended?)

(2) It is hoped by the measure authorised in my 071313 to avoid opening fire on bridges, etc.

(3) As boarding is now being violently resisted, sooner or later casualties and loss of life must be expected. Boarding parties must therefore be given adequate support and protection.

(C. in C. Med., 071358 to Admty.)

Movements.

Port Said arrivals 7th Sept. 1230 L.C.T. 1317, 2000 L.S.T. 3505, 2030 L.S.T. 3010, 2015 WHIMBREL, Departures 0507 L.C.T. 7029 for Suez, 0800 I.S. CARABINIERE for Bitter Lakes, 1600 I.S.

PACINOTTI for Naples. Suez arrivals, 0607 L.S.T. 3010, 0600 WHIMBREL, departures 0600 L.S.T. 3505, 0900 L.S.T. 3010, 0900 WHIMBREL.

(N.O.I.C. Port Said, 071835 to C. in C. Med., Info. Admty., C. in C. E.I., R.N.O.Aden.)

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East Indies

LIONESS,
FLYING FISH,
M/S 11.

E.I.P.I. I. Take FLYING FISH under your orders and sail from Trincomalee as follows -
(A) 1330 EF 8th Sept. (B) Singapore. (C) 12 knots. (D) W.C.388. (E) Constant V/S.
(C. in C. E.I., 070827 to M/S 11 in LIONESS, Info. RAJAH, Admty., F.O.M.A., F.O.Ceylon, C. in C. B.P.F., Ceylon W/T, Singapore W/T.)

Movements.

Trincomalee 6th Sept. arrival LYSANDER.
(C. in C. E.I., 070900 to Admty., Info. F.O.M.A. F.O.Ceylon.)
E.I.P.I. 13. Arrivals Bahrein 5th Sept. LOCH QUOICH. Departure for Trincomalee 6th Sept. LOCH GLENDHU.
(S.O.Frigates, E.I., 070900D to C. in C. E.I., Info. Admty., S.N.O.P.G.)

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America & West Indies

BALLINDERRY, Your 071403 to C. in C. A.W.I. only and your
frigate, 071903Z* not to all addressees. Symptoms now
on passage confirm patient suffering from acute appendicitis.
to U.K. (2) Am proceeding to Halifax, Nova Scotia, for
medical assistance. No medical officer borne.
(3) My P.C.S. at 2100Z/7th Sept. 39.17 N. 55.07 W.
314°, 15.4.
(4) E.T.A. will be signalled later.
(5) Admiralty is requested to inform U.K. authorities concerned
with BALLINDERRY's movements.
(BALLINDERRY, 072032Z to C.O.A.C., Info. Admty., B.A.D. Wash.,
C. in C. A.W.I., N.S.H.Q.) *Not identified.
Your 072032Z approved.
(C. in C. A.W.I., 072341Z to BALLINDERRY.)

Far East and Australia.

Movements 4th Sept. arrivals (A) Bougainville Strait
ARARAT, KATOOMBA, LITHGOW, MILDURA, WARRNAMBOOL.
Departures. (A) Brisbane L.S.T. E.301 for Sydney.
(B) Port Moresby BARWON for Dreger. (C) Torakina
ARARAT, KATOOMBA, LITHGOW, MILDURA, WARRNAMBOOL
for Bougainville Strait.
(A.C.N.B., 070032Z to Admty., Cs. in C. E.I.,
B.P.F., N.Z.N.B.)
Arrivals Singapore 6th Sept. PATROLLER, EASTWAY.
Departures U.S.S. CIMARRON, ASSIDUOUS.
(F.O.M.A., 070130 to Admty., Info. Cs. in C. B.P.F., E.I.,
Com. Hongkong.)

RAJAH, Combrax B.P.F. Ceylon's 041100, not to RAJAH.
escort Estimate that all officers and ratings from
carrier, Singapore and Hongkong for U.K. can be lifted in
trooping. FORMIDABLE and PATROLLER.
(2) Subject concurrence of C. in C. E.I. intend
that RAJAH should not proceed beyond Colombo.
Ship will remain at Colombo until 20th Sept. to
effect repairs and will then sail for U.K. with homeward draft
of 50 officers and about 400 ratings from B.P.F.,
(C. in C. B.P.F., 070247 to Admty., C. in C. E.I., Info. F.O.
Ceylon, Combrax B.P.F., RAJAH, F.O.M.A., SULTAN.)
Concur (C. in C. E.I., 081200)

PATROLLER, 185P. Sail from Singapore as follows (A) 0330Z/8th
escort Sept. (B) Hongkong. (C) 16 knots. (D) Hydropac 1039
carrier, (E) FF broadcast. (F) 0001/12th Sept.
trooping. (F.O.M.A., 070307Z to PATROLLER, Info. Admty.,
C. in C. B.P.F., N.O.I.C. Hongkong.)

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North Atlantic

PORTLAND BILL, Sail 1100B/9th Sept. to Portsmouth.
armament (2) Speed 10, E.T.A. 1000A/14th Sept.
maintenance (3) Constant watch on Gibraltar broadcast
ship, shifting to Home Station organisation 1930A/11th
ex B.P.F. Sept.
(F.O.Gibraltar, 081015B to PORTLAND BILL, Info.
Admty., Cs. in C. Plymouth, Portsmouth, Combrax
Portsmouth.)

South Atlantic

ROTHESAY, 0730 Saturday 7th Sept. ROTHESAY arrived.
minesweeper, (R.N.O.Freetown, 080905 to Admty., Info. Cs. in
ex U.K. C. S.A., Plymouth, Portsmouth, F.O.Gibraltar.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean

Movements

Port Said arrivals 8th Sept. nil.
Departures 0700 WHIMBREL for Gibraltar.
Suez arrivals nil, departures nil.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said, 081816B to C. in C. Med., Info
C. in C. E.I., R.N.O.Aden, Admty.)

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East Indies

RAJAH,
escort
carrier,
trooping.

Concur with C. in C. B.P.F.'s 070247, approx.
300 East Indies personnel will take passage in
addition to 400 from B.P.F.
(C. in C. E.I., 081200 to Admty., Info. C. in C.
B.P.F., F.O.M.A., F.O.Ceylon, SULTAN, Combrax
B.P.F., RAJAH.)

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Far East and Australia

Movements

Arrival Singapore 7th Sept. BARFLEUR.
Departure NIGER.
(F.O.M.A., 080130Z to Admty., Info. Cs. in C.B.P.F.
E.I., N.O.I.C. Hongkong.)

BARFLEUR,
destroyer,
ex B.P.F.,
for U.K.

185P. Sail from Singapore as follows -
(A) 0630Z/9th Sept. (B) Colombo. (C) 14 knots.
(D) W.C.386. (E) V broadcast. (F) 0330Z/14th
Sept. (G) C. in C. B.P.F.'s 150253Z August refers.
(F.O.M.A., 080313Z to BARFLEUR, Info. C. in C.
B.P.F., E.I.(Stn.), TYNE, R.A.(D) B.P.F., Capt.
(D) 9, F.O.Ceylon, Ceylon W/T, Com. Hongkong,
Admty.)

DERBY HAVEN,
workshop
tender

My 061337 delete all reference to L.C.T. 490.
L.C.T. 490 has arrived at Singapore under own
power.
(2) Sail from Port Owen 11th Sept. for Singapore
calling at Penang to fuel.
(F.O.M.A., 081337Z to DERBY HAVEN, Info. Cs. in
C. B.P.F., E.I. NIGER, BLACK SWAN, Com. Hongkong,
N.O.I.C. Rangoon, 33 Bde. Admty.)

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North Atlantic

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

Sail 1430B/10th Sept. to Plymouth for O/R to Spithead and Sheerness.
(2) Speed 12, E.T.A. a.m. 14th Sept.
(F.O.Gib., 091548B to TYNE, Info. Admty., Cs. in C. Plymouth, Portsmouth, Nore, F.O.C.R.F., Combrax Devonport, Combrax Portsmouth.)

South Atlantic.

NEREIDE,
sloop,
cruise.

Simonstown departure NEREIDE.
(C. in C. S.A., 091412 to Admty., Info. N.L.O. Durban.)

SWALE,
frigate for
St. Vincent,
C.V.

Captain Sands, British Consul, St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands, reported dangerously ill, believed mental.
(2) On leaving Freetown, proceed to St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands, and investigate, contacting Mr. Wyndham, Acting Consul. Captain Sands may be embarked and taken to Gibraltar, but embarkation

is not to take place if you consider this undesirable, observing that no Medical Officer is borne.

(3) Report action taken.

(A.C.N.S., 091737A to SWALE, Info. C. in C. S.A., F.O.Gib., N.A.Lisbon.)

W.D.Note. Cancelled by A.M. 111102A.

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A.F.D.45 for Salamis. All spare gear having been placed on board, A.F.D. 45 will be towed to Salamis by dockyard tug ROYSTERER.
(2) C.O. BRIGAND is to act as towing master.
(3) An officer from BRIGAND is to be lent to ROYSTERER for watch-keeping duties. One signalman and one telegraphist will also be provided.
(4) C.S. Malta in consultation with towing master is to report date of readiness to sail.
(5) Attention is drawn to KR and AI, article 1174AS, as re-issued in KR amendment 3/46.
(C. in C. Med., 091509 to BRIGAND, C.S. Malta, Info. R.A. Malta, Admty., S.B.N.O.(G), ROYSTERER.)

Movements. Departures Haifa 9th Sept. CHIVALROUS for Malta, CHEVRON for Famagusta.
(S.N.O.(A) Haifa, 091800C to C. in C. Med., Info. Admty., N.O.I.C. Haifa.)

Port Said arrivals Sept. 9th 0900 ASTUTE 1730 L.C.T.7029.
Departures 0700 O.C.T. 0307 for Kabret, 1600 L.S.T. 3505 for Malta
Suez arrivals nil. Departures 0800 L.C.T. 7029.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said, 091845B to C. in C. Med., Info. Capt. S.1, Admty., C. in C. E.I., R.N.O.Aden.)

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East Indies

Movements

Trincomalee 8th Sept. arrivals FINISTERRE, H.M.R.T. JAUNTY, V.S.I.S. FORT ALABAMA. Departures LIONESS, FLYING FISH. (C. in C. E.I., 090900 EF to Admty., Info. F.O.M.A. F.O.Ceylon, N.O.I.C. Madras.)

ASTUTE,
submarine,
ex U.K.
for B.P.F.

Intend sailing from Port Said 0500B/10 Sept. Direct to Aden speed 15 knots, E.T.A. Aden 0900C/14 Sept. (2) Communications constant watch on broadcast M changing to broadcast V at 1900/10th Sept. (3) Requirements on arrival Aden, diesel fuel 66 tons, fresh water 6 tons. (ASTUTE, 091052B to C. in C. E.I., Info. Admty., S.1, F.O.S., C. in C. Med., N.O.I.C. Aden.)

KISTNA,
sloop,
for P.Gulf.

E.I.T.M. 43. Sail from Bombay as follows - (A) 1630 EF 9th Sept. (B) Basra. (C) 10 knots. (D) W.C.387. (E) Broadcast Victor. (F.O.Bombay, 091053 EF to H.M.I.S. KISTNA, (R) Admty., C. in C. E.I., N.H.Q. India, S.N.O.P.G., H.M.I.S. SHAMSHER, Ceylon W/T.)

NORFOLK,
cruiser,
ex P.Gulf.

E.I.T.M. 43. Sail from Bombay as follows - (A) 16(?30) 10th Sept. (B) Colombo. (C) 10 knots. (D) W.C. 387. (E) Broadcast Victor. (F.O.Bombay, 091121 to ? NORFOLK, (R) Admty., C. in C. E.I.S., F.O.Ceylon, (?Ceylon) W/T.)

VENERABLE,
aircraft
carrier.

E.I.P.I. 1. Sail from Trincomalee as follows - (A) 0600 EF 10th Sept. (B) Colombo, flying exercises on passage. (C) 12 knots. (D) W.C.387. (E) Constant V. (F) a.m. 11th Sept. acknowledge. (C. in C. E.I., 091708 EF to VENERABLE, Info. F.O.Ceylon, R.A.A.B.P.F., Admty., Capt. Air E.I., Ceylon W/T.)

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BALLINDERRY, Arrival Halifax 0750Z Monday 9th Sept. BALLINDERRY
frigate. from sea to land sick rating acute appendicitis.
(C.O.A.C., 090810Z to N.S.H.Q., Info. Admty.,
B.A.D. Washington, C. in C. A.W.I.)
BALLINDERRY arrival Halifax 0800Z/9 Sept.
My 072032 Sept. refers.
(BALLINDERRY, 090837Z to C. in C. A.W.I.)

Far East and Australia.

Movements Arrivals Singapore Sunday 8th Sept. H.M.R.T.
GRIPER. Departures PATROLLER, D.S. MOROTAI.
(F.O.M.A., 090130Z to Admty., Info. Cs. in C.
B.P.F., E.I., Com. Hongkong.)
5th Sept. arrivals. (a) Melbourne BERMUDA. (b) Sydney L.S.T.
3017, L.S.T. 3022. 6th Sept. arrivals. (a) Sydney KANIMBLA,
L.S.T. 3501. (b) Cairns L.S.T. 3014. (c) Darwin MCQUARIE.
(d) Dreger BARWON.
(A.C.N.B. Melbourne, 090314Z to Admty., Cs. in C. B.P.F., E.I.,
N.Z.N.B.)

NEWFOUNDLAND, My letter No. 1642/B.P.F./760/5 of 14th August
cruiser. 1946. Request early information whether
NEWFOUNDLAND will destore arrival in U.K.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 090623 to Admty., Info. C.S.
5, NEWFOUNDLAND.)

C. in C.B.P.F. Chinese Government have agreed programme proposed
to visit in your 160217 August.
Nanking (N.A.Nanking, 090625 to C. in C. B.P.F., Info.
Sept. 20-24. A.N.A. Shanghai, Admty., R.A.(D) B.P.F., D.19,
BELFAST, Com. Hongkong.)

