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

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

- (a) Movements of H.M. Ships (prepared by Operations Division, Naval Staff) (23 February 1940).
- (b) Western Approaches (daily) Situation Reports (1 September 1943).
- (c) Dispositions and Movements (Foreign Stations) (1 September 1943).
- (d) Convoy Returns (Positions of convoys and composition of escorts, positions of independent ships and H.M. ships: from Combined Plot) (1 March 1941).
- (e) Daily Convoy Summary (Report made by Admiralty to Connav, giving arrivals and departures, with composition of convoy) (21 June 1943).
- (f) Air Staff Operational Summary (prepared by Air Ministry War Room) (1 July 1941, No.222)
- (g) Daily Operations Report for First Lord (prepared by Operations Division, Naval Staff) (13 September 1939).
- (h) List of abbreviations.
- (i) List of Convoy letters.

HOME COMMANDS.Home Fleet

HOOD as 29/12.
EDINBURGH and GLASGOW acting as close cover to O.N.6.

Northern Patrol

Orkneys to Faroes - 2 cruisers
Faroes to Iceland - 2 " 6 A.M.C.'s
Denmark Strait 1 " 1 "

Air Reconnaissance

Normal patrols. A special A/S patrol for REVENGE.
Reports of security patrol over Borkum and Sylt.
Bombs dropped on lights, vessels sighted etc.
(Bomber Command 0830/1. Sweep of Area 2 in North Sea (H.Q. Bomber Command 1750/1))

British s/m's. positions

0700/1. (D.C. 2020/1)

Humber reopened.

1/1.

Enemy air Activity.A/c's. reported:-

0400 off Cromer Knoll. Possibly minelaying.
0825 " Dungeness
1200 " Whitby
1250 " N. Berwick
1312 " Farn Is.
1330 " St. Abbs Head.
1425 " Herne Bay
1437 " Cromer
1640 " Winterton.
Evening North of Tay. Possibly minelaying.

COVENTRY attacked

2 Dive-bombing German aircraft attacked COVENTRY in Sollum Voe at 1023. Two near misses put one of COVENTRY's dynamos out of action temporarily. (COVENTRY 1209/1). and COVENTRY brought down the enemy a/c before 1041 (?). Fighters went up from Wick to intercept (no result).
About the same time 3 Battle Hudsons engaged 3 enemy a/c's. 160 miles E. Rosyth. shooting down one and probably another. (M. 8683(40))

Casualties

2125 H.M. Escort Vessel HASTINGS escorting the Northbound East coast convoy off Lowestoft was rammed by trawler BRADMAN. She was holed aft. No casualties. Reached Sheerness 1200/2 escorted by BRADMAN. (HASTINGS 2330/1, 2125/1).

Re A/S Groups

Loss of efficiency must be accepted (D.O.D.(H) 1151/1 in reply to C. in C. Portsmouth 1540/31)

Suspicious Vessels

D.F. plot recorded 3 fast surface vessels manoeuvring in the WOULD, off the Norfolk coast, after dark. Believed to have been German Schnellboote, and were probably laying mines. The WOULD is not being used at present. Proposed to send the BORDE there later.

Unexplained explosions

Double explosion one mile West of S.E. Shipwash buoy at 0750, reported by R.A.F.



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Unexplained explosions
(Contd.)

C. G. Wick reports at 1912, following received from C.G. Peterhead. Heavy explosion heard off Rattray and Kinnaird Head at 1836 and 1838. Watch at Peterhead states he heard ship making S.O.S. at 1854. Please enquire if can be corroborated. Peterhead lifeboat launching. No information re above available at Wick Radio. (Wick Radio 1920/1) Dangerous area was declared and was increased slightly after mining of SVARTON 3/1.

URSUS

Asking for report of position and circumstances of sinking of URSUS (Swedish) in N. Sea 15/12/39. Survivors are reported landed by Dutch BRINDA at Rotherdam date unknown (D.T.I. 11200/1)

Reporting suspicious ships.

Admiralty message A B. Masters of British Merchant Ships should be instructed that immediate report is to be made by W/T of any German merchant vessel of whose identity they are certain. This does not repetition not apply to merchant ships in Area One, where strict W/T silence must be maintained in accordance with existing instructions. This message replaces Admiralty message 1953/31/12 to certain addresses only. (D.T.D. 2123/1 to GBMS in all areas.)

HIGHCLIFFE

British (3847 tons) under charter to H.M. Govt. left Narvik 26/12 with cargo of iron ore, arrived at Workington 1/1. Had been supposed missing and a/c's. were sent to search for her.

Swedish shipping channel.

Swedish Public Works Board has presented detailed plan to neutralise effects of German mine belt inside the Swedish four-mile limit at the inlet of Baltic, by digging a canal through the isthmus inside Falsterbo from Høllviken to the Kämpinge bight.

WEATHER

0500

Wind

Visibility

North Sea	N. W. Moderate	Fair in North, coastal fog in South.
Horns Reef	N. Light	Good
Channel-East	N. Light	Poor
West	S. E. Moderate	Moderate
W. Approaches	S. E. Strong	Moderate.

Enemy Intelligence

Murmansk

Under terms of German-Russian Pact Murmansk has to be placed at disposal of German High Command as a Naval Base (French Press).

Sabotage

Reports indicate that enemy may be commencing sabotage on large scale. Description of one type of time bomb found. (D.T.D. 1933/1).



H O M E C O M M A N D S .

Plan W.5. Transport of B.E.F. was increased again.

Air.

COVENTRY.

R. of attack on COVENTRY in
Sullom Voe. (M. 0683/40).

IRON ORE TRADE.

N.I.D. 01507/39 Swedish Iron Ore Trade (Comdr. Poland's Report). M.E.W. 1/610.22.9.39. Germany - supplies of coal, iron and wood-pulp. M.E.W. I.81/1, 27.10.39. Germany, Supplies of iron ore 1939-40 CX Z 6114, III, 6.10.38. Report on the Handling and Export of Iron Ore at the Port of Narvik, 7/9/38.

Transport.

On 29/9/39 one ship was being loaded under pre-war contract. From that date to 24/10/39 there were no sailings by the west coast ore route c.f. R.A.(S) 1123/3/10/39 to C. in C. H.F. Information received at Admiralty that German ore trade is now diverted overland from Narvik) Between 24/10 and 15/11 two ships arrived and 3 left. Late in November the situation crystallised and during the period 16-21 Nov. 5 ships arrived to load, and sailed south between 20 and 24 Nov. Between 25/11 and 12/12 6 ships arrived and 6 cleared.

M. 01756/40

Sinking of S.S. DEPTFORD within Norwegian territorial waters.

M. 0844/40

Violation of Norwegian territorial waters by Germany. Draft of aide-memoire to Norwegian and Swedish Govt.

M. 0604/40.

Sinking of German ships and stopping of Norwegian ships in Norwegian territorial waters as reprisal to sinkings of British vessels in those waters.

Narvik Project.

Owing to recent violation of Norwegian territorial waters by German s/ms, H.M. Government are taking appropriate dispositions to prevent use of Norwegian territorial waters by German ships and trade, for which purpose it will be necessary for Naval forces at times to enter those waters. (F.O. 6 to Oslo 7/1/40, 19 to Washington 4/1). Fears of Norwegian and Swedish Governments of reprisals by Germany. They ask that action proposed shall not be taken (F.O.42 9/1/40 to U.S.A.) In view of very strong reaction from the Norwegian and Swedish Governments, no immediate action is being taken. These Governments are asked to make alternative suggestions. (F.O. 108 25/1/40 to U.S.A.).

Kommandierende Admiral informs that as far as ^{THOMAS}WALTON is concerned it is equally probable that the explosion took place outside as inside 3-mile limit. S.s. GAROUFALIA was probably sunk outside three-mile limit. S.s. DEPTFORD sunk inside three-mile limit. In no case proof of torpedoing. (Cable intercept, Oslo to Norwegian Minister, London, 7/1).

FOREIGN STATIONSNorth AtlanticFrench positions D.C. 0147/1.Repatriation Captains and seamen from GRAF SPEE being repatriated in HIGHLAND CHIEFTAIN. Left Montevideo for Las Palmas 25/12 (W.A. Buenos Aires 1041/1)

ACHERON (French) My 1052/31/12. H.M.S. ACHERON (Note on Signal "presumably intended for French s/m ACHERON) is unable to dive and is proceeding Casablanca on surface. Position. Movements of A.M.C.'s ELJEZAIR and ELANSOUR. (F.O.C.N.A. 1104/1).

South AtlanticArgentine and Uruguay - neutrality Probable instructions to H.M. Ambassadors. (Hd. of M. 1332/1).

Convoy SL 15 Sailing telegram (DTD 1932/1)

America & West Indies.Broadcasting movements of U.S. Submarines. R. A. Cmdg. U.S. 15th Naval District states that broadcasting of movements of U.S. s/m's. exercising in area adjacent to Panama Canal will begin next week. In no circumstances will movements of belligerent warships and auxiliaries be broadcast from station in Canal zone. In connection with patrolling of security zone the canal zone authorities communicate to Navy Dept. in code such movements of belligerent ships as come to knowledge of their Intelligence service. R.A. said President Memepostledt seems to contemplate broadcasting in p.l. movements of belligerent ships within security zone as lever by which to ensure respect for zone. (Minister Panama 2030/1)

RESOLUTION Propose she be taken in hand for refit at Devonport 20/1. Retubing of boilers etc. (F.O.C. 3rd B.S. 1209/1)

MERCHANT PRINCE *Disabled in Pacific 1/1. Sabotage suspected see 18/1, 20/1.*ChinaYangtse U.S. policy in regard to re-opening (D.W.I. 1858/1).

GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS.Home Commands.

- PIONEER Sailed from Narvik 30/12 (D.C. 0106/1)
- ST. LOUIS H.A.P.A.G. Line 16700 tons, arrived Hamburg 1/1 from New York (Press)
- JOHANN SCHULTE W/T intercepted messages this p.m. indicate J. SCHULTE in distress 5 miles S.W. by S Kya Light approx. 63° 40' N. 8° 16' E. propeller lost, ship drifting on outer rocks. She left Narvik night 29/12 with ore. DRONNING MAUD proceeded rescue 1700 (D.O.D.(H)1831/1).

America & West Indies

- ? ALTMARK Master of British SS. INANDA reports sighting 1605 U.S.T. 28/12 in 22° 54' N. 53° 36' W. an unknown large tanker proceeding in N. Ely direction at high speed. Colour scheme similar to ALTMARK (S.O.(I) Kingston, Jamaica 1125/1). Passed to F.O.C.W.A., C. in C.H.F. etc. (D.S.D. 2247/1). May possibly cross your track within next 48 hours (C. in C.A.W.I. 1700/1 to EFFINGHAM and ASCANIA).

South Atlantic

- TACOMA A3. report TACOMA intended to proceed to Buenos Aires 31/12 but Argentine Govt. intimated she would be unwelcome there (S.O.(I) Montevideo 2045/1) Believed 24 hours' notice expired 0600/1 (C. in C.S.A. 1005/1). Internment decreed by Uruguayan Govt. (.S.O.(I) Montevideo 2252/1). Uruguayan naval tug is tied alongside her and guards are reported to be on board. (S.O.(I) Montevideo 1659/1).

North Atlantic

- GLÜCKSBURG Probable total loss (Consul Cadiz 1616/1). See 26/12/39. At 2330/21 in 35° 40' N. 21° 40' W. a French s/m attempted to stop by signal a large darkened liner course S. speed 20 knots. Admiralty suggest DURBAN CASTLE but French after interrogating s/m consider this unlikely as movements of vessel previous to being spoken were thought suspicious. Please interrogate DURBAN CASTLE (F.O.C.W.A. 1516/1).

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Monday.

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING.Ships attackedLUNA sunk

a.m. Norwegian 959 tons sunk by mine (?) early 1/1 (Oslo Radio 1150/1), 25 miles West of Bergen. Torpedoed without warning (Press). Crew saved by Norwegian steamer, COLUMBIA, and landed Kopervik. Torpedoed (D.C.N.S.) (D.N.I. 0946/2).

LARS MAGNUS
TROZELLI

1028 Swedish (1951 tons) sunk by explosion (ESCORT 1200/1) believed torpedo, about 40 miles N. Buchan Ness. 14 of crew picked up by Norwegian ASK (1 dead. Transocean) 58° 14' N. 1° 36' W. uncertain whether mine or s/m. Am hunting (ESCORT 1028/1). Consider probably a mine (C. in C. Rosyth, 1231/1). (The position is 25 miles from nearest point of British declared minefield. *Subsequently known to have been torpedoed (D.S. 21-1-40)*)

S/m's reported.

1017 By a/c in approx. JBLZ 2451 course 3 to 8 knots (C. in C. Rosyth 1226/1). Amend position to read vicinity PMAA 3020. Position indefinite, s/m authentic. (C. in C. Rosyth 1250/1).

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Tuesday.H O M E C O M M A N D SHome Fleet

HOOD and 4 destroyers are North of Shetlands covering the H.N. Convoy and Northern Patrol. EDINBURGH and GLASGOW providing close cover for H.N.8, consisting of 36 ships. 34 of which are neutral, escorted by 6 destroyers and 1 s/m.

Northern Patrol

Orkneys to Faroes - 2 cruisers
Faroes to Iceland - 2 " 6 A.M.C s.
Denmark Strait ... 1 " 1 "

7th D.F.
Special duty

Six ships of 7th D.F. to proceed to Rosyth 4/1 to await further orders (D.O.D.(H) 2331/2).

Orkneys and
Shetlands
Defence.

Re proposal that the Royal Marines should take over all military duties in Orkneys and Shetlands some time during coming summer. Units required. Training. Administration. Staff. Supply. Personnel. Disadvantages of changing from Army to R.M. Organisation. (A.C.O.S. 1623/3). Entirely agree with A.C.O.S. (C. in C.H.F. 1749/2).

Operations E.W.
and J.G.3.

IVANHOE and INTREPID sailed from Immingham 0800/2 to lay mines on the northern boundary of the suspected passage, through the German declared area. The operation was completed without incident. Seven destroyers left Harwich 1100/2 to cover the operation and to carry out an A/S search. They will not return to harbour until a.m. 4/1 (Operation J.G.3).

Air
Reconnaissance

3 out of 17 British a/c's on a "bomber reconnaissance" flight over southern part of North Sea were attacked by 12 to 15 Messerschmidt 110 in position 70 miles from Borkum and 80 miles from Sylt. Two British and 1, or possibly 2, of the enemy were shot down. Normal Patrols.

Enemy Air
Activity.

Two German Naval a/c's. were located over North Sea. Encounter by one of our a/c's. 1030 56° 59' N. 7° 30' E. with a Heinkel 115.

Collective
addresses.

The following ships and authorities are included in collective addresses "Ships and Authorities Area A (or B)".

(a) Shore Authorities; Area A - Admiralty, C. in C. Nore, C. in C. Rosyth, A.C.O.S., V.A. Dover, V.A.N.P., R.A.(S). Area B - Admiralty, C. in C. Western Approaches, F.O.i/c Portland, C. in C. Portsmouth.

(b) Seagoing Authorities; All ships maintaining W/T watch on the area L/F wave in Area A (or B).

If the message is required to be passed to authorities other than the above, the necessary instructions must be inserted by the originator.

Following/

HOME COMMANDS (Continued)Collective
addresses.

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Following additional collective addresses established:-

- Ships and Authorities Nore and Dover Commands Areas.
- Ships and Authorities Orkneys and Shetlands Commands Areas.
- Ships and Authorities Rosyth Command East Coast Area.
- Ships and Authorities Rosyth Command West Coast Area.
- Ships and Authorities Portsmouth Command Area.
- Ships and Authorities Western Approaches Command Area.

The following ships and authorities are included in the collective addresses shown in Para. 4:-

- (a) Shore Authorities, Nore, Dover, Orkneys and Shetlands, and Rosyth: as for Area A. Portsmouth and Western Approaches: as for Area B.
- (b) Seagoing Authorities; All ships maintaining W/T watch on the Area L/F wave in the Command concerned.

Messages addressed to any of the above collective addresses will only be passed to Submarines if prefixed "IMMEDIATE" or specially ordered by the originator.

The above instructions are to come into force at 0001 G.M.T. 15th January. (D.S.D. 1853/2. "A" mge. Home).

Positions

British positions 1200/2 (D.C. 1936/1)

Mine Clearance

Anticipated drifter GOWAN CRAIG and CORAL BANK with 3 ships will be ready to begin mine clearance sweeping Sanda to Pladda, operating from Campbelltown tomorrow, 3/1/40. 6 drifters and 8 ships should be in operation by 15/1/40. (N.O.I.C. Glasgow 1235/2).

Neutral Shipping

ONUA LUBRAFOL

Belgian ship ONUA LUBRAFOL with naval escort under Lt. Com. Robertson is detained at Methil owing to crew refusing to sail. (N.C.S.O., Methil 0945/2).

Suspicious
Belgian craft

Small fishing craft flying Belgian colours reported by Trinity House tender as manoeuvring near Cross Sands Lt. V. 19/12. It was in this locality that CITY OF KOBE was sunk 48 hours later (F.O.i/c Harwich 1245/2). (No further information, F.O.I.C. does not consider that any useful steps can be taken after this lapse of time, W.I.D. 8/4).

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDS (Contd.)

- Days under way Number of days under way (Admiralty 1857/28).
CODRINGTON 93, BASILISK 89, BEAGLE 86, BOADICEA 81,
BOREAS 82, BRAZEN 69, BRILLIANT 67. (V.A. Dover
1356/2).
- Tyne minefield 4 mines were found 2/1 in North Tyne approach
channel.
- Unexplained
explosions. At 1615 a very loud explosion was heard N.E. of
Holy Island, estimated 12-15 miles. This is in
the direction of the position where 3 German a/c's.
on the water were each reported to have laid 4
mines on 25/11.
- Ocean Convoys. Positions (D.C. 1935/2)
Convoy HX. 13 Homeward bound convoy from Halifax is reported to
be nearly 24 hours' behind time.
- Clyde Defences. Your 0817/31. Light draft A/S vessels are urgently
needed in Thames Estuary. KING_FISHERS are only
class suitable. Asking whether requirements will
be met if JASON, SCOTT, GLEATER and 2 additional
A/S trawlers are allocated to C. in C.W.A. to
augment defences of Clyde. (A.C.N.S. Sec. 1216/2).
Reply yes (C. in G.H.F. 1934/2).
- Allocation of
Drifters. Importance of Peterhead Kinnaird Head area.
Proposing 4 drifters be based Peterhead for look
out duties. Allocation would then be Invergordon
3, Peterhead 4, Scapa 6 (C. in C. Rosyth 1535/2)
in reply to Adty. 1907/29. Approved (D.O.D.(H)
1647/3).
- Danish ships
refuse to sail Masters of Danish ships in ballast refuse to sail
to East coast in view of possibility of thick
weather and close proximity of British minefields
off Peterhead. Will any navigational assistance
be available? (N.C.S.O. Copenhagen 2015/2).
- Economic Warfare Ships that have a document signed by a
British Consul certifying that he has examined the
manifest and that all items thereon are covered
by certificates of origin or export passes issued
by British or French Consular Officers should be
released without delay providing that there is no
other manifest on board not so certified relating
to cargo loaded elsewhere. Risk of allowing
unmanifested cargo through is realised will for
the present be accepted in the interests of speed
in passing through outward bound ships.
Eventually it is hoped to institute a system of
loading examination at the main continental ports
which will provide evidence for a clearance
document making subsequent examination unnecessary.
(M.E.W. 1145/2).
1923 30th December. Westbound ships which state
they are in ballast are to be boarded to confirm
this. If boarding is impossible ships are to
be detained. (F.O.C.N.P. 1715/2).
My 1409/31. Cargoes of not more than 5 items
will be referred to as short cargoes. Those
of more items will be referred to as long cargoes.
1944/2. (Head of H. 1744/2)

*short and long
cargoes.*



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Economic Warfare Admiralty message 1923/30 Para. 4 when Ships
(Continued) which state their first Port of call is an Allied Port cannot be boarded they are to be allowed to proceed, report being made to Admiralty repeated V.A.N.P. (V.A.N.P. 2212/2).

Damage by practice projectiles During firing practice by R.F.A. oiler SERBOL this p.m. at entrance to Belfast Lough some 4" practice projectiles ricocheted and fell in town of Bangor. No casualties. Slight injury to buildings. (N.O.i/c Belfast 1845/2).

Port A. Defence Referring to decision to defer boom defence. (N.O.i/c Port A. 1419/2).

F.O.i/c Harwich See Home Commands 30/12 and M-boat Campaign 19/12.
1245/2

Lt. Cdr. Charles Crawshay. Dismissed the Service by sentence of C.M. for disclosing secret naval information to persons not authorised to receive it. (C. in C. Portsmouth 1757/2).

WEATHER

<u>0400</u>	<u>Wind</u>	<u>Visibility</u>
North Sea	Westerly, Moderate	Moderate to good.
Horns Reef	Variable, Light.	Very good
Channel } ..	S. E. Strong	Good
W. Approaches } ..		

Outlook:- Fine, with cloud patches.

Enemy Intelligence

Photographic reconnaissance of Wilhelmshaven 2/1. showed that one battle-cruiser, one pocket battleship or cruiser, one cruiser KOLN or LEIPZIG Class, and 9 destroyers were in Wilhelmshaven harbour. No ships were seen in the Roads. (D.C.H.S. and I.C. 0319/40)

Channels used by enemy warships ✓ R.A.(S) 1534/2 amending 0035/27.

Balloon Barrage ✓ Not seen over Sylt today (H.Q. Bomber Cmd. 1635/2)

Aircraft reports Wilhelmshaven. (H.Q. Bomber Command, 2355/2, 1600/2, 1720/2).

Operations in Would. Enemy surface craft, possibly M.T.B's. may be operating in the Would during dark hours. Capt. (D)1 ordered to patrol over a line 25 miles 180 deg. from position 53°11' N., 03° 22' E. from 1300 to 1700 tomorrow, 3rd, afterwards proceeding as previously ordered. (C. in C. Nore 2037/2).

Magnetic mines Indications suggest that recently constructed German ships are rendered immune from Magnetic/

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDS (Contd.)Magnetic Mines

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Magnetic Mines by fittings which either
 (a) neutralise ship's natural magnetism or.
 (b) explode mine safe distance ahead, or
 (c) operate the anti-counter mining device and
 render firing unit inoperative. Very
 important to get details of these fittings.
 Enquiring whether examination of wreck of GRAF
 SPEE would be useful and whether it could be
 arranged with consent of Uruguayan authorities.
 (Hd. of M. 1212/2).

Heligoland
Minefield

"It is clear that the enemy has some form of
 controlled minefield in the Heligoland area, but
 fortunately it does not appear to be very
 effective" (R.A.(S) SEAWOLF Patrol report No.
 01060/27/12/39).

Danish vessels
stopped

1100/2. Danish vessel KNUD VILLEMØES was stopped
 by 4 German armed trawlers on leaving Esbjerg,
 just outside territorial limit, south of Blaarand
 Point. Two a/c's. were co-operating with the
 trawlers. She was permitted to proceed. A
 second Danish vessel was stopped and boarded at
 same time and place by same force, but KNUD
 VILLEMØES did not wait to see result. (C. in C.
 Rosyth 2140/7).

German Canals
frozen.

The canals in Germany are reported to be frozen
 and a considerable amount of shipping for Germany
 will probably proceed to Rotterdam. Small groups
 of vessels have been observed proceeding down the
 Friesian coast in daylight and off the Dutch
 coast at dusk and dawn, showing dimmed navigation
 lights. They are often, owing to shoals, outside
 territorial waters. (CinC Nore 1845/2)

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Tuesday.FOREIGN STATIONS.A. & W. I. and South Atlantic

- Whalers ✓ Enquiring about 30 whalers reported building at Ottawa (D.N.I. 1204/2).
- Reconnaissance by Civil a/c's ✓ Air Ministry stress dependence of British civil aviation on goodwill of neutral countries. Important not to give cause of complaint. Use of civil a/c's. for military purposes is contrary to International Law and use of neutral territory as base for air reconnaissance constitutes offence against neutral. Neutral who permits his a/c's. to be used for reconnaissance commits unneutral act. Exercise discretion in carrying out scheme described in my 1145/1/12/39 to avoid ground of complaint. Find adequate excuse to cover flights. (Hd. of M. 1050/2). See 1/12/39 under South Atlantic.
- BUGUAY TROUIN French cruiser, flag of V.A.Ollive, arrived and left (S.O.(I) Freetown 1709/2).
- Force G. Possibility of attack off River Plate by ADMIRAL SCHEER after visit of AJAX and ACHILLES. Suggest Force G. should be north of English Bank by 1800 zone + 3 on 5th Jan. (R.A.S.A.D. 1837/2). Possibility certainly exists. (D.N.I. 0352/3).
- H.M.S. AJAX. Suggested anchorage in ante-port on account of vast crowds wishing to see AJAX during visit to Montevideo (V.A. Buenos Aires 1024/2).
- GRAF SPEE examination ✓ Re. examination of wreck. See Enemy Intelligence.
- AJAX C.B.'s. Possibility some may be washed ashore in Plate area R.A.S.A.D. 0956/2).

North Atlantic

- OSTMARK ✓ Asking confirmation that OSTMARK's W/T is sealed. (D.N.I. 1537/2). Authorities state set sealed. W/T activity of ships in harbour strongly replenished. British Consul again interviewing authorities (Las Palmas 2915/2).
- French movements S.O.(I) Gib. 1242/2.
- CASTILIO MONFORTE Spanish Govt. vessel reported B2, having 3500 cases of 4.5" projectiles at Cadiz sailing 29/12 for Ferrol B.O. she will there change her flag. (S.O.(I) Gib. 1614/2).
- S/m expected According to statement reported to have been made by German seamen in LECH German s/m may be expected here any night. (Consul, Vigo 1832/2).

East Indies

- French positions 1200/2 (D.C. 0025/2)
- EMBARCO ✓ Understand bunker control being exercised Port Said by C.C.S. but no form of control can be exercised Aden except by order of Governor who is still awaiting orders from Colonial Office. Please ask latter to expedite. (C. in C.E.I. 07492/2).



FOREIGN STATIONS (Cont.)

China

Closing of
Hong Kong
harbour.

Hong Kong agency cabled Sydney Sun 0745Z/2 that closure of Hong Kong harbour this a.m. was due to presence of enemy warships or U.S.S.R. s/m's. bought by Germany. These reasons are incorrect and unauthorised. Please stop publication or deny (C. in C. China 0813/2).

5th Cruiser
Squadron.

In future, all cruisers and A.W.C's. operating on China Station will be regarded as forming 5th Cruiser Squadron (C. in C. 0413Z/2).
China,

Mediterranean

Danube frozen

Heavy ice formation in Danube caused by low temperatures and heavy snow storms. (H.A. Bucharest 2040/2) See 4/1.

2. 1. 40.
Tuesday.GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPSHome Commands

JOHANN^c SHULTE (5334 tons) for Germany, reported by Reuter marine casualty. lost screw, drifting South of Kya near Roervik County Nord Trondelag. Crew 36 and 2 Norwegian pilots saved by Norwegian DRONNING WAUD. See 1/1.

? ALTMARK Large German tanker may enter Western Approaches area from S.W. 2/1. 2 white masts, speed approx. 20 knots. (C. in C.A.A. 0835/2)

ELISE SCHULTE }
SIMON VON }
UTRECHT }
MUANSA }

TREUENFELS (8457 tons) left Narvik 23/12, reported aground off Hallands Vadero, north of the Sound, 2/1. (N.I.D. 1/18).

North Atlantic

ARUCAS French report, reliability unknown, that ARUCAS will leave Vigo tonight (D.S.O. 1923/2). Has taken further provisions (Consul, Vigo 1832/2). German sailor on SS. LECH also stated that a U-boat was expected at Vigo and preparations had been made to receive her.

ORIZABA loaded 100 tons gas oil 1/1 (Consul Vigo 1832/2)
MORLA Reported loaded some cargo last week (-do-)
MELILLA) Reported at Bilbao
CLIO) partly loaded. (S.O.(I) Gib. 2204/2)
STORMAN } Loaded deep. All four have steam up and look
EULER } like sailing. (-do-)

America & West Indies

DUSSELDORF Re shipping of repair machinery etc. as early
prize opportunity occurs for freeing freight to U.K. in
DUSSELDORF (C. in C.A.&W.I. 0212/2)

South Atlantic

ANATOLIA }
NIENBURG } Docked Buenos Aires this a.m. from roads (S.O.(I) Montevideo 2144/2).

My 1823/28/12 and 1320/30/12. A.1. All German ships mentioned have now received full quantity of fuel except DRESDEN. Brazilian embargo not sustained. On 26/12 at Rio Grande do Sul RIO GRANDE received additional 400 drums diesel oil from A.N.C.A.P. Montevideo transported in coaster ANNIBEL (?) (A.N.A. Rio de Janeiro 1813/2).



U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING

MINA Estonian (1773 tons) crew 17 has vanished without trace. according to Tallinn telegram. Voyage took her to North Sea. Missing since 11/12. (Reuter Berlin 598 A).

S/m's reported

- 1142 59° 13' N. 3° 59' W. Large air bubble reported by NEWCASTLE (NEWCASTLE 1142/2). Aircraft from Wick searching (C. in C. Rosyth 1328/2. FEARLESS and FURY searching (F.O.C.O.S. 1320/2). Latest report 58° 54' N., 04° 46' W. (F.O.C.O.S. 1324/3)
- 1330 47° 14' W. Position reliable. (F.O.C.N.A. 1719/2) (D.C. 1508/2).
- 1335 Off Dursey Head (51° 34' N. 10° 14' W.) Doubtful report of U-boat in territorial waters. (W.O.i/c Belfast 1735/2)
- 1500 Passing Tolsta Head (Stornaway), course S.E. Periscope seen by C.G. (I.C. 0321/40)
- P.M. Possibility of U/B homeward bound passing your areas Tuesday afternoon (D.N.I. to UNDINE and SUNFISH 1028/2).

China

0850 S/m contact reported by Hong Kong patrols inside territorial waters. Port temporarily closed and necessary precautions taken. (C. in C., China 0850Z/2). After further investigation satisfied this was a non-sub contact (C. in C., China 0148Z/3).



HOME COMMANDS

Home Fleet

HOOD and 4 destroyers are North of Shetland covering the Norwegian homeward bound Convoy and Northern Patrol. Left the patrol area 1600/3 to return to the Clyde.

Northern Patrol

Orkneys to Faroes - 2 cruisers
Faroes to Iceland - 2 " , 6 A.M.C.'s
Denmark Straits - 1 cruiser, 1 A.M.C.

Disbanding of 11th C.S.

Admiralty 1057/3. V.A.N.P.1640/8.

Convoy H.N.6.

The homeward bound Norwegian convoy was off Fifeness in the Firth of Forth approaches 0700/3, and EDINBURGH and GLASGOW returned to Rosyth. Intend dispersing westbound ships of H.N.6 from positions 270° Cape Wrath 4 miles at 2100, then returning to hunt submarine. ISIS indicate r.v. (FEARLESS 1759/3)

O.N.7.

Proposed that O.N.7 leaves Methil 1600/6 (C. in C. H.F.1036/3).

Enemy air activity

A/c's were reported flying low, and showing lights to the westward of Ness Battery, Stromness 2330 (I.C.0320/40)

BORDE

Did her first trial in Barrow Deep. No mines were exploded. Further trials were carried out 4/1. Sea also 8/1.

Economic Warfare

U.S.MORMACSUN, 4996 tons, BALTIMORE and NEW YORK to BERGEN was bought into Kirkwall. This was the first U.S.A. ship to be brought into a contraband control station in the U.K. since the passing of the U.S.A. Neutrality Act.

Orkneys and Shetlands defence

A.C.C.S. 1623/3 (see 2/1).

Immingham

2331/2 (instructions for 6 ships of 7th D.F. to proceed Rosyth). Cancelled. Ships will remain at Immingham pending further instructions. (Admiralty 2242/3).

Submarine positions

Position at 0700/3. (D.C.1933/2).

French Ships.

Positions at 1200/3. (D.C.0053/3).



HOME COMMANDS

Cruiser Squadron Organisation

Movements of cruisers from Northern Patrol to Foreign Stations (D.O.D. (H) 1050/3) 11th C.S. to cease to exist when COLOMBO leaves Northern Patrol. All C. and D class cruisers in N.P. to form part of 7th C.S. When DELHI leaves, 7th C.S. will likewise be disbanded. Commodores Commanding 7th and 11th C.S. to haul down broad pendants on ceasing duty under VANP. (D.C.D.(H) 1057/3).

?AARNE+

Estonian steamer bombed and sunk, crew machine gunned in North Sea miles off Norwegian Coast. A/c's dropped five bombs, 2 hit ship. Crew rescued by Swedish boat after being adrift 10 hours. (Tallinn Radio 6/1). Probably AARNE and date of occurrence 3/1. Estonian (1746 tons) from Hartlepool for Gothenburg is said to have reported that she was being bombed at 0652/3. No position given (Trade).

BRITISH GENIUS Crew disaffected

Disturbance at Dunkerque by certain of crew. Suggest ship be inspected before joining convoy at St.Helens (B.N.L.O. Dunkerque 1017/3)

Tyne minefield

These mines were cut 3/1, 5.3.miles 310° from 20C buoy (I.C.0319/40).

Sailings from Copenhagen

It is now reasonably safe for Dabig merchant vessels to sail, as adequate warning patrols are established around known minefields. (D.M.S.1349/3 to B.C.Copenhagen in reply to his 2015/2.

<u>0500</u>	<u>WEATHER</u>	<u>VISIBILITY.</u>
North Sea N S	<u>Wind</u> N.Moderate Variable, light.	Good Moderate
Horns Reef	N.W.Fresh	Good
Channel E W	E.Moderate E.Strong	Moderate Moderate
W.Approaches	E.Fresh	Good
Outlook Similar		

HOME COMMANDSEnemy IntelligenceK
Cattegat
Patrol

As from 2/12 (?2/1) Germans have established patrol of 4 torpedo boats and 3 motor t.b's in Cattegat. This may mean interference with Danish Britain-bound shipping (N.A.Copenhagen 1030/3).

Damaged
German
warships

N.A.Copenhagen reports that high official sources confirm that DEUTSCHLAND was damaged 21/12 and that a KÖNIGSBERG class cruiser was seen damaged in the Kiel Canal (N.A.Copenhagen 1645/3).

German
Torpedoes

German submarines may use electrically driven torpedoes running at 25 to 30 knots which would be trackless. Such torpedoes were actually used to sink ROYAL OAK (T.M.D.1548/3).

Mission to
Vladivostock

Secret source reports that a German Naval Mission of 12 officers and 16 technical ratings has gone to Moscow on the way to Vladivostock, where they should have arrived by 31/12. (N.I.D.X1/10)

FINNO-RUSSIAN WAR

Bombing attack by Russian a/c on Aabo port (Press).
Attack by Finnish bombing a/c's on Russian base at Liinahamari, Finland's only ice-free port (Press).



FOREIGN STATIONS

South Atlantic

S.T.O.
Capetown. Inquiring what are duties of S.A. Transport Office, Capetown, and whether it can be closed. (Hd. of M.1253/3).

Visits to
Brazil. Advise that request for H.M.S. AJAX for stay of over 24 hours in post be dropped unless indispensable, otherwise we risk a refusal when need may be greater.

Force K. ✓ (Ambassador Rio de Janeiro 2012/3).
ARK ROYAL, NEPTUNE, HARDY, HOSTILE to DIV. with RENOWN, HERO, HASTY and Freedom gll. Force K then to carry out sweep to southeast (C.C.S.A. 180/3)

North Atlantic

Economic
Warfare ✓ Re telegraphing messages of movements of commodities to neutral countries adjacent to Germany (S.O.(1) Gib.2233/3).

Mediterranean

Italian
Territorial
Waters ✓ Undesirable for political reasons to infringe 5-mile limit in Italian waters. Considered that if Contraband Control is fully in force at Gibraltar, Aden and off Dardanelles a patrol in Straits of Otranto is not necessary. Asking whether the two A.M.C's which have been placed under orders of C. in C.Med. will enable Dardanelles patrol to be made effective and if not what additional forces are required (Hd. of M.1810/3).

Gibraltar Arrival of British and French warships (S.O.(1) Gib.0956/3).

KOTKAS KOTKAS (Estonian) apparently in ballast Odessa to Vladivostock. Consul in Istanbul reported quantity of stores on board, no smoking, master enquiring for chart of Sth American waters (C. In C.Med.1145/3).

Submarines Reports of U-boats at or near Pasajes are not believed, nor further reports that U-boats have been ordered to Mediterranean (N.I.D.2/6)

East Indies

Colombo Closed to incoming shipping at night because (a) navigational aid required by shipping would equally help enemy bombarding ships or minelayer (b) no seaward surface patrol exists. Port is in constant use by naval units and has

3.1.40
WednesdayColombo

no natural protection. Local seaward defence consists only of daily short R.A.F. patrol and modicum of minesweeping. Minimum required for surface patrol and minesweeping 4 vessels not smaller than trawlers. Local Government being pressed to order third trawler, one here now, one ordered, request arrival of OVERDALEWYKE (C. in C. E.I.1727Z/3).

AustraliaU.S.I.

Reported C5 attack on U.S.I, in Indian Ocean by pocket battleship is expected. Little credence attached (Australian Commonwealth Naval Board 0230Z/3).

GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPSHOME COMMANDS

AFRIKA Left during night 2/3/a.m. loaded with ore. (Narvik 1732/3).

ODIN Arrived 3/1 light (do)

RUHRORT Arrived (N.C.S.O. Gothenburg 1154/3).

HERCULES Nature of cargo (do)

Unidentified Northbound 1645 (V.C. Hangesund 1649/30).

America and West IndiesPAULINE
FRIEDRICH

Tanker, ⁴⁶⁴⁵4753 tons, anchored in Boston since outbreak of war, has now been interned. One of the officers brought an action for arrears of pay and this led to the vessel's internment (B.U.P). German deserter states German ships in Fuikoe and Caracas Bay are warming up engines. Appear to have orders to leave but waiting further instructions before sailing. B.2. Martinique in former (SHAMROCK 1755/3)

SESOSTRIS
ALEMANIA

At Curacao. Reported have been disabled (though apparently not effectively) S.O.(I) Kingston, Jamaica 2200/3.

HOME COMMANDSSouth Atlantic

WINDHUK Believed completely unarmed. Am enquiring further (N.C.S.O.Santos 1451/3 in reply to D.O.D. (F) 0111/3 and 1840/3.) According to official declaration made to local authorities she is unarmed. Further embargo placed on her today by A.P.C.O. for £6000 sterling (N.C.S.O.Santos 1535/3).

WOLFSBURG Apparently preparing to sail (N.C.S.O. Pernambuco 1540/3)

ANATOLIA
NIENBURG Understood to have been sheltering in River Plate estuary 8 miles from shore. Suggested Argentine Government be asked to bring them into port, subjecting them to expensive port dues. Question of capture (Hd of M.1715/3).

CHINA

WUPPERTAL Reported by Burgos Radio Station 1430 from Amsterdam, interned in Emmahaven, Sumatra.

MONI RICHMERS All German ships attached and have had vital parts removed, except MONI RICHMERS, RENDBURG, SOPHIE RICKMERS; pending berth alongside SCHEERS and STASSFURT retain vital parts (Capt.O.S.TERROR, Singapore 0804Z/3). But another version of same signal gives MONI RICKMERS, RHEIENFELS, SPEGIA - SCHURBECK, STEIER MARK.

U BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MININGShips attackedSVARTON 0820
sunk

torpedoed (08, 21, 40)
Reported by EBRO (Danish) ~~mined~~ 8 - 10 miles
N.E. of Kinnaird Head (0845/3) Not in convoy
(D.T.D.1230/5).

Swedish 2475 tons. 11 survivors of crew
of 32 picked up by H.M. trawler OAK (0845/3
OAK (1020/3
(1030/3

21 missing, believed dead, including all
officers.

(C. in C. Rosyth 1147, 1156, 1237 and 1610/3
Cargo was iron ore. Ship broke in two.
Bows sank at once, remainder soon after.
EBRO, who reported casualty to trawler OAK
was 4 miles ahead on same course.
(C. in C. Rosyth 1010/4)

KIRUNA 1240

Swedish (5484 tons) S.O.S. de KIRUNA 45° 20' N,
25° 10' W have been fired at by U-boat
sinking slowly. Requires assistance
(KIRUNA, TOR 1240/3). S.O.S. has been picked
up by Mackay Radio Station, U.S.A. from vessel
believed to be KIRUNA. Message says ship was
torpedoed by U-boat approx. 600 nautical
miles N. of Azores. Owners of KIRUNA doubt
it is their ship because of position given
(Motala 1800/3). Gunned by U-boat 900 miles
W S W of Lands End. Ship sinking slowly.
W/T communication stopped. This is
considerably further out in the Atlantic
than any attack previously reported (D.C.N.S.
45° 20' N, 25° 10' W. Position considered
doubtful (I.C.0319/40). Asking for
repetition of position (D.N.I.1540/3).
Asking for information of port and date of
departure, destination, probable course and
speed etc. (D.N.I.1154/4 to A.N.A. Stockholm)
Sailed Narvik 18/12 for Baltimore. Position
1910/3 100 miles S.W. Cape Race. (A.N.A.
Stockholm 1747/4) (A.S.W.D.No.121).

YOUNG HARRY
F.E.61
? mined

Believed blown up in channel off Folkestone
with loss of entire crew of 4. Skipper:
F.O. Weatherhead. Heavy explosion heard at
about 0800/3 at sea in direction where
wreckage and body of skipper were picked up.
(Evening Standard 4/1/40) 10 tons. Too small
to be counted as casualty).

AGO

Estonian 1575 tons overdue since 3/12/39.
Feared mined in North Sea
Crew 18 (Reuter, Berlin)

Submarines reported

- 0200 Off St. Bee's Head 54° 24' N, 3° 38' W. Doubtful report of U boat seen on surface by s.s. WILLIAM WALKER. A/S patrol yacht CUTTY SARK sent to search. Aircraft co-operation at dawn. (A.S.W.D.No.121)
- 0553 47° 32' N, 12° 34' W. Possible contact attacked 0555 by WELLINGTON (C. in C. W.A. 0702/3. D.C.0815/3). Contact not regained, rejoined convoy (Wellington 0555/3). Position is about 350 miles W of Ushant, 75 miles N.E. of a D/F fix of suspect and U boat 2/1. (A.S.W.D.No.121).
- 0545 54° 24' N, 03° 38' W. reliable fix (C. in C. W.A. 0945/13). H.M.S. ILEX reports "Have no asdics (ILEX 1050/3).
- 1153 By aircraft in position DVBC 48 13 course 190°. Captain (D) 8 ordered to hunt (C. in C. H.F. 1229/3).
- 1135 58° 48' N, 4° 47' W. Sighted by aircraft. U-boat altered course to 190° approx. (A/C 269 Sqn. 1135/3). 4 T.B.D. hunter. Captain D (8) 1331/3. F.O.C.O.S. 1251/3. IMPULSIVE, ISIS, FEARLESS and FURY sent to search. Aircraft report large oil patch 58° 48' N, 4° 32' W. (R.N.A.S. Hatston 1555/3).
- 1400 North of Brough of Birsay. Unconfirmed report of U boat steering towards Westray. A/c investigated. Doubtful (I.C.0319/40). (A.C.O.S.1430/3). (F.O.C.O.S.1530/3).
- 1302 1 to 2 miles south of Winterton Ridge (52° 45' N, 2° 4' E). Periscope of submarine sighted by 2 aircraft's. (I.C.0319/40).
- 2300 48° 50' N, 3° 55' W by French fishermen. Reliable fix. (C. in C. W.A. 0407/4).

Unconfirmed report that a German submarine might be expected at Vigo any night now. (D.C.0241/3).
- 1240 G.M.T. U boat 45° 20' N, 25° 10' W (D.N.I.1529/3 to G.B.M.S. in Area 1 of KIRUNA S.O.S. Repeated by Brest Radio 1332/3.

Submarines attacked

- 0553 WELLINGTON attacked Contact. See above.



HOME COMMANDS

- Home Fleet NELSON and 6 destroyers left Port A at 1530 for Portsmouth (D.C.1950/4).
- Halifax Convoys. HX12 successful, although much scattered owing to weather conditions. HXF 13 successful (D.F.D. 1216/4).
- Norwegian Convoys. Importance of shortening turn round of convoys is constantly borne in mind but cannot be effected yet (D.W.I.1338/4).
- Northern Patrol. Faroes to Orkneys 2 cruisers
Faroes to Iceland 2 cruisers, 7 A.M.C.'s.
In Denmark Strait 1 cruiser, 1 A.M.C.
- Air Reconnaissance Normal air patrols
Special air escort of one Sunderland for NELSON when she left Port A p.m. 4/1 until dark.
- Enemy air activity. Unidentified aircraft were reported at 1115, 15 miles S.E. Lerwick and at 1125, 20 miles west of Kirkwall (I.C.0320/40).
- Convoy Escorts. Re C. in C. Rosyth 1146/3 and C. in C. H.F.1418/3, 32 ships considered largest number that should be sailed with escort of 4 destroyers (one of which has to act as Convoy Leader). Number of ships might be increased if stronger destroyer escort used (C. in C. Rosyth 1106/4).
- Casualties.
- M/S BRIGHTON QUEEN. In collision with tug GANNET in Imperial Dock, Leith 0855/3. No damage. (N.O.I.C. Leith 1741/4).
- EGRET Slight collision with SEA VALOUR 0808/4. No damage. S.S. SEA VALOUR trivial damage (EGRET 1805/4).
- Re D.N.I.1047/3. Drifters have been stationed near these areas to warn all shipping (C. in C. Rosyth 1459/4).
- British Forces Positions at 1200/4 (D.C.2016/3).
- Nore movements. During period ending 0700/6 (C. in C. Nore 0629/4).
- Submarine Positions. Positions at 0700/4 (D.C.2013/3).
- French Ships. Positions at 1200/4 (D.C.0535/4).
- Darkening Ship. Message 1128/4 from N.C.S.O. Kirkwall. Armed guards should order masters to darken ships (D.T.D.2017/4).

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HOME COMMANDS.

Northern Patrol. Weakness caused by leaving gaps in the line, when the necessity of bringing in westbound ships arises, must presumably be accepted. It is hoped that before the end of the year, a sufficient number of light craft will have entered the service to allow the strengthening of the original line and the constitution of a second line. This second line will be constituted of ships fitted with modern A/S equipment, which will give the addition advantage of being a deterrent to submarines proceeding from the eastward to attack the main Northern Patrol. (M 93932/40. Report of Proceedings of Northern Patrol 22 Dec. to 4 Jan.) Certain proposals were made by V.A.N.P. on the subject of instituting special patrols for westbound traffic and are now under consideration. (M.01035/40).

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Thursday.

H O M E C O M M A N D S

Aircraft
Equipment

YORK not to embark 'Walrus' until weather more suitable as she has no hangar.

GALATEA, ARETHUSA and PENELOPE will not embark 'Seafox' aircraft for the present while in Home Fleet. Aircraft and crews will be available at 14 days notice for all 3 ships. 'Seafox' is considered unsuitable for North Sea work in winter and light catapults in these ships will not take any other aircraft. (D.N.A.D.1904/4).

First Lord

Arrangements for return journey of First Lord from Boulogne to Dover on 9th January (D.O.D.(H). 2242/4).

ROTHESAY
CASTLE

7500 tons, Union Castle liner ran on rocks near Ardnare (N.W. coast of Islay) on Thursday night. (Press Bureau).

Crews for R.N. Patrol Service. Enginemen, with experience in trawlers and drifters are required immediately. (Press Notice)

Mines

Re British (?) mine picked up by Norwegians (Ref. Adty 1937/2 - not seen) stated that Naval authorities had destroyed several mines same pattern as British but with some differences. Are these British? (N.C.S.O. Bergen 1105/4). Six different types of mines have been washed ashore in Denmark, largest explosive charge 300 kilogrammes (Oslo 1600/3).

Danish
minefield.

Danish Navy announce new minefield Smaalands Bucht between Islands Seeland Lolland-Falster (Press).

Contraband
Control.

Proposing to approve C.C.O. using his discretion as to sealing only W/T transmitter sets, as masters of Neutrals at Weymouth stress necessity of being able to obtain navigational warnings issued by their countries concerning port of destination. Ref. my 1521.503 (F.O. 1/c Portland 1701/4).

Tyne
minefield.
Tyne and
Sunderland
closed and
re-opened.

5 mines were cut in the Tyne area 319°5 miles 020 buoy, (I.C.0320/40) One mine was cut East of South Tyne and Sunderland approach channel. The ports of Tyne and Sunderland were closed for a short time and then re-opened on receipt of more accurate information (I.C.0320/40).

Danish
minefield.

Danish Admiralty announces that in order to facilitate the neutrality control of Smaalands Fairway, Gronsund, a mine barrier has been laid. (Havas, London) Boom to be laid at Sondenborg port. (Mines laid in the two narrow channels between the islands of Mecu and Falster and between Sonderborg and the mainland).

H O M E C O M M A N D S .

0500	WEATHER	
	Wind	Visibility.
North Sea	S.E. Moderate	Moderate
Horns Reef	Northerly, Light	Good
Channel	East, Fresh	Moderate

Inferences. Little change expected.

Enemy Intelligence

Contemplated air attack on convoy. Norwegian Admiral appears convinced Germans contemplate strong air attack on convoys soon. Expected position of attack at or near (?) coast of U.K., possibly inside territorial waters. He states HN5 would have been attacked, but bad weather compelled aircraft to return. Cannot discover if he has definite information (N.C.S. Bergen 1110/4).

German Trawlers. Large numbers of loaded German trawlers pass through Hammerfest. Norwegian Chief of Naval Air Staff understand they go fishing near Bear Island (between Spitzbergen and North Norway), not carrying supplies for warships according to his information (N.A.Oslo 1455/4).

Russian submarines for Germany. Japanese N.A. has informed N.A. Moscow that he has not received confirmation from Vladivostok that no far eastern Soviet submarines have been handed over to the Germans (N.I.D.XI/10). There is, however, still no proof that any transfer of submarines has actually taken place either in this area or in European waters.

Re D.N.I. 1355/27/12 and N.A.Oslo 1500/28/12. German war-ships disguised as M.V's. Giving tonnages and speed of ? German ships proceeding north. aircraft searched for ships at the time, no further news was received of them however. No report received of their return through Danish waters. Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs nervous at the report, having been informed by Norwegian Legation, Berlin that Germany is disguising men of war as merchant vessels (N.A.Oslo 1440/4).

FINNO-RUSSIAN WAR.

Submarine dock ship. Russian floating submarine dock ship arrived here 28/12. 7 submarines stationed at Libau. 9 submarines fairly reliably reported just arrived here in parts by rail (V.C.Lienaja 1837/4).

Blockade. A Swedish coaster of 484 tons was attacked and sunk by a Russian s/m in the Evaegken, the narrowest part of the Gulf of Bothnia.(NID XI)

WAR DIARY

4.1.40
Thursday.FOREIGN STATIONSChinaWei-Hai-Wei
Rendition.

Consider it very desirable that a Consul should be present at Wei-Hai-Wei during difficult period which may be expected with Japanese when rendition agreement is renewed. (C.in C. China, 02042/4).

Vladivostok
submarine
patrol.

REGULUS returned 4/3. Her report (no incidents except sightings of warships) C.in C. China 1051Z/4).

Japanese
Warships.

Movements and positions. (Captain on Staff, Singapore, 0724Z/4).

German
Seamen

16 German sailors ex-Standard Oil Co. tanker left New York 3/1 intending embark in Japanese ship ASAMA MARU. San Francisco for Hong Kong. Party includes about 6 officers (N.C.S.O., New York, 1604 and 1653/4).

Russian s/m's
for Germans

See Enemy Intelligence, Home Commands.

North Atlantic.French call
at Gibraltar
cancelled.

1648/3 (possibility of landing at Gibraltar 134 survivors from Spanish ship CABO SAN ANTONIA by French ship MARECHAL LYAUTEY) cancelled. (LYAUTEY has on board a detachment of French Colonial troops) (D.O.D.(F), 1227/4).

Submarines to
attack convoys.

Reported that strong submarine attack on convoys from Gibraltar West of Tarifa may be expected shortly. (N.A.Madrid 1910/4).

French ships.

Movements (S.O.(I) Gibraltar, 1246/4).

Disposition.

British warship movements for Gibraltar, Freetown, and U.K. (D.C.1918/4)

AustraliaPERTH
SYDNEY

Desired that PERTH and SYDNEY exchange stations. (Australian Commonwealth Naval Board 0901Z/4). This will be adopted if circumstances at the time permit (1st Sea Lord, 1309/5).

Mediterranean.Navigation of
Danube.

It is expected that navigation of the Danube will be impossible in a day or two (N.A.Bucharest T.H.I.1720)

C.in C.
Mediterranean

Special and provisional arrangement with Italian Government that goods shipped by Italian Govt. to authorities in Italian East Africa may be passed by C.C. even if not covered by certificate of origin (D.E.W.D.) 2320/4).

Vessels required for effective working of Mediterranean Contraband Control (C.in C.Med.1051/4)

Evidence indicates there is no unreasonable difficulty in obtaining certificates of origin. Export control can be enforced from 10th January (C.in C.Med.1911/4).

4.1.40
Thursday.FOREIGN STATIONS (contd.)South AtlanticUse of W/T

Re Admiralty's 1056/22/12 and my 1700/24. Requesting River Plate may be treated as an exception to Admiralty policy because (i) Ships may be considered free of danger after passing English Bank which is 120 miles from Buenos Aires (ii) In accordance with Argentine law ships' W/T sets are sealed on passing Ricalada (iii) Without use of W/T ships proceeding direct to Buenos Aires cannot give times of arrival until they are actually entering harbour. (N.A. Buenos Aires 1557/4).

HAWKINS vice ACHILLES.

On completion of working up practices HAWKINS to proceed South Atlantic for duty with South America Division during refit of ACHILLES at Malta. On return of ACHILLES, HAWKINS to join Halifax Escort Force. (D.C.N.S.2042/4).

French Submarines

On account of withdrawal of CLYDE, SEVERN and MAIDSTONE from C.in C. S. Atlantic's command the French have agreed to send a division of 4 submarines (LE HEROS, LE TONNANT, LE GLORIEUX, LE CONQUERANT) to West Africa Station at beginning of February. Ships will be based at Dakar and take part in South Atlantic operations (D.O.D.(F)) 2041/4, B.N.L.O. 1050/4).

East IndiesPublicity.

Need for press and film publicity of events is urged in view of authenticated reports of success of hostile propaganda from German and other anti-British sources. The dispatch of press and cinematograph representatives from India is suggested. (C.in C. E.I.1655/4).

Arrangements suggested for publicity for naval activities. Opportunity in first convoy of Australian and New Zealand contingent at end of month. (C.in C., E.I. 1655Z/4)

Troop ships' escorts.

Provisional intentions for escort of troop ships on E.I. Station. Cover by cruiser will be provided whenever possible. Details, RANCHI's and CARTHAGE's programmes (C.in C. E.I.1049z/4).

4.1.40
Thursday.GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS.Home Commands.

4 German ships reported making northward passage 1230/4 apparently together (V.C. Haugesund 1419/4, D.C. 1506/4).

GUI TO and BOGOTA sailed from Guayaquil 2300/3. (D.N.I.0908/4) destination unknown (Consul Guayaquil 2340/3).

RIO DE JANEIRO Arrived Narvik from Vigo 4/1 (D.N.I.1620/5).

ODIN & SIMON Left Narvik night of 4/1 (D.N.I.1620/5)
VON UTRECHT. (Narvik 1344/5).

North Atlantic

WINNETOU

Has completed with fuel and is anchored in roadstead (F.O.C. N.A.1521/4). Oil fuel supplied by CHARLOTTE SCHLIEMANN (N.C.S.O. Las Palmas 1115/4).

4.1.40
Thursday.U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING.Ships attacked.Submarines Reported

1630 Submarine reported by A/A Brigade near Filey seen submerging in Cayton Bay between Scarborough and Filey. A/S trawlers in neighbourhood ordered to search. (F.O.Humber 1650/4).

2315 A/S trawler LORD WAKEFIELD reports passed an object on the surface which she "strongly suspects to have been a U-boat", near the Helwick light vessel. (17 miles west of Swansea. (A.S.W.D. No.123) (See Submarines attacked, PRINCESS, 5/1). and HMS PRINCESS & HMS LORD WAKEFIELD, R of P 4.1.40 (M 01235/40)

Submarines attacked

Kirkwall N.O.I.C. Kirkwall, reports that after diving and sweeping it is concluded that the object located on the bottom off Kirkwall and reported as being a submarine is in reality a small wreck. (D.C.N.S. 5/1).



H O M E C O M M A N D S

- Home Fleet C. in C. in RODNEY with REPULSE and 8 destroyers covering Northern Patrol.
HOOD and 4 destroyers arrived Clyde from patrol a.m./5.
- Northern Patrol Orkneys to Faroes - 2 cruisers
Faroes to Iceland - 2 " 6 A.M.C.'s
Denmark Strait - - 1 " 1 "
SUFFOLK reports that on 30/12/39 thick pack ice extended from the Greenland coast to within 70 miles of the N.W. corner of Iceland.
- Air Reconnaissance Normal air patrols.
Special air escorts for RODNEY and REPULSE and for NELSON.
- Unknown vessel At 1822 an unknown craft appeared on the R.D.F. screen in position 9 miles off Margate.
Considered to be proceeding at 25-30 m.p.h.
Held on screen for 7 miles.
- H.M.S. WOLFE A.M.C. WOLFE has been accepted from contractors 1100/5. (F.O.1/c Clyde 1131/6)
- Aircraft Liaison. Group Captain A.N. Gallehawk, R.A.F., posted to No. 18 Reconnaissance Group for liaison duty with A.C.O. and S. Coastal Command to inform Admiralty date of arrival in Orkneys. (Air Ministry 1945/5)
- Clyde Patrols. 1746/26/12, signals to be used by Clyde patrol craft, approved. (D. of L.D. 1548/5)
- French Fleet Positions 1200/5 (D.C. 0041/5)
- Dutch coasters in Dover area It has been observed that an increasingly large number of small craft, largely Dutch, are anchoring in the various bays. When a large vessel approaches the Downs they get under way and follow her. This appears to be by arrangement, presumably because they rely on the navigation of the larger vessel. Two Dutch coasters were recently seen in the secret swept Channel, but this is considered to be a coincidence. Guidance given to C.O.S. as to examination. (N.I.D.8/4)
- Economic Warfare. Certain Dutch tankers flying Dutch flag have destination "Scheveningen for orders". Are really destined for U.K.; should be expedited through C.C. Bases but in order to preserve disguise should be treated otherwise as if really bound for Holland. Master should give customary undertaking to call at Falmouth for final control, but no mention of this to be made in ship's log. (D.E.W.D. 2014/5).

War Diary5. 1. 40.
FridayHOME COMMANDS (Cond.)

Danish minefields Asking for particulars of new mine barrages covering Gronsund and Sonderborg received mutilated by Copenhagen broadcast (D.N.I.1915/5)

Orkneys and Shetlands Command Organisation. Secret Branch Acquaint No. 351.

CITY OF FLINT In collision with a steamer at Narvik as she was leaving. Slight damage. (Press Bureau)

Casualties KINGSTON CORNELIAN See 6/1.

Enemy mining From beginning of war 32 moored mines swept up in Humber area and 47 in Tyne. 150 washed ashore on East Coast. 12 magnetic mines exploded by experimental sweeps. (Bi-weekly Telegram)

S/m's positions. Amendment to 2013/3 (D.C.0901/4). Cancel my 0901/4 (D.C. 1016/4). Amendment to 2013/3 (D.C.1023/4)
Positions at 0700/5 (D.C. 1936/4).

WEATHER

<u>0400</u>	<u>Wind</u>	<u>Weather</u>
North Sea	Variable, light	Cloudy, mist patches
English Channel	Easterly, moderate	Mist patches
	<u>Outlook:</u> Similar, with visibility improving.	

Enemy Intelligence

D/F fix 0540 D/F fix of enemy unit in position 160 miles E. of Tyne. The position is on N.W. corner of SHARK's patrol area (F.O.C.N.S.)

P.V's. Reported that several paravanes with explosive sweeps have been recovered off Jutland coast and their description appears similar to that of the gear which was responsible for an accident in the Swedish MANLIGHETEN on 14/12.

British A.M.C.'s German Admiralty have received information that in bad weather A.M.C.'s seem to lie in fiord N.W. of Iceland (D.N.I. 1724/5 to C. in C.H.F., V.A.N.P., V.A.B.C.S.)

War Diary5. 1. 40.
Friday.FINNO - RUSSIAN WAR

KIROV

KIROV has arrived at Libau (report from Tallinn) (Rome Radio 1801/5). Russian engineers are to proceed to an Estonian port to examine damaged cruiser (Rome Radio 2300/5). See 27/12/39.

FENRIS sunk.

Swedish cargo steamer, probably HENDRIK, shelled by (Russian) s/m near Stockholm. Ship burning and must be regarded as loss. Crew rescued (Kalundborg Radio 1800/5). Swedish broadcast says a Swedish ship of that name sunk in Baltic. Name given as FENRIS (484 tons) (Press 6/1) Chief of Norbotten Naval Station states she was fired on without warning by dark blue s/m, flying no flag, no identification marks. FENRIS stopped at once, s/m continued firing. (Motala 1140/6). Crew certain s/m was Russian but it did not approach closely enough to enable nationality to be established (A.S.D. Stockholm (Press). Position where attacked was off Umeaa, 300 miles N. of Stockholm (Reuter 904A).

It had long been suspected that some Russian s/m's. had entered the Gulf of Bothnia. Unlikely that they will be able to operate effectively much longer on account of ice.

Russian
landing
attempts.

Russian attempts at landing frustrated by the Koivisto batteries covering southern flank of Finnish Isthmus defences. (Press. Probably correct).

War Diary5. 1. 40.
FridayF O R E I G N S T A T I O N SNorth AtlanticFrench positions 1200/5 (D.C. 0041/5)
Convoy positions etc. 1200/6 (D.C. 2003/5)German ships' route. German seaman said to have stated that German ships which have left Vigo sailed by south entrance proceeded southward 60 miles in Portuguese territorial waters then joined regular traffic route northward like neutral ships leaving Portugal. Reliability not confirmed (Consul Vigo 1626/5).China

Difficulties of Germans if they wished to make use of Russian s/m's. at Vladivostock pointed out by R.A. Iwamura. Difficulties of training crews in frozen harbour, batteries of s/m's. were in bad condition, little or no repair facilities. (S.O.(I) Shanghai 0139Z/5).

SCHEER Reported C.3 expected between Java and Formosa between 3/ and 10/1. Finns in Bali buying large stocks of solar oil (This not suitable for heavy diesel engines. Bali not believed to have much oil stock). (C.O.S. TAMAR 0527Z/5).

New Zealand.Troop Convoy USI Sailing telegram (Navy Office, Wellington, 2030Z/5).MediterraneanTINTERN ABBEY Re N.A. Bucharest 0350/3 and D.N.I. 12030/2 SS. TINTERN ABBEY (carrying two motor boats) expects to arrive Constanza 13/1 (D.N.I. 1828/5)KINGSTON CORNELIAN H.M. trawler KINGSTON CORNELIAN was lost with all hands after a collision with the French ship CHELLA at 23.00, 5th, in the Straits of Gibraltar. (D.C.N.S. 125).Shipping control Aegean Various negotiations are proceeding but only definite arrangements yet made are those in my 1715/16/12 and 1648/20/12. (D.E.W.D. 1833/5).Turkish Earthquake Movements of MAINE, ANTENOR and GALATEA with assistance to victims. (C. in C. Med. 1005/5, 1119/5)
Re assistance to Turkish Govt. (Hd. of M. 0038/5)

FOREIGN STATIONS (Contd.)South AtlanticRe F.O.C.N.A.
516/1.

DURBAN CASTLE was then in position quoted. Bright moonlight nothing sighted (S.O.(I) Capetown 1241/5).

South African
Blockade Measures

Two proclamations by the South African Govt. giving (1) list of enemy traders dealing with neutral countries and (2) rules for examination of merchant ships which have left enemy ports since December 4th (Brussels Radio 1930 GMT.5/1)

U.21 sighted

Reporting Officer Curacao states Master of British SS. MAGICIAN received report from Dutch tug MICA German s/m U.21 sighted West of St. Vincent, Cape Verde Is. 15/12/39. (S.O.(I) Kingston, Jamaica, 1840/5)

Flag of R.A.S.A.D.

Flag of R.A. ends. S.A.D. was transferred from AJAX to ACHILLES 5/1 (R.A.S.A.D. 1427/5)

Visit to Tristan.*CUMBERLANA visited Tristan da Cunha 5/1. No German ships sighted by islanders since war. (CUMBERLANA 1524/4)*East IndiesAden Control

Intend to commence examination of westbound Japanese ships 15th Jan. (C.C.S.O. Aden 0530Z/5)

America & West IndiesWhalers

Re 1204/2/1. No whalers yet started in Montreal (D.N.I. 1128/4)

Convoy HXF 15

Sailing telegram (DTD 1220/5)

T.C. 3

Ref. 1200/16/12. Third Canadian Contingent will probably sail from Halifax on or about 20/1 in 5 or 6 large liners. 8000 Canadians and 1000 Newfoundlanders. Re. C. in C.A.W.I. 1249/28/12. HUNTER and HEReward may be retained for A/S escort duty if desired. Ocean escort VALIANT and another battleship of Halifax Escort Force; detachments from Home Fleet cannot be spared. Ocean route will differ from that followed by T.C.1 and T.C.2. A/S escort into Clyde to be arranged by C. in C. H.F., 12 destroyers, if desirable. (D.O.D. (F) 1827/5 to C. in C.A.W.I., R.A.3).

U.S. Submarines

U.S. submarines are exercising in Panama Bay, not South of Cape Mala, from 4th to 20th January (C. in C.A.W.I. 1120/5)

Report of U.21

Reporting Officer Curacao states that Master, British ship MAGICIAN received report from Dutch tug MICA that German S/m U.21 sighted west of St. Vincent 16th November and 15th December. (S.O.(I) Kingston 1840/5).

ChinaCensorship

Reference 1017/2. German commercial traffic from Far East is of interest and should be sent Admiralty by safe hand. Traffic from Germany is intercepted here. (D.N.I. 1525/5).



FOREIGN STATIONS

South Atlantic

Tristan da Cunha Visit of CUMBERLAND 5/1. Re removal
Mr. Wilde. of Mr. Wilde (M.04030/40 H.M.S.
 CUMBERLAND R.of P. from 29/12/39 to
 11.1.40).

GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS.Home Commands

LIVADIA arrived Trondhjem en route for Narvik, awaiting there new anchor from Germany (D.N.I. 1147/6) (Trondhjem 2010/5)

NORDMEER Arrived Vigo 0930 from Curacao (D.N.I. 1620/5) (Consul Vigo, 1023/5)

JOHANN SCHULTE Reported total wreck, latitude 64° 15' (Trondhjem, 2010/5)

Narvik ✓ 2 ships, probably ITAURI and MUANSA, left Narvik
Departures. night of 5/1 loaded with ore. (Narvik 1147/6).

Ships at ✓ Master of Estonian ship LAKE HALFWIL, which left
Murmansk Murmansk 5th Jan. after visit of 5 weeks, reports there are only 4 German tankers (names unknown) lying there now. Further stated that no air raid took place during his stay. (Tromsøe 1804/11)

South Atlantic

BAHIA Left Bahia 2030/5 (D.N.I. 1147/6) (S.O.(I) Freetown \ \ 0045/6) (Montevideo 2206/5) (Consul, Bahia 2034/5). After many efforts to sail during last 3 months.

WOLFSBURG Here awaiting arrival of further cargo (B.C.Pernambuco 1005/5).

SAO PAULO At Cabedello with 2000 tons cotton. Sailing appears imminent within next 72 hours. (-do-)

North Atlantic

ROSTOCK and ALBERT JANUS reported to be transshipping ore from LEESEE, taking about 500 tons each. LEESEE reported to have Soviet emblem painted on fore deck. (Consul Vigo 1626/5)

NORDMEER Name of German tanker which arrived Vigo today 5/1 is given as NORDMEER, loaded with fuel oil, has been proceeding at 6½ knots. Name FJORDAAS NORGE painted on side. Said to have entered bay under Norwegian flag but now has German flag (Vigo 1215/5).

EQ.C.N.A. See 1313/29/12/39.
1721/5.

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING.Ships attacked

ATHELBEACH British tanker ATHELBEACH, 6568 tons, ashore on Galley Head, Co. Cork, claimed by German wireless (Zeesen 3045/5) to have been torpedoed and sunk. Ship was refloated and proceeded (1330/6) to Falmouth (C. in C.W.A. 1650/6). A Rome broadcast at 1818/6 said "Germans claim to have sunk the ABERCORN and ASHLEA BEACH, totalling 11,000 tons. The British claim that the ships ran aground." Exposure of this shipshod misrepresentation, see Daily Summary 8/1.

ATHENIA pamphlet German authorities today issued 40 page pamphlet entitled "The ATHENIA Case" quoting American findings of no evidence that ship sunk by Germans, and again accusing Churchill of causing loss of the ship. (Press)

S/m's. reported

- 0540 D/F fix of enemy unit in position 160 miles E. of Tyne. The position is in N.W. corner of SHARK's patrol area. (D.C.N.S.)
- 0047 51° 18' N. 4° 0' W. reliable fix. (C. in C.W.A. 0207/5).
Reported that 2 s/m's. were seen in bay between Llangrannog and Newquay, Cardiganshire coast about 3 weeks ago. Also that s/m's. visited bay during last war to obtain fresh water. Same may be happening now. (F.O.i/c Cardiff 1076/5).
- 0508 D.F. unknown enemy unit, 55° 10' N. 3° 20' E. unreliable fix. (D.C. 0534/5).
- 0500 S/m periscope observed by auxiliary Coastguardsmen at Tolsta pass Tolsta Head going north-easterly. N.O.I.C. Stornoway considers reliable. (C. in C. Rosyth 1624/5).

North Atlantic

- 1430 S/m periscope sighted by KIRKLAND in position 36° 46' N., 10° 00' W. Report unconfirmed and considered of very doubtful value. (F.O.C.N.A. 1145/6).
- A.M. S/m stopped Spanish tanker CAMPECHE just south of Azores night of 4th-5th January. Believed reliable. (F.O.C.N.A. 1103/9). Master asked to promise not to record or report incident. Information obtained here by Spaniard from first officer and believed reliable (Consul, Vigo 1700/8)

S/m's attacked

- 2045 11th A/S Striking Force carried out an attack on a likely contact 20 miles N.E. of Kinnaird's Head. Result unknown (D.C.N.S.125)(C. in C. Rosyth 1308/6).
- 0940 A/S trawler BLACKFLY carried out attack 112° Scarborough 2 miles. Negative result. Suspected wreck. (C. in C. Rosyth 1005 and 1027/5)



U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING (Contd.)

S/m's attacked
(continued)

0005 Armed yacht PRINCESS (not fitted with asdics) reports submarine attack with depth charge. In sight on the surface for 10 minutes before attack was made. (F.O.I.C. Cardiff, 1229/5). VIVACIOUS searched likely areas, no sign of oil or any other trace. Patrolling in vicinity with PRINCESS (VIVACIOUS 1200/5) (A.S.W.D. No. 123).



H O M E C O M M A N D S

Home Fleet

C. in C.H.F. in RODNEY with REPULSE and 8 destroyers in southward of Faroes, covering the Northern Patrol.
NELSON and 6 destroyers are off the Bristol Channel 0730/6 on passage to Portsmouth - expected time of arrival 0630/7.

Northern Patrol

Orkneys to Faroes - 2 cruisers
Faroes to Iceland - 2 " 6 A.M.C's.
Denmark Strait - - 1 " 1 "

Air Reconnaissance

Normal Air Patrols.

Enemy Air Activity

One Heinkel 115 Seaplane sighted at 1427 in 54° 20' N., 2° 16' E. (I.C.0321/40).

Special s/m Patrols.

Six s/m's. will probably be required to leave 13/1 for special additional patrols. (D.O.D. 1612/5, D.O.D. 1340/6).

Censorship

Occasional examinations of postings in Greenock area to be made, chiefly private letters addressed Chatham, Portsmouth and Plymouth, object being to keep a check on personnel evading naval censorship. (D.N.I. 1415/6).

Convoys

F.N.64 cancelled owing to fog (Rosyth 1536/6). In view of large numbers of ships in recent H.N. Convoy, intend to sail (H.M.S. EDINBURGH and H.M.S. GLASGOW at 1500 tomorrow to contact D.N.7 about 0900 on 8th Jan. If H.N. Convoy consists of more than 20 ships intend to give A.A. protection to 58° N. (R.A.2.C.S. 2204/6).

Dundee closed

After mining of CITY OF MARSEILLES 6/1.

Economic Warfare

1131/1 list of 28 Swedish vessels covered by the Anglo-Swedish agreement has been extended to cover 180 vessels. (D.E.W.D. 1216/6).

Scapa

Programme: 14/2 first tenders arrive. 1/3 Scapa available as fleet Base (Sec. to 1st S.L. 2000/6) See also North Atlantic.

Polish Naval Cadets.

Polish authorities request 7 Polish cadets should undergo course in engineering at R.N.E. College, Keyham, beginning 10th January. Question re accommodation (C.W. to C. in C.W.A. 2319/6).