Smuggling: French Authorities request following be promul-
French Con- gated expeditiously. (Begins). Owing to exten-
trol off sive smuggling of Opium and (?arms) along the
Annam Coast. coast of Annam, it has been necessary to increase
the control of navigation in these waters, par-
ticularly between 10th and 13th parallel North.

In order to avoid any incidents, Captains of
British Vessels sailing in these waters should fly their
National flag and they should also be advised that they may be
requested by French Men O'War to signal their last port of
departure and their destination. Vessels in these waters
may, in addition, be subject to search. (Ends.)

(R.N.O.Saigon, 090735Z to C. in C. B.P.F.)
Note by W.R. This signal is passed to Admty. by C. in C.B.P.F.
for action.

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North Atlantic.

SWALE,
frigate,
(ordered to
St. Vincent,
C.V.)

C. in C. S.A. 071214*. Cancel my 051706+.
Captain Sands has embarked for Lisbon. Admiralty
091737+ also refers. Admiralty pass to SWALE.
(N.A.Lisbon, 101137A to Admty., C. in C. S.A.,
SWALE, (R) F.O.Gibraltar.)

* No medical officer carried in SWALE.
+ Capt. Sands reported dangerously ill,
believed mental.

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Mediterranean

10th M/S F. My P.C.S. at 0600Z/10th 36° 58' N. 03° 54' E.
ex B.P.F. 257°, 11½ knots. E.T.A. Algiers 1130B.
for U.K. (M/S 10, 100601Z to C. in C. Med., Info. Admty.,
F.O.Gib.)

ATHELING, On completion of unloading at M.X. sail for Port
escort Said p.m. 10th Sept.
carrier, (2) Speed 16 knots, report E.T.A.
trooping. (C. in C. Med., 101013 to ATHELING, Info. R.A.
Malta, C.S.M. for K.H.M., N.O.I.C. Port Said,
C. in C. E.I., Admty.)

AJAX, Cancel 546B 12th August not to Admiralty and
cruiser, Comnavmed and 540B* 8th August. AJAX assumes
S.N.O. duty as S.N.O. Adriatic as from today Tuesday.
Adriatic. AJAX holds normal cruiser establishment of S.Ps.
(C. in C. Med., 101217 to G.M.577B. Info.
Comnavmed.)

* D.T.G. 081050 August. U.S.S. HUNTINGDON (flagship)
relieve H.M.S. PHOEBE (R.A. destroyer) as S.N.O. (A)
Adriatic, holds no other high grade cryptographic
system.

Movements. Port Said arrivals 10th Sept. nil. Departures
0800 ASTUTE for Aden, 0800 L.S.T. 3010 for Malta,
Suez arrivals nil, departures nil.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said, 101721 to C. in C. Med.,
Info. C. in C. E.I., Admty., R.N.O. Aden.)

Arrivals Haifa 10th Sept. MOON and FIERCE from Malta.
(S.N.O. (A) Haifa, 101801C to C. in C. Med., Info. Admty.,
N.O.I.C. Haifa.)

Proposed Mr. Duff Cooper, No. 466 to C. in C. Med. (R)
visit to Admty., from British Naval Attache. (Begins)
Cannes. Festivities at Cannes planned for 20th-21st Sept.
include visit by COLOSSUS and French Naval units
from Toulon.

(2) Mayor of Cannes, in invitation to British
Ambassador, expresses hope that British warships will attend,
bringing bands if possible. Personal presence of C. in C. Med.
would be greatly appreciated.

(3) Endorsement of invitation to naval units in para. 2 is being
sought from Quai d'Orsay through Ministere de la Marine and a
confirmatory signal will be sent.

(4) Private information suggests that celebrations will be
largely naval in character and would include march past of
sailors from both navies. Same source suggests that such a
demonstration of Anglo-French solidarity would be of special
value at this moment, particularly as journalists of all nations
will be at Cannes for cinema festival.

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visit to
Cannes.
(Contd.)

(5) Request information whether any British warships can take part.
(6) Admiralty pass to C. in C. Med. (Ends.)
(Paris, 101820 to Foreign Office.)
See Admiralty 111908A.

START BAY,
frigate,
for U.K.

C. in C. Med.'s 051628, not to all.
Destination of START BAY in U.K. is Portsmouth where ship is to reduce to Reserve Category B. F.O.C.R.F. is requested to issue necessary instructions.

(2) On arrival about 22nd Oct. 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. Portsmouth, retaining on board sufficient men to maintain ship.
(D.O.D., 101827A to Cs. in C. Med., Portsmouth, F.O.C.R.F., Info. R.A.(D) Med. Combrax Portsmouth, S.O.R.F. Portsmouth, START BAY.)

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East Indies

Movements

Colombo 9th Sept. arrivals R.F.A. BIRCHOL, RAJAH.
Departures nil.
(F.O.Ceylon, 100900 EF to Admty., Info. C. in
C. E.I.)
Bombay 9th Sept. departure KISTNA.
(F.O.Bombay, 100900 EI to Admty., C. in C. E.I.,
N.H.Q. (I))

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Far East and Australia.

BLACK SWAN,
 A/A sloop
 reliefs for
 Force 11.

185P. Sail from Singapore as follows -
 A. When ready about 0830Z/10th Sept. B. Port Owen
 with reliefs for Force 11.
 C. Pass North of Tavoy Island to approach Port
 Owen 11 knots. D. W.C.386. E. V broadcast.
 F. 0100Z/14th Sept. G. Embark party relieved
 and return to Singapore.
 (F.O.M.A., 100122Z to BLACK SWAN, Info. Cs. in C.
 B.P.F., E.I., DERBY HAVEN, NIGER, Admty., Com.
 Hongkong, C.E.F., B.P.F., N.O.I.C. Rangoon,
 Ceylon W/T.)

Movements.

Singapore Monday 9th Sept. Arrivals D.S. BOEROE.
 Departures EASTWAY, BARFLEUR.
 (F.O.M.A., 100130Z to Admty., Info. Cs. in C.
 B.P.F., E.I. Com. Hongkong.)

7th Sept. Arrivals. (a) Sydney L.S.T. 3008. (b) Port Moresby,
 BATAAN, HOBART. (c) Vila, SHOALHAVEN.
 Departures. Dregger BARWON for Rabaul. (b) Bougainville Strait,
 LITHGOW for Rabaul.
 (A.C.N.B. Melbourne, 100323Z to Admty., Cs. in C. E.I., B.P.F.,
 N.Z.N.B.)

C. in C.B.P.F. On completion of cruise promulgated in my 070117
 Visits to August, C. in C. B.P.F. flying his flag in BELFAST
 Chinese ports will carry out following programme of visits to
 in BELFAST, Chinese ports:-
 cruiser, with

	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Leave</u>
TRAFALGAR,	18th Sept.	Wosung	18 Sept.
destroyer.	20th Sept.	Nanking	24 Sept.
	25th Sept.	Shanghai	30 Sept.
	2nd Oct.	Tsingtao	4 Oct.
	5th Oct.	Chinwangtao	10th Oct.
	10th Oct.	Peitaiho	10 Oct.
	15th Oct.	Hongkong	-

(2) D.19 in TRAFALGAR will R/V with BELFAST at Wosung on 18
 Sept. and remain in company for visits to Nanking, Shanghai
 and Tsingtao subsequently proceeding independently to Hongkong.

(3) Administrative and Operational Control will remain in
 A.G.H.Q. Hongkong. Signals on important matters and personal
 and policy signals will be automatically rerouted from Hongkong
 to BELFAST.

(4) Signals for C. in C. B.P.F. concerning local matters in
 China 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., 100727Z to NR.218, Info. Admty., C. in C. E.I.,
 A.N.A. Shanghai, N.A. Nanking, B.R.N.O.Shanghai.)

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North Atlantic.

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

My P.C.S. at 0800B/11th Sept. 36° 51' N. 2° 45'
E. 264° 11 knots. E.T.A. Gibraltar 2000B/12th Sept.
(M/S 10, 110643Z to F.O.Gibraltar, Info. C. in
C. Med., Admty.)

South Atlantic.

SWALE,
frigate,
visit to
St.Vincent,
C.V.
cancelled.

Cancel A.M. 091737. N.A.Lisbon's 101137 refers.
(D.O.D., 111102A to SWALE, Info. C. in C. S.A.,
F.O.Gibraltar, N.A.Lisbon.)
SWALE arrived Freetown 0700/11th Sept. Sailed
1800/11th Sept. in accordance C. in C. S.A.'s
280902 and F.O.Gibraltar's 010032. E.T.A.
Las Palmas 1400/16th Sept.
(R.N.O.Freetown, 111815 to Admty., (R) Cs. in
C. Med., Plymouth.)

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Mediterranean

Movements

Haifa 11th Sept. arrivals ROWENA from Malta, CHARITY from Piraeus. Departures CHIEFTAIN for Malta.
(CHEQUERS, 111801C to C. in C. Med., Info. Admty., N.O.I.C. Haifa.)

Proposed visit to Cannes.

B.N.A. Paris 101820. Ships of Mediterranean Fleet should not be diverted from normal programme for the special purpose of accepting this invitation.
(1st S.L., 111908A to C. in C. Med., Info. B.N.A. Paris.)

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East Indies

VENERABLE,
aircraft
carrier,
B.P.F.

Trincomalee 10th Sept. departure VENERABLE.
(C. in C. E.I., 110900 EF to Admty., Info. F.O.
Ceylon.)

E.I.P.I. 1. Sail from Colombo as follows -
(A) 0630 EF 12th Sept. (B) Trinco. (C) 12 knots.
(D) W.C. 388. (E) Constant broadcast V. (F)
E.T.A. to be made by VENERABLE.
(F.O.Ceylon, 112035 EF to VENERABLE, Info. Admty.,
C. in C. E.I., Ceylon W/T, R.A.A.B.P.F.)

NORFOLK,
cruiser.

Bombay 10th Sept. departure NORFOLK.
(F.O.Bombay, 110900 EF to Admty., C. in C. E.I.,
N.H.Q.(I))

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

E.I.P.I. 7. Intend to sail in GLASGOW from
Dar-es-Salaam as follows -
(a) 1400/12th Sept. (b) Zanzibar. (c) 15 knots.
(d) 387 W.C. (e) Constant broadcast V. (f)
1730/12th Sept.
(C. in C. E.I.(Afloat), 110915C to C. in C. E.I.,
Info. Admty., Zanzibar.)

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Far East and Australia.

DERBY HAVEN,
workshop
tender, re-
lieved by
NIGER.

185P. Intend sailing from Port Owen as follows -
(a) 0315Z/11th Sept. (b) Penang. (c) 11 knots.
(d) W.C.387. (e) V broadcast (f) 0530Z/11th Sept.
(DERBY HAVEN, 110130Z to F.O.M.A., Info. Admty.,
Cs. in C. B.P.F., E.I., Com. Hongkong, N.O.I.C.
Rangoon, R.N.O.Penang, S.O.Force 11.)

BOEROE,
Dutch
minesweeper

Sail from Singapore as follows -
(A) p.m. today 11th Sept. (B) Batavia. (C)
Via Durban and Berhala Straits 10 knots. (d)
Hydropac 1039. (E) Moni broadcast. (F) 13th
Sept.
(F.O.M.A., 110313Z to BOEROE, Info. Admty.,
Batavia C.C.O., Cs. in C. B.P.F., R.N.N.E.,
Com. Hongkong.)

Movements.

8th Sept. Arrivals (a) Rabaul, BARWON.
Departures (a) Darwin, LACHLAN for King Sound.
(b) Port Moresby, BATAAN, HOBART for Gaum (?Guam).
(c) Rabaul, BARWON for Port Moresby.
(A.C.N.B., 110732 to Admty., etc.)

SS. HWAH LEE.

Your 020005Z (N.T. in W.D.), salvage HWAH LEE.
Request Lloyd's open form be forwarded by air
immediately and salvage reports as soon as
possible.
(Hd. of S., 111443A to Commodore Hongkong.)

See 251113A
- 281528A

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South Atlantic

NEREIDE,
sloop, on
cruise.

NEREIDE arrived.
(N.L.O. Durban, 120930 to C. in C. S.A.)

Movement.

Arrival Freetown 0700/11th Sept. SWALE.
Departure 1800/11th Sept. SWALE.
(S.O.(I) Freetown 121129 to Admty.(D.N.I.))

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Mediterranean

Proposed
visit to
Cannes

Your 101820. Greatly appreciate invitation for myself and ships to visit Cannes but much regret I cannot attend or make ships available at such short notice.
(C. in C.Med., 121548 to B.N.A.Paris, (R) Admty.)

Movements

Port Said arrivals 12th Sept. 0450 MOONSTONE,
1415 I.S. CARABINIERE. Departures 0500 L.C.T.7029
for Ataka.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said, 121823 to C. in C. Med. etc.)

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East Indies

LOCH GLENDHU. E.I.P.I.10. My P.C.S. 16° 40' N. 65° 11' E.
140°, 12 knots.
(LOCH GLENDHU, 120130Z to C. in C. E.I., etc.)

Movements

Colombo Sept. 11th arrivals U.S.S. MONONGAHEALA,
VENERABLE, FORMIDABLE, TOTEM. Departures nil.
(F.O.C., 120900 to Admty., Info. C. in C. E.I.)

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Far East and Australia

• Movements Arrivals Singapore 11th Sept. ^{EMPIRE} E. CLYDE.
Departure D.S. BOEROE, D.S. MOROTAI.
(F.O.M.A., 120130 to Admty., Info. Cs. in C. E.I.
B.P.F., Com. Hongkong.)
9th Sept. Arrivals (a) Sydney NORTHERN WARRIOR (b) Rabaul
LITHGOW.
Departures (a) Melbourne BERMUDA for Adelaide, (b) Sydney
MURCHISON for Melbourne.
My 220731 Aug. FORT COLVILLE arrived Port Adelaide 13th August
for repairs and is still there.
(A.C.N.B., 120612 to Admty., Cs. in C. B.P.F., E.I., N.Z.N.B.)

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North Atlantic

COURIER,
M/S for U.K.
ex B.P.F.

M/S 10 sail in COURIER 0800B/15th Sept. to Harwich
(2) Speed 11, E.T.A. 0900A/20th Sept.
(6) Acknowledge.
(F.O.Gib., 131148B to COURIER, Admty., C. in C.
Plymouth.)

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Mediterranean

WREN,
sloop,
on passage
to P.Gulf.

Sail at 0630B/16th Sept. to carry out bombardment of Filfla Island and on completion to Port Said to arrive 0800B/20th for onward routing to Aden. (2) Signal requirements at Port Said before sailing. (4) Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med., 131107 to LOCH SKERROW, Info. R.A.D. Med., R.A.Malta.)

Movement

Port Said arrivals 13th Sept. 0915 ATHELING.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said, 131815B to C. in C. Med., Info. Admty., etc.)

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East Indies

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

Zanzibar arrival 12th Sept. GLASGOW flying flag
of C. in C. E.I.
(C. in C. E.I.(Afloat), 130900 to Admty., Info.
C. in C. E.I.)

HARE, M/S,
on passage
to U.K. and
for reserve.

E.I.P.I. 1. Sail from Colombo as follows -
A. 0800 EF 15th Sept. B. Aden for Suez and U.K.
C. 9 knots. Acknowledge.
(F.O.Ceylon, 131637 EF to HARE, Info. Admty. etc.)

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America & West Indies

Movement PORLOCK BAY arrive Argentia 131030Z, E.T.D. 141103Z.
(C.T.F. 61, 131912Z to C.N.O., Info. Cinclant.)

Far East and Australia

MICHAEL, 185P. Take MINSTREL under your orders and sail
MINSTREL, from Singapore as follows -
11th M/S A. 0530Z/14th Sept. B. Trincomalee. C. 12 knots.
F. 1130Z/19th Sept. Acknowledge.
(F.O.M.A., 130427Z to MICHAEL, Info. M/S 11,
MINSTREL, Admty., C. in C. B.P.F.)

Planned move- Following are planned movements of B.P.F. des-
ments of troyers they are subject to alteration as
B.P.F. circumstances may require:-
destroyers (A) COSSACK arrive Hongkong 6th October refit 15th
October to 18th November, remain Hongkong until
early Jan. then Japan.
(B) CONTEST arrive Hongkong 6th October. Probably
visit Saigon and Singapore in Nov. returning Hongkong early
Dec. Refit Hongkong 30th Dec. to 3rd Feb.
(C) CONSTANCE remain Japan until about 20th October, then Hong-
kong until end December, including short cruise. Proceed Japan
early Jan. returning Hongkong for refit in Feb.
(D) COMET arrive Hongkong 6th October proceeding Japan about 1st
Nov. returning Hongkong early Jan.
(E) COCKADE remain Japan until 24th October, visit Shanghai in
company with EURYALUS 27th October to 13th November then Hong-
kong for refit from 18th November to 23rd December.
(F) FINISTERRE arrive Hongkong 1st October, proceed Singapore
8th October for refit until 18th November, then return Hongkong.
(G) LAGOS arrive Hongkong 2nd October. Proceed Japan 11th
October returning via Hongkong to Singapore for refit commencing
18th Nov.
(2) Movements of FINISTERRE and LAGOS are dependent on arrival
of CONSORT and COMUS about which no definite information is yet
available.
(3) Air Escort Vessel will be attached to Force during periods
when there is only one B.P.F. Destroyer in Japanese Waters.
(4) Destroyers and Escort Vessels will be detailed separately
to attend on Carrier. It is hoped that this can be done without
serious interference with above movements.
(C. in C. B.P.F., 130916 to 222P, Admiralty.)

/Smuggling...

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Far East and Australia - Contd.

Smuggling
Assam.

As a result of a request from the French Authorities, the following is promulgated - Begins. Owing to extensive smuggling of opium and (?arms) along the coast of Annam, it has been necessary to increase the control of navigation in these waters, particularly between 10th and 13th parallel North. In order to avoid any incidents, Captains of British Vessels sailing in these waters should fly their National flag and they should also be advised that they may be requested by French Men O'War to signal their last port of departure and their destination. Vessels in these waters may, in addition, be subject to search. Ends.
Admiralty, 131923Z to W.T. Stations in General.)

H.M. Minister
to Republic
of
Philippines.

Mr. L.H. Foulds, C.B.E. is due at Hongkong in SS. EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA on about October 20th, en route to take up his appointment as H.M. Minister to the Republic of the Philippines.

He will be accompanied by his wife.

(2) It is desired that if possible he and his wife should proceed from Hongkong to Manila in one of H.M. ships.

(3) Request you will report whether this can be arranged.

(4) If so, necessary diplomatic action will be taken by Admiralty through Foreign Office.

(D.O.D., 131931A to C. in C. B.P.F.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

North Atlantic

WHIMBREL,
A/A sloop,
ex B.P.F.
on passage
to U.K.

Sail 1300B/14th Sept. to Harwich.
(2) Speed 14, E.T.A. 1200A/18th Sept.
(6) Acknowledge.
(F.O.Gib., 141147B to WHIMBREL, Info. Admty.,
Cs. in C. Plymouth, Nore.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean

Movements

Port Said 14th Sept. arrivals 1800 L.C.T. 7029, departures 0500 ATHELING for Suez. Suez arrivals nil, departures nil.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said, 141641B to C. in C. Med., Info. Admty., C. in C. E.I., R.N.O.Aden.)

ATHELING,
trooping
outwards.

(A) Port Suez 1700Z/14th Sept. (B) Aden E.T.A. a.m. 18th Sept. (C) Direct as safe navigation permits. Speed 16 knots.
(ATHELING, 141700Z to C. in C. E.I., Info. Admty., R.N.O.Aden.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

East Indies

R.T.GROWLER, with H.S.B.P. target in tow. Take H.S.B.P. target in tow and sail from Kilindini in accordance with C. in C. E.I. 071014 (N.T. in W.D.) as amended by his 121213 as follows -
 (A) 1600/14th. (B) Singapore. (C) 8 knots.
 (F) Acknowledge.
 (N.C. Mombasa, 140656 to GROWLER, (R) Cs. in C. E.I.(A), E.I.(T), Admty.)

H.M.I.S. KISTNA, A/A sloop for P.Gulf. E.T.A. Rooka Channel 0130 G.M.T. 16th Sept. Request pilot on arrival.
 (H.M.I.S. KISTNA, 141014 CD to S.N.O.P.G., Info. C. in C. E.I., Naval H.Q. India, SHAMSHER, F.O. Bombay, Admiralty.)

Reduction of B.D.Vessels to care and maintenance. A.M. 281145A Aug. para. 3. Intend to reduce to care and maintenance by 1st October 1946 MOORSMAN (refitting at Colombo) BARBOURNE, BARLANE and BARFOUNT.
 (2) Vessels laid up will be brought forward for refitting in accordance with Admty. Letter BDO. 43/46.
 (3) BARMILL and BARCLOSE will be fully manned by local Ceylonese crew by 1st Oct. 1946.
 (4) To meet Boom Defence Fleet Mooring and Salvage commitments request approval to retain two vessels working in Ceylon until end 1947.
 (C. in C. E.I., 141102 to Admty., Info. F.O.Ceylon, B.D.O.Ceylon)

37th M/S F. for exercises. E.I.P.I. 1. Take H.M.I.S. KHYBER, BOMBAY, DECCAN, RAJPUTANA, KUMAON, under your orders and sail from Vizagapatam as follows -
 A. ?/16th Sept. B. Minesweeping and Danlaying exercises off Vizagapatam and Cocanda. C. As required. F. Return to Vizagapatam - 70 F/20 H Sept. G.Cocanada Bay is to be used as night anchorage. Acknowledge.
 (N.O.I.C. Vizagapatam, 141145 EF to S.O. 37 M/S, in KATHIAWAR, KHYBER, BOMBAY, DECCAN, RAJPUTANA, KUMAON, Admty., C. in C. E.I.)

BARFIEUR, destroyer, ex B.P.F. on passage to U.K. E.I.P.I. 1. Sail from Colombo as follows -
 A. 0500 EF 16th Sept. B. Aden for Suez and U.K. C. 14 knots. Acknowledge.
 (F.O.Ceylon, 141459 EF to BARFLEUR, Info. Admty., Cs. in C. Med., E.I.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

America & West Indies.

PORLOCK BAY frigate, with H.E.Governor of Newfoundland on board, cruise. PORLOCK BAY flying the flag of H.E. The Governor of Newfoundland arrived Harbour Buffet 1315Z/14. Sailed Harbour Buffet 1615Z/14. Arrived Burin 2030Z/14. (PORLOCK BAY, 142036Z to C. in C. A.W.I., Info. Admty., C.O.A.C., C. in C. Lant, Commorlandpat, S.N.O.Newfoundland, B.A.D., N.S.H.Q.)

Far East and Australia

Movements 11th Sept. Arrivals (a) Adelaide BERMUDA, (b) Townsville L.S.T. 3014. (c) Port Moresby BARWON.
Departures (a) Sydney MANOORA for Brisbane, (b) Townsville BARCOO for survey China Straits. (A.C.N.B., 140006 to Admty., Cs. in C. B.P.F., E.I., N.Z.N.B.)

ASTUTE, S/M, on passage to B.P.F. Arrivals Aden ASTUTE at 140701C. (ASTUTE, 140901C to C. in C. E.I., Info. N.O.I.C. Port Said, C. in C. Med., Admty., F.O.S/M)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

North Atlantic.

ST. BRIDES BAY, ST. BRIDES BAY sailed 0920B/15th Sept. at 14 knots
frigate, ex to arrive off Malta a.m. 18th Sept. E.T.A. St.
refit at Elmo to be signalled.
Gibraltar. (2) Ship has on board draft for Malta of one

Admiralty civilian and 23 ratings (my 151050 not
to all). R.A.M. is requested to arrange boat
for draft to meet ship off St. Elmo.

(3) C. in C. Med. is requested to give necessary instructions
for joining Fleet Exercise. Ship does not require to enter Malta.
C. in C. Med.'s 061118 not to Admty. refers.

(6) ST. BRIDES BAY acknowledge.

(F.O.Gibraltar, 151104B to ST. BRIDES BAY, C. in C. Med., R.A.M.
Info. PELICAN, CARDIGAN BAY, R.A.D.Med., Admty.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies

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

E.I.P.I. 7. Intend to sail in GLASGOW from
Zanzibar as follows -
A. 160530. B. Tanga. C. 16 knots. F. 161000C.
(C. in C. E.I. (Afloat), 150630C to C. in C. E.I.,
Info. Admty.)

Movements.

Colombo 14th Sept. Arrivals BARFLEUR, NORFOLK,
U.S.S. AUCILLA.
Departures FORMIDABLE.
(F.O.Ceylon, 150900 EF to Admty., Info. C. in C.
East Indies.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

Far East and Australia

B.P.F. Following are planned movement of B.P.F. cruisers. They are subject to alteration as circumstances may require.

planned (A) BELFAST wearing flag of C. in C. B.P.F. arrives Hongkong 15th Oct. Further signal will be made regarding subsequent movements.

movements. (B) BERMUDA wearing flag of C.S. 5 carry out three weeks self refit at Hongkong starting 9th Oct. Proceed Japan 9th Nov. arrive Japan. Dec. then Hongkong.

(C) EURYALUS remain Japan until 24th Oct. Visit Shanghai 27th Oct. to 13th Nov., then Hongkong for refit from 25th Nov. to 23rd Dec.

(D) GAMBIA arrives Hongkong end Nov. or early Dec. and work up till January.

(C. in C. B.P.F., 150250Z to B.P.F.)

PATROLLER, Intend following programme for passage of PATROLLER to U.K. trooping, programme.

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Leave</u>
-	Hongkong	20th Sept.
24th Sept.	Singapore	25th Sept.
29th Sept.	Colombo	30th Sept.
6th Oct.	Aden	6th Oct.
10th Oct.	Suez	10th Oct.
10th Oct.	Port Said	11th Oct.
16th Oct.	Gibraltar	17th Oct.
20th Oct.	Plymouth	-

(2) Request mails be diverted accordingly. (C. in C. B.P.F., 150045Z to Admty., Info. Com. Hongkong, F.O.M.A. SULTAN, C. in C. E.I.)

Movement. Arrived Sydney. (BERMUDA, 152130Z to C. in C. B.P.F., Info. S.O. C.S. 5, Admiralty.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

SWALE
frigate
on passage
to U.K.
~~ix~~ S.A.
Station
and for
reserve.

Arrival Las Palmas 1730Z 16th September.
(SWALE 161950 to Admiralty. Info., C. in C.S.A.
F.O. Gib. R.N.O. Freetown.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

FROBISHER
Cadet
training
ship.
Visit to
French
ports.

Your 150738/ (N.T. in W.D.) refers. Following is Almed's 111130 (N.T. in W.D.) received very corrupt, begins, British Admiralty C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C. Portsmouth, F.O.G. R.A.M. and also FROBISHER. French Minister of Marine French London Naval Attache and British Paris (Naval Agent?) reference 1245 27th August C. in C. Med. and my 281200 August FROBISHER's visit to French ports.

(1) Agreement with C. in C. French First Naval Region addressed to C. in C. Portsmouth direct for Brest visit and anchorage.

(2) In agreement with your proposal message 27th August for Gulf of St. Tropez and Ville Franche anchorage. No mooring buoys available in last port.

(3) LA GOULLETTE berth FROBISHER 093 degs. 21 00 metres. JEANE D'ARC 070 degs. same distance bearing and length North Short Lights Pier Head Breakwater Landmark Number 6396 Admiralty Light (?).

(4) Request you inform all ends.

2. Repetition of signal has been requested.
(Malta C.C.O. 160935Z to Admiralty. C.C.O.)

✓ War Reg. message requesting repetition of 111130 received corrupt.

Minesweepers 5. G.Y.M.S. excluding those at Malta are now immobilised. immobilised for lack of spares.

2. In view of international importance of their work, request spares ordered from Malta may be shipped to Greece at first opportunity as it was announced at the minesweeping conference in Rome that approval of U.S. Authorities had been obtained.

(S.B.N.O. Greece 161250B to C. in C. Med. Admiralty.)