S/m's. positions

Positions of British s/m's. 0700, and movements for 24 hours. (D.C. 2017/5).

French Ships

Positions 1200/6. (D.C. 2319/5).

A.M.C's.

With 2 A.M.C.'s taken in hand to complete equipment in accordance with Admiralty 1856/5, estimate that 16 A.M.C's. will be available by 20th January. Date that additional A.M.C.'s will become available uncertain (F.O.C.N.P. 1740/6).

HOME COMMANDS (Contd.)

S/m's position 0700/7 (Cr. of Watch 1900/6)

Enemy Minelaying ✓
Re. Adty. 2052/16 (Possibility of enemy mine-laying on East coast taking place from merchant ships, fishing vessels, etc. See 16/12). Following additional measures to be taken. (Hd. of M. 1529/6 to all C. in C's., F.O's.i/c, and N.O's. i/c. at Home).

Tanker Tonnage ✓

Sunk since beginning of war	9	of	70,938	tons.
Damaged "	"	"	7 "	53,142 "
New tankers entered	"	"	5 "	42,000 " approx.
Transfer from other flags	6	"	60,000	"
BISCAYA captured	1	"	6,369	"
Other gains	6	"	over	"
			11,000	"

Total net gains of tanker tonnage - 48,000 tons.

Ships purchased ✓
Purchase was completed by Ministry of Shipping of 6 U.S.A. ships, total tonnage 35,259 tons. Ships are OAKWOOD 6071 tons and WABAN 6038 tons, formerly belonging to Messrs. Hughes Bros. of New Orleans; DELAWAREAN, 5705 tons, LOUISIANAN, 5484 tons, TENESSEAN, 6379 tons, INDIANAN 5582 tons, of American Hawaiian S.S. Co. of San Francisco and New York.

Clyde Area readjustments. ✓
Proposals for facilitating operational control in the Clyde area, in view of redistribution of duties in Clyde area which is to take place 15/1. (C. in C.W.A. 1947/6).

Casualties LAURENTIC
A.M.C. LAURENTIC ashore 1717/6 on North of Islay Light. Refloated 0340/7 and proceeded to Belfast. Docked 8/1. Some damage to double bottoms. No. 12 hold flooded. (LAURENTIC 1717/6, 1833/6, 0340/7, F.O.C.B.C.S. 0159/7, C. in C. Rosyth, 1822/6, 0038/7).

KINGSTON CORNELIAN
H.M. Trawler lost with all hands about 2300/5 after collision in 36° 2' N. 5° 23' W. with French CHELLA. Collision was followed by explosion of one or more depth charges. (F.O.C. N.A. 0910/6).

MERCHANT PRINCE
Admiralty chartered merchant ship drifting 12° N. 98° 15' W. (West of Mexico) after fire on board, sabotage suspected. SS. SILVER ELM and SS. JERSEY CITY endeavouring to tow. No contact yet. (D.C. 1246/6) Proceeding to canal in tow of CALIFORNIA STAR; fire extinguished. (C.G. San Francisco 2313/7, C. in C.A.W.I. 1115/7).

BARSAC wrecked
French patrol vessel, went ashore near Vigo and broke up, 60 rescued (one since died), 21 missing. (D.C.N.S.126) (Consul Vigo 2100/7).

HOME COMMANDS (Continued).WEATHER

<u>0400</u>	<u>Wind</u>	<u>Visibility</u>
North Sea Channel	Variable, light S.E. light to moderate	Moderate
W. Approaches	S.E. Strong	Moderate

Outlook:- Little change

Enemy Intelligence

Air Activity Indications of considerable amount of flying in Heligoland Bight (I.C. 0321/40).

German Minefield Danish broadcast announces mining of waters connecting Great Belt and Sound (I.C.0321/40)

KONUNG OSCAR Swedish (735 tons). Reported from Berlin that she was stopped on voyage from Riga to Stockholm, and taken by German warship to a German port (Press).

Trawlers. Report from reliable Danish captain of 5 German armed trawlers in Kattegat 4/1 proceeding northward all approx. 800 tons, certainly modern, apparently fast carrying one gun forward and machine gun aft (Kristiansands 1755/6).

FINNO-RUSSIAN WAR

Mines at Murmansk Unconfirmed report received that mines have been laid at Murmansk and necessary anti-s/m measures taken. No indication of positions of mines (D.N.I. 1919/6).

Russian s/m's. in G. of Bothnia Authentic reports state that 4 Russian s/m's. are operating in Gulf of Bothnia, but it is improbable that they will be able to continue their activities very much longer on account of ice.

FOREIGN STATIONSAmerica & West Indies

- German Seamen Report that 25 German seamen from Venezuela on board Japanese ship LA PLATA MARU sailed Panama 29th December for Los Angeles and Vladivostok. (S.O.(I) Kingston 1145/6).
- Fuelling Importance of fuelling taking place outside territorial waters, but to fuel from local stocks in Chilean ports rather than from oiler inside territorial waters (C. in C.A.&W.I. 0118/6). Amendment (C. in C.A.W.I. 1111/6).
- Neutral Warships Panama Movements (Colon 1655/6).
- RESOLUTION Defects (Deputy Controller 1249/6). Left Halifax 6/1 as ocean escort for convoy HX.15, joined by FRASER and RESTIGOUCHE as local escort (Canadian S.O.(I) Halifax 1535/6). Re. retubing boilers (D'kyd, D'port 1736/8)
- MERCHANT PRINCE Casualty. See Home Commands.

New Zealand

- U.S.1. First Troop Convoy Sailed 6/1. Six ships escorted by RAMILLIES, LEANDER and H.M.A.S. CANBERRA. Re. Adty. 1854/28/12 (? SUSSEX) will be additional cruiser for escort from Colombo to Suez. Proposal that H.M.A.S. HOBART proceed only as far as 22°30'N. with group 1, then return to take over escort of group 2 to same lat. unless important reasons for Groups 1 and 2 to be escorted throughout from Aden to Suez. Undesirable to denude RAMILLIES and EAGLE of support of 8 inch cruiser for longer than necessary as I intend that force to operate as cover in Gulf of Aden or Socotra area during passage of transports through Red Sea (C. in C.E.I. 1314Z/6) Concur provided no change in situation occurs. (D.C.N.S. 1545/7).

China

- Neutral Ships Movements of neutral warships (Capt. on Staff, Singapore, 0432Z/6).
- Yangtse U.S. agree with us that any conversation about re-opening Yangtse should not be enlarged into negotiations for any formal agreement but restricted to necessary practical arrangements. (D.N.I. 1918/6).
- Soviet s/m's. Japanese N.A. states he has confirmation from Vladivostock that no Far Eastern Soviet s/m's. have been handed over to Germans (N.A.Moscow, 1400/6).



6.1.40.
Saturday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

South Atlantic.

Force K.
AJAX

Orders for sweep by Force K. with NEPTUNE, HERO, HASTY. To rendezvous with AJAX. AJAX to leave Rio de Janeiro 12/1 for R.V. and subsequently to Freetown with Force K. (C-in-C., S.A.1635/6).

EXETER

To sail from Freetown 7/2. Force K to escort her for first part of passage. Force X will be asked to escort her from latitude Cape Verde Is. to Latitude Canary Is. onward escort to U.K. to be arranged (C-in-C., S.A.1245/6).

Force G.

Orders. To remain in Rio de Janeiro area until 1200/13 then to Falkland Is. to arrive 13/1, to complete with fuel and sail with EXETER 19/1 to Freetown (C-in-C., S.A.1221/6).



FOREIGN STATIONS (Contd.)

East Indies

Red Sea Islands Italian Embassy in London informally notified Foreign Office that VIVIERE left Massawa on 7th December on first of series of regular visits to Italian lighthouse on Centre Peak to include call at Kamaran to take mail etc. to Italian medical officer. Considered important however that no precedent of prior intimation of the arrival of H.M. ships be established which would prevent our paying surprise visits to the Hanish group and other islands on which the Italians may display a suspicious interest. (Hd. of M. 1221/6).

South Atlantic

Force G. and EXETER Orders, Rio area until 13/1 then to Falklands (arrive 18/1). Sail with EXETER 19/1 to Freetown (C. in C.S.A. 1221/6).

Mediterranean

Incendiarism
BRITISH
LOYALTY. Fire in diesel tanker BRITISH LOYALTY whilst moored and discharging fuel oil at Shell installation, Port Said; fire extinguished. Incendiarism definitely suspected from evidence (C. in C.Med. 1953/6).

North Atlantic.

U-boats My 1905. RYGIA (Norwegian) also met at Las Palmas BORGA (Swedish) who was stopped twice outside Las Palmas by U-boats (CALIFORNIA 2136/6).

Quiberson Bay Defences of Quiberson Bay not such as to render it suitable as anchorage for capital ship. (Sec. to 1st S.L. 2000/6).

Convoy positions Hd. of Watch 1839/6.

VELERO Re. supplying German submarines. (Madrid 1604/6, DNI 1211/10, N.A. Madrid 1721/17)



GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS

Home Commands

FRANKENWALD
marine casualty

5062 tons, S.O.S. 1714/6, struck a rock 1000/5 near Brantholme (Bergen Radio 1729/6) Norway, 45 miles North of Bergen. Sunk. Crew of 48 with 2 Norwegian pilots rescued by Norwegian t.b. (Press). Left Narvik 29/12.

APOLLO }
RUHRORT }

Unloading general cargoes (N.C.S.O. Gothenburg 1046/6).

North Atlantic

KERSTEN MILES }
PELIKAN }

Asking confirmation that they have sailed from Las Palmas and date (D.N.I. 1159/6). Believed PELIKAN has left (D.C.1926/5). These ships have never been at Las Palmas. KERSTEN MILES believed to be still at La Palma. (N.C.S.O. Las Palmas 1630/6).

GEDANIA

Norwegian SS. JASPIS has received orders to prepare to tranship half her cargo to GEDANIA (N.C.S.O. Las Palmas 1215/6) (D.E.W.D. 1810/7).

China

FRIEDERUN

From intercepted German correspondence, refused permission to anchor KEMA. Consider that the weather may necessitate shifting to Gorontalo (Capt. on Staff, Singapore 0324Z/6).

America & West Indies

ORINOCO }
REIMAR-EDZARD }
FRITZEN }
IDARWALD }
PHRYGIA }
AUGUSTUS }
PAULINE FRIEDRICH }
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At Tampico (Press)

Left 6/1 for Igrique (Antofogasta 1150/6). Tanker (4645 tons) which had been lying at Boston since beginning of the war, is reported to have been attacked in consequence of an action brought by a former officer for arrears of pay.

South Atlantic

RIO GRANDE

Further to my 2303/6 Rio Grande do Sul reports her anchored inside breakwater presumably waiting for darkness (S.O.(I) Freetown 2335/6)(Rio Grande 1950/6). Departure this evening (S.O.(I) Freetown 2303/6). Sailed this evening. (Rio Grande 1845/6).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING.Ships attacked.

CITY OF MARSEILLES 1027 (8317 tons) mined off Dundee Fairway Buoy (I.C.0321/40). Had discharged part of her cargo in London, but 1450 tons of pig iron and 4000 tons of jute on board. Crew of 26 Europeans, 137 Lascars. Ship was at anchor at 0730, 7th, and towing operations arranged for 10.00. Casualties 1 native rating d., 13 w. (D.C.N.S. 125). R.A.F. plane guided a lifeboat to the spot (Press). Entrance to Dundee has again been closed. Brought into Dundee p.m./6. Struck a mine in position which has been constantly swept $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles S.E. of No.1 Black buoy slightly to southward of line of leading marks in 12 fathoms at 1020/6. (C. in C. Rosyth 1712/6). N.O.I.C., Dundee, will personally conduct towing operations at 1000 tomorrow (C. in C. Rosyth 1841/6). Positions fixed at 8 cables 170° from charted position of Tay Fairway Buoy (I.C.0323/40). Ship berthed 1430/7. No vital damage, cargo seems intact. (N.O.I.C.Dundee, 1000/7). (C. in C. Rosyth 1740/7).

ETA, mined sunk. A.M. British motor Trawler ETA, 207 tons, from Lowestoft, mined off Harwich, about 7 miles N.W. of Outer Gabbard. Crew of 6 rescued and brought to Lowestoft in motor Trawler ROTA, 1 injured. Mine exploded with 15 to 20 fathoms of sweep out, depth of water 17 fathoms. (C. in C. Nore 1309/6). (Athlone Radio 1845/6) (D.C.N.S. 125)

BRITISH LIBERTY 1620 Tanker BRITISH LIBERTY (8485 tons) mined 4 miles N.E. Dyck light vessel (North Foreland Radio Intercept 1620, 1625, 1804/6) Bound from Haifa to Dunkirk (D.C.N.S.125) Took ship in tow, despite mine danger at 3200. While being towed she struck four other mines (D.C.N.S. says "hit a third mine") and was on fire at 2400/6. Sank 0020/7 while in tow of 2 tugs. Two corpses and 18 survivors landed at Calais. French aircraft searching for boat with Captain and 18 crew. (V.A.Dover, 1129/7) Interrogation of survivors shows that ship failed to follow the written routing orders given her on arrival in Downs. after leaving her convoy. (D.C.N.S.) (B.N.L.O. Dunkerque 1831/7).

S/m's reported

War Diary.

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6.1.40
Saturday.

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING.

M.0244/40

H.M.S. FOXHOUND. Report of attack on
enemy s/m 6 Jan. 1940.

HOME COMMANDSHome Fleet.

C. in C.RODNEY with REPULSE and 8 destroyers is between Iceland and Faroes covering Northern Patrol.

NELSON with 6 destroyers on passage to Portsmouth, due to pass the boom 08.15 7th. Air escort has been requested. Held up by fog (D.C.0747/8).

ROYAL SOVEREIGN sailed from Devonport 07.30 7th, for Portsmouth, screened by 3 destroyers Prevented from entering Portsmouth by fog (D.C.0747/8)

Northern Patrol

Orkneys to Faroes.	2 cruisers.
Faroes to Iceland	2 cruisers 6 A.M.C!s.
Denmark Strait	1 cruiser 1 A.M.C.

Air Reconnaissance Air reconnaissance was considerably interfered with by bad visibility.

Operation to D.

(Minelaying in German declared area)
Again postponed owing to foggy weather.
IVANHOE and INTREPID now expect to leave Humber 0830/8 (D.C.N.S.126).

New Zealand Convoy

First New Zealand troop convoy sailed on 6th, composed of 6 ships escorted by H.M.S.RAMILLIES, LEANDER and H.M.A.S. CANBERRA.

NUBIAN collision

H.M.S.NUBIAN was in collision at 05.05. 7th, with examination steamer 2 miles south of Clyde boom when proceeding out of harbour to Islay. Returning with damage to bows. (D.C.N.S.125).

VEGA collision

Escort of Convoy F.S.66 was in collision with a merchant vessel off Lowestoft. Hole in stern 3 ft. above waterline. Will require docking. (D.C.N.S./26)

French Ships

Positions 1200/7 (D.C.0107/7).

Danish Defences

One very small mine barrage Gronsund, closing entrance to small craft. Sonderborg Sound covered by net only, no mines. No military significance (N.A.Copenhagen 1135/7)

Dundee re-opened

Sweeping completed in entrance to Dundee and port open again (D.C.N.S./26)

Redistribution of A.M.C's.

No more British ships for the present are to be converted into A.M.C's, in order to avoid any further reduction of the available merchant tonnage. Following redistribution of the 49 Imperial A.M.C's approved: will be reviewed from time to time. Northern Patrol 15. Sierra Leone Convoy Escort Force 10. Halifax Convoy Escort Force 4. Mediterranean Station 2. China Station 3. East Indies Station 3. New Zealand Station 1. South Africa Station 1. South America East Coast 3. South America West Coast 1 Long Refits and conversion to complete equipment in U.K.3. (D.O.D.(F)0032/7 (M016481/39)

Danish regulations for W/T

Danish Government issued decree restricting the case of wireless aboard vessels and aircraft. Radio telephonic communications in or about Danish territory are permissible only with official Danish quarters but not with private individuals. Radio installations on board vessels in Danish harbours will be sealed. (Press Association 7140, 1200 G.M.T.No.37 Copenhagen)

KNUD VILLEMOES Stopped by Germans

Danish, reports being stopped 1100/2 by 4 German armed trawlers (C. in C.Rosyth 2140/7) See Enemy Intelligence 2/1.

Convoys

Positions 10/1 to 12/1 (C.in C.Rosyth 2248/7) OA69. Route VANESSA and AMAZON (A.C.W.A.0941/7) O.A.859 not met (WISHART 0815/7)

Scandinavian Convoy

H.N.7. Have already 32 ships for H.N.7 and expect more to apply to convoy. How many may include? (N.C.S.O.Bergen 1130/7) (Note on signal "Up to 40")

Norway mines etc.

Your R/S No.84 of 27/12. Details of mines and anti submarine measures in force are urgently required (D.N.I.1222/7 to N.A.Oslo)

Scapa
defence

Items necessary before Scapa is used as a main fleet base (A.C.O.S.1315/7)

Submarine's
positions


0700/8 (D.C.1858/7)

WEATHER

	<u>Wind</u>	<u>Visibility</u>
North Sea	S.E.Moderate	Poor. Foggy
Horns Reef	S.E.light.variable	Poor.
Channel	S.Moderate	Moderate. Some Fog.
Western Approaches	S.W.Moderate to fresh	" " "
Outlook	Mild S winds	Poor visibility

ENEMY INTELLIGENCEDamaged U-boat

Damaged U boat reported off Ymuiden about midnight 6/7 Jan.proceeding N.E. escorted by 2 patrol vessels. Captain (D) 1 (who was already at sea with 4 destroyers) and BLYSKAWICA was ordered to take action and air co-operation was asked for. (D.A/S.W.7/1/40)


FOREIGN STATIONSSouth AtlanticHAWKINS.

To be sailed for Freetown with all convenient despatch on completion of working up; probably about 10/1 (D.O.D. (F) 1508/7).

Seaward Defence Force.

Seaward Defence Force of Union Defence Force will start to function as from 15/1/40. Modified Naval organisations will be introduced concurrently (N.O.I/C Simonstown 1008/7)

East IndiesU.S.I.Escort

D.C.N.S.1545/7 (see 6/1).

North AtlanticTRONDHEIM Stopped by A.M.C.

Norwegian M/V TRONDHEIM reports stopped 1600 local time 3/12 in 39 N 38 19' W by A.M.C.about 15,000 tons flying no ensign. Allowed to proceed after being asked name and destination (V.A.N.P.0004/7)

Spanish submarines

Re Exercise areas, passage of foreign submarines through territorial waters (Spanish Government refuse to prohibit (N.A.Madrid 1340/7)

Convoys etc.

Positions (D.C.2005/7)

Mediterranean and East IndiesContraband Control

Returns 7/1 from British Contraband Control ports:-

Gibraltar	arrivals	21.	sailings	10
Malta	"	9.	"	1
Port Said	"	7.	"	5
Haifa	"	3.	"	6
Aden	"	-	"	1

Exports for Far East

Amending 1135/7 (C. in C.Med.1815/7)

America and West Indies

Escorts T.C.3. It was proposed that ENTERPRISE should form part of escort for T C 3 up to approximately
EMERALD'S
Refit


FOREIGN STATIONS (Contd)America and West Indies

30° W, afterwards returning to Halifax. EMERALD could refit at once if absence of cruiser from escort can be accepted, but preferable she should carry out one more escort cycle starting refit 3/2. (R.A.2B.S. 1127/7). Decided EMERALD to carry out one more convoy cycle. Concur ENTERPRISE should be used as proposed (D.C.D.(F) 0016/8)

MALAYA
VALIANT

To return to Halifax after escort duty. MALAYA and VALIANT subsequently escort T.C.3. (R.A.3 B.S.1101/7)

China

Soviet
submarines

Japanese N.A. states he has now confirmation from Vladivostok that no Far Eastern Soviet submarines have been handed over to Germany (D.N.I.1731/7.

GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPSHOME COMMANDS

AFRICA^K South going 1625 in cargo (V.C.Haugesund 1649/7).

CASTOR Arrived New Waterways 5/1. (C.G.Rotterdam 1206/7)

CRONSHAGEN Departure Genoa 5/1 (do)

RIO DE JANEIRO } Departure 7/1 during night, loaded with
ELISE SHULTE } ore (Narvik 1251/7)

FRANKENWALD Said to be aground and abandoned off Bergen (D.N.I.1604/7)

South Atlantic

RIO GRANDE Cancel my 2356/6, RIO GRANDE, returned to port a.m/7 (D.N.I.1650/7) S.O.(I) Freetown 1610/7. S.O.(I) Montevideo 1101/7) Rio Grande do Sul 0915/7) Returned to port owing to damage to feed pumps. Ship was loading Diesel oil to last moment. Evidently sailed for urgent reasons as over 200 drums left on quay. There are still reported to be 1300 drums Ancap diesel oil to be brought from Jaguarao (S.O.(I) Montevideo 1735/7)

LAHN B.I.report that LAHN at Montevideo will be discharging cargo 8/1 (S.O.(I) Montevideo 1806/7)

SANTOS At Rio de Janeiro has obtained clearance and may sail at any moment (S.O.(I) Freetown, 2150/8)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MININGShips
attacked

CEDRINGTON
COURT
mined, sunk.
0958

5160 tons. Mined about 3 miles N.E. of North Goodwin lightship, 51° 22' N, 1° 35' 12" E. while proceeding independently to Leith. Left Rosario 18/11 with a cargo of wheat. Entire crew of 34 landed Ramsgate. (V.A. Dover, 1025, 1227/7). Danger area declared (Q.Z. 338). Seven of the survivors were injured, one seriously. Asdic trawler, name unknown, was $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to port when ship was sunk. (N.O.I.C. Ramsgate 0046/8)

TOWNELEY
mined, sunk
about 1330

Newcastle collier, 2888 tons, bound for Rouen, mined. Crew of 24 rowed to a lightship. 4 men slightly injured. (Times 8/1) Mined or torpedoed 3 miles S.S.E. from Tongue Lt.V. (I.L. 0323/40. Mined. Ship did not sink; crew anchored her and then abandoned ship. Search is being made for her as soon as visibility permits. No casualties (D.C.N.S. N.O.I.C. Ramsgate 1905/7).

Submarines reported

- 1645 20° Aberdeen 1 mile. No details (doubtful) I.C.0323/40). C. in C.Rosyth 1822/7. 49° 33' N, 5° 30' W. Sighted by s.s.SOUDAN WELLINGTON and WOLVERINE hunting. (C. in C. W.A.1820/7) 1428/8. No details (doubtful).(I.C.0323/40 s.s.SOUDAN 1735/7).
- 0046 Submarine apparently damaged and escorted by two patrol boats reported by Dunkirk off Ymuiden, 52-26 N., 04.35W. Steering N.E. (V.A.Dover 1115/7). D.I. S.3. and BLYSKAWICA warned (C. in C.Nore 1322/7). Search should be discontinued after dark at discretion (C. in C.Nore 1542/7).
- 0858 Submarine sighted off Tyne. (D.C.1932/7) by BARON KELVIL 55.03 N., 01.13 W. (Cullercoats Radio 0905/7). Submarine was sighted crossing stern. Approx.course 290 degrees. Speed estimated 8 knots. Disappeared in fog after few minutes. Correct position 55.06 N. 01.13 W (C. in C.Rosyth 2314/7).
- 1700 Submarine sighted 30 miles south of Land's End (D.C.1932/7, 2109/7).
- 1645 Master s.s.^oSUDAN reports that at 1645/7 position 49.33 N., 05.30 W. Lizard bearing 025 true 28 miles a large submarine observed apparently stopped. No attack made. Visibility not sufficient to allow markings, guns or nationality to be observed. (F.O.I.C.London 1031/10).

War Diary.

8.1.40.
Monday.
HOME COMMANDS.Home Fleet.

C. in C. H.^F. in RODNEY with REPULSE and 8 destroyers in N.W. Faroe Is., covering Northern Patrol.

NELSON and ROYAL SOVEREIGN were prevented from entering Portsmouth 7/1 due to fog (D.C.0747/8). Entered Portsmouth a.m./8.

EDINBURGH and GLASGOW covering Convoy ON 7. S.E. of Shetlands.

Northern Patrol.

Orkneys to Faroes - 2 cruisers.
Faroes to Iceland - 2 cruisers, 6 A.M.Cs.
Denmark Strait. - 1 cruiser, 1 A.M.C.

Disbanding of 11th C.S.

V.A.N.P. 1640/8. See also 3/1.

Re-allocation of A.M.Cs.

See A.W.I. and S.Atlantic. V.A.N.P. to report dates on which it is anticipated these vessels will become surplus to the approved strength of Northern Patrol (D.O.D.(F) 1630/8, 1631/8) VOLTAIRE to take precedence over QUEEN OF BERMUDA and CANTON (D.O.D.(F) 1648/8).

Convoys.

East Coast convoys F.S.65, F.S.66, and F.N.65 were all forced to anchor during the night, owing to fog. The two southbound convoys are expected to pass through Knock Deep during daylight 8/11. F.S. 67 sailed 2350/8. (N.C.S.O.Tyne 2359/8)

Operations I.D.

Was again postponed owing to foggy weather (D.C.N.S.127).

Air Reconnaissance.

Normal air patrols. Fog prevented air reconnaissance over southern part of North Sea. Little evidence of enemy activity.

Unknown Surface Craft.

Located by R.D.F. at midnight 7/8 Jan. proceeding from a position close to the coast 11 miles N. of Spurn Point to a position 6 miles N.E. of Spurn Point, at speed ranging from 30 to 11 knots. Swept channel was not entered. Owing to bad visibility no verification could be obtained (D.C.N.S. 126.)

HOME COMMANDS (Cont.)

- BORDE. ✓ Exploded 4 magnetic mines Off North Goodwin Lt. V. Some damage to instruments and gear, but hull was apparently undamaged (D.C.N.S. 127).
- D.W.I. ✓ (Wellington mine bumper) First trial satisfactorily carried out. Flying at height of 40 feet the a/c exploded a mine in 10 fathoms off Tongue Lt. V. The a/c was undamaged and no bump was felt. (D.C.N.S. 127) Proposed to carry out further trial 1100/9. (HQ 16 group 1845/9). Desirable D.W. operations and results should be kept strictly secret (H.Q. Coastal Cmd. 2200/8).

Casualties.

- S.S.ROTHESAY
CASTLE. (7,000 tons) Ashore on Islay. Has a broken back and has been abandoned.
- S.S.ULSTER
MONARCH. (3,791 tons) Under charter to H.M. Govt., was refloated p.m./8 after having been aground on Dunnose, Isle of Wight.

Destroyer for
CIGS.

One destroyer to embark CIGS at 1130/11 at Boulogne for return passage to U.K. (D.G.1215/8).

Nore Command
Movements.

To 0700/9 (C.in C. Nore 0615/8).

Defects.

- VALOROUS Refit (A.S. Rosyth 1342/8).
- HAVOCK Date for completion of refit end of February. (A.S. Chatham 1755/8)

Air Units.Hatston.

C.in C's. 10/3/4. I am ~~not~~ anxious to get the 2 T.S.R. squadrons at Hatston with least possible delay. 10th A/S Striking Force will start operations 10th Jan. and for the moment I am dependent on only 3 serviceable Walrus aircraft for co-operation. Requested that an officer with air experience should join my staff forthwith. (A.C.O.S. 1935/8).



HOME COMMANDS (Cont.)

- Minesweeping. ✓ Success of new experimental magnetic sweeps fitted in surface craft and a/cs. (D.C. 1932/8)
- Scapa. ✓ To become the Main Fleet Base 1/3/40 (Secret Branch Acquaint 356).
- Invergordon. ✓ Is now ready to receive ships is lack of A/S defences is accepted. (R.A. Invergordon 1125/8).
- British S/ms. ✓ Positions 0700/9 and movements to 0700/10 (D.C.1943/8).
- Flying over Southampton Waters. ✓ Conditions under which permitted. (H.Q.No.17 Group 1600/8).
- Contraband Control. ✓ Ships in British Contraband Control Ports.
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|----------|-----------|--------------------------|
| Kirkwall | 18 | (8 Norwegian, 5 Swedish) |
| Ramsgate | 21 | (15 Belgian) |
| Weymouth | 19 | (8 Belgian, 6 Dutch) |
| Total | <u>58</u> | |
- Oil Vapour. Strong smell of oil vapour persisted throughout yesterday in an East Coast area and in towns as far as ten miles inland. Up to early this morning the source of the smell had not been discovered. (Press).

WEATHER.

Wind.

North Sea. S.E., moderate to fresh

English Channel. W., light to moderate.

Outlook. Improving.

Visibility.

Poor to moderate.

Fine, fog patches.

Enemy ...

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8.1.40.
Monday.

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HOME COMMANDS

Belgian
Trawlers
Suspect.

M.04158/40 H.M.S. WELLINGTON R.of P. 4.1.40 -
29.1.40. (Boarding of GUIDO GEZELL No.0.225.
8/1. Search for s/m reported by a merchant ship
7/1.)

8.1.40.
Monday.HOME COMMANDS (Cont.).Enemy Intelligence.German C.C.

Ships taken to German Ports:-

<u>Flag.</u>	<u>Ship.</u>	<u>Tonnage.</u>	<u>Taken to.</u>	<u>Date.</u>
Latvian	IRIS FAULBAUMS	1675		3/1
do.	SIGURDS FAULBAUMS			
		3256		
do.	SANTA MARIA	3539		6/1
do.	EVERANA	2880		3/1
do.	BIRUTA	1740 1823		3/1
do.	KONSULS P. DANNEBERGS	2748		2/1
Finnish	HESPERUS	2175	Released	2/1
Swedish	ARASVALL	1961	Litbeck	2/12
do.	KONUNG OSCAR	735		6/1
Latvian	KANDAVA	1926		
do.	TURAJDA	2388		
<i>Latvian ?</i>	Lithuanian VENTA	1886	Sassnitz.	2/1

FOREIGN ...

FOREIGN STATIONS.North Atlantic, Mediterranean and East Indies.

Exports control. Orders to be brought into force 10/1
(D.E.W.D. 2255/8).

East Indies.

Coloured flashes. Recommending adoption of. (C.in C. E.I.
1212 Z/8). *Y. S. S. S.*

Basra C.C. S.N.O. Persian Gulf. 0900 Z/8. See 9/1.

Contraband Control.

Presume no ship has yet evaded control at Aden as far as known. (C.in C. E.I. of 22 Z/8 to N.O. i/c Aden). Ships examined at Aden 22/12 to 9/1. No export passes seen. No ship yet called at Aden especially for export control (C.C.S.O. Aden 1144 Z/8).

do. Italian.

Ambassador Rome has been asked to explain to Italian authorities scope of control at Aden (D.E.W.D. 2307/8).

Crozet and Prince Edward Island Group.

Unsuitability as fuelling bases for enemy raiders. (C.in C. E.I. 1156 Z/8).

South Atlantic.

N.C.S.O. Rio de Janeiro 1655/8. See North Atlantic.
A.N.A. Rio de Janeiro 1254/9 Sec. do. 8/1.

British Positions.

Convoys etc. Warships. Also North Atlantic.
1200/9 (D.C. 1933/8).

Freetown.

Staff for RESOURCE (base ship) (C.in C. S.A. 2000/8).

A.M.C.s.

Re-allocation of A.M.Cs. CANTON and QUEEN OF BERMUDA for duty on East Coast of South America. (D.O.D.(F) 1630/8).

S.L.16

Sailing telegram (N.C.S.O Freetown, Sierra Leone 1515/8)

FOREIGN STATIONS.South Atlantic (Cont.)Minefield
proposed. ✓Re. C.in C. S.A. 177/01155 of 4/12/39,
Criticism etc. (Adty. 2051/8).Proposed raid
on Falkland
Is. ✓

Following from source whose value not yet able to determine. U.53 off East Coast of Trinidad, engine trouble, but able to dive. A raid by TIRPITZ, ADMIRAL SCHEER and DEUTSCHLAND and TANNENBURG and five submarines on Falklands is planned for about Feb.8. In this ANTONIO DELIFINO, SCHWABEN, RIO GRANDE, are to join, leaving Bahia, Santos, Rio Grande do Sul respectively between 26/1 and 30/1. RIO GRANDE speed said to be 12 knots. ANTONIO DELFINO speed said to be 15 knots. She is looking out for 30 engine room ratings as too many have been sent away. TANNENBURG and U.51, U.64 and U.65 are said to be now near Trinidad. Submit any confirmation of above may be communicated to me that I may assess value of my source. (Marriott, Bahia, 1901/8).
Reply. No confirmation. (D.N.I. 2015/10).

BAHIA

Your 1221. Reply. (Consul, Bahia 2200/9)

Convoy
Movements.

H.G.14 sailing Cape Tassifa, details (F.O.C.N.A. 2018/8).

Ocean Convoys.

Situation 2000/8 (C.in C. W.A. 1341/8).

S/m off
Canary Is.

^{HIGHLAND}
Master of S.S. ISLAND PATRIOT? reports 1535 G.M.T. 29/12/39 26°58'N. 15°55'W. large ocean-going S/M signalled him, then fired 3 rounds, all short. ISLAND PATRIOT fired 4 rounds. S/M appeared to crash dive after fourth. (N.C.S.O. Rio de Janeiro 1655/8)

America and West Indies.

RAJPUTANA to A. and W.I. for duty on West coast of South America. To take effect forthwith. (D.O.D.(F) 1631/8).

ENTERPRISE.

Proposed programme. (F.O.C. 3 B.S. 1651/8).

China ...

FOREIGN STATIONS.China.Dutch S/ms.

Suggesting G.M.S. message be sent warning merchant ships that Dutch s/ms. D.14 and D.15 are patrolling continually near Curacao and Aruba (Willemstad W.I. 1035/8)

Days Under
Way.

Number of days under way: ORION, 102; PERTH, 99; CARADOC, 53; DUNDEE, 86; PENZANCE, 89; HYPERION, 89; HOTSPUR, 103; HEReward, 97; HUNTER, 83. (C.in C. A.W.I. 1402/8).

D.O.D. 0016/8. See 7/1.

Ocean Escorts.

Revised programme (F.O.C. 3 B.S. 1651/8).

North Atlantic.HIGHLAND
PATRIOT.

Reported in Press to have been attacked by U-Boat shortly after leaving Las Palmas (D.N.I. 1921/8) S/m could not be identified. (A.N.A. Rio de Janeiro 1254/9).

S/m

See S. Atlantic.

Mediterranean.A.M.Cs.

VOLTAIRE to Mediterranean (D.O.D.(F) 1631/8).

Exports
control.

Your 2019/26. Question has been referred to M.E.W. and Colonial Office (Hd. of M. 1602/8).

do.
Italian.

Use your discretion in view of delicate negotiations now proceeding. Do not annoy Italians for few unimportant items. (D.E.W.D. 2306/8 to C.in C. Med., F.O.C.N.A.) Arrangements to come into force, 10/1 (D.E.W.D. 2302/8).

Intelligence
Centre,
Istanbul.

Consider a naval member would be very desirable. Executive officer with intelligence experience would be extremely valuable in such an organisation, particularly if Balkan situation deteriorates. (C.in C., Med., 2301/8).



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Monday.

FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean (Cont.)

Contraband
Control
Egyptian ✓

Objection to M.E.W. telegram 105 of 7/1 to C. G. Alexandria (C. in C. Med. 1859/8).

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8.1.40.
Monday.GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS.Home Commands.

HEIN HOYER) 1500	} Passed Southward in cargo. (V.C. Haugesund 1635/8)
PALOS	) 1530
SIMON VON UTRECHT	) 1545
MUANSA	) 1545
ODIN	) 1600

RAUENFELS 1530 Arrived from South (do.)

KONSUL KARL	}	} Arrived 7/1 all light. (Narvik 1236/8)
FISSER		
MONSUN		
AMASIS		
LIPPE		
HANS RICKMERS		

South Atlantic.

LAHN At Montevideo (arr. 22/11) discharging copper, tin and fertilisers by order of Uruguayan Court. (S.O.(I) Montevideo 1630/8).

SANTOS S.O.(I) Freetown 2150/8 see 7/1.

BAHIA My 2034/5, BAHIA cleared for Buenos Aires. My 1901/8, same source, states she has nothing to do with plan X and is proceeding independently. Following from reliable source, Master of BAHIA waited at agent's office for delivery of air mail which contained for him fifty cylinders about fifty centimetres long by ten centimetres diameter apparently heavy. It appears this was Condor mail plane from Rio de Janeiro. (Marriott, Bahia, 2359/8).

X Raid on Falkland Is.

Tanker.

Reports (C.3 source) that German Legation endeavouring to charter small fully loaded tanker to proceed to Pacific (?) as soon as possible (S.O.(I) Montevideo 2027/8)

North ...

GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS (Cont.).North Atlantic.NORDMEER
Tanker.

Reported went alongside ORIZABA and LA PLATA (German) during night 5/6 Jan. transshipping heavy cases to latter. Next night alongside WAHEHE (German) also transshipping cases and last night alongside WANGONI (German) transshipping (B.C. Vigo 2116/8)

America and West Indies.

Callao reports 3 German ships at Guayaquil are recruiting volunteers for crew from local Germans A 2. (S.O.(I) Kingston, Jamaica 1655/8).

Days under
way.

From beginning of war to 1/1/40. ORION 102, PERTH 99, CARADOC 53, DUNDEE 86, PENZANCE 89, HYPERION 89, HOTSPUR 103, HEReward 97, HUNTER 83. (C. in C. A.W.I. 1402/8) RESOLUTION 57, MALAYA 86, EFFINGHAM 77, AUSONIA 34, LETITIA 33, CACHALOT 51. (F.O.C. 3 BS 1211/3).

U-BOAT ...

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING.S/ms. Reported.

- 0900 U-Boat seen in position $55^{\circ}03' N. 01^{\circ}13' W.$
Reliable report. (Capt. 6th S.F. 2337/8).
- 1415 U-Boat reported three to four miles N.N.E.
from Roseharty. 19th A/S Striking Force
ordered to hunt. (C. in C., Rosyth 1432/8).
- 1430 U-Boat reported in position 270 Orsay Island
light 15 miles. GLEANER ordered to search.
(N.O.i/c. Glasgow, 2025/8) Report of
search, no result (N.O. i/c. Clyde. 0930/10).
- 2100 Surfaced alongside S/T MORVEN $58^{\circ} 18' N. 3^{\circ} W.$
(Doubtful IGO 325/40) (C.in C. Rosyth 1600/9).

Hague Reports.

Reports of enemy submarines off the Dutch coast, principally Ymuiden, have frequently been received and later found to be false. These reports emanate from fishermen through French N.A., Hague, and have been cause of unnecessary operational orders. Investigation requested. (D.N.I. to N.A., Hague, 1212/8)

HOME COMMANDS

- Home Fleet. C. in C. H.F. in RODNEY with REPULSE and 8 destroyers is N.W. of Hebrides (0730/9) returning to Clyde.
EDINBURGH and GLASGOW covering outward bound Norwegian convoy (O.N.7), approaching Norwegian coast 0730/9.
TRIDENT returning from patrol off Murmansk coast, and expected to arrive about 14/1.
- Northern Patrol. Orkneys to Faroes - 2 cruisers.
Faroes to Iceland - 2 " "
Denmark Strait - 1 A.M.C.
- Air Reconnaissance Fog again interfered with air reconnaissance over Southern half of North Sea.
- Security Patrols Bomber Command Security Patrols over Borkum and Sylt sighted enemy a/c's at approx 1900 15 miles N. of Emden. When enemy a/c's were picked up by S/L's 2 red flares were fired and S/L's were switched off. (H.Q. Bomber Command 0130/10)
- Enemy a/c Raid on Shipping. During the day attacks were made by enemy a/c's on 14 small unescorted vessels off the East coast. Our a/c's did not succeed in intercepting any of the raiding aircraft. (C. in C. Rosyth 1931/9) German High Command Communiqué stated that 4 steamers which opened fire on the aircraft were sunk in self defence (Deutschlandsender 1130/10) (C. in C. Rosyth 1830/9)
- OAKGROVE sunk. Ships attacked:-
0931 (1985 tons) Br. Santander for Grangemouth with iron ore, was attacked off North Lemon Buoy Cromer Knoll (15 miles 107°) and abandoned (Adty. Statement) sunk. 4 out 15 bombs hit. Captain K, remainder (20) of crew saved. F.O. i/c Humber 0235/10
D.C.N.S. 128 gives time 0935.
- RECULVER damaged. Trinity House vessel, 683 tons, was bombed and machine gunned for ½ hour while relieving lightship crews off Gorleston. Badly damaged and was taken in tow by trawler TAMARA. Casualties at least 1 officer k, 30 men w, landed at Yarmouth (Adty. Statement) Towed into Yarmouth (I.C.0325/40)
1002
- CORSTAR (2337 tons) Br. London to Leith, was attacked off St. Abbs Head. Bombed and machine gunned Not seriously damaged. One man w.
1030
- JEVINGTON COURT (4554 tons) Rosario to Leith, was gunned and bombed off The Bell Rock. Slightly damaged. No casualties. (NID 242/40. Bombing & machine gunning by enemy a/c's, 2 Steam Trawlers TRINITY N.B., RIVER EARN & SS JEVINGTON COURT.)
1100

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AIR.

NORTHWOOD.

British 1146 tons attacked by aircraft at 1155/9 off Whitby. No bombs hit and minor damage was done by machine gun bullets. Master believes some hits registered by his Lewis gun. (M02398/40).

HOME COMMANDS.

NORTHWOOD
1155 to 1205

Machine gunned and then bombed (missed) by two German bombers. Steamers replied with her gun and a/c's sheered off. 65° 2½ miles Whitby. Engines damaged. (I.C.0325/40) Master's statement see C. in C. Rosyth 0150/10.

GOWRIE sunk
1145

(689 tons Br.) Bombed and sunk 4 miles E. of Stonehaven in Aberdeen. (I.C.0325/40) All crew saved by Danish ship (Adty. Statement) (S.S. ENGLAND, via Wick Radio 1345/9) Sank 1400/9) No Casualties.

IVAN KONDRUP
1615

Danish (2369 tons) Bombed 2 miles E. of Gregness (Aberdeen) 11 survivors landed 10 missing. Damaged. Abandoned but towed to Aberdeen. (Admiralty Statement and C. in C. Rosyth 2351/9, 2222/10). Berthed at Aberdeen 11/1 I.C.0327/40.

The Danish papers emphasise the fact that the Danish ship FEDDY and IVAN KONDRUP clearly displayed their flag, which was illuminated by searchlights. Their colours were also painted on the ships' sides.

A member of the crew of the IVAN KONDRUP said to a correspondent of the Copenhagen Berlingske Aftenavis: "The German airmen could not possibly have mistaken our identity." (Press)

FEDDY
1615

Danish (955 tons) Bombed and abandoned on fire 2 miles E. of Gregness. No casualties. Fire got under control Towed to Aberdeen 10/1 and was berthed alongside (Adty. Statement, I.C.0325/40. and C. in C. Rosyth 2351/9, 2222/10.)

2 unknown ships.
1615

In company with IVAN KONDRUP and FEDDY, bombed believed damaged. (I.C.0325/40)

DELPHINUS 0950

Trawler. Bombed in position TF, off Cromer. (N.C. Yarmouth 1800/9)

UPMINSTER sunk.
1000

(Br. 1030 tons) Bombed and abandoned 4 miles S.E. Haisboro Lt. V. 3 K, 10 survivors landed at Yarmouth 1800/9) taken in tow by tug but sank 1100/10 (I.C.0327 says reported sunk 11/1)

HOME COMMANDS (Cont.)ANTRIM COAST
1100

Bombed and machine gunned 7 miles S.E. of Arbroath. Undamaged (I.C.0325/40)

WHITE HEATHER
1258

Machine gunned 9 miles N.E. St. Abb's Head. Undamaged. (I.C.0325/40) Aircraft went off to attack steamer on horizon.

JUST REWARD
0400

Reported by fishing vessel JUST REWARD a/c circled vessel at low altitude but did not molest. Came from East and departed Eastward. 9 miles N x E (mag) Scarborough (C. in C. Rosyth 2120/10)

D.W.I.

Trial for today postponed owing to weather. (H.Q. 16 Group 1200/9)

Convoys.

S.L.14 and H.G.F.14 arrival a.m.
(C. in C. W.A. 1321/9)
H.N.7 due Cape Wrath p.m./11 (D.T.D.1311/9)
F.S.66 arrives South Edinburgh Channel from 0955 (LONDONDERRY 0957/9)
F.N.67 at 0700, 20 ships (N.C.S.O. Thames 0721/9)
O.B.70 and O.A.70 G. join and become O.G.14
Movements (C. in C. W.A. 1053/9)
East Coast convoys now under way again (see 8/1)

Submarine Positions.

Whilst submarines should still follow routes laid down in my 0035/27/12, detailed analysis of patrol reports of URSULA, SHARK and SEAWOLF indicate explosions heard were probably caused by bombs jettisoned from aircraft. (R.A.(S) 1759/9)

Casualties.
MONTAUBAN

French (4191 tons) in F.S.67 convoy, ran aground 0458/9 on Saltscar, near Hartlepool. Crew has been landed. Ship's back is broken (N.O. i/c Newcastle on Tyne 0750/9)

Reykjavik. oil stock.

Reykjavik 1731/9.

Enemy a/c's
? Minelaying

After dark German a/c's were remarked by D/F in entrances to Humber, Tyne, and Harwich. Altitudes were uncertain, but they may have been laying mines. (D.C.2013/9)

Mines.

A further 9 mines were accounted for to the northward of the North Tyne approach channel. (I.C.0325/40.)

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British Notified area. Your 1115/9. Point lies 2 miles outside British Notified Area. Zone 3 miles inside this area can be regarded as safe. German mines in vicinity not known. (D.D.O.D.(M) 1847/9 to N.C.S.O. Copenhagen.)

Nore Command movements. For period ending 0700/10 (C. in C. Nore 0610/9)

Fishing area. In Icelandic waters, additional area. (D.T.D. 1403/9)

S/M's positions 0700/10 (D.C. 1846/9)

Sealing W/T Transmitters Re my 1701/4. I intend to take ^{action} as proposed (F.O. i/c Portland 1750/9)

Clyde Area Redistribution of duties. Re 1947/4. Sundry proposals (F.O. Clyde 1717/9)

LAPPEN Sunk 25/12/39 Secy. Norwegian Shipowners' Assn. states Captain arrested for scuttling ship (Oslo 1500/9)

OSLO Danish. No news since passing Kinnaird Head 1500/7. Asking if she is safe. (N.C.S.O. Copenhagen 1800/9)

Defects.
ESCORT)
ELECTRA)

HASTINGS To be taken in hand for refit at Falmouth 10/1. Require 28 days for urgent defects (C. in C. W.A. 2053/9. Approved (D.O.D.(M) 2142/10. Date for completion 3/2 (A.S. Chatham 1731/9) She was taken in hand for collision repairs 3/1 (A.S. Chatham 1805/3)

ILEX Taken in hand for defects 5/1 (N.C. i/c Liverpool 1749/9) See also 17/1.

JERSEY Taken in hand 9/1. Provisional completion June 1940 (F.O. Humber 1601/9)

North Channel Report

0500	Weather	Visibility
North Sea	Wind N.E. Moderate	Moderate
Horns Reef	E. Moderate	Good
Channel	E. Moderate	Moderate
W. Approaches	S. Moderate	Good
<u>Outlook:</u>	No change.	

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Enemy IntelligenceDEUTSCHLAND

Is reported to have been under repair at Danzig since 29/12. (N.A.Copenhagen 1920/9)

SCHEER

which had previously been reported as sailing from Schillig on a long cruise on 14/12, is now reported by another source to have been at Kiel since 25/12. B.3 (do). Not first class information (D.N.I. 2016/11)

Mines

German broadcast Notice to Mariners 31 stated that danger from floating mines E of Bornholm and South of Sweden is past. A few reports from this area continue to come in, however.

Aircrafts

Enemy aircrafts were seen to land at Westerland Aerodrome at 2015. (presumably by our security patrols) (I.C.0325/40).

SCHARNHORST }
class ship }
GNEISENAU }


Reported having serious trouble with shaft alignment (N.A.Copenhagen 1920/9).

? HIPPER
LEIPZIG

Undergoing repairs to ammunition hoists at Hamburg (do)
Extensive refit at Hamburg (do).

3 of KÖLN
class

At Kiel 25/12 (do).


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Repair Staff. ✓ My 1155/5 and subsequent signals. Details of minimum staff necessary for H.M.S. RESOURCE to maintain efficiently all ships based Freetown (C.in.C., S.A. 2000/8).

A.N.A. Rio de Janeiro 1254/9 see 8/1 North Atlantic.

S.L.17. Ocean route (D.T.D.1646/9).

Consul Bahia 2200/9
(Raid on Falkland
Is.). See 8/1.

GRAF SPEE
Examination of
her A/C. ✓ Examination A/C in reply to 1212/21. Proposals (N.A. Buenos Aires 1520/9). Photographs obtained ex GRAF SPEE show an A/C aboard her with British markings under wing (N.A. Buenos Aires 1900/9).

Mediterranean.

Gibraltar. French warship movements (S.O.(I) Gib., 1052/9).

Contraband Control
Egyptian. ✓ Interior ^m system (D.E.W.D. 2015/9).

East Indies.

C.C. at Basra. ✓ Basra deals with average of 2 ships a day. Six D.A.M.S. have been armed in 3 months. Various matters connected with the work at Basra. Seven officers available for other appointments (S.N.O. Persian Gulf 0900Z/8).

China.

SELENGA Russian S.S. SELENGA (left Manila 7/1 p.m. for Vladivostok) to be intercepted and brought Hong Kong (C-in-C., China, 0136Z/9).

Australia.

J 1
Sabuit. Defences and A/C's. (D.N.I. Melbourne 0830Z/9).

North Atlantic.

Convoys. Reference Admiralty 1642/21 and C.O.A.C., Halifax 0906/8, ships should normally not be detached east of 25°W. (D.T.D., 1310/9).

Suspicious vessel. S.S. CLARE LILLEY reports suspicious merchant vessel 1100 39°0'N., 13°0'W (FOCNA 1214/9).

S.L.16. Sailing telegram (D.T.D.1515/9).

French Positions. 1200/9 (D.C. 0130/9).

British Positions. D.C. 1938/9).



FOREIGN STATIONS (Contd.).

America and West Indies.

H.G.14

Sailing telegram (D.T.D.1132/9) Route (C-in-C.,
W.A. 1112/9).

GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS.Home Commands.

TRAUTENFELS) Arrivals Narvik Jan. 8th during the night.
EMSLAND) TRAUTENFELS, EMSLAND and EUROPA, all light.
EUROPA) (Narvik, 1136/9).

BAHIA BLANCA At 2315/9 she made S.O.S. in English from Denmark
S.O.S. Straits. A rescue ship is on her way from Rey-
Karvik. Damaged by ice, leaking, sinking slowly
66°9'N., 26°20'W (Valentia Radio de BAHIA BLANCA,
2315/9.) Ship left Rio de Janeiro 34 days ago with
80,000 bags of coffee, etc. 62 survivors landed
Hapnar Fjord early 11th Jan. (Reykjavik, 1020/11).
NEWCASTLE to proceed at once to intercept (C-in-C.,
H.F.0825/10)(1849/10). 60 seamen saved by Iceland
trawler, proceeding down W. coast, BAHIA BLANCA
stated sunk off North Cape Iceland (Reykjavik
1638/10) Further orders for NEWCASTLE (V.A.N.P.
1101/11) See 11/1. (Naval Censor, Burnham-on-Sea
Radio 1210/10.) Position of NEWCASTLE 62°32'N.,
16°36'W. Present weather conditions prevent a
greater speed of advance than 9 knots without risk
of serious damage. (NEWCASTLE, 1700/10).
NEWCASTLE asked how much longer she could remain on
patrol not allowing fuel to drop below 30 per cent
on return. (V.A.N.P., 0204/13). *Sunk (F.O.C.N.P.1850/22)*
(Supplement, 354)

LIVADIA Sailed from Trondjem 1600 (D.N.I.2307/9). Trondheim
1600/9).

RUHRORT Sailed (N.C.S.O Gothenburg 1154/9).

INDALSALFVEN) Arrived with general cargoes (do).
EGERIA)

HERO Arrived (Trondheim 1600/9).

{KONSUL CARL) Sailed from Narvik night of 9th Jan., loaded with
{FISSER) ore. (D.N.I., 2008/10).
{AMASIS)


North Atlantic.

NORDMEER Reported 2 small vessels said to be tankers entered
LA PLATA bay tonight. One of them has left, one is still
alongside tanker NORDMEER (Consul Vigo 0210/9).
Second small vessel left, after which NORDMEER went
alongside L.A. PLATA (German)(Consul, Vigo 1033/9).

South Atlantic.

SAO PAULO Left Cabardello early 9/1 (S.O.(I) Freetown, Simons-
town 1350/9, A.N.A. Rio de Janeiro 1144/9, B.C.
Pernambuco 0915/9, S.O.(I).Montevideo 1044/9).

RIO GRANDE Information as given 10/1 was also given in S.O.(I)
Montevideo 2308/9.


GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS. (Contd.).South Atlantic.

WINDHUK	1000 tons	)	quantities of oil fuel ordered and
BABBITONGA	100 "	diesel	) paid for by German Embassy, to be
DRESDEN	350 "	do	) supplied within 2 days from
KONIGSBERG	220 "	do	) CALORIC (? U.S.A. CALORIA).

WINDHUK	500 tons	)	ordered but not yet accepted by CALORIC.
ANTONIO DELFINO	500 "	)	(A.N.A. Rio de Janeiro 1321/9).

KONIGSBERG At Para, still loading rubber. A.I. report states agents refuse to accept delivery after 17/1. (S.O. (I) Freetown, 2113/9).

America and West Indies.

Unknown ship. S.S. ARGYLL, 1500/17/12 47°51'N, 25°30'W, spoken by ship hoisting pendant of British S.S. EL MIRLO asking name and destination and whether she was British S.S. TACOMA STAR. S.S. EL MIRLO arrived 24/12 (S.O.(I) Kingston, Jamaica 1015/9).

ARAUCA Case to be heard 10/1 (S.O.(I) Kingston, Jamaica, 1700/9).

QUITO)
BOGOTA) Reported to be at Esmeraldas Ecuador. Orders for DESPATCH and RAJPUTANA to patrol with object of capturing them if they proceed to West Africa. (C-in-C., A.W.I., 1235/11).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING.Ships attacked.

- EGTON 0507 British (4363 tons) reporting she was being attacked by a S/M 10 miles N.N.W. of Cadiz. (Lands End Radio, 0507/9) EGTON at 0911/9 signalled cancelling her previous submarine report (D.C.N.S).
- DUNBAR CASTLE
mined, sunk.
1352 Distress signal from DUNBAR CASTLE, 10,000 tons, Captain Causton, mined 51.23 N., 1.34 E., 3° N. of North Goodwins. (V.A. Dover, 1640/9) (F.O.I.C. London, 2231/9). Outward bound from London to Beira. Captain killed. 11 missing out of 206. It appears that DUNBAR CASTLE was led into a dangerous area by S.S. HARBURY (Commodore's ship) whose pilot endeavoured to follow instructions just received by W/T from a foreign station, at about 1000. This very possibility had been foreseen in Admiralty and a general signal was made on 19/11 warning all ships to disregard navigational warnings issued by foreign stations concerning British Coastal routes. Other pilots in convoy informed pilot of HARBURY that their ships had received no wireless message. (F.O.I.C., London, 2231/9). (D.C.N.S.). 215 miles 360° from N. Goodwin. Inside Q.Z.338 (I.C.0325/40) Master and 2 crew lost. 48 passengers (incl. 8 women and 8 children) and 147 crew saved. 7 of survivors injured.
- TRUIDA 0715 Dutch TRUIDA, 175 tons, sunk by explosion 20' East of North Foreland. Crew of 4 rescued (D.C.N.S.) approx. 51°27'N, 1°50'E. Area is being searched 10/1 (I.C.0325/40) A number of floating mines were reported in this vicinity 9/1 and 3 were destroyed by FLAMINGO. Crew of 4 of TRUIDA picked up by Dutch S.S. FRISBO and transferred Dutch TIBERINO, for Amsterdam (N.O.I.C., Ramsgate, 1629/9).
- TIBERIUS
mined. TIBERIUS not TIBERINO 51°27'30'N, 1°50'E, mined. (N.I.S.O. Rotterdam 1352/10 and 1207/11). 51°27'N, 1°50'E, TIBERIUS reports floating mines 51°26'N, 1°48'30'E, 51°27'N, 1°56'E, 51°28'N, 1°58'E, 51°29'N, 1°59'E (C.G. Rotterdam, 1230/10).
- MANX 0130 Unknown Norwegian vessel reported 2359/9 mined at midnight 9/1 60 miles N. of Rattray Head. M/S Trawler S/R JOHN LAWFORD sent to search for survivors. 58°30'N, 1033'W (F.O.C.O.S.1605/10). Motala reports mining of MAX FREDERIKSGAD (? vessel referred to in F.O.C.O.S. 1605/10) (Motala Radio 1800/11) No, vessel was MANX (Norwegian tons). Captain reported no evidence of torpedo so assumed mine (Oslo 1614/16).
- MAX
FREDERIKSGAD See MANX.

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING Contd.S/m's Reported

1050 Position 220° Eddystone 16, reliable fix. ACASTA and WINDSOR ordered to attack (C. in C. W.A., 1214) MELVIN ordered to attack (C. in C. W.A. 1241/9) Position 49° 30' N., 00° 03' W., (C. in C. Portsmouth, 2306/9). (A.N.I. 2159/9).

Possibility that one U-boat homeward bound may pass Muckle Flugga to-night or to-morrow, night. Intelligence of U-boats outward bound is seldom obtainable in time for a forecast to be made because they seem to remain submerged by day. Probably few will proceed to the Atlantic before April, (D.N.I., 1105/9).

S/m's Attacked
0010 - VESPER attacked s/m in position 49° 09' N
0330 06° 24' W., from 0010 to 0330 when submarine observed to break surface by the bow and sink stern first immediately. No survivors or oil seen before rejoining convoy by dawn in view of C. in C. W.A's 1939/7 (VESPER, 1130/9, 1900/10)

1030 SCARBOROUGH made depth charge attack in position 16' S.W. of Eddystone. Large oil tracks appeared and later caught fire. (Scarborough, 1050, 1140, 1158, and 1227/9). Repeated attacks made on the position resulted in spreading the area of fire. Oil may have come from a tanker recently sunk (D.C.N.S.) Enemy s/m reported 220 Eddystone 16 (reliable fix) at 1050/9 (C. in C. W.A. 1241 to KELVIN.) SCARBOROUGH considered she had destroyed the s/m without doubt and this appears to have been the view of C. in C. W.A. (SCARBOROUGH 1348/9, 1532/9, C. in C.W.A. 1324/9 to SCARBOROUGH, C. in C. W.A. 1900/9 C. in C. W.A. 1029/10) and T.L. thought attack apparently successful (D.A/S W. 0101/11) at 0339/10 ZAA NSTROON reports seeing great amount of burning oil in 49.59 N., 4.34 W., but could see no ship. (Lands End Radio, 0340/10).

0920 By BIDEFORD. See 13/1.

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HOME COMMANDS.

9. 1. 1940,
Tuesday.

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING.

VESPER,
U-boat
believed
sunk.

H.M.S. VESPER, escorting S.L.14 fast, obtained suspicious contact in 49 degs. 09' N., 06 degs. 24' W. at 0010/9. Convoy proceeded and VESPER carried out counter attack. (Details)(VESPER, 1900/10). After interview C.O. of VESPER am of opinion that a U-boat was destroyed (C. in C., W.A, 1446/13).

SCARBOROUGH,
U-boat
believed
sunk.

Consider I have sunk enemy submarine without doubt. Large quantities of oil have been burning for two hours and A/S has shown that the submarine has not moved from under smoke for two hours. Repeatedly attacked in this position. (SCARBOROUGH, 1348/9) Attacked by H.M.S. WINDSOR, area of burning oil spread. Have no doubt submarine is finally destroyed. (SCARBOROUGH, 1532/9). Your 1348, Well done, fix position and buoy, then return to harbour (C. in C., W.A., 1534/9). After interviewing C.O., SCARBOROUGH, am of opinion that target was in fact a U-boat and that it has been destroyed (Clin C., W.A., 1029/10). Admiralty congratulations (D. A/S. W., 0101/11).

0010.

By VESPER with Convoy S.L. 14F.
"No doubt a U-boat was destroyed."
Second success achieved by VESPER
(Lieut. Comdr. W.F.E. Hussey
D.S.C., R.N.) (M.01908/40)


HOME COMMANDS.Home Fleet

C-in-C in RODNEY with REPULSE and 8 destroyers arrived Clyde 1730/10.
EDINBURGH and GLASGOW covering homeward bound Norwegian convoy (H.N.7), about midway across from Norway to Shetlands.
Orders to NEWCASTLE (C-in-C H.F.0825/10) see BAHIA BLANCA 9/1.

Northern Patrol.

Orkneys to Faroes	2 cruisers
Faroes to Iceland	2 cruisers, 6 AMC's.
Denmark Strait	nil.

Re-allocation of AMC's.

Re-allocations, dates of joining etc. (F.O.C.N.P 1645/10).

Air Reconnaissance.

Bomber reconnaissance patrol by 12 Blenheims was carried out over southern part of North Sea; No warships were sighted. Nine of our a/c's encountered 5 Messerschmidts, 110 miles N.W. of Heligoland. One Blenheim was shot down and one force-landed at Mamby. Remainder returned safely. One enemy a/c was shot down and one force-landed in Denmark. (H.Q. Bomber Cmd. 0935/10, 1645/10, 2350/10.)
A Hudson on patrol sighted 7 enemy a/c's believed to be M.E.110 in 54°15'N, 3°15'E at 1515. Another a/c on patrol engaged a Heinkel 111.K in 56°40'N, 0°20'E. Action was broken off with enemy damaged.

Security Patrol.

Report. 3 bombs dropped on lights N.E. of Hornum (H.Q. Bomber Cmd. 0629/10). Further report (H.Q. Bomber Cmd. 0605/10). Reports in Press and foreign broadcasts that Hindenburger Damm was cut by bombs.

Enemy air activity.

Enemy a/c's were again reported off East coast, chiefly off Firth of Forth, between 1300 and 1530, but only one ship was attacked. S.S. SEQUACITY (870 tons) was bombed and machine gunned off St. Abb's Head at 1314. Apparently not hit. Ship continued on her voyage. A/C left steering 090°. At 1320 A/S trawler COMITATUS off May Island fired 4 rounds H.A. and 100 rounds Lewis gun at two-engined bomber believed Heinkel overhead. Approached at 200 feet, departed S.E. direction. (C-in-C., Rosyth 2120/10 which gives day's occurrences in tabular form, quoting signals received).

Casualties.

Swedish SILVAN overhauled by 3-engined monoplane in 56.00 N, 02.15'W, at 1300/10, which made off to east. 3 British planes apparently in pursuit. (C-in-C., Rosyth 2317/10).

CANTON see 11/1.

Grounded but got off. Asked for her position and was told D/F bearing from Wick 258° unreliable, from Malin Head 356° first class (N.G. Callsign Block 4 2323/10, C-in-C., Rosyth 0108/11 See 11/1 for details.

Defects. WATCHMAN

Taken in hand for refit 9/1. (A.S. Gibraltar 2230/10).


 HOME COMMANDS (Contd.).

- WELLINGTON Taken in hand for refit 10/1 (N.O.i/c Cardiff 1457/10).
- BATORY Polish ship BATORY left Clyde 1745/10 proceeding southward 16½ knots. (N.C.S.O., Clyde, 1745/10, A.C.W.A., 2254/10).
- Clyde mine-field defences. C-in-C H.F. 1930/10.
- S/M's position. 0700/11 (D.C.1932/10, 2141/10, 2327/10) 0700/10 (D.C. 1901/14).
- 19th ASSF) Orders (C-in-C., Rosyth 1619/10) see U-Boat
11th ASSF) campaign.
- 1450 Unexplained explosions. In River Orwell off Shotley Point, 7 to 8 miles E.N.E. of Felixstowe, 4 miles N. of Sunk Head Buoy.
- 1520 Close to Margate C.G. Station, 2 miles N. of Whitstable, 7 to 8 miles E. of Clacton.
- 1725 - 1746 Four distant explosions reported E.S.E. of Holy Island.
- 1402 & 1425 C.G. Anstruther heard 2 and 3 explosions, possibly patrol vessels engaged in sinking mines (C-in-C., Rosyth 2120/10).
- 1554 C.G. C.G. Eyemouth heard sound of gunfire 340° and near St. Abb's Head, possibly patrol vessels engaged in sinking 2 floating mines. (C-in-C., Rosyth 2120/10, 1900/9 (should be 1900/10, 1657/10)).
- New Swedish Channel. Asking for details (D.N.I. 1819/10).
- East Coast Shipping. Measures to increase security of East coast shipping against enemy air attack. Ships sailing independently from Firth of Forth northward and southward from Tyne northward and from Humber southward to be sailed at dusk. As many ships as possible up to 35 to be sailed in F.N. and F.S. convoys. Fighter patrols to operate when weather permits in area between Tyne and Thames (D.T.D. 0031/10).
- 3rd A/S Striking Force. Re. 1947/4 (F.O. IC/ Belfast 0935/10 to A.C.W.A.).
- Re. Russian Arctic ports. Still not to be treated as adjacent neutral territory. (Hd. of M 1148/10 in reply to V.A.N.P. 1244/24/12/39).
- D.W.I. Re further trials (C-in-C Nore 1227/10) to take place 11/1 (C-in-C Nore 1322/10).
- Convoys. Proposing that O.N.8 sail from Methil 1680/14. Asking for concurrence (C-in-C., Rosyth 1032/10).

BAHIA BLANCA

Sunk (ice)

SUPPLEMENT (354)

HOME COMMANDS (Contd.).

Speed of ships not to be reduced or delay in programme will be caused (C-in-C., Rosyth 1036/10).
HX.13 successful except for weather damage (D.T.D. 1329/10).

OA.71 Escort and route (A.C.W.A.0938/10).

OB.71 Route (A.C.W.A.0937/10).

QA.69 Route (D.C.W.A.0934/10).

Nore Command movements.

For period ending 0700/11 (C-in-C., Nore 0536/10, 0755/10).

HERTHA

Norwegian 1365 tons goods damaged in collision 0630/10 near Barry, beached in Whitmore Bay in sinking condition (F.O.i/c Cardiff 0922/10).

Enemy subjects.

British policy governing the removal of German seamen from neutral vessels is to take all officers, P.O.'s, W/T and other technical ratings, but not seamen who are not trained technicians.

Ships overdue.

M.V.AUSTRALIND
(5020 tons).

From Southend 16/12/39 due New York 3/1/40.

TEMPLE PIER
(4312 tons)

From Liverpool 20/12/39 due Halifax N.S. 2/1/40.

BRITISH CAPTAIN
(6968 tons).

Tanker from Aruba 22/12/39 due Halifax N.S. 4/1/40.

WEATHER.

	<u>Wind</u>	<u>Visibility.</u>
North Sea	North	Moderate. Rain
	Central	Poor. Mist
	South	Moderate. Mist patches
Channel	East	Moderate
W. Approaches	South East	Good
Horns Reef	South	Good

Outlook. A period of continuous rain and strong winds in the North, little change elsewhere.

Enemy Intelligence.

WESTWALD.

Stated by German Naval Officers interned on CITY OF FLINT that WESTWALD type able to escape our patrols, being designed for speed of 28 knots. WESTWALD refuelled DEUTSCHLAND (N.A. Oslo 1010/10).

TANNENBERG)
U.53.)

Reported left Germany 16/12 for Bahia or S... Atlantic (Consul, Bahia 1839/10).

FINNO-RUSSIAN WAR.Russian Mining.

Information in possession of Norwegian Admiralty (Director of Naval Intelligence) shows that Russians have mined all entrances to bays from Norwegian coast to Murmansk, Rabachi Peninsula and entrances to bays mined are also protected by artillery. (N.A., Oslo, 1420/10).



FINNO-RUSSIAN WAR (Contd.).

Sailings from
Kronstadt.

? Swedish Military Attaché states ice-breaker
YERBURGH MAKENI is at Kronstadt, also that 14
special units of Baltic Fleet sailed from that
port last week presumably for Baltic States'
bases whence they could operate during winter
months. (N.A., Moscow, recd. 1805/10).

FOREIGN STATIONSAmerica & West Indies Station.

German ship
DÜSSELDORF
captured.

R.of P. H.M.S. DESPATCH 27/11 - 17.12.39 at Valparaiso 28/11 rendezvoused with ORANGELEAF off Aranco Gulf (30/11). Sailed from Bahia 2/12 from S.Quentin 4/12. DÜSSELDORF left Valaparaíso 13/12, sighted off Caldera 15/12. Boarding party landed all signals having been disregarded. Bomb had been exploded in engine room, sea cocks opened. Engineer closed sea cocks and started emergency pump. DÜSSELDORF's boats returned to ship. Prize crew sent on board. Refuelled at Antofagasta.

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING.Submarines Attacked.

0010/9.

By VESPER with Convoy SL24F. "No doubt a U-boat was destroyed". Second success achieved by VESPER (Lieut.Cdr. W.F.E. Hussey D.S.C., R.N.) M.01908/40).

FOREIGN STATIONS.Mediterranean.

- Black Sea. Is frozen at Odessa for first time for many years (Moscow report quoted by German News Agency).
- Relief for Turkey. Re GALATEA flag of V.A. Tovey, MAINE and ANTENOR, (Hd. of M. 8937/10, C-in-C., Med. 1803/10, 1041/29/12, 1005/5, 1117/5, 1119/5, Hd. of M. 2330/10, 0038/5, R.A. (D). Med, 1421/11, 0730/13, 2101/14).
- Sabotage. Risk of sabotage at Constanza. Danger from small British tankers with foreign crews (N.A. Bucharest 1021/10).
- Suspicious Argentine cargo. Report from Consul, Trieste, of cases of torpedoes ex German and Swiss trucks in Argentine ship PAMPA. Suggested interception. (N.A., Rome, 1909/10).
- WATCHMAN Refit see Home Commands.

Australia and New Zealand.

- U.S.2. Second New Zealand and Australian troop Convoy to leave Wellington 26/3 and Sydney 1/4 (D.O.D. (F) 0017/10).
- U.S.1. Route (Australian C'wealth Naval Board 1340/10. Navy Office, Wellington 2030Z5) RAMILLIES, CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA escorting left Sydney 10/1 for Fremantle (Australian C'wealth Naval Board 1310Z/10).

North Atlantic.

- French positions. 1200/10. (D.C. 0124/10).
- Movements. Gib. (S.O.(I) Gib. 0946/10).
- RAILLEUSE French destroyer. Movements (S.O.(I) Gib.1722/10).
- Convoys etc. D.C. 1935/10.
- AVILA STAR British S.S. AVILA STAR reported that she was attacked by 3 U-boats off the Canary Islands. One U-boat was damaged by the cruiser escorting the convoy of which she was part. In the same spot recently the S.S. ENGLISH PATRIOT was sunk (Rome Radio 2200/10).

America and West Indies.

- Interception of CONSUL HORN. Patrol established by French (S.O.(I) Kingston, Jamaica 1800/10). Dispositions, PENZANCE, DUNDEE, ASSINIBOINE (C-in-C A.W.I. 0955/10).


FOREIGN STATIONS. (Contd.).

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America and West Indies.Protest against
Neutrality act.

Washington, Wednesday. Great Britain has lodged a protest with the United States on behalf of the London Chamber of Shipping to the effect that the U.S. Neutrality Act discriminates against British ships. The discrimination, it is claimed, lies in requiring the transfer of the title of goods carried in British or other belligerent ships but in not requiring such transfer in the case of neutral ships carrying cargoes to ports outside the combat zone. The State Department is studying the protest. Reuter.

South Atlantic.

GRAF SPEE.
Allegation that
British used gas
disproved.

The report of the medical commission appointed by the Uruguayan Ministry of National Defence, particulars of which reached London 10/1 bears nine signatures. It states: "After careful examination of all the wounded and sick from the battleship "Admiral Graf Spee" treated in the military hospital and in the Pasteur Hospital the special technical commission appointed by the Director-General of the Army Medical Corps declares that it has found not the slightest lesion or symptoms which could give rise to the suspicion that they had been affected by war gases". (Press).

Sinking of

GRAF SPEE sunk in accordance with German standing orders for pocket battleship class to prevent any technical secrets being discovered. (N.A. Oslo 1010/10).

U.53.

Ref. D.N.I.1405, my 2034/5, 1343/8. Montevideo 1221 no longer applies. Trinidad S. Atlantic was meant. ANTONIO DELFINO ordered to expect U.53 here and supply her with oil. Present position of other German S/M and ship named in my 1901/8 unknown, all are stated to be warships TANNENBERG being new she and S/M left Germany 16/12 (Consul, Bahia 1839/10). See also 1901/8.

Windward
Passage Patrol.

Orders for patrol in Windward Passage. Orders for oilers, PERTH, ASSINIBOINE. (C-in-C. A.W.I.1155/10).

Security
Zone.

Interview with Chief of Staff, Argentine Navy, who favour 30 or 50 mile zone to provide a safe lane for inter-American trade. (B.N.A., Buenos Aires, 1230/10).

East Indies.Bandar Abbas.

The British Consul (Naval Reporting Officer) has been withdrawn from Bandar Abbas in Iran (S.N.O. Persian Gulf, 1831/10).