Movements.

Arrival Haifa 16th September. CHEVRON from Famagusta.

(S.N.O. (A) Haifa 161801C to C. in C. Med. Admiralty. N.O.I.C. Haifa.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Movements.

Colombo September 15th.

Arrivals Nil.

Departures HARE.

(F.O.C. 160900 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)

CORBRAE
M/S
Maintenance
ship ex
B.P.F. for
U.K.

E.I.P.I.13. Aden arrived 1500C Sunday 15th

CORBRAE.

(CORBRAE 160900C to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)

ASTUTE
S/M
ex U.K.
by B.P.F.

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

(A) 1600 16th September.

(B) Colombo.

(C) Direct speed 15 knots.

(ASTUTE 160954C to C. in C.E.I. Info. F.O. Ceylon.
Admiralty. R.N.O. Aden. F.O.S/M. C. in C. B.P.F.
S.M.4.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

WARRIOR light fleet carrier. Your 131223/Aug. (N.T. in W.D.). (not to all) and A.G.M. 533 R. of 14th August. WARRIOR is due to sail for the West Coast early Nov. and her Seafire Squadron should accompany her. Sailing cannot be unduly delayed as she cannot remain in Northern Waters during the winter. If necessary, modifications to Seafires cannot be made in time for them to accompany her a decision must be made in the near future so that she may be partially destored. Request very early information as to the possibility of modification sets arriving in time for some aircraft at least being modified in Montreal by civilian contractor before sailing. (N.S.H.Q. 161945Z to C.N.M.O. WARRIOR. Admiralty. R.C.N.A.S. Dartmouth.)

PORLOCK BAY frigate cruise. Arrived Grandbank 2010Z/16. Sailed Grandbank 2040Z/16. Arrived Belle Oram 2230Z/16. (PORLOCK BAY 162346Z to C. in C. A.W.I. Info. Admiralty. B.A.D. C. in C. Lant. N.S.H.Q. C.O.A.C. Commorlantpac. S.N.O. Newfoundland.)

Far East and Australia.

Movements. Singapore Sunday 15th September. Arrivals: DERBY HAVEN. Departures: L.S.T. 3508. (F.O.M.A. 160130 to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I. N.O.I.C. Hong Kong.)

M.S.report No. 39. Weekly progress report No. 39. Serial Tavoy. 1st Division of Force 11 completed sweeping Tavoy River as far as 13 degs. 44.5 mins. N. Port now open but traffic must keep to swept channel. Serial Mergui. 2nd Division commenced at Mergui. 4 mines detonated. Anticipate port will be open by 18th Sept. Tiger and 1st Division B.Y.M.S. Moulmein a.m. 16th to commence sweeping. (F.O.M.A. 160240Z to C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I. Admiralty. S.A.C.S.E.A.)

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Far East and Australia. contd...

Movements.

12th September departures:

- A. Sydney WILCANNIA for Dreggs.
- B. Port Moresby BARWON for Rabaul.
- C. Bougainville ~~31815~~ ARARAT, COWRA,
KATOOMBA, MILDURA, WARRNAMBOOL, for Rabaul.

13th September arrivals:

- A. Brisbane MANOORA.
- B. Rabaul ARARAT, COWRA, KATOOMBA, MILDURA, WARRNAMBOOL.

Departures:

- A. Townsville L.S.T. 3014 for Brisbane.
(A.C.N.B. 160722Z 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. Departure 0700C/17 CHEQUERS for Famagusta.
(S.N.O.(A) Haifa 171802 to C. in C. Med. Inf.,
Admiralty.)

Movement. Arrivals 7th Sept. Nil.
Departures 1600 I.S. CARABINIERE for Taranto.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 171858 to C. in C. Med.
Info. Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. R.N.O. Aden.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Movements. Colombo 16th September.
Arrivals - U.S.S. NAWTAHALA.
Departures - U.S.S. AUCILLA. BARFLEUR.
(F.O. Ceylon 170900 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)

C. in C.E.I. Tanga arrival 16th September GLASGOW flying flag
in GLASGOW. of C. in C.E.I.
(C. in C.E.I. (Afloat) 170900 to Admiralty.
C. in C. E.I.)

CORBRAE
ex B.P.F.
for U.K.

Ref. E.I.T.M. 43 and my 030330Z/
Intend to sail from Aden as follows:

- (A) 1000C/Thursday 19th September.
- (B) Suez for U.K.
- (C) 9 knots.

(G) Request transit through Canal be arranged
accordingly. 100 tons furnace oil required at Port Said.
Ship has been delayed by boiler tube trouble 5.
(CORBRAE 171819C to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty. C. in C. Med.
N.O.I.C. Port Said.)

✓ CORBRAE's programme for onward passage to U.K.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

PORLOCK BAY frigate
cruise. Sailed to Bellefleur 1115Z 17th.
Arrived St. Jacques 1200Z 17th.
Sailed St. Jacques 1430Z 17th.
Arrived English Harbour West 1510Z 17th.
Sailed English Harbour West 1900Z 17th.
Arrived St. Jacques 1930Z 17th.
(PORLOCK BAY 172100Z to C. in C. A.W.I.
Info., C. in C. Lant. C.O.A.C. Com. Nor. Lant
Pat. S.N.S.O. Nfld. Admiralty.)

Far East and Australia.

Movements. Arrivals Singapore 16th September.
CERAM (D.S.) ASSIDUOUS.
Departures Nil.
(F.C.M.A. 170130Z to Admiralty. Info. C. in C.
B.P.F. C. in C.E.I. N.O.I.C. Hong Kong.)

Movements. 14th September.
Arrivals (A) Melbourne MURCHISON.
(B) China Straits BARCOO.
Departures (A) Adelaide BERMUDA for Sydney.
(A.C.N.B. 170743Z to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F.
C. in C.E.I. N.Z.N.B.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

South Atlantic.

NEREIDE
sloop,
cruise.

^{EJ}
NEREIDE sailed for Lourenco Marques.
(N.L.O. Durban 180820 to C. in C.S.A. Info.,
Admiralty.)

SWALE
frigate
on passage
to U.K.

Departure Las Palmas 1500Z 18th September
SWALE towing Battle Practice target to Gibraltar.
(SWALE 181622Z to Admiralty. Info. C. in C.S.A.
F.O. Gibraltar.)

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Wednesday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Medn. Fleet
sail for
exercises
under C.S.1.

Available ships of Med. Fleet sail from Malta today Wednesday for exercises under command of C.S. One arriving Nauplia Sat. 21st Sept.
2. Am remaining at Malta until a.m. 21st and am then joining fleet in SURPRISE arriving Nauplia Monday 23rd.

(C. in C. Med. 181248 to Admiralty.)

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Wednesday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

ATHELING
Carrier
trooping.

0300Z 18th September arrive Aden.
(ATHELING 180300Z to C. in C.E.I. C. in C.
Plymouth. Admiralty. R.N.O. Aden.)
Reference 548C (A) Aden 1500Z 18th Sept.
(B) Trincomalee E.T.A. a.m. 25th.
(C) Direct as safe navigation permits, speed
16 knots.
(ATHELING 181715Z to C. in C.E.I. R.N.O. Aden.
Admiralty. C. in C. Plymouth. F.O. Ceylon.)

Movements.

Trincomalee 17th September.
Arrival LOCH GLENDHU.
Departure L.S.T. 3038, H.M.R.T. JAUNTY towing
AIKLAM.
(C. in C.E.I. 180900EF to Admiralty. F.O. Bombay.
F.O. Ceylon. S.N.O.P.G.)

Addu Atoll
Minefields
lifting of.

Lifting of controlled minefields at Addu Atoll.
1. When loops were fired about 20 per cent mines
failed to explode. Some of these are ground and
some buoyant units.
2. To lift all mines and loops would take
DABCHICK at least 2 months. She is continually
breaking down and would require a maintenance ship throughout
the operations. Collier would also be required. REDSHANK has
been paid off into care and maintenance and would require similar
support.
3. It is considered that this waste of effort is not justified
and that all buoyant mines remaining could be swept by Fleet
minesweepers.
4. It is therefore intended to sweep buoyant units only and to
leave ground units, mineloops, guardloops and tails on the sea
bed.
5. Due to defects DABCHICK has not yet commenced lifting
operations at Trincomalee.
(C. in C.E.I. 180954EF to Admiralty.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

QUEEN
escort
carrier
with aircraft
equipment.

It is understood that Firefly and Seafires jigs and repairs equipment are stored uncrated in QUEEN. Very grateful if she could be diverted to Montreal en route for Halifax in order to unload this equipment at its destination. This will avoid unnecessary delay in crating and then transporting large and heavy equipment by rail. This diversion is considered particularly desirable as repair of aircraft is becoming an urgent requirement. (N.S.H.Q. 182010Z to Admiralty. QUEEN, C.N.M.O. C.O.A.C. A.F.R.Q.)

PORLOCK BAY
frigate
cruise.

Sailed St. Jacques 1700Z 18th arrived Harbour Breton 1845Z/18.
(PORLOCK BAY 182310Z to C. in C.A.W.I. Admiralty. B.A.D. N.S.H.Q. C. in C. Lant.)

Far East and Australia.

Movement.

Arrivals Singapore 17th September. FORMIDABLE. RAME HEAD. BONAVENTURE. BIRCHOL.
Departures Nil.
(F.O.M.A. 180130 to Admiralty. C's in C. B.P.F. E.I.Com. Hong Kong.)

Movements.

15th September arrivals.
(A) Rabaul, BARWON.
Departures.
(A) Sydney ARUNTA for Melbourne.
(A.C.N.B. 180346Z to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I.)

FORMIDABLE
trooping
programme.

Following programme is intended for FORMIDABLE.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
-	Singapore.	a.m. 21st Sept.
a.m. 24th Sept.	Trincomalee.	p.m. 24th Sept.
p.m. 29th Sept.	Aden.	p.m. 30th Sept.
p.m. 3rd Oct.	Suez.	p.m. 3rd Oct.
p.m. 3rd Oct.	Bitter Lakes.	a.m. 4th Oct.
p.m. 4th Oct.	Port Said.	p.m. 4th Oct.
p.m. 6th Oct.	Malta.	p.m. 6th Oct.
p.m. 8th Oct.	Gibraltar.	a.m. 9th Oct.
p.m. 11th Oct.	Plymouth.	p.m. 11th Oct.
a.m. 12th Oct.	Portsmouth.	-

2. Call at Trincomalee to embark aircraft in accordance with C. in C.E.I.'s 131050 not to all.
3. Call at Malta only if ordered by C. in C. Med.
4. Approximate fuel requirements will be 3,500 tons at Aden 1100 tons at Gibraltar.
(F.O.M.A. 180502Z to Admiralty. Info. C. in C. Plymouth. C. in C. Portsmouth. FORMIDABLE.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

North Atlantic

AMPHION,
S/M, ex
U.K. for
B.P.F.

AMPHION sail 1000B/20th Sept. via Medri routes to arrive Malta 0800A/23rd Sept.
(2) S/M will carry out independent diving exercises during the day Capt. S/M One is requested to assume responsibility for diving and surfacing signals.
(4) Action addressees acknowledge.
(F.O.Gibraltar, 191242B to Capt. S/M One, AMPHION, Info. C. in C. Med., Admty., etc.)

South Atlantic.

NEREIDE,
sloop,
cruise.

NEREIDE arrived Lourenco Marques.
(C. in C. S.A., 191602 to Admty., Info. N.L.O. Durban.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean

SANDRAY,
danlayer,
ex B.P.F.
for U.K.

Sail at 1700A/19th Sept. to arrive Gibraltar at
0700B/24th.
(3) Ship is for onward routeing to Chatham.
(4) Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med., 190933A to SANDRAY, R.A.M.,
R.A.D., F.O.Gib., Admty.)

Movements.

Port Said arrivals Sept. 19th nil departures 0600
MOONSTONE for Kabret Suez arrivals nil.
Departures nil.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said, 191710 to C. in C. Med.,
Info. Admty., C. in C. E.I., R.N.O.Aden.)

Joint Defence
Board to be
set up with
Egyptians
under new
Treaty.,
constitution
of.

Question of Constitution of Joint Defence Board
will be considered by C. in C. on Sept. 23rd
prior to a meeting with Ambassador possibly on
Sept. 24th. There is likely to be divergence on
(a) where service members of board should be
Middle East Cs. in C. or Chiefs of Staff (London)
and (b) whether a day to day planning committee
should be service attaches or officers on staffs
of Cs. in C. I favour (a) Middle East Cs. in C.
so long as they remain in Egypt and thereafter
Chiefs of Staff and (b) service attaches. In

this I imagine I will be supported by Ambassador and opposed by
Army and Air Force. Request your observations as matter of
urgency.

(S.B.N.O. M.E., 191826 to C. in C. Med. (Afloat), Malta C.C.O.,
Info. Admty., C. in C. E.I.) See 201348A.

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FOREIGN STATIONS

East Indies

C. in C.E.I. in GLASGOW cruise. E.I.P.I. 7. Intend to sail in GLASGOW from Tanga as follows -
A. 0500C/20. B. Kilindini. C. 17. F. 0900/20.
(C. in C. E.I.(Afloat), 190900 to C. in C. E.I., Info. Admty., R.N.O. Kilindini.)

Movements. E.I.P.I. 13. Aden Wednesday 18th. Arrived and departed ATHELING and L.S.T. 3502.
(CORBRAE, 190900 to C. in C. E.I., Admty.)

RAJAH, trooping programme.

Intend following programme for RAJAH:-

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Leave</u>
-	Colombo	24th Sept.
1st Oct.	Aden	2nd Oct.
7th Oct.	Suez	7th Oct.
7th Oct.	Port Said	8th Oct.
15th Oct.	Gibraltar	15th Oct.
19th Oct.	Plymouth	19th Oct.
20th Oct.	Spithead	20th Oct.
21st Oct.	Sheerness	22nd Oct.
22nd Oct.	Chatham	-

(2) Speed of advance 12.5 knots.

(3) Fuel at Aden.

(C. in C. E.I., 191101 to Admty., RAJAH, F.O.Ceylon, etc.)

Movements. E.I.P.I. One. Take ships addressed under your orders and sail from Trinco. as follows -
A. 0900 EF Saturday 21st Sept.
B. GLORY and FINISTERRE to Hongkong, VENERABLE and LAGOS to Singapore.

C. 12.5 knots.

F. Singapore 0100Z/26th Sept. Hongkong 0030Z/1st Oct.

Acknowledge.

(C. in C. E.I., 191150 to FINISTERRE, LAGOS, GLORY, S.O. A/C Carriers, B.P.F. VENERABLE.)

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America & West Indies

PORLOCK BAY,
amended
programme
of cruise.

My 190645Z not to all. The Governor of Newfoundland has had to return to St. Johns for two days he wishes to continue his tour of South West Coast, embarking at Argentina 21st Sept. (2) Following amended cruise programme is proposed.

<u>Place</u>	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Leave</u>
Argentina	19th Sept.	21st Sept.
Harbour Breton	22nd Sept.	22nd Sept.
Hermitage	22nd Sept.	23rd Sept.
Stalgrose	23rd Sept.	24th Sept.
Recontre West	24th Sept.	24th Sept.
Ramea	24th Sept.	25th Sept.
Burgeo	? 24th Sept.	25th Sept.
Rose Glanche	25th Sept.	25th Sept.
Port Auq Zaique	25th Sept.	26th Sept.
Halifax	27th Sept.	28th Sept.
Lewis Porte	1st Oct.	2nd Oct.
Twellingate	2nd Oct.	2nd Oct.
Stanthory	3rd Oct.	4th Oct.
Corner Brook	4th Oct.	8th Oct.

Thence in accordance with your 291351Z July (N.T. in W.D.) and number 687 of 16th August (N.T. in W.D.), neither to all.

(3) If approved request mail may continue to be sent to Halifax to arrive by 25th Sept. then in accordance with Admiralty's 222002 July.

(PORLOCK BAY, 191630 to C. in C. A.W.I., Info. Admty., B.A.D. Washington, N.S.H.Q., S.O.I. Jamaica, C.O.A.C., S.N.O. Newfoundland, Comnob Argentina, Comnorlantpat.) Approved 202119Z.

Far East and Australia

BONAVENTURE,
transport

185P. Sail from Singapore as follows -
A. 2230Z/20th Sept. B. Hongkong. C. 14 knots.
F. 0530Z/25th Sept. Acknowledge.
(F.O.M.A., 190303Z to BONAVENTURE, Info. Admty.,
C. in C. B.P.F.)

FORMIDABLE,
trooping.

185P. Sail from Singapore as follows -
A. 0030Z/21st Sept. B. Trincomalee. C. 20 knots.
F. 0500Z/24th Sept. Acknowledge.
(F.O.M.A., 190727Z to FORMIDABLE, Info. Admty.,
Cs. in C. B.P.F., E.I., N.O.I.C. Hongkong, F.O.
Ceylon, Ceylon W/T.)

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Far East and Australia (Contd.)

Movements. 16th Sept. Arrivals. A. Sydney BERMUDA. B.
Brisbane L.S.T. 3014.
Departures. A. Melbourne MURCHISON for Sydney.
B. Rabaul BARWON for cruise thence Dreger,
WARRENAMBOOL for Tarakina area, paid off AIR SPRAY.
(A.C.N.B., 190750Z to Admty., Cs. in C. B.P.F., E.I., N.Z.N.B.)

20.9.1946.
Friday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

South Atlantic.

H.N.M.S.
KAREL
DOORMAN
(Ex. Br.
NAIRANA)
E. Carrier.

Simonstown arrival. KAREL DOORMAN.
(C. in C.S.A. 200815 to Admiralty.)

in passage to
N.E.I.

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Friday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean

Joint Defence Board to be set up with Egyptians under the new Treaty - Constitution of.

Assuming you are referring to Joint Defence Board to be set up with Egyptians under the new Treaty (your 191826/ refers), consider, subject to commands of Admiralty.

(A) The nominal service members of the Board must be Cs. in C.M.E. as their areas of responsibility cover the region with which the Joint Defence Board is directly concerned.

(B) The day to day Planning Committee should be Officers on the staffs of the Cs. in C.M.E.

2. For successful planning, members of the Joint Planning Committee must be directly responsible to and have access to the service members of the Joint Defence Board. This is not practicable for service Attaches who are responsible to the Ambassador. Moreover, it may be some time before a Naval Attache is appointed to Cairo.

3. Before any final recommendation is forwarded to Chiefs of Staff, London request you will signal details for my concurrence. (C. in C. Med. 201348A to S.B.N.O.M.E. Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)

✓ Question of constitution of Joint Defence Board.

Minesweeping by Turks.

Chief of Turkish Naval Staff told me this morning that Turkish Minesweepers operating in area previously swept by them and British Minesweepers off Dardanelles had swept up a further 66 Deep Mines. A detailed report is to follow which will be forwarded to you.

Admiralty please pass to Malta.

(B.N.A. Ankara 201728C to C. in C. Med. Admiralty)

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Friday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

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

Propose following programme for onward passage
to U.K.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Port.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
-	Colombo.	23rd Sept.
2nd Oct.	Aden.	2nd Oct.
8th Oct.	Suez.	8th Oct.
8th Oct.	Port Said.	8th Oct.
12th Oct.	Malta.	15th Oct.
19th Oct.	Gibraltar.	20th Oct.
24th Oct.	Portsmouth.	-

(TOTEM 200437Z to F.O. Ceylon. Admiralty.
C. in C.E.I. N.O.I.C. Aden. C. in C. Med.)

Boom defence
vessels.

Ref. your 261206, not to all addressess, it is
confirmed:

(1) BARCLOSE paid off on 9th Sept. 1946. Naval
ratings only discharged to GOULD.

(2) BARBOURNE reduced to care and maintenance
11th Sept. 1946.

(3) BARCLOSE commissioned with local Asiatic crew 11th Sept.
1946, Accounts borne in HIGHFLYER.

A.M. 171941A refers.

(B.D.O. Ceylon 200910 to C. in C.E.I. F.O.C. Admiralty.
Combrax B.P.F. SAFEGUARD, HIGHFLYER, TERROR.)

NORFOLK
cruiser.

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

- (A) 0900EF 23rd Sept.
- (B) Trincomalee.
- (C) 13 knots.
- (F) Elephant Island 1100EF 24th Sept.

Acknowledge.

(F.O. Ceylon 201115EF to NORFOLK, Admiralty,
C. in C.E.I. C.S. Trinco.)

20.9.1946.
Friday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

Jamaica.
Reported
police
strike.

It is reported to me that Police of Jamaica are on strike from 0001 today 20th. Leave Nassau 0600R tomorrow 21st proceeding to Kingston at 20 knots. Be prepared to land armed forces as you consider necessary in view of the situation which you should report to me in details upon your arrival. Report E.T.A. to S.O.(I) Jamaica repeated C. in C.A.W.I. and keep me in close touch with what goes on.
(C. in C.A.W.I. 201715Z to SHEFFIELD. Admiralty.)
Cancel my 201715/. False Alarm adhere to original programme.
(C. in C.A.W.I. 202115Q to SHEFFIELD.)
/ Proceed to Kingston.

PORLOCK BAY
amended
programme
of cruise.

Your 191630 approved subject to concurrence of N.S.H.Q. in altered dates of PORLOCK BAY's visit to Halifax.
(C. in C. A & W.I. 202119Z to PORLOCK BAY. Admiralty. N.S.H.Q. C.O.A.C. B.A.D., S.O.(I) Jamaica S.N.O. Newfoundland.)

Far East and Australia.

Movements.

Singapore arrivals 19th Sept. BLACK SWAN F.S.
WAR departures nil.
(F.O.M.A. 200130 to C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I.)

Naval
trooping
programme.

A.M. 041949. Following is anticipated programme of Naval Trooping Vessels:-

Ship.	E.T.D. U.K.	Destination.	E.T.A.
INDEFATIGABLE.	2 Oct.	Malta: Ceylon: Singapore.	25 Oct.
INDOMITABLE	15 Oct.	Malta: Ceylon: Singapore.*	9 Nov.
VICTORIOUS.	6 Nov.	Malta: Ceylon: Singapore: Hong Kong.	5 Dec.
FORMIDABLE.	3 Dec.	Malta: Ceylon: Singapore.	27 Dec.

* Destination amended to
Hong Kong (Admiralty.
021647A October).

2. INDOMITABLE who will have on board about 270 ratings for Singapore and 72 Officers including 23 midshipman and 220 ratings for Hong Kong could continue to Hong Kong if C. in C. B.P.F. is unable to make alternative arrangements for their onward lift.
3. VICTORIOUS will carry about 550 civilian passengers of both sexes for Singapore and Hong Kong.
4. It is unlikely that there will be further naval trooping trips after this programme.
(Hd. of M. 201603Z to C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I. C. in C. Med. C. in C. Portsmouth. C. in C. Plymouth.)

21.9.1946.
Saturday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

South Atlantic.

NEREIDE
Sloop
cruise
extended.

Intend following addition to programme for
NEREIDE contained in my 231225 June.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
14th Oct.	Simonstown.	31st Oct.
2nd Nov.	Port Nolloth	6th Nov.
7th Nov.	Luderitz	11th Nov.
15th Nov.	Luanda.	18th Nov.
23rd Nov.	Simonstown.	-

3. NEREIDE will return to Simonstown in company with NIGERIA.
My 161111 July refers.

4. Request concurrence of Portuguese authorities be obtained
for visit to Luanda which will coincide with that of NIGERIA.
(C. in C.S.A. 211041 to Admiralty. NEREIDE.)

21.9.1946.
Saturday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

WREN
Sloop
for Persian
Gulf.

1. Intend to sail at 0900 tomorrow Sunday 22nd Sept.
2. E.T.A. Aden 0900 Saturday 28th.
3. Mails to Aden till 28th Sept. then to Bahrein.
4. Route as safe navigation permits.
(WREN 210800B to N.O.I.C. Port Said. Admiralty.
C. in C. Med. C. in C.E.I. S.N.O.P.G. R.N.O.
Aden.)

SANDRAY
danlayer
ex B.P.F. for
U.K.

- Cancel my 190933. Sail at 0700A 22nd Sept
to arrive Gib. 1700B 26th.
3. Ship is for o/r to Chatham.
 4. Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med. 210941 to SANDRAY).

CUCKMERE
frigate
visit to
Madera.
on passage
for return
to U.S.A.

- Request consent for visit of CUCKMERE to
Madera about 6th Oct. while on passage Gib. to
U.S.A.
(C. in C. Med. 211241A to Admiralty. CUCKMERE,
B.N.A. Lisbon. F.O, Gib.,) *app 28/642.*

21.9.1946.
Saturday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Movements.

Trincomalee 20th Sept.
Arrivals M.S. MICHAEL H.M.S. MINSTREL.
Departures. LOCH GLENDHU, Naval Stores Carrier
NORTHERN MASTER.
(C. in C.E.I. 210900 to Admiralty. Info.,
F.O.M.A. F.O. Ceylon.)

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

Arrived GLASGOW 0930 20th Sept.
(Navycharge Mombasa 210901 to Admiralty. Info.
C. in C.E.I. (T).)

TOTEM
S/M
ex B.P.F.
for U.K.

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

- (A) 1030EF 23rd Sept.
- (B) Aden for Suez and U.K.
- (C) 10 knots.

Acknowledge.

(Colombo 210927 to TOTEM, Admiralty. F.O. S/M.
C. in C.E.I. C. in C. Med.)

11th M/S
Flotilla
minesweeping
at Tavoy.

E.I.P.I.1. Take ships addressed under your orders
and sail from Trincomalee as follows:

- (A) 1100EF 23rd Sept.
- (B) Rangoon for fuel thence to Tavoy to sweep

E.F.M.I.81.

- (C) 11 knots.
- (D) W.C. 389.
- (E) Constant V.
- (G) BELGOL will supply fuel at Tavoy on 6th Oct.

Acknowledge.

(C. in C.E.I. 211125EF to MAENAD, Info., JASEUR,
MAGICIENNE, LYSANDER, Admiralty, F.O.M.A.
F.O. Ceylon. M/S. Flotilla II. N.O.I.C. Rangoon
S.O. Force II. Ceylon W/T.)

M/S. 37
Minesweeping
exercise
off East
coast of
India.

E.I.P.I. One. Take H.M.I.S. KHYBER, BOMBAY,
DECCAN, RAJPUTANA, and KUMAON under your orders
and sail from Vizagapatam as follows:

- (A) 0700EF 23rd Sept.
- (B) Mine shipping and dan laying exercises off
Vizagapatam as follows:

- (C) As required.
- (F) Return to Vizagapatam Friday 27th Sept.
- (G) Cocanada Bay is to be used as night anchorage.

Acknowledge.

(N.O.I.C. Vizag. 211142EF to S.O. M/S. 37 in
KATHLAWAR. KHYBER, BOMBAY, DECCAN, RAJPUTANA,
KUMAON, Admiralty, C. in C.E.I.)

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Saturday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

SHEFFIELD
cruiser.

Nassau departure. H.M.S. SHEFFIELD 0600R 21.
E.T.A. Kingston, Jamaica 0700R 23rd.
(SHEFFIELD 211123Z to C. in C.A.W.I.)

Far East and Australia.

BLACK
SWAN A.A.
Sloop with
M.L's for
Sumatra.

185P. Take M.Ls. 1336 and 1398 under your orders
and sail from Singapore as follows:

- (A) 0530Z September 23rd.
 - (B) Palembang.
 - (C) 10 knots.
 - (F) 0630Z. September 24th at Palembang River.
 - (G) Proceed up river p.m. Tuesday 24 September
or a.m. Wednesday 25th Sept. at your discretion.
Acknowledge.
- (F.O.M.A. 210353 to BLACK SWAN. Admiralty.
C. in C. B.P.F. N.O.I.C. Hong Kong.)

22.9.1946.
Sunday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

FENICE
illegal
immigration
ship
intercepted
by H.M.S.
ROWENA (M/S).