FOREIGN STATIONS (Contd.).

China.

Interception of
German seamen in
ASAMA MARU and
ARIZONA MARU.
LA PLATA MARU.

Desired to intercept 40 German seamen, ex-crews of tankers in Japanese ASAMA MARU. Vessel is not to be stopped within sight of Japanese coast and should not be diverted. (Head of M, 1900/10) see 13/1 and N.S.H.Q. Ottawa 1127/10, 2129/18)

German S/M's to
use base in
China.
Russian S/M's.

Japanese reported to state that report that German S/M's would use base in Japanese control territorially in South China was probably spread by Germans. Believed 70 Russian S/M's at Vladivostock; their effectiveness discounted (N.L.O. Shanghai 0951Z/10).

GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS.

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Home Commands.

- AMASIS) Departure during night 9/1 loaded with ore.
KONSUL CARL FISSER) (Narvik 1209/10).
- Unknown M.V. off
Iceland. Second large German merchant ship, estimated 20,000 tons, reported 9/1 inside territorial waters of Northwest Flow, steaming North. Not BAHIA BLANCA, (Reykjavik 2009/10).
- VENUS ? NEPTUN Sails from Bremen tonight for the Atlantic via Norwegian coast. Bands on funnel will be removed on leaving coast. Vessel is fitted as supply ship for S/M's. This her third voyage (N.A. Hague 2223/10. Name is given as VENUS, probably NEPTUN).
- NORDFAHRT Which went aground some days ago off Norwegian coast has now been refloated. (Motala Radio 2100/10).
- 9 German merchant ships passed Overdal A.M. proceeding Germany. (Kristiansands, 2200/10).
- MONSUN) Sailed from Narvik during night of 10/11 Jan.,
LIPPE) loaded with ore. (D.N.I.1742/11) (Narvik 1212/11).

South Atlantic.

- RIO GRANDE (? at Rio Grande do Sul) continued taking diesel oil 8/1 and 9/1. Vessel may sail any time, can clear in about 2 hours. (S.O.(I) Freetown 0220/10).
- WINDHUK H.M.S. MILFORD reports WINDHUK receiving further 10,000 tons bunker tomorrow 11th January. Embargoes still in force. (S.O.(I) Freetown, 1530/10). Brazilian Naval authorities have placed guard on her and agree to search thoroughly. (A.N.A., Rio 1739/10).
- ANTONIO DELFINO)
KÖNIGSBERG)
BAABITONGA)
RIO GRANDE)
Brazilian naval authorities requested to detain pending their investigation on ground that quantity and nature of fuel oils on board indicate use as supply ships. Para reports KÖNIGSBERG has arranged to sail 17th Jan. (A.N.A., Rio, 1739/10).

America and West Indies.

- ? CONSUL HORN Aruba reports time of departure 2200/9 S.O.(I) Kingston Jamaica 0903/10, 1830/10) (H.M.S. PENZANCE, 0631/10).
- CONSUL HORN Aruba confirms departure, time not given (S.O.(I) Kingston 0903/10).
- QUITO)
BOGOTA)
Reported in Esmeraleas, Ecaudor, awaiting arrival of fuel oil from Punta Arenas, Costa Rica. (D.N.I., 2038/10).



War Diary

MOST SECRET

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10.1.1940
Wednesday

FOREIGN STATIONS.

America & West Indies

German Ship
DÜSSELDORF
Captured

R. of P. DESPATCH 27/11- 16/12/39 at Valparaiso 28/11 rendezvous with ORANGE → LEAF off Arawco Gulf (30/11) Sailed from Bahia 2/12 from S. Quentin 4/12 DÜSSELDORF left Valparaiso 13/12. Sighted off Coquimbo 14/12 off Caldero 15/12.

Boarding party landed all signals having been disregarded. Bomb had been exploded in Engine room, seacocks opened. Engineer closed seacocks and started emergency pump. DÜSSELDORF boats returned to ship. Prize crew on board refuelled at Antofagasta.



GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS (Contd.).

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China.

MONI RICKMERS)
SOPHIE RICKMERS)
RENDSBURG)

All ships stated in N.E.I. reliably to be under restraint except the three noted in margin. RENDSBURG restraint not granted appeal pending. Vital parts of machinery removed from all ships under restraint except those at Padang and Menado where anchorage considered unsafe. (Capt. on Staff, Singapore 1002/10).

North Atlantic.

WAHEHE

Still at Vigo 1630/10 (F.O.C.N.A.1853/10).

LEESEE)
ALBERT JANUS)
ROSTOCK)

Reported expected to sail tonight or tomorrow (Consul Vigo 2000/10).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING.Ships Attacked.

MANX
sunk.

Norwegian (1343 tons) from Hartlepool 7/1 was mined off Haugesund 10/1. Nine crew picked up by another Norwegian ship, but 7 men are reported to be drifting northward on a raft, (D.S.) (Motala Radio, 1800/11). Mined 58°30'N., 1°33'W (Farsund Radio 1437/10). Asking for details (D.N.I.1827/15).

TONIS CHANDRIS
Chased.

0225 TONIS CHANDRIS (Greek) reported chased, ran ashore off Shetlands. In need of assistance. (Wick Radio 0310/10) Aith lifeboat proceeded position (Wick Radio 0820/10). Tug ST. MELLONS sailed to assist (N.O.I.C., Kirkwall, 1440/10). Crew of 7 officers and 15 men landed Lerwick 1645/12 by ST. MELLONS. Ship flooded fore and aft, expected total wreck. (A.C.O.S., 1846/12).

FREDVILLE

Norwegian (tons) mined in North Sea 10/1. Survivors landed at Kopervik (Swedish broadcast) See also 11/1.

S/M's reported.

1329	55°30'N., 1°35'E reliable position (D.N. 1134/10).
1717	52°30'N., 2°10'E reliable position (C.I. Nore 1815/10) (D.N.I.1750/10).
1430	58°46'N., 3°40'W. Course E. reported by coast watcher. (F.O.CO.S 1514/10) Doubtful. (I.C. 0326/40) A/C being sent to search (F.?C.?S. 1532/10)
1919	52°N., 15°W. Unreliable position. (D.N.I.2050/10).
1550	58°34'N., 03°47'W. S/M reported by coast watcher in easterly course, and seen to submerge. Aircraft from Wick and Hatston investigating. (F.O.C.O.S.,1550/10).

Orders for 19th
A.S.S.F and
11th A.S.S.F.

Reports indicate U-boat patrolling latitude of Wick. Cf. S/T BRACONBRAE 2100/8, Norwegian ship sunk 2359/9. Weather permitting, 19th A/S striking Force proceed with all despatch to operate in north part of areas to T.P and T.Q and northward of them. 11th A/S.S.F. proceed to relieve 19th A/S S.F. as soon as possible (C-in-C Rosyth 1619/10).

2000

On surface off Point of Aye, Isle of Man. (Customs Sillioth 1222/11). (Supposed to be the S/M which is believed to have laid mines in the area of EL. OSO. mined 11/1). sighted by S.S. HOLYHEAD (D.I.) (I.C. 0327/40). B.3 (C-in-C W.A. 1000/11) (C-in-C., H.F., 1527/11) (C-in-C W.A., 1901/11) May have laid mines off Liverpool and be proceeding northwards (D.N.I.1234/11).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING.

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South Atlantic.

Report that five schooners picked up quantity of fuel hidden in drums on shore 12 kilometres north of Marahu and transferred it to submarine at sea night of 10th January. Further report of 500 barrels of oil hidden on beach of island off Caravelles on which lighthouse is situated (Consul, Bahia, 0006/12).

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4th class D.F. bearing of enemy submarine at 2110 was 280 degrees or reciprocal (C.S.18, 2135/10). Unreliable bearings have been obtained of same unit placing it between 6°W and 15°W (D.C.0104/11)

HOME COM AINDSOperations

A Message Home and Abroad 922A

"2 days" to be superseded as description. From 2359/14 the day on which an operation will start will be Day one, written "D.1." Day following will be "Day two" etc. Day before, will be "Day minus one" etc. All Allied Services will adopt this. (Hd. of M. 2259/11)

Home Fleet

C-in-C in RODNEY with REPULSE and 8 destroyers in Clyde.
EDINBURGH and GLASGOW covering the homeward bound Norwegian Convoy (HM7) now (0730/11) to eastward of Orkneys.

Northern Patrol

Orkneys to Faroes - 2 cruisers
Faroes to Iceland - 1 " , 5 A.M.C.'s.
Denmark Strait - no ship at present, but NEWCASTLE is south of Iceland, proceeding to intercept German BAHIA BLANCA (8600 tons) reported sinking off N.W. corner of Iceland about midnight 9/10 January (see German Merchant Ships) C-in-C H.F. 0825/10) Weather conditions have prevented NEWCASTLE from making more than 9 knots. To look for Icelandic trawler with survivors but not to let this interfere with object (V.A.N.P. 1101/11)

Casualties

A.M.C. CANTON
see 10/1

returning from Northern Patrol to Clyde reported at 2323/10 that she had grounded but refloated. Fore peak and Nos. 1, 2, and 3 holds flooded. Position of grounding uncertain. At 0644/11 she reported her position as 10 miles north of Flannan Island (45 miles west of Butt of Lewis) steering S.W. at 4 knots. Tug ENGLISHMAN left Campbeltown at 0400/11. Two destroyers were sailed by C.in C. H.F. for escort, and Fleet Tug BANDIT proceeded to assist in towage if necessary, aircraft were sent to CANTON's position to escort. A.M.C. CALIFORNIA who is also on passage for Clyde is closing CANTON and should be near her about 0930/11. At 0510/11 CANTON reported proceeding stern first at 4 knots, unable to reduce speed on account of risk to boiler room bulkhead. Weather conditions - Wind force 5, sea 4, moderating, visibility overcast, drizzling. Arrived Clyde 0330/13. (V.A.N.P. 1147/12, CANTON 1644/12, C.in C. H.F. 1747/11).

H.M.S. PRINCESS
sunk.

H.M.S. PRINCESS, A/S yacht, in collision with s.s. BLAIRMORE at 0434/11, near Elwell Bay, Bristol Channel. PRINCESS sunk. Crew picked up by BLAIRMORE. No casualties. (F.O.I.C. Cardiff 0617, 1041/11) C.in C. W.A. 0608/11).

OLYMPIA

See air attacks on shipping.

HOME COMMANDS (continued)Ship overdueCITY OF
NORWICHDue Capetown 6/1 not yet arrived (S.O.(I)
Capetown 0908/11)

SEAHORSE (S/M)

Two days overdue at Blyth from patrol. Air search for her 11/1 produced no results. To be renewed 12/1. It was stated at the Berlin Press Conference 1100/11 that a British s/m had been sunk. (New York Office of International News Service) Danish fishermen stated that a s/m became entangled in fishing net in North Sea and dragged ship in wake until net broke (Rome Radio 1215/11). Should be returning from Zone E. (Horns Reef Area) failed to report her position tonight and did not reply to signal a.m./12.

AirReconnaissance

Normal air patrols with following additions:-

- (1) Search back along route given to SEAHORSE for her return from patrol. SEAHORSE is now 48 hours overdue at Blyth.
- (2) Air escort for CANTON
- (3) Fighter patrol on East Coast on same plan as 10/1. (cf. East Coast Shipping 10/1)

At 1110 a Hudson on patrol reported 3 enemy destroyers 60 miles W.N.W. Horns Reef and at 1325 two Hudsons carried out a bombing attack without apparent result. (D.C.N.S. 130) I.C. 0327/40 states, however:- A/c carrying out patrol sighted 3 destroyers 56° 12'N 5° 30' E at 1020. At 1230 one a/c attacked with 2 bombs, no result. Three more destroyers were sighted in 56° 15'N, 6° 36'E at 1119 and attacked by one a/c. Security Patrol Report (H.Q. Bomber Cmd. 0715/12) Bombs dropped on lights at Rantum (H.Q. Bomber Cmd. 0750/12)

Enemy aircraft
raid on shipping
D.C. 2013/11

Lightship	1020	Light Vessel off Great Yarmouth was machine-gunned by 2 enemy a/c's. No casualties or damage. (D.C.N.S. 130)
DULCIE BELLE	0930	Steam trawler, 2 a/c's attacked 15 miles East of Yarmouth with objects resembling short torpedoes. 2 attacks no hits. (I.C. 0329/40)
KEYNES	1026	(1706 tons) was bombed 16 miles N.E. Cromer. Ship on fire and abandoned (D.C.N.S. 130) A/c chased away, 53° 3'N, 1° 40'E (I.C. 0327/40) 1640/11 JUNO reported her abandoned 53° 47'N 0° 46'E. All crew saved by JUNO. Burning (I.C. 0327/40) 53° 47.3'N 0° 46'E. (JUNO 1701/11) C-in-C Rosyth 1901/11

HOME COMMANDS (continued)

- BURNBANK 1130 Trawler (193 tons) was bombed and machine gunned while fishing 7 miles S.E. by E. Buchan Ness by 2 enemy a/c's. Ship hit by splinters. No casualties. Kinloss sent up fighters (C-in-C Rosyth 1901/11)
- CROXTON - Press report, bombed, gunned and sunk in North Sea. No casualties. (M 01115/40) S.T.CROXTON, Rept. from Master.M.G,d and bombed 53°20'N 2°40'E 1940.
- Trawlers 1225 Trawlers in mouth of Tay were bombed. No report of damage. (D.C.N.S. 130)
- Trawlers 1209 Enemy a/c's bombing trawlers off Peterhead. (C-in-C Rosyth 1901/11)
- PITWINES 1625 (932 tons) was bombed, machine gunned and set on fire 18 miles S. of Flamborough Head. Survivors picked up by destroyer. (D.C.N.S. 130) No immediate danger but unable to proceed. No casualties. (Humber Radio (intercept) 1855/11, Cullercoats Radio 1705/11 recd. from PITWINES 1649/11) (C-in-C Rosyth 1901/11)
- do. 1632 Machine gunned and bombed 7 miles S. of Flamborough Head. (C-in-C Rosyth 1901/11)
- Unknown vessel 1721 Unknown vessel bombed and machine gunned 20 miles S.E. Flamborough Head. (D.C.N.S. 130)
- Unknown vessel 1705 Bombed and machine gunned 20 miles S. Flamborough Head. (C-in-C Rosyth 1901/11)
- DANDOLO 1130 Trawler (207 tons) British bombed off Buchan Ness (4 miles E.S.E. Mag.) No casualties. By two German bombers, 10 bombs. (C-in-C Rosyth 1901/11)
- OLYMPIA 1024 Adty. trawler. Bombed (4 bombs) near Haistoro. (I.C. 0327/40) Towed in. 1 seaman gunner killed. Four bombs (D.C.N.S. 131) (C-in-C Nore 1115/12)
- Unknown vessel 1655 Attacked 1-2 miles S. Flamboro Head. (I.C. 0327/40) (C-in-C Rosyth 1901/11)
- VENTURE Look-out trawler. Bombed (4 bombs) 4 miles N.E. Haisboro Lt. V. (D.C.N.S. 131) Towed in (C-in-C Nore 1115/12)
- Enemy air activity 0927 3 a/c's 10 miles from Kentish Knock
- 0930 A/c's flying low over Blyth
- 1024 A/c's off Haisborough

HOME COMMANDS (continued)

- a/c Mine-dropping by balloon 1045 Parachute mine dropped E. of Goodwins (D.C.N.S.) Trawler OLYMPIA reported parachute mines dropped within 2 miles of No. 57 buoy (53° 0'N, 1° 44'30"E) at 1055 (I.C. 0327/40) Later reported as being bombs (I.C. 0328/40)
- 1158 Mine with balloon attached dropped E. of Goodwins Balloon was similar to barrage balloon, was recovered but mine was no longer attached. A second balloon was found 5 miles S. Dover, but it was not seen to drop. (D.C.N.S.) Two mines were later exploded by magnetic sweep 1½ miles 146° from 51° 17'N, 1° 48'E where a/c mine was reported (I.C. 0328/40)
- noon A/c's off Flamborough Head.
- 1300 Single a/c over North London and down Thames to Southend at 30,000 feet.
- ?mine-laying 1436 2 seaplanes landed off Harwich, one dropped something with a big splash.
- 1615 A/c's 30 miles S.E. Flamborough Head.
- 1625 Convoy FN68 reported a/c's off Orfordness
- 2107 A/c's 20 miles N.E. Cromer.

Economic warfare

Re. neutral ships bound from neutral ports to non-adjacent allied ports e.g. Alexandria, being released without search. Such ships could easily discharge German cargo at Spanish or Portuguese port. (C.C.C. Ramsgate 1746/11)

Convoys

Situation at 2000/11 (C-in-C W.A. 1257/11)

- HN7 Swedish ALSTERN joined without authority (N.C.S.O. Bergen 1230/11)
- FN Convoy attacked by aircraft, apparently without result (D.C. 2013/11)
- OB72 rendezvous (N.C.S.O. Mersey 1321/11)
- HXF15 route and escort (C-in-C W.A. 0953/11) Separated (H.M.S. LEITHIA 1400/11)
- ^G
_K H3F14 and S.L.14 are now one convoy (C-in-C W.A. 1151/11)

Traffic diverted. Independent south bound traffic diverted into Humber for re-routing after mining of TRAVIATA. (F.O.Humber 1420/11)

HOME COMMANDS (continued)Movements
Nore Command

0700/12 (C-in-C Nore 0552/11)

Mines

At 1549 trawler JOHN DONOVAN exploded a mine in the fishing gear in 55° 14'N, 1° 7'W.

Orders to
destroyers
for A/S patrol

A/S patrol to be established under SIKH in North Channel. U-boat reported proceeding North from Irish Sea. (C-in-C h.F. 1515/11) Position and movements of U-boat (C-in-C W.A. 1527/11 to Capt. D.8.)

ALSTERN

Swedish ship which joined convoy HN7 at R.V. without authority. Master to be interrogated (D.T.D. 1858/11) Joined it - just like that (C-in-C Rosyth 1808/15) Explanation (B.C. Bergen 1253/15) Satisfactory (D.T.D. 1253/15)

D.W.I.

Further trial arranged for 12/1 near Scaracher Channel Buoy 57, 074° 16 miles Cromer (C-in-C Nore 1740/11)

s/m's positions

0700/12 (D.C. 2012/11)

Reports
from Hague

D.N.I. 1820/10. Explanation of delays in passing reports. (N.A. Hague, 1122/11)

Defects
SA LADIN
VEGA
ILEXRefit (C-in-C W.A. 1426/11)
To proceed to Dundee for repairs (D.O.D.(H)1911/11)
Date of completion 28/1 (N.O. I/C Liverpool 1445/11)WEATHER

	<u>Wind</u>	<u>Visibility</u>
North Sea	S. Strong	Good
English Channel	S.E. Moderate	Good
Outlook - Fine		

Enemy IntelligenceM132 mined

Asking N.A. Copenhagen if he could confirm Press reports that patrol vessel M132 had been sunk in German minefield off west coast of Jutland. (D.N.I. 2115/11). Wreckage found.

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War Diary

11.1.40
Thursday

H O M E C O M M A N D S

Air

Air attack on
Shipping.

H.M.S. VIVIEN. Report of action
11/1/40 while escorting convoy FS 69
Merchant Ship attacked by hostile
a/c(M02347/40)



11.1.40.

FINNO-RUSSIAN WARRussian
minefields

N.A. Oslo reports Norwegian Admiralty have information that Russians have mined all entrances to bays from Norwegian coast to Murmansk. Khibachi Peninsula and entrances to bays mined are also protected by guns. Details unknown
Missing unconfirmed from other sources, but believed all bays protected by coast defence guns. (D.N.I. 1309/11 to R.A. (S))

Ice reports

In Gulf of Bothnia, Lulea, Pitea, Pietarsaari and Umea are closed, Onbe and Vasa are being kept open by ice breakers, but navigation is unrestricted to southward.

In Gulf of Finland navigation in Hangö, Bardsund and Helsingki Channels is only possible to high powered ships. Viborg is closed. Kronstadt is probably still kept open by ice breakers.

The Russians are making full use of Tallinn and Libau to avoid ice. Baltiski does not seem to have been used. (NID 81)

PURIKKA

Finnish ship PURIKKA escorted by two French destroyers and one French escort vessel left Le Havre for Downs at 2130/11 (D.C. 0016/12)

FOREIGN STATIONSAmerica and West IndiesU-boats
TANNENBERG

Panama reports TANNENBERG (German transport) and s/m's U51, 53, 64, and 65 approaching Trinidad. Some U-boats said to have engine trouble but able to dive. Dispositions made:- H.M.C.S. ASSINIBICINE to Curacao area. DUNDEE now on patrol off Trinidad to be joined by PENZANCE from Aruba. Martinique asked to establish air and s/m patrol. Panama asked to report reliability. Have informed Trinidad (C-in-C A.W.I. 0720/11) Similar report has been received from Consul Bahia referring to Island of Trinidad (20° 30'S 29° W) (D.N.I. 1925/11) Cancelling 0625/11/1 not to Admiralty and my 0720/11. Island referred to is now reported to be Trinidad Island in South Atlantic (C-in-C S.A. 1101/11) Consul confirms his report refers to Islada Trinidad 20° S 30° W (C-in-C S.A. 1035/12)

U-boats raid
on Falklands

See South Atlantic

North AtlanticFrench positions

1200/11 (D.C. 0118/11) (S.O.I. Gib. 1710 & 1744/11)
(F.O.C.N.A. 1154/11)

Vescor system
Spanish ports

Approval now given to the extension to Spanish ports and ports on Spanish possessions of full Vescor system (Head of M. 1219/11)

Passing
information

Between F.O.C.N.A. and Amiral Afrique and Amiral Ouest (F.O.C.N.A. 1800/11)

Convoys

Route for H.G.15 (D.T.D. 1012/11)

Vessels suitable for inclusion in convoy bound from Lisbon to U.K. may be sent to Gibraltar for inclusion in convoy if desired by masters or owners, but normally to be routed and sailed independently. (D.T.D. 1541/11)

British
positions

1200/12 (D.C. 2014/11)

Suspicious
Cruiser

Cruiser making flashing signals sighted off Moleco 1800/9/1 A.O. (Lisbon 1225/11)

FOREIGN STATIONS (continued)Mediterranean

GALATEA Delayed by weather. (R.A.(D) Med. 1421/11)

Contraband Control

If any ship whose whole cargo is covered by Navicerts will pass through Northern Patrol, request name be telegraphed to Admiralty. (D.E.W.D. to C-in-C, Med. 1724/11)

"MEWCERTS"

As temporary measure cargoes shipped at Alexandria with approval of Consul General are covered by document entitled Mewcert. Document corresponds to Customs clearance but may not cover whole cargo and does not necessarily exempt from Contraband Control the cargo covered. Ships whose whole cargo is covered need not however be diverted to a base for examination unless specially ordered. Names of ships with full cover will if possible be included in daily disposal to Northern Patrol when concerned. (D.E.W.D. 1710/11)

Turkish movement

Turkish naval vessel ULKU left Alexandria 1330/11 for Ismid, with two motor minesweepers in tow. (R.A.I.C. Alexandria 1746/11)

AustraliaConvoy

H.M. transport EMPRESS OF JAPAN left Port Phillip Bay 21332/11 Jan. to join convoy. (Commonwealth Naval Board 0724Z/12)

ChinaSELENGA Intercepted

Russian SELENGA, 2492 tons, Manila to Vladivostock intercepted by H.M.S. LIVERPOOL and is being brought Hong Kong (C-in-C China 0625Z/11) If examination confirms Consul General Manila 1517/2 request instructions whether ship or cargo or port is to be seized or detained for further inquiries. (C-in-C China 1231/12) Reply: Instructions are being sent by M.E.W., the Governor, Hong Kong. (D.E.W.D. 1048/13)

South Atlantic

C-in-C S.A.
1101/11

See America and West Indies

NORNESS

French mail plane sighted tanker at 1700/8 in 05° 15'N, 24° 16'W, NORNESS. Panama painted on hull. (C-in-C S.A. 1113/11)

FOREIGN STATIONS (continued)Merchant
ship
arrivals

To expedite turn round of ships request masters wireless their time of arrival up river before their sets are sealed at Recalada (B.N.A. Buenos Aires 1915/11)

U-boats
raid on
Falklands

No confirmation of reports from Bahia and Panama referring to presence of U-boats in South Atlantic and raid on Falkland Is. by pocket battleships (D.N.I. 2227/11)

Very early information required as to reliability of report of German warship and s/m approaching east coast of S. America. Action proposed to anticipate U-boat activity in Rio de Janeiro and Plate areas (C-in-C S.A. 1202/11)

South AtlanticShips
overdue

CLEA from Amba 28/12/39 due Freetown 8/1

TACOMA STAR	"	U.K.	"	"	La Plata 2/1 (? Bd. Royal (27/12/39 for B.A. due about 15/1)
SACRAMENTO VALLEY	"	U.K.	"	"	Rio de La Plata 2/1
QUEENSBURY	"	U.K.	"	"	(? Freetown) 5/1

(S.O.(I) 2315/11)

D.E.M.S.East Indies

Suggestion to abolish defensively equipped merchant ships at Basra (C-in-C E.I. 10402/11)

GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPSHOME COMMANDS

RUHRFORT Still lying Gothenburg in midstream alongside a small Swedish ship. Cargo being transferred. (N.C.S.O. Gothesby 1205/11)

HELIOS Arrived Gothenburg with general cargo. (N.C.S.O. Gothenburg 1205/11) Left Narvik night of 11th loaded with ore (Narvik, 1058/12) TRAUTENFELS disabled (see 12/1)

TRAUTENFELS
HANS RICKMERS

ARUCAS Is painting hull grey. (Consul Vigo 1509/11)

LEESEE Have taken provisions and paid final bill. ALBERT JANUS LEESEE coaled 8th January (Consul Vigo 1509/11)

DIETRICH 172 tons, left Tallinn for Hamburg, and sank near HASSELDICK that port on night of 11/1. Reported to have struck a mine. (Consul Tallinn 1319/13)

South Atlantic

WOLFSEBURG Now loading cargo. Probably sailing about 23rd January (Recife, 1415/11)

DRYSDEN and BAEITONGA Bunkering 350 and 431 tons Diesel oil respectively to-day (S.O.(I) Freetown 1330/11)

TANNENBERG See Foreign Stations)

UHENFELS Captured and brought into Freetown 7/11. Re-expediting her through Prize Court (C-in-C S.A. 1259/11)

TACOMA To prevent her sailing Uruguayan Government had made her discharge her oil. (S.O.(I) Monte-Video 2013/11)

North Atlantic

GEDANIA Norwegian JASPIS has been transhipment of 1472 ton. of whale oil to GEDANIA (N.C.S.O.. Les Palmas, 1700/11)
40 more German sailors ex tanker left New York for Los Angeles or San Francisco 10th Jan. Names of officers not yet available (N.C.S.O. New York 1108/11)

America & West Indies.

MUNCHEN Callao, received abnormal quantity fresh water (S.O.I. Kingston, 2225/11)

ERLANGEN Callao reports ERLANGEN endeavouring to obtain 150 tons of coal S.O.I. Kingston 1950/11)

ARAUCA Application by Hamburg - Amerika Line for permission to move ARAUCA to Key West on account of high duties of port Everglades being heard 12th Jan. (S.O.I. Kingston 0740/11).

U - BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING

Ships attacked. 0810 Trawler (251 tons) in 55° 0' N. 0° 53' W
 (C. in C. Rosyth 0957/11) (Off Tyne) 5 miles
 from declared British Mine Field in 48 fathoms
 sunk 4 men on board, one killed by explosion
 (Portishead Radio 0820/11, 0905/11)
 She was fishing in an area notified 22/12/39 to
 Mariners as dangerous DELAPOLE standing by LUCIDA
 Suspects he saw S/m (Cullercoats Radio 0950/11)

EL OSO
 Sunk 1100 Tanker (7267 tons British) reported
 in Liverpool Bay (O.I.C.) sunk by mine or
 torpedo. D/F fix. at 10⁰⁰/11 indicated U-boat in
 that area. Destroyers are searching (D.C.N.S.
 130) was inward bound in Convoy H X 14. 3 crew
 lost, 8 taken to hospital. I.C. 0327/40 says
 probably mines 280° Bar Lt. V. 6 miles. Asking
 whether mined or torpedoed (C. in C. 1530/11)
 Considered mine. Still afloat (No 1/1
 Liverpool 1345/11) Suspicious conduct of
 Panamanian ship GUNNY in cutting through
 convoy H X 14 ahead of EL OSO, and possibility
 that she dropped 2 mines wired together
 (D.O.D. (H) 1638/13) N.O.I.C. Liverpool, 1315/13)

TRAVIATA
 sunk SOS 1140
 sunk 1600 0715 Italian (5125 tons) sunk by mine off
 Cromer Knots (60) and pilot landed, one crew
 taken to hospital (D.C.N.S. 130) (N.Foreland
 Radio 1200/11)

FREDVILLE about
 sunk 1830 (Norwegian 1150 tons) sunk by two explosions
 at intervals of few minutes, No reliable
 survivor to give position. Her empty lifeboats
 sighted 1700/12 by Norwegian ship 580 58' N.O'
 8'E. Wind previous 24 hours S.W. fresh
 (Oslo 1614/16) Survivors reported landed at
 Kopervik by Panamanian MAYAN (D.N. 1827/15)

S/M's Reported

1145 On surface, by British A/C 15 miles 1080
 Flamborough Head (C. in C. Roysth 1234/11, 1248/11
 1258/11 F.O. Humber to JUNO+1230/11
 54° 5' 30' E. (B.L.) (I.C.O. 327/40)

1250 Noise of high power diesel engines reported
 by watchman at Bradda Head, Lof Man, about 1 mile
 276° from Bradda H.V. Visibility ~~2000~~ 2 to 3
 miles (C.G. I.O.M. via Belfast 2150/11)

0950 See LUCIDA Sunk.

U - BOAT CAMPAIGN MININGS/n's Reported.

- 1300 O.F. unknown convoy unit or units 55° 15' N, 05° 00' E, reliable fix. (D.N.I. 1330/11)
- 1000 8th D.F. with FOXHOUND ordered to hunt U - boat reported in C. in C. W.A's 1000/11 (C. in C. H.F. 1331/11) Am proceeding towards North Channel (Capt. (D) 8 1844/11). Unless further information of U - boats is received search towards Bavia Head to meet H.M.S. CANTON, who is proceeding to Clyde damaged, escorted by FA E. FORESIGHT, and tugs BANDIT and ENGLISHMAN. (C. in C. 1747/11) FAULTNER and FOXHOUND will pass through position 270° Y.X.B.C. 19 15 knots at 0235 (Capt. (D) 8th D.F., 2233/11)
- 1050 Enemy submarine reported in position 280° Bar Light Vessel Liverpool 6 miles reliable fix. (C. in C. W. 1205/11) Capt. (D) 8 proceeded to hunt (D.8, 1645/11)

D.N.I. 1234/11 See 10/1 (2000 hrs.)

HOME COMMANDS

- Home Fleet EDINBURGH and GLASGOW proceeding to Rosyth from covering homeward bound Scandinavian Convoy.
- Northern Patrol Orkneys to Faroes - 1 cruiser
Faroes to Iceland - 1 " 4 A.M.C.'s
Denmark Strait - NEWCASTLE should be approaching Denmark Strait to attempt to intercept BAHIA BLANCA (see 9/1).
- Submarines
SEAHORSE Further air search to approx: 5030' E again produced no result.
- UNDINE On passage to Blyth from Zone E again failed to reply to signal.
- Suggested sweep By destroyers for 2 U-boats believed to be working in Liverpool - Isle of Man area (A.C.W.A.1014/12).
- Operation P.A. Was successfully carried out on night of 12/13/a.m.
- Adjustment of boundaries Between Rosyth and Western Approaches (C. in C.Rosyth 1638/12).
- Air Reconnaissance Normal air patrols. (Security patrol report see 13/1).
Search for SEAHORSE.
Air protection for CANTON on passage.
Air protection for Operation P.A.
- Enemy air attacks 1620 BLYTHMOOR (6582 tons) was machine gunned
10 miles N. of Flamborough Head (D.C.N.S.131)
and bombed, one hit, unexploded bomb in hold
(I.C.O.328/40) (GREENWICH 1610/12, Culliercoats
1640 Radio 1639/12 Nine bombs in salvos of 3,
machine gunned 5 times. No injured, one bomb
through No.1.hatch exploded in No.1 hold
(F.O. I/C Tyne 1823/13).
1706 Convoy F.S.70 was attacked off Lowestoft.
Fighters were sent up - no result. (D.C.N.S.131).
1700 RIBY Steam Trawler, 214 tons, bombed 12 miles
E. & S. of Scarborough. No direct hits but
wheelhouse blown away (I.C. 0328/40).
1800 St.COMIE (Steamer Trawler) attacked 9 miles E. of
Scarborough. No damage.(I.C0328/40).
F.O.Humber 1633/12 intercept from D.O.Cromer).
No.85 Lt.Vessel, Hammond's Knoll, off Cromer
No damage, crew suffering from shock (I.C.0328/40).

HOME COMMANDS (Contd).

- 1600 ST. AUCUBA (?) attacked 12 miles E $\frac{1}{2}$ S of Scarborough. No damage (I.C.0328/40).
- 1700 Lt. Vessel 85 off Cromer reported seeing unknown trawler blow up when hit by bomb. CLIVEMORE (tons) was bombed, one direct hit by bomb which failed to explode (D.C.N.S.131).
- p.m. Smiths Knoll Lt. Vessel (No.87) was machine gunned. No casualties. (D.C.N.S.131).
- 1610 WILLIAM IVEY, 202 tons, attacked off the Tyne. No hits, but one very big bomb shook her badly by concussion. Aircraft machine gunned the ship while the crew were in the boat, which was not itself molested. No casualties. Crew picked up by trawler WILLIAM PURDY. WILLIAM IVEY was not sunk. (C. in C. Rosyth 1821/13).

Other enemy
air activity

- 0830 aircraft N. of Dundee.
0835. 1 aircraft N.E. Haisborough.
1107. 2 aircrafts high over Harwich. Fighters in pursuit.
1220. 2 aircrafts N.E. Yarmouth.
1315. Drifter reported seaplane.
1340. 2 aircrafts over Felixtowe.
1640. 1 aircraft N. North Foreland.
1 aircraft N. Flamborough Head.
1655. 1 aircraft 25 miles E. Withernsea.
1717. GRIMSBY off Lowestoft reported 1 aircraft.

Note: (D.C.N.S.131).(1). It is probable that some of the above reports refer to our own fighter patrols and not to enemy raiders.
(2). No raiders are known to have been intercepted by our fighter patrols 12/1.

Convoys

- Situation at 2000/12. (C. in C. W.A.1312/12).
- F.S.71. Cancelled owing to escort being unable to pass through minefield north of Tyne. (C. in C. Rosyth, OA70G for Abadan. Sailing telegram A.C.W.A.0331/12).
- HXF.15 became scattered 7/1. owing to weather. Orders to collect. (C. in C., W.A.1146/12).
- ON.8. route from Methil (C. in C. Rosyth 1214/12)
- HN.74 arrived 1630/12.

HOME COMMANDS (Contd)Operations
S.T.

Probable that as canals in Germany are not frozen considerable amount of shipping for Germany will proceed to Rotterdam. SALMON recently on patrol off Terschelling reported considerable shipping moving from Germany to Holland and vice versa, proceeding down Frisian coast in daylight and passing between lat. 53° 6'N and 53° 22'N off Dutch coast at dusk and dawn. In this area they proceed mostly just clear of territorial waters. Nightly sweeps to be arranged from 15/1 by destroyers and 2 trawlers with prize crews from near Maas Light Vessel to northwards. Send in all ships. Force must be clear of Dutch coast and Light Vessels by daylight (C.N.S.1845/12). (R.A.(S) 1254/12).

Operations XD

Personnel to be at 48 hours notice. (D.O.D. (H) 1316/12).

7th D.F.

Special operation cancelled. Flotilla resume normal duties. (D.C.D. (H) 1243/12).

Additional
patrols

Not now required (D.O.D. (H) 2213/12 to R.A. (S), re D.O.D. (H) 1612/5).

Operations inside
Norwegian waters
Sweep into
Skagerrak

Operations inside territorial waters of Norway not to be carried out either by patrols or minelaying. Ships resume normal duties. No action taken on your 1241/11.

Sweep should be carried out soon with Skagerrak to intercept iron ore ships and patrol vessels (1st S.L.2212/12 to C. in C. H.F), cancelling 1st S.L.'s 0135/21/12 (?) and 1604/5).

Enemy mining
mining

Mines swept up off Blyth. Traffic suspended between Tyne and Forth (D.C.2010/12).

Trawler VICTORIA reports when fishing 12/1 7 miles N.E.Coquet Lt.she exploded 3 mines in warp of trawl (F.O. i/c Tyne 1104/17).

SEAHORSE

Regarded as lost. (R.A.(S) 1001/12) 5 officers, 34 ratings. (S/6) 1633/13).

Explos. on
in DANMARK

Explosion occurred in Danish ^{Tanker} ~~trawler~~ DANMARK (10517 tons) anchored in Inganess Bay (near Kirkwall). DANMARK had on board 8,700 tons of benzine and 5,600 tons of kerosene.

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Explosion
in DANMARK

On 13/1 V.A.N.P. reported that ship had sagged about 8 feet amidships and appeared likely to break her back and sink at any time. Anxiety was felt that this might cause explosion or fire which would endanger ships in Kirkwall. Inganness Bay was closed to all shipping 12/1. VANP1335/15, 2000/14, CCSO Kirkwall 1100/12, A.C.O. 51600/12, VANP2048/14, 1842/17, 1841/17, 1739/16, N.O. i/c KIRKWALL 1939/18, D.O.D(H) 1956/16. Part of torpedo recovered, consider this proves cause of explosion (No i/c Kirkwall 2124/21)

Mines. Blyth
closed.

Sweepers destroyed 8 mines in searched channel off Blyth. Traffic was stopped (I.C. 0328/40).

Quiberon
office.

Office for Sea Transport boarding staff will be opened at Quiberon on 15th January. Officers will arrive that same date ready to operate scheme for Convoy B.C.23. (N.A. to D. of S.T. 1630/12).

Contraband
Control
Refusal

Dutch ALUDRA refuses to sail under armed guard to Gravesend for bunkers. Armed guard being removed and ship instructed that she remains at her own risk (C.C.50., Ramsgate, 1215/12).

Submarines'
positions.
Nore Command.

0700/13 (D.C. 1914/12) Amending 1914/12 (D.C. 0340/13) Movements to 0700/13. (C. in C. Nore 0622/12).

A.M.C. CANTON
(see 10/1 and
11/1).

Capt. (D) 8 D.F. to carry out search suggested in C. in C. W.A.'s 1014, leaving 4 destroyers to escort H.M.S. CANTON as in my 1002 (C. in C. H.F. 1236/12). Details of damage. Expect CANTON to pass Mull of Kintyre about 0400/13 (V.A.N.P. 1147/12). CANTON arrived Clyde 0922/13. She was bearing 45 ft. forward.

Fishing Areas

Ref. my 1521/15/11 and 1296/28/8 re West Coast fishing, there is now no southern limit to this area. Fishing is also permitted in the English Channel West of 3° W outside the lines from Looe to Eddystone and Eddystone to Prawle Point (D.T.D. 1245/12).

Drifters for
Conversion

Admiralty 1526/10, drifters selected for full conversion, HARVEST REAPER, RIME, ELOQUENT, GLOAMING, LILLYOAK and BOY JOHN (F.O. i/c Clyde 1150/12).

St. Malo

Intended to develop St. Malo gradually for receiving ammunition cased petrol and stores, commencing with shipments of ammunition about 15th February. In addition, some shipments of sand and ballast to St. Malo will be made during first week in February (D.O.D. (H), 2009/12).



12.1.40
Friday

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H O M E C O M M A N D S

Operations.

TRIDENT
Patrol off
Kola Inlet.

M.01903/40 H.M.S/M TRIDENT, Patrol report
27.12.39 - 12.1.40.

HOME COMMANDS (Contd)Mines washed ashore.Norway.

Defence Department have received necessary data for German mines from Danish Admiralty. Information now asked for means of rendering British mines safe. None has been washed ashore up to date. (N.A.Oslo 1710/12).

Defects WALLACE

(C. in C.Rosyth 1205/12).

Weather

	0400	Wind	Visibility
North Sea	{ North	S.W.Fresh	Moderate
	{ South	N.E.Mod.	Good
Horns Reef		S.W.Light	Good
Channel W.Approaches	}	N.E.Moderate	Good
Outlook	No change		

Enemy IntelligenceInformation passed to German M.V's

Information was passed to German merchant ships that BAHIA BLANCA sank 8/1 in 66 9'N 26 20' W and re ill conditions in Denmark Strait (D.N.I.1657/12).

Ships sighted

The following ships were reported to have been seen during Daylight hours 12/1, between Arundal and Christiansand.

1 cruiser (C.4)
3 destroyers (C.2)
2 small patrol vessels or T.B's (C.I)

No further details are available, but the report may well refer to normal patrols (I.C.0329/40).

TSINGTAU

(Schnellbootsbegleitschiff) is reported to be in dock at Hamburg undergoing repairs for damage caused by mine (I.C.0329/40).

Grading

(I) Known facts stated as ^{not} sunk.

(II) Possible true reports graded as follows:-
Reliability of source in 5 classes A. to E.
Probability of intelligence in 5 classes

HOME COMMANDS (Contd)Enemy Intelligence

Grading (Contd) 1 - 5 using where this cannot be assessed.

Examples:- B.5 - previously reliable source, highly improbable news.

D.2 - unreliable source, news supported by other evidence or considered probably true.

Kiel Canal

Greek boat is said to have sunk in middle of Kiel Canal, thus blocking all navigation (Radio Paris 2000/12).

Seaplane Bases
Reconnaissance.

Report of air reconnaissance of Nordeney, Sylt and Borkam, P.M.12th January (Bromley Command 0245/13).

FINNO-RUSSIAN WARForces for
Finnmark

2,500 Norwegian troops and 200 horses sailed for Finnmark today, Friday. Number of troops already in Finnmark stated to be 3,000, source A.I. (N.C.S.O.Trondhjem 1630/12).

Russian forces
at Murmansk

Reported by Norwegian Admiralty one large destroyer, 4 small destroyers, 20 submarines (N.A.Oslo 1700/12).

Bombardment of
Koivisto.

On 12/1 another heavy bombardment of Koivisto took place (probably by MARAT) and was finally repulsed. This island battery guards the right flank of the Mannerheim line.

FOREIGN STATIONSChina

Foreign movements Movements of U.3. and other ships at Manila. (Consul-Gen.Manila, 1602/12).

British Movements H.M.S.LIVERPOOL arrived Hong Kong from patrol and H.M.S.THRACIAN from operation (S.O. (I) Singapore 1003Z/13).

South Atlantic

British Positions See North Atlantic

Control Bases N.C.S.Point Noire Bay closing down Monday 15th January. Expect to establish N.C.S. Duala Wednesday, 17th January. (N.C.S.O. Point Noire Bay 1450/12).

Argentine Manoeuvres Bahia Blanca reports Argentine Squadron sailed from Puerto Belgrano port yesterday, remainder today, fortnight's manoeuvres. (S.O.(I), Freetown 2015/12).

Convoys S.L.17 destinations (D.T.D.1626/12 to N.C.S.O.Freetown).

U-boats Re your 006/12. Unlikely that U-boats are in S.Atlantic. Difficulties of fuelling, from schooners. (D.N.I.1752/12 to Consul, Bahia).

Re: C. in C.S.A. 1202/11. Action proposed not considered necessary. (D.O.D.(F) 0153/12).

Re: C. in C. S.A. 1035/12. See America and West Indies 11/1.

AVILA STAR attacked by submarines Was attacked by three German submarines off Canary Islands, fought off all three of them with her guns and hit one of them with a shell. The submarines attacked in spite of the convoy of warships which were escorting the ship into Mid-Atlantic. The warships left the convoy to chase the three submarines which had submerged under the AVILA STAR's fire. Planes flew overhead and directed the warships to the supply base of the U boats. (Press). Please investigate (D.N.I.1702/12 to A.N.A.Rio).

no foundation, see p. 129.

FOREIGN STATIONS (Contd)South AtlanticSubmarine report
Ganchos Bay

Ref: 1401/30/12/39 and 1245/31/39 report of submarine in Ganchos Bay now found false. Lloyds Brasileiro consider CAIXAMBU and lighter were vessels concerned (A.N.A.Rio de Janeiro 1729/12).

Relations with
Uruguay

What concessions we can ask for which could be defended by Minister for Foreign Affairs against German protests. Re showing the flag if Uruguay should break off relations with Germany. Unless we can render such assistance we should deter Uruguay from breaking off relations. (Q.A.S.A.D.1505/12).

North AtlanticBritish
Positions

At 1854/12 to B.N.L.O.Marceau.
At 1200/12 (D.C.2014/11 to B.N.L.O.Marceau).

Suspicious
aircraft

Seaplane passed Cape Santa Maria steering East, (N.C.S.O.Lisbon, 1015/13 1200/12).

Convoys

H X M Ocean route (D.T.D.1404/12).
H.G.15 rendezvous (F.O.C.N.A.1126/12)
H.X.F.17 Ocean route (D.T.D.1315/12)
Positions (D.C.1854/12 to B.N.L.O.Marceau)

French
positions

1200/12. (D.C.0100/12).

Trawlers

Opportunity to purchase 3 or 6.
(N.C.S.O.Lisbon 1645/12)

East IndiesV.C.Mozambique

Vice-Consul, Mozambique now established as Reporting Officer (S.O.(I) Cape Town 1331/12).



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Mediterranean

Contraband
Control-
EGYPT.

Cancel Traffic. Inexpedient politically to force Egypt further. (D.E.W.D.2323/12).

East Indies

U.S.I. and
U.S.2.

Leakage of information re movements and composition of convoys (C. in C. E.I.1030Z/12, Australian Commonwealth Naval Board 0750Z/12).

Contraband
Control

Re C. in C. E.I. 1010/12 and N.O. i/c. Killindine 0815/11. Instructions (C. in C. E.I. 1028Z/12).

Australia

U.S.I.

EMPRESS OF JAPAN joined (Australian Commonwealth Naval Board 1200/12, 0724Z/12).

Publication of news should be withheld until disembarkation completed. (Head of M.1343/12 N.2.Naval Board 2014/11).

GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPSHome Commands

KARPFANGER Sighted 1215/12 in air raids JBCT 1002 C O coastal northerly (C. in C. Rosyth 2200/12)

EMSLAND)
EMSHORN)
EUROPA)

Left Narvik with ore, 12/1. (Narvik 1547/13)

BORBECK)
CLAUS RICKMERS)
FRIELINGHAUS)

Arrived Narvik during night of 12/1.

EGERIA Sailed ^{from} for Gothenburg (Gothenburg 1624/12).

America and West Indies

FRIDA HORN Master of French S. ^{AINT} DOMINGUE reports she has escaped from Curacoa (Paterson, Cuidad Trujillo (1750/12)

BOGOTA)
QUITO)

Reported arrived at Coquimbo 11/1 and 12/1 respectively. Orders for DESPATCH and RAJPUTANA (C. in C. W.I. 1154/12).

South Atlantic

DRESDEN)
BABITONGA)
WINDHUK)

Santos reports have numbered 337,100 and 1000 tons fuel respectively. WINDHUK now berthed alongside with armed guard (S.O.(I) Freetown 2050/12).

North Atlantic

GEDANIA Loading 4,000 tons from Norwegian JASPIS. Believed to have received orders to be ready to sail by 15/1. Very important to capture this cargo (F.O.C.N.A.1737/12).

U BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MININGShips attacked

GRANTA 0415
sunk

(2719 tons) in ballast, sunk by mine 123° Cromer Lt.V.11 miles. Ship was in Convoy FN68 but was not in the swept channel. Crew saved (DCNS.130). Master and 10 crew picked up by ROBUR VIII, FULHAM IV, STORK. 10 missing (STORK 0415/12) (AUCKLAND 0357/12).

DANMARK

Danish tanker, 10517 tons, (arrived Kirkwall 11/1 from Aruba, Dutch West Indies). Explosion occurred while at anchor in Inganess Bay, taking 20 ft. out of ship's side and lifting the deck. Inganess Bay temporarily closed to shipping. Feared ship will become total loss. No casualties. Cause uncertain, but proved by 22/1 to have been a torpedo attack, parts of a German torpedo being found by divers (D.C.N.S.23/1).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING.Submarines reported.

- 0020 285° Bar Light Vessel 14 miles (Liverpool) sighted and chased by A/S trawler KING SOL (D3) (C.in C. W.A.0129/12) KING SOL's gun jammed and she was unable to fire at submarine which was on surface, (M.02701/40 H.M.T.KING SOL - Report of sighting of U-boat and subsequent failure of 4" gun). VERSATILE and DEPTFORD to attack (N.O. in Charge Liverpool 0120/12) orders to ASHANTI (C.in C. H.F.1001/12)
- H.M.S. PINTAIL ordered to attack any U-boats that may attempt to charge tonight on either coast of the Isle of Man. (C.in C. W.A.1746/12) H.M.S. DEPTFORD ordered to take ASHANTI and CUTTY SARK under his orders and continue hunt for submarine in Liverpool Bay. (N.O.I.C. Liverpool, 1300/12) (C.in C. H.F.1001/12) (C.in C. W.A.1125/12) DEPTFORD leaving to rejoin convoy in accordance with C.in C. W.A. 1125/12 (DEPTFORD, 1558/12). CUTTY SARK to take ASHANTI under orders and continue hunt in Liverpool Bay (N.O.I.C. Liverpool 1645/12) Captain (D) 8 ordered to search latitude 53°N, and then back to North Channel (C.in C. W.A. 1959/12. HYPERION proceeding with HOTSPUR to reach position KCRY at 0800 tomorrow Saturday (HYPERION 1354/12). To HYPERION: Grateful for your help. Sweep should follow line of South Coast of Ireland to Tuskar thence south and to destination. (C.in C. W.A.1958/12). On completion of search 8 D.F. return to harbour with all destroyers unless on track of U-boat (C.in C. H.F.1010/13).
- 0835 N.E. by E. Rattray Head 4½ miles (57°40'N 1°43'W) submarine surfaced alongside motor fishing vessel, disappeared immediately. (C2) Last seen northerly course. 8 A/S trawlers ordered to hunt (C.in C. Rosyth 1555, 1619 and 1641/12).
- 1530 54°40'N 5°20'W Feather reported by aircraft course 180° (B3) (C.in C. W.A.1759 and 2005/12)
- 1120 49°46'N 2°W. French report 1 submarine submerged (B3) (Portsmouth W/T 1157/12) Culver W/T 1313/12).
- 1430 240° Portland Bill 16 miles. A/S yacht SHEMARA reported contact. Unconfirmed after search during day (C5).

Submarines attacked.

- 0003 By VIMY 53°38'N 3°37'W (Liverpool Bay) No details (I.C.0328/40).
- 2000 By ASHANTI 291° Bar Light Vessel 22 miles. No details (I.C.0328/40).



H O M E C O M M A N D S

Home Fleet

C. in C.H.F. with RODNEY, HOOD, WARSPITE and REPULSE in Clyde. EDINBURGH and GLASGOW have returned to Rosyth.

YORK

To join Home Fleet as from 0001/15 (D.O.D.(H) 1909/13).

Northern Patrol

Orkneys to Faroes, 2 cruisers
Faroes to Iceland, 2 " 7 A.M.C's.
Denmark Straits. NEWCASTLE searching for BAHIA BLANCA.

Submarines.

TRIDENT has returned to Rosyth from Murmansk patrol.

SEAHORSE - Now 4 days overdue.

Air

Reconnaissance

To counter enemy a/c attacks on shipping, fighter patrols 13/1 concentrated over individual convoys and did not patrol the coast line.
Norderney - Sylt - Borkum, Reconnaissance Patrol.
Report (Sighting of merchant ships) (HQ. Bomber Command 0730/13).

Blyth closed

Eight moored mines were cut by sweepers in the Blyth area and the port and channel to northward were closed.

Admiralty's 1845/12, nightly sweeps in connection with movement of German shipping to Holland. Anticipating approval, am making arrangements to start on nights of 14-15/1. (C. in C. Nore, 1754/13). This is appreciated. (1st Sea Lord 2307/13). Aircraft wave 280 Kc/s. (C. in C. Nore 1232/14).

Operation
S. T.

Re. Adty 1845/12. Asking that R.A.F. and Dover and Home Fleet forces may be warned that strong support may be needed at very short notice if operations successful, as powerful enemy counter attack by sea and air may be expected. Sea attack unlikely before night 15/16 Jan. (C. in C. Nore, 2226/13). Reply see 14/1.

S.T.I.

Operation orders (C. in C. 1847/13).

Casualties

COSSACK
Collision.

H.M.S. COSSACK was in collision with a merchant ship. Stern was bent.

Defects

IMPULSIVE }
ICARUS }
KIPLING }

To fit bow defence gear (D.O.D.1549/13).

Defects (KIPLING 1106/13).

Enemy Air
Activity

At 1130/13 one German a/c was shot down by British fighters off Firth of Tay. Motor launch picked up alive one German officer out of crew of 4.

At 1335/13 the escort of East Coast northbound convoy/

HOME COMMANDS (Contd.)

convoy, when North of Flamborough head, reported 3 a/c's.

At 1455/13 reported hearing 3 bombs explode, but no a/c's seen. Three British fighters were patrolling near the Convoy, and a further three were sent out. No contact made with enemy.

Economic Warfare.

Arrangements have been made for certain goods belonging to British owners to be discharged from German ships sheltering in neutral ports and reshipped to the United Kingdom. Goods will be covered by certificates issued by Messes. Cox and Kings as agents of London Chamber of Commerce. Such goods are not to be detained even if of German origin. (D.E.W.D. 2042/13).

Submarine Positions

Positions at 0700 14/1 (D.C.1958/13)

Nore Command

Movements to 1700/14. (C. in C. Nore 0624/13).

Channel for Harwich Forces

Admiralty's 2146/23/12, a direct passage to the eastward from Harwich is much needed and the enemy must know that we shall certainly have one Request approval for Harwich Forces to make permanent use of a channel bounded by:-

- (a) The parallel of 52 degrees 03 minutes North.
- (b) A line joining positions 52° 08' north, 02° 16' East. 52° 11' North, 02° 43' East.

(C. in C. Nore, 2234/13).

This is approved but instructions in Admiralty message 0036/30/12 are to be followed. (D.O.D.(H) approved 1st S.L. 1213/14).

Scapa defence

Enquiring reason for delay (C. in C.H.F.1141/13). Reply. Chief cause is lack of material, etc. (F.O.C.O.S. 1854/13).

Convoys

Situation at 2000/13 (C. in C.W.A.1409/13).

- HX.14 Suspicious conduct of GUNNY (Panama) in passing across (See EL OSO, sunk 11/1).
- FS.72 Postponed - fog. FN.71 cancelled (C.inC Rosyth 1646 and 1840/13) (C. in C. Nore 1734/13).
- HXF 16. Position and escort (C. in C.W.A. 1201/13)
- OG 14 " " " " " 2011/13)
- FS 70 Arrived Southend (N.C.S.O. Thames 1401/13)
- OGF.15 Course and escort (A.C.W.A. 0937/13)
- HG.14 List of ships (C. in C.W.A. 0941/13) Course etc. (A.C.W.A. 1001/13).
- OG.13 Sailing telegram (C. in C.W.A. 2010/13, 1813/14).

Mines.

D.W.I. exploded 13/1 two mines in positions 2 cables and 4 cables 298° from wreck of DUNBAR CASTLE (C. in C. Nore, 1709/13).

U-boat destroyed by VESPER

C. in C.W.A. interviewed C.O. of VESPER. Considers U-boat destroyed (C. in C.W.A.1446/13).

TRIBUNE.

Torpedo fired at her 1900/13 in Kattegat, 57°58'N 10°13'E, missed. (OIC 22/1)



HOME COMMANDS (Contd.)

Mines

A further 9 mines were accounted for in searched channel off Newbiggin bringing the total up to 18 (I.C.0329/40) One mine was destroyed in 53° 11.5' N, 1° 30' E. between the wrecks of TRAVIATA and GRANTA.

Navigation off Denmark.

Denmark broadcasts that owing to ice pilots and navigations marks near Southern part of the islands are not available. Ships wishing to pass should do so in clear weather.

S/m's Positions

Amending 1914/12 (D.C.0240/13).

Home Fleet Fogbound.

In Clyde (C. in C.H..F. 2325/13) Cancelled. (C. in C.H.F. 1114/14).

Trade Protection

It appears that certain neutrals have been instructed to make contact with a patrol before proceeding to their destination. This is not the Admiralty intention and the practice is to be discontinued. The object of the patrols is to warn vessels who are seen standing into danger. They do not interfere with vessels which are proceeding on a safe route. (A.C.N.S., 1345/13).

Meeting of individual ships.

N.A., Oslo 1818/12. This cannot be arranged. It is impracticable for individual ships to be met; they will be given a safe route by you and patrols are maintained in the dangerous area for the purpose of warning vessels who may be off their course and are seen standing into danger. (A.C.N.S. to Brit. Consul, Bergen, 1346/13). See also 15/1.

WEATHER

North Sea

North
South

Channel

W. Approaches

Wind

W. Moderate

E. Light

Visibility

Moderate

Poor in E.

Good in W.

Enemy Intelligence

FINNO-RUSSIAN WAR

Norwegian Troops.

Following movements of Norwegian troops have taken place:- 12th Jan, 1000 GMT., about 400 troops landed from mail steamers. 13th Jan. 0200 GMT., 2 steamers about 1560 tons called, redistributed troops they were carrying and proceeded to northwards. All troops came from south. (Narvik 1225/13).

A/c's for Finland

12 Blenheim a/c's to be flown from Filton to Finland by Finnish pilots. Route etc. (H.Q. Fighter Command 1620/13).

FOREIGN STATIONSCircular ADMIRACIRC messages (H. 1. 11 2003/13)North Atlantic

Contraband Control. ✓ French minesweepers again boarding merchant vessels west of Sagres. (N.C.S.O. Lisbon 1015/13).

French Positions Convoys 1200/13 (D.C. 0108/13)
H.G.F. sailed (F.O.C.N.A. 2140/13)

South Atlantic

Germans for Internment ✓ British ship ADDA has on board 131 Germans from Nigeria, 67 from Gold Coast, 64 from Sierra Leone. (N.C.S.O. Freetown, 1802/13)

Disposition Positions of convoys and various units. (D.C. 1918/13).

Mediterranean

False Reports False report of attempt to attack next convoy at Gibraltar, O.G.13 (S.O.(I) Gib. 1812/13).

Convoy for Egyptian Ships See Home Commands.

Egyptian Vessels. ✓ Egyptian vessels are to be given the same facilities for inclusion in convoy as are given to Allied vessels. Pending the issue of "Pamphlet Instructions and Signals for the Conduct of Convoy", Egyptian vessels may be issued with C.B.3043 (A) together with Ad Hoc instructions for signalling (D.T.D.1612/13).

Delay to CONTE DI SAVOIA Complaint from Rome that she was delayed at Gibraltar 17/12/39 for 7 hours (D.E.W.D. 2041/13). Reply (F.O.C.N.A. 1113/15).

East Indies

Force "I" ✓ Admiralty's 23/12. Force "I" will be composed of SUSSEX, EAGLE and H.M.A.S. HOBART until further orders. (C. in C.E.I.1426/13 - re Adty. 1853/22/12.)

U.S.2. ✓ Re RAMILLIES to escort, movements (C. in C.E.I. 1406Z/13) Further see 15/1.

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China

Interception
of Germans in
ASAMA MARU
TATSUTA MARU

Admiralty 1900/10. H.M.S. LIVERPOOL and H.M.S. ARAWA will carry out this operation about 60 miles from land in approach to Yokohama, where ASAMA MARU is expected to arrive on Jan. 21st.

With reference to Ambassador Tokyo's 0900/12, to Foreign Office, am informed that Japanese press also reports 2 Germans from COLUMBUS due Yokohama Feb. 2nd in TATSUTA MARU. Interception of these if required may prove more difficult as a result of interception of smaller party in ASAMA MARU should Japanese take exception to our action. My impression is that far from taking exception to our action they will appreciate necessity for it, and that we shall benefit from this evidence of our determination to prosecute war with vigour. (C. in C. China, 0352Z/13).

French Cruiser

French cruiser PICQUET arrived Hong Kong 13/1 from Saigon and left for patrol. (S.I) Singapore 1003Z/13).

Shipping
Censorship

Chief Censor to use his discretion (Hd. of M. 1242/13).

SCARAB }
GNAT }

Re. sailing (C. in C. China 0929Z/13).

America & West Indies

Newfoundland
Facilities.

Admiralty's 1127/30/11, re tug THAMES. Inquiry for similar W/T privileges by Foundation Company, Halifax, if they stationed powerful tug at St. John's, N.F. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa 1114/13).

Convoys

HXF.17. Position (Dockyard, Halifax, 1201/13).

Third Canadian
Contingent.

Proposed movements of third Canadian contingent (7400 men). To arrive in U.K. 7/2. Leave Halifax probably about 30/1. 4 ships plus CHROBRY to embark 850 lumbermen for U.K. (D. of S.T. 0130/13).

T.C.3

Instructions for T.C.3. Escort: VALIANT, MALAYA, HUNTER, HEReward to U.K. ENTERPRISE to approx. 30° W. (D.O.D.(F) 1122/13).

GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPSHome CommandsTRAUTENFELS

6418 tons, left Narvik 11/1 sent S.O.S. at 1440/13 (Rorvik (Norway) Radio 1445/13). TRAUTENFELS has lost her rudder on Folda, position 64° 32' N. 10° 20' E. (Norvik Radio, 1808/13). Ship cannot proceed weather is too bad - we have passengers - our position is still "5 old" (GREENWICH intercept from TRAUTENFELS 0958/14/1) RICHARD (Norwegian) went to her assistance (Wick Radio 1720/13) Passed to AURORA (D.C. 2043/14). Six miles off coast. Coasting steamer stood by all night, rough weather prevents salvage vessel proceeding (N.C.S.O. Trondhjem 1130/14) Send AURORA to capture her (C. in C.H.F. 1729/14, 1819/14) Am complying (AURORA 1935/14). Object is to tow TRAUTENFELS, but risk to AURORA from U-boats. Alternatives (a) send adequate forces to deal with both enemy surface forces and U-boats. (b) If danger TRAUTENFELS reaching Norwegian territorial waters before (a) can be carried out and safety of crew and passengers ensured in weather conditions and proximity of other vessels AURORA order TRAUTENFELS to abandon ship and sink her. (1st S.L. 1322/15). Warning that one or two U-boats probably now in company with TRAUTENFELS and German surface forces have had time to reach her (1st S.L. 1250/15). MANCHESTER from Scapa, 5 destroyers from Rosyth and 5 destroyers from Clyde were sailed to join AURORA and NEWCASTLE (Note: C. in C.H.F. 1443/15 ordered 12 destroyers to proceed) as soon as possible after daylight 17/1 off Felden Fjord (50 miles N. Trondheim) and assist to capture TRAUTENFELS. AURORA was ordered to stand off until these supporting forces arrived. Weather deteriorated and full gale forecast for northern part of North Sea a.m./16. At 2345/15 C. in C.H.F. ordered ships not to be driven so as to risk structural damage after V.A. Layton in MANCHESTER had recommended at 2224/15 that operations be cancelled on account of weather conditions. See KELVIN damaged. (C. in C.H.F. 1443/15, 1516/15, 2345/15, F.O.C.O.S. 1132/15, C.S. 18, 2224/15). Salvage ship offered to tow TRAUTENFELS to nearest harbour, Rorvik 64° 52' N. 11° 15' E. (D.N.I. 0952/16). At 2306/16 C. in C. Home Fleet cancelled the operation and ordered MANCHESTER and AURORA to proceed on patrol and remaining ships to return to their bases. Intercepted signals 1955/16 indicated TRAUTENFELS had anchored in shelter afternoon/16. AURORA proceeded to join 18 C.S. (AURORA 1955/16) Signals: F.O.C. 18 C.S. 0501/17, C. in C.H.F. 2306/16, AURORA 2127/16, F.O.C.O.S. 1143/16, C. in C.H.F. 1443/15,).



GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS (Cond.)

Home Commands (Cond.)

ALBERT JANUS Reported to have left Vigo (2315/13, Consul Vigo 0032/14, D.N.I. 0325/14).

RAUENFELS (8,460 tons) sent out S.O.S. signals night 13/14 a.m. (north of Trondheim ran aground near Trondheim night 14/15/am. (Reuter) See 15/1, 16/1.

HERO German ship HERO sailed (Trondhjem 1400/13)

Rotterdam Traffic Request to Consul General, Rotterdam, to report arrivals and departures and if possible destinations of all German merchant ships, specifying which are carrying iron ore. (D.N.I. 1822/13)

North Atlantic

JASPIS Completed pumping 1740. Shall vessel remain
GEDANIA alongside GEDANIA, cost approximately 112 pesetas daily? (Cable intercept, Las Palmas to Sandefjord).

South Atlantic

BAHIA }
SAO PAULO }
CONSUL HORN } Apart from Norwegian and Baltic trade only German merchant ships known to be at sea are BAHIA, sailed Bahia 5/1 for Buenos Aires; SAO PAULO, sailed Cabedello 9/1; and CONSUL HORN, sailed Aruba 9/1. (D.N.I. 1641/13).

Mediterranean

LIPARI Consul Malaya reports that on or about Jan. 25 a German merchant freightship is expected to call for cargo at some point near mouth of Guadalquivar. Within last few days some 40 tons of almonds and parts of cargo of German ship LIPARI were sent by lorries to Seville port. (N.A. Madrid 1701/13).

Black Sea Area

If opportunity should arise of receiving German merchant W/T signals, those most desired are in five letter mercantile code possibly using 4 letter call signs beginning with D E or L. (D.N.I. 1602/13).

America and West Indies

HAVELLAND At Manzanillo. Description.U.S. Gunboat ERIE keeping her under observation; recently loaded fuel and lubricating oil. A.1. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa 1842/13).



U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING.

Ship attacked

South Atlantic

AVILA STAR
False report

Master of AVILA STAR states no foundation for report of U-boat attack. (S.O.(I) Montevideo 1633/13)

S/m's reported

1315

By aircraft 8 miles N. of Lundy Island (C. in C. W.A. 1345, 1405 and 1433/13). HYPERION, HOTSPUR and WESSEX ordered to attack. S/m dived on being sighted. Course North. (B1. (I.C.0320/40)

1325

Between Cove Bay and Aberdeen, object sighted moving south 2 to 3 miles from shore leaving wash and trail of oil, looked like s/m without periscope. Estimate should be abreast FINDON at 1345. 19th A.S.F. sent to investigate (no result). R.A.F., Dyce, informed. (C. in C. Rosyth 1405/13). C.G. Aberdeen reports 4 steamers 065 deg. Gregness scattered at 1423. One turned north and object like conning tower of s/m is lying off her bows. (C. in C. Rosyth 1437/13, 1450/13). No confirmation of these reports. A/S trawlers still hunting near Findon. (C. in C. Rosyth 1759/13).

1536

S/m reported by trawler in position 105° Humber Light 13 miles. JAVELIN searching. (N.O.I.C., Humber 1758/13) C2. (I.C.0329/40).

S/m's attacked

1130

NIGER established contact with submarines Knock Deep at 11.30. Depth charge attack carried out. No visible result. Contact then lost. Ref: Admiralty message 846 A. 29/11, intend remaining in vicinity 24 hours. (NIGER 1340/13). C3. (I.C.0329/40).

1423

GRIMSBY attacked contact with depth charge in position V. GB 1848. In view of C. in C. Rosyth 1158/13 (expected air attack), escort is remaining with convoy. (GRIMSBY, 1423/13) C.3. (IC.0329/40).

0920/9 By BIDEFORD 42°36'N, 13°16'W. Considered non-sub. (M 03083/40. HMS BIDEFORD R of P on passage from Hong Kong and with Convoy HG F 14. Report of attack on U-boat 9 Jan 40.)



U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING.

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Ships attacked.

TRIBUNE On patrol 57°58' N 10°15'E crossed two torpedo tracks 1900 (M.02195/40 Patrol report from H.M.S. TRIBUNE 5-20/a.m.1940).

HOME COMMANDS.Home Fleet.

In consequence of circumstantial report from Belgium of probability of attack along entire frontier of Holland, Belgium and Luxemburg by German Army in the early hours of 14/1, the following orders were issued:-

- (i) Five cruisers at Rosyth to have steam at 2 hours' notice.
- (ii) Eight destroyers at Harwich to have steam at 2 hours' notice.
- (iii) Four destroyers at Dover to have steam at 2 hours' notice.

7th Destroyer Flotilla (6 "J" class destroyers) are on passage from Humber to Harwich. The five ships for blocking Zeebrugge and Ostend (FLORENTINO, BORODINO, ATLANTIC GUIDE, TRANSEAS, PACIFICO) lying at Sheerness were brought to 2 hours' notice. Preparations have been made to recall the crews of CALCUTTA and CAIRO (A.A. ships) from leave. (D.C. 0449/14, D.N.I. 1318/14, D.N.I. 1210/14).

Fears of immediate attack diminished. Thaw has set in. (D.N.I. 1705/14).

Northern Patrol.

Faroes to Orkneys	2 cruisers.
Iceland to Faroes	2 cruisers, 6 A.M.Cs.
Denmark Strait	1 A.M.C.

NEWCASTLE returning from patrol to Scapa.

UNDINE.

Due Rosyth 14/1; still failed to establish communication.

Channel for Harwich Forces.

Re channel to be used on passage to Eastward. (C. in C. Nore 2234/13, D.O.D.(H) 1213/14) See 13/1.

Minelaying in German area.

Two destroyers carried out offensive minelaying operations in German declared mine area at midnight 13/14 Jan.

HOME COMMANDS (Cont.)Air
Reconnaissance.

British reconnaissance flight considerably curtailed by fog. Air escort for the two destroyers returning from the minelaying expedition. Fighter patrol on East Coast convoy route.

Enemy Air
Activity.

None reported.

Channel for
Harwich Forces.

Through mine barrier (C. in C. Nore 1812/14, 2234/13, D.O.D.(H) 1213/14). See also 13/1.

WESSEX
Damaged.

0600. H.M.S. WESSEX reported herself in collision with French S.S. THISBE which stood by until told to carry on at 1005; badly holed before the bridge. (WESSEX 1023/14, 0616/14, 1654/14, 0840/14, 1214/14., Capt. (D) Milford Haven 1835/14). (A.C.W.A. 0639/14, 0758/14). Arrived safely at Milford Haven 1620/14 (N.O. i/c Milford Haven 1632/14). Casualties 5 walking cases. Position (WESSEX 1149/14) To dock at Milford Haven. Can be repaired at Milford Haven. (Capt.(D) Milford Haven 1835/14).

Convoys.

Sailing of outward-bound Norwegian convoy ON 8 postponed 24 hours, owing to fog. HN 8 will have Point E. 1330/18. (D.T.D. 1801/14) Re escort see 16/1. East Coast convoys delayed by fog. Ocean convoys situation 2000/14. (A.C.W.A. 1950/14). OA-G and OB-G, seniority of commodores (D.T.D. 0026/14). Route for H.G.F.16 (D.T.F. 1256/14) Route for S.L.I.S. (C. in C. W.A. 0947/14). Re OB 72 and OB 71 possibly sailing together. (C. in C. W.A. 20/6/14) SG 14 arrived with WANDERER and WALKER (N.O.i/c Liverpool 1830/14). FN 73 timetable (C. in C. Rosyth 1840/14) See 16/1.

Cruisers ...

HOME COMMANDS (Cont.).Cruisers' Aircraft.

YORK's aircraft and crew to be disembarked and sent to Hatston. GALATEA, ARTHUSA, and PENELOPE will not carry aircraft for the present. but aircraft and crews to be at 14 days' notice as arranged by R.A.N.A.S. (D.N.A.D. 1334/14)

Prompt Signalling.

All auxiliary vessels to be impressed with utmost importance of reporting immediately by W/T or R/T the sighting of any enemy or unidentified aircraft. (D. A/S W. 1332/14)

Danish Fisheries.

Your 2145/22/12/39. Inquiry whether fishing has occurred since 22/11 and how recently, and whether vessels using area were actually Danish fishing boats or German patrol boats. (D.N.I. 1316/14. to Brit. Consular Officer, Esbjerg)

Reply. German patrol boats getting supplies of fish in exchange for brandy. Giving areas where Danes fish. (Consul, Esbjerg, 1700/14).

Defects.

COSSACK

To Leith 14/1 for repairs (A.S. Rosyth 1202/14) (She had docked at Leith 29/12.) (A.C. Rosyth 2015/29/12/39).

LEITH.

Taken in hand at Penarth 14/1 (F.O. Cardiff 1715/14).

ROYAL SOVEREIGN. To Halifax ~~Rout~~ etc. (C. in C. W.A. 1322/14. C. in C. Portsmouth 1457/14, C. in C. W.A. 1824/14.)

B. C. S.

Movements. (F.O.C. B. C.S. 1212/14).

STARFISH

Due Rosyth a.m./15 from eastward (C. in C. Rosyth 1940).

UNDINE ...

HOME COMMANDS (Cont.)

- UNDINE Due Rosyth a.m./15 from Eastward (C. in C. Rosyth 1940/14).
- S/MS. ✓ Positions at 0700/15 and movements for following 24 hours (R.A.(S) 1603/14 D.C. 1914/14) Positions 0700/10 (D. 1914/14) UNITY docked 12/1 (F.O. i/c Tyne 1041/14).
- Destroyers to raise steam. ✓ 3rd D.F., 4th D.F., 5th D.F. in company negative COSSACK, KANDAMAR have steam 2 hours notice (C.S.(2) 0640/14) Adv 6th D.F. (R.A. 2 C.S. 0836/14).
- Air Reconnaissances. For 15/1 (C. in C. Rosyth 1806/14).
- Protection of surface ships. ✓ Air Ministry have asked that special attention be given by trawler fighter patrols to protection of surface ships against low flying attacks by hostile a/cs. near Lt. V. 85 at Hammand Knoll (H.Q. Fighter Cmd. 0945/14).
- Q Plan. ✓ Aberdeen ~~ix~~ Military Rail Head and Embarkation Port for equipment and stores. Measures for safety of vessels in port and security of port (D. of L.D. 1318/14/1)
- "D" class cruisers to proceed abroad. ✓ Re my 1050/3. Owing to casualties in A.M.Cs. "D" class cruisers are to be released from Northern Patrol and proceed abroad. Dates. (D.O.D.(H) 0023/14). See also 15/1.
- Rumours of impending German attack on Dutch-Belgian frontier. ✓ In near future. Too early/^{to say} whether genuine. Precautionary measures have been taken on Western Front. (D.N.I. 1210/14/1).
- C.S.I. C.S.2. ✓ DEVONSHIRE, BERWICK, NORFOLK, EDINBURGH, GLASGOW, to be at 2 hours' notice (D.C.N.S. 0516/14). Reason ? (C. in C. H.F. 0923/14) Cancel my 0516/14 (D.C.N.S. 1113/14)

HOME COMMANDS (Cont.)

- Scapa Defence. ✓ State on 1/3/40 (C.N.S. 1120/14/1).
- Northern Patrol. 18th C.S. and AURORA to maintain 2 patrol lines of N.P. until further orders. Programme of relief. (F.O.C. 18 C.S. 1807/14).
- Operation ST(1) against German shipping. Re 2226/13. Support by Home Fleet forces cannot be provided in near future as cruisers cannot operate from Humber until demagnetised. Strong air support will be arranged and Dover Force warned to be at short notice if necessary. (D.O.D.(H) 1707/14).
Reply. Desirability of cruisers if fighting leads to ships being disabled and needing tow, when enemy cruisers would probably appear (C. in C. Nore, 1427/15).
Re second S/M to patrol near area H. (C. in C. Nore 1829/14).
Operation is being carried out night 14/15 Jan. If successful, German air activity may be expected 15/1. (D.C. 0808/14).
- Operation ST 2. ✓ To be carried out commencing 15/1. Forces taking part (1st D.F.) and Cruisers, 7th D.F. to patrol-area. (C. in C. Nore 1807/14).
Re second s/m to patrol near Area H1 later in week. (C. in C. Nore, 1829/14. R.A.(S) 2219/14).
- AURORA To be demagnetised. (1st S.L. 2359/14).
- CURACOA Not to proceed to sea until demagnetised (D.O.D. (H) 1745/14). (C. in C. Nore, 1656/14).
- FLORENTINO (At Sheerness) To keep steam at 2 hours' notice
BORODINO (D.C. L449/14). (For blocking Zeebrugge and
ATLANTIC GUIDE Ostend).
TRANSEAS
PACIFICO
- Unexplained Explosions. S.S. DUNSLEY reported an underwater explosion about 1900/14 in position 56° Anglesey Skerries 8 miles. (53° 30'N, 4° 25' W.)

Operation ...



HOME COMMANDS (Cont.)

Operation
S.C.4.

Minelaying. Zero hour 1300/15/1.
Asking for fighter co-operation and
anti-submarine air patrol. (V.A.Dover
1849/14).

Operation
D.3.

To be carried out night 16/17 Jan.
(D.O.D. (H) 1227/14) to IVANHOE etc).

IVANHOE

Dense fog off Humber. ~~A.M.C.~~ anchored
INTREPID in company (IVANHOE 1150/14/1).
Expect to arrive Humber 1100/14.

A.M.C.'s

Fitting with buoy ~~and~~ ballast (VANP1255/14).

WEATHER

	<u>Wind</u>	<u>Visibility</u>
<u>North Sea</u>	Westerly. Moderate to light.	Moderate. Fog patches.
<u>English Channel</u>	East. Moderate.	Fine.
<u>Outlook</u>	Similar.	

Enemy Intelligence

Traffic off
Ems.

French report (reliability doubtful) several
destroyers or traffic sighted off Western
Ems 1500/14/1. Steering westerly (Capt.S.
(3) 2256/14, C. in C.Nore 2145/14).

Danish Fisheries

See Home Commands.

FINNISH and RUSSIAN HOSTILITIES.

Finnish
minefields

Minefields in Finnish territorial waters now
extend from 29° 2'E (as before) westward along
the South coast, round the S.W. corner and north-
wards into the Gulf of Bothnia as far as 60° 25'
N. including the Aland reefs. An additional
pilot station is established at Grahara in
60° 6'N., 25° 8'E. (I.C. 0329/40).

Mines for
Finland.

Asking whether we shall send 500 mines direct to
Sweden on the understanding that they will at
once release 500 mines to Finland, or whether
we shall send the 500 mines direct to Finland.
(D.N.I. 1317/14 to A.N.A. Stockholm, 1205/37)

FOREIGN STATIONS.Mediterranean.

LINDA Danish, overdue (C.C. S.O. Malta 1015/14).

MANHATTAN U.S. ship leaving Genoa 15/1 has 1500,000 dollars in gold, ostensibly Swiss but probably from Germany ? action to be taken. (S.O.(I) Gib. 1056/14).

French Movements. S.O.(I) Gibraltar, 1118/4.

North Atlantic.

Spanish trawlers patrol. (See 15/1) Intelligence as in F.O.C.N.A. 1516/15) This may indicate movement of German merchant vessels from Cadiz. (D.C. 1401/14)

Convoys. French convoy 13 ships with sloop COMMANDANT RIVIERE passing westward about 1000/14 (F.O.C.N.A. 2359/13). Positions (DC 41930/14).

Ocean Convoys. C. in C. W.A. 1314/14.

French Convoys. French prefer at present not to run their convoys on regular cycle. Proposed to establish a zone through which French convoys must not pass during dark hours, enclosed by lines joining

36° 10' N.	8° 0' W.
36° 10' N.	9° 30' W.
37° 0' N.	4° 0' W.
35° 0' N.	4° 0' W.
35° 30' N.	9° 0' W.
35° 30' N.	8° 0' W.

(C. in C. W.A. 1821/14.)

East Indies. ...



FOREIGN STATIONS (Cont.)

East Indies.

- Force M. ✓ On return from Australia 1/2 operate in Ceylon focal area. (C. in C. E.I. 0636 Z/14.)
- GLOUCESTER. On completion of refit (end of Jan at earliest) operate for month in Seychelles and Madagascar area with CATHAY (do.)
- S/ms. Search Chagos and Maldives before and during arrival of Australian convoy at Ceylon then patrol 8 degrees Channel until convoy passed (do.)
- Perim Patrol. To be double banked during passage of convoy through Gulf of Aden and Southern part of Red Sea (do.)
- Refit. As 1217/22/39 delete CORNWALL (do.)
- RAMILLIES and Force I. ✓ Leave Colombo 3/2 escorting Australian convoy to Aden (do.)
- Convoys. Re ships from E.I. sailing to fit in with convoy sailings from Gibraltar. (C. in C. E.I. 0841 Z/14.)

South Atlantic.

- Interceptions of German m.v.s. Escaping from South American ports. ALCANTARA's orders (C. in C. S.A. 1300/14)

New Zealand.

- ACHILLES. / To refit at Auckland when relieved by HAWKINS. (D.O.D.(F) 0024/14).

China. ...

FOREIGN STATIONS (Cont.)China.Foreign
Movements.

Arrivals and departures at Manila, U.S. and other foreign ships. (Consul-General. 0931/14).

Boundary.

C. in C. China's 1001/27/11 and 0946/13/12. Approved to move line of demarcation between Singapore and Hong Kong to southern boundary Tongking (Head of M., 1112/14. C. in C. China 0525 Z/15).

America and West Indies.Convoy HX 12.

Rendezvous 2/2 (Capt. D'kyd Halifax N.S. 1845/14)

Positions.

Courses and speeds of units near Canadian coast at 0800/15. (Capt. D'kyd. Halifax 1345/14).

Days at Sea.

ENTERPRISE 69, ASCANIA 61, (since beginning of war to 1/1/40.) (F.O.C. 3 B. S. 1121/14).

GERMAN ...



FOREIGN STATIONS

South Atlantic.

EXETER Proceedings after Battle of Plate. Repair
of damage. (M,04223/40 H.M.S. EXETER R. of P.
13.12.39 - 14.1.40)

ACHILLES R. of P. 9.12.39 to 5.1.40 (M.0219/40).

GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS.Home Commands.

TREUENFELS

(8457 tons) went ashore 3/1 in 58° N. off the Norwegian coast. Laden with Swedish iron ore. (Dutch Press.)

NORDLAND
AUGUST
WRIEDT.

Arrived here and sailed northbound 1200/14
Tromsøe 1325/14, D.N.I. 1541/14).

South Atlantic.

SANTOS.

5943 tons, left Rio de Janeiro 0600/14.
Orders for Force G. (C. in C. S.A. 1037/14)
DORSETSHIRE and SHROPSHIRE, southward of Rio
on patrol, ordered to search, and one A.M.C.
from Freetown is co-operating. (S.O.(1)
Kingston 1015/14, D.C. 1741/14. S.O.(1)
Freetown 1000/14. C. in C. S.A. 1029/14)
Ordered to cease search and proceed to
Falkland Is. when they were to refuel
before sailing with EXETER 21/1. Force G -
position 2180/14 and prospective movements.
(S.O. Force G. 2130/14).

East Indies.

Reporting officer, Kamaran, states 3 German
ships at Massawa discharged all cargo.
German crews all ships taken ashore. Only
3 or 4 left on board each ship. (S.O.(1)
Colombo, 0545/14).

North Atlantic.

ALBERT JANUS.

Confirmed she sailed last night. (Vigo 0820/14)
C. in C. W.A. 0745/14.

U-Boat ...

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING.Ships Attacked.

FAGERHEIM 2400 Norwegian (1590 tons) sunk by mine or torpedo off Ushant. Reported 5 survivors and 14 crew missing. 5 survivors landed at Vigo 17/1 by Greek IRIS. (Consul Vigo 1442/18) First intimation of this sinking. Position of sinking 47°20'N. 6°16'W. 85 miles S.W. of Ushant.

S/ms. reported.

1200 41°26'N. 10°26'W. by French warship (D.N.I. 1700/14 F.O.C.N.A. 1653/14 Brest Radio 1539/14 C. in C. W.A. 1755/14) B.2 (I.C. 0330/40)

1650 52°10'N. 10°50'W. by French A.M.C. (F.O.C. N.A. 2131/14, D.C. 2041/14, C. in C. W.A. 2117/14) C.4 (I.C. 0330/40).

1700 Drifter reports sighting 2 vessels believed s/ms on surface steering W. approx. 5 miles S.W. by S. Sumburgh Hd. 10th A/S S.F. are near and have been informed (A.C.O.S. 2129/14) Report considered false. (A.C.Q.S. 2332/14).

1900 S.S. ST MODAN hit object heavily 20 miles W. by N. of Bar Lt. V. Series of explosions shortly afterwards. Chief Engineer confident it was s/m. Ship not making water. (F.O.I.C. Clyde 1631/15).

S/ms. Attacked.

A/S trawler LOCH MONTEATH attacked a contact 53°32' N. 3°55'W. (B.4) (I.C. 0330/40)

Monday.

HOME COMMANDSExpected German Attack.

No further report of a Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg attack by Germans having been received order for the five cruisers to be at two hours' notice for steam has been cancelled. (D.C.N.S.) Sailing of ships for Belgium and Holland from British Contraband Control Bases was stopped. Was resumed. (? 16/1).

German Shipping.
Operation S.T.
 (1). See also
 14/1, 13/1,
 12/1.

M. 01641/40.

First of these sweeps (Operation S.T. (1)) was carried out during the night 14-15/1. Ships taking part and orders (C. in C. Nore, 1847/13). 3 destroyers and 3 trawlers took part and an air escort covered their return this morning. GLOWWORM's report 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ships boarded (GLOWWORM 0600/15) PHAEDRA with trawler WENSEY (GREYHOUND 1222/15). Re disposal (C. in C. Nore 1930/15). Signals (C. in C. Nore 2323/15, 1843/15, 1347/15) The following ships were sent into the Downs with armed guards on board:- PHAEDRA (German 619 tons) KNUD (Danish 1944 tons) SVANHOLM (Danish 1321 tons). Support of cruisers in Humber would be appreciated. (C. in C. Nore, 1427/15). M 01565/40 R of P of GRENVILLE 14.1 - 15.1.40, Opn. S.T. One.

Northern Patrol

Orkneys to Faroes - 2 cruisers.
 Faroes to Iceland - 1 cruiser, 5 A.M.C.'s
 Denmark Strait 1 A.M.C.
 SUFFOLK is proceeding to Denmark Strait and should be on patrol by noon today. (D.C.N.S.) HOOD and WARSPITE screened by 8th D.F. (less FAULKNOR) proceeded on patrol N.E. of line Faroes-Shetlands (C. in CH.F. 1125/15).

11th C.S.

Broad pendant was struck at sunset 15/1 (C. in C. W.A. 0928/16).

UNDINE

UNDINE is now one day overdue at Rosyth. She has still failed to establish contact by wireless.

STARFISH

STARFISH, due Rosyth p.m. 14/1 from Heligoland area, has failed to report her position and has not replied to signals.

Liverpool Closed.

Port of Liverpool closed owing to underwater explosion having damaged an unidentified merchant ship at about 0300/15. 6' from Bar Light vessel. (D.C.N.S.) (D.C. 0751/15) Re-opened see 18/1.

7th D.F. Patrol

7th D.F. patrol night 16/17/a.m. in area 5 miles on either side of a 25 mile line drawn 230° from position 52° 49' N. 4° 15' E. (Ref. Lis. 1807/14) (C. in C. Nore 1016/15).

Mines

9 further mines were accounted for in the Swept Channel off Newbiggin and 3 in the Blyth Approach Channel. (I.C. 0331/40) DCNS. 134 says 11 mines were cut in the War Channel during sweeping 15/1. Danger areas round Kinnaird Head and Rattray Head declared 2/3/a.m. after sinking of SVARTON and heavy explosions, have now been swept without result and Q2 messages cancelled.

HOME COMMANDS (Continued)TRAUTENFELS
Operations

Forces to join AURORA in 64° 40' N., 09° 40' E. to assist in capturing TRAUTENFELS. (C. in C.H.F. 1443/15) (1.S.L. 1250/15, 1322/15).

DELHI }
DUNEDIN }
DIOMEDE }

Proceeding abroad (D.O.D.(H) 1144/15, to V.A.N.P., V.A.N.P. 1825/14)

Task 9 (a/c)

Cancelled owing to weather (C. in C. Rosyth 1108/15) Task 6 and part 5 ditto (C. in C. Rosyth 1004/15).

Air Escort

Weather prevented taking off (C. in C.W.A. 1039/15)

Operations:
I.D.2.

IVANHOE, preliminary report places minefield in area enclosed by 55° 04' N. 5° 22' E.
55° 02.5' N. 5° 27' E.
55° 01' N. 5° 27' E.
65° 00' N. 5° 22' E.

(D.D.O.D.(M) 1230/15, IVANHOE 1952/14)

IVANHOE and INTREPID arrived Humber 1605/14.

(F.O. Humber 1615/14)

I.D.3.

To take place night 15/17/a.m. Areas where mines D.G. experiments are to be laid. Re air escort. Coastal Cmd. 1705/15).

WILD SWAN to be available for (D.O.D.(H) 1757/15).

Operation D.S.
(Sweep for
German ore
ships)

MOHAWK, MAORI, ASHANTI and TARTAR to be prepared to simulate merchant ships' navigation lights for special operation which may take place at end of this week. Method (C. in C.H.F. 1312/15). Gear prepared at Rosyth (R.A.(D) 1545/17). Orders (C. in C.H.F. 1039/18, 1923/18).

Demagnetising

S/m for trial of apparatus for demagnetising ships (Adty. 2325/15).

Asdic sets

Damage to in "S" class s/m's. Acceleration of programme desirable (V.A.(S) 1932/15).

Defects
CACHALOT

Taken in hand for refit 15/1. (A.S.Chatham 1702/15)

Route to be
used by s/m's

On western edge of German declared mined area etc. in event of German forces being reported at sea and s/m's. being required to operate near Ems and Jade. Requesting suitably fitted destroyer to sweep through route at early date and periodically afterwards. (R.A.(S) 1627/15).

URSULA

Orders to her in Zone E 3 (R.A.(S) 1611/15.)

Positions of
S/m's.

0700/16 and movements for following 24 hours. (R.A.(S) 1534/15).

Reliefs of s/ms
on patrol

Principles to be observed (V.A.S. 1441/15)

1st & 2nd A/S
S.F.

Reorganisation (vide Adty. 1920/5/1) (C. in C.H.F. 1947/15).

Air Defence
Orkneys and
Shetlands.

Hatston personnel to be increased (D.N.A. 1907/15).



HOME COMMANDS (Contd.)

Unexplained Explosions.

Consider that shock felt by SS. ST. MODAN was caused by d/c's. fired by LOCH MONTEITH almost exactly at time reported. (C. in C.W.A. 1606/17, referring to F.O.i/c Clyde's 1631/15).

CURLEW. Humber Defence.

CURLEW to sail for Humber (D.O.D.(H) 1143/15)
To sail 1000/16 (F.O.C.O.S. 2323/15) See 16/1.

Casualties

AFRIDI

Reblading of turbines forthwith (R.A.(D)H.F. 1425/15)

WOLFE

Grounded heavily. No urgent damage. (C. in C. Portsmouth 1936/15, 0156/16, 1657/17).

Air Reconnaissance

Security patrol report. Nothing seen owing to bad visibility (Bomber Command 0259/15)

Air escort unable to take off owing to weather (C. in C.W.A. to B.C.S. 1039/15).

Certain tasks cancelled owing to weather. (C. in C. Rosyth 1004/13).

Suspected German Minefield off Bergen.

Supposition that minefield exists off Bergen. Asking for information of areas where U-boats seen, where ships have been mined, position tonnage and circumstances of all ships lost in that area (D.N.I. 1803/8)

ROYAL SOVEREIGN Lt. V.

Crew took refuge on board trawler OSTENDE No.326 surrounded by floating mines (Niton Radio 1020/15) Fog cleared and crew of Lt.V. rejoined their vessel. Mines floated eastward (Niton Radio 1048/15)

Convoys HX.15 escort

OB.1772 and OB.71 rendezvous. Escorts part company in time to meet HX.15 at 0845/17 (A.C.W.A. 1148/19) Escort RESOLUTION. WINDSOR, VISCOUNT, VANQUISHER to meet her (A.C.W.A. 1013/15). M.T., Methil to Tyne, escort and route (C. in C. Rosyth, 1130/15)

Navigation Lights.

Dimmed navigation lights to be shown as a rule when North of 25° N. and between Long 25° W. and 60° W. by British merchant ships sailing independently outward bound in North Atlantic. (D.T.D. 1552/15). (Re. Adty. 1842/14/12).

Trade Protection

Meeting of individual ships (N.C.S.O.Bergen 1250/15) See also 13/1.

Nore Command

Movements to 0700/16 (C. in C.Nore 0559/15).

Economic Warfare.

Any Dutch and Belgian ships encountered which are bound up Channel should be sent to Weymouth or Falmouth (C. in C.W.A.1729/15) to avoid congestion in the Downs. (D.O.D.(H)1506/15).

Submarines.

Cancelled (C.in C.W.A.1339/16)
Positions at 0700/16 (D.C. 1928/15)
Principles to be observed regarding relief submarines in Zones. (V.A.(S) 1441/15).

HOME COMMANDS (Continued)WEATHER

	<u>Wind</u>	<u>Visibility</u>
North Sea (North)	North, fresh	Good
(West)	West, light	Poor, fog on Coast.
Channel and Approaches	N.E. light	Moderate, coastal fog.

Enemy Intelligence

A/c's. May wear British markings as disguise.
Description of a/c's. carried by raiders.
(D.C.N.S.1203/15)

U-boats Swedish ship reported sighting 2 U-boats
leaving Kiel Canal for Baltic 14/1 (GLOWWORM
0600/15).

Contraband Control. Release announced of 8 ships:-

<u>Ship</u>	<u>Flag</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>	<u>Taken to</u>	<u>Date Seized</u>	<u>Date Released</u>
GONDUL	Swedish	4239	Swinemünde	9/11	14/12
HEROS	"	1071	Pillau	28/11	14/12
TOM	"	2092	Sasswitz	10/11	14/12
CYGNUS	"	1958	Pillau	20/11	13/12
KJELL	"	1320	Swinemünde	12/11	20/12
MAJFRID	"	897		16/12	20/12
TURAJDA	Latvian	1476		8/1	
KANDAVA	"	1926		8/1	

Cases pending in Prize Court:- KONSULS P
DANNEBERGS (Latvian, 2748 tons) detained 3/1,
EGON (Estonian 589 tons) detained 9/1 and
RHEA (Finnish) 1924 tons) detained 31/10.

Possible Minefield off Bergen See Home Commands.

Bombs Being made of reinforced concrete owing to
shortage of metal (N.A. Madrid 1308/15).

Convoy Attack Admiral at Bergen informed French Naval Attache
indication of German air attack at first
favourable opportunity on convoy leaving
Norwegian waters. (N.A. Oslo, 1500/15).

FINNISH-RUSSIAN HOSTILITIES

AURA Reported sunk in Gulf of Bothnia. Crew saved.
Norwegian (Zeeseen 1745/15). AURA was the
Finnish Presidential yacht (500 tons). Torpedoed
by a Russian s/m whilst on convoy duty. There
are reports that other small auxiliaries have
been sunk in the Gulf of Bothnia. (NID XI)

War Diary.



15.1.40.
Monday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

South Atlantic.

Force G.

Force G. to sail with EXETER 0800/21 direct for Freetown after completing with fuel and stores at Falkland Is. Force K to rendezvous with Force G. $14^{\circ}40'S.$, $27^{\circ}40'W.$, at 1200/29 and escort EXETER to Freetown. All times Z + 2 (C-in-C., S.A.1030/15).

War Diary

15. 1. 40.
Monday.FOREIGN STATIONSMediterranean

Asking whether BIRMINGHAM would meet C. in C.'s needs (C.S.O. 2028/15)

Suez

Choked with transshipment cargoes. Situation serious. (S.B.N.O.Suez 1754/15)

Arrangements of U-boats enter Med.

In conjunction with French (C. in C. Med. 1241/15).

Transports

Inspection of Roumanian BESSARABIA and TRANSYLVANIA for possible use (D. of S.T. 1227/15)

South AtlanticEXETER

Re sending her to Gibraltar for examination of damage before commencing final stage of passage to U.K. (D.O.D.(F)1231/15)

Use of W/T

By British merchant ships entering River Plate (Adty. 1056/22/12, N.A. Buenos Aires 1700/24/11, Hd. of M. 2228/15)

QUANZA

Arrived Loanda 12/1. Cancel search ordered in by 0935/15. H.M.S. BULOLO proceed to Freetown. (C. in C.S.A. 2353/15).

S/m in Rio Muni

French report s/m was refuelled night 13/14/am at Yambasitue territory Rio Muni. D.4. (S.O.(I) Freetown 1130/15).

Force "G"

Cancel search for SANTOS ordered in my 1037/14. Force "G" to proceed Falklands (C. in C.S.A. 0445/15, 1030/15)

ChinaOperations off Yokohama.

LIVERPOOL to sail a.m./16 for operations off Yokohama (C. in C. China 0529Z/15)

Intelligence Areas

Approving new line of demarcation between Singapore and Hong Kong Intelligence areas. New Line described (C. in C. China 0526/15)

Boundary

C. in C. China 0525Z/15 see 14/1.

German Seamen

Japanese GINYOMARU left San Francisco 2200/15 with German seamen for Japan (Consul Gen. San Francisco, 1814/16, 1821/19, D.N.I. Ottawa 1114/17)

North AtlanticOCEANIA GRAF SPEE: ratings.

Information that 180 ratings from GRAF SPEE may be on board Italian SS. OCEANIA which will call at Teneriffe 18/1 and Barcelona 21/1. French cruiser EMILE BERTIN ordered to board (D.N.I. 0921/15).

FOREIGN STATIONS (Continued)North Atlantic (Contd.)

Spanish patrol Two armed trawlers to patrol Spanish territorial waters from 15/1 to prevent infringement by Allied warships during passage of German ships to Huelva. (F.O.C.N.A. 1056/15).

H.G. 14 Position at 1800/14. (C. in C.W.A.0229/15)

H.G. 15 Ships (F.O.C.N.A. 0645/15)

French Co-operation Letter from Admiral, Afrique, regarding convoy zones to and from Gibraltar (F.O.C.N.A. 2300/15).

Navigation Lights See Home Commands.

French Positions 1200/15 (D.C.0117/15)

British Convoys Positions (D.C.1921/15)

America & West Indies

Navigation Lights See Home Commands.

German Seamen Japanese GINYOMARU left San Francisco 2200/15 with German seamen for Japan. (Consul Gen. San. Francisco, 1814/16, 1821/19, (D.N.I. Ottawa 1114/17).

Australia & New Zealand. (D.N.I. Ottawa 1114/17).

U.S.2. Proposing that RAMILLIES should escort from Sydney to Aden only and refit at Sydney. (D.O.D.(F)1145/15 to Australian Naval Board, N.2. ditto, repeated C. in C.E.I. RAMILLIES)

15. 1. 40.
Monday.GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPSHome Commands

BORBECK }
CLAUS RICKMERS } Sailed from Narvik 14/1 loaded with ore.
(D.C. 2137/15, Narvik 1611/15).

KIEL Arrived Narvik unloaded (do)

RAUENFELS Signalling her position to TRAUTENFELS.
(Rorvik Norge Radio 0850/15 intercept).

Inquiry on what frequencies German merchantmen have attempted to broadcast enemy reports during the course of their captures.
(C. in C.H.F. 1630/15)

JOHANN BLUMENTAAL Expected Arendal to load iron ore, reported to have arrived off entrance to harbour but turned back (Arendal 1635/16).

LIVADIA }
WIDAR } Sailed from Narvik loaded with ore (D.N.I. 2013/16) (Narvik, 1240/16)
German ship arrived to take 700 Polish from Latvia internment. (Vice Consul, Liepaja 1715/15).

South Atlantic

ANTONIO DELFINO Re. cargo (Consul Bahia 2222/15)

SANTOS Cancel search. Force G proceed to Falklands.
(C. in C.S.A. 0445/15).

China

WUPPERTAL Now confirmed vital part of machinery removed.
(Capt. on Staff, Singapore 0435Z/15).

15. 1. 40.
Monday.U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING.Ships attackedARENDSKERK sunk

^{Dutch} Swedish (7906 tons) was torpedoed in Bay of Biscay approx. 46° 55' N. 6° 34' W. Crew (60 and 2 passengers) saved at 1100 GMT. by FEDORA (Italian) (Lands End Radio 1345/15, 1503/15 do. de. FEDORA 1415/15). Outward bound Rotterdam to Durban.

KILDALE

(3877 tons) was mined 2 miles east of Sunk Lt.V. about 2050/15. This position, 5 miles from searched channel, is in the area where 6 ships were mined 18/11-22/11. (I.C.0331/40) Santa Fe, River Plate to Ipswich with wheat. Was abandoned by crew which later returned and at 2213/15 ship was at anchor 2 miles E. of South Shiphead Buoy and was considered in no danger of sinking. (North Foreland Radio, 2115/15, 2150/15).

GRACIA

(5642 tons) outward bound, Commodore's ship of Convoy OB.71 (Commodore Robertson) with general cargo was damaged by underwater explosions 243° Bar Lt.V. 6 miles. One d/c dropped on doubtful contact (VOLUNTEER 0355/15). Beached off Newcombe Knoll ? mined or torpedoed.

S/m's reported

1435 By D/F 54°10'N. 5°40'E. Reliable fix (DC. 1520/15)
 1100 By French, 46°55'N. 6°45' W. (Brest Radio 1430/15)
 1624 By D/F 53°40'N. 5°30' E. Reliable fix (D.N.I. 1655/15)
 1200 Intercept by Newtownards at 1100/16 to AA/GS from AA/GO (Irish Free State). Investigate report of U-boat off Dugort Achill at noon yesterday, signed WALLANT. (C. in C. W.A. 1229/16) TAMURA asked if this might have been her consort (C. in C.W.A. 1213/16) Reply No. (TAMURA 1321/16)
 0945 U-boat reported in DUSU 0040 at 0945 steering 340° is expected to pass through Fair Island Channel (D.N.I. 1802/15)
 0040 By a/c DSVV (C-in-C Rosyth 1438/15)

S/m's attacked

2350 LOCH MONTEITH reported she dropped 2 d/c's on firm contact 53° 32' N. 3° 55' W. (N.O.i/c Liverpool 2350/15)
 0945 A/c dropped 2 bombs on U-boat steering 340° in 58° N. 1° 40' E. (I.C.0331/40) (C. in C.H.F. 1820/15, A/C 233 Sqd. 0945/15.

HOME COMMANDSHome Fleet

Owing to report received 1920/16 from Oslo, of an unknown cruiser, 58° 5' N 6° 5' E off Lister Light (South Norway) steering to westward at 1500/15 at high speed C. in C. H.F. ordered HOOD, WARSPITE and 8 destroyers N.W. of Shetlands to cover the Northern Patrol between Iceland and Faroes. He also ordered EDINBURGH and GLASGOW to leave Rosyth as soon as possible, to cover Norwegian Convoy O.N.8, now 40 miles N. of Buchan Ness; sailed 15/1 escorted by 5 destroyers and one submarine (delayed by weather D.T.D. 1607/16). (Position ISIS 1601/16). Note: EDINBURGH and GLASGOW had been ordered to defer sailing until 17/1 owing to O.N.8 being late (C.S. 21340/16). Signals D.C. 0414/17, 0601/17, C. in C. H.F. 0089/17 to 2 C.S. F.O.C. 2.C.S. 0406/17, C. in C. H.F. 0087/17 to B.C.S. C. in C.H.F. 2506/16, F.O. 2.C.S. 1010/16.

Northern Patrol

Orkneys to Faroes. 2 cruisers.

Faroes to Iceland. 1 cruiser, 6 A.M.C.'s.

Denmark Strait. 1 cruiser, 1 A.M.C.

OperationS.T.S.T.2.

M. 0164/40 - ST2

Trawlers should not be used owing to low speed, I.S.L. 1607/16). Your 1607/16. Would prefer to use trawlers. Risk to destroyers stopping to board. (C. in C. Nore 1947/16 to Admiralty.) This is at your discretion (DCNS Re-boarding parties (C. in C. Nore. 1804/16) 2234/16 Protection of trawlers (C. in C. Nore 1215/17) Sweep to North of Maas Light vessel was carried out during night 15/16 January by six "J" class destroyers acting in support to GRIFFIN, GRAFTON and Polish BLYSKAWICA and trawlers. Results (GRAFTON 0920/16) One Latvian ship RASMA (3,204 tons) was brought in to Dover. Signals: (BLYSKAWICA 1200/16. Postponed 24 hours on account of weather. (C. in C. Nore 0926/16).

S.T.3H.W.018.

Is cancelled. (C. in C. H.F. 0932/16).

Operation I.D.3.

Re: C. in C. Nore 1427/15 and Admiralty 1845/12. No cruisers available until ARETAUSA, PENELOPE, AURORA proceed to Humber after demagnetising about 1st week February. - Trawlers not to take part in future, owing to low speed, as surprise can no longer be relied on. (1st S.L. 1607/16). Cancelled on account of weather.

Operation C.S.4.

Laying of additional deep minefield in Dover Straits was completed satisfactorily on 16/1.

HOME COMMANDSCasualties
KELVIN

Holed, just above water line in collision with KIMBERLEY during operations for capture of TRAUTENFELS, rendering ship unseaworthy, and returning to harbour. KIMBERLEY no damage. (KELVIN 0207/16) BELCUIIN to escort. Her position is 0200 probably about 56° 45' N, 7° 15' W. Keep under lee of land, do not risk damage (C. in C., H.F. 0749/16).

UNDINE)
STARFISH)
SEAHORSE)

Destroyed in German Bight by German defence measures. Part of crews were saved (Deutschlandsander Radio 1130/16). Admiralty communique reported loss of all three submarines. Caught in defence net (D.O.D.(H) 1520/20). German official lists of officers & men rescued stated UNDINE sunk 7/1 20' W Heligoland STARFISH 9/1 40' N Heligoland (DDIC 1556/16)

BRAKE
Lightship

Was rammed by Italian s.s.ERNANI (6,619 tons). Was abandoned by her crew, which later returned. Ramsgate lifeboat went to her rescue but was unable to find her owing to heavy snowstorm.

Patrol Q.

Destroyers for. Orders for steamer for 1st D.F. and destroyers at Harwich (C. in C. Nore 1109/16).

Transport of
12th D.F.
Rosyth

Temporary transfer of 12th D.F. from Western Approaches to Rosyth to be regarded as permanent. (D.O.D. (H) 1206/16).

SUNFISH
for patrol

Sails 1300/16. Patrol line. (Capt (S) 31156/16).

CURLEW

Ordered to proceed to Rosyth until channel of Tyne was cleared (F.O.C.O.S.1634/16). She left Scapa 1030/16 for Humber (A.C.O.S.1213/16)

Home Fleet
Communications

Ships in Clyde, and dividing line between Nos.15 and 18 groups' areas. (C. in C., H.F.1049/16). C. in C., H.F. to A.C.W.A.1049/17).

Submarines

Positions at 0700/17 (R.A.(S) 1639/16, D.C.2012/16).

French
Forces

Positions at 1200/16 (D.C.0544/16).

HOME COMMANDS

- "Q" Plan.
Aberdeen. Conference at Rosyth 16/1, attended by military representatives. Considered essential that 2 destroyers be based at Aberdeen until completion of "Q" plan (C. in C.Rosyth 1245/16).
- A.M.C's
Dutch and
Belgian ships Cancelling orders for them to be sent in to Weymouth or Falmouth (See 15/1). (C. in C. W.A.1339/16).
- Evacuation ACNS.0048/16 to N.A.Hague (Re his letter 00106/39 to D.T.D).
- Channel for
Harwick Forces Amendment to Admiralty 1151/16 saying part of information is conflicting. (C. in C.Nore 1315/16). See 13/1 and C. in C.Nore 1812/14.
- Western Approaches. Disposition of forces 1800/16. (C. in C., W.A.1840/16).
- BORDE Revised date of completion 18/1. (A.S. Chatham 1601/16). See A.S.Chatham 1859/12, re some slight damage after exploding 4th mine, and further fitting.
- Mines
unexplained
explosions. F.O. i/c. Tyne reports about 18 mines were seen to explode between 4 to 7 miles to seaward between Blyth and Newbiggin.16/1. (C. in C.Rosyth 1203/17). During N.E.gale. 2 heavy explosions heard at 1315 by C.G. Mundesley. Further explosion from same direction. (approx.085°) at 1418 (F.O.Humber 1458/16).
ENCOUNTER observed eight explosions in area 5 miles radius from 55° 16' N, 1° W at 1010 (C. in C.Rosyth 1208/16). Possibly some included in F.O. i/c.Tyne's or WELBECK reports (IC0333/40). Reported by Master of s.s.DUDSLEY 56° Skerries 8 miles on 14/1 (F.O. i/c.Cardiff 1225/16). Trawler WELBECK reported hearing that 16/1 from 0830 onwards he heard 17 explosions, column of water in most cases, positions thought to be at least 5 miles E.of searched channel between Coquet Island and Tees Bay (F.O.Humber 1705/17).
- Scapa
Defence Everything to give way to getting Scapa ready for fleet. No more work to be done at Port A at present (C. in C., H.F.1613/16).

HOME COMANDSBoundaries
W.Approaches

C. in C., H.F.1049/16 to C. in C., W.A.
See also North Atlantic.

Battle Cruisers
reported

By trawler NORTHERN DUKE, 16/1. (VANP1909/16).

Rosyth
Nore Command

Arrivals and departures 16/1. (C. in C. Rosyth
2341/16).
Movements for period ending 0700/17 (C. in C.
Nore 0614/16, 0924/16).

A.F.MESSAGES

When position of a U-boat is accurately known,
it will be broadcast thus:- "Reference Admiralty Message
A.F.Position..... in P.L. by R/T and W/T. Such position
should be avoided for 48 hours. Admiralty. Message R is
cancelled (D.S.D.1547/16).

<u>0400</u>	<u>WEATHER</u>	<u>VISIBILITY</u>
North Sea	Wind N, strong to gale	Good, snow showers
Channel	N.W, moderate	Moderate
W.Approaches	N, moderate	Good
<u>Outlook: Similar</u>		



HOME COMMANDS

Enemy Intelligence

Pilotage

In Norwegian waters (D.N.I.1153/16).

Unknown
cruiser

Cruiser unknown nationality reported in 58° 5' N, 6° 5' E. Course West at high speed at 1500/15. C.2. (D.N.I.2001/16).

Raiders

Request for latest information whether any German surface raiders are at large. (C. in C.China, 0441Z/16).

Mines off
Norway

Norwegian Naval Authorities do not believe mines have been laid off or at a distance from Norwegian coast, but possibility is kept under review. No German submarines have been observed off the Norwegian coast for some time. About lat. of Haugesund is Northern limit of Germany air patrol. (N.A.Oslo 1700/16).

FOREIGN STATIONSNew ZealandACHILLES

To return to Auckland (Navy Office, Wellington 1154/16, 1104/15, D.O.D.(F) 1229/15).

MediterraneanTransports

Importance of expediting transport movements. Transports must enter and leave British ports at any time during night (in accordance with my 2003/13/12/39 (C. in C.Med.1229/16)).

French movements

S.O.(I) Gibraltar 0958/16, 1556/16.

North AtlanticBoundaries

A.C.W.A.1536/16 to F.O.C.N.A.
See also Home Commands.

Procedure

Re informing Amiral Afrique and Amiral Ouest of movements (C. in C., W.A. 1001/16). See 11/1.

French co-operation.

Re F.O.C.N.A.2300/16. Concur. Alteration in proposed zone suggested (A.C.W.A.1536/16).

French movements

F.O.C.N.A.1704/16.

ChinaRaiders M.T.B's.

Asking for information whether any are still at large (C. in C.China 0441Z/16)
Reply see 17/1.

To be kept at Hong Kong for the present (C. in C.China 0340Z/16).

Interception of German seamen in ASAMA MARU

Undesirable to connect French with this operation. Nominal list required. (C. in C.China 0442Z/16). List being signalled (NSHQ.Ottawa 1245/16).

FOREIGN STATIONS (Contd)South AtlanticQUANZA

Portuguese, reported left Lobito 11/1 for San Salvador with number of German agents on board (C. in C. S.A.0953/16).

Convoy Escorts

MOOLTAN and RANPURA will bring convoy escort force to full strength. Tabular forecast of dockings, reports etc requested. (D.O.D. (F) 1923/16).

Convoy S.L.17

Sailing telegram (N.C.S.O.Freetown, 1032/16). Commodore and Staff (N.C.S.O. Freetown 1037/16).

Re C. in C., S.A. 0915/16

U.S.Naval Attache reports U.S.cruiser HELENA was near Fernando de Noronha 15/1. (C. in C., S.A. 2311/16. N.A.Buenos Aires 1200/16).

Rio de la Plata

Arrived to be reported by W/T after passing Westward of English Bank. (D.T.D.1845/16).

GRAF SPEE

Information A.I.that Messrs.Regusci & Voulminot are endeavouring to purchase GRAF SPEE, in which case any parts of ship or information would be at our disposal. Rumoured that Germans about to claim right to remove certain parts or even that they claim complete hulk. She is estimated to be settling 6 inches per month (N.A.Buenos Aires 1445/16).

East IndiesContraband Control

Organisation and procedure for examination of Italian and other neutral ships. (C. in C., E.I. 0535Z/16).

America and West IndiesFrench movements

N.C.S.O.Trinidad 1550/16.

Disposition Orders

Operational orders for Curacao-Aruba area, in view of reduction in forces available in Caribbean Sea for interception of German ships. (C. in C., A.W.I. 1522/16).



FOREIGN STATIONS (Contd)

Jamaica

Removal of Port War Signal Station
from Fort Clarence to Rocky Point at
1200, February 1. (Capt. i/c. Jamaica,
1130/16).



GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS

HOME COMMANDS

RAUENFELS

Reported arrived at Trondheim after salvage assistance having been aground (D.N.I. 2119/16). See 13/1 (Trondhjem 1730/16)

TRAUTENFELS

Signals intercepted indicate TRAUTENFELS anchored in shelter P.M. to-day. Am joining F.O.C. 18th C.S. (AURORA, 1955/16) Expected Trondhjem shortly (D.N.I. 2119/16) (Trondhjem, 1730/16) Believed in Trondhjem intercepting forces recalled (D.C. 1046/17).

FRIELINGHAUS

Left Narvik 16th loaded with ore (D.N.I. 2231/17) (Norvik 1546/17).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MININGShips attacked

- HIGHLAND PRINCESS 0725 (tons) gunned by s/m 29° 12' N 15° 0' W (D.C. 0855/16) Valentia Radio 0546 (?)/16 Greenwich 0735/16 Ship escaped undamaged 0807 (Highland Princess 0945/16).
escaped
- JOSEPHINE CHARLOTTE 0800 Belgium (3310 tons) was mined and sunk 3½ miles E.N.E. of Tongue Lt. V. Ship appears to have lost her position and was out of swept channel (D.N.S. 135) 4 Congolese firemen killed, all others saved. Ship sank in 3 minutes. Boats picked up 1,000 by British s.s. MICKLETON. (N.C.S.O. Thames, 1535/16, (C. in C. Nore 2012/16). Master's statement (F.O.I/C London 1515/17). Interview with master of MICKLETON (F.O.I.C. London 1245/19).
sunk
- INVERDARGLE 1619 Tanker (9456 tons) with cargo of aviation spirit which crossed Atlantic in Convoy H.X.F.15 was mined or torpedoed in Bristol Channel, off Porlock, and caught fire. at 2210/16 the wreck was drifting to westward and was off Lynmouth. ? sunk. Search by armed yacht for crew. Position 290° 2 miles from Hunstone Pt. Sunk. Under charter to H.M. Govt. She had become separated from convoy owing to bad weather and had put in at Milford Haven. From there she was routed to Avonmouth but appears to have been more than a mile out of her course at the time of the explosion.
sunk

S/M's Reported.

- 0310 Unknown ocean going S/M on surface believed observed off Isleta Island (N. of Grand Canary). (see HIGHLAND PRINCESS attacked). (HIGHLAND PRINCESS 0945/16).
- 1510 Periscope of S/M sighted 40° 12' 31° 28' (Portishead Radio 1510316).
- 1400 Admiral Nord reports German S/M of 700 tons sighted seven miles off Ymiden at 1400 steering S.W. (V.A. Dover 1940/16).
- 1243 Report of periscope of S/M sighted alongside Long Sand Buoy (F.O.I.C. Harwich 1305/16). Proved to be broken mast of wreck (F.O.I.C. Harwich 1330/16).
- 1300 By NEWTON MOORE 46°21'N, 20°15'W (NSHQ Ottawa 1736/5/2)

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

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

- (a) Movements of H.M. Ships (prepared by Operations Division, Naval Staff) (23 February 1940).
- (b) Western Approaches (daily) Situation Reports (1 September 1943).
- (c) Dispositions and Movements (Foreign Stations) (1 September 1943).
- (d) Convoy Returns (Positions of convoys and composition of escorts, positions of independent ships and H.M. ships: from Combined Plot) (1 March 1941).
- (e) Daily Convoy Summary (Report made by Admiralty to Connav, giving arrivals and departures, with composition of convoy) (21 June 1943).
- (f) Air Staff Operational Summary (prepared by Air Ministry War Room) (1 July 1941, No.222)
- (g) Daily Operations Report for First Lord (prepared by Operations Division, Naval Staff) (13 September 1939).
- (h) List of abbreviations.
- (i) List of Convoy letters.

at the end of this volume will be found a list of War Diaries, Reports of Proceedings etc. which have been examined by War Diary, and a short summary of their contents.



HOME COMMANDS

- Home Fleet Battle Cruisers ordered to cover Northern Patrol Iceland to Faroes. Re Admiralty 2001/16 (C. in C. 0037/17) 2nd C.S. ordered to sea as soon as possible to cover O N 8 (C. in C. 0039/17) C. Enemy Intelligence.
- Northern Patrol Between Orkneys and Faroes 2 "D" class cruisers " Faroes " Iceland 4 A M C's and SHEFFIELD
In Denmark Strait 1 A.M.C. and SUFFOLK. NORFOLK 60 miles N.W. of Orkneys(0730/17) proceeding to Northern Patrol.
At 0040/17 CHITRAL on patrol S.E. of Iceland reported sighting an unknown warship, but an hour later the ship was identified as friendly.
- Air
Reconnaissance Suggest patrol of S/M area B by R.A.F. when salvage operations are possible see 18/1 (D.O.D.(H) 1144/17) (To locate any possible salvage work on the 3 lost S/M's)
Weather conditions prevented any British air reconnaissance 17/1 (DCNS)
- Enemy Air
Activity. There was little evidence of enemy air activity. (DCNS)
- Dangerous
Areas Request that Danish provision ships to Tyne be warned of dangerous areas (N.C.S.O. Copenhagen 1105/17)
- French
Warships Positions at 1200/17 (Admty. 0046/17)
- Operation S.T. Protection of trawlers (C. in C. Nore 1315/17)
S.T.1 C. in C. Nore 1347/17 see 15/1(re PHAEDRA, Armed guard under Sub. Lt. Hay R.N.R.)
S.T.3 Postponed 24 hours (C. in C. Nore 0707/17)
SNAPPER to proceed 1600/17 (Capt (s) 3 1158/17)
- Destroyers to
Operate off
Norway. Suggestion by D.O.D.(H) for 4 destroyers to occupy positions off coast of Norway to intercept ships outside territorial waters, if operation against TRAUTENFELS should misfire (D.O.D.(H) 0035/17 to C. in C.) orders for patrol (C. in C. 0530/17 to MAORI) F.O.C. 18 c.s. 0501/17)

HOME COMMANDS Contd.

- Operations 1 D.3. Cancelled (D.O.D. (H) 1704/17) (Owing to weather c.f. INTREPID 1405/17, F.O. Humber.
- INTREPID }
IVANHOE } To disembark mines at Immingham proceed to Chatham to embark guns and torpedo tubes (D.O.D. (H) 1659/17).
- Tyne Sweeping Convoy M.T. Prevented to-day by weather, Convoy M.T. and movements of CURLEW are postponed 24 hours Re A/A and A/S patrol off Methil and air protection 17/1 and 18/1 (C. in C. Roysth 1604/17).
- Patrol Q. By 2 Destroyers of 1st D.F. pm/17 - pm/18 (C. in C. Nore 1141/17).
- S/M's Position 0700/18/D.C. 1944/17 R.A. (S) 1548/17.
- Patrol by ORZEL In area 7 miles either side of a line 2300 for 30 miles from Jaevickens Point (58° 45' N. 5° 30' E) (R.A. (S) 1156/17).
- Convoys Positions at 2000/17 (C. in C. W.A. 1330/17) Escorts for E. Coast Convoys (C. in C. Rosyth 210/17) arrived Southend (N.C.S.O. Thames 1624/17) Delayed (V.A. Dover 1128/17). F.N. 73 } Southend to Hull (N.C.S.O. Thames 1451/17) M.T. see Tyne Sweeping above S.L. 18 Ocean route (D.T.D. 1733/17).
- H.G.F. 15 Route and escort (C. in C. W.A. 1025/17).
- S.L. 17 Sailing time & escort (C. in C. W.A. 1116/17) (D.T.D. 1117/17).
- H.X.F. 15 arrived (N.C.S.O. Thames 1124/17).
- O.G. 15 Rendezvous (C. in C. W.A. 0937/17).
- O.A. 74 (N.C.S.O. Thames 1144/17).
- O.B. 74 sailed (N.C.S.O. Mersey 1655/17).
- H.G.F. 16 List of ships, &c. (V.A.C.N.A. 1300/17).
- O.N. 8 2 Co.S. ordered to cover (Re Adlty. 2001/16/16) (C. in C. 0039/17).
- S. Coast Convoys Re Request by Fighter Command for reports of S. Coast Convoys. Necessity for secrecy. W/T silence (C. in C. Rosyth 1606/17) F.C.H.Q. 1058/17).

HOME COMMANDS contd.

- { Convoy
{ Intelligence
- Request movements of E. Coast convoys be reported by telephone to Fighter Command H.Q. (S.N.L.O. H.Q. F.C. 1058/17)
This information is available at A.C.H.Q. Nore and Rosyth and should be passed by them to H.Q.F.C. on direct telephone (D.C. 1312/17).
- Casualties
- KEPPEL
JAGUAR
(French)
- In collision 100 miles S.W. from Vigo KEPPEL being escorted to Lisbon by LA RAILLEUSE (B.N.L.O. Marceau 1444/17) Damage. Hope to make Gibraltar under our power with VORTIGERN standing by. Shall only put into Lisbon if forced by weather. (KEPPEL 1315/17) orders to VORTIGERN, KEPPEL to make Gib. if possible (F.O.C. N.A. 1128/17).
- CHANDOS)
EMILLON)
VALDORA)
- Trawlers overdue (V.A.D. over 1519/17) VALDORA see 19/1 The other two apparently arrived safely.
- DUNCAN
- Badly holed in collision with a merchant ship of O.N. 8 in 58° 27' N. 2° 0' W No casualties, In tow of IMPULSIVE proceeding to Rosyth. Damage to merchant ship unknown probably slight. (DUNCAN 1105/17 KHARTOUM 1235/17, Capt. (D) 3 1245/17, 1256/17 both proceeding to assistance). To be towed to Invergowan, EXMOUTH being sent to screen (C. in C. Rosyth 1247/17, 1249/17). Merchant ship was HAUKENFJELL which was missing with DUNCAN when snowstorm cleared about 0730 and IMPULSIVE returned to assist. Request air search for HAUKENFJELL (ISIS 1350/17) other signals C. in C. 1251/17, 1408/17 Capt. D.12 (with DUNCAN) 1541/17, 2048/17 C. in C. Rosyth 1529/17) May have to beach her. Asking for tugs and salvage gear (Capt. (D) 12 0232/18) arrived Cromarty 0800/18 still making water (D.C.N.S.).
- CANTON
- A.M.C. CANTON which entered Clyde after grounding off Hebrides 10/1 had to be beached at head of Holy Loch. Pumps had failed to control leaks. (D.C.N.S.).
- Shipping Losses
& Convoys.
- Merchant losses due enemy action Sept. 2 - Jan 17. 131 British, 11 French, 93 Neutral. British convoyed during week Jan 10. Jan 17, 509 ships. French escorted convoys, Sept. 3 - Dec. 12. 933 ships, losses 0.12 per cent. British losses same period 0.2 (D.N.I. Bi-weekly Telegram 2012/19).
- Suspicious Lights
& Vessel.
- Seen by traders 12/1 and 13/1, Pentire Head and off Trevoise Hd. N.O.I/C Milford Haven 1230/17).
- Blockships for
Belgium
- To revert to 24 hours' notice for steam (D.C. 1728/17).

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WednesdayHOME COMMANDS Contd.Mines for Sweden

Re D.N.I. 1317/14 Asking for reply to be expedited (D.N.I. 1205/17, B.C. Stockholm 1855/17.)

a/c's Identifying H.M. Ships

Ships to indicate their position to British a/c's approaching, by intermittent puffs of black smoke (C. in C. 1144/17)

Western Approaches

Limits of command (My 1947/4) Recommendations (C. in C. W.A. 1717/17 C. in C. H.F. 1049/17) See 22/11.

Liverpool Closed

After mining of CAIRNROSS 1708/17. (Alternative channel opened 18/1).

Downs

Anchorages established (D.T.D. 1906/17)

Movements Nore Command

For period ending 0700/18 (C. in C. Nore 0621/17)

WEATHER

0400	Wind	Visibility.
North Sea	N. Force 6. - 8	Good except in snow.
English Channel	N.E. force 5 - 6	Good except in snow.
Outlook no change		

Enemy IntelligenceShips Reported Sunk by "S" s/m's

Crews of two Danish fishing vessels stated Flensburg Radio (? date) stated that UNDINE and STARFISH ships of BLUCHER and LEIPZIG class. (F.O. Humber, 1310/17) Daily Mirror reported Budapest Radio broadcast 16/1 same message. Asking confirmation (D.N.I. 1112/18 to N.A. Copenhagen.).

BIRGER JARL

Swedish (761 tons) with 30 passengers and crew 20 has been detained (? date) by German warship and taken to Swinemunde. She was en route from Ventspils & Stockholm (A.S.D. Stockholm. Press).

German Agent

A.I. report that a German has arrived Buenos Aires from Germany having got through Gibraltar control by hiding in one of Italian OCEANIA'S boats (N.A. Buenos Aires, 1135/17).

Sailings from Rotterdam

Forecast of dates of sailings by German merchant ships from Rotterdam required (D.N.I. 1757/17).

Sailings between German - Dutch Belgium ports.

Asking for particulars of German merchant ships traffic between German and Dutch and Belgium ports since 1/1 (D.N.I. 1656/17).



HOME COMMANDS contd.
Enemy Intelligence.

Enemy Surface Unit D/F fix at 0530/17 in position 110 miles E of Kinnaird Head (D. C. N. S 135) approx. 58° N. 2° E. at 0335 (I.C. 0335/40)

Danish vessels & German Minefields. Report dated 17/1 (WSG No.19). German mines have been encountered only to the northern end of their declared minefield. Some of these have fouled fishing gear, others have been sighted just below the surface of the water. When fishing off the Dogger Bank Danish vessels make the passage close to northward of German mined area. When using port of Grimsby these vessels route themselves from Dogger Bank to southward, thence shaping course W by Humber mouth.

Danish butter boat seized recently by German trawlers off Esbjerg was taken south on course 183° for 67 miles, thence 156° to the shallow water off the Eider, and so on to Cuxhaven.

A Dutch vessel which took the German pilot down the Danish coast en route for Holland came by a similar route, and then hugged the northern edge of the Frisian Islands. The practice has been for one German trawler to lead the seized vessel, whilst the second one follows astern.

German patrols. consisting of 2 or 3 armed trawlers lie to westward of Esbjerg, just outside territorial waters. An air patrol passes up and down the coast at intervals.

No German vessels have for some time used the clear channel up and down the coast. They are believed by the fishermen to use a channel running NW from Sylt. German patrol vessels often stop Danish fishermen in Bight

FINNO RUSSIAN WAR

British Volunteers Norwegian-Swedish Govts. requested to facilitate passage of British volunteers for Finland. Verbal understanding between Turkey & Bulgaria (D. N. I. 2002/17)

Provision of Guns. Military Co-Ordination Committee decision to provide 24 3-in guns for Finland, and stations from which they will be taken (Air Ministry 2140/17)

FOREIGN STATIONSChina

Hong Kong ✓ Boom working vessels required (C. in C. China 0159Z/17)

Raiders ✓ Reply to 0441/16. No indications of other surface raider being at large (D.N.I.1131/17)

TERROR Programme for passage to U.K. (F.O.C. Singapore 0353Z/17)

A/S Forces Singapore ✓ Minimum required to meet first or surprise attack (C. in C. China 0151/17).

D.E.M.S. ✓ Orders from Holland 15/1 re removal of breech blocks of guns of defensively equipped merchant ships (Capt. on Staff. Singapore 0443/17 0900 2/20.).

South Atlantic.

N.C.S. Staffs. Requesting confirmation that N.C.S. Staffs have been withdrawn from Lagos, Takoradi and Bonny, leaving only Reporting Officers (Hd. of M. 1124/17).

N.C.S. Duala Established 17/1 (N.C.S.O. Duala 1230/17).

HAWKINS ✓ To rendezvous with ACHILLES and ALCANTARA 28/1 and transfer flag of RAŞAD from ACHILLES (C. in C. S.A. 0701/17).

Convoy S.L. 18 Ocean route (D.T.D. 1733/17).

S.L. 17 Sailing telegram (D.T.D. 1117/17).

QUANZA NEPTUNE to intercept Portuguese QUANZA, left Sao Thome Island 15/1 with Germans on Board (C. in C. S.A. 1831/17) Your 1727/17 approved (M. to C. in C.S.A. 1615/18) QUANZA intercepted 1100/19. (C. in C.S.A. 1615/20). Names and descriptions of Germans on Board (C. in C. S.A. 1920/16). Left Loanda 12/1 for Sao Thome Funchal (S.O. (I) Capetown 2000/17). For papers on the subject see next page.

Reporting Merchant ships and warships C. in C.S.A. (1850/17) Re A.C. W.A. 1001/16.

Mediterranean

BIRMINGHAM To report (14 days) at Malta before returning to U.K. To be Flagship of C. in C. Med. for about one month (D.C.N.S. 1927/17).

SIMOUN, TEMPETE Arrived Malta 16/1 S.O.(I) Malta 1400/17).

FOREIGN STATIONSNorth Atlantic.

KEPPEL In collision see Home Commands.

Convoys (H.G.F. 16). List of ships etc. (V.A.C.N.A. 1300/17) Concur in proposal (A.C.W.A. 1536/16) that British Convoys to X from Gibraltar pass through a certain zone (F.O.C.N.A. 1056/17). In view of approaching ice season, suggest routing convoys further south (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 1746/17) Ocean Convoy position etc. (D.C. 2003/17)

VELERO Re Supplying German s/m's (N.A. Madrid 17 21/17, 1604/6,

South Atlantic.

QUANZA M 02600/40. HMS AJAX 1. Report of Proceedings 14-20 Jan. 1940. 2. Report on boarding of Portuguese SS Quanza.

M 01488/40. German Agents on Portuguese ship QUANZA.

NID 125/40. Nazi and German Agents on board SS QUANZA.

America & West Indies.

Support of A.M.C's Re maintenance of International Law (C. in C. A.W.I. 1150/6.) Essential to support A.M.C. on West coast of S. America by cruiser. Only "D" class cruiser can be spared. In any case order essential as distances so great (Hd. of M. 1608/17).

Mutinous Crew

Crew of Greek ADELFOI CHANDRIS, chartered British Govt. due to sail from British Columbia for Liverpool 36/1 refuse to sail north of Lisbon (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa 1614/17).

Convoys

Routeing further south in view of approaching ice season (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa 1746/17).

Australia

H.M.S. KENT and French cruiser SUFFREN arrived Fremantle 17/1 (Australian Naval Board, 03082/18)

U.S.2.

To leave about 1/4 approx 14,000 men (Australian C'wealth Naval Board 1001Z/17).

GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPSHOME COMANDS

JOHANN BLUMENTHAL Arrived Arendal A.M. 17th (Arendal 1235/17)

Forecasts Asking for forecasts of dates of sailings by German merchant ships from Rotterdam. D.N.I. 1656 and 1757/17 to N.A. Hague.) Passed to N.C.S.O. 1. Amsterdam, Rotterdam and Antwerp N.A. Hague 1710/18).

RUHRORT Southward 1400 (Consul Haugesund 1405/17).

HUNDSECK Spanish s.s. ARAGON Required to discharge ERLA coal at Palma to load 750 tons of almonds which must reach Seville before Jan 25 to be transferred to German ship said to be leaving that date for Germany - may be HUNDSECK (N.A. Madrid, 6549/17).

PHAEDRA In Nore examination anchorage with prize crew. Instructions requested. (C. in C. Nore, 1310/17, 1347/17). To be sent Gravesend, German crew handed over to military (D.T.D. 2107/17) Berthed S.W. India Dock (F.O.I.C. London 2101/18).

HELIOS Sailed (Gothenburg 1632/17).

PLUTO Unloading general cargo and coal (Gothenburg, 1632/17).

KIEL Left Narvik with ore P.M. (D.N.I. 1627/18). Narvik 1123/18).

Another German ship will probably leave Vigo soon with cargo for Germany. Part of cargo is in transit by rail from Barcelona. Consul Vigo informed. (N.A. Madrid 1747/17).

GRATIA Made S.O.S. no position or cause given. Cuxhaven sent a tug (Cullercoats Radio intercept, 2045/17 Cullercoats Radio T.H.I. 2010/17, 2110/17) (Apparently she went aground somewhere). C. Cancelling S.O.S. (Cullercoats Radio intercept from Norddeich 2330/18). All hands saved. Ship (? Abandoned) ^{GREENWICH} intercept from S.S. BORKUM 2304/18).



GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS

China .

3 at German ships
or Sourabaya

S.O.I. Singapore ^{reports} that Dutch have ordered removal of breech blocks of guns of D.E.M.S. during stay in port being returned on departure. (Capt. on Staff TAMAR Hong Kong 0443Z/17).

A/S Defence
Singapore

Revised A/S situation at Singapore (C. in C. China, 0151/17).

South Atlantic.

KONIGSBERG

Sailed from Para, French report, (C. in C.S.A. 0929/19 but N.C.S.O. Para reports her still in harbour (C. in C. S.A. 1852/19).

LA CORUNA

Loading and ready to sail this week (S.O.I. Freetown, 1500/18).

WAKAMA

Out of dock at Rio de Janeiro (S.O.I. Freetown 1500/17).

North Atlantic.

2 German seamen aged 36 & 37 sailed from San Miguel for Lisbon on Portuguese ship LIMA (Consul, San Miguel, (1552/18).

America & West Indies.

ESTE

Five men from ESTE at Curacao sailed in a dinghy 17/1 possibly for Aruba.

CONSUL HORN

Conference on board, and all men of military age taken from other ships at Aruba (S.O.I. Kingston, 1535/18).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING.Ships Attacked

- CAIRN ROSS 1700 Mined off Bar Light Liverpool sinking
Sunk (Seafort~~bx~~ Radio 1734/17) MACKAY was detached to assist (WANDERER 1810/17) (D.C. 2055/17) In Convoy ? (5494 tons.) Sunk. No casualties. Port of Liverpool closed, but an alternative channel has now been opened (D.C.N.S. 18/1) Magnetic mines were exploded between her position and that in which ELOSO was sunk 11/1 (W.S.G. 17).
- ENID 1403 ENID Norwegian (1140 tons) from Trondheim to
sunk. Dublin Shelled by U-boat 6 miles north of Muckle Flugga. Set on fire and sinking (D) 3 to attack s/m. C. in C. H.F. asked for air reconnaissance to keep s/m down until arrival of surface force (1621/17). Coast watchers saw the s/m again at 1445. 8 men Norwegians landed at Burra Firth. 8 men missing believed picked up by trawler GRANADA (FOCOS 1420/17, ACOS 1524/17, C. in C. H.F. 1621/17, ACOS 1715/17, 1845/17 C. in C. 1408/17, 1556/17, 1021/18 Capt. (D) 3 1730/17 Derelict was subsequently sunk by gunfire by destroyer "Firedrake". Three destroyers and five A/S vessels searching for the submarine (D.C.N.S. 18/1). Master & 7 other survivors landed by Danish KIMA at Trondheim 19/1 (ACOS 1646/19).
- This was probably Polzele (1737) sunk by U.35*
- ? TRICOLOR Survivors from above ship say another steamer was sunk with all hands before they were attacked (ACOS 2242/17 1800/18) c.f. FORTUNE 1905/17
- ASTERIA 2050 Greek ASTERIA, 3313 tons, outward bound Hull to
Mined, sunk. Marseilles with coal, mined off Norfolk coast, N.E. of Haisborough, sank later, 11 survivors landed Cromer 1630/18 1 body recovered, Master, pilot and 11 others missing. (C. in C. Nore 1708/18) Position thought to be 53.10 N., 1.33 E., but no definite information available. (O.I.C. 20/1). F.O. Humber, 1750/18) (O.I.C. Yarmouth, 1615/18, 1725/18, 1800/19).
- 0335 D.F. on 4225 K.c's bearing of unidentified enemy naval surface unit was 015° from Scarborough (D.C., 0414/17) Further bearings approx. position 58° N. 2° E. (D.C., 0601/17).
- 1350 By D/F unknown enemy unit probably s/m 50° N. 8° W. unreliable fix. (D.N. I. 1530/17) (Lands End Radio 1555/17), North Foreland Radio, 1600/17).

U - BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING.S/M's Reported.

North Atlantic 1250 GMT s/m 270° Lands End 100 miles (Brest Lanvee Radio) 35° 25' N. 8° 15' W. reported by French (D.N.I. 1543/17) 35° 40' N. 8° 20' W. (I.C.0333/40).

0850 s/m sighted submerging course S 46° Douglas Hd. 5 miles (doubtful) (I.C.033/40).

North Atlantic 1650 Periscope reported by French A/C 35° 30' N. 8° 30' W (I.C. 0333/40).

(See ENID) 1403 U-Boat reported shelling merchant vessel 6 m N of Muckle Flugga (F.O.C.O.S. 1816/17).

THIRLMERE and A/S trawlers S/M off Muckle Flugga arriving about 2100/17 (F.O.C.O.S. 1816/17).

U-boat may reach North Channel night 18/19/1 or Western Approaches 21/1 from North (D.N.I. 1143/17).

1000 Reported S/M believed damaged in position 63° 30' 7° 30' E. longitude uncertain believed 7½° E. steering south at slow speed at 1000/17 graded B 20 (D.N.I. 2021/18) (R.A. (S) 2150/18) MAORI and TARTAR Hunting.

0100 Reported alongside tanker ANTARKTIS in harbour Vigo, 1501/12).

S/M's Attacked. 0240 By H.M.S. TRIBUNE in Kattegat 57° 45' N, 11° E. (O.I.C. 22/1).

TRIBUNE, on return from patrol, reported she fired 8 torpedoes at a stopped U-boat Hydrophone effect of the U-boat's charging engine and of one torpedo ceased coincident with a heavy thud, but no trace found upon surface at daylight 4 hours later. Considered hopeful. (D.C.N.S., 22/1).



U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING.

Submarines reported.

Vigo Report of U-boat entering Vigo night 16/17 Jan.
almost certainly correct (N.I.D.2/20).

Submarines attacked.

0249 By TRIBUNE 57°50'N 11°0'E. on patrol.
(M.02195/40 Patrol report from H.M.S. TRIBUNE
5-20 Jan 1940). M.03327/40 H.M.S. TRIBUNE.
Attack on enemy s/m. "I consider it doubtful
that the enemy s/m was sunk" (V.A.(S)).


H O M E C O M M A N D S"A" Message, Home & Abroad 937A.

Any vessel transferred from enemy ownership or registry to neutral since beginning of War not to be seized but sent in to nearest French port for examination by French. Reason why French port to be selected. (Hd. of M. 1308/18).

- Home Fleet. HOOD, WARSPITE and five destroyers in vicinity of Orkney Islands covering Northern Patrol. EDINBURGH and GLASGOW north-east of Orkney Islands covering outward bound Norwegian convoy. Three destroyers on patrol off Norwegian coast between latitude 62°N. and 63°N. with object of intercepting any enemy ships found outside territorial waters. It is known that five German ships with iron ore cargoes are on passage from Narvik to Germany. (DCNS)
- Northern Patrol. Between Orkneys and Faroes. 2 cruisers.
Between Faroes and Iceland. 2 cruisers. 5 A.M.C's.
In Denmark Strait. 1 cruiser. 1 A.M.C.
- Operation S.T.3. Taking place tonight. Capt. (S) 3 to inform submarines concerned (C. in C. Nore, No.9/18).
- Operation S.T.4. Orders and forces (C. in C. Nore, 1825/18)
- Operation D.S. (See C. in C. H.F.1312/15). Concentration of destroyers (C. in C., H.F.1039/18). Asking what date C. in C., H.F. proposes to carry out the operation (1st S.L.1727/18). Not before 22/1. Orders are in 92/HF.01325/18/1/40. (C. in C. H.F. 1923/18).
- Operation P.A. Proposed to extend line of deep mines laid by PRINCESS VICTORIA in operation P.A. (D.D.O.D. (M) 1340, 1343/18, Capt. (S) 3,1446 /18, C. in C., H.F., 1642/18, 1835/18).
- PRINCESS VICTORIA and CURLEW, with destroyer escort, to sail for Humber A.M. Friday down centre of War channel. (C. in C., Rosyth 1015/18).
- Convoys. About 90 vessels now anchored in Methil Roads awaiting passage south. Weather conditions prevented sweeping a passage south. Weather conditions prevented sweeping a passage through minefield N. of Tyne for two days. Escort vessel and fighter protection afforded at Methil (D.C.N.S.)



H O M E C O M M A N D S

Convoys (Contd) H.N.8 to leave point E, 1330/18. (C. in C. Rosyth 1521/14). Sailed (N.C.S.O.Bergen 1250/18).
 M.T.Request for air escort from Fighter Command (C. in C.Rosyth 1153/18 1020/18).
 O.B.76 route. (A.C.W.A.1011/18).
 O.A.74 route and escort (A.C.W.A.1008/18)
 O.A.76 " " " " 1012/18)
 F.N.74. List (N.C.S.O.Thames 1304/18).
 H.N.8. Composition. (D.T.D.1232/18)
 Route given to DUCHESS OF RICHMOND (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 1206/18).

Air Reconnaissance. To locate any possible salvage work on SEA HORSE, STARFISH, UNDINE, (DC.0805/18).
 Merchant vessels sighted in air reconnaissance (C. in C.Rosyth, 2230/18).

Unexplained Explosions. Reported by trawler RIVIERE 2330/18 (C. in C.Rosyth 1638/22).

Anti-Magnetic Sweeping Anti-magnetic mine sweeps in Clyde Approaches (C. in C., H.F.1231/18, 1455/18).

Re-organisation of Cruiser Squadrons Owing to ARETHUSA and PENELOPE soon becoming available for service suggest SOUTHAMPTON class under V.A.Layton become 2nd CS. and ARETHUSA, PENELOPE, AURORA, GALATEA under V.A.Edward Collins become 9th C.S. (See too 1st S.L.0133/18).

13th D.F.Escort Vessels. Very desirable that 13th D.F.destroyers at present on escort duties should resume normal duties as soon as possible, thus permitting 4th A/S group to return to Mediterranean. 2 escort vessels should join W.A.Command by end of January. Will these suffice for escorts for HGF and OGF convoys? (D.O.D. (F) 1229/18).

Estimated dates of completion:-

HAVELOCK	9/2
HIGHLANDER	End of February.
HEARTY	22/1.
HANDY	April
HURRICANE	May (DA/SW.1636/18).

TRAUTENFELS Operations Too much wireless signalling by ships at sea except by AURORA, which was a model of correctness. (C. in C., H.F.1232/18).

H O M E C O M M A N D S

Casualties ✓ A Walrus a/c from NORFOLK crashed while landing. The two occupants were killed.

Contraband Control Bases ✓ Owing to shortage of A/S trawlers, not possible to provide increased protection for contraband control bases at present. (DA/SW.1955/18).

KAUPO KAUPO to be subjected to intense search when she next calls at any port in your command. (D.N.I. to C. in C.Rosyth 1756/18).

Submarines. ✓ Position at 0700/18. (RA (S) 1548/17) (D.C.1944/17).

AUCKLAND Captain's death Reporting death of Capt.K.A.Beattie, R.N., H.M.S.AUCKLAND (S.R.A., R.N.H. Chatham 0100/18).

Southend Provision of an emergency tug (F.O.I.C.London, 1300/18).

St.Anthony Head, Lt.H. Struck by lightning. Out of action (N.O.I.C. 2040/18).

Liverpool reopened ✓ 0730/18 (N.O.I.C.Liverpool 0122/18) (Closed after mining of CAIRNROSS 17/1)

W E A T H E R

	<u>Wind</u>	<u>Visibility</u>
North Sea Channel	N.N.W. Moderate	Good.. Coastal mist.
Western Approaches	S.Moderate	Good.
Outlook	Similar	



H O M E C O M M A N D S

Enemy Intelligence

Ships reported
sunk by "S"
Submarines.

See 17/1 for D.N.I. 1112/18.

Mine
Sweeping

Indications of enemy mine-sweepers operating
in German declared mined area, approx. lat.
55°N. (O.I.C.19/1).

Finno - Russian War

Mines

Admiralty 1317/14 and 1205/17. Swedes will
not receive mines. Details of mines required.
(A.N.A.Stockholm 1803/18).

Norway

Odderoya Fort, Christiansand mounting A/A guns
(Christiansand 1230/18). Norwegian Legation
Moscow protesting violation Norwegian territory
by Soviet aircraft (D.N.I.2139/18).

FOREIGN STATIONSAmerica and West Indies

RESOLUTION)
 ENTERPRISE) Refits (D.O.D.(F) 0043/18. F.O.C.3.B.S.
 MALAYA) 1552/18).
 EMERALD)

PERTH Not to have aircraft until return to
 Australia (N.B.Melbourne 1235Z/18).
 Route for merchant ships TUCURINCA and
 CAVINA (N.C.S.O.Kingston 0957/18).

MERCHANT Re Sabotage in Pacific on 1/1 (N.C.S.O.
 PRINCE Panama 2029/18) See also C. in C. A.W.I.
 1349/8 and 20/1.