Illegal immigrant ship believed to be FENICE intercepted by ROWENA 2 miles off shore 4 miles north of Acre. Brought into Haifa Bay. About 800 illegals aboard.
2. Very violent resistance offered to boarding party included the using of iron bars, 2 knives and hatchet, so that it became necessary to shoot 1 man and then resort to tear gas to save the lives of the boarding party.
(S.N.O.A.H. 221000C to C. in C. Med. C. in C. Med. (Afloat). MILPAL. Admiralty. N.O.I.C. Haifa. ROWENA.)
(See 241230C).

Movements.

Port Said arrivals 22nd Sept.
2100 F.S. DUMONT DURVILLE.
Departures 0830 WREN for Aden.
Suez Arrivals nil.
Departures nil.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 221111 to C. in C. Med. (Malta). Info. Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. R.N.O. Aden.)

CUCKMERE
frigate
ex Medn.
for return
to U.S.A.

Sail at 1000A 27th Sept. to arrive Gibraltar 1400B 1st Oct. for o/r to U.S.A. via Madeira and Bermuda.
2. Ship is lease-lend for return.
4. Acknowledge.
(C. in C. Med. 221145 to CUCKMERE. R.A.D. R.A.M. C.S.M. for K.H.M. F.O. Gibraltar. C. in C. A.W.I.)

Movements.

Arrival 0530/22 STORM CLOUD, M.F.V. 38 and 101 from Famagusta.
(S.N.O.(A) Haifa 221801 to C. in C. Med. Admiralty)

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Sunday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Movements.

Trincomalee 21st Sept.
Departure VENERABLE, GLORY, LAGOS, FINISTERRE.
(C. in C.E.I. 220900EF to Admiralty. Info.,
F.O.M.A. F.O. Ceylon. C. in C. B.P.F.)

STORMKING
R.T.
for U.K.

Your 201015 (N.T. in W.D.). STORMKING may be
sailed for U.K. as soon as convenient. Passage
programme should be submitted to me. A.M.
211747A (N.T. in W.D.) August, not to you or
STORMKING refers.
(C. in C.E.I. 221058EF to R.N.O. Aden. Admiralty.
STORMKING).

22.9.1946.
Sunday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Far East and Australia.

Movements. Arrivals Singapore 21st Sept. SHARPSHOOTER,
ABRAHAM CRIJNSEN ABRAHAM CRIJNSEN (DS). EMP^{1st} HERALD, departures
BONAVENTURE, FORMIDABLE.
(F.O.M.A. 220520Z Admiralty. Info. C. in C. B.P.F.
C. in C.E.I. Stn., Com. Hong Kong.)

23.9.1946.
Monday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Movement.

Movements 0001 2359/22.

1. Arrivals. Nil.
2. Departures Malta 0700 SANDRAY to Gib.
(C. in C. Med. 231150A to Admiralty. F.O. Gib.)

CORBRAE
M/S
Maintenance
ship ex
B.P.F. for
U.K.

E. T. A. Suez 0800B Wednesday 25th. Request
arrangements be made to proceed straight through
canal.
2. Following required at Port Said: 100 tons
furnace oil, 100 tons fresh water, 100 gallons
SMO oil, 50 gallons HD lubricating oil.
(CORBRAE 231253BC to N.O.I.C. Port Said.)

Movements.

Departures 23rd Sept. 0730. L.C.I.(L) 258.
1600 CHARITY. Both for Famagusta.
(S.N.O.A.(H) 231745 to C. in C. Med. Info.,
Admiralty.)

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Monday.

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East Indies.

Movements.

Colombo 22nd September.
Arrivals S.S. MISPILLION, ASTUTE.
Departures R.F.A. BROOMDALE.
(F.O. Ceylon 230900 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)

RAJAH
trooping
to U.K.

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

- (A) 0615 EF 24th Sept.
- (B) Aden for Suez and U.K.
- (C) 12.5 knots.

Acknowledge.

(F.O. Ceylon 231205 to RAJAH, Admiralty, C. in C.
E.I. C. in C. Med. (Malta).)

23.9.1946.
Monday.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

PORLOCK BAY
on cruise.

C. in C. A.W.I's 202119Z concur in PORLOCK BAY
arriving Halifax 27th Sept.
(N.S.H.Q. 231412Z to PORLOCK BAY. Info., C. in C.
A.W.I. Admiralty. B.A.D. Washington. C.O.A.C.
S.O. (I) Jamaica, S.N.O. Newfoundland)

Arrived Harbour Breton 0945Z/22. Sailed Harbour
Breton 1415Z/22. Arrived Hermitage 1730Z/22. Sailed Hermitage
1030Z/23. Arrived St. Albans Bay Despoir 1300Z/23.
(PORLOCK BAY 232247Z to C. in C. A.W.I. Admiralty. B.A.D. N.S.H.Q.
C.O.A.C. C. in C. Lant.)

Far East and Australia.

M/S
report
No. 30.

Weekly progress report No. 30 serial MERQUI.

1. 2nd Division Force 11 completed sweeping
at MERQUI Port open to traffic 10th September
total of six mines detonated.

2. 2nd Division commenced sweeping EFM 1 121.

Two mines detonated. Anticipate area will be
completed by 23rd September when all ships will proceed to clear
approaches to Tavoy.

3. Fell Passage swept and opened to traffic. Serial Moulmein.
1st Division continued sweeping Moulmein to Martavan Ferry.
(F.O.M.A. 230310Z to C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

North Atlantic

SWALE,
ex S.At.
for U.K.
and reserve.

Sail 0100B/25th Sept. to Plymouth.
(2) Speed 12, E.T.A. a.m. 28th Sept.
(6) Acknowledge.
(F.O.Gib., 241053B to SWALE, Info. Cs. in C.
Plymouth, Nore.)

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TuesdayFOREIGN STATIONSMediterranean

AMPHION, S/M, Sail at 1000A/27th, Friday, Sept. by Medri routes
ex U.K. and as safe navigation permits to Port Said.
for B.P.F. Speed 14 knots, E.T.A. 0600A/30th Sept. Monday.
(2) AMPHION may carry out independent diving
exercises. Capt. S/M One will be responsible
for diving and surfacing signals.
(4) Acknowledge.
(Capt. S/M L, 240941 to AMPHION, Info. C. in
C. Med.(M), R.A.Malta, K.H.M., N.O.I.C. Port
Said, S/M 4, F.O. S/M.)

Movements Movements 0001 to 2359/23.
(1) Arrivals Malta 0800 AMPHION from Gib.
0800 U.S.S.R. DONEZA, CONDOR, KANTARD TILANT,
and tugs 21 and 22.
Trieste 1200 U.S.S. NOA and WARRINGTON from Naples. 1400 AJAX
from Pola, 1500 ST. AUSTELA BAY from Venice.
(2) Departures 0530 C.T. 41, 42, 43 to Messina, 0600 G.Y.M.S.
2229 to Piraeus, 1700 SKIPJACK to join 5th M/S F. 1800
SYLVIA to join 5th M/S F.
(C. in C. Med., 241150A to Admty., F.O.Gib.)

Palestine. The success of evacuating the last arrival of
Illegal im- illegals was seriously jeopardised by the late
migration. arrival of the transports.
Delay with (2) S.S.T.O. Haifa 201007 not to all, gave ample
arrival of warning they would be required and D.S.T.O. Port
transports Said 201803B not to all, confirmed they were at
six hours notice from noon 21st Sept. My sailing
signal (S.S.T.O. Haifa 211328 not to all) gave
abundant time for their arrival yet they were late
without explanation. On every previous occasion similar delays
have occurred.
(3) The presence and transhipment of illegals causes violent
re-actions in Jaffa involving the active presence of one
division of troops and is a closely timed operation.
(4) Request P.S.T.O.Med. be asked to assure me that these ships
will arrive to time in future otherwise I have no option but to
keep one steaming off Haifa whenever Intelligence warns me il-
legals may be expected.
(S.N.O.(A) Haifa, 241157C to Cs. in C. Med. Afloat, Med., (R)
P.S.T.O.Med., S.S.T.O.Haifa, D.S.T.O.Port Said, N.O.I.C.
Haifa, etc.)

Illegal im- Further to my 221000C. Total number of illegals
migrants ship 626 of whom 405 men 193 women and seven children
FENICE have been evacuated in OCEAN VIGOUR to Cyprus.
(ARIELE) (2) On scraping away paint under stern name ARIELE
was found and port of Registry Rome.
(3) Charts indicated ship started from Giannotri
and was routed north of Crete, north of Scarpanto,

/south...

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Tuesday

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FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean.

Illegal im-
migrants ship
FENICE
(ARIELE)
(Contd.)

south of Rhodes and thence (?Kalamaki) Bay and coastwise to position due north of Cape Andreas.
(4) Corpse was buried at sea on instructions of military authorities.

(5) Jewish casualties otherwise non serious and mainly superficial tear gas burns.

(6) No serious naval casualties.

(7) Palestine Police report new type of bomb

in Army water bottles consisting of four blocks of explosive in base and layer of guncotton nearest neck through which detonator would be fitted, in this illegal ship.

(S.N.O.(A) Haifa, 241230C to C. in C. Med., C. in C. Med.(A), Admty.,etc.)

Minesweepers
for disposal

Minesweepers FAREHAM and HARROW are of no further use. FAREHAM has been paid off into dockyard control as hulk for disposal.

(2) Intend C.S.M. should call for tenders for their sale as in the case of ABERDARE and BAGSHOT.

(C. in C. Med., 241624 to Admty., Info. R.A. Malta, C.S. Malta, R.A.D.Med.)

Movements

Port Said arrivals Sept. 24th nil.

Departures 0515 F.S. DUMONT D'URVILLE for

Djibuti, 1100 Greek L.S.T. 36 for Alex.

Suez arrivals nil, departures nil.

(N.O.I.C. Port Said,241801 to C. in C. Med.(A), Info. Admty.,etc.)

Arrival 1700C/24 CHEQUERS from Famagusta departure 2000C/24 CHEVIOT for Famagusta.

(S.N.O.(A) Haifa, 242001C to C. in C. Med., Info. Admty.)

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Movements

Trinco. 23rd Sept. Arrivals H.M.I.S. JUMNA.
Departures MAENAD, MAGICIENNE, JASEUR, LYSANDER,
H.S. DORSETSHIRE.
(C. in C. E.I., 240900 to Admty., Info. F.O.C.
F.O. Bombay, N.O.I.C. Rangoon.)

FORMIDABLE,
trooping
for U.K.

E.I.P.I.1. Sail from Trincomalee as follows:
(a) On completion of embarkation p.m. today 24th
Sept. (b) Aden. (c) 20 knots. Acknowledge.
(C. in C. E.I., 241028 to FORMIDABLE, Info.
Admty., etc.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

PORLOCK BAY
Frigate
cruise.

Sailed St. Albans 0830Z/24.
Arrived Rencontre West 1245/24.
Sailed Rencontre West 1430Z/24.
Arrived Ramea 1730Z/24.
Sailed Ramea 2015Z/24.
Arrived Burgeo 2115Z/24.
(PORLOCK BAY 242245Z to C. in C.A.W.I. Admiralty
N.S.H.Q. B.A.D. C.O.A.C.)

Far East and Australia.

Movements.

Arrivals Singapore 23rd Sept. Nil.
Departures. BLACK SWAN.
(F.O.M.A. 240130Z to Admiralty. Info. C. in C.
B.P.F. C. in C.E.I. N.O.I.C. Hong Kong.)

PATROLLER
trooping.

185 P. Sail from Singapore as follows.
(A) 0200Z Sept. 25th.
(B) Colombo.
(C) 16 knots.
(F) 0600Z Sept. 29th. Acknowledge.
(F.O.M.A. 240423 PATROLLER, C. in C.E.I. C. in C.
B.P.F. Com. Hong Kong.)

11th M/S
Flotilla
SURSAY
attached
danlayer.

185 P. Sail from Singapore as follows:
(A) p.m. 25th Sept.
(B) ~~FAVEY~~ to join Force 11.
(C) 10 knots.
(F) p.m. Sept. 29th.
(H) 2.
(I) BTMG.
Acknowledge.
(F.O.M.A. 240453Z to SURSAY, Admiralty, C. in C.
B.P.F. C. in C.E.I. S.O. Force 11. MAENAD, JASEUR.)

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SALVALOR,
SALVIGIL
Salvage
vessels
to be
reduced
to C & M.

A.M. 131416 since there has been no further
information on salvage requirements at Bangkok
vide my 230215Z August (not to all) consider
SALVIGIL and SALVALOR should be reduced to C. and
M. now.
2. Request you will signal proposals direct to
all concerned.
(C. in C. B.P.F. 240646 to F.O.M.A. Admiralty.
C. in C.E.I., F.O. Ceylon.)
(Amended by 270124)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

South Atlantic.

D.S.
KAREL
DOORMAN
(ex 'NARA/NA')
Escort Carrier
on passage to
Dutch East
Indies.

Simonstown departure KAREL DOORMAN for Tandjong
Priok. S.O.A. 12 knots. E.T.A. Monday 14th Oct.
(C. in C.S.A. 251602 to Admiralty, Info.,
C. in C.E.I. F.O.M.A. C. in C. B.P.F. KAREL
DOORMAN.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Movements.

Movements 0001 to 2359/24th.

1. Arrivals: Malta 1400 OCTAVIA from sweeping operations.

? KANTARD TILANT
See p. 222

2. Departures: 1600 U.S.S.R. DONEZA, CONDOR, KANTARD, FEOLENT. Tugs 21 and 22 for Sevastopol. (C. in C. Med. 251212A to Admiralty. F.O. Gib.)

Movements.

Movements Haifa 25th Sept. Arrival CHEVIOT from Famagusta departure ROWENA for Famagusta. (S.N.O. (A) Haifa 251801C to C. in C. Med. Info., Admiralty. N.O.I.C. Haifa.)

Med. Fleet
Cruise.