Von Appen.
 VON APPEN H.M.C.S.ASSINIBOINE due Colon 20/1 to
 take Von Appen into custody to Kingston,
 Jamaica. C. in C.A. & W.I.1245/18).
 Left 2200/20 with Von Appen (N.C.S.O.
 Colon 2229/20).

S.S.WASHINGTON Left New York 13/1 for Naples. Carries
 mails for Germany. (N.S.H.Q.Ottawa
 0957/18)

POLAND British ship POLAND (Lt.Com.Herepath,
 R.N., as Master) leaves Bermuda for Halifax
 early February flying blue ensign
 (C. in C., A.W.I. 2052/18).
 (D. of S.T.1253/20)

NORTH ATLANTIC

KEPPEL,
 damaged H.M.S.KEPPEL seriously damaged in
 collision (17/1) returning to Gibraltar
 (F.O.C.N.A.1414/18).

Portuguese
 Ships BARTOLOMEU DIAS sloop left Funchal 17/1
 for Lisbon (F.O.C.N.A.1013/18).
 Oil Cruiser escorted by one destroyer
 passed Cabo la Roca 0900/18 southwards
 (Lisbon 1533/18).

Positions Convoys and British Patrols. (D.C.1928/18)

French submarine 1200/18. (D.C.0121/18).
 positions

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German Officer
Instructors All returned to San Fernando (B.C.Cadiz
1700/18).

Complaint has been made that the Spanish S.S.CASTILLO ~~EE~~ CUELLAR, 1080 tons, while employed temporarily as a naval transport flying the Spanish naval ensign, under the command of a naval officer with naval ratings as crew has made two voyages from Italian ports to Spanish ports with cargoes of German goods including war material. The ~~EE~~ CUELLAR and other Spanish ships of the CASTILLO class are believed to be former foreign ships (chiefly Russian and Greek? condemned by Spanish prize courts during the Civil War.

MEDITERRANEAN

Contraband
Control Ref.Med.01009/0722/16 29th December para.5. Care to be taken that nothing is done which could be construed as admission that any liability rests on us to avoid delay to passengers in ships sent in for examination (D.E.W.D.1920/18). Gibraltar and Malta requested report names and nationalities of all ships in control anchorage at 1200 every Monday. (D.E.W.D.2319/18).

ARAGON Suspicious cargo in Spanish steamship ARAGON from Palma. (Consul Palma 1800/18).

RANPURA H.M.S.RANPURA ready to sail for South Atlantic end January (C. in C.Med.1103/18).

Intercepts Intercepted messages from German W/T stations not required by S.O.(I) Gib. (S.O.(I)Gib.1027/18).

Appointment Capt.W.C.Lucas R.N.as C.C.S.O.Marseilles for liason duties (M.1130/18).

CHINA

Coastal
Air Pilots Situation (C. in C.China 0706Z/18,0534/12).

Instructions
to Masters C. in C.China 0349/17. S.O.(I) Singapore. 0301 Z/18)

Japanese
Navy Warship positions (Capt.on Staff.Singapore, 0842 Z.18).

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Mediterranean

Air Service

Organisation being prepared for British Civil Air Service Palestine - Egypt - Athens - Istanbul - Bucharest and Athens - Belgrade - Budapest to commence 1/4/40. Political advantages and value for rapid transmission of intelligence. (H.Q. R.A.F. Middle East 1127/18).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING

Ships Attacked
PAJALA sunk

Captain's allegations that escort (NORTHERN DUKE) was grossly negligent. V.A.N.P.'s investigation, exculpating NORTHERN DUKE. (N.I.D. 774/40 Loss of Swedish M.S. PAJALA, Information re -). (Account of NORTHERN DUKE attack on the s/m which sank PAJALA see below).
Duey.

Submarines
Attacked

1955

50:55:45 N., 5:18:30 W by MONTROSE. As she was the only vessel escorting a convoy (B.C. 23 slow) she did not consider it justifiable, after the attack and search to leave the convoy unprotected, and screening ahead was resumed at 2100.

Arrangements were subsequently made for escorting vessels in Western Approaches to carry an electrically fired depth charge which can be placed in contact with.....

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING (Contd.)

- 1955 with and exploded on a U-boat lying on the bottom which should ensure its destruction (M.03662/40 H.M.S. MONTROSE (1) R. of P. 18 -25/am (2) Report of attack on enemy S/m).
- 0340 49:2 N., 6:14 W. by VERITY. Considered non-sub. (M.04213/40 H.M.S. VERITY, report of attack on U-boat 18.1.40).
- 1700 By H.M.T. NORTHERN DUKE (Lt. Robert Pattison R.N.R.) V.A.N.P. thought quite likely S/m was destroyed. Was hit once, possibly twice, by 4" H.E., but penetration doubtful. "It is unfortunate as I am informed, that no S.A.P. shell is available for these guns." "D.O.D. fully concurs it is unfortunate that the shells provided for attacking s/ms will in all probability not penetrate the hull". *[Further observations to the contrary by other authorities.]* (M.01647/40 H.M.T. NORTHERN DUKE - Report of attack on U-boat on 18/1/40 with ~~ENCLOSURES~~ enclosures). This is connected with loss of PAJALA. (Case 7112)

Submarines Reported

- VIGO Report of U-boats entering Vigo night 18/19/am was almost certainly correct. (N.I.D. 2/20).

GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPSHOME COMMANDS

TRAUTENFELS Reported to have left Narvik 23/12 and again 8/1, had not made round trip but had been ashore (Stockholm 1320/18).

RIO DE JANEIRO Left Vigo 12/12, Narvik 6/1.. Arrived Kiel (W/T intercept O.I.C.19/1).

KALMAR)
PALOS) Passed Haugesund northbound, 1130 and 1115 (D.N.I.1326/18). Haugesund 1134/18).

LEESEE)
MOREA) LEESEE transshipping minerals to MOREA at Vigo (Consul 1615/18).

All German ships at Cadiz unmoored and at single anchor (Consul 0930/18).

JOHANNAHRENS Left Gothenburg (N.C.S.O.1503/18).

HES^TPA)
NORDWEST) Arrived Gothenburg (N.C.S.O.1503/18).

THESEUS Arrived Trondhjem (Trondhjem 1300/18).

HANAU Left Narvik with ore (D.N.I.1542/19) (Narvik 1241/19).

OLDENBURG Arrived Narvik for ore (D.N.I.1542/19) (Narvik 1241/19).

AUGUST THYSSEN Struck Swedish mine when passing Understen Light (Aland Sea). (Reuter from Stockholm & O.I.C.19/1). Through disregard of Swedish warnings (W.S.G.17).

Your 1656/17:- German Ships in Rotterdam since 1/1 - THOR, AUGUST THYSSEN, CRONSHAGEN and SCHLESWIG - HOLSTEIN each with between 2,000 and 3,000 tons of iron ore, leaving with coal. Smaller ships CASTOR, MERCUR with general cargo (N.C.S.O.Rotterdam 2340/18).



GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS

HOME COMMANDS

America and West Indies

ASMUSSEN Mexican Government have taken over German tanker ASMUSSEN at Puerto Mexico to use for coastwise traffic. (M.Branch 1311/18).

North Atlantic

Ships in Spain Proposal to purchase for Spain German ships in Spanish ports (N.A., Madrid 1205/18).

China

Proposed sale German Government propose sale of 6 German ships at Dairen against equivalent value Manchurian products (S.O.(I), Shanghai 0329/18).

AUGSBERG sold Transfer of AUGSBERG, 6512 tons, from German to Dutch flag recognised by H.M. Government. Sale effected before the war. Ship since lying at Dairen under charter to Dutch firm (D.N.I., 1526/18. D.Summary 19/1).

Seamen ex COLUMBUS Passages arranged for German seamen ex COLUMBUS in TATSUTA MARU cancelled. Reported they will leave for Japan in small groups. (Consul-General, San Francisco, 1729/18).

South Atlantic

Re: ANA Rio 1739/10 Asking whether he considered any of these ships were supply ships as opposed to blockade runners and what result of action taken. (R.A.S.A.D.1125/18).



U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING

Ships attacked

PAJALA ~~Sunk~~
torpedoed, 1715
sunk

Swedish PAJALA. 6873 tons Buenos Aires to Gothenburg torpedoed and sunk 072° North Rona 1715 10' 35 miles N.N.W. from Cape Wrath while being escorted Kirkwall. Crew picked up by H.M. trawler NORTHERN DUKE, which was escorting. (NORTHERN DUKE 1715/18 1730/18, 1756/18. A.C.O.S.1940/18) (see S/M's attacked).

CANADIAN
REEFER
torpedoed,
sunk

M.V. CANADIAN REEFER. Danish, 1800 tons, Haifa to Glasgow, not in convoy, sunk by S/M 25' off Cape Finisterre. Crew of 25 landed Corunna by the Spanish trawler JOSE IGNACIO (D.C.N.S.) (Lloyds, Corunna, 2045/19), (D.C.2323/19).

FLANDRIA,
mined, 2357.
sunk 19/19.V.

Swedish, 1157 tons, Antwerp to Gothenburg struck 2 mines, 100 miles W. of Ymuiden (i.e. close off Lowestoft) (O.I.C.22/1). Four survivors rescued from raft by Norwegian BALZAC on 21/1.

FOXEN
sunk

Swedish (1304 tons) sunk by mine or torpedo in North Sea. One survivor saved by Norwegian s.s. LEXA after 4 days on a raft during which eight other members of crew on raft with him died. (Press). See also 22/1. Position 58° 52' N, 00° 22' W. (Probably torpedoed judging by position).

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- 1035 90° Penlee Point, Mounts Bay, 3 cables. Reliable report (C. in C. W.A. 1136/18) DIANA to attack (C. in C. W.A. 1125/18, 1136/18, 1232/18). BROKE to attack (C. in C., W.A.1353/18). Keep DIANA for 24 hours for this purpose if you wish (C. in C., H.F. to C. in C., W.A. 1452/18).
1950. S/M which had torpedoed Swedish PAJALA seen on surface.
2053. Sumburgh reports possible S/M on surface 178° 10 miles from Sumburgh Head, course unknown (F.O. C.O.S. 2228/18) 2 vessels firing distress rockets bearing 275° from Sumburgh. (F.O.C.O.S. 2306/18).
1330. CITY OF CORINTH reports submarine periscope in 34° 55' N. 11° 32' W. (F.O.C.N.A. 1537/18). (S.O.(I) Gib. 1113/21) S.O.(I) Gibraltar gives position 34° 51' N. 11° 32' W. (S.O.(I) Gib. 1827/21 in reply to D.C. 1720/21.)
1330. Dunkirk reports submarine 6 miles southward of Boulogne. French forces hunting. BOREAS ordered to join. (V.A. Dover 1509/18).
- Coaster FRONTIER(?) arrived Port Elizabeth 20/1 states sighted submarine on 18/1 in 30° 34' South 30° 49' East. C.4. report. (N.O. I.C. Simonstown 2133/20).

Submarines
attacked

- 1241 FOXGLOVE attacked submarine position 50° 06' N, 02° 14' W. (C. in C. Portsmouth 1241/18, 2143/18). Full report requested (D.A./S.W.1430/20 approved D.C.N.S).
- 1755 NORTHERN DUKE attacked submarine which had sunk PAJALA. Considered successful. (NORTHERN DUKE, 1755/18, 1830/18). KIMBERLEY ordered to join hunt. (C. in C., H.F. 1849/18). NORTHERN DUKE reported direct hit by gunfire, oil and wreckage. Success not certain till further evidence available. (V.A.N.P.1951/18). KIMBERLEY, ASHANTI,

U-BOATING CAMPAIGN AND MINING (Contd)Submarines
attacked
(Contd)

and trawler searching around position. Oil and wreckage thought to be of surface ship has been sighted. (KIMBERLEY 1124/19).

NORTHERN DUKE asked what reason for considering submarine destroyed (Kirkwall 1900/18). Reply direct hit by gunfire, oil and wreckage, dropped 4 depth charges. (NORTHERN DUKE 1910/19). Details of attack, after return of NORTHERN DUKE (V.A.N.P.0002/20). Why did NORTHERN DUKE not comply with Admiralty 1303/29/11? (D.A/S.W.1431/20). Reply (V.A.N.P.2000/20).

1500

By DIANA in position 273° the Lizard 10 miles. Thought non-sub. Report from DIANA (C. in C., H.F. 1331/21). (RA(D) 1145/21.)

H O M E C O M M A N D S .Home Fleet.

HOOD, WARSPITE and five destroyers north of the Faroes, covering the Northern Patrol.

EDINBURGH and GLASGOW to eastward of Shetland Isles, covering outward-bound Norwegian convoy, which is escorted by four destroyers and a submarine.

MAORI and TARTAR hunting a U-Boat reported damaged west of Trondhjem at 1000. 17/1.

REPULSE: Plymouth more convenient than Greenock. Requesting remarks. (C.in C. H.F. 1720/19).

Northern Patrol.

Orkneys to Faroes	2 cruisers.
Faroes to Iceland	3 cruisers, 5 A.M.Cs.
Denmark Strait	1 cruiser, 1 A.M.C.

Proposed allocation of 18 A.M.Cs. finally detailed (V.A.N.P. 1645/14).

S.T.Operations.

To be suspended for time being on completion of Operation S.T.4 (C. in C. Nore 2235/19). Return of armed guards to depots. (C. in C. Nore. 1929/19).

S.T.3.

Third sweep (S.T.3) by trawlers and destroyers carried out last night (18-19/1) and resulted in 1 Norwegian, 2 Dutch and 1 Swedish ship being sent into the Downs for examination. (D.C.N.S.).

S.T.4.

Orders. (C. in C. Nore 1825/18).

Operation XD.

Adty. 1231/19. Buoyage navigation Scheldt at night at present suspended owing to ice having shifted. Normally there would be no difficulty. (N.A. Hague 1620/19).

Casualties.

GRENVILLE
Mined ?.

At 12.53 GRENVILLE, returning from S.T.3 sweep, was sunk, believed mined, in a position 23 miles East of Kentish Knock light vessel, 51° 39' N., 2° 17' E. 8 men killed, 73 missing. GRIFFIN and GRENADE, the other two destroyers taking part, arrived Harwich at 0200/20, having requested accommodation for 15 officers and 100 men and transport for two injured and seven bodies from GRENVILLE. Loss announced 21/1.

At ...

*to C.M.D.
GRENVILLE report p. 211E.*

HOME COMMANDS (Cont.)Casualties (Cont.)

At 14.42/19, GRENADE reported an explosion 20 yards astern between her and GRIFFIN, which tends to indicate casualty was caused by a magnetic mine, although depth of water was 20 fathoms. (GRENADE 1253/19, 1354/19, 1357/19. C. in C. Nore, 1325/19, GRENADE 1402/D)

VALDORA.

A rmed trawler, due Grimsby 14/1, has not arrived. Suggested she was the unknown trawler reported to have been blown up 1700/12 off Cromer by Lt. Vessel 85 during attack by German a/cs. No survivors. (N.O. i/c Grimsby 1230/19, F.O. i/c Harwich 2326/19, V.A. Dover 1902/18, 1519/17, F.O. i/c Humber 1914/17) To be regarded as formally paid off from 12/1 (Branch Acquaint 375/24/1.)

S.S. MILE END. 560 tons, sunk in collision with armed trawler off Tyne on the evening of 19/1.

Minefields.

Admty. 1343/18. concur in proposed minefields (C. in C. Nore, 1848/19).

Darkened Ships.
Northern Patrol.

Interception of ZITELLA, darkened, while trawlers were searching for U-Boat. Need for darkened ships not being routed through Northern Patrol Areas without warning. V.A.N.P. 1532/19).

Floating Mine.
Bay of Biscay.

Dutch S.S. BOEKELD reports floating mine in 44° 50'N.. 3° 00' W.. well inside Bay of Biscay.

M. Sweep.

A further two magnetic mines were exploded by M. sweep on 19/1 in Liverpool Bay. (D.C.N.S.20/1). between positions where EL OSO and CAIRNROSS were mined on 11/1 and 17/1.

Minesweeping.

Until LL sweep available, no sweep which will be effective in southern approaches to Clyde (D. M. S., 1200/19).

Searches off Humber (F.O. Humber 1950/19)
off Liverpool (F.O.I.C. 1940/19)
off Aberdeen (N.O.I.C. 1910/19)
off Rosyth (C. in C. 1833/19)
off Scapa (Scapa base ship 1800/19)
off Kirkwall (N.O.I.C. 1800/19)
off Dover (V.A. 1758/19)
off Tyne (F.O.I.C. 1755/19)
off Harwich (F.O.I.C. 1640/19)

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Counter-Mining.

H.M.S. ILSENSTEIN unsuitable (C. in C. H.F.1522/19) BORDE and attendant vessels to sail to-morrow. (C. in C. Nore 1547/19).

Scapa.

Provision of hospital ship when Fleet returns in March. (C. in C. H.F. 1635/19).

Tyne.

Request Trinity House lay buoy to mark centre of war channel (F.O.I.C. Tyne 1750/19).

Dundee S/M base.

Re proposals for establishment. Investigation to be made (C.N.S. 1938/19).

Portland

Inspection of FLINDERS with view to use as accommodation ship (M. 1006/19).

Foreign Navigation Warnings.

Recent case of ship lost through taking action on warning broadcast from foreign radio station. Commodores of convoys and masters to be warned of necessity to disregard such instructions. (A.C.N.S. 1937/19).

Submarines.

Positions at 0700/19 (D.C. 1922/18) (D.C. 0210/19) Positions at 0700/20 (R.A(S) 1656/19).

French Forces. Positions at 1200/19 (D.C. 0257/19)

Liverpool protection.

Protection of approaches to Liverpool in view of recent enemy mining. Pending provisions of under-water protection three groups of A/S trawlers required, one to prevent minelaying near Bar Light V. and to safeguard convoys' anchorage, and two groups to patrol channel from Bar Lt. V. to 20 fm. line. Only 6 A/S trawlers remain. A/S yachts as they become available could be substituted for D/S trawlers. (C. in C. W.A. 2024/19).

Convoys ...

HOME COMMANDS(Cont.)Convoys.East Coast
Convoys.

Nearly ninety ships successfully passed from Methil to the Tyne, and the East Coast convoy situation should now return to normal (D.C.N.S.. 20/1).

F.S.76 sailed (N.C.S.O. Tyne, 0031/11) Ships absent (N.C.S.O. Tyne 1015/19)

O.A.77 escort and route (A.C.W.A. 0948/19)

O.B.77 route (C. in C. W.A. 0951/19)

and
H.X.F. escort/route (C. in C. W.A. 0952/19)

Destinations of East Coast ships (D.T.D. to C. in C. Rosyth 0731/19).

Positions, Nore Command, (C. in C. Nore 0605/19).

F.S.79 to F.S.83, F.N. 78 to F.N.82, dates and escorts (C. in C. Rosyth 1210/19)

H.X.F. 16 list (C. in C. W.A. 0947/19)

O.B.76 Route (N.C.S.O. Mersey 1345/19, 1410/19, 1015/20).

O.A.76 programme (N.C.S.O. Thames 1454/19)

Danish ships to Methil for instructions (N.O.I.C. Leith 1455/19)

O.B.M. 72. (sailed 2030 15/1) (N.C.S.O. Milford Haven 1815/19)

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M.S. 36 ships, sailed 2100/19 (N.C.S.O. Methil 2102/19) Escort and route (C. in C. Rosyth 1226/19)

F.S. 75 reported Knock Deep (N.C.S.O. Thames 1309/19)

O.A. 75 G. List (N.C.S.O. Thames 1321/19)

H.G.14 reported Kinghorness Deep (N.C.S.O. Thames 1146/19)

O.A.74 deletions and additions (N.C.S.O. Thames 1146/19)

BOADICEA to rendezvous with Finnish ship REGULUS at 0930/20 and escort her to join F.N.76 at 1500 (V.A. Dover 2021/19)

H.G.F.14 Successful (D.T.D. 1101/19)

H.N.8. Destinations (D.T.D. 1501/19)

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Channel.

Falsterbo Cape channel was commenced at beginning of 1940 and is expected to take 6 to 8 months to complete (N.A. Oslo 1500/19). Details see W.S.G. 17.

WEATHER.

	<u>Wind.</u>	<u>Visibility.</u>
North Sea.	S.W., Moderate.	Good, but snow showers.
Horns Reef.	S., Fresh.	Good.
Channel.	S., Fresh.	Good, but snow showers.
Western Approaches.	N., Moderate.	Good.

Enemy ...

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HOME COMMANDS (Cont.)
Enemy Intelligence.

Amsterdam. No German ships there since 5/12. (Consul-General 1030/19).

Antwerp. No German shipping has entered or left since 1/1. (N.C.S.O. Antwerp 1025/19).

German Cruisers Attacked. Danish seine netters in Humber 17/1 report Danish broadcast from Flensburg that 2 ships of BLUCHER and LEIPZIG classes were sunk near Brunsbittel by the 2 S. class submarines recently lost. Confirmation being sought. (D.N.I. 1352/19). No confirmation of broadcast can be obtained from Copenhagen. (D.N.I. 1102/21).

FINNO-RUSSIAN WAR.

Norway.

Navy, Air Force and A/A defences fully mobilised, Army mobilising by stages. (D.N.I. 2159/19).

FOREIGN ...

FOREIGN STATIONS.South Atlantic.

SHROPSHIRE and DORSETSHIRE arrived to escort EXETER to Freetown.
ARK ROYAL, RENOWN and AJAX arrived Freetown.

A.M.Cs.

RANPURA can be spared until early February.
Request when DUNOTTA and RANPURA will arrive.
(C. in C., S.A. 1115/19, 1807/19 in ref. to
C. in C. Med. 1103/18).

Freetown.

Duties of S.O.(I) Freetown (C. in C. S.A.
2330/19)

QUANZA

Portuguese QUANZA (see 17/1) intercepted 1100,
05 32'N., 10 08'W., and Fromeyes and School
removed. (C. in C. S.A. 1615/20). (M 92289/40
HMS NEPTUNE R of P No.20 (14-20 Jan 1940).

UMVOTI,
CLAN MACINNES,
AUSTRALIA STAR. }

Not yet considered overdue (S.O.(I) Cape Town
1548/19).

North Atlantic.Positions.

Positions of convoys and British vessels
(D.C. 2022/19).

Convoy Zone.

My 1056/17, Admiral, Africa, agrees British
convoy zone as amended in your 1536/16/1.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1330/19).

French Submarines

Positions west of Canary Islands, etc.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1458/19).

British S/ms.

Positions 0700/20 and movements for next 24
hours. (D.C. 2023/19).

Iberia Line.

Ambassador reported that German pilots continue
to operate on the Barcelona Madrid air route,
and the Palma Barcelona service has had German
pilots since 14/1. He was consulting French
Ambassador as to what action was possible.

MAPIA

(Dutch) Re Germans removed from.(Hd.of M 1530/19,
SBNO Suez Canal Area 1713/23,FOCNA 1912/24)

America ...



FOREIGN STATIONS (Cont.)

America & West Indies.

Transmissions from Nauen (D.N.I. to N.S.H.O. Ottawa, 1250/19).

U.S. Forces. Arrivals at San Juan, Porto Rico (Consul, 1630/19).

Enemy Intelligence. U.S. official observer at Puerto Cabello reports DEUTSCHLAND is rumoured to be lying over the horizon. (S.O.(I) Kingston 2345/19, 1629/20).

RESOLUTION }
MALAYA } Refits (D.O.D.(F) 1721/19).
ENTERPRISE }

China.

Purchase of Customs Cruisers. Board decision, purchase or requisitioning of Chinese maritime customs cruisers inadvisable on political grounds. (M., 1724/19).

ASAMA MARU. Interception, orders to LIVERPOOL and ARAWA (C. in C., China, 0502 Z/19). (See 21/1).

East Indies.

Accommodation for Censorship Staff. (N.O.I.C. Aden, 0424 Z/19).

Suspicious trading vessels (N.O.I.C. Kilindine 1215 Z/19).

Contraband Control agreement (see 20/1).

Intelligence of Contraband or enemy exports (N.O.I.C. Kilindine 1215/19, C. in C. E.I. 1142 Z/20).

RAMILLIES. Refit necessary 14 days. Consider continuous steaming at high speed on return voyage to Australia out of the question (C. in C. E.I. 0803 Z/19).

Mediterranean ...

FOREIGN STATIONS (Cont.)MediterraneanFrench Ships

Arrivals at Gibraltar (S.O.(I) Gibraltar
1148/19)

Spanish

Armed trawler TODO POR LA PATRIA passed Gib.
(S.O.(I) Gib. 1907/19)

Political

If crisis arose, Bulgaria not to act without
consulting Turkey (D.N.I. 2159/19)

Latest information on CARTAGENA requested
(N.A., Madrid 1651/19)

Air Liaison

Fully concur with A.O. C. in C., Middle East's
1127/18 to Air Ministry (C. in C. Med. 1923/19)

Contraband
Control

Ref. your 1915/11/12, ruling requested by
King's Proctor (C.C.S.O., Gib. 1800/19)

Leakage in blockade through regular air traffic
between Spain and Italy by commercial aircraft
of Cia Ala Littoria. Contraband control point
in Corsica or Marseilles may become necessary.
When new American Export Air Line via Lisbon
and Spanish port to Rome is operating in March
leakage will be increased (Contraband by
Italian Aircraft N.I.D. 368/40)

Egypt

Necessity of retaining British officers in
Egyptian Police Force for duration. (C. in C.
Med., 1503/19)

Danube.

Frozen solid from delta up stream. (S.S.
Bucuresti THI 1630/19)

Australia

U.S.I.

Re. publication of news. Agreement in
principle. (Australian C'wealth Naval Board
0224 Z/19).

GERMAN.....

FOREIGN STATIONS

South Atlantic

S/m sighted. Norwegian tanker FJORDAAS reported sighting a S/m near Cabadello Brazil p.m./19. Can you confirm it was not U.S. Naval craft? (D.N.I.1507/25 to N.A.Washington). Master of tanker quite certain (B.C.Pernambuco 1720/22, 1110/23). Not substantiated by anyone else on board. Recommend disregarding (A.N.A. Rio de Janeiro 1136/29).

GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS.Home Commands.

AMERIKA. passed Haugesund northbound at 1000.
(Haugesund 1015/19) (D.N.I. 1126/19)

GOLDENFELS passed Haugesund northbound at 1000.
(Haugesund 1015/19).

URUNDI passed Haugesund southbound at 1625
(Haugesund 1629/19).

HUNDSEK^c Commenced loading Seville p.m. Expected to
^ take 2 days. (O.I.C. 20/1) Likely to sail
for Germany about 25/1. (O.I.C. 19/1)
(Seville, 1600/20, 1200/21).
Consul-General, Amsterdam, reports no German
ships there since 5/12. (O.I.C. 20/1).

JOHANN WESSELS) In difficulty in ice in Southern Baltic,
IMATRA) asking for ice-breakers (O.I.C. 20/1).
TAUBE) (JOHANN WESSELS, intercept S.O.S. Cullercoats
RUHRORT) Radio 0425/20).
(IMATRA, intercept S.O.S. Cullercoats Radio
05420/20)

DESSAU Intercepted message to DESSAU from Utsira
Radio 2310/19 (F.O.2 C.S. 1816/20).

GEIER Asking to be informed of ice (?) conditions at
Libau before sailing (W/T intercept).

TREUFENFELS Stranded E. side of Hallands Vadero 3/1; was
refloated by two German salvage vessels after
discharging cargo. On 8/1 she was lying in
shelter of Vadero for temporary tightening.
(Goteborg Press O.I.C. 19/1).

BOCHUM Arrived Narvik from Germany (N. I. D. 1/30).

ERIKA HENDRIK - do. - (- do. -)
B.H. FISSER.

South Atlantic.

KÖNIGSBERG French report of sailing corrected (C. in C.
S.A. 1852/19) (see 17/1).

North ...



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Friday.

GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS (Cont.)

North Atlantic.

WINDHUK. Lifeboat from WINDHUK arrived Las Palmas under sail with 5 members of crew in an exhausted condition after 74 days of navigation from Lobito Bay (Las Palmas Cable to Daily Mail 19/1) (N.C.S.O. Las Palmas, 1215/18, boat arrived midnight 17/1).

CHARLOTTE SCHLIEMANN. Tanker, reported by N.C.S.O., Las Palmas, expected to sail 19/1. (N.C.S.O. Las Palmas 2145/19)

^{SE}
HUNDCK
(? HUNDSECK) Loading (Seville 1730/19).

America & West Indies.

HEIDELBERG Reported (B.2) as ready to leave Aruba (S.O.(I) Kingston, 2225/19).

SEATTLE Reported next ship likely to sail from Curacao (O.I.C. 19/1).

HAVELLAND Press reports left Manzanillo 25/12. (Capt. on Staff, Singapore, 0251 Z/19) Confirm she is still at Manzanillo (C. in C. China 0126 Z/20).

China.

AUGSBURG Dairen, transferred to Netherlands flag (Capt. on Staff, Singapore, 0406 Z/19).

REGENSBURG Yokohama, repainted normal colour (Capt. on Staff, Singapore, 0406 Z/19).

Unconfirmed report all H.A.L. ships in Shanghai Intelligence Area are only to retain upper deck (? indecypherable). (Capt. on Staff Singapore, 0406 Z/19).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING.Ships attacked.FLANDRIA
sunk.

Swedish (1179 tons) bound for Amsterdam. Sank about 2357/18. Only 4 of crew saved, picked up from float by Norwegian BALZAC after 48 hours. Two explosions. Sank in about 20 seconds. Definite opinion of survivors - ship mined. (Gothenburg 1809/8/2). 54° N. 3° 40' E. (N.C.S.O. Gothenburg 1217/5/2). Asking for details (D.N.I. 1424/7).

PATRIA
sunk.

Swedish (1188 tons) Rotterdam to Goteborg. Sank about 0120/19. Only 4 of crew saved, picked up from float by Finnish FRIGGE. Two explosions. Survivors saw drifting mine while waiting for ship to sink; definite opinion ship mined. (Gothenburg 1809/8/2). 54° 16' N. 3° 29' E. (N.C.S.O. Gothenburg 1217/5/2). Asking for details. (D.N.I. 1424/7/2). See 20/1.

From survivors' accounts forwarded by A.N.A., Stockholm, 22/2/1940. At 1130/18, very heavy shock observed port aftside of the engine room. On sounding port tanks and holds, vessel found to be tight. At 0120/19 (Dutch time) vessel struck a mine. Very violent explosion in forepart, and a second explosion of same violent character one or two seconds later. Both lifeboats smashed. Everyone in forecastle, also men on duty and those amidships, believed killed. Those who ran to raft on after deck saw a horn mine in water about five yards away, drifted by without exploding. PATRIA sank within few minutes almost vertically, head first.

From survivors' accounts forwarded by A.N.A., Stockholm, 22/2/1940. Very violent explosion amidships at 2357/18, followed by another a few seconds later. Whole middle part of ship torn into pieces and steamer foundered within 25 seconds. Carpenter, Oscar Berntson, and three other men on raft for 48 hours until picked up by Norwegian BALZAC. He presumed other 17 persons on board, including the captain, had perished.

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Friday.

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN and MINING.S/Ms. Reported.

- 0543 On surface about 35 miles S.W. from Portland Bill, 50° 05' N., 2° 58' W. by H.M.S. CLYDE, 1 mile distant on westerly course. Disappeared before CLYDE could get a shot. H.M.S. VETERAN attacked position. No contact. VETERAN rejoined convoy at daylight. (VETERAN 0845/19) ANTHONY ordered to hunt. (C. in C. Portsmouth 1004, 1016/19). RESOLUTION warned (C. in C. W.A. 1009/19) ROSEMARY to search (C. in C. Portsmouth 1104/19). BROKE and VISCOUNT ordered to hunt, on RESOLUTION entering harbour (C. in C. W.A. 1119/19)
- 0148 D.F., unknown enemy unit bearing 002° from Flowerdown (D.C. 0235/19).
- 1119 Norwegian ship NOTOS 2713 tons. S.O.S. in position 58° 20' N., 9° 35' W. (NOTOS 1119/19, Wick Radio 1336/19) KIMBERLEY ordered to investigate (C. in C. H.F. 1348/19) Searched, no result (KIMBERLEY 1050/20).
- When 50 miles N.W. of St. Kilda NOTOS sighted U-Boat which submerged and closed to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. When surfacing with conning tower awash, explosion occurred, apparently on board submarine, raising column of water and black smoke 40 ft. high. Crew of NOTOS had abandoned ship, but seeing nothing more of submarine, returned and resumed the voyage. Heavy sea running at the time. (N.O.I.C. Lerwick, 0025/22). S/M may have had premature explosion of one of her torpedoes just outside tube. Probably same U-Boat sighted by aircraft at 1400/21 in which event she is making good about 3 knots. (C. in C. H.F. 1007/22) (see 21/1) It is thought this report should be treated with reserve. (D. A/S W. U-Boat incidents 140).
- 1707 D.F. off Texel, reliable position (D.N.I., 1729/19).
- 1313 55.11 N., 5.26 W., S/M submerged, reported by CHITRAL, co. 070 (CHITRAL 1313/19, 1317/19) (N.O.I.C. Greenock, 1457/19)
- Nord Atlantic.
- 0100 Reported alongside NORD ATLANTIC in harbour, Vigo (O.I.C. 22/1) (Consul, Vigo 1501/21).

U-Boat homeward bound may pass north of Scotland on or about 21/1. (D.N.I. 1745/19).

South ...



U-BOAT CAMPAIGN and MINING.

S/Ms Reported.
(Cont.)

South Atlantic.

p.m.

A.l. report Norwegian tanker FJORDAAS sighted S/M. 40 to 50 miles northward Pernambuco, 15 miles from coast. Conning tower distinctly seen (Consul, Pernambuco 1720/22). Not Brazilian or American. (DNI 1003/24, 1507/25, ANA Rio de Janeiro 1209/24, NA Washington 1358/25)

S/Ms. Attacked.

2030

By VETERAN in 50° 22' N., 00° 45' W. Additional dull explosion heard after third attack. No wreckage. Contact lost at 2150 (V.A., Dover, 1614/20).

List of ships sunk between Scotland and Norway since December with opinion on causes of sinking - Addendum to O.I.C. Daily Report, 19.1.40.



H O M E C O M M A N D S.

Home Fleet

HOOD, WARSPITE, and 6 destroyers north of Shetlands, covering Northern Patrol and Norwegian convoy. Two destroyers operating off Norwegian coast S.W. of Trondheim to intercept any German iron ore ships passing outside territorial waters and also a damaged U-boat reported steering south in this area.

Leave for Heavy Ships.

And REPULSE's date of arrival (at Plymouth) (C. in C. H. F. 0951/20).

Northern Patrol

Between Orkneys and Faroes - 2 cruisers
Between Faroes and Iceland - 3 " 5 A.M.C.'s
Denmark Strait - 1 " 1 "

Norwegian Convoy.

Homeward bound, 39 ships (2 British, remainder neutral), escorted by 6 destroyers and one submarine, now East of Shetlands EDINBURGH and GLASGOW providing close cover.

LEIPZIG
NURNBERG
Operations

See Enemy Intelligence.

Operation D.S.

Enemy Intelligence (q.v.)(C. in C.H.F. 1738/20 to Captain D.4).

Operation S.T.4

Fourth sweep (S.T.4.) carried out by three destroyers and trawlers last night. (19 - 20). 1 Norwegian and 1 Swedish ship sent into Downs. It is not intended to repeat these sweeps in the immediate future. Interception of Norwegian VESTLAND (F.O.1/c Harwich 1942/20). Antwerp reports no German shipping has entered or left the port since Jan. 1st, Rhine beginning to freeze. (C. in C. Nore 1759, 1848/20) (D.O.D. (H) 1156/21).

Air Reconnaissance

Normal arranged. Intended to carry out reconnaissance, postponed for past two days owing to weather, to locate possible salvage operations on our lost submarines (D.C.N.S.) At 1210/20 aircraft observed ship 53° 28' N. 2° 00' E., thought to be cruiser, steering 282° true. (Bomber Command 1600/20).

Air Activity

At 0710/20, in a position 60 miles west of Sylt, a Hudson aircraft was fired at by four enemy minesweepers. Two salvos of bombs were dropped which fell 25 yards astern of the enemy vessels. Little evidence of enemy air activity on 20/1 and nothing of particular interest was sighted by our patrols (D.C.N.S.).

Tyne Minefield

Admiralty commendation of efficiency with which recently laid minefield off the Tyne has been dealt with (2.S.L. 1133/20).



H O M E C O M M A N D S. (Contd.)

- French Positions Positions at 1200/20 (D.C.0007/20).
- Aberdeen Fishing. Organisation of locally-formed groups of the fishing fleet (N.O.I.C., Aberdeen, 1025/20).
- Magnetic Sweeps. Two complete assembled magnetic sweeps to be sent N.O.I.C. Falmouth (D.M.S.1400/20).
- Degaussing. Conference to be held Admiralty 22/1 to consider demagnetisation situation (R.A.(M.L.), 1153/20).
- Darkening Ship. Neutral ships in convoy do not comply with regulations (F.O.I.C.Tyne 1133/20). (C.in C. Rosyth 1214/21).
- Nore. Merchant vessels sent in to proceed south of North Hinder light vessel. (C.in C., Nore, 0352/20).
- Tyne. Request whether searched Channel between Longstone and Tyne ports is open. (N.C.S.O. Copenhagen, 1522/20).
- Post "A" Mooring buoy marking middle lay of nets. (N.O.I.C. Port A. 1845/20).
- Casualties
SALOPIAN At 0300/20, SALOPIAN, A.M.C. returning to Clyde from Northern Patrol, was in collision with Finnish s.s. SAIMAA, 2,001 tons, off Mull of Cantyre. Her stern was damaged but she was able to proceed. SAIMAA was also damaged and proceeded to Leith (D.C.N.S.) (VANP 1053/28).
- Routeing Shetlands Routeing ships to U.K. to avoid a focal point, especially close to Shetlands (A.C.N.S.1951/20).
- Destroyers.
GURKHA To be ready for service 27/1 (C.in C.Portsmouth 1353/18, 1723/20) Completion delayed indefinitely (F.O. Humber 1323/20).
JANUS



H O M E C O M M A N D S (contd.)

Replacement of GRENVILLE Very desirable. KEITH suggested. (C.in C.Nore. 1441).

KAUPO Admly. 1756/18. Has arrived Aberdeen and will be searched by security officer (C.in C. Rosyth 1123/20).

Patrol Craft. Now commissioned 164 A/S vessels and 392 minesweeping craft (D.N.I.1810/20).

Convoys. Situation 2000/20 (A.C.W.A.1359/20). Navigation rules, telegram from Bergen (D.T.D.1822/20). Cargo and destination to be given in one sentence (D.T.D. to Consul, Bergen, 1314/20).

H.X.F. Successful to dispersal point (D.T.D., 1758/20).

H.G.15 Route and escort (C.in C. W.A.1043/20) List (D.T.D. 1102/20).

F.S.78 Programme (C.in C. Rosyth 0242/20) List (N.C.S.O. Tyne 1830/20)(N.C.S.O. Tyne 1020/21).

H.N.8 Route for ships separated (D.T.D.1137/20).

F.N.76 24 ships (N.C.S.O. Thames 0736/20, 1217/20.)

O.A.77 Programme (N.C.S.O. Thames 1046/20).

O.A.76 Destination (N.C.S.O. Thames 1029/20, 2223/20).
Joining from St.Helens. (N.C.S.O.Portsmouth 1740/20).

O.N.9 Proposed sail from Methil 1600/24. (C.in C. Rosyth 1708/20 Concur, (C.in C. H.F., 1018/21).

F.S.79 Programme(C.in C. Rosyth 2106/20)

S.L.F.17 Sailing telegram (N.C.S.O. Freetown, 1554/20, 1742/20, C.in C. S.A.0941/20 D.T.D.1152/22.

O.B.76 Sailed (N.C.S.O. Mersey 1733/20) List (N.C.S.O. Liverpool, 1740/20).

O.A.75G Add to list (N.C.S.O.Thames 1919/20) (N.C.S.O. Thames 1029/20) H.M.S. ARDENT (C.in C.Portsmouth 0631/20).



H O M E C O M M A N D S (Contd.)

Convoys.(contd.)

H.X.F.17 Sailing telegrams (S.C.N.O. Halifax, 1104/20).

F.S.77 Deletions (N.C.S.O. Tyne 1600/20).

O.H.W. - Convoys. Passing on names ~~as~~ reported from Bergen to be discontinued (D.T.D.1557/20).

H.G.16 List (VACNA 1530/20).

Unescorted ships (D.T.D.1521/20) (D.T.D.1252/20).

General Message Home and Abroad 942 A

Attacks on U-boats.

Two recent cases of ships becoming target within a few hours and U-boat apparently escaped. Instructions in A.M.1303/29/11/39 are to be made known to all C.O's (D.A./S.W.1432/20).

W E A T H E R

	<u>Wind</u>	<u>Visibility.</u>
North Sea.	S.E. Moderate	Moderate.
English Channel.	E. Fresh	Moderate.

Outlook - visibility improving, wind freshening.

Enemy Intelligence.

LEIPZIG
NURNBERG.

Report received 20/1 from French Naval Attache, Hague, that German cruisers LEIPZIG and NURNBERG had a rived off Borkum on night of 19/1 and were expected to sail a.m. 20/1 for an unknown operation. As a result of this report, four submarines were sent to patrol off the Texel in case the cruisers were proceeding down Dutch coast to try and intercept our destroyers who have been operating there lately. (D.C.1339/20, 1648/20). Enemy light force including possibly one cruiser reported between Arendal and Christiansand 12/1. May be normal patrol. (C.in C. H.F. 1738/20) SIKH position (SIKH 1820/20). Orders to s/m's on patrol (R.A.(S) 1751/20). Orders to SALMON (Captain (S) 3. 1619/20). Left Harwich, 1945/20 (F.O.I.C. Harwich 1952/20). CAIRO and CALCUTTA



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Enemy Intelligence

LEIPZIG
NURNBERG.Contd.

to be at $\frac{1}{2}$ hours notice (C.in C. Nore, 1914/20). LEIPZIG and NURNBERG expected to sail from Borkum (D.C.1339/20, 1648/20). Intercept to German ship DESSAU (F.O.2.C.S., 1816/20). Orders to SHEFFIELD, &c. (C.in C. H.F.1457/20). Object of operation (C.in C. H.F.1547/20). Asking for air co-operation from 0900/21 (C.in C. H.F.0111/21). By D/F, unknown enemy unit at 0819 was $55^{\circ}20'N$. $5^{\circ}20'E$, Reliable Fix. D.N.I.0848/21) SIKH position 0915/21 (SIKH 0915/21). A/c went out at 0800, failed to make contact with SHEFFIELD and SIKH. Weather over centre North Sea very bad and snow and sleet visibility 500 yds. (C.in C. Rosyth 1220/21) cancelling C.in C. H.F. 1511/20. Act in accordance with your 1510/20 (C.in C. H.F. 1336/21 to F.O.C.2.C.S.). Intend to cover H.N.8 until dark 21/1 (C.S.2. 1510/20). C.3. Report that 2 U-boats, 2 destroyers, 2 minesweepers and several small craft observed 1800/20, 4 miles off Schiermonnikoog, course W. (D.N.I.0222/21).

FINNO RUSSIAN WAR

Ice Conditions

Ice breaker assistance required for ships entering or leaving Libau. Coasting trade with VENTSPILS (Latvia) stopped (Vice Consul, Liepaja, 1002/20).

Fortifications

Guns on Rabachi Peninsula and Kildin Island (N.A. Oslo, 1000/20).

Floating Mines

Presumed from Petsamo Fjord minefield. (N.A. Oslo, 1030/20).

War Diary.



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F O R E I G N S T A T I O N S

East Indies.

Contraband Control. Agreement between M.E.W. and Danish East Asiatic Company to free ships from obligation to call at C.C. bases before Aden (D.E.W.D., 1850, 1857/19, 1130/22).

Basra Approved to discontinue use as D.E.M.S. base (D.T.D., 1316/20, 1158/21). Surplus officers and equipment (C.in C. E.I. 0429Z/21).

Control Ports. Ports in Egypt and Iraq not to be regarded as "Allied" for purposes of export control. (D.E.W.D. 1827/20).

North Atlantic.

KEPPEL H.M.S. KEPPEL, after collision (see 18/1) has arrived safely at Gibraltar for temporary repairs, and is to proceed to Malta.

Positions British ships and Convoys (D.C.1919/20).

Convoy H.G. 16 list (VACNA 1530/20).

VENDEE Left Funchal westward (French Tanker). (N.C.S.O. Funchal, 0921/21, 1751/21).

Iberia Plane. "Times" reported that Iberia plane which crashed 19/12/39 had been sabotaged by Germans, who boasted of what they had done. (No report received).

South Atlantic.

ACHILLES }
EXETER } ACHILLES returning to New Zealand, AJAX and
AJAX } EXETER to England (D.N.I., 1810/20).

Nazi Agent. Movements of Nazi agent Ernest Jennifer (?) (C.in C. S.A.1841/20).



FOREIGN STATIONS

South Atlantic (Contd.)

QUANZA
~~Quanza~~

Intercepted (see 17/1) (C.in C. S.A.1615/20).

CUMBERLAND

Failure to report immediately a raider report now known to have been made by NEWTON BEECH, which might have resulted in GRAF SPEE being caught sooner (C.in C. S.A.1810/20).

A.M.C's

Re C.in C. S.A.1115/19 and C.in C. Med. 1103/18 RANPURA completion &c. (D.O.D.(F) 1324/20).

Removing Germans from Neutral ships.

Suggestion that reports of embarkation of Germans on board neutral ships should be confirmed before transmitting in order to save trouble and expense of boarding at sea without reasonable certainty of finding Germans on board (Hd. of M. 1806/20).

Australia and New Zealand.

U.S.I.)
Troop Convoy.)

Convoy sailing telegram (District N.O. Freemantle, W.A. 0500Z/20).
Australian and New Zealand troop convoy (U.S.1.) escorted by RAMILLIES, KENT and SUFFREN, sailed from Fremantle 0400Z/20.

U.S.2. Escorts

Proposals. (D.O.D.(F) 1647/20).

China.

Leakage of Information.

Re EMPRESS OF CANADA (C.in C. China 0555/27/12, 0902Z/20).

HAKUSAN MARU

Report she left Panama 12/1 with 30 German seamen (C.in C. China 0154Z/20).

Merchant Ships.

Signals re requisitioning, etc., of merchant ships to be in naval codes. (C.in C. China 0901Z/20).

Saipan Island.

U.S.S. PENGUIN refused permission to call by Japanese. (Press message to News Chronicle 21/1).

War Diary

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Saturday.FOREIGN STATIONS.China (contd.)Germans in
Japanese ships.

Japanese do not recognise right to remove from their merchant ships any German not embodied in armed forces. H.M. Govt. do not admit this, but in removing Germans avoid risk of incident with Japanese warship (Hd. of M.0023/20).

Customs
Cruisers.

Request decision on question of taking up (C.in C. China 0209Z/20).

America and West Indies.Von Appen.

H.M.C.S. ASSINIBOINE left Colon 2200/20 with prisoner Von Appen. (See 18/1) (N.C.S.O. Colon 2229/20).

MERCHANT PRINCE.

Re Sabotage in Pacific on 1/1 (C.in C. A.W.I. 0145/20).

Merchant ship movements (Consul Jacksonville, Florida, 1545/20).

"Director" D/F
finder.

Re 0800/11 Apparatus shipped on board s.s. BRITISH PRINCE 12/1 (N.A. Washington 1255/20).

Convoys

Routeing further south in view of ice (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 1746/17, D.T.D. 1823/20).

Auxiliary Craft.

Consul-General, Havana, reports 15 wooden fishing sailing vessels for sale (C.in C. A.W.I., 2125/20).

Consider S.O.(I) Kingston 1627/20 unreliable report. Continue patrol off Aruba and Curacao as in my 1330/19 (C.in C. A.W.I. 2150/21 to PERTH, DUNDEE, PENZANCE, ASSINIBOINE).

Mediterranean.Spanish Forces.

Movements (S.O.(I) Gib. 1137/20).

Cyprus

Re C.in C. Med.2154/31/12/39, Colonial Office have telegraphed Governor (M. 1825/20).

Oil Cargoes

HAVBOR and TACHEE leaving Haifa N.O.I.C. Haifa 1230/16, 1300/17, D. of S.T.2154/20).

A.M.C's

D.O.D.(F) 1324/20 see S. Atlantic.



GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS

Home Commands.

URUNDI Passed Haugesund southward 1625/19 (D.N.I. 1207/20).

NEUENFELS Passed Haugesund northward 1000/20 (Vice-Consul, Haugesund, 1111/20).

NORDWEST)
HESTIA) Unloading General cargo (N.C.S.O. Gothenburg 1229/20).

BOCHUM)
SIEMENS) Arrived Narvik (Narvik 1051/20).

OLDENBURG Left Narvik with ore p.m. (O.I.C. 23/1).

South Atlantic.

LAHN Should complete unloading 20/1 and in consequence will be released from embargo B.2. (S.O.(I) Monte Video 2116/20).

North Atlantic.

HUNSECK Departure 21/1 about 0900 Description (Seville 1600/20). Loading Seville 1730/19).
HUNDCK
(? HUNTSECK)

America & West Indies.

TINSMUSSEN Tampico reports her being transferred to Mexican Flag and renamed CERROASUL (S.O.(I) Kingston Jamaica 1535/20).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING.Ships Attacked

- CARONI RIVER
Sunk. 1015 British tanker 7807 tons ? mined off Falmouth while undergoing trials in ballast. 13 (including 2 dockyard hands) injured. A mine was exploded $\frac{3}{4}$ mile N. of where she was hit, therefore considered mined (I.C. 0340/40) But WSG 17 says area was swept without result, therefore cause of loss not clear.
- EKATONTARCHOS
DRAKOULIS 0300 Greek (5329 tons) sunk without warning 0300/20 in $40^{\circ} 43' N. 11^{\circ} 29' W.$ by U-boat (F.O.C.N.A. 1020/21, 1749/24). 12 survivors rescued by Italian NINO PADRE, another boat missing (Valentia Radio 1857/21, Lands End Radio 1828/21 which give the position wrongly c.f. I.C.0340/40). Crew state s/m shadowed ship for some hours and then torpedoed her without warning, turning S/L on them apparently to discover name, as they launched their boats; missing boat with 10 survivors reported landed at Lisbon (Press).
- PATRIA
sunk 19/1 q.v. Swedish (1188 tons) sunk by mine in North Sea 20/1 (Press) Rotterdam 18/1 for Gothenburg. So far 16 of crew of 21 saved. (B.U.P. 1436 TOR 1515). 4 saved picked up by Finnish vessel after 36 hours adrift on raft, 9 k. and all life boats smashed by explosion (D.S.) Sunk approx. 70 miles N.W. Texel. (N.C.S.O. Gothenburg). $54^{\circ} 16' N 3^{\circ} 29' E$ (N.C.S.O. Gothenburg 12/17/5/2)
- VACLITE 0700 $49^{\circ} 20' N. 7^{\circ} 04' W.$, torpedoed. (No other details) (I.C. 0345/, 30/1/40).

S/m's Reported

- 1720 A/c reports possible s/m $59^{\circ} 19' N, 1^{\circ} 45' W.$ approx. 10th A/S Striking Force ordered to intercept in Fair Island Channel. (A.C.O.S. 1720/20)
- 1630 B.2. report, Master of Norwegian BRYNJE (arrived Durban 1700/22) reports sighting s/m $24^{\circ} 20' S. 35^{\circ} 50' E.$ $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles abaft the beam. S/m painted grey steering S.W., weather fine, visibility good. (N.O.I.C. Simonstown 2035/22).
- 2100 U-boat that sunk CANADIAN REEFER was almost certainly to N.E. of that position at 2100/20. (D.N.I. 1126/21).
- 1802 Enemy unit probably U-boat transmitting on line of bearing 074° from Scarborough. (D.N.I. 1918/20)
- 1800 Two U-boats, 2 destroyers, 2 minesweepers and several small craft observed four miles off Schiermonnikoog, course W. C.3. report. (D.N.I. 0222/21).



U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING (contd.)

S/M's Reported.

0650 Trawler LOUIS BOTHA reports sighting S/M on surface accompanied by tanker 6 miles N.E. of Mull Head, Papa Westray. Also sighted tanker at 2100/19. Reliability B.4. (A.C.O.S. 1835/20). After further information from 10th A/S Force consider report is false. (A.C.O.S. 2049/20).

S/M's Attacked.

Admiralty message 1432 (942A) - Attacks on U-boats - cancelled. (D.A/S W. 2334/20).

1740 By H.M.S. DOUGLAS, 41°09'N., 11°55'W. (150 miles W. from Oporto). 4 attacks. No apparent result. (F.O.C.N.A. 1020/21) (D.C. 1939/21) (O.I.C. 22/1).

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Saturday.

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING.

M.02578/40 Report of attack on U-boat by H.M.S. KASHMIR
on 20.1.40.

M.04230/40 H.M.S. KHARTOUM - Report of attack on
U-boat 20.1.40.


H O M E C O M M A N D S.Home Fleet.

HOOD, WARSPITE and four destroyers north of Shetlands covering the Northern Patrol.

Two destroyers operating off Norwegian coast to intercept German iron ore ships found outside territorial waters.

Two destroyers searching in position 120 miles E.N.E. of Shetlands for survivors from the Estonian s.s. NAUTIC, reported sinking yesterday.
2nd C.S. remaining Scapa until required for O.N.9. (F.O.2.C.S.1910/21).

Norwegian Convoy

Homeward-bound Norwegian convoy (H.N.8) escorted by six destroyers and one submarine is east of the Orkneys, EDINBURGH and GLASGOW providing close cover.

Enemy Cruisers

(see Enemy Intelligence). Following dispositions made by C. in C., H.F. in view of report re LEIPZIG and NÜRNBERG:- SHEFFIELD, NEWCASTLE and four destroyers to a rendezvous at 8 a.m., 21/1 in position 70 miles S.W. of Lister Light (South Norway); if no further information received to search towards Kinnaird Head. 4 submarines to proceed to the vicinity of the above rendezvous. Air reconnaissance and support has been arranged. (DCNS). (D.C.0759/21). Air co-operation requested. (C. in C., H.F.0111/21). Aircraft failed to make contact, weather very bad. (C. in C., Rosyth 1220/21). SIKH position (SIKH 0915/21).

Northern Patrol.

Between Orkneys and Faroes. 2 cruisers.
" Faroes & Iceland. 2 cruisers,)
5 A.M.Cs.)
Denmark Strait, 1 cruiser, 1 A.M.C.

S.T. Operations.

C. in C. Nore proposal to defer (1848/20) approved (D.O.D. (H) 1156/21, D.C.1921/21). My 2259/20. Oropesa sweep for N.Hinder light vessel, 23/1, orders (C. in C. Nore 1101/21). Postponed 24 hours, weather (C. in C. Nore 2340/21).

Operations D.S.

Forces (C. in C., H.F.1859/21).

A.M.C's.

Concur in V.A.N.P's 2115/19. 6-in.P.III mounting unsuitable for A.M.C's in Northern Patrol (C. in C., H.F.1046/21).



H O M E C O M M A N D S

- TRIBUNE'S Patrol Zones C4 and C5 1900/13. Tracks
report of torpedoes sighted. Fired 8 torpedoes at
stopped U-boat 57° 46' N, 11° 0'E.
(R.A.(S) 0949/21).
- Searched Possible that a copy of CB.4037 has
Channels fallen into enemy hands. New searched
channels to be prepared forthwith
(A.C.N.S.1333/21).
- F.S.Message (D.N.I.2230/21).
- Counter-Mining Channel off Tyne searched (F.O.I.C.,Tyne
1903/21). Skids loaded in s.s."SHOALFISHER",
(Portsmouth Dockyard 1519/21).
- Exploratory Near N.Hinder Lt.V. (C. in C., Nore 2259/20,
sweep. 1101/21).
- French Positions at 1200/21 (D.C.0134/21).
Forces
- Submarines Positions 0700/21 (D.C.2008/20) 0700/22
(D.C.2008/21, 2359/21).
Orders to URSULA (R.A.(S) 1312/21).
- Scapa Progress of base defences since 15/1
(R.A., Scapa,1601/21). Request for water
transport. (R.A.Scapa 1008/21).
- Falmouth ✓ Now open by new approach route. (C.C.S.O.,
Falmouth, 1035/21).
- Darkening ✓ Request that Masters of neutral ships do so.
Ship (C. in C.Rosyth 1214/21).
- Navigation ✓ Admiralty 1822/20. C. in C., Rosyth 1212/21.
Lights
- Enemy Suggested mines are being laid by small fast
Minelaying surface vessels. Request any evidence on
this (D.O.D.(H) 1228/21). (F.O.Humber 1831/21).
By Dutch ship. Unconfirmed Press report.
(D.N.I.1911/21) See 23/1.
- Air squadron ✓ Formed at Donibristle under Lt.Com.Bramwell
15/1. (Donibristle 1202/21).



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Unescorted merchant vessels without recent QZ messages. (D.T.D.1311/21).

Cruiser
squadrons:
Reorganisation

The Cruiser Squadrons of the Home Fleet are in process of being reorganised. They will eventually consist of:-

1st C.S. (Based on Clyde until 1.3.40, then on Scapa).

DEVONSHIRE (Flag of C.S.1).

NORFOLK

BERWICK

SUFFOLK

SUSSEX

DORSETSHIRE

YORK

2nd C.S. (North Sea Force - based on Rosyth)

GALATEA (Flag of C.S.2.)

ARETHUSA(" " " " Temporarily)

PENELOPE

AURORA

18th C.S. (Based on Scapa)

MANCHESTER (Flag of C.S.18)

SHEFFIELD

NEWCASTLE

EDINBURGH

GLASGOW

SOUTHAMPTON

BIRMINGHAM

GLOUCESTER (M.012220/140)

BEDOQUIN
refit

At Wallsend 23/1. (N.O. i/c.Tyne 1933/21).

Battle
Cruisers

Proposed that EXETER be escorted to U.K. by Force K, and this opportunity be taken of replacing Force K by REPULSE and HERMES. RENOWN after short refit to join Home Fleet, ARK ROYAL returns to South Atlantic to relieve HERMES, HOOD to refit after RENOWN joins Home Fleet. French to be asked to co-operate with you at short notice with one or both their battle cruisers while you have only one British battle cruiser at your disposal. (D.O.D.(F) 1255/21 to C. in C., H.F).
Reply: RENOWN should join Home Fleet as soon as possible as HOOD and REPULSE now not capable of overhauling the German battle cruisers. French ships are 960 miles from Faroes - Shetlands line and could not reach it in time to assist. WARSPITE due for leave, but under the arrangements in your 1255 I could not spare her. Asking whether a battle cruiser is necessary now in South Atlantic as no enemy pocket battleship or battle cruisers are out. Re-arrangements for the other ships mentioned. Suggest situation be reviewed when HOOD goes south to re-tube condensers when REPULSE has given her leave; fleet base will then be at Scapa, days will

HOME COMMANDSBattle Cruisers.

be longer and warship raiders less likely to break out except in fog periods. ARK ROYAL to work in South Atlantic with CUMBERLAND or CORNWALL which have longer radius than REPULSE One 8-inch cruiser and ARK ROYAL's torpedo aircraft should be watch for pocket battleship. (C. in C. H.F. 2001/21). Reply see 24/1.

A/S Striking Forces.

Necessity of providing striking forces to attack U-boats near their objectives now that intensive mining campaign is developing off West Coast ports. Intention to reduce convoy escorts in view of fact that number of A/S trawlers is quite inadequate, and to organise vessels so released into 3 striking forces to operate (1) In approaches to Liverpool Bay (2) Bristol Channel (3) Falmouth area. Home Fleet supports Clyde, consequently needs not so great as other areas. Propose to base their A/S Striking Force on Belfast for attacking U-boats in North Channel (C. in C. W.A. 2002/21).

Dispositions (C. in C., W.A. 1447/21)
1850/21 (C. in C. Nore 0535/21)
(D.C.1836/21)

Convoys.

H.G.F.14. Admiralty 1257/7. F.O.C.N.A.1842/21).
H.G.F.15 (C. in C.W.A.1010/21,1012/21, N.O.I.C. Liverpool, 2042/21.
H.X.F.17. Sailing telegram (D.T.D.1553/21 1554/21).
H.X.F.18. Ocean route (D.T.D.1220/21).
H.X.18 (D.T.D.1310/21).
H.X.15. Escort (N.O.I.C. Liverpool 0703/21)
H.G.F.16. (S.O.(I) Gib. 1604/21).
V.A.N.A. 1930/21, 1921/21).
OGF16 (C. in C. W.A.0947/21).
F.N.77. Cancelled, weather (C. in C. Rosyth 1249/21) (C. in C. Nore 1103/21) (N.C.S.O. Thames 0752/21).
O.B.77 Sails 1630/21 for Sierra Leone (N.C.S.O. Mersey, 1055/21, 1124/21, 2000/21).
O.G.15. Situation 2000/21. (C. in C., W.A. 1457/21).
H.F.15. List to be met. (C. in C., W.A. 1010/21.)
O.A.76. (N.C.S.O. Thames 2223/20, 1440/21) (C. in C. W.A.1022/21).
F.S.77 Arrived Southend (N.C.S.O. Thames 1421/21).
British ship LEO DAWSON. Route (D.T.D. 1324/21).

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O.A.77. (N.C.S.O.Thames 1100/21, 1121/21)
F.S.78. Sailed (N.C.S.O.Tyne 0030/21) Fog (AUCKLAND,
 0525/21, 0901/21).
F.N.76. (LONDONDERRY 0400/21).

Scandinavian
Convoys

Growing tendency for neutral ships to join our convoys. Desired to run Scandinavian convoys on 4-day cycle. 2nd D.F.will join you in due course. Presume destroyer situation will improve when Tribals complete. At what date could 4-day cycle be instituted? Would 3 destroyers per convoy suffice as convoys would be smaller? (C.N.S.1217/21. Reply see 23/1.

Convoy escorts

C. in C., W.A. 2002/21.

WEATHER

	Wind	Visibility
North Sea, North.	S.W., Fresh.	Good
" " South.	N., Strong	Good
Channel)	S.E., Fresh	Good
W.Approaches)	to strong	
Outlook.	N.E.gale in southern part of North Sea and Channel.	



H O M E C O M M A N D S

Enemy Intelligence

Unconfirmed reports of motor surface craft engines off Flamborough (Admiralty 1228/21, F.O., Humber 1831/21).

FINNO-RUSSIAN HOSTILITIES

Russian
aircraft raid

300 Russian aircraft bombed coastal batteries and other objectives in Helsinki area 21/1.

KIROFF
MURAT

Reported damaged by Finnish bombing 21/1.
(Copenhagen Tidende).

FOREIGN STATIONSEast Indies

R.I.N. Personal. Personnel not required by F.O.C. R.I.N. for D.E.M. Ships return to U.K. (my 1132/11, Admiralty 1316/20, C. in C., E.I.0429Z/21. (F.O.C., R.I.N. Bombay, 10492/22).

Dutch Forces Visit of Dutch destroyers to Colombo etc., postponed indefinitely (M. 1611/21).

Italian Forces Aden movements, (N.O.I.C. Aden 0411/21).

Mediterranean

Turkish Earthquake Reliably reported that damage caused by earthquake on 27/12 is considered to be unimportant from military and strategic point of view. (War Office Intelligence Summary 141,21/1).

U-Boat War Situation if a U-boat should appear (1st S.L., 1804/21).

Italian Fleet Disposition (O.I.C. Weekly Report 22/1).

Spanish Ship JUPITER class minelayer escorting Spanish transport passed Gib. (S.O.(I) Gib.0917/21).

China

Launch seized British registered launch was seized by a Japanese trawler inside Chinese Territorial waters near Hong Kong, detained 4 hours, the crew beaten up, and British flag hauled down. After search alongside a Japanese destroyer, the launch was released. (C. in C. China 1255/25)..

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ChinaJapanese Forces

Movements (Capt.on Staff, Singapore, 0332Z/21).

ASAMA MARU

Intercepted by LIVERPOOL (Captain A.D.Read), 0400Z/21, 34° 35' N, 140° 32' E, 13 German officers and 8 men removed (30 seaman allowed to remain) C. in C., China 0925Z (21) See Press Cuttings. Protest by Japan (C. in C. China 0812Z/26). Re reservists etc. (C. in C. China 0217Z/23). Reply and description of incident. (LIVERPOOL 0600/23) See also 26/1.

Japanese Examination

Masters to be informed not to complete forms presented by Japanese Boarding Officers. (C. in C., China 0413/21).

North AtlanticDisposition

Convoys and British forces, positions (D.C., 1836/21).

French Forces

Movements (F.O.C.N.A.1648/21).

Spanish trawler patrol

Now withdrawn. Necessity for patrol no longer exists. (D.N.I.1749/21). (Re his 1401/14).

STRASBOURG
MISTRAL etc.

Movements (F.O.C.N.A.1648/21).

South AtlanticConvoys

Time on passage for S.L.convoys may be reduced 24 hours. (1118/22). S.L.18 (N.C.S.O.Freetown 0931/21).

ALCANTARA
ACHILLES

To remain in Rio de Janeiro - Santos area to intercept German merchant ships (R.A.S.A.D. 1448Z/21).
Leaves Rio de Janeiro for Rio de la Plata 22/1. (R.A.S.A.D.1448Z/21).

Argentine Destroyers

Passed Magallanes 19/1. (S.O.(I) Freetown 1915/21).



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America and West Indies.

Routes.

Norwegian and Yugoslavian ships (S.O.(I) Kingston, 1208/21).

HEREWARD

Defect. Should be redocked on arrival in U.K. (C. in C. A.W.I. 1430/21).

W/T privileges

For tug at St. Johns. No objection provided D.N.I. Ottawa is satisfied (Hd. of M. 1307/21).

GINYO MARU /

Germans on board (C.G.San Francisco 1234/21)

PERTH
Catapult

Desirable to fit on board before PERTH leaves station. Propose PERTH taken in hand Bermuda about 8/2. (C. in C. A.W.I., 1510/21).

GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS

Trawler (name unknown) passed northbound 1130/21
(Tromsøe, 1235/21).

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HUNDSEK
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May not complete ~~lea~~ding until 23/1.
(Seville 1200/21).

OSTPREUSSEN

Intercepted W/T to owners at 1008/21,
aground in 53° 52' N, 8° 57' E owing to
ice drift, in need of tug (O.I.C.22/1)
Greenwich 1013/21).

AJAX

Reported 1920/21 fast in ice off Aland
Islands (O.I.C.22/1).

ESCHERSHEIM

Reported 2120/21 aground off Fehmarn, needs
a tug (O.I.C.22/1).

TRAVEMÜNDE

Reported 1930/21 there were ten German
ships stuck in ice in Botten (?)
(O.I.C.22/1).

MOREA

Finished transshipment and alongside
KARNAK (Consul, Vigo 1501/21)

ARUCAS

Alongside MOLE, has loaded some hides
(Consul, Vigo, 1501/21).

BOCKENHEIM

Arrived Narvik from Germany. (Narvik 1214/22).

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TACOMA

Moved from ante-port to inner port 21/1.
Guard ship alongside. (S.O.(I) Monte Video,
2140/21)

4 officers and 18 crew, interned, sailed in
Japanese ship apparently to return to Germany
via Siberia. (Press Association cable from
Valparaiso 21/1). (N.A.Buenos Aires, 1010/20).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING.Ships attacked.

- PROTESILAUS
sunk. 0836
British 9577 tons, which left Liverpool on 15/1 in O.B.75G Convoy, but had left it and was proceeding independently mined (? or torpedoed) while approaching Swansea. Considered mine may have been laid by some vessel which laid mine which destroyed INVERDARGLE off Somerset Coast on 16/1. (Rosyth Radio, 0841/21).
- TEKLA
torpedoed,
sunk. 0500
Danish, 1468 tons, 58° 18' N., 2° 25' W. Eight survivors picked up 0840/21 by Norwegian IRIS bound for Bergen (S.S.GLOUCESTER CITY, 0505/21) Tug ST. MELLONS proceeding (N.O.I.C. Kirkwall 0838/21). (C. in C. Rosyth, 1220/21, 1232/21. 1239/21.) Survivor states track of torpedo seen before explosion. Kalundborg Radio 2100/22 stated that 9 survivors were landed at Bergen.
- Unidentified
sunk. 0445
58° 15' N, 2° 06' W.
- MIRANDA
torpedoed
sunk.
A.M. Norwegian 1328 tons, 58° 14' N, 2° 05' W. 3 survivors. 22/1.
- ESCAPADE, ENCOUNTER, ECHO, ECLIPSE and IMPERIAL carried out search of area where the above 3 ships were sunk, but without obtaining contact (see submarines reported 0940/22)
- FERRYHILL
mined. 1430
Aberdeen collier, 1086 tons, 103°, 3500 yards from Seaton battery (O.I.C.22/1) off Blyth outside swept channel (D.C.1939/21) Two survivors picked up. 14 missing. Ship did not obey route instructions given her. The swept channel she was ordered to use has been used by several ships. (C. in C. Rosyth 1055/23).



S/m's
Ships Reported.

- U-boat homeward bound may pass N. of Scotland about 21/1. (D.N.I. 1745/19).
U-boat that probably laid mines off Falmouth 19/20 January may try to pass Dover tonight or tomorrow night (D.N.I. 1644/21)
- 1400 By aircraft in DVBC 3800 (north of Cape Wrath) (Aircraft 1400/21).
Submarine dived (Aircraft 1402/21). Probably same submarine sighted from NOTOS (see 19/1) (C. in C. Rosyth to organise air search and keep H.M.S. SIKH (C. in C., H.F. 1007/22)
- 1330 By aircraft in 2GKQ.293. Suspect U-boat, investigating (Aircraft 1330/21).
- 1415 50.16' N. 02° 40 W. (Lands End Radio) 1845/21) intercept.)
- 0819 D.F. unknown enemy unit 55° 20' N., 05° 20 E. reliable fix (D.N.I.0848/21).
- 1804 58° 14' N., 02° 24' W. (see TEKLA sunk)
5th M.S.Flottilla ordered to search vicinity for submarine (N.O.I.C. Invergordon 1804/21).
14th A/S Flottilla ordered to hunt. (Rosyth 1239/21).

Submarines attacked.

- 1340 By aircraft, dived and bombs dropped 59° 38' N., 5° W. (O.I.C.22/1).
- 1415 By H.M.S. VETERAN, 50° 16' N, 2° 40' W. (O.I.C.22/1)(VETERAN, 1415/21) No results rejoined convoy (VETERAN 1530/21).
- 1948 By H.M.S. VERITY, 50° 01' N, 3° 30' W. Later considered non-sub. (O.I.C.22/1) (VERITY 2017/21) (C. in C., W.A.2125/21).
- Re C. in C., H.F. 1331/21. Contact attacked by DIANA is a known non-sub. (A.C.W.A.1027/22).
- 1740 By FORESIGHT Y° 62°54'N 3°15'W. Considered non-sub. (M 02503/40. HMS FORESIGHT, Report of attack on supposed enemy submarine.)
- 1400- By BOUGLAS. **SUPPLEMENT** (p. 349)
1800.


H O M E C O M M A N D S.Home Fleet

HOOD, WARSPITE and eight destroyers east of North Rona and are to carry out gunnery practice this morning. EDINBURGH and GLASGOW have arrived at Scapa. Two destroyers which have been operating off Norwegian coast are returning to Rosyth.

Northern Patrol

Orkneys to Faroes,	2 cruisers.
Faroes to Iceland	2 cruisers 6 A.M.C's.
Denmark Strait,	1 cruiser, 1 A.M.C.

LEIPZIG and NURNBERG.

SHEFFIELD, NEWCASTLE, and the four destroyers ordered to rendezvous 70 miles S.W. of Lister Light and carry out a sweep to intercept the two enemy cruisers reported sailing from Borkum have now been withdrawn. IMPERIAL, one of the destroyers engaged, reports damage to her forecastle.

Casualties.EXMOUTH Sunk

by U. 22

(Captain (D) 12 D.F.)

At 12.39/21, EXMOUTH was ordered by C. in C., Rosyth, to hunt submarine which had torpedoed Danish TEKLA. Failed to reply to calls for her position at 15.46 and 1725. At 1752 CYPRIAN PRINCE arrived Kirkwall and reported that at 04.44 when following EXMOUTH an explosion was heard which Chief Officer thought was EXMOUTH dropping depth charges. Second explosion four minutes later. 19th A/S Striking Force, aircraft, minesweepers and two lifeboats sent to search vicinity, and subsequently H.M.S. SIFH, One lifebuoy from EXMOUTH was picked up and floating debris, including tropical helmets, sighted. Considered that EXMOUTH sank with all hands, C. in C. Rosyth 1923/21, 1935/21, F.O.2. C.S. 2044/21, C. in C. Rosyth 2215/21, C. in C. H.F. 1937/21, C. in C. Rosyth 1809/21, IMPERIAL 0215/22, S.O.5th M.S.F. 0118/22, C. in C. Rosyth 0020/22 (Re Wick Radio from GLOUCESTER CITY Unknown vessel sinking in position 58° 18' N. 2° 25' W. What action taken to investigate loss? (D.C.N.S. 1651/29) Written report made embodying statements from Master of CYPRIAN PRINCE. (C. in C. Rosyth 1103/30).

TRITON

On patrol off Norway reported 0700/22 unable to dive for 8 hours owing to defective valve, and proceeding to Lister Fjord to make good defect. At 1600 she reported that repairs has been completed (V.A.(S) 0926/22, 1701/22).

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ASHANTI Out of Action (C. in C. H.F. 2322/22).

COSSACK Out of Action due to influenza (do).

Operation D.S. ✓ SIKH'S position and movements (SIKH 1625/22).
Order for destroyers. Air co-operation.
Further A/S hunt (C. in C. H.F. 1911/22).
Movements of destroyers (C. in C. Rosyth 2020/22) Asking for air co-operation (SIKH 2110/22) Orders for A/C's (C. in C. Rosyth 2258/22) Note. The destroyers engaged in above hunt were those detailed for Operation D.S. but were apparently not engaged on that operation, which was a sweep to capture German iron ore ships.

Danger Areas Request to warn Danish ships, Noss Head to Kinnaird Head, of dangerous area (N.C.S.O. Copenhagen 0400/22).

Kirkwall & Invergordon defence ✓ Re laying indicator nets (C. in C. H.F. 2304/22).
Torpedoing of DANMARK on 12/1 shows urgent necessity of increasing under water defence of Kirkwall as soon as possible (F.O.C.O.S. 1702/22).

Unexplained Explosions 125⁰ Bridge of Don 6 miles. Visibility $\frac{1}{2}$ mile in falling snow. British bomber flew over Bridge of Don to seaward 0802 (C. in C. Rosyth 0817/22) A/C reports no knowledge of explosion (C. in C. 1217/22).
Reported by trawler REVIERE 2330/18 (C. in C. Rosyth 1638/22).

Fishing in Moray Firth ✓ D. T. D. (1650/22).

French Forces Position 1200/22 (D.C. 0410/22).

Submarines Positions at 0700/22 (D.C. 2008/21) (2359/21)
A 0700/23 (D.C. 2032/22).

Minesweeping Employment of trawlers to-day, Nore Command (Capt. M/S Sheerness 1932/22).

Searched Channels compromised. C.B. 4037 Memo, HZJ & QZ messages up to 325 QZ inclusive may have fallen into hands of enemy. Certain other QZ messages also perhaps compromised. New searched channels to be prepared (D.M.S. 2042/22).

Dundee S/M base ✓ Accommodation (A.S. Rosyth 1821/22).

HOME COMMANDS Contd.A/S Striking Forces

Advantages of destroyers over trawlers as A/S striking force. Suggest withdraw 11th, 19th & 20th A/S trawler striking forces, and use them for escort duties, and use E. class and 3 F class destroyers as an A/S striking force. (C. in C. Rosyth 1400/22).

Employment of destroyers and trawlers

Re. destroyers forming Striking Force and trawlers used where possible for escort duties particularly in area Rosyth to C. Wrath. Superior speed of destroyers is lost with 10 knot ships. Advantages of destroyers over trawlers as striking force. If approved, I propose to withdraw 11th, 19th and 20th A/S Trawler Striking Forces and use them for escort duties between Tyne, Rosyth and Cape Wrath. To use E class and 3 F class destroyers as A/S Striking Force (C. in C. Rosyth 1400/22 recd. at Adty. 0940/24). Corrections (C. in C. Rosyth 1915/22).

Western Approaches Limits of Command 3rd A/S Striking Force

Re A.C.W.A. 1717/17 (q.v.) 3rd A/S Striking Force to be based at Clyde as long as H.F. Capital ships are based there (C. in C. H.F. 1737/22).

A/S Striking Forces

Instructions for destroyers detailed as Striking Force. To attack U-boats which may lay mines in North Irish Sea. By day to carry out A/S sweep in I. of Man area. From dusk to dawn search coast of I. of Man etc. Force of at least 3 destroyers to be maintained in each area, to remain at sea as long as possible. Re escorts of OG and OGF convoys OA and OB convoys etc. (C. in C. W.A. 2031/22, 1234/22). See C. in C. W.A. 2002/21).

S/M's

Positions 0700/23 and movements for 24 hours (R.A.(S) 1753/22).

Norwegian patrols Norwegian patrols may be encountered between Tromsø and Aalesund and may occasionally visit rest of coast of Norway. In general, Danish Patrol vessels are met off East coast and islands (D.N.I. 1738/22).

Convoys

Future convoys for R. Loire to anchor in Quibron Bay for Pilot (P.S.T.O. French ports 1630/21).

HG 16

Additions to my 1530/20 (F.O.C.N.A. 1308/22).

HGF 17

Route (D.T.D. 0959/22).

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SLF 17 Position etc. (D.T.D. 1247/22) Sailing telegram (D.T.D. 1111/22).

FN 76 Arrived (N.O.I.C. Newcastle 0401/22).

OA .77 Route & escort (A.C.W.A. 1017/22). (N.C.S.O. Thames 1211/22). (C. in C. Portsmouth 1012/22).

OB 78 Position etc. (N.C.S.O. Liverpool 1110/22) Route etc. (N.C.S.O. Mersey 1145/22).

FN 77 My 1249/21 (Cancelled weather) is cancelled (C. in C. Rosyth 1000/22) Sailed (C. in C. Nore 1026/22).

FN 78 0850/22 8 knots, 5 ships (N.C.S.O. Thames 0910/22).

HX 16 Destinations (D.T.D. 1112/22).

HGF 16 List & destinations (D.T.D. 1512/22).

Scandinavian Convoys

C. in C. H.F. 2332/22 See 23/1.

FS 82 S/M H 34 proceeding in (C. in C. Rosyth 1718/22).

SUNFISH Instructions and information of our own forces' positions (Capt. (S) 3 1705/22).

Ocean Convoys

Situation at 2008/22 (C. in C. W.A. 1419/22). 1304/22).

ON9. Will leave Methil 1600/24 Escort (C. in C. Rosyth 1304/22).

HN 9 Will leave Point G 27 Escort (do)

HX 17 Sailing Telegram (S.C.N.O. Halifax 1206/22).
s.s. CREE & FLIMSTON Independently, route (D.T.D 1117/22 to B.C. Narvik).

s.s. DUCHESS OF BEDFORD Independently (D.T.D 1553/22 to C. in C. W.A.).

HN 8 Arrived 1215/22 (N.C.S.O. Methil 1248/22).

S.L. Convoys

Some Commodores report that time allowed on passage could safely be reduced by about 24 hours (D.T.D. 1118/22).

HGF 16 Convoy sailing Telegram extract (D.T.D. 1511/22).

HXF 18 R.V. (C.O.A.C. 1016/22).



HOME COMMANDS (Contd.)

Economic Warfare

Importance of merchant ships buying equipment at U.K. or allied ports, in order to conserve foreign exchange (D.T.D. 1335/22).

✓

WEATHER
Wind.

Visibility.

North Sea

N. Moderate.

Good, snow showers.

Channel }
W. Approaches }

N. Moderate
to fresh

Good

✓



HOME COMMANDS (Contd.)

Enemy Intelligence.

Fishing west of Horns Reef.

Re 1700/14/1 and 2145/22/12. Importance of establishing whether fishing is by line, net, or trawl and whether actually practised up to 25 miles west of Horn Reef Lt. V. (D.N.I.1905/22) See 24/1.

Iron Ore ships.

Asking for anticipated dates of sailing. Also for weekly lists of sailings from Narvik of neutral ships with iron ore cargoes, other than those bound for U.K. (D.N.I.1714/22). Propose only to report ships when observed alongside ore quay, owing to restrictions on obtaining information. (B.C.Narvik 1525/24).

Mines off Kirkenaes.

Norwegian troop movement held up by presence of 7 floating mines in entrance to Kirkenaes. (Stockholm 1717/22).

HANSA

Swedish Visby to Stockholm was stopped in Baltic at midnight by German ship for investigation. Released after an hour. (A.S.D. Stockholm).

U-boats' routes.

Estimated routes used by U-boats to and from Atlantic. (D.N.I. 1928/22).

German Trawlers patrol vessels and minelayers

Active nights 19/21 Feb. along meridian 4°28'E between 53°45' and 56°30'N. A2. (NA Hague 1930/22).

FOREIGN STATIONS.South Atlantic. *DEVONSHIRE*

- EXETER ✓ EXETER, SHROPSHIRE, and ^{*}DEVONSHIRE left port Stanley 21/1 (D.C.N.S. 22/1).
**Not correct - letter on H.F. (PL)*
- AJAX ✓ Left Sierra Leone on passage to Devonport (S.O.(I) Freetown 1815/22).
- ARK ROYAL'S & HERME'S a/c's Re Also establishment of strategic pools of reserve a/c's on the station (D.N.A.D. 1129/22).
- Re a/c's None can be seen. Will report later (R.O. Buenos Aires 1415/22).
- GRAF SPEE ✓ Re investigation of W/T fitting on control tower (D.N.I.1913/22).

America & West Indies.

- PERTH ✓ To sail for Australia via Panama after docking (D.O.D. (F) 2146/22).
Commonwealth Navy Board desire to leave her as fitted, catapult not now required (Head of A., 1944/22).
- GINYO MARU ✓ Germans on board. Correcting 1821/19 and 1234/21 (C.G. San Fransisco 2333/22) Further to his 2333/22(C.G. San Francisco 1642/22).

China

- SELENGA Re 1231/12. Is still detained (C. in C. China 0335Z/22).
- TJISALAK Dutch, Orders to intercept (D.E.W.D. 2042/22).
- ANDREEV U.S.S.R. No ship available to intercept. (C. in C. China 1217Z/22) Left Kobe for Vladivostok with rubber and tin 22/1 (S.O.(I) Shanghai 0855/22).
Vessels at
Japanese Forces Hoihow 19/1 (Chief of I-Staff, Singapore, 0512Z/22).

North Atlantic.

- French s/m's Positions 0100/23 (F.O.C.N.A. 1534/22).

East Indies.

- DURBAN CASTLE Departure 22/1 with 40 German repatriates on board (R.O. Tanga 0940/22).

War Diary

22.1.40.



FOREIGN STATIONS. Contd.

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East Indies. Contd.

Contraband
Control ✓

Re (C.C.S.O. Port Said 1139/22, C. in C.
E.I. 0531Z/23).



GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS

Home Commands

CLAUS RICKMERS Ashore off Hansholm Light (57° 7' N. 8° 36' E.)
(O.I.C. 23/1) Danish salvage ships attempted
aid so far unseccessfully (Press message)
(CLAUS RICKMERS radio intercept, 1942/22).
(GREENWICH, 2147/22).

OLDENBURG Left Narvik with ore during night 20/1 (Narvik
BOCKENHEIM 1214/22). Arrived Narvik 21/1 unlanded (Narvik,
1214/22). (N.I.D. 1/30 says left Narvik for
Germany 22/1).

BOCHUM Left Narvik for Germany (N.I.D. 1/30).
H. H. FISSER do (do)
ERIKA HENDRIK

North Atlantic.

CHARLOTTE Taking stores and water, Las Palmas (O.I.C. 23/1).
SCHLIEMANN (N.C.S.O. Las Palmas 1150/22).

GEDANIA Las Palmas. Awaiting instructions to Norwegian
tanker JASPIS to transfer remainder of whale oil
to her (O.I.C. 23/1) (N.C.S.O. Las Palmas 1150/22).

OSTMARK Las Palmas. Keeps constant W/T listening watch
and appears ready for sea (O.I.C. 23/1).

WINNETOU Las Palmas. Ready for sea (O.I.C. 23/1)
(N.C.S.O. Las Palmas 1150/22).

GERMANIA Tanker, Lisbon report (A.O.) Portuguese authorities
refuse to allow her in inner harbour at Ponta
Delgada on account of cargo 13,000 tons aviation
spirit. Master has become impatient, intends to
take ship to sea and scuttle her, or dump cargo
and return empty (O.I.C. 23/1) Lisbon 1120/22).

SEVILLA At Huelva, showing signs of activity. HELIOS
PORTO painting hull grey and crew settling accounts
HELIOS (O.I.C. 23/1) Huelva, 1130/22).

South Atlantic.

LAHN Completed discharging and moved to ante-port at
Monte Video. Embargo on sailing has been raised.
(O.I.C. 23/1) (S.O.(I) Monte Video, 1938/22).

SANTOS Left Rio de Janeiro 14/1 (D.N.I. 1208/22).

BAHIA)
SANTOS) BAHIA has not arrived Buenos Aires and may be
proceeding home.
SANTOS left Rio de Janeiro 14/1 (D.N.I., 1208/22).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING.Ships Attacked

GOTHIA 0945 Swedish Motor ship (1640 tons) sunk (probably by s/m) 0945 45 miles W. by N. (mag) from St. Kilda 3 K 11 survivors landed at Bomera 25/1. 11 men landed from boat 25/1 at an uninhabited islet on West coast of Scotland and were rescued by boat from mainland: 3 were seriously injured (Press) 57° 46' N. 9° 58' W. (I.C. 0341/40) (C. in C. Rosyth 1112/25). One boat with 10 men still missing. Trawlers from Stornaway searching off Flannan I. where a boat was reported p.m. 24/1. A/c co-operating (C. in C. Rosyth 1112/25).

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SONJA

Norwegian
Swedish (1828 tons) reported sunk by U-boat off S.W. coast of Ireland. Captain and 11 survivors landed on S.W. coast of Ireland 26/1 second lifeboat with 13 crew is missing (Exchange Tel.).

S/m's Reported.

- 0825 By A/C 57° 25' N., 1° 30' W. (O.I.C. 22/1 C. in C. Rosyth 0936/22). ESCAPADE, ENCOUNTER, ECLIPSE, & IMPERIAL ordered to hunt (C. in C. Rosyth 1004, 1049, 1126, 1141, 1709, 2020, 2214/22).
- 0540 57° 15' N., 03° 50' W., VETERAN, VERITY, MONTROSE, VANQUISHER and VERSATILE ordered to attack (C. in C. W.A. 1034/22 (1311/22) VETERAN 1312/22). (F.O.I.C. Cardiff 1040/22). Master of DOMARA states s/m was within one cable and in sight for 2 or 3 minutes (F.O.I.C. Cardiff 1740/22).
- 0950 51° N., 10° W. (approx.) (O.I.C. 22/1) Further bearing of 0540 report, U-boat Northward bound (C. in C. W.A. 1136/22, 1137/22).
- 0420 4' N.N.E. Cape Gris Nez. Heard on Hydrophones (O.I.C. 22/1).
- 0600 Dunkirk report 4' N.N.E. Cape Gris Nez 50° 56' N 1° 37' E Heard on Hydrophones (O.I.C. 22/1). (V.A. Dover, 0605/22) French a/c's searched. Possibly homeward bound U-boat suspected to be making her way up Channel (A/S W.D. U-boat Incidents 140).
- 0149 D.F. approx. position 48° 45' N., 08° 40' W (D.N.I. 0508, 1113/22/22) (C. in C. W.A. 0540/22). Probably U-boat which sank CANADIAN REEFER homeward bound.
- 0309 D.F. approx. position 48° 45' N., 08° 40' W. (D.N.I. 6508/22) (C. in C. W.A. 0540/22).

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S/m's Reported.

- 1750 H.43 heard Diesel engines in 52° 08' N., 10° 52' W. Chased without success (C. in C. W.A. 1555/23).
- 0940 58° 19' N., 1° 12' W. sighted on surface by A/C Co. 090° (O.I.C. 23/1) (C. in C. Rosyth 1408/22). Presumably the U-boat which sank TEKLA, MIRANDA and another 21/1 escaping to Eastward (A/S W.D.) U-boat incidents 140).
- 1508 51° N., 11° W., Approx. position north bound (O.I.C. 23/1) C. in C. W.A. 1603/22).
- 1508 50° 10' N., 10° W., approx. position, south bound (C. in C. W.A. 1603/22).

S/m's Attacked.

- 1600 By H.M.S. IMPERIAL, 57° 31' N., 1° 16' W. good contact, but no visible result (O.I.C. 23/1). (IMPERIAL, 1600/22). Four destroyers searched 23/1 off N.E. coast of Scotland.
- 1430 By H.M.S. ENCOUNTER 56° 14' N., 2° 20' W.
- 1848 By H.M.S. VANQUISHER 195° Caldy Light, Bristol Channel. 4.6' Attack with promising results (O.I.C. 23/1) Position buoyed. MONTROSE keeping watch while VANQUISHER refuels (D.C.N.S. 23/1) (VANQUISHER, 1405/22, (VETERAN, 1312/22, 1602/22). (VANQUISHER, 1848/22) Training aircraft with navigation lights will be in vicinity from 1700 to 2100 and service aircraft will be co-operating from 2100 to midnight (C. in C. W.A. 1645/22) See 25/1.

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Several D/F bearings indicate U-boats off the South Coast of Ireland. At 1750/22 H. 43 heard diesel engines, off S.W. Ireland and gave chase without success. Three destroyers made a more general search with a/c co-operation.

HOME COMMANDS

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- Home Fleet ✓ HOOD, WARSPITE and 8 destroyers to West of Hebrides, having carried out gunnery practice 22/1. EDINBURGH and GLASGOW to leave Scapa 0001/26 as escort to HN9 (F.O.C.2.C.S. 1416/23)
- Northern Patrol ✓ Orkneys to Faroes - 3 cruisers.
Faroes to Iceland - 2 cruisers. 7 A.M.C.'s.
Denmark Strait - - 1 cruiser, 1 A.M.C.
- CHITRAL Re. refit and conversion to complete equipment (F.O.C.N.A. 1802/23, D.O.D.(H) 1308/23).
- Humber ✓ 3 "J" Class destroyers left 22/1 for Rosyth where they are to be employed as a submarine hunting unit. (D.C.N.S. 23/1)
- JUNO Propose to defer refit until 1/2 or 2/2. (F.O. Humber 2209/23)
- Air Reconnaissance Normal arranged.
- Enemy Air Activity Evidence of enemy air activity off the East Coast 23/1. No air attacks on shipping were reported, but it is suspected that one or more parachute mines were dropped off Margate about 1500.
- A/S sweep ✓ From May Island to Kinnaird Head (C. in C. Rosyth 1654/23).
- Striking Forces. ✓ In Western Approaches (C. in C.W.A. 1312/23)
- Destroyer Patrols ✓ F.O.i/c Harwich to arrange in future (C. in C. Nore 1056/23)
- Minelaying Operation ✓ Orders for PRINCESS VICTORIA. Escorts. A/c co-operation. (C. in C. Nore 1122/23)
- Nore Command ✓ Movements to 0700/24 (C. in C. Nore 0631/23)
Employment of trawlers today (Capt. M/S Sheerness 1915/23).
- Tyne Traffic to and from stopped owing to mining of BALTANGLIA and PLUTO. (C. in C. Rosyth 1119/23)
- Positions ✓ British Forces 1200/23 (D.C.2035/22 to B.N.L.O. Marceau).
- French Forces Positions 1200/23 (O.C. 0215/23)
- Submarines Positions 0700/23 (D.C. 2032/22) 0700/24. (D.C.1954/23, R.A.(S) 1731/23).
- Routes Route from log entry of Danish food ships now at Cuxhaven under examination. (Consul, Esbjerg 1830/23)
Routeing of ships. Asking whether N.C.S.O.'s have been informed in sense of 1951/20 (C. in C.H.F. 1401/23)



HOME COMMANDS (contd.)

Mining off Rosyth.

Adty. 1228/21. No evidence that mines have been laid by small fast surface craft in Rosyth area, although F.O.I.C. Tyne suspected such craft might have laid mines off Tyne in December. (C.in C. Rosyth 1909/23).

WILK.

(Polish submarine) has developed defects. Unfit for patrol. To sail 25/1 for Portsmouth. S5 to be informed when she can be taken in hand at Havre for refit (V.A.(S)1512/23, D.O.D.(H) 2006/22).

A/S groups.

18th, 19th and 20th A/S Striking Forces are to revert to A/S groups 2, 1 and 3. A/S groups 1 and 3 are allocated to C.in C. Rosyth (D.A/S.W. 2039/23).

A/S striking Forces.

Re Admiralty. 2250/26/12 and my 1400/22/1, I am now using destroyers as A/S Striking Force in Kinnaird Head area. (C.in C. Rosyth 1729/23).

Re Adty. 1755/20. 14th A/S Striking Force is to sail for Scapa. (D.A/S W. 1204/23). 12th A/S Striking Force is allocated to A.C.O.S. for operations in Northern Waters. Base Invergordon. To be sailed for Scapa when ready for sea. (D.A/S W. 1203/23).

A/S Operations Areas Following areas established for A/S operations:-

- Area T.N. between 58°N and 58°26'N West of 3°W.
- " T.O. " 58°N " 58°26'N between 2°W and 3°W
- " T.P. " 58°N " 58°26'N " 1°5'W and 2°W.
- " T.Q. " 57°55'N and 58°26'N " 0° and 1°5'W.
- " T.R. South of 58°N West of 3°W.
- " T.S. " " 58°N between 2°W and 3°W
- " T.T. between 57°37'N and 58°N between declared minefields and 2°W.
- " T.U. " 57°8'N and 57°37'N between declared minefields and coast.
- " T.V. " 56°40'N and 57°8'N between declared minefields and coast.
- " T.W. " 56°11'N and 56°40'N between declared minefields and coast to seaward of May Island.
- " T.X. " 55°46'N. and 56°11'N. between declared minefields and coast to seaward of May Island. (C.in C. Rosyth 1020/23).



23.1.40
Tuesday.

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HOME COMMANDS (contd.)

Convoys

H.N.8 homebound Norwegian convoy arrived Methil 22/1 (D.C.N.S.) VENI (Norwegian) sailed with, but turned back with engine trouble. (N.C.S.O. Bergen 1143/23).

H.N.9. Reporting he had already 40 ships and expected at least 14 more. Requesting instructions (N.C.S.O. Bergen 1020/23). To be sailed in two portions, second of which will leave at daylight 28/1 (D.T.D.2121/23) Escorts (C.in C. H.F. 2312/23, 1238/24).

H.N.9. 40 ships ready. 14 more expected (N.C.S.O. Bergen 1020/23) (D.T.D.1309/23).

H.G.16. Additions (F.O.C. N.A.1600/23).

O.A.78 G.F. Speed and number (N.C.S.O. Thames 1236/23).

F.N.79. Speed and number (N.C.S.O. Thames 0925/23).

H.X.17 Sailing telegram.(D.T.D.1620/23).

Scandinavian Convoys.

4 day cycle cannot be maintained with existing destroyers until 4 destroyers of 2nd Flotilla join. Date of commencement therefore 20/2 or later. At least one Scandinavian convoy will have to be cancelled while escorts for T.C. Convoys are at sea. Owing to threat of surface ship attack



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Scandinavian Convoys.

4 destroyers always advisable. Unfavourable effect on Northern Patrol of larger number of cruisers required to provide cover, unless cruisers of North Sea force can assist. (See Adty. 1135 28/12/39). ASHANTI out of action, COSSACK out of action due to influenza (C. in C.H.F. 2332/22) Re N.C.S.O. Bergen 1020/23. Presume this state of affairs will occur weekly. Certain destroyers of 7th D.F. placed under C. in C.H.F.'s orders. H.N.9 to sail in two portions, the second at daylight 28/1. Report when 4 day cycle can be started. North Sea Force of cruisers may be employed when available for covering purposes. (C.N.S. 1944/23). Reply see 24/1. Asking C. in C. Nore to sail ships of 7th D.F. as required by C. in C.H.F. (D.O.D.(H) 1946/23).

F.S. 80

Route. Dates etc. (C. in C. Rosyth 2228/23).

Ocean Convoys

Situation 2000/23. (C. in C.W.A. 1339/23, D.C. 1955/23).

H.X. 19.

Meeting telegram (C. in C.W.A. 1057/23).

H. X.17

Convoy sailing telegram as amended by Adty. (D.T.D. 1620/23).

Economic Warfare.

Agreement re exemption from clearance of Danish ships sailing from Copenhagen for Far East, until arrival at Aden. (W.S.G.17).

T.B.D.'s for Rumania.

Board of Trade refuse to allow 3 to sail. Requesting instructions (C. in C. Portsmouth 2017/23).

LAURENTIC Additional fishing area

Date of completion 16/3 (N.O.i/c Belfast 1447/23).
In North Sea (D.T.D. 1848/23).

WEATHER

	<u>Wind</u>	<u>Visibility</u>	<u>Weather</u>
North Sea	Light, northerly	Good ...	Cloudy, occasional.
English Channel	Mod. southerly	Good ...	" (snow showers)
Outlook:- South-westerly winds, warmer.			

Enemy Intelligence

Catapults

French N.A. reports catapults are being installed at Borkum and Norderney for launching heavy a/c's. (N.A. Hague 1837/23)

Norwegian mobilisation

of Navy, Air Force and A.A. defences is now complete. The Army is mobilising by stages. (W.S.G.17)

Fishing

D.N.I.'s 1905/22. Seine net fishing only. No fishing yet W. of Horn Reef nor W.N.W. Season here is March. (Esbjerg 1730/23)

Channel through declared area

Asking for information (V.A.(S) 1621/23). No information. Description of channel round the N.E. corner etc. (D.N.I. 1956/23).

German Fleet Locations

Location of main units of German Fleet according to latest information. (D.N.I. 1713/23).



FOREIGN STATIONS.

America & West Indies

Neutrality Act.

In view of revision, enquiring whether Adty. 1826/10/10/39 is still in force (C. in C.A.W.I. 1245/23).

TATUTA MARU

German army Officer abroad. NYK are reported to have denied presence of German passengers. (C.G. San Francisco 1729/23, 1609/24).

Mediterranean

Economic Warfare

Adherence to Adty. 0045/22 would cause unjustifiable delay to shipping and congestion in Gibraltar Bay. Request it may be cancelled. (C. in C. Med. 1141/23).

Dardanelles Traffic

Effective control of traffic entering by Dardanelles most important. Re. 1051/4, provision of smaller vessels to replace the two A.M. cruisers is being considered (Hd. of M. 1334/23).

IVOREA

With arms for Finland (Britnavat Inghilterra Rome 1303/23).

German s/m construction

Reported in Bulgaria C4 that Germany to build 20 s/m's in naval dockyard in Italian port. S.O.(I) Alexandria 0941/23).

Illegal immigrants.

Greek HILDA arrived at Haifa under armed guard with 738 illegal immigrants on board, mostly from greater Germany.

North Atlantic.

FOLKESTONE

Rejoining Western Approaches Escort Force (D.O.D.(H) 1912/23).

French positions.

1200/23 (D.C.0215/23) (F.O.C.N.A.2142/23).

HGF 17

R.V. (F.O.C.N.A.1120/23).

OSTMARK

Is reported to keep constant W/T listening watch, and appears to be ready for sea (N.I.D.2/12)

South Atlantic.

SL18. SLF18

Escorts and their subsequent movements (C.in C. S.A. 1603/23).

W/T in River Plate.

Re use of W/T by British ships entering River Plate (N.A.Buenos Aires 1815/1, 1215/23, Adty. 2228/15).



China

British ship searched.

S.S. WING SANG (Jardine Mathieson 3650 tons, Captain S.J. Barben) was stopped and searched off Foochow for 14 hours 23/1 and 24/1 by a Japanese destroyer (C.in C.China 1255Z/25, N.L.O. . Shanghai 0256Z/27, 1008Z/26). Apparently reprisal for stopping of ASAMA MARU. Brief description of the incident (N.L.O. Shanghai 1008Z/26 in reply to C.in C.China 0503Z/24). Unofficial attitude of Japanese (C.in C. China quoting B.N.L.O. Shanghai, 0759/23).

Economic warfare.

Interception of neutral ships on China Station which are suspected of carrying contraband for Germany via Vladivostok. Difficulty of intercepting near Japan owing to distance from Hong Kong. Simplest to intercept near port of lading (C.in C. China 0512/23).

Interception of Japanese ships.

Re 0420/20. No more Japanese ships to be intercepted for present to remove Germans. H.M. Ships on patrol should avoid sighting Japanese ships. (Hd. of M.2111/23) Orders to LIVERPOOL and ships See 24/1. Re interpreting para.4a of Adty.0034/13/10/39 as giving discretion to stop ships and remove agents (Hd. of M.1152/23).



GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS.

Home Commands.

- PLUTO Sailed from Gothenburg. (N.C.S.O. Gothenburg, 1518/23).
- ^{KA}
ERIK HENDRIK-
FISSER. ✓ Left Narvik night of 22-23 loaded with ore.
BOCHUM
BOCKENHEIM (Narvik, 1156/23) D.N.I., 1718/23).
- THESEUS Left Trondhjem (D.N.I., 1730/23, 2244/23).
- STETTIN Radio intercept, ss. STETTIN from ss. JULIUS
JULIUS SCHINDLER SCHINDLER, position 54.08 N., 14.35 E.
(Greenwich, 0720/23).
- ^c
KLAUS RICKMERS Radio intercept from ss. KLAUS RICKMERS Hamburg,
(GREENWICH, 0710/23).
- OLBERS Arrived Skien a.m. 23/1 with part cargo of potash.
(Skien 1635/23).
- 4 German merchant ships presumably from overseas
passed Esbjerg 23/1. (Consul Esbjerg 1900/24).
- AMERIKA Arrived Narvik from Germany (N.I.D. 1/30).
- HELIOS Sailing this afternoon, has not had time to
complete painting, hence her colouring is grey
bow, black hull, buff masts, grey deck house,
(B.2 report) Huelva, 1230/23). Did not sail -
see 25/1.

North Atlantic.

- HUNTSECK. My 1200/21, cargo for HUNTSECK is being shipped
by Productos Agrerolas, S.A. Seville (details).
Cannot finish loading before dark 23/1 and may
not then sail immediately. (Seville, 1800/22,
received 0835/23). Moved to other side of
river 0700/24, Seville 0830/24 (I.C. 0340/40).
Cargo details (Seville 1530/24).
- ARAUCAS Reported to have loaded 50 tons of tin
(N.I.D. 2/11).

Mediterranean.

- SOPHIE RICKMERS. C.in C. Med.'s 1859/15 and Admlty's 1530/19.
Crew list of SOPHIE RICKMERS obtained by
Contraband Control base suggests that Muller,
German seaman in Dutch MAPIA, is fourth engineer
and not fireman as claimed to be. (S.B.N.O.,
Suez Canal Area, 1623/23).



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America and West Indies.

ANTILLA Aruba report ANTILLA leaves 1st February. Has naval officers. (S.O.(I) Kingston, Jamaica, 1525/23).
HAVELLAND. Still at Manzanillo. (S.O.(I), Kingston, 2026/23).

South Atlantic.

RIO GRANDE. B.2 secret source reports will sail from Rio Grande Do Sul within next three days without clearance. (S.O.(I), Monte Video, 1539/23).

WINDHUK R.A.S.A.D's 1125/18 and 1452/21, WINDHUK's detention at present ensured by removal of part of machinery by naval authorities. Only other ship at present detained is MONTE VIDEO. Of German ships in Brazil, consider RIO GRANDE and BABBITONGA probably supply ships. (A.N.A., Rio de Janeiro, 1618/23).
MONTE VIDEO
RIO GRANDE
BABBITONGA.

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING.Ships Attacked.

- BALTANGLIA 0741 British, 1523 tons. Berwick reports ship
sunk. apparently mined or torpedoed 101° 6 miles
from Seahouses (O.I.C.23/1) (C.in C., Rosyth
0831/23, 1119/23, 1350/23). Crew saved.
Not in convoy. Area swept, no result,
considered torpedoed (i.e. 0340/40) (C.in C.,
Rosyth 1733/25). I.C.
- PLUTO 0745 Norwegian 1598 tons. Sunk by explosion off
sunk. Seahouses, near the Farne Islands. (C.in C.,
Rosyth, 1119/23, 1350/23) Crew saved.
Not in convoy. In same position as
BALTANGLIA. Ships were following each other
closely. Area swept, no result, considered
torpedoed (I.C.0340/40) (C.in C. Rosyth
1733/25)
- ONTO 2213 Finnish (1333 tons) not in convoy was
sunk. (probably) mined 52°51' 12" N. 2°11'E (off
Great Yarmouth). All crew saved. Possible
another ship may be in distress.
? STORK was sent to search. A/S search was
carried out round ONTO without result.
(AUCKLAND 0201/24). AUCKLAND saved master
and 6 crew, unknown ship picked up remaining
14. (AUCKLAND 0048/24). Position asked for
from AUCKLAND in latitude and longitude
(C.in C. Nore 0309/24). Reply. approx. 251°
Smith's Knoll Bell Buoy 2.7 miles. Wreck
does not appear to be settling (AUCKLAND
0048/24).

Submarines Reported.

- 0400 17 miles N.N.W. of Peterhead, U-boat heard
charging from the shore. (C.in C., Rosyth
0434/23). ENCOUNTER, ESCAPADE and 19th A/S
Striking Force hunting. (C.in C. Rosyth 0508/
23). Report considered unreliable (C.in C.,
Rosyth 0644/23).
- 0908 50°N., 9°W. (vicinity). Not possible to say
if a new arrival or the one not far away
yesterday (O.I.C.23/1) D.N.I.1109/23).
Reliable fix (C.in C. W.A. 1113/23) WHITSHED,
WAKEFUL and ACASTA ordered to attack.
(C.in C. W.A. 1135/23).
- 0041 D.F. bearing Flowerdown 358/3 and Baldock
352/3, probably U-boat (D.C.0107/23).
- 0700 53°50'N. 3°10'E. On surface course 315°
(French report) (I.C.0339/40) (D.N.I.1830/23)
- 1505 50°10'N. 10°15'W. Position reliable.
(I.C.0339/40) Messages of an emergency nature
and may be from two U-boats inter communicating
(D.N.I.1710/23).

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area

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING. (contd.)Submarines Reported (contd.)

- 1817 About 60 miles S. of Scillies. Unreliable fix (C.in C. W.A. 2154/23).
- 1430 51°22'N. 3°48'W. By aircraft. Considered unreliable. (I.C.0339/40)
- 0200 Admiral Nord reports U-boat seen 22 miles E. of Cape Barfleur, course N.N.E. from British cargo vessel. Grading B.4. (V.A. Dover, 1829/23) (Portsmouth W/T 1334/23).
- 1733 SUNFISH reports sighting two grenades in 53.16'N., 04.21'E.
- 1735 Both showed 4 or 5 red stars in horizontal line. Position closed, no ship seen. (V.A.(S), 2151/23).

North Atlantic.

- 2353 Approx. 200 miles westward of Gibraltar (D.C., 0211/24)
- 2330) French report of U-boat on surface 35°40'N.
0638/24) 10°55'W. SS CARDETA reported red light and white. (Adty.0211/24, F.O.C.N.A.1505/26).

South Atlantic.

S/m sighted by Norwegian tanker FJORDAAS. (Pernambuco, 1110/23). Please pass to R.A.S.A.D., Force "G" ALCANTARA and HAWKINS. (S.O.(I) Freetown 1700/23 to Admiralty.)

Submarines Attacked.

- 0515 By H.M.S. ECHO 56°21'N., 2°16'W about 6' S.E. Bell Rock (O.I.C.23/1). Still in contact, target moving slowly in direction 200°. (ECHO 0645/23. No evidence of success. 7 attacks, all targets considered wrecks (ECHO 0904/25).
- ? 1235 A/S trawler BEDFORDSHIRE attacked contact 30 miles S.W.
- ? 1030 Milford Haven 1235. No apparent result. (D.C.N.S.) But I.C.0339/40 gives time 1030. Position 51°12'N., 5°45'W. (N.O.I.C.Swansea, 1100/23). ICARUS and IMPULSIVE ordered to investigate contact, buoyed by BEDFORDSHIRE (C.in C. W.A. 1636/23). No contact yet. (ICARUS 0107/24).



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Home Fleet Leave.

HOOD, WARSPITE and 8 destroyers returned to Clyde 0800/241. Asking whether one battleship or battle cruiser at a time can be sent to give leave starting 9/2 and to carry out small defects. (C. in C., H.F. 0053/24). Cruisers (C. in C., H.F.0008/24). Reply. See REPULSE (C. in C., W.A.1313/24).

SHEFFIELD

Asking that she may be taken in hand very early in February for month's refit. (C. in C., H.F.0057/24). Can be taken in hand now (D.O.D.(H).1630/24).

MAORI

Re R.A.(D)'s 1724/23. Requesting she may be taken in hand as soon as possible. (C. in C., H.F., 1832/24).

Northern Patrol

Orkneys to Faroes. 2 cruisers.
Faroes to Iceland. 2 " 7 A.M.C's.
Denmark Strait. 1 "

Withdrawal of C. & D. cruisers from N.P.

Expression of Their Lordships' approval of manner in which all concerned have carried out duties. Severity of service, particularly in small cruisers etc. (1st S.L.1837/24).

Capital Ship Force

See C. in C., H.F.2001/21). His point of view appreciated. Following programme of refit and reallocation has been approved, in order to maintain your capital ship force at 4. Arrangements for VALIANT, REPULSE, RENOWN, WARSPITE, HOOD. Factors on which above decisions are based; French forces at Dakar will shortly be strong enough to justify temporary absence of a British battle cruiser. No evidence of raider, but possibility that one may appear in distant waters at any time. If 2 battle-cruisers required in the North French will be asked to lend one or supply one to replace REPULSE so that she can remain with you, but uncertain whether they would agree. (1st S.L.0055/24). Reply. 2 B.C's not required (C. in C., H.F.1001/24).


Enemy Air Attacks on Shipping

At 1215 S/T LOCHARNATER A.321 was bombed 7 miles S.by E (Mag) from Duncansby Head. Aircraft dropped 2 bombs which missed. Our reconnaissance plane was seen passing to Northward at 1220/24, 5 or 6 miles inshore of this position (C. in C., Rosyth 1135/25). At 1215 one aircraft dropped

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- Enemy Air Attacks on Shipping (Contd) 4 bombs on Shetlands West of Laxfirth. No casualties. At 1226 second aircraft joined first and dropped 4 bombs on S.S. BARON RUTHVEN. No hits. One trawler also reported bombed, no hits (ACOS 1838/24) BARON RUTHVEN position 60° 4' N, 0° 52' W. (Trawler bombed S. of Whalsey 1226 (A.C.O.S. 1244/24, BARON RUTHVEN 1218/24, 1240/24, intercept 1224/24) (I.C.0340/40).
- ? Minelayers At 1200 one unidentified aircraft was located flying low approx. 12½ miles E. of Orfordness and a further aircraft was located at the same time approx. 130° Orfordness 13.3 miles. It is considered these a/c's may have been minelayers. (I.C.0340/40).
- A/S Sweep 2 ships of 7th D.F. to remain on patrol. Relief at 0800 on alternate days. (C. in C., Rosyth., 1244/24). (See 23/1). JAVELIN to return to harbour (C. in C., Rosyth 1039/24) See also C. in C. Rosyth 1809/24. By DELIGHT, DARING, GURKHA on passage to Clyde. (C. in C., Portsmouth 1753/24). Delete GURKHA (C. in C., Portsmouth 1653/25).
- A/S Trawlers Your 1729/23 approved. 19th A/S group of trawlers is being sent to you for escort duties. On their arrival turn 11th A/S Striking Force over to A.C.O.S. for operations in Fair Island Channel. (D.A/S.W. 0131/24). Arrangements for A/S vessels in accordance with Adty. 1204/23, 1631/23, 2039/23 and 0131/24. (C. in C., Rosyth 1215/24).
- Operation L.B. (Minelaying 60 miles off Withernsea). Completed. Nothing to report. (PRINCESS VICTORIA 1600/24). See 25/1.
- R.D.F. Trials With S/M of PORPOISE class in Fair Is. Channel 1st week Feb. (D.O.D.(H) 1807/24). SEAL available (R.A.(S) 1036/26).
- 9th D.F. A/S Striking Force Being fitted with special d/c armament for use as A/S Striking Force. Not to be employed on escort duties except in exceptional circumstances. Allocated to C. in C., W.A. (D.O.D.(H) 1620/24).


H O M E C O M M A N D SS/M's ✓Positions and movements for 24 hours
from 0700/25. (R.A.(S) 1637/24).
D.C.1850/24).Casualties ✓
SKIPJACKSlight damage in collision with
S.S.RUTLAND (N.O. i/c.Aberdeen 1150/24).Marine casualty
GEANERSalvage vessel found about 1730/24 about
halfway between Bar Lt.V.and Nelson buoy.
Master lost, remainder (2) of crew picked
up 0200/25 by s.s.PEAKE (S.O.(I) Liverpool
1940/25).Convoys
HN9 (b)JERVIS, JUNO, JUPITER detailed as escort.
Fourth destroyer from 7th D.F.not available
(re 2312/23) (Capt.(D)7.1134/24).

ON9

List (D.T.D.1258/24).

OB78GF

is late. Sails 1040/24.

OBM78GF

to r.v.with OB78GF etc.

OA78GF

Orders

OGF16

do.

OA75GF

do.

(C. in C., W.A.1238/24, N.C.S.O.Liverpool 1059/24.

ON9

Sailed 1600/24 (N.C.S.O.Methil 1654/24).
Escort 4 destroyers. 1 submarine. GLASGOW
and EDINBURGH close cover.

HN9A

Dates, routes etc. (C. in C.Rosyth 1610/24,
F.O.C. 2 C.S.1244/24, D.T.D.1244/24).
Route of escort (F.O.C.2.C.S.1155/24).

HN9

IMPERIAL to join JERVIS (C. in C., H.F.
1440/24).Situation ✓

2000/24. (C. in C., W.A.1333/24).

Scandinavian
Convoys ✓Four day cycle to start 2/2. (C. in C.,
H.F.1009/24 in reply to Adty 1944/23).

Destroyers available (F.O.Humber 1013/24).

HX17

Sailed 22/1. Re: HOUSATONIC to be detached.
(D.T.D.1642/24).

HXF19

Re route (D.T.D.1207/24).



H O M E C O M M A N D S (Contd)

Ocean
Convoys

D.C.1828/24.

OAGF and)
OBGF Convoys)

In future these convoys may include ships of 9 knots bound for Western and Southern Atlantic ports, speed of convoy being adjusted accordingly as far as their dispersal point in Western Approaches. (D.T.D.1201/24).

HX18

R.V.11/2. Subsequent HX convoys on normal 8 day cycle from 11/2. (D.T.D.1200/24).

Routeing

Cancelling D.T.D.0826/12/39. (? 0826/12/12/39). Route for westbound shipping for destinations South of and including Halifax from 27/1 to be south of a line joining position 40° 0' N 48° 0' W and position 42° 30' N, 62° 0' W. (D.T.D.1211/24).

Orders to
Patrol

Vessel believed mined near Smith's Knoll Bell Buoy 2213/23. Patrol not to go northward of Smith's Knoll Lt.V.till further orders. (C. in C., Nore 0320/24).

Nore Commands

Movements to 0700/25. (C. in C., Nore 0634/24).

Dutch Skoots

Any encountered are to be sent in to nearest port where there is a N.O. i/c. for examination to see whether German owned or manned or minelaying (C. in C., Nore 1159/24). *Cancelled and 1802/24 substituted*

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Enemy mining

Mine reported off Birchington was a fisherman's pellet with ice floe alongside. (Capt. M/S Sheerness 1815/24). Number and disposition of enemy mines laid off Blyth indicate that they are being laid by surface vessels which fix their positions by the coastal lighthouses (N.O. i/c. Blyth 1238/24).

Mine Clearing
BORDE

BORDE off Wallet No.2.buoy. The mine exploded. No appreciable damage. (C. in C., Nore 2245/24).

D.G.Coils

D.G.coils should be kept energised in waters where risk of either mines or torpedoes exists. (Hd of M.2229/24).



H O M E C O M M A N D S (Contd).

Mine Recovery

VERNON'S Mine Recovery Flotilla working from Ramsgate is to transfer operational base to Falmouth. (R.A.M/L.1826/24).

Searched Channels

New searched channels proposed (F.O.C.O.S. 1330/24).

Sweeping reports

S.O.4th, M/S.F.1625/24, F.O.i/c.Tyne 1831/24, Port M.S.O.Tyne 1905/24, F.O.Humber 1915/24, V.A.Dover 1925/24. (2 mines sunk 2 exploded). N.O. i/c.Liverpool 2038/24. C. in C., Rosyth 1854/24 (War Channel).

Area to be searched

100% for magnetic mines (C. in C., W.A. 1700/24).

M/S Trawlers

Employment today. (Captain M/S Sheerness 1815/24).

Illegal immigrants.

Ships carrying, to be intercepted only in ordinary course of contraband control. Special dispositions to intercept are not to be made. (Hd. of M.1116/24).

German Prizes broadcasting

Broadcasting by German merchantmen during course of capture. No evidence at present. (D.N.I.2100/24).

Newfoundland Volunteers

(For minesweeping etc). Second batch arrived 24/1. (N.O. i/c.Liverpool 1030/24).

A.M.C's. Buoyant cargo SALOPIAN

Ships for which available. (D.N.C.Bath 1525/24).
Date of completion. Re fitting complete equipment. (D.O.D.(H) 2006/24, F.O.i/c. Glasgow 0948/24).

WORCESTERSHIRE

As much buoy and ballast as possible to be fitted. (D.O.D.(H) 2009/24, F.O. i/c. Glasgow 0948/24).

W E A T H E R

0500	Wind	Visibility
North Sea	S.W.Moderate	Moderate
Horns Reef	N.Light	Good
Channel	Variable.Light	Moderate
W.Approaches	S.Strong	Moderate

Outlook. Freshening S.W.wind with rain spreading from West.



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Enemy Intelligence

Gliding a/c bombs

Reported that Germans have been carrying out exercises with a/c bomb capable of gliding 15 miles or more after release. Counter measures are under investigation. (D.N.I.2103/24).

DEUTSCHLAND

Announced by High Command that her name has been changed to LUTZOW. Name DEUTSCHLAND to be reserved for larger ship, and cruiser launched 1939 with name LUTZOW to be renamed. DEUTSCHLAND'S return to her home port after successful activity in ocean waters announced.

JUPITER }
VERNA H. }

Confiscated by German Prize Court in Hamburg. (Oslo Radio 0700/24).

Ice conditions

In Belts etc. (N.A.Copenhagen 1850/24).

Fishing west of Horns Reef

Further information shows that previous reports refer to seine net fishing only. No fishing takes place either West or W.N.W.of Horns Reef and season proper does not commence until March (D.N.I.1226/24).

FOREIGN STATIONSChina

HEIYO MARU

Press message from Buenos Aires states she is about to sail from Valparaiso for Japan with 24 German officers and men on board (N.A. Tokyo 1145/24)

ASAMA MARU

C-in-C China's orders to LIVERPOOL. To intercept 60 miles from land. Why interception not effected until ship was 35 miles off coast (C-in-C China 0244Z/24). Japanese indignation. Japanese Govt. threaten to take defensive measures, possibly institute convoy system etc. (D.N.I. 2102/24)

Requisitioning ships

Ships at Shanghai suitable to requisition (C-in-C China 1015Z/24)

Interception of Japanese ships

Orders to LIVERPOOL, ARAWA to return to Hong Kong. KANIMBLA to patrol to intercept any German merchant ships that may sail (C-in-C China 8210Z/24) (Re. Adty. 2111/23)

LIVERPOOL
ARAWA

Being withdrawn to Hong Kong. Inadvisable at present to refuel them in Japanese vicinity, LIVERPOOL requires immediate docking for leak in fuel tank (C-in-C China 1016Z/24)

South Atlantic

HEIYO MARU

See China.

Bunkering, Capetown.

Union Castle Line instructing mail ships to bunker at Dakar, Las Palmas or St. Vincent on homeward voyage in view of lower prices. Objections to this. (N.O.I.C. Simonstown 2302/24)

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GRAF SPEE

German tanker which fuelled GRAF SPEE was disguised as Norwegian with name ALMERKERQUE of Cslo on her stern. (Letter from one of crew of British ship sunk by GRAF SPEE 3/12, quoted in Daily Report - Postal Censorship - M.C.5 24/1/40).

Convoys

Commodore Sarel in SULACO, Commodore Robinson in CITY OF EVANSVILLE, and Commodore Knowles in MAIMCA, expect to arrive Freetown 1/2, 2/2, 7/2 respectively. (N.C.S.O., Mersey 1635/24)

North Atlantic

BOULONNAIS

With 3 other vessels hunting for French aircraft down 75° Barfleur 25 miles at 1600 (C-in-C Portsmouth 1852/24)

Sweep by

VELOX, VORTIGERN (F.O.C.N.A. 1030/24)

Passports

Tampering with (D.E.W.D. 1303/24 to F.O.C.N.A.)

French positions

1200/24 (D.C. 0213/24)

O.G.F. & H.G.F. Convoys

Rearrangement of convoys to include ships of 9 knots (Adty. 1900/24, F.O.C.N.A. 1952/25)
Reply see 28/1

Mediterranean

SAKARYA

Reports of embarking illegal immigrants for Palestine and loading enemy exports (M. 1118/24)

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Mediterranean (Contd.)

S/m Report

Doubtful report of s/m 40 miles E. of EUROPA at 1504/22 (F.O.i/c Gib. 1124/24).

Destroyer escorts

Movements (C. in C. Med. 1931/24)

Contraband Control Italy.

Re. cargoes for transhipment in Italy. (D.E.W.D. 2315/24).

PATRI

Conveying refugees from Split. Overcrowding. (C. in C. Med. 1903/24)

French movements

S. O. (I) Malta, 0031/24.

Censorship of mails.

Only recently instituted. When time permits all mail in transit to enemy and adjacent neutral ports to be examined etc. (C.C.S.O. Malta, 1110/24).

New Zealand

LEANDER

Refit 8/2 (N.Z. Naval Board 1315/24)

Convoy U.S.1.

Re. publishing information. N.Z. Government concur in Adty. 1305/18 and Australian Commonwealth N.B. 0224/19) (N.Z. N.B. 1707/24).

FOREIGN STATIONS (continued)America and West Indies

HXF 19 Re. Route etc. Ice. (D.T.D. 1207/24)

HX 18 To arrive at rendezvous in W.A.11/2. Subsequent HX Convoys on normal 8 day cycle from that date. (D.T.D. 1200/24)

TATUTA MARU Correction to 1729/23 (C.G. San Francisco 1609/24)

BEVEZIERAS French S/M. Departure for patrol (N.C.S.O. Trinidad 1014/24)

Convoy T.C.3. ✓ Re. 1122/13. Route (D.O.D.(F) 1811/24)

Search for HEIDELBERG Orders for PERTH, ASSINIBOINE, PENZANCE, DUNDEE (PERTH 2032/24). (C-in-C A.W.I. 0134/25)

East Indies

Troop ships Arrangements for escort (Re. C-in-C E.I. 1049/24 (C-in-C E.I. 0707/24)

GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS

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Home Commands

AMERIKA)
1 other ship) Arrived Narvik night of 23 - 24/1 loading
iron ore (I.C.0340/40. (Narvik 1207/24).
(D.N.I.1814/24).

HELIOS Sailed from Huelva P.M. 23/1 (D.N.I.1057/24)
Report cancelled (D.N.I.1105/25).

LARACHE At Cadiz has rigged a yard on foremast.
Superstructure and mast now grey, hull black,
has large red patches on port or starboard
quarter. (I.C.0340/40). (F.O.C.N.A.1601/24).

HOMBERG Arrived Gothenburg (Gothenburg 1237/24).

NORDWEST Loading paper (Gothenburg 1237/24).

INA LOTTE
BLUMENTHAL Arrived Arendal in ballast, loading iron ore.
(ARENDALE, 2120/24).

South Atlantic

RIO GRANDE HAWKINS ordered to adjust her course to
intercept if she sails from Rio Grande
do Sul (R.A.S.A.D., 15452/24).

America and West Indies

HEIDELBERG Moved from anchorage at Aruba between 0600
and 2020/24 and is believed to have sailed
(I.C.0340/40) (C. in C., A. & W.I.2032/24).

SEATTLE A.I.report on 24/1 preparing for sea at Curacao
and stowing deck cargo below. (I.C., 0340/40)
(S.O.(I) Kingston, 1645/24).

Mediterranean

MAPIA Names of Germans removed (C.C.S.O.Gib.1525/24).



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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING (contd)Ships attackedTOURNY
sunk

0400/25 unknown cargo ship reported by French to have been attacked and sunk by U-boat off entrance to River Tagus, 38: 42' N, 09: 55' W. Had left French convoy. Was bound from Senegal to Bordeaux. (F.O.C.N.A. 1748/24). O.I.C.0340/40 says 1145 unknown ship in French convoy attacked 39: 05' N., 09: 50' W.

Reuter 71800 26/1 says TOURNY (French 2769 tons) struck 0419/25 by torpedo. Ship sank in a few moments, among 28 saved are Captain, 5 officers and wireless officer landed at Vigo by Spanish CASTILLO ~~MONFORTE~~ MONFORTE (6 injured), 8 still missing. (D.S). Some injured among saved.

ALSACIEN 1145
sunk

French (3819 tons). Tunis to Rouen. In same convoy as TOURNY sunk by same S/M off mouth of the Tagus. (Rome Radio, 1900/27, Zeesen Radio 2100/27).

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S/M's reported.

Daily Report. Intended to make a daily signal prefixed "for information" giving a general summary of possible U-boat disposition according to latest information in Admiralty for information of ships in home waters and North Atlantic Command. U-boats operating in south part of the North Sea will not, as a rule, be included. Inconsistencies in successive reports must be expected owing to contradictory nature of much of the intelligence received. After one month's experience Cs-in-C to report whether this signal has been of value. (D.N.I. approved D.C.N.S.1733/24). Summary of probable areas (D.N.I.1812/24).

1142

A.F. 39° 5' N, 9° 50' W (D.N.I.1615/24).
Brest Radio 1700/24) (cf.1519/24).

1630

Kilbrennan Sound, F. of Clyde, reported by fishing boat, course N.E., 3 knots (doubtful) (I.C.0340/40). (F.O.Greenock 1807/24).

0930

51: 26 N, 3: 48 W. C/T seen by coastguard, Porthcawl, co.W., and B.D's hunting (I.C.0340/40). MONTROSE, VANQUISHER and EGRET ordered to attack (C. in C., W.A. 1005/24, 1039/24).

1045

62° Barfleur 26' (45: 54 N, 0: 40 W) from French sources (I.C.0340/40). (C. in C., 1st Region Cherbourg 1054/24). Centre of Bay and position 62° Barfleur 26 searched without result. Consider non submarine (VANSITART, 1444/24).

1519

38: 40 N, 10 W, reliable position. (West Coast of Portugal). (I.C.0340/40). (cf. 1145/24).

0215

S/M submerged 090 deg. distance 25 miles approx. true cause unknown. My position Barfleur. (Portsmouth W/T intercept, 0215/24).

0923

C.G.Portcawl. (S.Wales) reported sighting conning tower of U-boat 4 miles away. (A.S.W.Report 142/668). VANQUISHER and EGRET sent to investigate.

0309

Your 0309, 52° 51' 12" N., 02° 11' E. (AUCKLAND to C. in C., Nore, 0335/24).

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S/M's reportedNorth Atlantic

- 0023 D/F, unknown enemy unit, probably U-boat, approximately 200 miles Westward of Gibraltar. (D.C.0211/24). (F.O.C.N.A.0355/24).
- 0638 See 2230/23

Submarines attacked

- 0200 By French BOULLAIS. 49° 35' N, 0° 35' W. (I.C.0339/40) (C. in C., Portsmouth, 0736/24). (cf. S/M's reported 0200/23, 0215/24) VANSITTART and ANTHONY co-operating with French in search.
- 1800 JACKAL, JAGUAR and ASHANTI made 5 attacks on a contact which was held for 4 hours, 15 miles N.E. Montrose and about 20 miles N. of ECHO's attack on 23/1. At dusk 24/1 oil was still rising. 56° 47' N, 2° 12' W. (I.C., 0340/40). (C. in C., Rosyth, 2231/24).
- 1300 French trawler 49 46' 30" N., 0.25' W., attack (see also report of S/M at 1045/24) (I.C.0340/30). (VANSITTART 1444/24).
- 2100 VANQUISHER carried out attack 51° 04' N., 04° 24' W., two patterns dropped on initially good contact. To re-examine area at daylight. (MONTROSE, 0800/25). Contact was non-submarine, am resuming patrol (VANQUISHER, 1030/25). Cf. C. in C., W.A.2004/25 to VANQUISHER which indicates that he thought she had destroyed S/M. Was this the same one? See 25/1.

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Home Fleet.

7th D.F. } Refit and boiler cleaning. JERVIS to escort
JERVIS, JUNO. } O.H.N. 10. (C. in C. H.F. 2151/25).

Days under way. GURKHA 80 (GURKHA 1305/25), SOUTHAMPTON 72,
 (S'TON 1010/25).

SHEFFIELD. Will arrive Tyne 5/2. Cannot spare her earlier
 (C. in C. H.F. 1349/25).

ILSENSTEIN. May be required as a blockship. (D.O.D.(H)
 1923/25).

Northern Patrol. Orkneys to Faroes - 2 Cruisers.
 Faroes to Iceland - 2 Cruisers and 7 A.M.Cs.
 Denmark Strait - 1 Cruiser and 1 A.M.C.

Ice Report. F.O.C.N.P. 1826/15.

SALOPIAN. Asking that complete equipping be postponed
 owing to number of A.M.Cs. out of action
 (V.A. N.P. 1258/25).

CARINTHIA. Orders for intercepting German ships (F.O.C.
 N.P. 1229/25).

Orkneys and Shetlands. Movements of ships night 25/1 (F.O/c.O.S.
 1830/25).

Tyne-Methil traffic. Stopped (except for trawler convoy) until
 survivors (of EVERENE and OUDVEIG) have been
 interviewed and further sweep made. Re.
 institution of convoys escorted by trawlers
 under certain circumstances. (C. in C.
 Rosyth 2321/25, 2131/25, 2146/24.).

Nore Command. Movements to 0700/26. (C. in C. Nore 0545/25).

Operations.

Sweep off Norwegian Coast. Last week, by 3 destroyers. Asking for report
 and whether it is thought possible to intercept
 German ships proceeding up and down coast of
 Norway outside territorial waters (C.N.S.
 1729/25). Reply, see 26/1.


HOME COMMANDS.L.B. (East Coast
Mine Barrier)

Line of mines laid extending for 6 miles in direction 323° from position 53° 54' N. 00° 35' E. (D.D.O.D.(M) 0122/25, PRINCESS VICTORIA 0921/24) See 24/1.

Enemy Air
Activity

One unidentified aircraft appeared over Liverpool about 1330/25. Enemy raid on the Shetlands, announced in B.B.C. news at 1800 was subsequently proved to have been friendly aircraft.

Days Under Way
1857/28/12.

GURKHA, 80 (GURKHA 1305/25); DELIGHT, 90 (DELIGHT 0942/25); GUARDIAN, 59 (GUARDIAN 1022/25).

7th D.F.

State of boiler hours to 7/1. Submit destroyers of 7th D.F. return Inmingham for boiler cleaning (D.7 1012/25)

Mine clearing.

BORDE reports 3 magnetic mines exploded near Sunk Light Vessel, 150° 7 cables, 228° 2 miles 237° 2 miles respectively (C. in C. Nore 2216/25).

Unexplained
Explosions.

Off Bullers of Buchan. Was this your d/c? (C. in C. Rosyth 2319/25 to JACKAL)

Unexplained
Casualties.

NEWHAVEN

Steam trawler, failed to return from fishing trip. Relatives of crew of nine notified that hope for their safety "can no longer be sustained."

PARKHILL

(500-tons) Relatives of crew of nine notified that she must be considered lost with all hands.

INVEKARDER

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VESPER

Leak. Returning to Plymouth forthwith (KEITH 1803/25)

RIANT(HM Trawler)

Sank following a leak off West coast of Gigha, south of Jura Sound. Crew of 14 landed.

Fleet Air Arm
aircraft.

On passage from Silloth to Ford is overdue. Last seen over Barrow 1100/25.

s.s. PAJALA

Sighting of 2 lifeboats and raft 23/1, 5 miles N. of Sule Skerry (40 miles N.W. Pentlands) (N.O.I.C. Aberdeen 1330/25).

HOME COMMANDS (Cont.)A/S Trawlers

17th A/S Striking Force allocated to A.C.O.S. for operations in northern waters and to be based at Invergordon (DA/SW 1735/25) Group 28 to be based at Dover.

S/M's.

Days under way since beginning of War (V.A.(S) 2301/25).
Positions 0700/26 and movements for 24 hours (R.A.(S) 1754/25 D.C. 2022/25)

Convoys.

H.N.9.A.

Leave Point G.1330/27, S.O. Escort (D.T.D. 0006/25) Additional escort (C. in C. H.F. 2150/25)

H.N.9.B.

Leave Point G. daylight 28/1. S.O. Escort (Do.)

VISCOUNT and B. portion lost touch during night fog (ROCHESTER 0937/25).

Ocean Convoys.

D.C.2021/25.

O.H.N.10.

JERVIS to form part of escort (C. in C. H.F. 2151/25).

H.G.15.

Meeting signal (C. in C. W.A. 1041/25)

O.N.9

Sailed 24/1 (C. in C. Rosyth 0916/25)

S.L.18

Sailing telegram as amended by Adty. (D.T.D. 1159/25).

O.A.79

Speed and number (N.C.S.O. Thames 0941/25)

F.S.81

Sailed 2300/25 (N.C.S.O. Tyne 2321/25)

Motor boats for Rumania.

Reply to 2017/23. No action to be taken if they indicate intention to sail (Hd. of M. 1832/25 to C. in C. Portsmouth)

Laesoe Trindel }
Skagen Reef }

Light vessels withdrawn on account of ice. (Capt. (S) 2 to TRIAD, THISTLE 1401/25).

Fishing Areas.

Orkneys and Bell Rock (D.T.D. 1854/25)
(C. in C. Rosyth 1137/26)

Leakage of Information.

Broadcasting of A.M.Q.2417 by Norwegian Admiralty (N.C.S.O Copenhagen 0130/25)

Routeing.

Of ships bound from U.K. to Narvik and vice versa (D.T.D. 1753/25)

HOME COMMANDS.Pilots.

Narvik 1539/25.

Contraband Control.

Asking for more staff (N.C.S.O. Bergen 1326/25).

Belgian Trawlers.

Belgian trawler brought into Plymouth by WAKEFUL (N.I.D.0433/40 H.M.S. WAKEFUL, report on Belgian trawler). Re. C. in C. W.A. 1740/23.

WEATHER.

	Wind.	Visibility.
North Sea.	Varying. Rain.	Fair.
Channel.	S. Fresh.	Moderate.
W. Approaches.	S. Fresh. Drizzle.	Poor.
Horns Reef.	S. Fresh.	Poor.

Patrol on West Coast of Ireland.

By S/M H.43 and TAMURA 12/1 to 25/1. Weather conditions off the west coast of Ireland are not conducive to effective operations of this nature by small submarines during the winter. (M 02703/40, HM Subm. H 43 and HMS TAMURA, R of B)

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Enemy Intelligence.Disposition of Main Units.

B.3. Following is believed to be forecast of disposition of the main units of the German Fleet for period 22/1 to 28/1. Not confirmed that programme has been adhered to. (D.N.I.1246/25)

Wilhelmshaven Area. B.C's GNEISENAU, SCHARNHORST
One pocket B/S.

Cruisers HIPPER, NURNBERG,
EMDEN.

Kiel Area and Baltic.

Cruisers BLUCHER, KOLN,
LEIPZIG.
Training B/S SCHLESIEN
and SCHLESWIG HOLSTEIN.

Ice Reports.

Situation in Belts, Baltic Shipping routes, German Baltic ports, Kiel, Flensburg, Cuxhaven. Estimated Baltic minefields considerably disturbed by pack ice, sweeping will be necessary before safe. (D.C.1434/25)

JUPITER

Swedish 2152 tons, Sweden to U.K. with cellulose and oil, confiscation ordered by Prize Court, Hamburg (Lloyds List 25/1)

VERNA H.

Finnish ¹⁸985 tons, Finland to U.K. with cellulose, confiscation order by Prize Court Hamburg (do)

KORSNES

Norwegian 1736 tons, cargo of pulp, ordered to be confiscated because her papers showed she was to have called at a Canadian port. (do)

EVERROJA

Latvian ⁰4532 tons released (do)

BLUCHER

Confirmation from certain circles in Berlin that she was badly damaged by torpedo. (C. in C. E.I. 0655 Z/25)

Trawlers.

Trustworthy information that German trawlers proceeding north have supply tanks for U-boats' use. (N.C.S.O. Aalsund 1030/25)

S/M Base.

Report that Germany has a s/m base in Motorski Gulf and has 12 s/m's there. (Report probably indicates the drawing of a conclusion, rather than giving actual evidence. NID XI).



FINNO-RUSSIAN HOSTILITIES.

NOTUNG

Finnish 1133 tons, bombed and sunk by Russian a/cs. (Press). Two Soviet a/cs. reported to have tried, without success, to bomb a German merchant ship, name unknown, which had gone ashore off the Aaland Islands. The Russian a/c flew low and made several attacks but no hits were scored.

KIROV

Confirmation from certain circles in Berlin of damage and that she was taken to Tallinn for repairs (C. in C. E.I. 0655 Z/25).

Odderoya.

Admty. 2109/19. Confirm re-armament at Odderoya. Informed special A/A guns not being mounted for the present owing to acute shortage of this type of gun in Norway. (N.A. Oslo 1130/25).

FOREIGN ...



FOREIGN STATIONS.

War Diaries.

Following authorities requested to forward diaries giving chronological records of activities on stations to Admiralty monthly:- C.s. in C., Mediterranean, South Atlantic, America and West Indies, East Indies, China and F.O.C. North Atlantic, repeated Wellington, Melbourne and R.I.N. Divisions of stations at discretion to send diaries direct to Admiralty. (Head of M., 1616/25).

Middle East.

Air Co-operation.

With Navy (A. Min. 1200/25).

Mediterranean.

French ships.

Arrivals Malta (S.O.(I) Malta 1909/25).

S.S. SCOTTISH MUSICIAN.

S.O.S. 41°46' N., 6°50' E. 0315 (FURFAIT (French warship) 0351/25).

Air bases.

~~In Greece and Turkey. (D.N.I. 1501-225-11-11 in G. Med. re. A.L.M., N.I.D. 002016/39 of 12 December Scheme B.)~~

S.S. BRIONI }
S.S. RODI }

Re stopping (C. in C. Med. 1229/25).

ARAGON.

Consul Seville reported that Spanish S.S. ARAGON arrived 24/1 with 9000 bags of almonds for transshipment to German ship expected to arrive 25/1 or 26/1 from Cadiz or Huelva. After sailing again she was expected to be met at sea by two or three German S/Ms. (No confirmation).

SS MOTORINA

Stranding and sub sequent boarding by CALYPSO. (M 03133/40 HMS CALYPSO R of P 14/1/40-28/1/40.)

North Atlantic.

BALISTE

Patrol area (F.O.C.N.A. S.O. 759/25, 1233/25).

French positions.

D.C. 0152/25, F.O.C.N.A. 1538/25, 1200/26, D.C. 2358/25.

HG 17 Route.

(D.T.D. 0950/25).

OGF and HGF Convoys.

F.O.C.N.A. 1952/25 see 24/1.



FOREIGN STATIONS (Cont.)

East Indies.

Routeing.

Masters of neutral ships to be given instructions in manuscript. Certain routes may have been compromised and are to be used as seldom as possible owing to masters having been shown routeing charts and other confidential matters. (Capt. i/c Ceylon 1201 Z/25).

Congestion at Port Said.

Re S.B.N.O. Suez 1754/15. Matter has been taken up with M.E.W. Report present state of affairs. (D.E.W.D. 2227/25).

America and West Indies.

S/M attack rumour. New York, Thursday.- Reliable maritime quarters to-night predicted German submarine thrust against British "lifelines" in West Indies, according to Associated Press. Three U-Boats, it was declared, attended by German passenger liner which had run British blockade in Atlantic, were now in vicinity of Trinidad. Plan, according to these quarters, calls for lightning blow against British and French ships transporting grain, foods and fuel oil to England. American authorities report they are aware of at least some details of Nazi project and state that three ships from unnamed Latin-American nation, suspected at time of supplying GRAF SPEE with oil and food, have been out of port several days. Tourists from Curacao also say German residents there are aware of scheme and have predicted privately that neutral and allied shipping would be "staggered" with attacks set for near future. Area involved is on route between U.S. Atlantic ports and Mexican and South American ports. (Reuter).

PERTH.

Re-docking and sailing (C. in C. A.W.I. 1756/25)

a/c.

S.S. PECTEN sighted a/c 14°32'S. 32°24'W. at 0408/25 (D.N.I. 1124/25).

HUNTER }
HEREWARD }

To refit in U.K. and join Home Fleet (D.O.D. (H) 1728/25)

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America and West Indies (Cont.)HX and HXF
Convoys.

Intention that they shall arrive at r.v. at 5 days and 3 days intervals. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa 1127/25 in reply to Adty. 1200/24) Amendment to 1127/25 (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa 1731/25).

China.A.M.C.

MORETON BAY taken in hand for refit 22/1 (C. in C. Hong Kong 0358 Z/25).

N.Y.K.
announcement.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisya Line, owners of ASAMA MARU and TATUTA MARU announce that they will no longer accept as passengers any Germans who are subject to military service. See Press Cuttings 21/1.

ASAMA MARU.

Asking for details of Germans removed. (D.N.I. 0003/25). Reply (LIVERPOOL 0400 Z/25).

HAKUSAN MARU.

Left San Pedro 1000/25 for Yokohama with 37 German seamen ex. Panamanian Tankers. (C.G. San Francisco 1453/25). Names of officers (C.G. San Francisco 1321/27).

New Zealand.RAMILLIES.

Regret of N.Z. Govt. that she must refit at Sydney instead of coming to N.Z. (N.Z. N.B. 1717/25).

South Atlantic.GRAF SPEE
officers.

Sixteen German officers who left the "pocket battleship" ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE shortly before she sailed from Monte Video and was scuttled were interned to-day. This seems to dispose of Hitler's proposal that these men should be permitted to serve as naval attaches in South American capitals, including Monte Video and Buenos Aires. About 75 officers and men of the ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE and the tanker TACOMA have now been interned by the Uruguayan Government. They include 28 men wounded in the battle between the ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE and the British cruisers EXETER, AJAX and ACHILLES. All the sailors on board the TACOMA have now been removed. (Press.)

EXETER ...



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South Atlantic(Cont.)

EXETER

Arrangements for return of EXETER and escort
(Re. C. in C. S.A. 1245/6, 1302/23 and Adty.
0055/24) (1st S.L. 0002/25) (C in C. S.A.
1302/23).

Force K.

Amending 0830/24 (C. in C. S.A. 1301/25)

German. ...



GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS

Home Commands
& North Atlantic.

- HELIOS Still at Huelva. Report of sailing 23/1 cancelled (I.C.0340/40) F.O.C.N.A.2359/24). Awaiting new Captain (Huelva 1655/25).
- MOREA State of German ships at Vigo preparing to sail (Consul Vigo 1536/25, re N.A's ARUCAS ROSTOCK telegram 1923/24).
- INA LOTTE 1549 tons arrived Arendal 24/1, loading BLUMENTHAL iron ore (I.C.0340/40). (D.N.I.1601/25).
- JOHANN Left Arendal A.M.25/1, 3,000 tons iron ore BLUMENTHAL (D.N.I.1601/25). Arendal 1330/25).
- AMERIKA ✓ Left Narvik 0200/25 with ore (D.N.I.1601/25) Narvik 1147/25).
- SEVILLA Taken bunker coal and loading 500 tons almonds, said to be sailing for Port of Seville to complete cargo 26/1. (Huelva 1655/25).
- BARENFELS Departure 25/1 during night loaded with ore (Narvik 1214/26, D.N.I.1839/26).
- ANHALT) Arrivals 25/1, latter now loading ore (do).
NEUENFELS) ✓
- PORTO Unloading at Huelva general cargo which she had. (Huelva 1655/25).
- ARUCAS Reports received, reliability D.2, that a fully
MELILLA loaded ship will sail at any moment from
HELIOS Vigo (possibly ARUCAS) Bilbao (possibly
LARACHE MELILLA) and Huelva (probably HELIOS).
HUNDSECK Spanish ship ARAGON has arrived Seville with 9,000 bags almonds for transhipment to German ship expected there 25 or 26 Jan. from Cadiz (probably LARACHE) or from Huelva (HELIOS). Reported this ship and HUNDSECK will sail in company and be met at sea by 2 or 3 submarines. (D.N.I.1659/25). (Seville 0845/25).
- C.2.report, large German ship, name unknown, passed Oslo Fjord night of 23/1 for Murmansk; cargo of guns and ammunition. (D.N.I., 1833/25). (N.C.S.O.Bergen,1355/25).



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Thursday.

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GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS (Cont.)

North Atlantic.

ALBERT JANUS
scuttled.

The German freighter ALBERT JANUS, 1600 tons, was scuttled on being intercepted by one of our patrol ships. (French official communique 25/1)

HUNTSECK

Master of s.s. PALOMARES reports HUNTSECK loading at Seville with cases said to contain petrol and preparing for sea. Vessel painted in Hansa Line colours (F.O.I.C. London 1730/25)

China.

RENSBURG

Information from Batavia that she will sail before 27/1. No valuation given. (Chief of I. Staff Singapore 0407 Z/25)

America and West Indies.

HEIDELBERG

(see 24/1). Now reported in Oranjestadt. Cancel my 0134/25. To revert to previous disposition (C. in C. A. & W.I. 0942/25)

South Atlantic.