LIVERPOOL, MAURITIUS, PHOEBE, LEANDER, OCEAN, CHIEFTAIN, CHAPLET, CHIVALROUS, RANPURA, SAUMAREZ, VOLAGE, BRISSENDEN, ENARD BAY, ST. BRIDES BAY, START BAY, PELICAN, MAGPIE, SURPRISE, L.S.T. 3016, L.S.T. 3027, TANTIVY, TEMPLAR, H.M.H.S. MAINE,

R.F.A. BLUE RANGER, R.F.A. FORT CHARLOTTE sail Thursday 26th in accordance with MACO 9, 18 and 40. BLUE RANGER to Haifa, CHAPLET to Port Vathi.

(C. in C. Med. (Afloat) 252148A to S.B.N.O. (G). C.S.L. Admiralty, C. in C. Med. (M).)

Movements.

25th September.

Port Said. Arrivals 2300 CORBRAE

Departures 0500 L.C.T. 7029 for Ataka.

Suez Arrivals 0030 L.S.T. 3502.

1000 CORBRAE.

Departures 0530 L.S.T. 3502. 1115 CORBRAE.

(N.O.I.C. Port Said 252315B to C. in C. Med., Malta. Info., Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. R.N.O. Aden.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Movements. Arrived Akyab 1730FG 24th Sept. EASTWAY.
(EASTWAY 250900 to Admiralty. Info., C. in C.E.I.)

Movements. Colombo 24th Sept.
Arrivals. Nil.
Departures. RAJAH, JAUNTY, U.S.S. MISPILLION,
C.S. FUPPO.
(F.O. Ceylon 250900 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)

Movements. Trincomalee 24th Sept. arrivals - H.M.S. NORFOLK,
H.M.I.S. BALUCHISTAN.
Departure - R.F.A. WAVE BARON.
Arrived and sailed H.M.S. FORMIDABLE.
(C. in C.E.I. 250900EF to Admiralty. R.N.O. Aden.
F.O. Ceylon. F.O.M.A.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

PORLOCK BAY
frigate
cruise.

Sailed Burgeo 1245Z/25. Arrived Rose Blanche 1700Z/25 sailed Rose Blanche 1915Z/25 arrived Port aux Basques 2045Z/25. His Excellency The Governor of Newfoundland disembarked. 2130Z/25.
(PORLOCK BAY 252230 to C. in C.A.W.I. Info., Admiralty. N.S.H.Q. B.A.D. C.O.A.C. C. in C. Lant, Comorlant Pat. S.N.O. Newfoundland.)

Far East and Australia.

Movements.

Arrivals Singapore 24th Sept. PATROLLER, WAR SUDRA.
Departures - Nil.
(F.O.M.A. 250130Z to Admiralty. Info., C. in C. E.I. C. in C. B.P.F. Com. Hong Kong.)

NEWFOUNDLAND
cruiser,
programme
to return
to U.K.
on relief
by GAMBIA.

Intend following programme for NEWFOUNDLAND.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Leave.</u>
-	Hong Kong.	12th Oct.
17th Oct.	Singapore.	21st Oct.
24th Oct.	Medan.	26th Oct.
27th Oct.	Penang.	29th Oct.
30th Oct.	Victoria Point.	2nd Nov.
5th Nov.	Trincomalee.	-

2. C. in C.E.I. is requested to hold NEWFOUNDLAND on East Indies Station until GAMBIA leaves Mediterranean and then sail ship for United Kingdom.
3. Request Admiralty divert air and surface mails accordingly.
(C. in C. B.P.F. 250810Z to Admiralty, C. in C.E.I. Info., R.A.A. C.S.5. NEWFOUNDLAND, BELFAST, Com. Hong Kong. F.O.M.A. F.O. Ceylon. C. in C. Med. R.N.O. Medan.)

Movements.

22nd September arrivals -
(A) Sydney - ARUNTA.
(B) Brisbane - FORT PROVIDENCE.
(A.C.N.B. 250900Z to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I. N.Z.N.B.)

Re salvage
s.s. HWAH LEE
ex (IGOR)
2726 tons.

Ref. A.M. 111443A/Sept. salvage HWAH LEE, have Lloyd's Open Form and Salvage Report been forwarded.
(Hd. of S. Admty. 251113A to Commodore Hong Kong.)
(See 281528A).

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

SANDRAY
danlayer
ex B.P.F.
for U.K.

Sail 1800B 26th Sept. to Chatham.
2. Speed 9. E.T.A. a.m. 3rd Oct.
6. Acknowledge.
(F.O. Gib. 261147B to SANDRAY Info. C. in C.
Plymouth.C. in C. Portsmouth. C. in C. Nore.
Admiralty.)

AURIGA
S/M ex U.K.
for B.P.F.

AURIGA sail 1100B 27th Sept. to arrive Malta
p.m. 30th Sept. Firm E.T.A. to be reported.
2. S/M will exercise diving for short periods
during daylight. Capt. S/M. 1. is requested to
assume responsibility for diving and surfacing
signals.
4. Action addressees acknowledge.
(F.O. Gibraltar 261211B to AURIGA. Capt. S.1.
Info., C. in C. Med. (M). R.A.M. N.O.I.C. Port
Said., Admiralty. F.O. (S).)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Movements.

Port Said arrivals 26th Sept. 1120, L.S.T. 3502,
1330, MOONSTONE.
Departures 1000, CORBRAE for Malta.
Suez arrivals - Nil. Departures - Nil.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 261714B to C. in C. Med. (M).
Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. R.N.O. Aden.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

HARE M/S
ex B.P.F.
for U.K.
and reserve.

E.I.P.I. 7. Intend to sail from Aden as follows:
(A) 2100Z 27th Sept.
(B) Suez.
(C) 9 knots.
(HARE 260824Z to C. in C.E.I. Info., Admiralty.
C. in C. Med., R.N.O. Port Said.)

BETONY,
BURNET
Corvettes
re purchase
by Siamese
Government.

Siamese delegation have carried out a thorough inspection of BETONY and BURNET and return to Singapore by air leaving Ceylon 1st Oct.
2. They have been informed that if the Siamese Government decide to purchase BETONY and BURNET (A) the ships will be handed over in a serviceable condition and for this purpose it will be necessary for them to dock and have defects taken in hand at Singapore or Colombo, (B) any fuel

or stores shipped in addition to ships fixtures and permanent stores will be an additional charge to the price quoted for the ships. It is estimated that a normal supply of Naval consumable stores would be very approximately nine hundred pounds (£900) for each ship. This does not include provisions or mess traps, (C) There will be no extra charge for ammunition. (D) If steaming party from Siamese fetch the ships from Trincomalee, but key British personnel will be provided for trials.
3. The draught of the ships can be reduced to less than 14 feet leaving sufficient fuel for 300 miles steaming, thus enabling fuelling to be completed outside the bar at Bangkok. Full information concerning draught and stability had been given to the delegation.

4. You are requested to press for an early decision as to whether or not these ships are required.
5. A copy of this signal has been given to the Siamese delegation.
6. F.O.M.A. pass to N.O.I.C. Bangkok.
(C. in C.E.I. 260832 to N.O.I.C. Bangkok. F.O.M.A. C. in C. B.P.F. Admiralty. F.O.C. C.S. Trinco.)

Movements.

Trincomalee 25th Sept.
Arrival: H.M.S. ATHELING. H.M.R.T. JAUNTY.
Departure: H.M.I.S. JUMNA. H.M.I.S. BALUCHISTAN.
(C. in C.E.I. 260900EF to Admiralty. F.O. Bombay
F.O. Ceylon. N.O.I.C. Vizagapatam.)

MINSTREL
M/S.

Sail from Trincomalee as follows:

(A) 1400EF 26th Sept.
(B) Colombo.
(C) 8 knots.
(F) 0600EF 30th Sept.

Acknowledge.

(C. in C.E.I. 260907EF to MINSTREL. Colombo
W/T. F.O. Ceylon. Admiralty. M/S. 11. F.O.M.A.)

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East Indies contd...

Intend following programme for ATHELING.

<u>ATHELING</u> trooping programme.	<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
	-	Trincomalee.	27th Sept.
	3rd Oct.	Aden.	4th Oct.
	7th Oct.	Suez.	8th Oct.
	8th Oct.	Port Said.	8th Oct.
	11th Oct.	Malta.	11th Oct.
	14th Oct.	Gibraltar.	14th Oct.
	17th Oct.	Portsmouth.	17th Oct.
	18th Oct.	Plymouth.	-

2. Fuel at Port Said and Gibraltar.

(C. in C.E.I. 261211EF to Admiralty. F.O.C. R.N.O. A den.)

R.T. Intend following programme for STORMKING.

<u>STORMKING</u> ex E.I. for U.K.	<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
	-	Aden.	25th Sept.
	30th Sept.	Port Said.	1st Oct.
	4th Oct.	Malta.	5th Oct.
	9th Oct.	Gibraltar.	10th Oct.
	16th Oct.	Falmouth.	---

2. Request mail diversion accordingly.

(C. in C.E.I. 261217 to Admiralty. Info., R.N.O. Aden. N.O.I.C.
Port Said. C. in C. Med. (M). R.A. Malta. F.O. Gib. C. in C. Ply.
M.S.R.T. STORMKING.

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America and West Indies.

PORLOCK BAY
cruise.

Sailed Port aux Basques 1030Z/26.
My position and weather at 1200Z 26.
50472 59212 90935 91043.
Course and speed 184 X degs. 12 knots. E.T.A.
Halifax 1300Z/27. Acknowledge.
(PORLOCK BAY 261201Z to C.O.A.C. C. in C. A.W.I.,
Admiralty. B.A.D. N.S.H.Q.)

SHEFFIELD
to embark
new C. in C.
A.W.I.

Intend SHEFFIELD arrive New York early Monday 21st
Oct. to embark my successor who arrives by QUEEN
ELIZABETH on that day. Request confirmation that
this will be agreeable with berth allocation.
(C. in C. A.W.I. 261445A to B.A.D. Admiralty.)

Far East and Australia.

Movements.

Singapore 25th Sept. Arrival nil. Departures
SURSAY.
(F.O.M.A. 260130 to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F.
C. in C.E.I. Com. H.K.)

BLACK SWAN
A.A. Sloop.

Sail from Palembang as follows:
(A) 0300Z/27th.
(B) Batavia via Banka Strait.
(C) To arrive Batavia p.m. 28th Sept.
(D) Hydropac 1031 WC 384.
(F) E.T.A. to be signalled by BLACK SWAN.
(R.N.O. Palembang 261601Z to BLACK SWAN, Admiralty.
C. in C. B.P.F. F.O.M.A. N.O.I.C. Batavia.
B.N.L.O. A.F.N.E.I. WIDEMOUTH BAY.)

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trooping
to U.K.E.I.P.I. One. Sail from Trincomalee as follows:
(A) 1630EF 27th Sept.
(B) Aden.
(C) 16 knots.
(F) p.m. 3rd October.

Acknowledge.

(C. in C.E.I. 270816EF to ATHELING. Colombo W/T.
Aden W/T. Admiralty. F.O.Ceylon. R.N.O. Aden.)

Movements.

Trincomalee 26th Sept. arrival RAMEHEAD, ROC.
Departure BARFOUNT.
(C. in C.E.I. 270900EF to Admiralty. F.O. Ceylon.
F.O.M.A.)R.T. ,
STORMKING
on passage
ex E.I.
for U.K.E.I.T.M. Intend to sail from Aden as (A) 1800 27th
Sept. (B) Suez for U.K. (C) 12 knots.
Request dates in C. in C.E.I. 261217 be advanced
48 hours requirements Suez 80 tons fuel oil
50 tons fresh water.
(STORMKING 270921C to C. in C.E.I. Admiralty.
R.N.M. ALJNP. N.O.I.C. Port Said. C. in C. Med.
R.A. Malta. F.O. Gib. C. in C. Plymouth . R.N.O.
Aden.)R.T. JAUNTY
with
A.F.D. 56
for Aden.Intend to sail JAUNTY with A.F.D. 56 in tow to
Aden via Bombay about 9th Oct.
2. JAUNTY's endurance may not be sufficient to
reach Aden. Request therefore that a tanker
should be arranged to r/v off Socotra about end
of Oct. Firm date to be given after arrival
of JAUNTY at Bombay A.M. 211747A August not to
F.O. Bombay or C.S. Trinco. refers.
(C. in C.E.I. 271008EF to Admiralty. JAUNTY
F.O. Bombay. R.N.O. Aden. F.O. Ceylon. C.S. Trinco)R.T.
GROWLER
to tow
A.F.D. 22
to U.K.Request you sail GROWLER for Trinco. as soon as
possible after her arrival at Singapore.
2. She is required to tow AFD/22 to U.K.
A.M. 211747A August refers.
(C. in C.E.I. 271012EF to F.O.M.A. C. in C. B.P.F.
Admiralty. GROWLER.)

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America and West Indies.

PORLOCK BAY
frigate
cruise.

Arrival Halifax 1315Z Friday 27th Sept. PORLOCK BAY from Port Aux Basques Newfoundland. (C.O.A.C. 271320Z to C. in C. A.W.I. Admiralty. N.S.H.Q. B.A.D. C. in C. Lant. C.N.A.O.P., S.N.O. Newfoundland.)

Far East and Australia:

Movements.

Arrivals Singapore 26th Sept.
A.M. VENERABLE, LAGOS, FINISTERRE, TERNATE (DS).
Departures:
PATROLLER, WAR ^USYDRA. L.S.T. 3514. ~~FIN~~^{p.m.} FINISTERRE
for from Labuan. OPOSSUM E.T.A. Hong Kong 30th Sept.
(F.O.M.A. 270130Z to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F.
C. in C.E.I. Com. Hong Kong.)

SHARPSHOOTER
surveying
vessel.

185P sail from Singapore as follows:
(A) 0130Z Sept. 28th.
(B) ~~2330Z~~ 2 degs. 50 mins. N. 103 degs. 28 mins.
E. to resume survey operations.
(C) 9 knots.
(F) 0030Z Sept. 29th. Acknowledge.
(F.O.M.A. 270233Z to SHARPSHOOTER. C. in C.
B.P.F. N.O.I.C. Hong Kong. Admiralty.)

Movement.