LAHN

A.N.A. Rio de Janeiro, from S.O.(I) Montevideo, A-Z secret source, reports LAHN will leave Monte Video shortly for Buenos Aires, where she will be laid up. (N.A. Buenos Aires, 1823/25)

RIO GRANDE

Repeating telegram of A.N.A. Rio de Janeiro 1145/21 to S.O.(I) Monte Video (A.N.A. Rio, 1139/25)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING.

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Ships attacked.BIARRITZ
Sunk 0100

S.O.S. 0402 G.M.T. 52°39' N. 4°15' E. "exploded" we have saved part of crew. Intercept from Scheveningen Radio from BORGHOLM. (North Foreland 0420/25). Norwegian, 1752 tons, Oslo to Antwerp, struck mine off Dutch coast. Norwegian BORGHOLM landed 7 of crew and 12 passengers (2 injured) at Ymuiden. 28 of crew and 12 passengers drowned. (Press). Scheveningen Radio gives positions etc. 0420/25 explosion 52°39' N. 4°15' E. 1701/25 sank 52°42' N. 3°44' E. Survivors 7 crew, 14 passengers. 3 dead, 33 missing. (N. Foreland Radio 0422/25, 1716/25). BORGHOLM saved 7, doctor required. Intercept (N. Foreland Radio Recd. 1007/25). BIARRITZ officer impression of new type mine, sweet nauseating smell, suspected gas (Press Cable 29/1).

EVERENE
2030

Latvian (4434 tons) outward bound from Blyth, was torpedoed off Farne Is., Northumberland 2030. 30 of crew saved, one missing (Cullercoats Radio, intercept 2103/25, 2150/25). (S.S. EVERHOPE intercept 2122/25). N.E. by E. 5 miles from Longstone - Farne Is. Torpedoed. Not in convoy. (I.C. 0341/40). VEGA and WOOLSTON sent to position (C. in C. Rosyth 2146/25). Trawler WARDOUR reports Captain of Latvian ship sighted S/M. which proceeded southward. (C. in C. Rosyth 0104/26). EVERENE was torpedoed first. U-Boat was clearly seen subsequently passing through line of about 20 ships which had left Tyne in company. (C. in C. Rosyth 1130/26).

GUDVEIG
2040

Norwegian (1300 tons) outward bound from Tyne was torpedoed off Farne Is., Northumberland 2030, after EVERENE. Position as EVERENE. Not in convoy (I.C. 0341/40). (C. in C. Rosyth, 2146/25). 7 saved, 10 missing (Press). Torpedoed from inshore side 4 to 5 miles E. by S. (mag.) of Longstone 2040 (C. in C. Rosyth 1130/26).

? Unknown Norwegian ship mined or torpedoed in 52°42' N. 3°44' E. (I.C. 0341/40). Reference this ship and BIARRITZ, can you ascertain from Dutch authorities (1) if they consider vessels mined or torpedoed; (2) if mined, whether there is a minefield and what routes they consider are safe in that area; (3) do they intend to do any mine-sweeping? (D.N.I. to N.A. Hague 2051/26). Reply: No knowledge of minefield, would not in any case sweep mines in this locality (N.A. Hague 1300/28).

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Swedish Losses.

Maritime war now cost Sweden 27 ships, 53,000 tons and about 120 seamen. (Press telegram Stockholm 25/1 to Finns).

S/Ms. Reported.

Probable positions (D.N.I. 1125/25).
U-Boat homeward bound may pass N. of Scotland 25/1. (D.N.I. 1637/24) SIKH and MOHAWK ordered to Muckle Flugga (A.C.O.S. 2220/24).

- 2300 Peterhead. Hunted (D.C.N.S. 144). I.C. 0341/40 says S/m. on surface sighted by signalman in tower ashore, course S., 3 to 4 miles E. of Peterhead 2302. (C. in C. Rosyth 2340/25, 0030/26, 0120/26).
- 1720 S/M seen on surface by fisherman, course E. $51^{\circ}14'$ N. $04^{\circ}10'$ W. (300° Capstone Pt. $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles) (I.C. 0341/40). (C. in C. W.A. 1831/25).
- 1745 Sighted by BASQUE $43^{\circ}20'$ N. $10^{\circ}20'$ W. (D.N.I. 1959/25).
- 1000 Sighted 5 miles S. of island at entrance to Vigo Bay. (Vigo 1735/25).
- 1107 $41^{\circ}10'$ N. $10^{\circ}10'$ W. (Admiral Ouest, Brest Radio 1126/25).
- 1200 $44^{\circ}10'$ N. $9^{\circ}10'$ W. Reported by Admiral Ouest 1415/25 (Naval Censor, Burnham-on-Sea Radio 1450/25).

North Atlantic.

2151. 10° W. between 41° N. and 42° N. position very approximate. (I.C. 0341/40).

S/Ms. Attacked. ...

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING (Cont.)S/ms. Attacked.

U-Boat searches still continuing in Bristol Channel area and south of Ireland. (D.C.N.S.143)

VANQUISHER continued to hunt her s/m. Attacked 24/1 and 22/1 and made 3 attacks p.m. 25/1 on a very good contact with promising results (C. in C. W.A. 1143/25, 2004/25). Position 51°20' N. 3°42' W. (235° Nash Point (S.Wales) 6½ miles) (I.C. 0341/40). KEITH, WAKEFUL and VESPER operating from Milford Haven to take over VANQUISHER contact and continue hunt. (C. in C. W.A. 1031/25). (VANQUISHER 1730/25, 2315/25, 2334/25, 0105/26, 0140/26). STANHOLME was sunk (25/12) by magnetic mine approx. 2 miles E. of contact. (C. in C. W.A. 0047/26). (May account for the oil). SUPPLEMENT (p. 352)

- 0900 FOUQUEUX attacked in 41°10' N. 10°10' W. No details (I.C. 0341/40).
- 0900 BASQUE and ANNAMIDE in 44°10' N. 9°10' W. No details (I.C. 0341/40). (cf. S/ms. reported)
- 0922 (see Attacks 1800/24). Stationary contact still clearly obtainable. Have fired single charge without result. Consider probably submarine on bottom. (JACKAL 0922/25). Oil still plainest in contact position. (JACKAL 1106/25).



Control of supply and distribution
of commercial oil stocks.

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A Message Home and Abroad 954A. (Adty. 1927/26)

H O M E C O M M A N D S

Home Fleet ✓ Home Fleet is in the Clyde. No capital ships at sea.

Days under way 4th D.F. MAORI 99, AFRIDI 91, ZULU 75, NUBIAN 68, COSSACK 52, SIKH 37. (Capt. (D) 4, 1456/26).

Northern Patrol ✓ Orkneys to Faroes - 2 cruisers.
Faroes to Iceland - 2 " 8 A.M.C's.
Denmark Strait 1 " 1 "

Kirkwall Defence. ✓ 3 additional A/S trawlers to be sent. (D. of L.D. 1324/26).

Economic Warfare. ✓ Consular Clearances for ships westbound in ballast (D.E.W.D. 1335/26).

Days under way List includes COLOMBO 89 days, CERES 79, DUNEDIN 92 etc. (V.A.N.P. 2338/26).

Routeing ✓ Re. 1834/25. Vessels should be instructed to pass through positions which will take them clear of dangerous areas. Reason not to be disclosed. Vessels bound for port near which mines have been laid are to be ordered to inter-mediate port for onward routeing. (D.M.S. 1957/26).

DELHI }
DUNEDIN }
DIOMEDE } To cease to come under orders of V.A.N.P. from date of arrival at Home Ports. Pendant of C.S.7. to be struck at sunset 29/1, the date of his relief. (V.A.N.P. 1445/26. N.S.1210/27).

S/m Hunt By JAVELIN, JAGUAR at daylight (C. in C. Rosyth, to R.A. Invergordon 2255/26).

Enemy a/c's ✓ Camouflaged monoplane with British markings flying low over water heading S.E. from Dover sighted by S.S. KINGFISHER A.2. (F.O.i/c London 1045/26).



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Air

Reconnaissance Normal air patrols.

Casualties A F.A.A. a/c which left Walney Island 1545/26 for Sleaford is missing.

ASTRONOMER unexplained 1750/26 British S.S. ASTRONOMER heard making S.S. report. (F.O.C.N.A. 1240/27, 1222/28).

Operations. Sweep for iron ore ships. Proposing that JERVIS, JUNO, JUPITER and IMPERIAL should carry out sweeps in S.W. corner of Norway to intercept iron ore traffic outside territorial waters, before proceeding to escort second half of convoy H.N.9. which may be delayed 24 hours if necessary. (D.C.N.S. 0230/26). Will be arranged. Asking that departure of H.N.9B. may be postponed 24 hours. (C. in C.H.F. 0951/26). Amendment to 1049/26. (C. in C.H.F. 1343/26) orders for JERVIS, JUNO and JUPITER for the operation. To reach Jaederens Point 58° 45' N. 5° 30' W. at 1900/27 not to steer directly towards this position until after dark. Remain in neighbourhood during dark hours then proceed to R.V. with H.N.9B. which is delayed sailing from Point G. till daylight 29/1. (C. in C.H.F. 1049/26).

Sweep off coast of Norway last week. Report no ships sighted outside territorial waters. Improbable that German ships proceed outside territorial waters off Stadtlandet. (C. in C.H.F. 1024/26).

A/S patrols Orders for 11th A/S S.F. (C. in C. Rosyth 2300/26). DURHAM CASTLE in tow escorted by 11th A/S S.F. (C. in C. Rosyth 1948/26). Orders for 19th A/S group (C. in C. Rosyth 0018/26, 1506/26). Orders to PINTAIL, SHEAR WATER for patrol. Two U-boats reported off Texel a.m./26. (F. O.i/c Harwich 1315/26). ~~Base~~ for 19th A/S Group sailed (N.O.i/c Newcastle on Tyne 0300/26). A/S operations in Orkneys and Shetlands area. Points agreed upon between A.O.C. in C. Coastal Command and C. in C.H.F. (C. in C.H.F. 2255/26).

1st A/S Group 1st A/S group to be based on Granton and will be employed on Convoy duties between Methil and Tyne until 3rd A/S Group is ready for service. (C. in C. Rosyth 1147/26).

Protection of Fleet against air attacks. The scheme to provide for the protection of the Fleet against low bombing attacks at sea by the use of kite balloons is to be postponed indefinitely. (M.K. B. 9/40. Secret Branch Acquaint 378/1).



HOME COMMANDS (Continued)

Unexplained
Explosion.

58° 13' N. 1° 53' W. at 2130.

Fishing Areas

Adty. 1854/25. (proposition to open Orkneys and Bell Rock for fishing). No objection to (A) provided trawlers keep clear 3 miles of S.C.Z. 22 etc. (C. in C.H.F. 1845/26). Concur in (A) but consider northern limit should be a line drawn 135 degrees from Start Point Sanday in order to keep fishing vessels clear of Approach route to Fair Isle Channel of U-boats. (A.C.O.S. 1612/26).

Suspicious
Craft.

Cromer Observer Corps Station reported fast motor boat travelling 30 knots $\frac{1}{2}$ mile off shore, showing white light 1840. Cromer C.G. Station saw nothing. (C. in C. Nore 1901/26).

Dutch Trawlers

For some time alleged Dutch trawlers and fishing vessels have been under suspicion. Suggested they may be German vessels in disguise. N.A. Hague asked his opinion. (D.N.I. 2050/26).

Convoys

H.N. 9B.

Orders to IMPERIAL (close escort) (C. in C. Rosyth 1533/26). Departure to be postponed for 24 hours to 0850/29. (D.T.D. 1111/26).

H.N. 9A.
H.N. 9B.

Re air protection (C. in C. Rosyth 1906/26, 1140/26, 0040/26 to JACKAL, JAGUAR, JAVELIN 0038/26). Relative importance of A. and B. not known. (EDINBURGH 1100/26).

Ocean Convoys.

D.C. 1855/26.

H.G. 16.

Sailing telegram as amended by Adty. (D.T.D. 1333/26, D.T.D. 1210/26).

Convoys.

Week beginning 29/1. (C. in C. Rosyth 2020/26 amended by C. in C. Rosyth 1236/30).

F.N. 83.

C. in C. Rosyth 1934/26. Amended. (C. in C. Rosyth 1252/30).

Tyne - Methil
Traffic.

Resumed. (see 25/1).

Inverness &
Cromarty Firths
Closed.

After sinking of S.S. DURHAM CASTLE.

S/m's.

Positions 0700/27 and movements for 24 hours. (R.A.(S) 1709/26. D.C. 1959/26, 2048/26, 2323/26, C. in C.H.F. 2227/26).

Nore Command

Movements to 0900/27. (C. in C. Nore 0547/26).

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HEREWARD Damage by weather when in Halifax Convoy Escort Force (T.S.D. 4013/40)

OREGON Boiler trouble (? 26/1) Towed to Lisbon 1730/10/2).

Suspicious Vessels, Motor Boat Reported by Cromer etc. Investigation points to it being a motor barge whose speed was much overestimated in the snow storm (N.I.D. 8/8).

m.v.
S.S. JACOBA Master stated to have remarked to Thames Pilot that he had been approached to lay mines in British waters. Master specially interrogated; denied he had ever been approached (N.I.D. 8/8).

Belgian Tr. No. O-86 Reported by WHITSHED as having been in position of D/F fix of enemy unit. Trawler was thoroughly examined in Cawsand Bay by order of C. in C. W.A. Skipper stated he had been in the position for 3 days and was quite frank. Beyond his statement that he had ordered by his Govt. to keep no log the examination revealed nothing suspicious (N.I.D. 8/8).

KAUPO Danish. Has now been released.



HOME COMMANDS (Contd.)

ARK ROYAL Re docking or quick refit about 15/2. (D. of D. 2005/26).
EFFINGHAM To rejoin Halifax Escort Force on completion of refit. (D.O.D.(F) 1350/26).
DANMARK. Re salvage (A.C.O.S. 1759/26). Danish Legation with Danish Company to undertake. (D.N.I. 1951/24).

Dutch Ports Entry to Hook of Holland and New Waterway only allowed by special permit according to Decree of Chief Commander of Dutch Land and Naval Forces issued 25/1. (Transocean 0800/26).

WEATHER

	<u>Wind</u>	<u>Visibility</u>
North Sea	S.E. Fresh	Moderate Coastal mist.
English Channel	S.E. Strong	Poor. Coastal mist.
	wind	
<u>Outlook:</u>	Southerly/ increasing.	Improving.

ENEMY INTELLIGENCE

Ships at Sea From Norwegian coast watching service 1200/25. 1 German cruiser about 5,000 tons, course N.W. high speed. 1400/25 - 2 destroyers course S.E. in above position. B.2. Passed to all ships and Authorities in area A. H.Q.C.C. (D.N.I. 1912/26).

Air attack on Shetlands. Indications that air attack will take place on Shetlands about 1130/26. (F.O.C.O.S. 1029/26).

Surface Vessel at Sea. 1103 accurate D/F bearings indicated a surface vessel of large size transmitting from position 60 miles N.W. Borkum approx. 54° 10' N. 5° 25' E. This position is in one of the British minefields recently laid. None of our surface ships were in neighbourhood. Air Ministry decided to take no action owing to probable German fighter protection until after the moon had risen at 1830. Bad weather then prevented any flying. D/F fix at 1103 54° 10' N. 5° 25' E. combined with air activity may indicate a German naval operation in vicinity. (D.N.I. 1139/26). The position is in the lower half of the German declared mined area.

Iron Ore Ships Rumour that German iron ore ships are leaving coast near Christiansand to pass into Kattegat. Am unable to get confirmation. (Oslo 1730/26).

Leakage at Narvik. Press state that German engineer in charge of German Smelting Works arrested for transmitting by W/T information of ship sailings. (N.A. Oslo 1015/26).

Navigational aids. Consequent upon ice conditions, Denmark, Sweden and Germany have all announced the withdrawal of various navigational aids, including the mine pilot stations for the Gedser, Great Belt and Little Belt minefields. The buoys marking the Channels through the Danish minefields have been replaced by barrels which might be mistaken for mines.

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ChinaASAMA MARU

Japanese Govt. protest (C. in C.China 0812Z/26). Re complaint that officer who searched refused to give name of ship and Commanding Officer etc. Asking whether procedure described in Art. 96 of Naval Prize Manual was followed. (Hd. of M. 1409/26). Asking for ages of officers and men removed. (Hd. of M. 0017/26). Ambassador Tokyo informed that we stand firm by legality of our action and suggest that if Japanese ships will refrain from carrying Germans of military age from America to Japan we will refrain from stopping Japanese ships to search for Germans. (D.N.I. 2116/26). Reply to Hd. of M. 0017/26. Boarding Officer was Lt. Comdr. G.H.Greenway. Regret he omitted to make entry in log of ASAMA MARU. Names of ships are not inserted by Admiralty instructions for reasons of secrecy, etc. (C. in C. China 0515Z/26). Was not asked for name of ship or Commanding Officer. Omitted to sign log in order to save time, vide precedent of last war Prize Manual appendix 7, para. 7. (LIVERPOOL 1600Z/26). LIVERPOOL's reply to 0017/26. (LIVERPOOL 0003Z/27).

Wolfram Ore

Re. Chinese Govt. shipping wolfram ore from Haiphong to Manila in non British ships of J.C.J.I. Line. (C. in C.China 0925/26)

MediterraneanFrench Movements

S.O.(I) Gib. 1106/26)

~~Enquiry how much has been or is being sent.~~
~~(Re. Med. letter 0995/0450/783/42 of 27 Dec.)~~
~~(C. in C. Med. 0931/36).~~

Contraband Control Greece

Greek War Trade and Shipping agreements have been signed. Greek produce shipped from one Greek port or island to another not to be regarded as contraband and need not be covered by certificate of origin. Re quotas for goods consigned to Greece. Reserving right to stop, examine and divert Greek ships but those in island trade will not be diverted unless on definite grounds of suspicion. (D.E.W.D. 2149/26).

South AtlanticMovements

Force G, Patrol.R.A.S.A.D. transfer to HAWKINS 29/1. HAWKINS patrol ACHILLES to Falkland Island N.Z. Force G. r.v. 3/2 with R.A.S.A.D. DORSETSHIRE, SHROPSHIRE etc. (R.A.S.A.D. 0828Z/26).

Falklands

Ref. 2006/17 from Admiralty. Recommend a limited store depot ashore at Falklands. (R.A.S.A.D. 0954Z/26)

S/M Supply Dump.

Reported near Kosi Bay, near Portuguese East Africa border. A/C investigating. (NO i/c Simonstown 1017/26)



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South Atlantic (Contd.)

ALCANTARA
STRABON.

A.N.A. Rio's 1319/26. Ship that examined French ship STRABON at 2330/25 was probably ALCANTARA which is operating in Rio de Janeiro area. (C. in C.S.A. 1835/26) This was ALCANTARA (R.A.S.A.D. 1902Z/26). (STRABON was stopped in 23°46'S, 43°38'W. 2330 local time 25/1.)

False Report

Re. Consul Permanbuco's 1805/18, disregard Pan Air passenger's report of warships N.W. of Ceara 17/1. (A.N.A. Rio de Janeiro 1729/26).

C. in C. 1119/26. See 27/1.

America & West Indies.

U.S. Mails
Censorship

Necessity of censorship in past 3 months 25,000 parcels seized containing food and clothing. (D.N.I. 2116/26).

SYDNEY }
PERTH }
DESPATCH }

SYDNEY to replace PERTH in Imperial dispositions from 1/4 and will join E.I. Station. PERTH not required to arrive on Australia Station until 1/4, opportune moment to recall DESPATCH to dock at Bermuda, replacing her temporarily on S.W. American coast by PERTH while on passage (D.C.N.S. 2004/26). Reply Concur. DESPATCH not required to dock at Bermuda etc. (C. in C.A.W.I. 1174/27).

Derelict

Sighted by AUSTRALIND 20/1 27° 35' N. 74° 7' W. S.O.(I) Kingston Jamaica 2246/26).

Removing
Germans.

No Germans to be removed from Japanese ships for time being (Hd. of M. 8016/26).

T.C. 3.

Further re Adty. 1811/24. (C. in C.W.A. 2022/26).

East Indies

SYDNEY

For E.I. see A. & W.I.

Shipping
Routes.

Access of Allied masters of Allied ships to Confidential routeing matter. (C. in C.E.I. 1335/25, D.T.D. 1909/26).

Australia

PERTH

For Australia see A. & W.I.

North Atlantic

U-Boat

Receiving supplies at Vigo, etc. (Lisbon 1029/26). See U-boat Campaign.



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HOME COMMANDS

A German steamer is reported to be icebound in Malm in Trondhjem Fiord (N.I.D. 1/30).

- MOREA May leave Vigo any night (Consul, Vigo 1930/26)
- ARUCAS Reported to have loaded 40 tons mercury in flasks and 30 tons brass (Consul, Vigo 1930/26).
- KLIO Loaded general cargo for Amsterdam, awaits favourable opportunity to depart (Bilbao, 1940/26).

North Atlantic.

- HUNSECK Add to description, 2 black ventilator cowls forward and close to funnel above natural wood coloured wheel house. Very doubtful slight list to port and slightly down by head A.M. 26/1 (Seville, 1200/26).

South Atlantic.

- KONIGSBERG Para reports (B.2.) probable she will sail tonight (S.O.(I) Freetown 1549/26).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING.

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Ships attacked

DURHAM CASTLE (Blockship for Scapa) when in tow of tug off Cromarty was mined (or torpedoed) 2120 and sunk 2145. No casualties (R.A. Invergordon 2330/26, 0130/27). She was escorted by a T. A/S striking force. (see 26/1). Inverness and Cromarty Firths were closed.

S/m's reported

Probable positions of U-boats (D.N.I. 1233/26)

- 0300 Sighted by S.S. ESSEX 48° 50' N. 9° 2' W. Course N. (doubtful) (I.C.0341/40) (C. in C.W.A.0508/26)
- 0018 N.E. by E. Longstone 5 miles. 19th A/S Group from Tyne ordered to sweep northwards from 20F. buoy to above position. (C. in C. Rosyth 0018/26). Destroyers to search. (C. in C. Rosyth 0021/26). S/m reported going southward. (C. in C. Rosyth 0100/26). Last known position given as 55° 36' N. 1° 29' W. (C. in C. Rosyth 0234/26) (See Attacks 0633).
- 1550 } Approx. 54° 30' N. 7° E. Position doubtful.
- 1620 } (I.C. 0342/40).
- 0100 20 miles off Texel 500 ton U-boat Course N.W. reported by Admiral Nord Dunkirk (V.A.Dover 0950/26).
- 0200 20 miles off Texel 250 ton U-boat course S.W. reported by Admiral Nord Dunkirk (C. in C. Nore, 1047/26). (SHELDRAKE, GUILLEMOT, PINTAIL, SHEARWATER were sent from Harwich to investigate.

North Atlantic

French Naval Attache received information (C.O.) German s/m entered Vigo nights 16/1 and 19/1 and received supplies from oiler ANTARKTIS. (N.A. Lisbon 1029/26).

North Atlantic

1925 40° N. 11°30' W. unreliable fix. (D.N.I.2234/26).

S/m's attacked.

- 0633 Attack on possible contact by VEGA off Longstone Farn Is. (cf. EVERDENE and GUDVEIG sunk 25/1) (I.C.0341/40). Position 102 Longstone Oxcars. (C. in C. Rosyth 0633/26).
- 0623 WOOLSTON attacked in same position, possibly another contact (I.C. 0341/40).
- 0755 By WANDERER on contact 53° 56' N. 4° 51' W. (I.C.0341/40).
- 1250 By BLYSKAWICA 52° 34' N. 2° 16' E. Two d/c's dropped after sighting R/S. No result. (GREYHOUND 1318/26).
- 1415 GREYHOUND made 2 doubtful attacks on contact 52° 34' N. 2° 4' E. (I.C.0342/40).

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Operations Sweep to S.W. corner of Norway with the object of intercepting German iron ore traffic outside territorial waters took place to-day by three destroyers. Later these destroyers are to escort the second half of the homeward bound Norwegian convoy H.N.9b. (See 26/1)

A/S Sweep (By 7th D.F.) (See 24/1) Re. relief. (C-in-C Rosyth 1026/27)

A/S patrols etc. Report (S.O.11th A/S S.F. 0020/27) Re. 2345/26. 12 A/S patrol orders (C-in-C Rosyth 0040/27)

Air Reconnaissance Normal patrols.

Enemy air activity Two unidentified a/c's were reported flying low near Le Havre Lt. house. 2150 (I.C. 0343/40)

Casualties
RIANT H.M. Trawler, developed a leak and sank off west coast of Gigha (South of Jura Sound) Crew of 14 were landed at Gigha. (C-in-C Rosyth 1602/27) Formally paid off 27/1 (M 01928 4)

SCOTSTOUN Some damage due to ice (F.O.C.N.P. 2207/27)

Unexplained casualties S.S. SYLVIA (Swedish) left Hull 9/1 for Gothenburg, not since heard of (Reuter Stockholm)

S.S. MONTFERLAND (?OTTOLAND) Dutch rumoured torpedoed or sunk near Scotland now (A.S.D. 138)

s/m crew s Communication received via British Red Cross indicates that entire crews of STARFISH and UNDINE were saved and are prisoners in Germany.

Nore Command Movements to 0700/28 (C-in-C Nore 0622/27)

Cruisers exercising, protection A/S escort not essential for cruisers under 5000 tons exercising off Portland (F.O. I/C Portland 1815/26, D.O.D.(H) 1351/27)

ARK ROYAL Re. quick refit or docking about 15/2 (A/S Portsmouth 1237/27)

ILSENSTEIN To replace DURHAM CASTLE as blockship at Scapa (D. of L.D. 1836/27) S.S. B.A.s 308(6) and 326(6)

* D Class
Cruisers.

Withdrawn from Northern Patrol.
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S/ms.

Positions 0700/28 and movements for 24 hours (R.A. (S) 1642/27, D.C. 1827/27) Re. C.B.'s and S.P.'s why so many on board? (D.N.I. 1824/27).

Mining.

COCHRANE's mine recovery party insufficient to deal with present numbers floating and beached in Forth. Asking for more personnel. (C. in C. Rosyth, 1505/27, VERNON 2301/27).

EGRET reported sinking 6 floating mines between North Goodwin and Galloper Lt. V.'s. (EGRET 1515/27).

East Coast Shipping.

State of shipping on East Coast. Increased number of neutrals in convoy. Vulnerability of Tyne area. Suggestions (C. in C. Rosyth 1521/27).

Convoys.

HXF17

Escorted by ASCANIA. Meeting telegram (C. in C. W.A. 1118/27).

SLF16B

Arrived (N.O. I/C Liverpool 1100/27)

Ocean Convoys.

Situation 2000/27 (C. in C. W.A. 1311/27)
Disposition (D.C. 1903/27).

FS83

Not to sail on account of inability to sweep south entrance channel to Tyne. (F.O. I/C Tyne 1156/27).

FN80

Due 2350 must take risk and enter as anchorage off Tees is untenable owing to weather (do.)

OA80G

Ships joining from St. Helens (N.C.S.O. Portsmouth 1748/27).

HCF17

My 1203/25. Additions (V.A.C.N.A. 1552/27)

QZ Messages.

Re, secrecy. Text or paraphrase not to be disclosed to Masters of Merchant vessels etc. QZ messages to be treated as "very secret" as they reveal what area we are sweeping, what area will be clear of merchant shipping, where to lay mines, where next shipping route is likely to be placed, may endanger our minelaying activities. (Head of M. 2014/27).

Suspected neutrals.

How to be treated. Not to be included in convoy etc. list of suspected vessels (Head of M. 1730/27, 2227/27).



HOME COMMANDS (Cont.)

WEATHER.

<u>0500.</u>	<u>Wind.</u>	<u>Visibility.</u>
North Sea.	S.W. Moderate Gale in North	Poor to moderate.
Channel	Southerly, light to moderate.	Bad.
W.Approaches.	S.W. Fresh	Poor
Outlook	Very unsettled.	
Gales in north and North Sea, fog in S.W.(D.C. 1946/27).		

Home Fleet. RODNEY and REPULSE sailed 1125/27 to cover the Norwegian Convoys. (C. in C. H.F. 1021/27).

Days under Way. MANCHESTER 80, SHEFFIELD 88, NEWCASTLE 88, (C.S. 18 1301/27) EMERALD 95, ALAUNIA 53, R.SOVEREIGN 12, VALIANT 19, (F.O.C. 3B.S. 1245/27).

Northern Patrol.

Datum Line. Proposal to change datum line of patrol between Faroes and Iceland for reasons of security from U-Boat attack. (C. in C. H.F. 0036/27) To be changed 29/1, also datum line South of Faroes (F.O.C.N.P. 1015/27).

Ships on Patrol. Orkneys to Faroes 2 Cruisers
Faroes to Iceland 2 Cruisers, 8 A.M.Cs.
Denmark Strait 1 Cruiser, 1 A.M.C.

A.M.C.'s equipment. Re. bringing A.M.C. 's from emergency to completed equipment. Most of them can be done in 6 weeks (V.A.N.P. 2246/6, D.O.D.(H) 1746/27).

U.S.A. transit mails. Mails from U.S.A. in transit through U.K. for Northern Neutrals have fallen off of late. Is any increase noticeable on Mediterranean route? (D.E.W.D. 1737/27 to F.O.C.N.A.)

Destroyers.

MOHAWK Patrol (F.O.C.Θ.S. 0943/27, 1139/27, 1128/27).

BITTERN Refit (Capt. (D) Rosyth 1808/26, A/S Rosyth 1800/27).
Rearrangement consequent on loss of GRENVILLE and EXMOUTH (D.O.D.(H) 1144/27, 1953/27).
Various movements and duties (C. in C. Rosyth 1810/27) F.O. i/c. Harwich 1828/27.

SOUTHAMPTON. Sailing postponed 24 hours. Weather too rough for minesweeping (N.C.i/c. Tyne 0241/27).

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Firth of Forth

Re. approach channels. (C-in-C Rosyth 1729/25, 1205/26, C-in-C H.F. 0936/27)

Orkneys Defence

It has been decided that the manning of the Coast and A.A. defences of Orkney shall remain a War Office commitment (Adty. 1645/27)

EXMOUTH replacement

Arrangements consequent on loss of EXMOUTH (Adty. 1144/27)

Enemy IntelligenceOre ships

All movements should be signalled (D.N.I. 1437/27)
Re. German homeward bound ore ships sighted 23/1 (N.A. Copenhagen 1700/27)

Frontier

German-Danish frontier now virtually closed, believed due to aeroplane construction south of frontier. (N.A. Copenhagen 1900/27)

Ice

Ice in Elbe mouth. Canal traffic reported will be paralysed for fortnight after thaw commences. (do.)

Use of Danish colours

Danish captain reports Norwegians endeavouring to prevent German vessels painting Danish colours when leaving Norwegian waters (do.)

Iron Ore Trade.

When German ships carrying iron ore are unable to approach N.W. coast of Norway near Narvik owing to snow storms, which are frequent in winter, they lie off Buddypet - or Bjoronsund - outside territorial waters.

Master of S.S. MARSTENEN observed at least 7 German ore ships during his recent passage through territorial waters. He also stated that some of these vessels do not even take the trouble to remain in territorial waters whenever possible, but make a straight ~~course~~ across from Norway to western German ports, because they know that even at the worst they will not be torpedoed without provision being made for the crew's safety.

(M. 02817/40 H.M.S. MANCHESTER, R. of P. 17 - 25/a.m., 1940.)



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Enemy Intelligence.

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ChinaHong Kong

No boom vessels available until the end of the year. Possibility of requisitioning and converting local craft to be considered. (D.C.N.S. 1378/27) (see 17/1)

Vladivostok patrol

RAINBOW's report. Ice. No Russian activity (C-in-C China 1216Z/27)

ASAMA MARU

Announcement to Press of arrival of Germans at Hong Kong. (C-in-C China, 0615Z/27)

MediterraneanClimatological information

asking for Re. mobile Meteorological station. (C-in-C Med. 1033/27)

Suez Canal

Adty., 2227/25. Situation improved. Congestion less and conditions returning to normal. (S.B.N.C. Suez Canal, 1819/27)

Russian ships

Adty. 1921/27 reports that all Russian ships have orders to return to Soviet ports by 31/1. Reply No. (C-in-C Med. 1755/30)

Cavalry Convoy

Re. 1931/24 (Movements of escorting destroyers) Delete both movements. Re. WATERHEN, VENDETTA and Movement O. (C-in-C Med. 1857/27)

North Atlantic

PAMPA

Argentine transport granted exemption from export control. Suspected she may land arms for German ships at Teneriffe. Watch and report (D.E.W.D. 1614/27)

French positions

1200/27 (D.C. 0007/27)

A/S operations

With Force D. off Portuguese and Spanish coasts 29/1 to 8/2 (F.O.C.N.A. 1350/27)

South AtlanticForce G

After SHROPSHIRE leaves HAWKINS and DORSETSHIRE to remain concentrated and act as Force G. ALCANTARA and QUEEN OF BERMUDA to patrol Rio de Janeiro and Rio de la Plata routes (C-in-C S.A. 1717/27)

Re Adty.
0002/25

R.V. proposed (C-in-C S.A. 1119/26, 1352/27)

GRAF SPEE

Further re. examination of radio beacon (B.N.A. Buenos Aires 1158/27, 1700/25, 1126/26)

Movements

Future movements SHROPSHIRE, DORSETSHIRE, CUMBERLAND, CORNWALL. (C-in-C S.A. 1707/27)



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East Indies

Routeing

✓ Allied merchant ships may be shown routeing charts and matter on same footing as British. British and Allied Masters of neutral ships not to be given access to confidential and secret matter but are to be treated as neutral subjects. They may at their request be given advice and routeing instructions verbally or in manuscript but on condition that Admiralty accepts no liability. (C-in-C E.I. 0454Z/27)

America and West Indies

C-in-C A.W.I.

1747/27 See 26/11

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HOME COMMANDS

SEVILLA Still loading. Cargo known to date 600 tons almonds, 400 tons iron oxide, 500 bales cork and some drums essence of eucalyptus (Huelva 1150/27)

PORTO Still unloading (Huelva, 1150/27)

HELIOS No change (Huelva 1150/27)

NUENFELS^E Left Narvik with ore night 26/27/1. (D.N.I. 1716/27) (Narvik 1213/27)

ANHALT Now loading ore Narvik (D.N.I. 1716/27) (Narvik 1213/27)

ODIN Arrived Narvik (D.N.I. 1716/27) (Narvik 1213/27)

Reported that German iron ore ships are leaving coast in vicinity of Christiansand 58° N 8° E to pass into Kattegat (D.N.I. 1109/27)

OLBERS Left Skien in ballast p.m. 26/1 (Nielsen, Skien, 1037/27)

North Atlantic

LARACHE Reported 2 machine-guns mounted on fo'c'sle B.2. (S.O.(I) Gib. 1443/26) May have sailed from Cadiz p.m. 27th meet U-boat. HERO and HASTY to search. (F.O.C.N.A. 1103/27)

South Atlantic

WOLFSBURG Left Pernambuco 1100/27, not armed. (C-in-C S.A. 1725/27) (Consul Pernambuco 1035/27, 1115/27, S.O.(I) Freetown 1415/27) Has returned alongside (Consul Pernambuco 2355/27) (S.O.(I) Montevideo, 1015/28) (S.O.(I) Freetown 0525/28)

TINE ASMUSSEN Cancelling report that she had been transferred to Mexican flag and renamed. Report referred to Norwegian tanker BINTA (C-in-C S.A. 1725/27)

America and West Indies

TINE ASMUSSEN My 1535/20 cancelled. Tampico now reports ship transferred and renamed is Norwegian tanker BINTA (S.O.(I) Kingston 1517/27)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING

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Ships attacked

- British*
- MAMURA 1430 Dutch (8245 tons) damaged by/mine in Channel 50° 59'N, 1° 10'E. Reached the Downs (Deutschlandsender Radio 0800/28) Lost anchor while weighing by explosion probably mine (N. Foreland Radio intercept 1354/27, 1457/27, 1800/27, TOR 1851/27) (Cullercoats Radio received 1455/27)
- ENGLAND 1930 (Danish 2319 tons), Copenhagen to Blyth, approx. 1930/27 25'E. Copinsay, 2 explosions, nothing seen. 2nd officer was adrift on raft until picked up off Shapinsay by Pentland Firth. (A.C.C.S., 2133/28) Probably torpedoed (D.C.N.S. 147) Survivor picked up near Shapinsay Sound after 32 hours on raft puts loss of ship 0630/27, 58° 10'N, 1° 40'W. (F.O.C.O.S. 2015/28) Torpedoed in approximately same position as FARO. Request confirmation of position and time (N.C.S.O. Copenhagen 2040/29) Request details (N.A. Copenhagen 1710/30)
- HOSANGER 2300 Norwegian (1591 tons) sunk approx. position approx. 58° 25'N, 1° 53'W. Consider her and ENGLAND both sunk by s/m's probably proceeding northwards (F.O.C.O.S. 1342/28, 1626/28, 1719/28) Survivor says explosion was at 2380/27. These three sinkings if by s/m, which seems probable, were without warning and in weather which gave little chance of survival for any of crews (A.C.O.S. 2133/28) Sunk approx. 25 miles S.E. of ENGLAND and HOSANGER. Boat with 3 survivors picked up by Northern Patrol trawler NORTHERN REWARD.
- FARO 1930 Mined or torpedoed S.E. of Copinsay, approx. 58° 46'N, 2° 51'W, and now ashore in beached (Norwegian) Taracliffe Bay. TRITON hunt. (A.C.O.S. 1052/28, 1153/28, 1342/28) Ship's boat adrift with 15 men (Wick Radio 1200/28) Probably torpedoed (D.C.N.S. 147) Master and 6 men rescued by breeches buoy after they had returned to their ship. Boat which set out with 8 men was washed ashore at Copinsay holding one man alive and 3 bodies. Wreck drove ashore in Taracliffe Bay 0905/28. Master states after explosion crew abandoned ship in 2 boats when a second explosion occurred astern of ship. Master's boat then returned to ship. (A.C.C.S. 1719/28)



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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING (continued)

FREDENSBORG 1930 Danish, 2094 tons, sunk in same area as above at about 1930/27. Crew probably 20. No survivors known. ENGLAND was standing by her when she was herself attacked. (I.C. 0345/40) Asking for information about FREDENSBORG (N.C.S.O. Copenhagen, 2110/29) ENGLAND and FREDENSBORG were in company, both sunk, believed torpedoed. (D.N.I. 1245/31, to N.A. Copenhagen). Sole survivor of ENGLAND reported seeing FREDENSBORG sunk in position 58° 10'N, 1° 40'W. (D.T.D. 1339/30)

s/m's reported

Estimate of U-boats' positions (I.C. 0342/40)
(D.N.I. 1223/27)

One near S.W. Portugal or W. of Gibraltar.
One off Portugal possibly going North.
One N.W. of Spain patrolling.
One W. of Shetlands making for Muckle
Flugga..
One off Moray Firth.
One may be W. of Ireland North bound
about 53°- 54° N.

1123 54° 20'N, 7°E. Reliable (I.C.0343/40)

1722 58° 0'N, 1° 30'E approx. (I.C. 0343/40)
(D.N.I. 1835/27)

1500 1½ miles off Lynmouth. Sighted by fisherman (doubtful) (I.C. 0343/40) (F.O.I.C. Cardiff 1925/27) (C-in-C W.A. 1954/27). KEITH searching (KEITH 2131/27) Not considered likely this was a submarine (F.O.I.C. Cardiff 1214/28) (C-in-C W.A. 1950/28)

2300 59° 30'N, 3° 26'W, (15 miles N.W. of Noup Head) Conning tower sighted by Danish ARGENTINA (I.C. 0344/40) (V.A.N.P. 1755/28)

0145 N.W. of Ortegale by D/F (D.N.I. 0558/27)

0500 43° 30'N, 9° 30'W, reported 0500/27 by Al. Ouest (Brest Radio 0517/27, 1255/27)

North Atlantic

0730 14 miles S.W. of Cadiz, unknown British ship signalled British ship PELAYO that she had seen a submarine inshore. Report considered of doubtful value. (F.O.C.N.A. 0210/29) (Consul, Seville, 0001/28)

HOME COMMANDS.

Home Fleet.

C. in C. H.F. in RODNEY with WARSPITE and 8 destroyers escorting are 130 miles W. of Hebrides (0730/28) proceeding North to cover the Norwegian convoys. ARETHUSA delayed by weather, due to rendezvous with RODNEY and REPULSE 0900/29 west of Orkneys for gunnery practice. 295

Days at Sea.

ORION 102, HOTSPUR 103 (D.N.I. 2037/26).

Heavy Ships.

Re giving leave at Plymouth and making good defects (C. in C. Portsmouth 1037/28).

Northern Patrol.

Orkneys to Faroes 1 cruiser.
Faroes to Iceland 2 cruisers, 7 A.M.C.'s.
Denmark Strait 1 cruiser, 1 A.M.C.

C and D Cruisers.

All C and D class cruisers have left Northern Patrol except CARDIFF and DRAGON (V.A.N.P. 2222/28).

SOUTHAMPTON.

Delayed. Impossible to sweep South Tyne Channel at present owing to weather. (N.O.I.C. Newcastle on Tyne 0740/28).

Operations.THISTLE
TRUANT

Re Admiralty 1604. THISTLE to complete her patrol on line Lindesnes to Hantsholm and TRUANT in C4 in order to ascertain present route of German shipping. Not to operate in less depth than 30 fathoms. Further directions to TRUANT (Capt.(S) 2, 2222/28). Re Admiralty 1109/27, orders to Captain (S) 2 as above (R.A.(S) 1226/28) informing TRUANT that Fladen and Vinga Light Vessels have been withdrawn. (Capt.(S) 2, 1137/28).

S.C. 5.

To be carried out 30/1. Requesting air co-operation. (V.A.Dover 1809/28).

Suspicious Dutch Trawlers.

D.N.I. 2050/26, suspicion that Dutch trawlers are German vessels disguised. Reply (N.A. Hague, 1215/28).

French Forces.

Positions noon 29th. (D.C. 2327/28).

British Submarines.

Positions 0700/29. (D.C. 1845/28) (R.A.(S) 1608/28).

Fishing Area.

An area in vicinity of Bell Rock is available for fishing between latitude 56° 16' N. and 56° 30' N., west of longitude 2° 6' W. to the three-mile limit (D.T.D. 1711/28).

Western Approaches.

Orders to WHITSHED to sweep to meet AJAX (C.in C. W.A. 1754/28).

Mine Clearing.Trawlers

Employment 28/1. (Capt. M/S 1835/28).

Scapa.

No sweeping to-day. (Base W/T ship, Scapa 1830/28).

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- Aberdeen. M/S report nil due to gale (N.O. I.C. Aberdeen 1825/28).
- Humber. No sweeping to-day on account of weather. (F.O. Humber 1735/28).
- Swansea. No sweeping to-day. Fog. (Port M. S. Officer Swansea 1715/28).
- Rosyth. Orders to ESCAPADE (C. in C. Rosyth, 1653/28).
- Harwich. No sweeping to-day. To-morrow's programme (F.O. I.C. Harwich 1500/28).
- Tyne. Mine sweeping impossible. Wind S.E. heavy swell (F.O. I.C. Tyne 0605/28).

Enemy Mining.

- Unexplained Explosions. Heavy distant explosion north of Cromer 2030. Number of lights in vicinity. "String of 5 mines on surface" in 51° 33' N. between 2° 1' E. and 2° 14' E. Dutch type fishing boat in vicinity 1300/27. (N.C.S.O. Rotterdam, 0100/28). (F.O. Humber 2059/28 0540/29).

Air Reconnaissance.

- Manston Aerodrome. Unserviceable due to weather. Arrangements (H.Q. C.C. 1210/28).
- Air searches. C. in C. Rosyth 0430/28, 0952/28.

Normal air reconnaissance was restricted by the weather.

Convoys.

Request N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, and C.O. A.C. be informed of times of arrival at R.V. of all convcys (Ottawa, 1201/28).

- FN 81 Some ships unable to make the Tyne owing to the S.E. gale. Hove-to outside.
- HRX 18 Sailing telegram (Capt. D.Y. Halifax 1101/28).
All ships at Methil held up by weather. (C.in C. Rosyth 2324/28).
- FN 83 Postponed 24 hours (C. in C. Rosyth 1142/28).
- HX 16 B Arrived (N.O.I.C. Liverpool 1223/28).
- OA 81 Ships from St. Helens (N.C.S.O. Portsmouth 1913/28).
- ? H 9 (b) Sailed (N.C.S.O. Bergen. 2200/28).
- FS 83 Sailed 2315/28. (N.C.S.O. Tyne 2317/28).
- OB 82 R.V. route. Secret position. (N.C.S.O. Mersey. 1439/28, 1501/28).

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HX 19 HXF 19 Route (D.T.D. 1817/28, 1818/28).

Train Ferry (F.O.I.C. Harwich, 1656/28). 297
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OB Convoys. Routes for ships sailed independently, to avoid meeting OB convoys (C. in C. W.A. 1713/28).

MT Convoy leaving Methil 2300/28 for Tyne (C. in C. Rosyth 1208/28, 1321/28, 1946/28).

Ocean Convoys. Positions and Escorts (D.C. 2010/28). (C. in C. W.A. 1358/28).

East Coast. Destinations of East Coast ships (Admiralty 2232/28) (D.T.D. 1236/29).

FS 82 Anchored Knock Deep (Grimsby 1900/28).

HG 17 List (V.A.C.N.A. 1425/28) Additions (V.A.C.N.A. 1604/30).

HN 9 B List (D.T.D. 2232/28). N.C.S.O. Bergen 1517/28).

HGF 16 BRITISH GOVERNOR did not have route for approaching Plymouth. (D.T.D. 2255/28).

Escorts. Admiralty 1900/24 and F.O.C.N.A. 1952/25. Admiral Oust concurs in adoption of system for trial, which will commence with French escorting OG 17 and HGF 19 and British escorting OGF 18 and HG 19 (A.C.W.A. 1828/28).

Bristol Channel. Ships sailed independently to and from Bristol Channel ports, route (C. in C. W.A. 1715/28).

Casualties.

WOLFE Dragged anchor and holed in collision with WESTERN COAST (undamaged). 48 hours required for repairs before she can proceed on service. (F.O.I.C. Portland 1635/28).

EXMOUTH Bodies are being washed up at Wick and Lybster (C. in C. Rosyth 1715/28, 1613/29).

A.M.C's.

LACONIA To reach Halifax not later than 8/2.

VOLTAIRE To sail for Mediterranean forthwith.

QUEEN OF BERMUDA To be retained until working up practices are completed.

WOLFE May be sailed for Clyde if delay will be avoided in working up practices. (F.O.I.C. Portland 0820/28, D.O.D. (F). 1335/28).

Ship Overdue.

SYLVIA Swedish (1524 tons) left Hull 9/1 for Gothenburg. Has not been heard of since.

Breda Guns. Desired to investigate possibilities of Breda 20 mm. guns for naval service. (D.N.I. 1246/28 to C. in C. Med.)

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De-gaussing.

Preparations being made to demagnetise all H.M. Ships and merchant ships. 5,000,000 yards of cable should be completed in eleven weeks (D.N.I. 2037/26).

WEATHER.

0700	Wind.	Visibility.
North Sea	S.E. Strong to Gale.	Moderate.
Channel	E. Moderate.	Poor.
W. Approaches	S.W. Moderate.	Bad.
Outlook	Little sign of improvement.	

Enemy Intelligence.

Hamburg-Amerika Line. Has had to shut down completely (intercepted letter).

Ice in Belt and Sound. Reported owing to ice in the Belt and Sound German ships now crossing Skagerrak from the Naze to the Skaw or to Hantsholm (D.N.I. 1604/28). N.C.S.O. Bergen, 1237/28).

Enemy Warships. Finnish OSCAR MIDLING. Captain reported that on a previous voyage from the Baltic to Rotterdam he was detained in Hamburg 2 months without being allowed ashore. When in Brunsbittel in middle of December he saw the DEUTSCHLAND and ADMIRAL SCHEER and a Cruiser there. (Ramsgate 1030/28).

FINNO-RUSSIAN WAR.

An authoritative report on the sinking of the Finnish Presidential armed yacht AURA on January 13, states that the ship was torpedoed by a Russian submarine, while on convoy escort duty in the southern part of the Gulf of Bothnia. Another of the escorting ships dropped depth charges and the rest of the ships in the convoy escaped without further attack. The provision of escorts for convoys giving the Finnish naval command some difficulty for their motor launches are lightly built of wood and cannot be used in the ice conditions now prevailing. All they can use are a few ice-breakers and some small armed steamers of slow speed and not quick enough for anti-submarine work.

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South Atlantic.

Kobi Bay. CATHAY landed party to investigate suspected supply dump for S/M's, party could not be re-embarked owing to weather, should reach Durban 31/1 (N.O. I/C. Simons-town 0015/28).

Convoy SLF 18. Sailing Telegram (N.C.S .O. Freetown 1715/28).

Sabotage. Warning of time bombs in cotton bales from Pernambuco and Santos (Consul, Bahia, 1431/28).

North Atlantic.

French Positions. 1200/28 (D.C.0135/28).

OGF and HGF Convoys. Rearrangement to include ships of 9 knots. Admiral Ovest concurs in adoption of system for trial. To begin with OG 17 and HGF 19 and the British escorting OGF 18 and HG 19 (C.in C. W.A. 1828/28) See 24/1.

OGF 16. WISHART ordered to join (F.O.C.N.A. 1710/28).

HXF 18. Sailing telegram (Senior Canadian N.O. Halifax. 1102/28).

British Forces and Convoys. Positions (D.C. 2010/28, to B.N.L.O., Marceau).

America and West Indies.

HXF 18. Departure Halifax ALAUNIA as ocean escort, etc. (S.O.(I) Halifax 1145/28).

HX 19. Route (D.I.D. 1818/28).

S.S.MERCHANT PRINCE. Rapid development of fire indicates incendiaryism. (C.in C. A.W.I. 1945/28).

East Indies.

Shipping Routes. Re 1201/25 (? from Captain I/C. Ceylon, not to all addressees) regarding possible compromise of Route E.I. and 1137/2740/39 (not to Admiralty) re concentration of shipping in certain of the areas. Routes. (C.in C. E.I. 0655 Z/28).

China.

Japanese Boarding Officers. My 0515/26. My impression is that Japanese boarding officers normally sign the log. Have no records on the subject. Am enquiring from shipping companies (C.in C. China, 0255 Z/28) (N.L.O. Shanghai 0849 Z/28). No regular practice in this respect. (C.in C. China, 0317 Z/29).

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War Diary

28.1.40.
Sunday.

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South Atlantic

Bunkering

C. in C., S.A. 1115/26. Until enemy activity makes it necessary to prohibit vessels from calling at the Island or at Dakar it is desired to adhere to principles laid down in Adty. 1927/26 and to allow the commercial interests to select their own bunkering ports whenever possible. (A.C.N.S. 1629/28).

America & West Indies.

Fuelling
H.M. Ships

Adty. 1630/5. Following revised instructions sent by F.O. to Ambassador Santiago. Importance of H.M. Ships being able to rely on obtaining fuel in a neutral port in emergency. Avoid fuelling in neutral port unless absolutely necessary otherwise may find themselves debarred by 3 months' rule. cf. disastrous consequences which might have ensued if RENOWN and ARK ROYAL unable to fuel at Rio just before end of GRAF SPEE. Experience of last war, which is basis of policy in present War Memorandum shows there are several places on W. coast of S. America where fuelling normally possible outside 3 mile limit and number of other places inside territorial waters where chances of detection very small. H.M. ships normally to fuel outside territorial waters and if impossible then inside territorial waters in out of way anchorage and only in emergency in neutral port. Practical considerations must however override possible political consequences. Proposed reduction of 3 monthly period to 45 days more likely to.....



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South Atlantic.

WOLFSBURG. Sailing cancelled by agent after ship left quay. Ship ready for sea at short notice (B.C. Pernambuco 1105/28 (S.O.(I) Montevideo 1739/28).

North Atlantic.

Huelva reports 3 German ships sailed A.M. to-day escorted by Spanish gunboats. WISHART to remain in vicinity and investigate (F.O.C.N.A. 1009/28, 1230/28, 1439/28). (C.in C.W.A. 1751/31).

PORTO HELIOS. Now on way up river from Bonanza (Seville, 1730/28).

LARACHE. My 1103. Air reconnaissance report LARACHE still at Cadiz but ready for sea. (F.O.C.N.A. 2135/28 and 2357/28).

America and West Indies. (Continued)

Fuelling
H.M. Ships.
(continued)

to help men, since we are in better position to
maintain fuel stocks. No objection, however, to sub rosa concession by Chile if offered. (Hd. of M. 1602/28).

DESPATCH

R. of P. 16/12/39 - 13/1/40.
M. 06709/40.



U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING.

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Ships attacked.

- ESTON British (1487 tons) left Hull to join northbound convoy (FN 81). Not heard of since, but one of her boats and a body have been washed ashore near Blyth (D.C.N.S.30/1) (I.C. 0345/40) (F.O.I.C. Tyne 1740/29) (N.O.I.C. Blyth 1812/29). Dropped astern of Convoy FN 81 and went direct to Blyth, was proceeding in a dangerous area (D.C.N.S. 149). Appears probable that she was mined in danger area between 20 C Buoy and Blyth (I.C.0346/40) (C.in C. Rosyth 1244/30).
- ELENI Greek (5626 tons). Reported by survivors, 20 of whom STATHATOS. drifted ashore in an open boat after 4 days, (13 others having died of exposure) to have been torpedoed p.m. 28/1, position not known but believed S.W. of Ireland, 200 miles W. of Scillies (I.C. 0348/40). See Press Cuttings.

S/Ms. reported.

Estimate of positions of U-Boats. (I.C. 0343/40)
(D.N.I. 1150/28).

Position off Spain and Portugal is obscure; 2 U-Boats may still be there.

One in Bay of Biscay.

One S.W. of Hebrides homeward bound.

One E. of Shetlands homeward bound.

One in Moray Firth area.

North Atlantic.

- 0550 47° N. 8° 30' W. approx. (I.C. 0343/40)
(D.N.I. 0725/28) (C.in C. W.A. 0737/38).
- 2129 Off Portugal. May be as far west as 15° W. and possibly as far south as 35° N. (I.C. 0344/40) (F.O.C.N.A. 2210/28). D.F. bearing gave probable position 36° .18' N., 17° .00' W. (F.O.C.N.A.0521/29, 0540/29) Another report gave position of German submarine 34° .34' N., 17° .08' W. at 2130. (Toulon 0420/29) (D.C. 0152/29).
H.M.S. MANCHESTER at Scapa gave bearing of enemy unit, probably S/M, at 2129 as 347 degrees on reciprocal, fourth class. (A.C.O.S. 2227/28).



HOME COMMANDS

Home Fleet

C. in C. H.F. in RODNEY with REPULSE and 7 destroyers was between Cape Wrath and Faroes 0730/29, proceeding to cover the Norwegian convoys. Their firing practices arranged for today were cancelled on account of weather.

Northern Patrol

Orkneys to Faroes - 1 cruiser
Faroes to Iceland - 2 " 8 A.M.C.'s.
Denmark Strait ---- 1 " 1 "
Re. C. in C. H.F. 1334/25 asking which cruisers other than MANCHESTER, SHEFFIELD, NEWCASTLE and 1st C.S. can be regarded as available for Northern Patrol after 4/2. (F.O.18.C.S. to F.O. 2 C.S. 1643/30).

Contraband Control.

American ships not to be brought into combat area round British Isles. (M. Approved 1.S.L. 0118/29). (V.A.N.P. 0945/29) (M. 1828/39) (V.A.N.P.2225/29).

Air Reconnaissance

Normal air reconnaissance. Our fighters made contact on three occasions with aircraft attacking merchant ships, but were unable to retain it owing to cloud. One of the fighters was badly damaged by enemy fire but returned to its base.

Enemy Mining

A German parachute mine has been salvaged at Whitstable. (D.C.N.S. 147). Consider enemy will undertake further minelaying operations by surface craft during next dark night period in Tyne area in February. 12th D.F. to be employed in area Farne Islands to St. Abbs Head. Request destroyers may be lent me for area Tyne-Tees south of Tyne minefield. (C. in C. Rosyth 1854/29). German mine washed ashore at Amble 29/1. New condition. Strengthens my conviction that mines have been laid by surface vessels. (N.O.i/c Blyth 1702/29).

Minesweeping

Approaches to Scapa and Fleet anchorage must be thoroughly searched for magnetic mines by Feb.29th. Progress to be reported. (D.M.S. 1120/29).

Q.Z. Messages

Request clarification whether permitted to give text of Q.Z. messages referring to lights. (N.C.S.O. Bergen 1140/29).

Casualties

NEWCASTLE
STELLA SIRIUS)
KINGSTON)
CAIRNGORM)

Leak in oil fuel tank. (NEWCASTLE 1125/30).
Grounded off Selsey. (C. in C. Portsmouth 0648/29, 1022/30).

Ice

Summary of ice conditions (D.N.I.2021/29). Lyst completely blocked by ice. Seaplanes out of action. (Consul, Esbjerg 2235/29). Due to ice only powerful ships can navigate Elbe above Cuxhaven. (Consul, Esbjerg 1645/29)

Submarines

British positions 0700/30. (D.C.1900/29)

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Enemy Air Raid
on Shipping.

Summary of air attacks in Downs (V.A. Dover 2310/29)
 " " " " " Rosyth Command. (C. in
 C. Rosyth 1807/29).
 " " " " " (general) (D.C. 2110/29)

SS. SEVERNLEIGH

(5242 tons) attacked at same time as LLANWERN.
 SEVERNLEIGH and shore batteries fired at a/c.
 No particulars of any damage. Undamaged.
 (I.C. 0346/40).

LLANWERN

(4966 tons). Attacked 14 miles from N. pier
 Tynemouth. She had arrived at Tyne in convoy
 F.N. 81 at midnight 28/29/a.m. Heinkel bomber
 was sighted 0955/29 at height of 1000 ft. The
 a/c circled between 300 and 400 ft. and dropped
 7 bombs, all wide. Shore batteries opened fire
 and at 1011 a Bristol fighter chased the enemy
 eastward. No particulars of any damage.
 (D.C.N.S. 148). Bombed and machine gunned.
 (I.C. 0345/40) (F.O. i/c Tyne 1108/29)

IMPERIAL MONARCH

D.E.M.S. 4" L.A. (5831 tons) was bombed and
 machine gunned 0951 10 miles from Sandyness.
 Montrose at 0951. Bombed and machine gunned
 again off Tay, 6 miles N. of Bell Rock 1213
 (? 1155). Reported hit by bombs and making
 water. Proceeding Leith (D.C.N.S. 148) No
 casualties (I.C. 0345/40) (Distress Signal
 intercept 0951/29, 1215/29) No casualties.
 Unable to proceed Leith/till high water.
 (C. in C. Rosyth 2340/29, 1649/30).

STANBURN sunk

(2881 tons) was bombed and machine gunned near
 Outer Dowsing Lt. V. 0903 and 0922 with GRIPFAST.
 No damage. (D.C.N.S. 148) 0902-0946 off E.
 Dudgeon Lt. V. (I.C. 0345/40). Appear to be
 only 3 survivors. (I.C. 0346/40) (STANBURN
 0903/29, 0908/29) (F.O. Humber 0930/29, 0955/29)
 Bombed and sunk 1225 off Flamborough (D.C.N.S.
 150) Full description (Customs, Hull 1330/30).

OTTERPOOL

D.E.M.S. 4" L.A., 12 pdr. H/A (4876 tons), was
 bombed and machine gunned 0936 when anchored off
 Tay. (Distress signal intercept 0936/29).
 Damage to boats and upper works. Two men
 wounded. 10 bombs dropped. (D.C.N.S. 148)
 Berthed Dundee (I.C. 0345/40). Undamaged except
 boats and upper works. 2 men seriously
 wounded. (N.O.I.C. Dundee 1825/29.)

MIRIAM

See note to
 MARIAN.

(1903 tons) bombed and machine gunned 1142 16
 miles West of West Hinder Lt. V. No
 particulars of damage. (D.C.N.S. 148) 1735
 (believed same vessel) attacked in Downs.
 3 bombs. No damage (D.C.N.S. 148) (North
 Foreland Radio 1142/29).

EAST DUDGEON
LIGHTSHIP

Was found badly damaged by Sheringham life boat.
 boats missing, no trace of crew. (D.C.N.S. 148).
 Only one survivor (I.C. 0346/40) (F.O. Humber
 1853/29, 1018/30, 1200/30. Bodies of crew washed
 up near Mablethorpe a.m. 30/1. Seven dead, one
 condition serious. (M. 1336/30) (C. in C. Rosyth
 1450/30).



Air Raid on Shipping.

STANBURN

Minute Sheet, ref. WR/1940 and B. of T., 1.3.40, 25 lives lost, including master and officers. 3 survivors hauled aboard GRIPFAST when raft capsized. Vessel sank in 25 minutes. No warning given. First attacked at 0900, about 8 bombs dropped, no hits or damage. Two bombs dropped on second attack about 1205, both direct hits, one dropping into engine room and the other in No. 3 hold.

GRIPFAST

B. of T., 2/2/40, 13/2/40 and Minute Sheet, ref. Marine A.2. No warning given. Bombed and machine gunned at 0900 without result. Again attacked at 1225 by same aircraft which sank STANBURN. 4 bombs dropped, 3 of which damaged the ship. Vessel anchored in Bridlington Bay. In trying to enter Bridlington Harbour at H.W. in unfavourable weather struck South Pier and lay alongside all night, pounding heavily. Eventually beached clear of pier. Floated 9/2 by Adty. Salvage Branch.

Miscellaneous

American
Ships

✓ No American ship is in any circumstances or upon any protest to be brought by British Naval forces into the combat area around the British Isles, as declared by President Roosevelt (Hd. of M. 0118/29).

HOME COMMANDS (Contd.)BRITISH OFFICER

(Tanker 6990 tons) bombed 1155 off N. Foreland. 51. 35. N., 1.50 E. (Distress signal 1155/29). No particulars of damage. (D.C.N.S. 148) 51° 35' N. 1° 50' E. (I.C.0345/40).

DAN-Y-BRYN

(5117 tons) attacked 1149 off N. Foreland 51.35 N 1.50 E. No particulars of damage (D.C.N.S.148) 51° 35' N. 1° 50' E. (I.C.0345/40) (North Foreland Radio 1210/29 (1205/29) (Scheveningen Radio 1146/29).

TAUTMILA

0900. Latvian (3724 tons) bombed 5 miles N.W. Smith's Knoll and set on fire. Aircraft continued to bomb crew when in boat. 16 survivors landed, including wife of Captain (Press), 8 missing, 7 believed dead, 1 adrift in another boat. (Steamer reported ashore South Haisboro' may be this ship.) (D.C.N.S. 148). Ashore at Bacton, one injured survivor on board was landed. (I.C.0346/40) (N.O.I.C. Yarmouth 1700/29, 0900/30, 1800/29).

ATHELMONARCH

British tanker (8995 tons) gunned 1148 off Thames. No damage (D.C.N.S.148) 7 miles S.S.E. Kentish Knock (I.C.0345/40) (North Foreland Radio 1205/29) Intercept 1228, machine flown away after burst gunfire. (North Foreland Radio 1243/29).

Convoy F.S.83. }
 PELICAN }
 VIVIAN }

Attacked 0906 by 3 aircraft off Whitby from 6,000 ft. One bomb astern. A/c's apparently driven off by gunfire. 0930 Convoy F.S. 83 attacked 54° 28' N. 0° 22' W. by one a/c. No damage. (D.C.N.S. 148).

HAMSTERLEY
 KNITSLEY (British
 2272 tns)

British (2160 tons). Machine gunned off N. Foreland 1155. 51.35 N. 1.50 E. No particulars of damage (D.C.N.S. 148. (Burnham on Sea Radio. recd. 1320/29).

GALLOPER Lt. V.

Machine gunned 1159 by 1 a/c. No particulars of damage. (D.C.N.S. 148) (North Foreland Radio 1205/29)

WELLPARK

British (4649 tons) bombed 1205 and 1228 off Thames. No damage (D.C.N.S. 148) Gunned (only) 1200 - 1220 near Galloper Lt. V. 320° 8 miles Kentish Knock. (I.C.0345/40) (North Foreland Radio, 1205/29, 1220/29, 1251/29. WELLPARK 1234/29).

H.M.S. COVENTRY

At Sullum Voe was attacked 1245 by 3 a/c's. 4 bombs. No damage. 8 bombs aimed at indicator nets. (D.C.N.S. 148) Slight damage to MANELA (I.C.0345/40) (COVENTRY 1245/29)

GRIPFAST

British (1109 tons) bombed and machine gunned 0900 and 1225. No particulars of time or position. 1 man drowned, several injured. Vessel making water. Docking Bridlington. (D.C.N.S. 148). 1100 Near Flamborough.

HOME COMMANDS (Continued)

GRIPFAST (Contd.) (I.C.0346/40) (F.O. Humber 1745/29) Time of attack 1228 (D.C.N.S. 150) Full description. (Customs, Hull 1330/30.

PARAFE

French (2423 tons) attacked 1718 in Downs. No particulars of damage. (D.C.N.S.148) (North Foreland Radio 1718/29).

LINDISFARNE

(British ~~1000~~⁹⁹⁹ tons) bombed off Hartlepool, time not known. Two torpedo shaped objects also dropped, just ahead, no parachutes attacked. No damage (D.C.N.S.) 54° 55' N. 1° 9' W. (I.C.0345/40) (F.O.I.C. Tyne 1820/29).

MARIAN (MIRIAM ?) (British 1903 tons). 3 bombs dropped 1735. No Some confusion damage (I.C.0345/40) (North Foreland Radio exists between 1827/29).
MARIAN and SORRENTO.
Latter changed her name to MIRIAM 1938.

KNITSLEY

British (2272 tons) gunned 51°35' N. 1°50' E. 1320. (I.C.0345/40).

2 Steamers

Off Yarmouth. (F.O.Humber 1210/29).

SOUTH PORT

570 tons, on arrival Methil 1/2 reported N.C.S.O. that he was bombed off Flamborough Head at 1130/29 No hits, no casualties. 11 bombs and what skipper called 2 aerial torpedoes dropped. A/C then machine-gunned him from 130 ft. Bullets had great penetration. (C. in C. Rosyth 1035/1/2)

SORRENTO

Bombed and gunned 16 miles West of Humber Lt. V. (I.C. 0345/40) (North Foreland Radio 1142/29)

Trawlers Attacked

RIGOLETTO 1050 53° 40' N. 3° E. 20 incendiary bombs dropped, also machine gunned. Skipper George Clark and mate Walter Durant, killed. (I.C.0345/40)
Third hand cut gear and brought ship into port. (Report from S.O.(I) Humber, 30/1).

ALCOMA 1115 53° 40' N. 2° 55' E. Machine gunned. No damage (I.C.0345/40)

THRACIAN 1130 53° 40' N. 2° 55' E. Machine gunned. 1
& 1230 casualty. (I.C.0345/40)

PRINCE VICTOR 1100 53° 57' N. 2° 25' E. Machine gunned, ship badly damaged, 2 casualties. Single engined fighter. (I.C. 0345/40).

All the above trawlers were unarmed.

It is reported that a German a/c has been sighted for the last 7 days at 1030 in approx. 53° 40' N. 3° E. (I.C. 0345/40).

General signals of attacks (in addition to summaries quoted above) - H.M.S. VIVIEN 0930/29, F.O.Humber, 0945/29, 1210/29.

HOME COMMANDS (Continued)Trawlers Attacked
(Continued)

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There was also an air attack on the Shetlands 29/1, no damage. It has been suggested that there may be some connection between these raids (24/1 and 29/1), and movements of enemy surface vessels, the object being to restrict our flying boat patrols (N.I.D. 01507/39).

Convoy F.S. Being attacked by enemy a/c's off Ravenscar. (F.O. Humber 0945/29).

SHARK Sailing postponed till weather moderates. (C. in C. Nore 0439/29).

CONVOYS

Rosyth Convoy leaving 1830 today. (C. in C. Rosyth 1234/29).
Owing to weather, improbable that large convoy will be able to sail. (C. in C. Nore 2212/29).

FS. 83 A. .. Sailed (N.C.S.O. Tyne 2330/29) (C. in C. Rosyth 1244/29) with FLEETWOOD and BITTERN (N.O.I.C. Newcastle 2335/29) List (N.C.S.O. Tyne 1745/29)

OA. 82 Positions (N.C.S.O. Thames 1239/29) (1032/29) (WINDSOR 2334/29) Ships joining from St. Helens (N.C.S.O. Portsmouth, 1716/29).

ON. 9 Arrived rendezvous 27/12 (Bergen 1115/29)

HN. 9 Route. (D.T.D. 1935/29)

HN. 9A Position (- - ? 2008/29)

HN. 9B Route. (D.T.D. 1935/29) (N.C.S.O. Bergen 1145/29).

FS. 84 Programme (C. in C. Rosyth 1834/29)

FN. 83 Request for air protection (C. in C. Nore 1822/29)

MT. 1 & 2 Methil for Tyne. Orders (C. in C. Rosyth 1138/29, 1218/39) MT. 1 cancelled (VEGA 1805/29).

MT. 1 Cancelled weather. (VEGA 1805/29)

HXF 18 Sailing telegram (D.T.D. 1518/29) Destination of DALDORCH altered to London (D.T.D. 1938/29).

HN. 10 List (Bergen 1645/29)

OB. 82 Sailed (N.C.S.O. Mersey, 1449/29)

OA. 80G Position and course amended (C. in C.W.A. 1354/29 correcting 1303/29).

SLF. 18 Details (D.T.D. 1814/29) Escort etc. (D.T.D. 1813/29).
Situation of convoys at 2000/29. (C. in C.W.A. 1303/29).

HX. 17 Destinations. (D.T.D. 1359/29).

HX. 19 Rendezvous (C.O. Atlantic Coast 0947/29).

OA. 81 Additions (N.C.S.O. Thames 1038/29) WREN with Portsmouth Section. (C. in C. Portsmouth 0430/29).

FS. 83 List. (N.C.S.O. Tyne 0945/29) Cancels 1700/28.

FN. 82 Cancelled, weather. (C. in C. Rosyth 0920/29).

HGF. 18 Route. (D.T.D. 1937/29) VANOC with HGF 16B. arrived. (N.O.I.C. Liverpool 1750/29).

HG. 16 Position. (C. in C.W.A. 1912/29) Orders and Route (C. in C.W.A. 1003, 1009/29, 1432/30).

HGF. 17 Sailing telegram. (F.O.C.N.A. 1802 and 1806/29) Escort (S.O.(I)Gib., 1528/29)

OGF. 17 Route. (C. in C.W.A. 0942/29.)



HOME COMMANDS (Continued)

Western Approaches, disposition of forces,
(C. in C. 1904/29).

Convoy Escorts Commencing with OG.17 French will escort OG and HGF convoys, and with OGF 18 British will escort OGF and HG convoys (D.T.D. 0116/29).

Convoy Speed Lower Speed limit of ships for inclusion on OGF and HGF convoys reduced from 10 to 9 knots.
(D.T.D. 1815/29)

Convoys Positions (D.C. 1922/29, to B.N.L.O. Marceau)
(C. in C.W.A. 1303/29, 1354/29).

Unescorted Ships Destinations (D.T.D. 1358/29).
Up channel routes to be southward of a line joining 180 degs. Lizard 20 miles and 180 degs. Beachy Head 10 miles. (D.T.D. 2024/29)

WEATHER

<u>0400</u>	<u>Wind</u>	<u>Visibility</u>
North Sea	S.E. Strong to gale	Moderate
Channel	E. Fresh	Poor
W. Approaches	S. Moderate	Moderate

Outlook:- Winds moderating slowly.

Enemy Intelligence.

B.2 report that an enemy patrol is maintained between mouth of River Ems and Borkum Riff and occasionally as far south as the Texel.
(D.N.I. 1527/29)

KARLSRUHE

Cruiser KARLSRUHE reported to have left Elbe 23/1 with no unusual change in appearance. (C.3.)
(D.N.I. 1325/29) (Consul, Esbjerg 1115/29)
(Had been reported converted into a seaplane carrier) (D.N.I. 1947/14th Oct.)

FINNO-RUSSIAN WAR.

Re. reports that all Russian ships have orders to return to Soviet ports by 31/1 (Adty. 1921/27) Reply No. (C. in C. Med. 1755/30) No confirmation. (Re. Adty. 1920/27) (N.A. Hague 1205/30).



FOREIGN STATIONS.

China.

Russian Ships

Admty 1921/27, asking for confirmation of reports that Russian merchant ships have orders to return to Soviet ports. No indications on ships in harbour but reactions of SELENGA are being watched. DNEPROSTROI left Manila to arrive Cebu 31/1. (C. in C. China 0932Z/29).

Moller Line

Re ships of, frequently infringing Adty. W/T silence regulations. Asking for guidance. (C. in C. China 0855/29).

ASAMA MARU

Information from captured Germans. All crews in Panama Transport Co. ships being replaced by Americans and repatriated by Standard Oil Co. to avoid maintenance. (C. in C. China, 0501Z/29). Undesirable at present to stop any Japanese ship to remove Germans. (M.1640/29, re C. in C. China 0503/25).

Use of Air Mail.

To reduce L/T expenditure and W/T congestion intend to send messages on China Station and between China Station and Admiralty by air mail in code or cypher when this delay can be accepted. (C. in C. China 0817Z/29).

KANIMBLA shadowed

H.M.S. KANIMBLA, patrolling in accordance with my 0210/24, shadowed by Japanese aircraft since that date. On 28/1 aircraft circled ship at 100 yards range. Have instructed her not to proceed within 100 miles of main Japanese coast during daylight hours unless interception of enemy shipping necessitates. (C. in C. China 0252Z/29).



29. 1. 40.
Monday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

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East Indies

Forces I & M.

Sumatra

Intentions for RAMILLIES, HOBART (former to Australia, latter dock at Colombo). Force I. composed of SUSSEX, EAGLE and HOBART covering Transport ANDES escorted by RANCHI to Colombo, then operate in Ceylon area. Force M. leave Ceylon area when Force I, arrives and cover ANDES to Achin Head. Then SUFFREN refit at Saigon, KENT return to Colombo. GLOUCESTER to Colombo about 5/3, accompany EAGLE to Achin Head when latter on 16/3 proceeds to Singapore to refit. GLORIOUS after refit at Malta meet KENT at Aden, about mid March and proceed in company to Colombo, then take EAGLE's place in Force I. GLOUCESTER will operate independently. KENT to sail for Fremantle end of March; subsequent movements. EAGLE and SUFFREN return from refit mid-April. EAGLE then relieve GLORIOUS in Force I. and Force M. will be reconstituted with GLORIOUS, GLOUCESTER, SUFFREN. Force I, will escort Convoy US 2 from Colombo to Aden and Force M. will operate in Colombo area. KENT refit Colombo 21/4 then replace GLOUCESTER in Force M.

SUSSEX ...



FOREIGN STATIONS (Contd.)

Forces I. & M.

(Continued)

SUSSEX refit after KENT, her place in Force I. being taken by GLOUCESTER and SYDNEY. Perim, Persian Gulf, Chagos and Seychelles patrols unchanged. (C. in C.E.I. 1134Z/29).

America and West Indies

SS. MERCHANT PRINCE.

Question of incendiaryism (C. in C.A.W.I. 1945/28, recd. 0950/29).

German Nationals.

Suggested interception of Dr. Heinz Wiers and German naval officers from VON SPEE in Japanese ship HEIYO MARU. (Charge d'Affaires, Lima, 2030/29) - see 30/1.

South Atlantic

Falklands Depot

R.A.S.A.D. 0954Z/26. Concur with his remarks and consider a stores depot ashore necessary. (C. in C.S.A. 1820/29)

Flagship Change

Flag of R.A.S.A.D. to be transferred from ACHILLES to HAWKINS 29/1. ACHILLES to proceed New Zealand via Falklands for refit. (Secret Branch Acquaint, 380, 27/1).

SL. 19 Convoy.

Your 1019/29. SL. 19 destinations confirmed. (D.T.D. 1202/30)

S/m.

Press report that unidentified s/m was sighted off Brazil coast 29/1. (B.U.P.450C/1/2/40).

Mediterranean

TINTERN ABBEY

Sabotage see 30/1.

Shipping Routes

Amendment of my 1707/18/10. (C. in C. Med. 1947/29)

W/T Interference

Interference on 115 Kc/s from a station R7Y 578 332° from Malta. Request may be identified and if possible stopped. (C. in C. Med. 1314/29)

TONNO

Asking for details of Italian fishing vessel TONNO boarded 21/10/39 by s/m H.49. Position was 1 mile Cape Matapan in Greek territorial waters. (D.E.W.D. to C. in C. Med. 0012/30).

North Atlantic

Convoy

HGF 17 sailing telegram. (F.O.C.N.A. 1802/29).

U.S. Mail

Admty. 1737/27 (U.S. mails for Northern neutrals). No visible change in quantity of mail passing through Gibraltar westbound. (F.O.C.N.A. 1932/29).

CARBONELLO
ARRIVABENA

Italian Tanker in ballast for Las Piedras reported sunk in mid Atlantic (Maracaibo 1645/29) ? wrecked on coast of Morocco, South of Casablanca.



GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS.

Home Commands

PORTO)
 HELIOS) Loading at Costa Quay (Seville 1800/29).

SEVILLA at jetty astern of HELIOS (Seville 1800/29)

ALTONA arrived Kopervik 27/1 for Narvik. (D.N.I. 1602/29)
 N.C.S.O. Bergen 1320/29)

ANHALT Left Narvik with ore night 27-28/1 " "
 (Narvik 1209/29).

ODIN Now loading Narvik, probably sailing tonight.
 (D.N.I. 1602/29) (Narvik 1209/29)

TAURINGEN Trawler, passed Tromsø southbound 1130/29.
 (Tromsø 1154/29)

NORDWEST Sailed (Gothenburg 1049/29)

RAUENFELS Now at Trondheim undergoing repairs after
 grounding 14/1. (I.C.0345/40) (Trondheim 1100/29).

TRAUTENFELS Also at Trondheim awaiting new rudder. (I.C.
 0345/40) (Trondheim 1100/29).

America & West Indies.

FRISIA German ship FRISIA supplying water today to
 - ? German ship SEATTLE. (S.O.(I) Kingston 2212/29).

North Atlantic

LARACHE My 1103/28. If you have nothing to report by
 0730, HERO and HASTY proceed Gibraltar.
 (F.O.C.N.A. 0400/29).



U-BOAT CAMPAIGN
AND MINING.

Ships Attacked.

NORA

Dutch motor schoot (298 tons) struck a mine one mile E. of Deal C.G. station at 0725/29. Salvage tug towed her to shore and she was beached near Deal pier. All crew believed saved. 1 man injured (D.C.N.S. 30/1) (I.C. 0345/40) One serious casualty who is expected to recover. (D.C.N.S. 149).

S/m's Reported

U-boat dispositions. (D.N.I. 1227/29)

0727

D.F. reliable fix 53° 22' N. 4° 30' E.
(D.N.I. 0818/29)

1805

D.F. reliable fix 49° 30' N. 06° 30' W.
(C. in C.W.A. 1937/29)

1628

D.F. Unreliable fix. 57° N. 00° 40' E.
(D.N.I. 1722/29)

2217

Very approx. 51° N. 11° 30' W. (I.C.0345/40)

Attacks on indicated ^{or} nets at Sullum Voe today may be connected with submarines operating in your area. (F.O.C.O.S. to COVENTRY 1755/29)

S/m's attacked.

Ships attacked.

EIKA

pm.

Torpedoed approx. 48°N 10°30'W (IC 0367/40)
(Dormer, Oslo 1415/1/3)



HOME COMMANDS.

Air Raid on Shipping.

Enemy aircraft carried out the heaviest attacks yet made on shipping. Some 36 ships were attacked in all at points ranging from Orkneys to Goodwins. Two British ships were sunk and five possibly sunk as unsalvageable. No neutrals appear to have been attacked. Attacks were made with bomb and machine gun and there were few survivors from the ships sunk. A number of casualties were caused by machine gun fire. Among the attacks was one on Convoy F.S.83; this attack was driven off by the escorts and no damage done.

In general, when ships had an A.A. gun and were able to reply the attacks were not pressed. One enemy aircraft was reported down off Lowestoft. A/S trawler BRADMAN investigated but saw nothing, trawlers claim to have damaged 2 more. One Spitfire fighter aircraft is reported missing.

East Coast Convoy F.S.83.

Bombed at 1120, 20 miles E. of Cromer, and again attacked at 1136 off Whitby and 1153. No damage. Escort opened fire and kept the aircraft from carrying out close attacks. (D.C.N.S.149). 4 ships became detached. CALCUTTA, GLOWWORM escorting (GREYHOUND 1320/30) (FLEETWOOD 1153/30).

NIGER and ships of 5th M.S.F.

Minesweeper. Was attacked at 1215, 20 bombs, damage negligible, 1 k, 2 w. (D.C.N.S.149) off Invergordon (I.C.0346/40) (R.A. Invergordon 1605/30, C. in C. Rosyth 1929/30).

M/S Trawlers and A/S Trawlers.

LARWOOD
BLACKFLY
LADY SHIRLEY
RUSSELL
SCOTTISH
BENVOLIO
LIFFEY
ST. DONATS
CAPE CHELYUSKIN
PELTON
RODMORE

Were attacked at 1233 and 1300 off Humber, but aircraft was driven off by gunfire and 2 enemy planes were reported damaged. No direct hits appear to have been scored, but some damage was caused to A/S trawlers, 5 of which require docking. (D.C.N.S.149). A/S LARWOOD, no casualties, damaged in engine room and bridge (N.O.i/c Yarmouth 1300/30) Look-out trawler attacked in position M by one aircraft (I.C.0346/40). BLACKFLY (S.T.) attacked near E. Dudgeon Shoal Buoy. A/S gear ~~out~~ out of action. (I.C.0346/40). SCOTTISH (S.T.) attacked 18' S.E. of Duncansby Hd. No damage (I.C.0346/40). Ships of 5th M.S.F. in company with NIGER were attacked 1224 off Invergordon (I.C.0346/40). BENVOLIO see later. LIFFEY see later.

Humber Lt.V.

Bombed without success at 1200. Attacked by machine gunfire, no damage, no casualties. (F.O. Humber, 1233/30, 1744/3/2).



HOME COMMANDS (Contd.)

Kentish Knock
Lt.V.

Bombed without success at 1700 (D.C.N.S.149).

ROYAL CROWN

(4364 tons) sunk off Thames (D.C.N.S. 149)
Bombed and machine gunned 15 miles S. of Smith's
Knoll Lt. Vessel. Set on fire and abandoned.
(I.C.0346/40) (N.O.i/c Yarmouth 1830/30).
Bi-weekly telegram 31/1 says "probably sunk".

GIRALDA
sunk.

(2178 tons) collier, sunk off Orkneys (D.C.N.S.149)
Bombed and machine gunned 1140 off Copinsay. 15
bodies washed ashore (I.C.0346/40)(A.C.O.S.1345/30,
2243/30). Presumed sunk (D.C.N.S.150)(GIRALDA
1140/30) 19 bodies recovered (A.C.O.S.2243/30).

CORYTON
sunk.

(4553 tons) reported by French W/T sunk off
Yarmouth (D.C.N.S. 149). Note on D.C.N.S.150
in M.S. (? by N.I.D. 19) says "not sunk, arrived
Downs". Admiralty Bi-Weekly Telegram. Part II
31/1, however, says sunk.

STANCOURT

(965 tons) ashore off Orkneys (D.C.N.S.149).
Attacked off Fay Fairway Buoy. Ashore on
Abertay Sands. Abandoned (I.C.0346/40) (C.in C.
Rosyth 1929/30, Farsund Radio 1343/30). Crew
saved. Hope to salve at daylight. (N.O.i/c,
Dundee 1910/30).

~~BANK~~CREST

(4450 tons) on fire and abandoned off Wick
(D.C.N.S. 149) (A.C.O.S.2243/30, JAVELIN
rescued crew, one man lost (JAVELIN 1717/30)
D.C.N.S.150 says sunk, but this is deleted in
pencil (? by N.I.D.19). (Wick Radio 1237/30)
(A.C.O.S.2243/30, 1345/30, C.in C.Rosyth 1929/30,
~~BANK~~CREST 1211/30, 1252/30, A.C.O.S. 1315/30,
to JAVELIN).

HIGHWAVE
sunk.

(1178 tons) attacked at 1715 sunk off Kentish
Knock Lt.V. (D.C.N.S.149). Identity not
definitely established. Seen to sink 1715.
(I.C.0346/40) Bombed (D.C.N.S.150) Sunk.
18 survivors 2 w. rescued by Dutch ship.
(I.C.0347/40)(N.C.S.O.Rotterdam 2150/31).

VOREDA

Tanker (7216 tons) D.E.M.S. 4" L.A. was near
Convoy F.S. 83 when attacked and went ashore
on Winterton Ridge, off Norfolk coast. Weather
too bad for salvage. Crew taken off by VIVIEN,
(VIVIEN 1220/30, 1426/30).

War Diary.

30.1.40.
Tuesday.

HOME COMMANDS (Contd.)

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TILBURYNESS (279 tons) attacked in Barrow Deep 1114. No damage (I.C.0346/40)(Chatham 1114/30)(C. in C. Nore 1153/30).

TRAIN FERRY No.82 (?No.2) 2 aircraft in sight 1120 off Waplin Sands. No attack (I.C.0346/40) (C.in C. Nore, 1153/30).

LADY SHIRLEY Steam trawler. Bombed 1137 10 miles E.N.E. of Bell Rock. No damage (I.C.0346/40) (LADY SHIRLEY 1136/30)(C.in C. Rosyth 1929/30).

Unknown ship. Bombed 1153 20 miles S.E. of Wick (I.C.0346/40) (C.in C.Rosyth 1929/30).

Unknown ship. Reported by CORYTON attacked abeam Yarmouth. (F.O. Humber 1142/30).

UMGENI (8000 tons) attacked 1206 52°22'N, 2°5' E. (I.C.0346/40).

JERSEY QUEEN (910 tons) attacked off Haisboro' Lt. V. 1200 (I.C.0346/40) (F.O. Humber 1208/30).

MONFLEURAISE French (1782 tons) attacked off Haisboro' Lt. V. (I.C.0346/40) (D.C.2044/30).

BENVOLIO (S.T.) attacked 1210 off Humber. No damage. (I.C.0346/40) (F.O. Humber 1210/30).

ULLSWATER) 10th A/S S.F. in company attacked 12 miles S.E. of Duncansby Head. 1140 ULLSWATER'S engines were damaged. Taken in tow by SCOTTISH, taken over by SIKH, arrived Scapa 0300/31. Will have to be towed to Aberdeen for repairs (A.C.O.S.1345/30, 1831/1, 2243/30, C.in C. Rosyth 1929/30, SCOTTISH 1202/30, 1220/30.)

BRITISH TRIUMPH Tanker (8502 tons) Attacked near Goodwin Sands 1299. No damage. (I.C.0346/40). (N. Forland Radio 1245/31).

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- CITY OF BATH Br.5079 tons. Attacked 1230 and 1402 off Tay Fairway Buoy. No damage (I.C. 0346/40) (GREENWICH 1403/30, C.in C.Rosyth 1929/30, CITY OF BATH 1230/30, F.O.C.O.S.1841/30 to JAVELIN, JAVELIN 1717/30).
- LIFFEY M/S trawler. Attacked near Humber Lt.V.1233. aircraft driven off (I.C.0346/40)(F.O. Humber 1233/30).
- BALTROVER 4916 tons. Attacked Tyne 1318, W/T damaged. (I.C.0346/40) (C.in C. Rosyth 1929/30).
- ST. DONATS M/S trawler. Attacked off Humber 1600. No damage. (I.C.0346/40).
- Unknown ship. Attacked 1610 off Burgh Hd. (I.C.0346/40).
- Unknown ship. Attacked 1640 off Bridlington. Report by C.G's. (I.C.0346/40).
- CAPE CHELYUSKIN A/S trawler attacked 1630 off Humber vicinity of Chequer Shoal. Unit Officer, Lt.Com. J.I. Miller R.N.R. wounded. (I.C.0346/40). Ship in Royal Dock with A/S gear out of action. (F.O.Humber 2253/30).
- SEVERN LEIGH 5242 tons. Attacked 1656 off Tyne (I.C.0346/40) Bombed and gunned (GREENWICH 1656/30, C.in C. Rosyth 1929/30).
- Unknown Ship. Attacked 1715 near Cromer (I.C.0346/40).
- PELFON (by A/c) (S/T) Attacked 1715 off Yarmouth. One casualty. (I.C.0346/40) Damage see 31/1.
- BLACKFLY A/S trawler attacked 1145 off Humber, vicinity of East Dudgeon. Taken to Royal Dock with A/S gear out of action. (F.O.Humber 2253/30).



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INLAND STAR)
RUFLANDSHIRE)
BERKSHIRE)

A/S trawlers, understood to have been attacked off Humber and damaged. (I.C.0346/40).

RODMORE

Press report states that she was attacked at same time as BLACKFLY (1145/30) near East Dudgeon Shoal Buoy. Appears to have escaped undamaged. (I.C.0347/40).

RUSSELL

S/T. Was attacked 1130 in 53° 50' N. 2°55' E. It is reported that after crew had abandoned ship darts were dropped at their boats. They subsequently returned on board. (I.C.0347/40)

LARWOOD

A/S trawler. No casualties. Damaged in engine room and bridge. (N.O.i/c Yarmouth 1300/30) Repairs, see 31/1.

SCOTTISH

(S/T) Attacked 18 miles S.E. of Duncansby Head. No damage. (I.C.0346/40. C.in C. Rosyth 1803/30).



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- H.M.S. PELICAN Standing by tanker was bombed, drove off a/c by gunfire (PELICAN 1126/30, 1136/30).
- CARLTON Trawler, 54°5'N, 2°0'E. Attacked at 1330. Undamaged. A/C was considered to be a Junkers 8.8 (dive bomber). only one bomb was dropped, which exploded on the bottom (depth of water 32 fathoms) (I.C.0350/40).
- IRANIAN Trawler 52°54'N, 1°40'E (6 miles S.S.E. Cromer Lt. V.) Attacked at 1200 by machine-gun fire only by twin engined fighter. Slight damage (I.C.0350/40).
- RISKATO Trawler 52°48'N, 2°10'E. Machine gunned and bombed at 1300. No casualties, no damage. Bombs again were of delay action type, exploding in 30 fathoms. (I.C. 0350/40).
- PEKEN)
TARTAN) Trawlers attacked 1145 at entrance to Humber by 2 a/c's. Both undamaged (I.C.0350/40).
- ERSICAN Trawler, 53°26'N, 2°40'E attacked at 1210 by a D.O. 17. Slightly damaged by incendiary bomb and machine gun fire. No casualties (I.C.0350/40).
- Contraband Control. American ships not to be brought in or sent in and in no circumstances taken south of a line joining 58°N., 20°W., and 62°02 E. (V.A.N.P. 2225/29 recd, 2349/30).
- Dundee S/M Base. Permanent S/M base to be established at Dundee (P.D.O 8060/39). River class and minelaying S/M's to be based at Dundee when shore accomodation available (M.O.1785/40).
- SEVERN)
CLYDE) From foreign service. To be temporarily attached to 6th S.M. Flotilla at Blyth (M.O.1788/40).

WEATHER.

	<u>Wind</u>	<u>Visibility.</u>
North Sea and Horns Reef.	S.E. strong gale at times in North.	Moderate
Channel and W. Approaches.	N. Moderate.	Poor.



Air Raid on Shipping

STANCOURT
1220
damaged.

Minute Sheet, WR/1940, and B. of T.,
27.2.40.

Bombed and machine gunned. No lives lost. Crew remained on board. Taken off by Broughty Ferry lifeboat after grounding.

Attacked 1220 by aircraft with machine gunfire. 6 attacks in all. In one attack four bombs dropped, no hits. Attacks lasted 15 minutes. When entering River Tay, vessel ran aground in heavy snow squall. Refloated by Naval authorities 1345/23/2. See also M.02892/40.

BANCREST
1205
sunk

Minute sheet, W.R./1940, and B. of T.,
13.2.40.

Over 30 bombs dropped, 3 exploding on ship, which sank about 1600. 1 man lost. Crew took to boats except Master and 3 men who remained trying to extinguish fire. Entered the lifeboat when the vessel took a heavy lurch, and one man lost when boat cut in two by a davit as ship turned over. Position 232 46 miles from Wick.

First hit 12.24 two more at 12.30. One aircraft returned and machine-gunned men making for the boats, but no one was hit.

CITY OF BATH

Master considers ship was saved by H.A. gun. (M.02892/40).



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BLACKFLY) H.M. Trawlers, engagement with enemy
CAPE CHELYUSKIN) aircraft (C. in C., Nore,) M.02906/40.

ROYAL CROWN 1100. Minute Sheet Ref. WR/1940, and B. of T., 2/2/1940. Under charter to H.M. Govt. Sea Transport. In convoy leading but lost Convoy during the night. Equipped with a 4" Q.F. gun and a 12-pdr. H.A. gun, but no watch kept on the gun. Gunner was in his room and was killed when leaving it. One of the seaman gunners was at the wheel. Seamen and fishermen berthed forward and after first bomb exploded no one could get aft to the gun. Both A.1 lifeboats were badly damaged, crew took to class III boats, 15 in mate's and 16 in master's boat. Latter believed swamped and sank in the heavy sea. Mate's boat beached at 1545, 2 miles north of Southwold over half full of water. Lives lost, 22, (6 killed by bombing). Ship drifted ashore during night of 30/1 about 6 miles south of Lowestoft on a sandy beach.



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Analysis shows these attacks have taken place chiefly in the following areas:-

- (A) Off Tay.
- (B) Off St. Abbs Head.
- (C) Between Humber Lt. V., Outer Dowsing Lt. V., and Dudgeon Lt. V.
- (D) Between Cromer Knoll Lt. V., and Smith's Knoll.
- (E) Off Yarmouth and Lowestoft.
- (F) Between Galloper Lt. V., and Goodwins.
(D.O.D.(H) 1635/30).

Air Reconnaissance.

Special fighter patrols off the East Coast were arranged.

Northern Patrol.

AURORA's position. NORTHERN REWARD and KINGSTON SAPPHIRE to intercept and one bring in Norwegian SAMNANGAR (F.O.C.N.P., 1804/30).

Casualties.KAN DAHAR.

Slight damage whilst undocking. Redocked. Anticipate ready to sail 3/2 (A.S. Rosyth, 1246/30).

DUNNOTTAR CASTLE

Returned to Belfast with engine room defects. (N.O. 1/c Belfast 1800/30).

TINTERN ABBEY

See Mediterranean.

Loss of EXMOUTH

A.C.O.S. has forwarded written report embodying statements by Master of CYPRIAN PRINCE. (C-in-C., Rosyth 1103/30 re. Adty. 1651/29).

12th D.F.

Intended that DUNCAN become leader of 12th Flotilla and join as soon as repairs complete. Until available Capt. (D) 12 and Secretary will be appointed additional on staff of C-in-C., Rosyth and 12th D.F. administered by Capt. (D) Rosyth Escort Force. (D.C.N.S., 1337/30).

Anti-minelaying operations.

Loan of destroyers (C-in-C., Rosyth 1854/29) Possibly a force of 4 destroyers and 3 M.T.B's may be available. (D.O.D.(H) 1338/30).

Situation off Tyne (mine-sweeping). Re SOUTHAMPTON.

I consider enemy know that SOUTHAMPTON is in Tyne waiting to proceed and are hoping to attack her in swept channel where her movements are restricted. She should sail after dark and after I have swept South Tyne channel - not swept for 4 days (N.O. 1/c., Tyne, 1958/30).

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Tyne has been closed since 31/12 for 2 days on account of weather (too rough to sweep) one convoy delayed one day by fog North bound R.X. Traffic has been held up 15 days by mines and torpedoes. During this period 800 ships have sailed, main cause of delay during period has been coal frozen in trucks and ships unable to load. (F.O.I/C., Tyne 1230/30).

A/S Striking Forces.

19th and 20th A/S S.F. ordered to revert to group organisation and placed under orders of C-in-C., Rosyth vide Adty 2039/23.

11th A/S S.F. is still required for duty in Fair Is. Channels that Group 19 allocated to you instead vide Adty 0131/24. (D. of L.D.1833/30 to C-in-C., Rosyth).

A/S Trawlers.

INDIAN STAR, RUTLANDSHIRE and BERKSHIRE damaged by enemy a/c bombing, require docking, no casualties. This leaves me with only one A/S trawler for service. Requesting reinforcements as further enemy air action against merchant ships off Tyne is anticipated at daylight (F.O. i/c Tyne 1936/30).

Nore Command.

Movements to 0700/31 (C-in-C., Nore 0526/30).

WILK

To refit Dundee forthwith (D.O.D.(4) 2225/30).

S/M's.

Positions 0700/31 (R.A.(S) 1811/30).

TRUANT patrol.

Orders (Capt. (S) 2,1718/30).

Iron Ore Ships.THISTLE's orders.
Bombing restrictions.

THISTLE to try to seize a German vessel or detain a neutral vessel laden with iron ore and send her to Kirkwall, etc. (R.A.(S) 1419/30, 1314/30 further to 1226/28). Re. relieving THISTLE from escorting if she is successful. Requesting bombing restrictions (R.A.(S) 1737/30). Bombing restrictions have been arranged (D.O.D.(H) 2255/30) (R.A.(S) 1906/31).

CARNARVON
CASTLE

Re. 1226. No dock available at Liverpool for at least 6 weeks (N.O. i/c Liverpool 1653/30).



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SHELDRAKE Date for completion 10/2 (A.S. Chatham 1606/30).

DRAGON Date for completion 26/2 (A.S. Chatham 1616/30).

Routeing Re Adty 2014/27. Does this mean that actual positions of danger areas must not be given to Masters of merchant vessels etc. (Havre 1511/30).

Trondhjem. Asking for information about the port (D.N.I. 2030/30).

Swedish Shipping. Information received that Swedes are escorting their ships from Gothenburg to the Norwegian coast. (D.O.D.(H) 1729/30).

Convoys. Positions (D.C.1944/30). In view of enemy air activities convoys may arrive at 20 F buoy as early as possible etc. (C.in C. Rosyth 1641/30).

OP Time of arrival (ACHATES' 1600/30).

OBM.82 Absentee ships (N.C.S.O. Milford Haven 1902/30).

FS.83A. From Tyne (F.O.I.C. Tyne, 1000/30).

OA.82 (C.in C. W.A.0958/30) VANESSA with Portsmouth Section (C.in C. Portsmouth 0722/30) (N.C.S.O. Portsmouth 1916/29)

OB.83 Rendezvous 0800/2/2 Route etc. (N.C.S.O. Mersey, 1301/30).

FN.83 Delayed, weather. (C.in C. Nore 0621/30). Anchoring for night. Number and speed. (N.C.S.O. Thames 1416/30) (C.in C. Rosyth 1234/30) Re sailing (C.in C. Nore 1612/30).

FS.84 Postponed 24 hours (C.in C. Rosyth 1234/30) Owing to weather (C.in C. Rosyth 1044/30)

HN 9B Aircraft report (C.in C. Rosyth 0034/30) Position etc. (F.O.2.C.S. 1947/30.)

OA 83 GF Programme (N.C.S.O. Thames 1216/30).

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- HGF.17 Sailing telegram (D.F.D. 1125/30) (1235/30)
- SL.17 and Course etc. (C.in C. W.A. 1008/30)(1007/30)
SLF.17 (1000/31)
- MT.1, MT.2 40 ships. Postponed 24 hours owing to weather.
(D.C.N.S.148). MT.1 to leave 1700/30,
MT.2 1830/30. (Cin C. Rosyth 1150/30).
Sailed 1700 and 1830 respectively (N.C.S.O.
Methil 1851/30). Re weather difficulties.
(VEGA 2200/30, C.in C. Rosyth 2309/30).
MT.2 will not sail tonight. Orders to ESCAPADE,
ENCOUNTER, 19th A/S Group. (C.in C. Rosyth
2212/30).
- OG.16 Sailing telegram (C.in C.W.A. 1809/30)
- HXF.16 late, HX.16 to time. (D.F.D. 1554/30).

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- Ocean Convoys. Situation 2000/30 (C-in-C., W.A.1351/30).
- Convoys and Patrols. Positions. (D.C., 1944/30, to B.N.L.C., Marceau).
- Unescorted Merchant Ships. List due 1st Feb. (D.T.D. 1311/30).
- Fishing. Permitted in area off Orkneys between longitudes 2°W. and 2°25'W. and a line 135° from Start Point Sanday and latitude 59°1'N. (D.T.D.1946/30).
- Suspicious Steamer. KEITH ordered to investigate Norwegian steamer anchored 300° Rhossite 3 miles which has been in vicinity 3 days. (C-in-C., W.A. 1300/30).
- Dutch Gunboat. Dutch gunboat FLORES, Lisbon for ~~Den~~ Helder, to call Ramsgate for routing about 3/2. Dutch Naval Attache will board her on arrival. (D.O.D.(H) 1714/30). Her position Paal intercept, (recd. 1207/1) Intercepts 1808/31, 0606/1.
- Iceland Communications. Cable communication between Iceland and U.K. out of action. (Reykjavik, 1031/30).
- French Forces. Positions noon 30/1 (D.C.0016/30).
- Q.Z Messages. Adty. 2014/27. Asking for further information. (Havre, 1511/30).
- British submarines. Positions (D.C., 2117/30).
- Western Approaches. Disposition of Forces 1800/30 (C-in-C., W.A. 1905/31).
- Danish Minefields. These are reported to be staggered from deep to shallow. They are believed to be efficiently moored, as in the last war, and so far have shown no sign of shifting position (N.I.D. 01507/39).

0500	Weather	Visibility.
	Wind.	
North Sea	S.W. Gale	Snow
Horns Reef	N. Moderate	Moderate
Channel and		
W. Approaches.	N. Strong	Bad.

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Enemy Intelligence.

- Baltic Ports. Recent German activities (B.3 report) at Gdynia, Stralsund, Lubeck, etc. (N.A. Copenhagen, 1300/30).
- Minefields. A summary of the situation - mines broken adrift, losses of German patrol vessels on their own minefields etc. (N.I.D. 01507/39).
- Patrol. It is thought that a patrol exists south of the charted position of Borkum Riff Lt. V. It is also thought probable that this is a continuous patrol between the mouth of the River Ems and Borkum Riff. This patrol may also be extended further West (N.I.D. 01507/39).
- Trawler crews. The old trawler crews are said to be replaced by young men, because the experienced men are required for mine laying and sweeping. The crews going North on fishing expeditions are on the same footing as soldiers and receive only a German soldier's pay. (N.I.D. 01507/39).
- Ore Ships. Difficult to obtain names and details of German ships calling at Malm to load ore. The nearest R.O. is at Trondhjem, 110 miles away, whilst the fjord there is too wide for observation and spy fever is rampant. An unconfirmed report gives two German ships weekly at Malm (N.I.D. 01507/39). It is reported that German ships are now crossing the Skagerrak from the Naze to the Skaw and thence to Hantsholm (N.I.D. 01507/39).

FINNO-RUSSIAN WAR.

- Request for motor engines. Request of Finnish Minister to Ambassador whether we can release ten Isotta Fraschini engines to be transferred from our order to Finnish Govt. (N.A. Rome, 1808/30).
- Russian ship. Adty. 1920/27, report that Russian ships ordered return to Soviet ports. No confirmation (N.A. Hague, 1205/30).
- Russia is fortifying the islands in the Gulf of Finland, recently captured from Finland. The defences consist of: one heavy coast defence battery at Seishari, Lavansaari and Tytar; three A.A. batteries at Lavansaari and Tytar and an unknown number of A.A. batteries at Seiskari. The heaviest defences are to be on Tytar Island. At Hogland there are two or three defence batteries, three or four A.A. batteries and some mobile guns.

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New Zealand.RAMILLIES.

Your 1717/25. Appreciate reasons for RAMILLIES again visiting New Zealand. Must have short re-fit first, Sydney best place. Should naval situation in N.Z. waters necessitate battleship escort all the way date of sailing of convoy will have to be adjusted accordingly (Hd. of M. 1539/30).

Mediterranean.TONNO
Boarding.

Request details of boarding of Italian fishing vessel TONNO on 21/10 by British destroyer (H.49) (DIANA) off Cape Matapan. (D.E.W.D. 0012/30) Reply 36°21'N., 22°41'E., i.e. 9 miles from nearest land. (C-in-C., Med., 1404/31).

Italian
defences. ✓

Italians reported to be hurriedly constructing new defences on the Brenner. (D.N.I. 2022/30).

Sabotage. ✓

Explosion believed time bomb in TINTERN ABBEY at Limni Euroea (Vice Consul, Piraeus, 1100/30).

Volo
Consul.

Lt. Com. Green assumed duty as Acting British Consul, Volo, 29/1 (S.O.(I) Malta, 1755/30).

Russian
ships.

Reports that all Russian ships ordered return to Soviet ports by 31/1 (Admlty. 1921/27), reply, No. (C-in-C., Med., 1755/30).

Enemy Trade.
Egypt. ✓

Admlty. 1827/20. Remarks of Ambassador, Cairo, re. Egyptian co-operation. Request matter be given further consideration (C-in-C., Med, 1333/30).

TINTERN
ABBEY.

Explosion in hold. Believed by time bomb placed on board. No casualties. Salvage vessels have been sent from Piraeus. Hoped to bring ship to Piraeus 31/1 (V-C Piraeus 1100/30).

Convoy
H.G.F.18.

R.V. 12/2 (Gibraltar 1002/30).

Order
Amended.

Admlty 1016/21/10. Following amendment Z.Z. line given in para. A will be brought into force on 1/3/40. Amend to read "Then from Eastern extremity Malta 105° to 32°40'N., 29°00'E., then 077° to Beirut". (D.T.D., 1234/30).

China.German
crews.

Kobe 27/1 about 45 officers and men from German ships left for Germany via Siberia. Surabaya 22/1 total crews of all German ships about 90. (Capt. on Staff Singapore 0724/30).

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China.Russian
Naval W/T ✓

Suggesting Russian Naval W/T communications in Pacific be investigated. Similar investigations proceeding in England and Malta to cover Baltic, White Sea, and Black Sea. (D.N.I.1157/30).

ASAMA MARU
Case. ✓

Asking to be supplied with information of Japanese forces removing Chinese from vessels of Third Power, since outbreak of the Incident. (Sir R. Craigie, Tokyo 0741/30) No cases known. Try N.L.O etc. (C-in-C., China, 1105Z/31).

America and West Indies.Removal
of Germans. ✓

Your 2030/29. Admiralty instructions are that Germans are not to be removed from Japanese ships for time being. (C-in-C., A.W.I., to Charge d' Affaires, Lima).

Bermuda
Local Craft. ✓

Local craft of Bermuda for minesweeping, etc., now inadequate. Breakdown of tug SANDBOY has made position acute. Suggested purchase of tug in U.S.A. (C-in-C., A.W.I., 1430/30).

North Atlantic.French Convoys.

Escort to use Gibraltar. (F.O.C.N.A., 1300/30).

Oran-Casablanca.U-Boat. ✓

A U-boat is reported to have refuelled night 30/31 Jan. from ANTARKTIS in Vigo harbour. (I.C. 0348/40).

South Atlantic.Tea
Shipments.

Periodical message from Manica Trading Company, Beira, to Admiralty for Ministry of Food of names of British ships carrying tea shipments. (D.T.D., 1818/30, to Consul, Beira).

Overdue
ship.

S.S. TACTICIAN, due Durban 25/1, not yet arrived (S.O.(I), Capetown, 1008/30).

Leakage of
Information. ✓

Sierra Leone Coaling Co., reporting coal shipments to Freetown in plain language. (C-in-C., S.A. 1237/30).



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East Indies.

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U.S. 1.

Escorted by RAMILLIES, KENT, SUFFREN arrived
0500Z/30 (S.C.(I) Colombo 0644Z/30).

Permits.

KOREA first ship to carry permit for goods
from Malay to neutral countries in Europe
(C.C.S., Port Said, quoting message 110 from
S.O.(I).., Singapore, 1445/30).

GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS.Home Commands.

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ODIN Sailed Narvik night of 29th with ore (D.N.I., 1627/30) (Narvik, 1235/30).

Trawler (name unknown) passed northbound 1215/30 (Tromsoe, 1305/30).

OLBERS Has shifted berth and still discharging in this neighbourhood (Skien 1235/30).

NEUENFELS Passed Haugesund 1615/30 steering southwards. (D.N.I. 2220/30) (Haugesund 1715/30).

China.

SOPHIE Sabang 17/1. 3 of crew deserted by ship's boat.
RICKMERS (Capt. on Staff Singapore 0724/30).

STASSFURT Chilachap 17/1. 4 of crew deserted (do).

North Atlantic.

LARACHE In dry dock at Matagoroa having bunkered. (S.O.(I) Gibraltar, 1056/30).

EULER)
MELILLA) Loaded with general cargo preparing to leave
KLIO) moorings for outer harbour. Tugs ordered for
31/1. Reported they will try to make for another
Spanish port, probably Corcubion (Bilbao 1835/30).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING.

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Ships Attacked.VACLITE
sunk

British tanker (5026 tons) DEMS 4"L.A. torpedoed and sunk when in Convoy OA 8094 at 0700/30. (D.C.N.S.149) (C-in-C W.A. 1038/30) Crew saved. Position 60 miles S.W. of Lands End (D.C.N.S. 150).

KERAMIAI
sunk.

Greek (5086 tons) was torpedoed 1110 and sunk 48°37'N, 7°46'W., in convoy near where FOWEY was hunting. The U-boat was attacked and sunk. FOWEY reports that S.S. BRITISH UNITY has 28 survivors on board, presumably from KERAMIAI, as Italian S.S. POLLENZO reports entire crew of VACLITE saved (D.C.N.S.149) torpedoed in convoy, 48°37'N, 7°46'W (I.C.0346/40). Had just left convoy OA.8094 (D.C.N.S.150) The visibility was very poor and at 1050 was reported to be 400 yards (A.S.W.148).

Unknown
vessel.

S.S. ELLENSBORG reported unknown vessel mined 20 miles N. of Kinnaird's Head at 2315. In view of recent U-boat activity in this area the probability of torpedo rather than mine being used exists. (D.C.N.S.149). 58°N 2°W (Moray Firth) Unconfirmed (D.C.N.S.150).

ELLENSBORG

Casualty at 2315 in 58°N, 2°W (I.C.0346/40) (Wick Radio 0018/31). Safe (D.N.I.1425/2). Owners notified she is safe (N.A. Copenhagen, 1225/1).

OREGON
False S/M
alarm.

Landsend Radio, 2315/30, OREGON, 1745/30. Broken down 140 miles N.N.W. Lisbon. In view of U-boat known to be off coast of Portugal DEFENDER has been ordered to stand by her. (F.O.C.N.A. 2222/3/2) Tug asked for from Oporto (F.O.C.N.A. 0814/4, DEFENDER 0344/5) DEFENDER carrying out continuous A/S patrol which is better safeguard than towing her to port. Have minor defects due to weather. Position 1000/5, 40°55'N, 9°42'W (DEFENDER 0344/5, 1046/5, 2141/5). DEFENDER not to tow OREGON during daylight. D/F bearing of U-boat 2139 was 331° from Gibraltar. DECOY standing by OREGON (F.O.C.N.A.2305/5, 2316/5). DEFENDER to provide A/S escort for OREGON and tug. If obliged to part company advise tug to make all possible use of neutral waters. (F.O.C.N.A., 0940/6) position 40°47'N, 9°39'W. Tug with OREGON in tow hove to in southerly wind strength 7 (DEFENDER 1220/6).



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Note.

The past week has shown an increase in unexplained sinkings. Where sweeping operations have been carried out they have usually been without result. Although concrete evidence is almost entirely lacking, it appears that these sinkings are the result of a deliberately adopted technique of torpedoing without warning and retiring unseen. In retrospect, it seems that the majority of sinkings in the past 6 weeks, the cause of which was obscure, may be thus explained. (N.I.D. 01507/39).

S/M's reported.

U-boat dispositions (D.N.I. 1301/30).

1100	Reliable fix H.N.K.Q 37 14 (C-in-C., W.A. 1131/30) (FOWEY 1100/30).
1547	Very approx. position N.W. of Ireland (I.C. 0346/40). 57°40'N., 13°00'W. (D.N.I. 1626/30).
0700	Ref. A.F. message; position 49°20'N., 7°4'W. (D.N.I., 1227/30).
1100	Ref. A.F. message, position 48°37'N., 7°46'W. (D.N.I., 1227/30) (C-in-C., W.A. 1131/30).
1780	43°38'N, 8°3'W. French report (Culver Cliff W/T 2102/30).
1747	45°38'N, 11°36'W. French report (Brest Radio 1910/30).
1700	Submarine surfaced close to S/T CADONA steering W by S, 55 miles N $\frac{1}{2}$ W (Mag) from Hoy Head (C-in-C., Rosyth 1819/15/2).

Positions given by I.C. 0345/40:-

- 1 possibly southbound N.W. of Ireland.
- 1 passing Shetlands homeward.
- 1 probably homeward from Orkneys.
- 2 off Portugal.

S/M's Attacked.

U.54 (~~U.55~~)
sunk.

Y/228

WHITSHED
1804/30

FOWEY attacked with d/c's 1100-1500/30 U-boat after sinking of KERAMIAI 100 miles S.W. Lizard. 48°30'N., 7°35'W. Subsequently a British Sunderland aircraft (flying boat of No.15 group) sighted a S/M on surface apparently unable to dive, bombed (near miss), and was engaged by S/M by A.A. fire which aircraft returned. Sunderland informed destroyers, but S/M sank before they arrived. 41 survivors picked up, 36 in FOWEY, 5 in WHITSHED. FOWEY thought from a number marked on salvaged escape apparatus that U-boat was U.55, but survivors stated she was U.54 and had come North of Skaw and Scotland. From note book recovered it appears certain this U-boat sank British tanker VAGHTE. (FOWEY, 1515/30, 1545/30, 1100/30, 1429/30, 1144/30, 1510/30, 1919/30.

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING. (Contd.).

C-in-C., W.A., 1137/30, 1219/30, 1227/30, 1551/30, 1605/30, 1747/30, 0020/31, 2230/30, WREN, 1315/30 (D.C.N.S. 2023/30). WREN attacked contact 1515/30 (C-in-C., W.A.1717/30). (I.C.,0346/40). Have 2 Under-Officers, 2 seamen, 1 stoker survivors from U.54 on board (WHITSHED 0732/31). FOWEY and WHITSHED, Reports of attacks and sinking of U-Boat 30.1.40 (M.03082/40) S/M was forced, by d.c. damage, to surface and abandoned ship after being gunned by FOWEY and a French destroyer, and bombed by a/c.

U.S.

1700

VALMY (Fr. destroyer) fired at U-boat 48°38'N., 8°3'W. Result unknown. (I.C.0346/40). This was same U-boat as FOWEY and WHITSHED were attacking (I.C.0347/40).


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Tuesday.U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING.Ships Attacked

VACLITE Minute Sheet WR/1940 and B. of T.
27.2.1940.

Torpedoed 0150, about 75 miles S.W. of the Lizard. No lives lost, 4 injured. Crew (35) took to boats and picked up by Italian POLLENZO, landed Barry, 1/2. Vessel sank in 50 minutes. Explosion immediately under bridge on starboard side. Abandoned, finally broke in 2 amidships. Speed 6 knots. No lights being shown and none visible from other vessels in convoy (9 in number).

and 1A1
KERAMALL Convoy OA 80⁹ was being escorted by 2 French ships when these two ships were torpedoed (A.S.W.D. 152).

HUMBER Lt.V. Damage (M.02935/40. Reports of enemy attacks on Lt. Vessels).

EDINBURGH 1120 Machine gunned by aircraft. No
No.86 Lt.V. hits. (M.02935/40).

BARROW DEEP 1125 Machine gunned by aircraft. No hits
No.26 Lt.V. reported (M.02935/40).

KENTISH KNOCK No mention of attack in M.02935/40.
Lt. V.



HOME COMMANDS

Home Fleet

C. in C.H.F. in RODNEY with REPULSE and 7 destroyers returned to Clyde today.

2nd C.S.

From 0900/4 2nd C.S. to be constituted as follows:-

- ARETHUSA
- PENELOPE
- AURORA
- EDINBURGH until relieved by GALATEA
- GLASGOW
- SOUTHAMPTON

} To join 18th C.S.

18th C.S.

Cover for OHN Convoy will continue to be provided from 2nd C.S. for the present. Expected that convoy will run on 4 days cycle. (C. in C. H. F. 1251/31)

Northern Patrol

- Orkneys to Faroes - 1 cruiser
- Faroes to Iceland - 2 " 6 A.M.C.'s
- Denmark Strait .. - 1 " 1 "

U.S. MORMAC STAR, arrangement with America Scantic Line, ship to proceed. (D.E.W.D. 1622/31).

Enemy Air Attacks.

VIDAR (Danish 1353 tons). See U-Boat Campaign.

VIKING
Danish

At 1700/31. Unknown vessel reported she was being attacked by A/C in approx. position 7' E. of Blyth. (I.C.0347/40) This was VIKING. Bombed by a/c 1650/31 53° (755°) 0' N. 1° 25' W. 3 bombs all missed. (C. in C. Rosyth 2150/2).

Body of German flying officer washed ashore Rattray Head. (C. in C. Rosyth 1450/31)
Body of German airman ditto. (D.O. Peterhead, 1139/31)

Air Reconnaissance

Reconnaissance patrols were restricted by bad weather.

Mining and Mine Clearance.

Sweeping off Tyne was impossible. SOUTHAMPTON is still delayed there in consequence.

East Coast Escorts.

To meet very serious air attack now being made, necessary to increase number of ships available for escorts on East Coast. Temporary reorganisation of destroyers ordered. (D.O.D.(H), 1823/31. C. in C. Nore 1214/1, V.A.Dover 2150/31).

Iron Ore Ships

Orders to TRUANT on relieving THISTLE (R.A.(S)1906/31)

Contraband U. S. Ships

U.S. ships are not to be brought or sent into ports in U.K. but boarded to establish identity; if this not practicable allowed to proceed provided identity certain (C. in C. H.F. 110/31)

H O M E C O M M A N D S

Unconfirmed Casualties S.O.S. from S.S.ELLI (Blaavand Radio 1755/31). At 0925 Tongue Light Vessel, Thames Estuary reported a ship sinking one mile from her. Not confirmed. (D.C.N.S.150). Ship has not been identified (D.C.N.S.151.Feb.2).

VIMY Sabotage Suspected (VIMY 1255/31).

Air attacks Damaged Trawlers Repair of damage sustained by A/S trawler LARWOOD and M/S trawler PELTON estimated to take 14 days. (N.O.I.C.Yarmouth,1800/31)

Shipping There are 140 ships in the Downs and about 60 at Methil. Owing to continued bad weather no ships left Methil for Tyne night 30/31 January. All sailings suspended 31/1 except neutrals who may persist in sailing. (C.in C.Rosyth 1042/31).

Nore Command Movements to 0700/1/2. (C. in C., Nore 0520/31).

F.S.83A, Extra Escort. Enemy air activity may be expected today. Orders for CAIRO, GREYHOUND, GLOWWORM to join F.S.83A which passed Cromer Knoll 0015. (C. in C., Nore 0400/31).

CALCUTTA CALCUTTA refit postponed (do).

WESTCOTT Orders see East Indies

Ship overdue

ANDALUSIA Bordeaux to Goteborg is 4 days overdue.

Days Under Way LEITH, 96. (C. in C., W.A.1342/31), DELHI, 85, DERBYSHIRE,12 (VANP.1025/31) Destroyers, including SOMALI, 102. FIREDRAKE,96, FURY 91; etc.(R.A.(D) 1515/31).

Submarines British, positions at 0700/1 (R.A.S.1708/31) (D.C.1955/31).

French Forces Positions at 1200/31. (D.C.0253/31).

Ice Report Summary of Ice Conditions (D.N.I.1958/31).

HOME COMMANDS (Contd.).Signal
Traffic.

Some reduction, but unnecessary messages still being made (M., 2239/31).

Searched
Channels.
leakage. ✓

Dutch S.S. RANDW^{ijk} from Ramsgate 10/1 has handed to New York comprehensive details of all searched approaches of South Coast and Bristol Channel ports (N.S.H.Q Ottawa 1726/31).

R.D.F.
Stations. ✓

To be erected on west coast for detection of aircraft. Urged that they should be adapted for operations against U-boats. Sites. (C-in-C., W.A. 2028/31).

Convoys
East Coast.

Proposed arrangement to enable R.A.F. more easily to intercept enemy aircraft attacking shipping on East Coast. Essential to eliminate as far as possible all ships sailing independently by day. [Consideration being given to possibility of running two convoys each way daily between Tyne and Thames. This will necessitate strong reinforcement of escort forces by trawlers; this cannot be instituted for some days. Ships only to be routed independently by day ~~are~~ between Whitby and Cromer Knoll and in Thames Estuary. Persuade neutral shipping to conform (D.C.N.S.0035/31 to C-in-C., Nore, Rosyth, V.A. Dover, F.O. i/c Tyne, Humber). Amendment see A.C.N.S. 0111/2. No northbound ships should be sailed today. Convoy may be sailed tomorrow night with 1st A/S Group. (C-in-C., Rosyth 1002/31).

last 3 convoys

Cancelled?

on Feb 2, 1940

see Feb 14

Disposition at 1800/31 (C-in-C., W.A. 1855/31).
At 2000/31 (C-in-C., W.A. 1426/31). (D.C. 1957/31).

OA 83 GF.

BENVANNOCK to be placed safest position (C-in-C., Portsmouth 2123/31).

OA 83 GF.

Ships joining from St. Helens (N.C.S.O. Portsmouth 1756/31).

HG.17

Route (F.O.C.N.A. 1616/31, 1604/31).

OG.16

Sailing telegram (C-in-C., W.A. 1458/31).

HG.16

ALDERSDALE destination altered to Portland (D.T.D. 1411/31).

HN.9A

Route (N.C.S.O., Bergen, 1136/31). Arrived 1101/31 (N.C.S.O. Methil 1237/31).

FN.83

List (N.C.S.O., Thames 1136/31). Delayed (N.C.S.O. Thames, 0931/31).

HOME COMMANDS (Contd.).

- OB.84 Route (C-in-C., W.A., 1104/31).
- FN.84 Delayed, fog. (C-in-C., Nore, 0948/31).
- OA.84 Route and escort. (C-in-C., W.A. 1012/31).
- OHN Cover. To run on 4 days cycle, see Home Fleet.
- HN.9.B. Dates (C-in-C., Rosyth 1158/31).
- HX.17. Meeting telegram (C-in-C., W.A.1216/31).
- OA Convoys. Cancelling his 2330/21/12/39. All vessels from East coast ports north of Thames for inclusion in OA Convoys are to join these convoys at Southend. (A.C.N.S. 1257/31).
- VEGA's convoy. Giving her liberty of action to take convoy wherever she thought best (C-in-C., Rosyth 1232/31).
- OA and FN Convoys. Cancelling his 1836/30/11/39, 1112/5/12/39, 2058/12/12/39 latter to certain addresses only. Vessels required to join OA and FN convoys are to do so at Southend as previously (Adty.1256/31).
- HX.18 Sailing telegram (Capt. H.M.C. Dockyard Halifax 1201/31).
- Sailings stopped. No northbound ships to be sailed to-day. Convoy may sail tomorrow night with 1st A/S Group (C-in-C., Rosyth 1002/31 to FO i/c Tyne).
- ON.10, ON.11. In view of fact that HN.9.B will not arrive till night 1/2 Feb. propose to sail ON.10 4/2, ON.11 8/2 (C-in-C., Rosyth., 1158/31).
- OB.84 Route (C-in-C., W.A. 1104/31).
- S.S. CREE. Crew refuse to sail (Consul Narvik 1435/31). Crew no longer refuse to sail. Sailing 0700/2. (Consul Narvik, 1135/1).
- Unescorted Merchant Vessels. List due 2/2. (D.T.D. 1255/31).
- Contraband Control Service. Appreciation of by a Dutch ship's captain. (C.C.O. Ramsgate 1830/31).

WEATHER

	<u>Wind</u>	<u>Visibility.</u>
North Sea and Horns Reef.	S.E. strong gale at times in North.	Moderate.
Channel and Western Approaches.	E. Moderate.	Poor.



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31.1.40. - 340
Wednesday.

CASUALTIES AND DEFECTS.

Home Commands.

CREOFIELD
overdue,
presumed
lost.

Minute sheet Wr/1940 and B. of T.20/2/40
838 tons, British, crew of 17. Left Southend
a.m. 31st January for Middlesbrough, not heard
of since. Presumed sunk by enemy action.
Posted missing at Lloyds 6.3.40.



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HOME COMMANDS.

Enemy Intelligence.

LUTZOW

Pocket battleship (ex. DEUTSCHLAND) reported arrived Stettin from Eastern Baltic 29/1. (C.3). The various reports received of this ship within the last month - unless they have been deliberately planted - confirm that she has been in the Eastern Baltic continuously since about 29/12/39 (I.C.0347/40).

C.5 report that DEUTSCHLAND was due at Stettin 29th from Konigsberg (N.A., Copenhagen, 1730/31).

FINNO-RUSSIAN WAR.

Aircraft
for
Finland.

150 Foreign fighter aircraft for Finland now being erected Sweden. Italy sending 30 pilots. (D.N.I., 2303/31).

REGULUS

Asking for news of Finnish ship REGULUS which left Antwerp 14/1 for Narvik with arms for Finland (Narvik, 1220/31).



FOREIGN STATIONS

North Atlantic

M.03418/40. ✓

R. of P. of North Atlantic Command from 1.1.40. to 31.1.40:—

U-boats

Reliable reports of presence of U-boats on the station began to come in again towards the end of January. These coincided with reports of renewed activity amongst German ships in Spanish ports. Watch was kept over Cadiz - Huelva area almost daily by aircraft and whenever possible by destroyers, 11 visits by the latter being paid during the month.

Patrols, Spanish and Portuguese coasts.

Portuguese coast North of Cape St. Vincent cannot at present be patrolled by aircraft and consequently is used by U-boats who know the chance is they need not fear air observation. The substitution of some Sunderlands for London Flying Boats would make it possible to watch these waters from the air from time to time and would reduce the activities of the U-boats there.

Convoys

HGF and OGF convoys which started at end of December are now running satisfactorily. So long as only one escort vessel is available as ocean escort the Gibraltar Force will continue to provide additional escort as far north on the Spanish coast as possible. To enable this to be done without unduly weakening the Straits Patrol the 4th A/S group of trawlers was lent from the Mediterranean early in January. The French have also agreed to their destroyers which arrive at Gibraltar with OG convoys taking home the next HGF convoy, enabling more economical use to be made of British escorts out and back.

Straits Patrol

Maintained except for 4½ days by 2 destroyers and at least 3 A/S trawlers at a time. Use of trawlers is greatly restricted by lack of signalmen, telegraphists and S.D. ratings.

Liaison with French

Continues to be excellent.

Examination Service

Difficulties experienced owing to lack of pilots to take the ships to the Commercial anchorage after examination and lack of suitable boats for collecting pilots from ships after they have anchored.

Dockyard

Work increased by urgent defects of ships passing through.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

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America & West Indies.

- HEIYO MARU. ✓ DESPATCH to be near Callao by 3/2 ready to intercept HEIYO MARU if ordered. No intercepting action to be taken pending further instructions. (C-in-C., A.W.I. 2005/31) Re. interception. Most secret. (D.O.D.(F) 2151/31).
- TC.3. ✓ Left Halifax 1400/30 with MALAYA, VALIANT, ENTERPRISE, HUNTER as escort (C.O.A.C. Halifax 1031/31). Personnel and ships. (Movement Control Defensor, Halifax 1008/31).
- HX.18. Sailing telegram (Cdre. H.M.C. Dockyard, Halifax 1207/31). Ocean escort ROYAL SOVEREIGN (C.S.O.(I) Halifax 1517/31).
- FS.84. Postponed 24 hours owing to weather (C-in-C., Rosyth., 1044/31).

New Zealand

- Second Echelon. ✓ 418 officers, 439 W.O.'s & Sergeants, 6304 O.R's, total 7161 all ranks. Names and capacity of transports asked for (N.Z. Naval Board, 1552/31).

East Indies.

- Transport NEURALIA. NEURALIA's itinerary delayed by 3 days throughout. (C-in-C E.I. 0514Z/31).
- Routeing Charts. ✓ Reply to C-in-C., E.I., 0655Z/28 (D.O.D., 2021/31).
- WESTCOTT To proceed at best possible speed to Colombo (from Home Waters). Further instructions follow. (D.O.D.(F) 1537/31).

China.

- WINGSANG and KWONGCHING cases presented in writing and in person to Vice Adm. Iwamara. Views on them. (N.LO., Shanghai, 0431Z/31).
- ASAMA MARU ✓ Japan anxious to settle but still insists on return of Germans. (D.N.I., 2303/31).



FOREIGN STATIONS.

China

Chinese Junk
Attacked

Japanese armed trawler attacked Chinese junk inside British territorial waters. (C. in C. China, 0421Z/31).

Japanese
Warships

Movements (Capt. on Staff, Singapore, 0444/31).

Mediterranean

SAKARYA

My 1118/24 S.S. SAKARYA now reported as intending to leave Sulina 27th January with 1800 Jews on board (Head of M. 1123/31).

C. in C.. Visit
to Alexandria.

Intend to leave Malta in BIRMINGHAM a.m. 5/2 arriving Alexandria p.m. 6/2. During absence from Malta (R.A.(D) will act in all matters of routine movements and administration. (C. in C. Med., 1955/31).

Escorting
Destroyers

Cancelling 1931/24/1. Movements of escorting destroyers (C. in C. Med. 1123/31)

Capt. C.E.Hotham:
Death.

Reporting death of Capt. C. E. Hotham, R.N., (C. in C. Med., 0921/31).

South Atlantic

Convoys

PRETORIA CASTLE to escort SL 19 - MOOLTAN to convoy SLF 19. Orders. (C. in C.S.A. 1201/31). Advance sailing telegram SLF 19 (N.C.S.O., Freetown 0916/31).

River Plate
Action Lessons

Further information urgently required on item E. VI. of your 0836/28/12 (lessons learnt in action against GRAF SPEE) for use of Committee now sitting (Asst. Controller 1048/31 to R.A.S.A.D.)

Re. 1649/25

Mr. B. B. leaving London 31/1. Arrange for Leica camera etc. (D.N.I. 1824/31 to N. A. Buenos Aires).

AJAX

Arrived Plymouth. Admiralty congratulations. (1st Lord, 0036/31).



FOREIGN STATIONS (Contd.).

Germans
Portuguese
ship.

French report from Dakar of Germans in Portuguese ships COLONIAL and NYASSA. (C-in-C., S.A. to S.O. (I) Capetown, 1206/31).

French
Forces.

Auxiliary vessel QUERCY left for patrol, due Martinique 12/2 (N.C.S.O. Trinidad, 1650/31).

^T
DUNNOTAR
CASTLE

Returned Belfast engine defects. Expected sailing 3/2. (D.O.D(F) 2302/31 in reply to C-in-C., S.A. 1157/31).

COLONIAL

Portuguese. Germans on board (C-in-C., S.A. 1206/31, S.O(I) Capetown 0933/1/2).

Supposed P-V.

Re. supposed German paravane found (S.O.(I) Montevideo 1855/31).



GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS

HOME COMMANDS

ALTONA Arrived Narvik for ore. (Narvik 1707/31, 1150/1).

PATRIA Arrived Narvik for ore. (I.C.0347/40). (Narvik 1707/31).

During period 1-31 January 31 German ships left Narvik laden with ore. Total tonnage 158,700 G.T. Average 5120 G.T. December's ore traffic was 13 ships of 6075 average, November's 7 ships of 5950 average. (I.C.0347/40).

NORTH ATLANTIC

ARUCAS Loading coal and 500 tons tinned provisions. Believed about to sail. (Consul, Vigo 1636/31). Suspicious ship reported to have left Vigo 1900/31 southwards, probably ARUCAS, (I.C.0347/40).

ROSTOCK Reported hastening to tranship turpentine from ACHILLES alongside her. (Consul, Vigo 1636/31).

PORTO Loaded to about 2 ft. mark. (Seville 1000/31).

HELICS Still light. (Seville 1000/31).

BESSEL)

WAHEHE)

WANGONI)

At Vigo have painted superstructure grey 31/1. (I.C., 0347/40).

ANTARKTIS

At Vigo has painted whole vessel grey, funnel black. (I.C.0347/40).

EULER)
MELILLA)
KLIQ)

Sailed from Bilbao 1230/31 accompanied by Spanish gunboat, presumably to Corcubion. MELILLA and KILO arrived Santander 1730/31. Santander 1830/31. (Consul, Bilbao, 1636/31). (Consul, Santander, 1830/31, 1015/1).



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GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS

MEDITERRANEAN

Black
Sea

Master of SAN CIRILC reports about 9 German
merchant ships trading Black Sea as far
as Istanbul. (F.O.I.C., London 1800/31).

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING.

Ships attacked.

VIDAR Danish (1353 tons) left Tyne for Esbjerg 29/1. Reported herself mined 58°40'N, 0°40'E (VIDAR 1914/31) VIDAR still sailing. Suppose airplane has bombed but we are near to him; as far as we know nothing particular has happened (S.S. HROAR (Danish 1401 tons) to Wick Radio 1939/31, 2110/31) sank a.m./1. Master and 14 of crew missing, 7 others and one passenger saved by HROAR. Re. press report of loss (D.N.I. 1205/3).

ANDALUSIA Swedish. Bordeaux to Goteborg, 54 days overdue. (I.C. 0346/40).

S/M's reported.

- 1. Western Approaches)
- 2. off N.W. Spain or Portugal)
- 1. W. of Ireland southbound.)
- 1. E. of Shetlands homeward.) I.C. 0346/40.
- 1. possibly off Kinneird Head.) D.N.I. 1232/31.

- 0756 D.F. unreliable fix, probable U-boat, 54°20'N., 4°30'E. (D.C. 0834/31).

- 0955 D.F. unknown enemy unit, 100° 1 from Cupar probably to eastward of 5° East. (D.N.I. 1035/31).

- 0700 700 ton U-boat reported 10' off Ymuiden Co. S. or S.W. (D.N.I., 1129/31) (N.A. Hague, 1031/31).

- 1400 U-boat reported from Butt of Lewis by lighthouse keeper proceeding eastward (F.O.N.P. 1604/31). (C.in C. Rosyth 1430/31, 1455/31).

- 1520 54°30'N., 6°E (I.C., 0347/40).

VETERAN, VESPER and ROCHESTER searching Bay of Biscay for U-boat suspected to be about 100 miles N.W. of Cape Finisterre at 1830/30. (A/S.W.D. No.149). (C-in-C., W.A., 1936/31) See 1/2, 2/2.



S U P P L E M E N T A R Y P A G E S .



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21.1.40.
Sunday

HOME COMMANDS

Underwater
explosions

Heard by ORZEL on patrol (M.02820/40
O.R.P. ORZEL - Patrol Report 18-27/am
1940).

FOREIGN STATIONS

South Atlantic

EXETER

Sailed from Port Stanley, Falkland Is.
am/21, escorted by Force G. Force with
DAINTY and DIAMOND left Freetown 1800/24
to R.V. with Force G and EXETER in
14:40 S., 27:40 W. at 1300/29.
(The R.V. was subsequently altered to
17:0 S. 25:0 W. (C. in C., S.A., 1301/25)
owing to a report of a strange a/c
over the sea near Trinidad Is. EXETER
had reported ready for sea 11/1, but
C. in C., S.A. was determined she should
be escorted throughout her passage by
forces strong enough to counter a
possible "revenge"raid which would mar
the effects of the Battle of the River
Plate (N.I.D. 01295/40).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING.

Submarines attacked

1400-1800 41:9 N., 11:55 W. by DOUGLAS (M.04126/40).

*M 20th Sec FORNA
1020/21*



War Diary

22.1.40.
Monday

250
729

HOME COMMANDS

Enemy Intelligence.

Belgian &
Dutch craft
? minelaying

The possibility of Belgian and Dutch trawlers laying mines has been appreciated and the suspicion is strongly held at the Tyne.

C. in C., Nore and Rosyth were informed accordingly and instructed to search all Belgian and Dutch fishing craft found to the westward of the East Coast Mine Barrage.

17/12 and 18/12 a Belgian trawler was observed near Cross Sand Lt.V. acting suspiciously, same procedure on two successive days. On 19/12 CITY OF KOBE blew up and sank and 3 mines were destroyed on 19/12 and 20/12. (H.0124/40 Reports from Lightships).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING

S/Ms

~~S/S~~ Attacked
1600/21 - 1512/23

By VANQUISHER 51:33 $\frac{1}{2}$ N., 4:42 $\frac{1}{2}$ W.
Considered destroyed (M.04212/40) Lieut.
Comdr. C.B. Alers-Hankey in cmd.



War Diary

24.1.40.
Wednesday.

HOME COMMANDS

Dutch Skoots Master of S.S. ONTO (Finnish) stated he understood it was public secret that magnetic mines were laid by Dutch Skoots; he denied they were mainly dropped by aircraft. (Ramsgate 1935/23).

Cancel my 1159/24 and substitute:
Any Dutch skoots encountered are to be boarded and if movements are not in accordance with their papers or if any suspicious circumstances are discovered they are to be sent in for thorough examination. Description of a skoot (C. in C. Nore, 1802/24) Requesting that arrangements for examination may be made by Customs Officers. Examination should be after discharge of cargo and should be directed to bring to light any hidden fittings or false bottoms for minelaying as well as indication of German ownership or manning. (C. in C. Nore, 1801/25).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING

Submarines Reported

0926 By Porthcawl C.G. Probably non-sub.
(Hd. of M. 1335/6, N.O.I.C. Cardiff,
1840/6).

Submarines Attacked

2100 & 2130 51:4 $\frac{1}{2}$ N. 4:25:14 W. by VANQUISHER
(M.04212/40).



H O M E C O M M A N D S

Unexplained Casualty.

INVERARDER Sailed Scapa 1500/24 for Trinidad via Minches. Air escort failed to locate. Wick Radio has called, not answered (A.C.O.S.2240/25).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING.

Submarines Attacked.

2258/25 - 51°18½'N 3°39½'W (approx.) by VANQUISHER
0130/26 (Lieut.Cdr. C.B. Alers-Hankey, R.N.).
Considered destroyed (M.04212/40).



List of Docketed Papers
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War Diaries, R.of P etc., received for January 1940

East Indies, War Diary for January 1940 (T.S.D. 4145/40)

Dispositions 1/1.
Establishment of air operational bases
on South Arabian Coast and Socotra
Passage of Australian and New Zealand
Troop Convoy U.S.1.
Search of Maldines and establishment
of Nine Degree Channel Patrol.

Suez Canal Area War Diary for January 1940 (T.S.D.
4737/40)

Submarine War Orders

Submarine North Sea Patrols (Short
title F.F. 5.) 30.1.40. (M.02421)

Gibraltar War Orders

V.A.C., North Atlantic No 651/1671
(M. 017365/40)



War Diaries, R. of P., Summaries etc. received for Jan: 1940.

C. in C., China, War Diary, 1st to 31st Jan. (T.S.D., 4092/40)

Interception of ASAMA MARU, confirmed no Russian Submarines in Far East handed over to Germans. Interception of SELENGA.

C. in C., Home Fleet, Dispatch (M.08457/40).

Employment of heavy ships, cruisers, and destroyers during January.

Norwegian convoys to be run on 4 day instead of 6 day or 8 day cycle owing to increasing use by neutrals. Decided 24/1, put into force 3/2. 12th D.F. added to Home Fleet to provide necessary additional escorts.

Loss of SEAHORSE, UNDINE, STARFISH. *Jan 1940.*

Northern Patrol during January.

BAHIA BLANCA sunk 10/1 through running into ice.

Last of the "D" class cruisers left the Northern Patrol 27/1.

STATION DIARIES R. of P. SUMMARIES &c.
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NORTH ATLANTIC R. of P 1.1.40-31.1.40 (M 03418/40)
COMMAND.

H.M.S. AJAX 18.12.39-5.1.40, H.M.S. ACHILLES
5.1.40-14.1.40.L of P.(M 04221/40)

Flagship of RASAD, AJAX 18/12-5/1, ACHILLES 5/1-14/1.
After the blowing up of GRAF SPEE.
Delays caused in storing ships from victualling Store Ship BALTAVIA owing to heavy naval stores being stowed above victualling stores.
Delays in passing Service messages owing to the volume of commercial traffic at Christmas time.
Dispositions as result of circumstantial report of s/m in Juancho Bay.

Visit to Montevideo 3/1. Uruguyan benevolency in fuelling. Possible that if public opinion were sufficiently worked up the Govt. might be forced to ~~break~~ break off relations with Germany. Equally possible, if German +Minister continues his present most tactless methods, Govt. itself might take the step. "I can see no way of devising any formula for useful extensions of benevolency beyond what a friendly country can give inside Hague Convention (because Govt. still fear protests from the Germans). If we proceed beyond this point Uruguyan open themselves to possibility of Germany breaking off relations or even declaring war on them, in which case we should have to assume responsibility for defence of Uruguyan coast line; eyes of all Latin America would be on us to see that we make a gesture for their defence." Forces required in that case.

Re Naval magazine for reserve ammunition for ships of S.A.D.

PORTSMOUTH War Diary see February 1940.

HONG KONG INTELLIGENCE REPORT No.2, 3-31/a.m. 1940 N.I.D. 01071/40. Probable positions of German Merchant ships in the China Seas.

H.M.S. HERMES R. of P. 29 Nov.-9/a.m. 1940. (In North Atlantic and South Atlantic) M.03307/40.

ACHILLES & HAWKINS R. of P. 14-29/a.m.1940 and 29 to 31/a.m.1940 respectively (M 05379/40) (In South American Division.)
Uruguyan extra benevolency policy.
EXETER - repairs at Falkland Is. after battle of River Plate. Store depot required at Falkland Is.

CONVOY U.S.1 R. of P. From Ocean Escort Fremantle to Colombo (RAMILLIES) M 05109/40.
H.M.S. RAMILLIES R. of P. 4.12.39 to 6.1.40 M05386/40 (with Forces and proceeding to Fremantle to take over Convey).

KENT R. of P. 8-21/1/40 M 05592/40.

With SUFFREN, forming Force M. "KENT and SUFFREN form a weak hunting group, which should be reinforced if possible" D. of P.



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R. of P.

29.12.39-2.1.40 (MO5381/40) Force G.
W/T communication in S. Atlantic area: improvement anticipated after modernisation of Falkland Is. station about July 1940.

SOUTH ATLANTIC
STATION R. of P.

1.9.39-31.1.40 (.N.I.D.01295/40) (January position) (Forces G and K.)

A.M.C.'s dates of first arrival at Freetown.
A.M.C.'s, water difficulty: engine room maintenance difficulties,

"The Engineer officers of the ships themselves do not appear to understand or expect to carry out maintenance while running and are more "Engine Drivers" than the R.N. Engine Room Brand".
A.M.C.'s have proved somewhat burdensome. Almost all are badly fitted out. Guns will not train &c.
Dispositions in view of possible German "revenge" for Plate Battle. Search for Santos.
Interception of Portuguese QUANZA.
Homeward passages of AJAX, EXETER.
Convoys sailed from Freetown.
Freetown Base - Water difficulty - Repairs to ships, supply of provisions and stores ("became a veritable nightmare"), Examination Service, local defences, Naval Control Service.

NORTHERN PATROL
R. of P.

19.1.40 to 31.1.40 (MO5244/40)

Disorganisation of patrol caused by escorting to the Trawler R.V. off the Farroes ships which have to be sent in for examination but cannot be boarded owing to the weather.

Whalecatchers to be allocated to N.P. if they prove suitable for the purpose. Boarding in bad weather.
"In the last war we had the services of Newfoundland fishermen as Boarding, Boat crews. The volunteers from Newfoundland this war consist of Miners, Bank clerks &c." (DEWD). Efficiency of D class cruisers, the last of which left 20/1 (DELHI) and 27/1 (DIOMEDE).
Difficulties of navigation in winter.

R.N.O. SIMONSTOWN
L. of P.

25.8.39.-31.1.40 (T.S.D.4042/40)
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1st B.S. War
Diary.

January 1940. (T.S.D.4013/40)
R.A. Halifax Escort Force)
Extremely bad weather conditions, entailing damage to upper works and boats. Dockyard assistance invariably required on arrival at Halifax. Fog during next few months will make sailing of convoys difficult.
Inadequacy of A/S force at Halifax. (not page)

COMMODORE MALAYA
WAR DIARY

21/8/39-13/1/40 (T.S.D.4045/40)
23/10 New distribution of s/ms E. Indies and China.
28/10 Depth charges laid by LEITH as defence measure at Nancowry Harbour.
19/11 Small floating dock left Sabang for Singapore.

(1/18). M.0683/40. Jan.1, 1940.

V.A.O.S. 6/1/40: Re Air attack on H.M.S. COVENTRY at 1048 on 1 Jan.1940 in Sullum Voe. Still at anchor.

2 bombs (250 to 500 pdrs.) fell 15-20' port beam.

2 Heinkel bombers.

(2/68). M.04588. Jan.1, 1940.

H.M.S. ARGUS and STURDY, Medit.

R.of P. Jan.1940: Operation of boom gate of la Salins particularly inefficient (15-23 Jan.) 'always bad'.

ARGUS has 4 Skua, 4 Swordfish, 4 Gladiator.

(2/80). M 02844/40. Jan.1, 1940.

C-in-C Med. 1/2/40. Convoy K 6 Marseilles - Haifa, Haifa to Marseilles - Jan.1940 - 7 ships.

S/S RESOURCE light grey (Medit. grey) much less visible at night.

(3/45). TSD.4013/40, 13.2.40. Jan.1940.

R.A. 3rd B.S. (Halifax N.S.) R.A. S.S. Bonham Carter.

War Diary, January 1940.

1st Jan.1940 R.A. Bonham Carter transferred to command of Halifax Escort Force.

Flag in ROYAL SOVEREIGN at Devonport.

Flag of R.A. L.E. Holland struck in REVENGE.

1 Jan. Disposition of ships.

Details of convoy escorts for HX 14.

12 Jan. Convoy HX 16 - 13 ships left Halifax.

20 Jan. Convoy HXF 17 - 14 ships left Halifax.

22 Jan. Convoy HX 17 - 42 ships left Halifax.

23 Jan. ROYAL SOVEREIGN Flag R.A. 3 B.S. arrived Halifax from Portsmouth.