185P. Take LAGOS under your orders and sail from Singapore as follows:
(A) 0830Z today 27th Sept.
(B) Hong Kong.
(C) 13 knots.
(F) 2330Z Oct. 1st. Acknowledge.
(F.O.M.A. 270313Z to VENERABLE. GLORY, LAGOS.
Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F. R.A.A. B.P.F. Com.
Hong Kong. R.A.(D). Capt. (D) 19th.)

WIDEMOUTH
BAY frigate.

185P. Sail from Batavia as follows:
(A) 1700GH 27th Sept.
(B) Palembang.
(C) 12.
(F) Baryoessi River. 1600GH 28th.
(G) R.N.O. Palembang is requested to arrange pilot
to board ship daylight 29th Sept. F.O.M.A's
260952Z para. 2 not to all refers. Acknowledge.
(Batavia C.C.O. 270445 to WIDEMOUTH BAY. F.O.M.A.
A.F.N.E.I. C. in C. B.P.F. Com. Hong Kong.
R.N.O. Palembang. Admiralty.)

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South Atlantic.

NEREIDE
sloop
cruise.

NEREIDE arrived East London 27th Sept.
(C. in C.S.A. 281214 to Admiralty. Info. NEREIDE.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

BARFLEUR
destroyer
ex B.P.F.
for U.K.

Intend to sail from Port Said as follows:

- (A) 1100Z 28th.
 - (B) Malta and Gibraltar for U.K.
 - (C) 14 knots.
 - (F) E.T.A. 0600Z 1st Oct.
2. E.T.D. Malta a.m. 2nd Oct.
3. Acknowledge.
(BARFLEUR 280755 to C. in C. Med. (M). R.A. Malta.
F.O. Gib. N.O.I.C. Port Said. Admty.)
See movements below.

Movements.

Movements 0001 to 0359/27.

- 1. Arrivals - Malta nil. Venice 1300 AJAX from Trieste.
- 2. Departures - Malta - 1000 AMPHION to Port Said 1600 CUCKMERE to Gibraltar.
(C. in C. Med. (M). 281135 to Admty. C. in C. Med. (A). F.O. Gib.)

Movements.

Port Said arrivals 28th Sept.

0830 ~~15~~ LEGIONARIO.
1100 L.C.T. 7029.

Departures:

0800 MOONSTONE for Alexandria.

1200 L.S.T. 3502 for Alexandria.

1300 BARFLEUR for Malta.

Suez arrivals Nil. Departures Nil.

(N.O.I.C. Port Said 281630B to C. in C. Med. (M). Admiralty.
C. in C.E.I. R.N.O. Aden.)

CUCKMERE
Frigate
visit to
Mader^a
on passage
from Medn.
for return
to U.S.A.

Your 211241/. Foreign Office state that Portuguese Government agree to visit.

- 2. B.N.A. Lisbon's 261035 also refers.
(Hd. of M.II. Admty. 281642A to C. in C. Med. Info., CUCKMERE, B.N.A. Lisbon. F.O. Gibraltar. C. in C. Plymouth.)
/ Visit of CUCKMERE to Mader^a.

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East Indies.

Movement. Departure Bahrein 0400Z 28 for Khor Kuwait.
Speed 12 knots.
(H.M.I.S. SHAMSHER 280501Z to S.N.O.P.G.
F.O.C.R.I.N. Admiralty. C. in C.E.I.)

Movements. Trincomalee 27th Sept.
Departures H.M.S. ATHELING. H.M.S. ~~RAMHEAD~~ ^{RAM HEAD}.
R.F.A. EMPIRE BOUNTY.
(C. in C.E.I. 280900EF to Admiralty. Info.
F.O. Ceylon. R.N.O. Aden.)

Movements. Arrivals 27th Sept.
H.M.S. MAENAD, H.M.S. MAGICIENNE, H.M.S. LYSANDER,
H.M.S. EASTWAY.
(N.O.I.C. Rangoon 280900FG to C. in C.E.I.
Info. Admiralty. F.O.M.A. Ceylon W/T).

WREN Intend to sail at 0900C Sunday Sept. 29th.
ex U.K. 2. E.T.A. Bahrein 1300C Oct. 5th.
for P.Gulf. 3. Route as safe navigation permits.
5. Mail to Bahrein till October 9th then to
Basra.
(WREN 281045C to R.N.O. Aden. Admiralty. C. in C.
E.I. S.N.O.P.G.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

PORLOCK BAY
cruise.

Departure Halifax 2000Z Saturday 28th Sept.
H.M.S. ~~PORLOCK~~ BAY for Lewisporte Nfld. S.O.A.
12 knots. E.T.A. Lewisporte 1300Z Tuesday 1st Oct.
3. PORLOCK BAY's 272017Z not to all refers.
(C.O.A.C. 282005Z to S.N.O. Nfld. C. in C. A.W.I.
N.S.H.Q. C.N.A.O.P. Admiralty. B.A.D. C. in C.
Lant. SDY Hfx. SCOTIAN.)

Far East and Australia.

Movements

28th September.
Arrivals (A) Rabaul WILCANNIA.
Departures (A) Sydney GLADSTONE for Westernport.
(A.C.N.B. 280101Z to Admty. C. in C. B.P.F.
C. in C.E.I. N.Z.N.B.)

Movements.

Singapore 27th Sept.
Arrivals nil.
Departures VENERABLE, LAGOS.
(F.O.M.A. 280130 to Admiralty. Info. C. in C.
B.P.F. C. in C.E.I.S. N.O.I.C. Hong Kong.)

BONAVENTURE
lift of
R.A.F. stores.

A.M. 201603/para. 2. only B.P.F. ship capable of
making this onward lift from Singapore to Hong
Kong is BONAVENTURE.
A.O.C. Hong Kong has however requested that
BONAVENTURE may lift R.A.F. staging post consisting
of about 200 personnel and some 30 vehicles from
Shanghai to Hong Kong in early Nov. as no other suitable ship
is available. It is considered very desirable to assist R.A.F.
in this matter if at all possible.
2. Request therefore that INDOMITABLE may continue to Hong Kong.
(C. in C. B.P.F. 280150 to Admiralty. C. in C.E.I. F.O.M.A.
Com. Hong Kong. SULTAN.)
(/ N.T. in W.D.)

NEWFOUNDLANE
Cruiser.

On return to U.K. NEWFOUNDLAND will not ^{commission} for further
service in 5th C.S. but will be placed in Reserve
Category B.
(Admiralty 281235A to C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I.
C.S.5. F.O.C.R.F.)

S.S. HWAH LEE
Salvage.

Reference A.M. 251113A Sept. salvage HWAH LEE.
Lloyds forms now received. Request confirmation
that security not arranged locally.
(Com. Hong Kong. 281528A to Admiralty.)

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Mediterranean

Movements

Movements 0001 to 2359/28.

(1) Arrivals Malta 0800 WELFARE, SYLVIA, TRUELOVE, CLINTON, SKIPJACK, ANTARES, LINGAY from sweeping operations.

(2) Departures Malta 0900 WIGTOWN BAY to Trieste.

(C. in C. Med.(M), 291140A to Admty., C. in C. Med. (A), F.O. Gibraltar.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

East Indies

Movements Arrived ^{Khor Kwai} ~~KHOR KAWAI~~.
(H.M.I.S. SHAMSER, 290735 to S.N.O.P.G., Info.
F.O.C.R.I.N., Admty., C. in C. E.I.)
Trincomalee 28th Sept.

Departures MINSTREL, R.F.A. ARNDALE.

Arrivals FORT LANGLEY.
(C. in C. E.I., 290900 to Admty., Info. F.N.O.Ceylon.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

AMPHION
submarine
for B.P.F.

Intend to sail from Port Said direct to Aden at 0500B 14th Oct. E.T.A. 1130 5th Oct.
2. Communications constant Malta broadcast shifting to broadcast V at 1900B 14th Oct.
3. Requirements 70 tons Diesel Oil, 10 tons fresh water.
(AMPHION 301025B to C. in C.E.I. Info., Capt. S.4. F.O. S/M. N.O.I.C. Port Said. R.N.O. Aden. Admty.)

ATHELING
escort
carrier
trooping.

C. in C.E.I. 261211 Sept. Call at Marsaxlokk Malta to embark aircraft in accordance with my 100911 Sept. and 161146 Sept. and A.M. 141738 Sept. none to all.
(C. in C. Med., 301138 to ATHELING. Info., Admty., N.O.I.C. Port Said. R.A. Malta. Capt. Air Med. C. in C.E.I.)

Movements.

Port Said arrival Sept. 30th 0830 AMPHION
Departures Nil.
Suez arrival Nil. Departures Nil.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 301640 to C. in C. Med. (M) Admty., C. in C.E.I. R.N.O. Aden. S/M.1.)

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FOREIGN STATION.

East Indies.

Movements Colombo 29th Sept. Arrivals R.F.A. WAVE EMPEROR.
Departures ASTUTE.
(F.O. Ceylon 300900 to Admty. Info. C. in C.E.I.)
Trincomalee 29th Sept. Arrival - H.M.I.S. TIR.
Arrived and sailed R.F.A. EMPIRE BYNG.
(C. in C.E.I. 300900EF to Admiralty. Info.
F.O. Ceylon. N.O.I.C. Vizag.)

FORMIDABLE Aden arrival 29.9.46. Departure 30.9.46.
escort FORMIDABLE.
carrier, (FORMIDABLE 300901C to Admiralty.)
trooping.

TIR, E.I.P.I. 1. Sail from Trincomalee as follows:
frigate (A) 1600EF 1st Oct.
R.I.N. (B) Colombo.
(C) 12 Knots.
(D) W.C. 392.
(E) Constant V.
(F) 1800EF 2nd Oct.
(C. in C.E.I. 300938EF to TIR. Info. F.O. Ceylon.
N.H.Q.(I). N.O.I.C. Vizagapatam. Admiralty.
Ceylon W/T.)

Minesweeping E.I.P.I. 1. Take H.M.I.S. BOMBAY, KHYBER, KUMAON,
R.I.N. DECCAN and RAJPUTANA under your orders and sail
37th M.S.F. from Vizagapatam as follows:
(A) 0730EF 1st Oct.
(B) Minesweeping and Danlaying exercises off
Vizagapatam and Coconada.
(C) As required.
(D) W.C. 394.
(E) Broadcast V continuous.
(F) Return to Vizagapatam 6th Oct.
(G) Coconada Bay is to be used as night anchorage.
(N.O.I.C. Vizag., 300946EF to KATHIAWAR. Info. BOMBAY, KHYBER,
KUMAON, DECCAN, RAJPUTANA, Admiralty, C. in C.E.I. N.H.Q.(I).
R.N.O. Calcutta, Bombay W/T Colombo W/T.)

PATROLLER E.I.P.I. One. Sail from Colombo as follows:
escort (A) 1800EF 1st Oct.
carrier (B) Aden for Suez and U.K.
trooping. (C) 16 knots.
(D) W.C. 394.
(E) Constant Broadcast V.
(F.O. Ceylon 301245EF to PATROLLER, Admiralty,
C. in C.E.I. C. in C. Med. (Malta)., R.N.O. Aden,
Ceylon W/T).

TALLY HO Your 130743Z/. Following provisional programme
submarine. for TALLY HO. Arrives Cochin December 15th 1946,
leaves Cochin 23rd Feb. 1947. Arrives Bombay
1st March leaves Bombay 14th March, 1947.

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East Indies contd...

TALLY HO
submarine.
contd...

2. Presume Shore accommodation required at both ports. Request information regarding other services necessary for submarine.
(N.H.Q. India., 301748 to C. in C. B.P.F. Info., F.O. Bombay, N.O.I.C. Cochin. C. in C.E.I., Admiralty. Machlimar.)
/ Re TALLY HO to visit India for annual A/S training purposes.
/ could read 26th.

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Far East and Australia.

Minesweeping. Weekly progress report No. 41. Serial T. Tenanssenim Coast.

1. Mergui. 2nd Division Force 11 completed clearance of E.F.M.I. 121 on 23rd September.

Total of two mines detonated.

2. Tavoy. 2nd Division commenced sweeping approaches to Tavoy on 25th Sept. Seven mines detonated to date.

3. Moulmein. 1st Division completed clearance Moulmein Martaban Ferry Area and are proceeding with clearance of River confluences above Moulmein.

Four mines detonated date.

(F.O.M.A. 300247Z to C. in C. B.P.F. Info., Admiralty, C. in C. E.I. S.A.C.S.E.A.)

BELGOL M.M.S. 197* BELGOL sail from Singapore with M.M.S. 197* in tow at 2330Z 30th Sept. for Tavoy River. S.O.A. 9½ knots. Latest W.C. 391. Communications in accordance with N.S.W. 6. One operator. Signal letters GVCZ.

2. E.T.A. Reef Island 0730Z 5th Oct. W.C. 388 refers. Fuel ships of 11 M.S.F. as arranged with M.S.11.

3. S.O. Force 11 arrange collection of Force 11. Stores embarked in BELGOL.

4. M.S.11 sail M.M.S. 197* independently from Tavoy to Rangoon.

5. C. in C.E.I. is requested to signal further instructions to BELGOL.

6. BELGOL, M.M.S. 197*, M.S.11. S.O. Force 11.

(F.O.M.A. 300346Z to BELGOL, M.M.S. 197. Info., Admiralty, C. in C.E.I. C. in C. B.P.F. Com. H.K. C.S. Singapore. M.S.11. M/S. 37. S.O. Force 11. N.O.I.C. Rangoon. Ceylon W/T.)

Movements. 26th Sept. arrivals.

(A) Sydney SHOALHAVEN 26th Sept.

Arrivals:

(A) Western Port GLADSTONE.

(B) Port Moresby BARCOO.

Departures.

(A) Sydney FORT SANDUSKY for Hong Kong.

(B) Rabaul WILCANNIA for Darwin.

Paid off, BALLARAT, BATHURST, BENDIGO, GOULBURN.

(A.C.N.B. 300646 to Admiralty. C. in C. B.P.F. C. in C.E.I. N.Z.N.B.)

* Delete all reference to M.M.S. 197

(F.O.M.A. 010453Z October)

PERSONAL

"BETTER is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit."—Ecclesiastes vii, 8.